

One held over murder of journalist

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali

Police yesterday arrested a Jubo League activist in connection with a case filed over the murder of a local journalist during a clash between two factions of Awami League in Companiganj upazila on February 19.

The arrestee was identified as Belal Hossain, a member of Char Fakira union unit Jubo League.

Locals said Belal is a follower of Mizanur Rahman Badal, organising secretary of the upazila unit Awami League (AL).

Acting on a tip-off, a team of Police Bureau of Investigation (PBI) conducted a drive at Basurhat Bazar and made the arrest around 1:00pm.

During the February 19 clash, one group was led by Abdul Quader Mirza, younger brother of AL General Secretary Obaidul Quader, and another by Mizanur Rahman Badal, organising secretary of Companiganj upazila unit AL.

At least nine people including Muzakkir, a correspondent of online portal Barta Bazar, received bullet injuries during the clash.

Muzakkir died at Dhaka Medical College Hospital the following day.



Md Ishaq Khan has found success in rearing domestic chicken at his farm in Kaldia village of Bagerhat Sadar upazila. PHOTO: COLLECTED

Finding success in rearing deshi chicken

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bagerhat

Md Ishaq Khan, a farmer based in Bagerhat, has seen the face of success rearing deshi (local breed) chicken in environment friendly way.

Ishaq started his venture Mahmuda Agro Farm at his home in Kaldia village of Bagerhat Sadar upazila four years ago. Now, he has 2,000 deshi chickens laying 200 to 250 eggs a day. The eggs are sold at about Tk 10 per piece.

He earns Tk 25 to 30 thousand a month from his farm.

Mahmuda Agro Farm has also three employees who have also become solvent working in the farm.

Belal, a worker of the farm said, "I feed the chickens, keep them clean and collect eggs. I am running my family with the income that I get here. We work comfortably here, because unlike other poultry farms, there is no such bad smell here."

But Ishaq did not start farming from the beginning of his career, he was a contractor engaged in construction work. But he incurred a huge loss and fell into debt trap. Finding no other way to survive, he bought

an incubator at the cost of Tk 50,000 and hatched chicks four years ago.

"I have been able to repay some of the loan from the income of this farm in four years. I am managing the cost of my family and the education of my three sons from the income of this farm," he said.

There is a huge demand for local chicken meat and eggs in the market. I have enough land, but can't expand the farm due to lack of cash. If I get a low-interest loan or any government assistance, I can make this farm bigger.

"I use black cumin, fenugreek, white sesame, linseed, Sabu grains, turmeric powder, lemon, rice and aloe vera, Asiatic pennywort, basil leaves, neem leaves, rice bran from the local market as feed. As a result, my chicken is 100 percent healthy and does not cause any stench on my farm," he added.

Bagerhat District Animal Resources Officer Lutfar Rahman praised Ishaq's farming method and assured of technical and medical assistance to the farm.

If more people like Ishaq comes forward to breed local chickens, it will be possible to meet the demand for, he said.

Brighter days glare on Rangabali sands

Many impoverished locals changing their fate by cultivating early variety of watermelon there

SOHRAB HOSSAIN, Patuakhali

There was a time when the vast sandy coastline along the Bay of Bengal was considered barren.

But over the past several years, the shores of Jahajamara -- a small village on the southernmost tip of Rangabali upazila in Maudubi union -- are increasingly found covered under a blanket of lush greenery, between the months of December and March to be specific.

About a dozen hard-working people like Zulekha Begum and her husband Ferdous Peyada, both in their forties, are behind the change. By growing early variety of watermelon along the beaches in the village, they finally found their source of financial stability.

The couple used to live from hand to mouth when they worked as day labourers at agricultural farms owned by others. But after they were given the opportunity to grow watermelon along the beaches of the village, their fate has taken a U-turn.

Owing to the advice of agriculture office in Rangabali upazila and loans provided by some non-governmental organisations (NGO) working in the area, Zulekha and Ferdous are now

making a decent living.

Zulekha said she and her husband first started cultivating the early variety on two acres of land on the beach, after taking a Tk 50 thousand loan from an NGO and locals.

Without being able to afford hired hands, they made a shack near their crop field by the beach and tended their plants day and night. For irrigation water, they dug a well beside their crop field.

This year, their cost of cultivation on two acres of land has been total Tk 1.5 lakh. They already started to harvest the watermelons, which are selling for Tk 250 to 300 each. They are hopeful that they would sell as much as Tk 5 lakh worth of the fruit this year, Zulekha added.

While visiting the area, Faruk Hossain was seen watering watermelon plants in a neighbouring field.

Faruk said he has spent about Tk 2 lakh for cultivating the early variety on five acres of land this year. He already made Tk 84 thousand from the sale of 300 pieces of the fruit and he hoped that his total sales would reach about Tk 4 lakh this year.

Other farmers in the area said the

fruit is selling very well as demands are high at markets around this time. However, they have been facing difficulty irrigating the crops due to a lack of rainfall.

