



One of the re-excavated canals that became a source of hope for farmers in three villages of Patuakhali's Kalapara upazila. The photo was taken recently.

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## Restoration of canals revives hope in 3 Kalapara villages

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

The recent re-excavation of two silted canals, Kumrimara and Majidpur, has brought much joy and happiness to thousands of inhabitants of three villages in Kalapara upazila.

The farming communities in the villages -- Kumrimara, Majidpur and Sonatala -- have been suffering for long as water for irrigation stopped flowing in the two silted up canals.

With fresh water flowing in the canals, farmers in the three villages -- known as 'village of vegetables' -- already started to cultivate Aman and Boro rice along with various seasonal vegetables.

Many of the villagers said they now look forward to a prosperous future and the days of hardship they endured would only be in their memories.

At least three thousand bighas of land in the villages will come under round-the-year cultivation of crops after the canals were excavated along a length of about two kilometres.

Bangladesh Agriculture Development Corporation (BADC) under 'Small Holder Agricultural

Competitiveness Project' completed the re-excavation work at a cost of Tk 85 lakh in 2019-20 fiscal year.

Underground pipe lines have also been built to supply irrigation water to croplands located as far as one kilometre from the canals.

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Mohammad Solaiman, engineer of BADC in Patuakhali, said that apart from the excavation of the canals, the BADC would also install water tanks at farmers' houses for harvesting rainwater.

The water reservoirs would enable the farmers irrigate vegetable fields

or meet household needs during dry seasons and they would install such tanks, with 2,000 litres capacity, at 100 houses over the next one year, he added.

Farmer Zakir Gazi, from Kumrimara village, said, "The irrigation crisis is over. Farmers in the three villages are now cultivating vegetables and rice again. About 200 farmers have cultivated Boro this season."

The two canals will now help them grow different crops all year long, said Sultan Gazi and Abul Kalam, two farmers from the same village.

Abdul Mannan, agriculture extension officer for Kalapara upazila, said after the re-excavation of the silted canals, the area will no longer have water logging during the wet season and there will be plenty of water for irrigation during the dry season.

Thanks to the initiative of the government, food production in the area will see an increase, which will ultimately play a role in increasing the overall food production in the country, he also hoped.

## Rangamati jujube growers all smile

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OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

Jujube is a small fruit, locally known as boro. Growers of the fruit in the district are now happy at getting bumper production and much higher prices.

There are different varieties of jujube including Bau, apple Kul, Narkel Kul, Ball Sundori and Kashmiri Kul. All varieties are cultivated in the district.

According to size and quality, one kg of jujube is being sold at Tk 120 to Tk 150 in the local markets, growers said.

During a recent visit to many places, this correspondent saw that the growers remained busy harvesting jujube at their orchards.

Farmer Sushanta Tanchangya, 32, said he cultivated Apple Kul, Bal Sundori and local deshi on his three acres of land five years ago.

"I am interested in farming jujube as I have been getting fair prices for selling the fruit for the last few years" he said, adding that this year, he has already sold the fruit at Tk one lakh.

Hemo Kumar Chakma, 40, a jujube orchard owner in Sadar upazila, said he is very happy at getting bumper much higher prices.

"In 2015, I cultivated jujube on 30 decimals of land. Some of the fruit started to come from 2016. I hope this year, I will

get Tk 1.5 lakh. I spent Tk 30,000 for the cultivation. Last year, I got Tk 1 lakh from selling the fruit," said Hemo Chakma.

Another jujube grower Guri Mila Chakma, 55, of Sapchari village in Rangamati Sadar upazila, said she prepared two orchards on 10 bighas of land.

"I have already sold jujube at Tk 50,000 and I am hoping to get Tk 80,000 more from selling the rest of the fruit in my orchard. I spent Tk 23,000 on production," Guri added.

Fruit trader Sonamoni Chakma, 35, of Banorupa bazar in Rangamati town, said there is huge demand of jujube among the customers.

"We collect jujube from the orchard and sell it in the market of the town. We are earning good profit due to high demand. We are also sending jujubes to Dhaka and other parts of the country" he added.

Krishno Prasad Mallik, deputy director (DD) of the Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE) in Rangamati, said this year, 760 hectares of land in the district have been brought under jujube cultivation with the production target of 7,600 tonnes.

Day by day farmers have been interested in growing jujube as it brings good profit to them, said the DD.



A jujube grower works at her orchard in Bodhipur area of Rangamati.

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## 4 held for beating Sunamganj journalist

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Police detained four people yesterday in connection with a case for beating a journalist after tying him to a tree in Sunamganj's Tahirpur upazila on Monday.

The arrestees are Foysal Ahmed, 19, Anharul Islam, 20, Tahir Hossain, 22, and Masrubul Islam, 26.

Earlier, victim Kamal Hossain filed a case with Tahirpur Police Station accusing 11 people yesterday, Sub Inspector of the police station Dipankar Biswas said.

Protesting the heinous attack, Sunamganj Reporters' Unity formed a human chain at Altaf Uddin Square in the town.

On Monday noon, a group of locals beat up Kamal, Tahirpur upazila correspondent of national daily Sangbad, when he went to Ghagotia area to cover a report on lifting sand and stone illegally from the bank of Jadukata river.

