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Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury addresses as the chief guest at the inaugural programme of the annual research review workshop of Bangladesh Rice Research Institute (BRI) yesterday held at the BRI auditorium in Gazipur. INDEPENDENT PHOTO

# Make Bangladesh a food exporting country: Matia

## One killed, five injured in clash over land dispute

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**GAZIPUR:** Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury urged the scientists of Bangladesh Rice Research Institute (BRI) to turn Bangladesh into a food exporting country by developing more stress tolerant high yielding rice varieties.

The agriculture minister made this call while inaugurating the annual research review workshop of BRI titled 'Research Progress 2012-13' as chief guest at the BRI auditorium in Gazipur yesterday.

Experts and officials from different government and non-government organizations including BARC, DAE and IRRI along with universities as well as farmers' representatives attended the workshop.

The organizers informed that BRI has so far developed 65 high yielding

through attaining self-sufficiency in food production should be enhanced. Besides efforts should be made to develop agricultural production to make the country a food exporting and food surplus one, storing enough food for hazardous times.'

She praised the BRI scientists for their previous achievements and told them to do enough for future.

She stressed upon giving subsidy to agricultural inputs like fertilizer, seeds and irrigation providing concessions to agricultural loans and necessary measures to ensure fair price of the agricultural produces and save the growers from depriving of the fair price. She told to develop rice varieties tolerant to salinity, drought and submergence giving priority on agriculture research and discovering genome sequences of different cash crops like jute.

BRI Director General, Dr Jiban Krishna Biswas presented the keynote paper of the workshop and BRI Director (Admin and CS) Dr Md Shahjahan Kabir spoke.

Research activities of BRI done over the last year along with the significant information related to food security of the people of Bangladesh were the focal points of the five-day-long workshop.

Sources also said that the most popular BRI developed high yielding Boro varieties include BRI dhan28 and BRI dhan29. In Aman season BR11 is equally popular to the farm level.

To meet the need of the hour BRI is developing new varieties with similar qualities. To face the challenge of climate change in recent times BRI has developed cold, submergence, drought and saline tolerant varieties

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**MYMENSINGH:** A man was killed and five others were injured in a clash over land dispute at Bharadoba village in Bhaluka upazila of Mymensingh district yesterday.

The victim was identified as Mouklesur Rahman, 25, of Bharadoba village.

Abdul Motalab Miah, Officer-in-Charge of Bhaluka Police Station said, critically injured Mouklesur Rahman died while being shifted to Dhaka Medical College and Hospital from Bhaluka Upazila Health Complex.

Two rival groups, one led by Mouklesur Rahman and another by Abul Hashim locked in a clash over the ownership of a piece of land