According to Rangabali upazila agriculture office, 20 farmers cultivated the early variety watermelon on the beaches of Jahajamara and about 200 hectares of land is being used for the production of the variety in the upazila this year.

Humayun Kabir, deputy assistant agriculture officer in the upazila, said the watermelon farmers in Jahajamara plant the early variety in December and harvest the fruits around March every year.

The growers of this variety make higher profits as it sells at higher prices when the seasonal varieties of watermelon are not available at markets, he added.

Upazila Agriculture Officer Monirul Islam said their projected production of watermelon this year in the upazila, from 7.63 thousand hectares of land, is 3 lakh metric tonnes.

The earnings from its sale have been estimated at Tk 30 crore, he added.



A field dotted with early variety watermelon on the shores of Bay of Bengal, in Jahajamara village of Patuakhali's Rangabali upazila. PHOTO: STAR

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Schoolboy beaten with hammer

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

A schoolboy was beaten up with hammer by local goons in Kalihati upazila on Saturday.

Severely injured Mohammad Mahim, 15, son of Abul Kalam of Mominagar village, is undergoing treatment at Tangail General Hospital.

Mahim's uncle Abdus Sattar said a group of 10 to 12 youths beat up Mahim, a Class VIII student at local School, with hammers while he was going to attend a waz mahfil (religious programme) in the evening.

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14. Name of Official Inviting Application	Mohammad Hossain
15. Designation of Official Inviting Application	Director General
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NOTICE

50th International Letter-Writing Competition for Young People-2021.

The Universal Postal Union (UPU) organizes letter-writing competition for young people each year with an aim to improve literacy through the art of letter-writing. Targeted at children and young people, the annual competition encourages participants to express their creativity and refine their language skills. For the year 2021, the International Bureau of the UPU has selected the theme of the letter writing competition "Write a letter to a family member about your experience with COVID-19." Bangladesh Post, in consistent with the theme of UPU, is also organizing a letter writing competition nationally. Interested enthusiastic young people are invited to participate.

Theme: "Write a letter to a family member about your experience with COVID-19."
Instructions for the writer:

- The letter must not exceed the limit of **800 words** and must be recent, unpublished and computer-composed in English.
- The criteria that would be used to judge the quality of the letters are structure as a letter (date, opening & closing salutation and signature), adherence to the theme, creativity and use of language. Writing in any other form except letter would lead to its outright cancellation.
- When writing, one side of a paper (A4 size, 80 GSM offset paper) should be used and original handwritten manuscript letter must be submitted. Writing on both sides of a paper would not be accepted.
- Each participant is required to write in English his/her own name, class, name of educational institution, address and name of parents along with the full address of residence and telephone/mobile number (if any) at the end of the original letter.
- Only the letter of the participant securing the first place at the national level competition will be forwarded to the UPU International Bureau (Berne, Switzerland), to be included in the competition at the international level. All letters submitted to the UPU would become the property of the Universal Postal Union.

Attachment:

- Participating boys/girls (Students) must be permanent citizens of Bangladesh. Birth certificate Issued by Ward Commissioner/UP Chairman attested by his/her Head of the educational institution must be submitted.
- His/her age (as on **05-05-2021**) must not exceed 15(Fifteen) years.
- The certificates confirming the citizenship and age of a participant by his/her Head of the educational institution must accompany the letter. The certificates must bear the name of the participant along with name of parents, school, class, date of birth, and permanent address.
- 5 (Five) copies of recent passport size good quality photograph (Lab print) to be attached.

The top three participants according to merit list would be called upon to Directorate of Posts and they would be rewarded. The date and time would be informed in due course.

Prizes:

SL. No	Prizes	International Competition	National Competition
1.	First prize	special medal (gold), certificate, as well as other prizes to commemorate their win (such other prizes to be decided by the UPU) The gold medalist may also be offered a trip to the UPU headquarters in Berne, Switzerland, or an alternative prize to be decided at the sole discretion of the UPU.	Prize bond worth taka 5,000/- (Five thousands), an album of postage stamp and a certificate (less/more).
2.	Second prize	special medal (silver), certificate, as well as other prizes to commemorate their win (such other prizes to be decided by the UPU)	Prize bond worth taka 4,000/- (Four thousands), an album of postage stamp and a certificate (less/more).
3.	Third prize	special medal (bronze), certificate, as well as other prizes to commemorate their win (such other prizes to be decided by the UPU)	Prize bond worth taka 3,000/- (Three thousands), an album of postage stamp and a certificate (less/more).
4.	Special mention	Writers awarded a special mention will also receive a certificate as well as other prizes (such other prizes to be decided by the UPU).	-----

Contact Details:

- The words "50th International Letter-Writing Competition for Young People-2021" should be written on top of the envelope.
- Any letter received after the below-mentioned deadline and sent through any service other than the registered/GEP services of the Bangladesh Post would not be considered for this competition.
- Further information regarding this may be collected from www.upu.int/en/ilwc.
- The complete letter must reach to Parvin Banu, Director (UPU Affairs), Directorate of Posts, Dak Bhaban (Room-319), Dhaka-1000 no later than **08/04/2021**.

Sd/
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