

Protect heritage sites, cultural practices

Naripokkho urges govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Women's rights organisation Naripokkho yesterday condemned the interim government's inaction over recent attacks and vandalism of heritage sites across the country, including the Rabindra Kachari Bari in Shahjadpur and the "Anjali Laho Mor" sculpture in Trishal.

In a media statement, the organisation called on the government to take effective measures to prevent such incidents in the future and urged it to protect heritage sites and cultural practices from all forms of ill-attempts.

"Such incidents undermine the creativity of society and the country's heritage," the statement read, adding that these actions also threaten the interim government's goal of building a discrimination-free Bangladesh in line with the spirit of the July-August movement.

Naripokkho said most recently, Rabindra Kachari Bari, a monument dedicated to Rabindranath Tagore in Shahjadpur of Sirajganj, was attacked and vandalised.

It also said the "Anjali Laho Mor" sculpture at Kabi Nazrul University in Trishal, Mymensingh, was

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BNP-JCD CLASH Injured JCD activist dies at DMCH

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Narsingdi

A Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal activist succumbed to his injuries yesterday after being shot during a clash between BNP and JCD factions in Palash upazila of Narsingdi.

Ismail Hossain, 26, died while undergoing treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital around 2:00pm, confirmed his father Abdur Rahim Bhuiyan.

Ismail was a resident of Khanepur village under Ghorashal municipality and a member of the upazila unit of JCD, said Palash thana JCD Member Secretary Mostafizur Rahman Papon.

On June 15, during a rally in the Palash Bus Stand area, supporters of district BNP's Joint Organising Secretary Fazlul Kabir Jewel attacked and opened fire, triggering the clash, he said.

At least 10 people from both sides were reportedly shot.

Siam Mia, joint convener of Ghorashal municipality JCD, filed a case filed. Fazlul

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S DILIP ROY, Lalmonirhat

Nearly one lakh farmers from six districts in Rangpur region produced a bumper yield of Boro paddy this season, thanks to the Teesta Irrigation Project.

According to farmers, the average yield per hectare has increased by two tonnes, while production costs have decreased by 30-35 percent by using irrigation water from the project compared to cultivation using groundwater.

They also said the natural silt content in the river water reduces the need for fertilisers and pesticides, which in turn boosts production.

Located in Doani area of Hatibandha upazila in Lalmonirhat, the Teesta Barrage is the country's largest irrigation project. Commissioned in 1990 and operational since 1992, it now benefits farmers from Rangpur, Nilphamari, Gaibandha, Dinajpur, Joypurhat, and Bogura districts with water sourced from Teesta river and distributed through a vast network of irrigation canals.

I harvested 79 maunds of Boro paddy from three bighas of land irrigated with water from the project this season at a cost of Tk 30,000. In contrast, I got only 59 maunds of paddy on the same land using

groundwater earlier, spending Tk 47,000," said Ataur Rahman, 67, a farmer from Dimla village under Nilphamari's Dimla upazila.

"Moreover, the silt in river water enriches the soil, so we need less fertiliser and pesticides," Ataur added.

Another farmer from the same village, Soleman Mia, 70, echoed him.

"Before the Teesta Irrigation

director of the Department of Agricultural Extension in Rangpur region, said, "While the average Boro yield using groundwater is six tonnes per hectare, it is eight tonnes within the Teesta project area. Also, the production costs are reduced by about 35 percent."

"The river water is rich in nutrients, and therefore it nurtures soil and crops," he also said.

The project employs 78



Project started, we struggled to grow crops due to a lack of water," he said. "Now, I need to pay only 480 takas for a year-round supply of irrigation water for one acre. Especially during the Boro season, this water is a blessing. I got around 25-27 maunds of paddy per bigha of land," he said.

Shafiqul Islam, additional

gatekeepers to manage and distribute irrigation water across the project area.

"We work tirelessly to ensure that farmers receive adequate water for irrigation," said Abdus Samad, a gatekeeper in Dimla village.

Amalesh Chandra Roy, deputy extension officer of Bangladesh

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AND

Mr Abul kalam Azad**PETITIONER**

-VERSUS-**RESPONDENTS**

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AND

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1 more dies in M'singh road crash

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
Mymensingh

One more victim in a road accident in Mymensingh's Phulpur upazila died at a local hospital early yesterday.

