

# Aus production to falter in Sylhet division

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

With 98 percent of harvesting already complete, Aus production this season in four districts of Sylhet division is likely to fall behind the targeted production of 4.71 lakh tonnes.

A drought-like situation caused by poor rainfall during the cultivation period in the region is the contributing factor behind the failure to achieve the production target, said farmers and officials of the Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE) in Sylhet.

Under the circumstances, farmers were able to cultivate Aus on 1,74,471 hectares of land, which is around 84 percent of total 2,07,820 hectares of land that was set by the DAE as targeted area for cultivation this season.

The targeted area of cultivation last season was 29,033 hectares higher, according to DAE data.

Dilip Kumar Adhikari, additional director of DAE in Sylhet, said, "Various pragmatic steps undertaken by the government had encouraged farmers to expand Aus cultivation, but the production of the crop fell due to the drought."



A worker in Moulvibazar's Kamolganj upazila using wind to separate undeveloped Aus grains before drying. PHOTO: MINTU DESHWARA

The harvesting will be over within a few days if the weather condition remains favourable, said Kazi Lutful Bari, DAE deputy director in Moulvibazar.

Despite irrigation with water pumps, the scorching heat during the dry spell prevented seeds from germinating in the Aus fields, he explained.

Aus farmers in the region are now worried that their profit margin will decline drastically this time as the cost of their extensive irrigation has

raised the cost of production.

Their decision to grow Aus this season again was based on the good profits from the crop last season, many farmers said.

The prime time for Aus cultivation is the first three months of the Bangla calendar when meteorological offices in Sreemangal and Sylhet registered record high temperatures in Sylhet division.

The heat spell continued into several more weeks of the

following month and no rainfall was registered during the period, said Meteorologist Sayed Ahmed Chowdhury, the in-charge of the Met Office in Sylhet.

Farmer Ahmed Ali, from Kulaura upazila in Moulvibazar, said, "Aus saplings in my field were drying up due to the sweltering heat."

Another farmer from same area, Lalon Biswas, said his cost of production shot up due to constant irrigation.

Abdur Rakib, a farmer in Dattagram village of Rajnagar upazila, said he initially planned to cultivate Aus on 10 acres of land, but he finally managed to cultivate five acres after it rained lightly. "But now I am happy as the harvest has been good. It will be just enough for my family."

Kulaura Upazila Agriculture Officer Abdul Momin said over irrigating a field can do more harm than good and satisfactory production can be achieved if irrigation is done after sunset.

Photo: Mintu Deshwara  
A worker in Moulvibazar's Kamolganj upazila using wind to separate undeveloped Aus grains before drying.



The under-construction ramp of the Rayenda ferry terminal on the bank of the Baleshwar river in Sharankhola upazila of Bagerhat. PHOTO: COLLECTED

## Sharankhola-Mathbaria ferry services to benefit thousands

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A ferry service that is scheduled to be launched on the Baleshwar river in December this year -- connecting Sharankhola upazila in Bagerhat with Mathbaria upazila in Pirojpur -- is likely to usher in a new era of communications and economic activities in surrounding upazilas of the two districts and beyond.

As part of the initiative, the Roads and Highways Department (RHD) is spending Tk 1.98 crore to construct a new ferry terminal on the bank of the river in Rayenda area of Sharankhola upazila.

The construction work on the terminal has started in March, with the target of completing its ramp to the pontoon by October this year.

Once the new terminal is complete, ferries operated on the route -- between Rayenda in Sharankhola and Baramachhua terminal in Mathbaria -- will enable as many as 25 thousand people to cross the river every day with ease, said Farid Uddin, executive engineer of RHD in Bagerhat.

Enthusiastic locals said people on both sides of the river will benefit immensely from the ferry services as ambulance, public transport and all sorts of other vehicles will be able to operate across the river.

Kamal Hossain, a trader by profession,

said he spends from Tk 150 to Tk 300 each day on boat fare as he needs to travel back and forth between his home in Sharankhola and his business place in Mathbaria.

The ferry services will save time and money especially for frequent travellers like him, he also said.

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Shaduzzaman Milon, chairman of Rayenda Union Parishad in Sharankhola upazila, hoped that improved road communications with the help of the ferry services between Rayenda and Baramachhua will flourish rural economies in the region.

Easier and affordable ferry services over the Baleshwar river will benefit residents of Bagerhat, Pirojpur and Barguna, said Executive Engineer Farid Uddin of Bagerhat RHD.

## She has to go back to jail

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been disposed of after the government has granted her prayer. There is no law to change this decision.

"If she wants to go to abroad for treatment now, she has to go back to jail first and then submit a fresh application seeking conditional release from jail and permission to go abroad," the law minister said while answering questions after attending as chief guest a function organised by the Bangladesh Law Commission in the capital yesterday.

On Saturday night, the law minister had told The Daily Star that he had given his opinion for a further six-month extension of suspension of Khaleda's jail sentence.

The minister, however, did not give any opinion on the appeal to allow Khaleda Zia's treatment abroad.

The law ministry's opinion given on September 7 was not forwarded to the Prime Minister's Office as the home minister and a senior secretary of the security services division concerned are now abroad, Anisul Huq said.

The application will be sent to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for her approval after the home minister and the official returns, he added.

On September 7, he told this correspondent that the application was submitted on behalf of Khaleda Zia for a further suspension of her jail sentence as her physical condition had worsened and therefore she needed to go abroad for treatment.

The application is similar to the previous application, based on which the government suspended her jail sentence multiple times under section 401(1) of CrPC, the law minister said.

The government released Khaleda Zia on March 25 last year after suspending her jail sentence.

Section 401(1) of the CrPC says: "When any person has been sentenced to punishment for an offence, the Government may at any time without conditions or upon any conditions which the person sentenced accepts, suspend the execution of his/her sentence or remit the whole or any part of the punishment to which he/she has been sentenced."

On August 28, Anisul Huq had first said Khaleda Zia would have to return to jail if she wants to seek permission to go abroad for treatment, saying that she had applied for her release but not for permission to go abroad for treatment.

Khaleda's jail sentence was later extended twice and the government issued separate notifications to this effect. The notifications said Khaleda will receive treatment at her home and she cannot go abroad during this period.

Khaleda landed in jail on February 8, 2017, after being sentenced to five years' imprisonment by a special court in Dhaka in the Zia Orphanage Trust graft case. On October 30 the following year, the High Court enhanced her punishment to 10 years after dismissing her appeal in the case.

The former prime minister was convicted by another special court in Dhaka in the Zia Charitable Trust corruption case on October 29, 2018. She was sentenced to seven years' rigorous imprisonment by the court.

## 'Robber' beaten dead

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A suspected robber was beaten to death by a mob after his gang shot and injured five villagers in Golapganj upazila early yesterday.

The identity of the deceased, aged around 40 years, could not be known immediately.

Injured villagers were admitted to the hospital.

Police said armed robbers entered the house of Gyan Sen at Pashchim Dattarail village, but hearing cry villagers surrounded the gang.

Sensing danger, the gang opened fire, leaving five villagers injured.

Locals managed to catch one of the gang and beat him up, leaving him dead.

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