

# 'Doing more than ringing bell'

Bell ringer transforms govt pry school in Tangail into a fairyland

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The duties of Harun-or-Rashid, bell ringer cum security guard of Barapusha Government Primary School in Tangail's Nagarpur upazila, are to perform few simple tasks including ringing the bell during schooltime and keep the institution under watch at the night.

However, besides performing his regular duties, he has worked hard to make the school more friendly and attractive to the students.

As a token of his love and affection to the school and students, he has given the institution a new look through some creative works.

Harun has done the works during the shutdown of the school for coronavirus outbreak.

He has written and painted different things— alphabets, natural sceneries, important quotes regarding education, pictures of national memorial and shaheed minar—in and outside the school building and walls.

Apart from these, he has also constructed a concrete flower vase keeping the national flower water lily on the middle of it, drew a map of the country, created murals of Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban, Shaheed Minar and National Memorial with board, and also made earthen statuette of different animals, including national animal tiger in the school premises.

He has also nurtured beautiful gardens in the premises and on the rooftop of the school building comprising fruits and flowers trees. In order to make the play corner of the school more vibrant and attractive for the students, he has added colourful playthings.

Harun has also decorated a room of the school with two corners. One is Bangabandhu corner with historical pictures of Bangabandhu Sheikh



Harun-or-Rashid, bell ringer cum security guard of Barapusha Government Primary School in Tangail's Nagarpur upazila, insert, paints different things—alphabets and natural sceneries to make the school more attractive to the students.

PHOTO: STAR

Mujibur Rahman and other is a book corner for the students. The office room of the school has also got a new shape after getting his touch.

Although the school remains shut for long for corona, many nearby students, children as well as local people come to see Harun's works and also spend some times there.

Harun, 25, son of a farmer of the village, said he loves the school so much as he also took primary education in it. Passing class VIII from another school, he took job at the primary school as bellman and security guard in 2014.

"I have known from the teachers that the students get more inspired if they get entertainment along with the education. However, there was no scope to play and amusement for them due to lack of necessary playground and entertainment facilities in the school surrounded by houses," Harun said.

When the school was declared shut for coronavirus outbreak, Harun expressed his willingness to the headmaster for doing some decoration and beautification works in the school and the headmaster encouraged him.

"Actually, the headteacher has made

it possible. No matter whether there was money in the school fund or not, he has provided the expenditure for the works immediately after I asked to him. The five other female teachers of the school also extended their supports to me," Harun said.

Mohammad Aktaruzzaman, headmaster of the school, said Harun has been active to make the school beautiful since joining the job. "He is not only a good stuff of the school but also a man with good heart. We are very happy for his commendable works," he said.

Meanwhile, students, teachers and employees of other nearby schools have been inspired after visiting or hearing the works of Harun. They also took plans to replicate Harun's work in their respective schools.

Commenting on the creative works of Harun, GM Fuad, assistant upazila education officer in Nagarpur, said none can do such beautiful works if not having a lot of love to the institution.

"Each of the works of Harun for the school shows his deep love to the institution," Fuad said adding that he has set up a unique example for all.

## Mayor's wife burnt in blast dies

A CORRESPONDENT, Munshiganj

Mirkadim Municipality Mayor Abdus Salam's wife, who sustained severe burn injuries during an explosion caused by gas leakage at their residence on Tuesday, died at a hospital in the capital yesterday.

Deceased Kanun Begum, 40, was undergoing treatment at Sheikh Hasina Burn Institute in Dhaka with 80 percent burn injuries, police said.

At least 13 people, including Kanun, were injured inside a kitchen on the second floor of the building on Tuesday.

## Man stabbed dead in Sirajganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Criminals stabbed a locally influential man to death in Sirajganj's Kamarkhand upazila.

The victim was Khoka Sheikh, 65, of Sholpo Mahamudpur village.

Police said unidentified goons waylaid Khoka while he was returning home around 10:00pm on Friday and stabbed him, leaving him critically injured.

He was admitted to a hospital in Bogura, where he succumbed to his injuries early yesterday.

## Freedom fighter fights for recognition, survival

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

At the age of 18, Protap Chandra Roy risked his life when he went all out and joined the 'Mukti Bahini' to free his motherland from Pakistani occupation forces.

Fifty years later, the country Protap fought for has made remarkable economic achievements and the government in power has been playing its part by disbursing monthly allowances and providing housing facilities to the freedom fighters.