With this, the death toll from the road accident rose to eight, said police.

Lal Mia succumbed to his injuries at Mymensingh Medical College Hospital.

On Friday night, seven others had died after a head-on collision between a bus and a human hauler in Kaziakanda area, while 13 were injured. In a separate accident in Tarakanda upazila the same day, three more people, including a schoolboy, were killed when a CNG-run auto-rickshaw collided with an ambulance.

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Lotkon yield slumps in Narsingdi

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narsingdi

Lotkon, or Burmese grape (Baccaurea motleyana), a popular tropical fruit cultivated in Southeast Asia including Bangladesh, saw a significant slump in production in Narsingdi district this year.

According to growers, adverse weather condition lowered yield by around 50 percent compared to the previous year, casting doubts on the fruit's export potential from the region.

Earlier, on April 25 this year, Narsingdi received Geographical Indication (GI) recognition for the fruit grown widely across the district.

Currently, the fruit is cultivated on around 1,800 hectares of land in the district, with a production target of 32,400 tonnes this year, according to sources at the Department of Agricultural Extension in Narsingdi. The red soil and highland terrains of the region are particularly suitable for lotkon cultivation.

Visiting different orchards across the district, this correspondent saw the trees bearing lotkon, but in considerably less quantity than the growers' expectation.

The fruit is prized for its sweet-and-sour taste, rich nutritional value, and being beneficial for managing diabetes, blood pressure, and stimulating appetite among other medicinal qualities. As such, lotkon has a high demand among consumers, thereby encouraging many farmers across Shibpur, Belabo, and Raipura upazilas in Narsingdi to take up its cultivation and become self-reliant in recent years.

However, while a tree would typically yield 3-4 maunds of lotkon, this season each tree is bearing only 15-20 kilogrammes of the fruit, leaving the growers disheartened.

Last year, some lotkon orchards were sold for around Tk 8 lakh each. This year, similar orchards are barely going for Tk 4 lakh each, said one grower wishing anonymity.

Wholesale buyers of the fruit said the price may rise by Tk 1,000-1,500 per maund due to the lower supply, which will in turn cause a hike in retail prices subsequently.

The fruit is currently selling in local markets at Tk 80-130 per kg retail price, depending on size and quality.

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INVITATION FOR TENDER

1. Invitation Reference, Tender ID No, and Date	Pro. (Log.) 121/2025, Tender ID: 38/2025 Date: 21/06/2025.
2. Procuring Entity Name	Secretary General, NHQ, BDRCS
3. Name of Requisition Department	Myanmar Refugee Relief Operation (MRRO), BDRCS, Motel Road, Cox's Bazar District.
4. Implemented by	DR Department, NHQ, BDRCS.
5. Invitation for	Construction of BDRCS-MRRO Central Warehouse at Cox's Bazar.
6. Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM), One stage two envelope.
7. Budget and Source of Funds	UNHCR
8. Work Details	LOT-A: Sand Filling/Land Filling, LOT-B: Civil Work at Retaining Wall, Brick Road, Warehouse Boundary Fence & Office Construction works.
9. Purchase of Tender document	LOT-C: Rubb Hall set-up.
10. Tender documents and schedules with detailed information are available at the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS) website: www.bdrscs.org.	Tender documents and schedules with detailed information are available at the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS) website: www.bdrscs.org.
11. Tender Schedule available from website/link	Tender Schedule Download Link: https://bdrscs.org/tender/
12. Tender Closing Date and Time	07-07-2025 at 3:00 PM
13. Tender Opening Date and Time	07-07-2025 at 3:15 PM
14. Place/Date/Time of Pre-Tender Meeting	Logistics Department, National Headquarters, BDRCS, 684-686 Red Crescent Road, Bara Moghbazar, Dhaka-1217.
15. Eligibility of Tenderer	30-06-2025 at 11:00 am in the Logistics Meeting Room, National Headquarters, BDRCS, 684-686 Red Crescent Road, Bara Moghbazar, Dhaka-1217.
16. Submission Criteria	As per Tender Documents.
17. Tender Security Amount	Tender will be evaluated LOT-BY-LOT. A bidder may submit all LOTs or any individual LOT.
18. Completion Time in months	2.5 % of the Total quoted value of LOT wise.
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