



Farmers clear weeds from their Boro paddy field. After sowing Boro seeds, if the weeds are regularly removed, it helps the plant grow faster and improves the yield. The photo was taken from the Beel Pabla area in Dumuria from Khulna.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

## Sleeping child dies as fire engulfs home

OUR CORRESPONDENT,  
Narsingdi

A devastating fire broke out at a house in Narsingdi, killing a six-year-old child while she was asleep. The incident occurred around 8:30am yesterday at Rasulpur Eidgahpara in Karimpur Union, a char area of Sadar Upazila of Narsingdi.

The deceased was identified as Sumaiya Akter, 6, who was the daughter of Monir Hossain, a fisherman from Rasulpur Eidgahpara.

The information was confirmed by Saidur Rahman, in-charge of Karimpur River Police Outpost.

Saidur Rahman said the locals noticed the fire engulfing Monir

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## Favourable weather boosts lichi yield hopes

KONGKON KARMAKER, Dinajpur

Dinajpur, widely known as the “Land of Lichis”, is experiencing a promising season, with thousands of trees across the district adorned in golden blossoms.

Farmers and agricultural officials are optimistic about a bumper harvest this year, thanks to favourable weather conditions and advanced cultivation practices.

Beyond Dinajpur, lichi is also cultivated in Thakurgaon, Panchagarh, and Rangpur districts, contributing significantly to the region’s agricultural economy.

According to the Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE) in Dinajpur, the flowering season typically begins at the end of February. A timely shower during this period has been beneficial, though the rising temperature remains a concern for optimal fruit yield.

With spring in full bloom, the sweet aroma of lichi blossoms fills the air across Dinajpur’s 5,418 orchards, spanning all 13 upazilas of the district. Most of them are located in Dinajpur Sadar, Chirirbandar, Khansama, and Birganj upazilas.

Popular varieties such as China-1, China-2, China-3, Bedana, Bombay, Madrazi, and Kathali dominate these orchards, showing healthy blossom retention. Farmers are investing in irrigation, pesticide application, and fertilisation to safeguard their crops.

Md Nuruzzaman, deputy director of Dinajpur’s DAE, expressed confidence in this year’s yield, saying, “The weather has been ideal so far. If no natural disasters strike in the coming days, we anticipate a record-breaking harvest.”

The high demand for Dinajpur’s lichis is already evident, with traders from Rajshahi, Rangpur, Chattogram, and Dhaka visiting orchards to book orders

in advance. Given the fruit’s premium quality and popularity nationwide, early negotiations between farmers and buyers have begun.

Last year, lichi cultivation in Dinajpur covered 5,787 hectares, yielding approximately 42,000 metric tonnes of fruit worth over Tk 800 crore, according to DAE officials. This year, authorities are determined to surpass these figures by providing farmers with real-time guidance on pest control, irrigation, and climate-resilient practices.

Lichi remains one of Dinajpur’s most lucrative seasonal cash crops, supplying markets across the country. While its exceptional sweetness has previously opened export opportunities — once even reaching the Middle East — the fruit’s perishable nature and the lack of proper processing facilities have hindered sustained domestic and international trade.

Farmers are urging the government to establish cold storage and processing units to extend the fruit’s shelf life and unlock global market potential.

Bablu Mia, a lichi grower from Chirirbandar upazila, emphasised the need for infrastructure, saying, “With cold storage and processing plants, we can produce value-added products like juices and preserves, making our lichis export-ready.”

Last year, lichi prices ranged from Tk 3 to Tk 18 per piece, translating to Tk 300 to Tk 1,800 per 100-piece bunch. Farmers remain cautious about price fluctuations, as market conditions and transportation costs significantly impact their profitability.

“A single storm or pest outbreak can wipe out months of effort,” said Abdur Razzak, a lichi farmer from Khansama upazila.



## Rescued elephant in ‘critical condition’

STAFF CORRESPONDENT,  
Ctg

An elephant rescued from Chattogram’s Banshkhali upazila inside Chunar Wildlife Sanctuary is now in a critical condition.