But thanks to bureaucratic red

tape and an inefficient process of scrutinising the list of freedom fighters, Protap Chandra Roy -- from Kazirchawra village in Harati union of Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila -- never received any allowance or housing from the government.

The 68-year-old still wakes up in the morning and paddles around on his bicycle in surrounding areas to sell spices from door to door. When he comes home -- a derelict one-room tin structure -- in the evening, nearly half of his daily earnings are spent to buy medicines for his ailing wife Bimala

Rani, 58.

"I joined the Liberation War when I was 18. I fought in battles. We've freed our motherland from the Pakistani occupation forces. But my life struggle has not stopped yet. I struggle every moment to survive," said Protap.

"In my pursuit of attaining the government benefits for freedom fighters, I am still going door-to-door," he said choking back tears.

Documents validating his authenticity as a freedom fighter were examined in February of 2019 by a committee formed by the Muktiyoddha Sangsad in Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila.

Although Protap received a provisional certificate (serial number 205944) as a freedom fighter from the relevant ministry, his benefits are being collected by one Protap Chandra in Gangachara upazila of Rangpur.

Abu Bakkar Siddique, former commander of freedom fighters and an official of Lalmonirhat Sadar upazila Muktiyoddha Sangsad, said the freedom fighter benefits are no longer being given to the other Protap Chandra in Rangpur's Gangachara and the real freedom fighter Protap Chandra Roy will definitely get all available government benefits.

The necessary documents in this regard have already been sent to the department concerned, he also said.



Freedom fighter Protap Chandra Roy.

PHOTO: S DILIP ROY

## Man Kills father

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

A man, who was injured by his son allegedly over a family feud in Jashore Sadar upazila on Thursday, died at a hospital in Khulna yesterday.

The deceased, Sarwar Hossain, 45, was son of late Syed Amjad Ali of Basundia village in the upazila.

Deceased's sister Manjila Begum said my brother was beating up his wife Hasina Begum over a family feud on Thursday.

Hearing Hasina's screams, her son Jasim Uddin rushed to the spot and hit his father on the head with a bamboo stick, leaving Sarwar injured.

Locals rescued him and admitted him to Jashore General Hospital the same night, from where he was referred to Khulna Medical College Hospital yesterday early morning as his condition deteriorated.

He, however, died on the way to the hospital.

## Pirojpur sees hike in fruit farming

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pirojpur

Riding on higher profitability than other conventional crops such as rice, fruit farming has been increasing steadily in Pirojpur. Consequently, fruit orchards are being visible in the district more than ever before.

Farmers said that while their investment on Aman rice has been producing diminishing returns, cultivating fruits has yielded larger dividends in recent years.

"Last year I bought eight decimals of land and cultivated three varieties of jujube (Kul) there. I made good profit this year as the yield [of the fruit] has been good," said farmer Younus Ali Howlader, from Pattashi village in Indurkani upazila.

Encouraged by his success, many others in the area have been showing interest in fruit cultivation, he also said.

"At the beginning of fruit cultivation, a good amount of money has to be spent on land preparation and planting of saplings. But then, we are set for at least the next ten years when we continue to get fruits," said Ayub Ali, another fruit farmer from the same village.

Among all other fruit choices, cultivation of malta has seen the highest jump in Pirojpur over the past decade.

According to data from the Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE) in Pirojpur, malta cultivation in the district has reached to 127 hectares of land in 2019-20 fiscal year, from 5 hectares in 2010-11 fiscal year.

In the meantime, production of other fruits has also increased in the district. Currently, there are mango orchards on 532 hectares of land, litchi on 36 hectares, jujube on 130 hectares, guava on 866 hectares and hog plum on 429 hectares of land.

Ibrahim Sarder, sub-assistant agriculture officer in Indurkani upazila, said that along with number of fruit orchards, its production has also increased in the upazila.

"There are nearly 50 jujube orchards in Indurkani upazila now and all of those were made in the last two to three years," he said, adding that the number of other fruit orchards such as malta and litchi has also been on the rise in the upazila.

Chinnoy Roy, deputy director of DAE in Pirojpur, said with demand for fruits as well as returns on investment on fruit farming continues to grow, more and more farmers have been choosing to try their hand at fruit farming. "Subsequently, we have been providing every possible support to the farmers."



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