TANGAIL MUNICIPALITY

## Defeated candidates demand re-polling

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Mayoral and councillor candidates of Tangail municipality, all defeated in the January 30 election, continued their agitation yesterday, protesting irregularities and vote forgery in the recent elections.

Pro-BNP lawyers under the banner of "Jatiyatabadi Ainjibi Forum" formed a human chain in the court premises yesterday noon demanding re-elections.

Speakers demanded to cancel the result of the controversial polls and hold a free and fair re-election.

Meanwhile, defeated councillor candidates of all the 18 wards under the municipality held a press conference at Tangail Press Club the same noon, protesting vote forgery and irregularities in the elections.



People from different indigenous community in Dinajpur's Ghoraghat upazila stage a demonstration, followed by an hour-long human chain programme, at Ghoraghat Upazila Parishad premises yesterday, demanding capital punishment of the culprits who gang raped a schoolgirl from the Santal community on Saturday night.

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শেখ হাসিনার বাংলাদেশ

Memo No.: FEC/STORE/2021/02

Date: 31/01/2021

#### e-Tender Notice: FEC/2020-2021/01

e-Tender will be invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for procurement of

Tender ID No.	Reference No./ Package No.	Description	Online notice publication date	Online tender closing date
540177	FEC/2020-2021/GD-01	Supply of Raw Materials and Spares for different Dept.	03-Feb-2021 09:00:00	18-Feb-2021 13:00:00
541543	FEC/2020-2021/GD-02	Supply of Engineering Machinery	03-Feb-2021 09:00:00	18-Feb-2021 13:00:00
541555	FEC/2020-2021/GD-03	Supply of Office Equipment & Teaching and Learning Materials	03-Feb-2021 09:00:00	18-Feb-2021 13:00:00

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required.

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Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk ([helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd](mailto:helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd) , +8809609112233, +8801762625528).

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#### Invitation for Tender (National)

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare/Health Services Division		
2	Agency	Directorate General of Drug Administration, Aushadh Bhaban, Mohakhali, Dhaka		
3	Procuring Entity Name	Line Director, SDAM		
4	Procuring Entity Code	224021021-3258105		
5	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka		
6	Invitation for	Repair and Maintenance of Equipment of Drug testing Laboratories (including Calibration & Validation of the lab equipment)		
7	Invitation Ref. No	Memo No: DGDA/MGP- 16/2017 / ৪৭		
8	Date	০১.০২.২০২১		
Key Information				
9	Procurement Method	National Open Tendering Method (NCT).		
Funding Information				
10	Budget and Source of Funds	Development Budget (GoB)		
11	Development Partners (If applicable)	N/A		
Particular Information				
12	Project/ Programme Code (If applicable)	N/A		
13	Project/Programme Name (If applicable)	Strengthening of Drug Administration and Management (SDAM), Under 4 <sup>th</sup> HPNSP		
14	Tender Package No.	GGP-01		
15	Tender Package Name	Repair and Maintenance of Equipment of Drug testing Laboratories (including Calibration & Validation of the lab equipment)		
16	Tender Publication Date	03.02.2021		
17	Tender Last Selling Date	16.02.2021		
18	Tender Closing Date and Time	17.02.2021, 11:00 AM		
19	Tender Opening Date and Time	17.02.2020, 11:30 AM		
20	Name & Address of the Office(s)	Directorate General of Drug Administration, Aushadh Bhaban, Mohakhali, Dhaka		
	Selling Tender Document (Principal)	Directorate General of Drug Administration, Aushadh Bhaban, Mohakhali, Dhaka		
	Selling Tender Schedule (Others)	N/A		
	Receiving Tender Document	Directorate General of Drug Administration, Aushadh Bhaban, Mohakhali, Dhaka		
	Opening Tender Document	Directorate General of Drug Administration, Aushadh Bhaban, Mohakhali, Dhaka		
Information For Tenderer				
21	Eligibility of Tenderer	(a) Technical capability to perform the contract (evidence to be submitted). (b) Additional details are available in the tender schedule.		
22	Brief Description of Services	Repair and Maintenance of Equipment of Drug testing Laboratories (including Calibration & Validation of the lab equipment).		
23	Price of Tender Document (Tk.)	Taka 1,500/= (One Thousand Five Hundred) only per set ( Non-refundable).		
	Package No.	Identification of package	Location	Tender Security Amount (Tk.)
	GGP-01	DGDA/MGP- 16/2017 / ৪৭ Date: ০১.০২.২০২১	Directorate General of Drug Administration, Aushadh Bhaban, Mohakhali, Dhaka.	1,35,000/= (One Lac Thirty Five Thousand Taka only)
24	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Md.		
25	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Director (CC) Administration & Line Director, Strengthening of Drug Administration and Management (SDAM).		
26	Address of Official Inviting Tender	Directorate General of Drug Administration (DGDA), Aushadh Bhaban, Mohakhali, Dhaka		
27	Contact Details of Official Inviting tender	Phone:0222280825, E-mail: <a href="mailto:dgda.gov@gmail.com">dgda.gov@gmail.com</a>		
28	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the tender proceedings.			

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