“The left leg and tail of the elephant are paralyzed. For this, the elephant is unable to stand up and move,” said veterinary officer Hatem Sajjad Md Zulkarnain.

He also said that the mammal is unable to consume any food other than water.

“We gave the elephant different types of minerals, vitamins, and steroids, along with saline water to help rehydrate,” he added.

The female elephant, which is around 30-years-old, was trapped around 7:00pm on Wednesday.

The giant animal was rescued after 22 hours on Thursday evening by the Forest Department with the help of around 35 villagers.

Anisuzzaman Sheikh, ranger of the

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Date: 06.03.2025.

1	Ministry/Division	:	Ministry of Road Transport and Bridges.
2	Agency	:	Roads and Highways Department.
3	Procuring Entity Name	:	Executive Engineer, RHD, Patuakhali Road Division, Patuakhali.
4	Procuring Entity Code	:	N/A
5	Procuring Entity District	:	Patuakhali.
6	Invitation for	:	Toll Collection Activity and Operation & Maintenance of Real-Time Web-Based Toll Collection System for Paira (Lebukhali) Bridge at 193rd km of Dhaka (Jatrabari)-Mawa-Bhanga-Barishal-Patuakhali Road (N-8) for 03(Three)years under Patuakhali Road Division during the year 2024-2025.
7	Invitation Ref. No.	:	35.01.7895.461.07.001.25-515
8	Date	:	06/03/2025
<b>KEY INFORMATION</b>			
9	Procurement Method	:	Open Tendering Method (OTM)
<b>FUNDING INFORMATION</b>			
10	Budget and source of Funds	:	GoB
11	Development Partners (if applicable)	:	N/A
<b>PARTICULAR INFORMATION</b>			
12	Project/Program Code (if applicable)	:	N/A
13	Project/Name (if applicable)	:	N/A
14	Tender Package No.	:	01/Manual/PSN/PAT.RD/2024-2025
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16	Tender Publication Date	:	06 March 2025
17	Tender Last Selling Date	:	09 April 2025 up to office hour.
18	Tender Closing Date and Time	:	10 April 2025 at 3:00 PM (BST)
19	Tender Opening Date and Time	:	10 April 2025 at 4:00 PM (BST)
20	Name & Address of the office (S)	:	
	-Selling Tender Document (Principal)	:	Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD, Patuakhali Road Division, Patuakhali.
	-Selling Tender Document (Others)	:	1. Office of the Additional Chief Engineer, RHD, Barishal Zone, Barishal. 2. Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD, Administration and Establishment, Sarak Bhaban, Tejgaon, Dhaka. 3. Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD, Barguna Road Division, Barguna.

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	-Opening Tender Document	:	Office of the Executive Engineer, RHD, Patuakhali Road Division, Patuakhali.

<b>INFORMATION FOR TENDER</b>					
21	Eligibility of Tenderer	:	As Per TDS		
22	Brief Description of Services	:	Toll Collection Activity and Operation & Maintenance of Real-Time Web-Based Toll Collection System for Paira (Lebukhali) Bridge at 193rd km of Dhaka (Jatrabari)-Mawa-Bhanga-Barishal-Patuakhali Road (N-8) for 03(Three) years under Patuakhali Road Division during the year 2024-2025		
23	Price of Tender Document	:	TK. 4000.00 (non-refundable)		
24	Package No.	Identification of Package	Location	Tender Security Amount (TK.)	Completion Time
	01/Manual/PSN/PAT RD/2024-2025	Toll Collection Activity and Operation & Maintenance.	Paira (Lebukhali) Bridge at 193rd km of Dhaka (Jatrabari)-Mawa-Bhanga-Barishal-Patuakhali Road (N-8).	35.00 (Thirty Five) Lakh	36 Months

<b>PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS</b>	
25	Name of Official Inviting Tender
26	Designation of Official Inviting Tender
27	Address of Official Inviting Tender
28	Contract details of Official Inviting Tender
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