Addl 3,000 hectares of fallow land brought under Boro cultivation

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Around 3,000 hectares of land in Kalapur union of Srimangal upazila in Moulvibazar remained fallow during the Boro season every year due to lack of water.

But this year, the vast tract of land has been brought under Boro cultivation thanks to the initiative of Moulvibazar Agriculture Department. The initiative has achieved great success and the farmers are happy with the bumper

Now the farmers are only waiting to take home the harvest.

Srimangal Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE) was able to bring the land under cultivation by bringing water from Shaon Chhara (stream) after holding several meetings with the farmers

during the Coronavirus pandemic.

The Department of Agriculture provided free hybrid paddy seeds, fertilizer, water and other necessary

Along with hybrids, some varieties of rice BRRI 88, BRRI 89 and BRRI 92 varieties were sown. The agriculture department also paid special attention to the lands during cultivation. And the farmers are happy with the field full of ripe paddy after 140 days of proper care and hard labour.

Juber Mia, a farmer from Meen Nagar village, who has cultivated fallow land, said, "I have planted boro paddy for the first time on my land this year with the advice and assistance of the agriculture department."

The government has provided

to increase agricultural production water, fertilizer and hybrid paddy representatives in the process. seeds to cultivate the land, he also

> Farmer Abdur Rafi has also cultivated fallow land. He said that this is the first time he has cultivated hvbrid with encouragement.

"I couldn't even think that it would yield so much. Seeing this vield, all the fallow lands of this area will come under cultivation in future. Especially, if we get water, there will be three crops here," he said.

He also called for maintaining the supply of hybrid seeds.

Srimangal Upazila Agriculture Officer Nilufar Yasmin Monalisa Sweety said that she first conducted a survey on how to bring the fallow lands of Srimangal upazila under production. She held several meetings with the farmers of the area. She also involved public

She said, "We very satisfied seeing the smiles on the faces of the farmers after four months of hard work."

She said that in addition to this area in Srimangal upazila, several other such areas have been brought under cultivation. As a result, the production of Boro paddy in Srimangal upazila will increase a lot this time.

Kazi Lutful Bari, deputy director of DAE in Moulvibazar, said Boro was planted in 57,345 hectares of land in Moulvibazar district this year, which is 3,000 thousand hectares more than the previous year.

Hybrid seeds were distributed free of cost to 26,800 farmers this year to encourage increased production during the Corona period. He said that the yield has been very



Officials of District Agriculture Extension Department officials visit a paddy filed at Meen Nagar village under Srimangal upazila of Moulvibazar.



Logs of wood piled up for burning at a brick kiln operating illegally on agricultural land. Below, stolen forest wood being sized up at a saw mill set up at the same establishment -- Five Star brick kiln in Khakdan village of Barguna's Amtali upazila. The photos were taken recently.

Restarted after 'managing everyone'

Our Correspondent, Patuakhali

Numerous laws to protect public health and the environment -including agricultural land, crops and vegetation -- are being flagrantly violated by five illegal brick kilns in Barguna's Amtali upazila. But the authorities are yet to take any action against the violators.

The five brick kilns had been operating illegally in densely populated areas in the upazila for four to five years and resumed their operations only a few days after their establishments were demolished by the Department of Environment (DoE) on March 10.

Wood is being burned illegally and toxic fumes are being emitted from these kilns using low-height 'drum chimneys' that are also illegal. The kilns even have onsite saw mills where stolen wood from natural forestry is being sawed up to be burned in the kilns.

Government Primary Kukua School, Kukua Model Secondary School, Kukua Union Parishad Complex and the government community clinic for the union are located within close proximity of AMB brick kiln in Krishnanagar village.

Ibrahimpur Government Primary School is located within 150 metres of brick kiln MSB in Ibrahimpur village while Kaunia Government Primary School and Kaunia Ibrahim Academy Secondary School are only 100 metres away from JBB in Kaunia village.

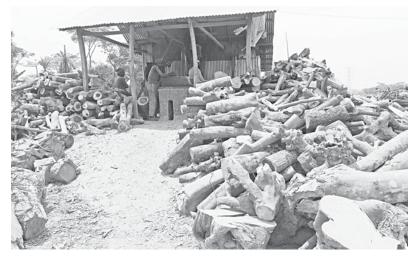
On March 10, DoE Executive Magistrate Rozina Akhter in a drive

five brick kilns -- Mahbub Mridha's trees don't produce fruits like before." MMB in Raibala village, Madhu Pyada's Five Star in Khakdan village, Abul Hossain's AMB in Krishnanagar village, Montu's MSB in Ibrahimpur village and Ismail Hossain's JBB in Kaunia village.

director of DoE in Barishal, and our lives." members of Rapid Action Battalion-8 While speaking with this paper,

Ibrahimpur resident Chan Mia said, "Smoke from the kiln makes it difficult to see inside classrooms at schools. Dust and smoke from the

kiln is causing breathing difficulties and respiratory diseases among Kamruzzaman Sarkar, deputy villagers. The kiln has ruined peace in



from Patuakhali camp assisted in the

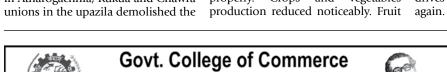
As the same kilns are now back in business within a short period of time, concerned locals now wonder whether the criminals are mightier than the government.

Akbar Ali, a resident of Raibala village, said, "Ashes and dust from the kiln have made our lives difficult in the village. You can't eat or sleep in Atharogachhia, Kukua and Chawra properly. Crops and vegetables

Mahbub Mridha, owner of MMB in Raibala village, said that he resumed the kiln after "managing all".

Madhu Pyada, the owner of Five Star in Khakdan village, however, refused to respond when he was asked how he restarted the brick kiln without valid documents.

Contacted, Deputy Kamruzzaman Sarkar of DoE in Barishal said they would soon conduct drives to shut down the illegal kilns



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Missing man found dead

Our Correspondent, Pabna

Police yesterday recovered the body of a youth from Beltoil village in Sirajganj's Shahzadpur upazila, after four days of his missing on May 19.

The deceased was Abdur Rahman, 36.

Officer in Charge (OC) of Shahzadpur Police Station Shahed Mahamud Khan said Rahman went out of his house on May 19 and remained missing since then.

Local people spotted Rahman's body at a paddy field of the village yesterday noon and informed the police, who recovered the body and sent it to the hospital morgue for autopsy, the OC added.

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