

Gaibandha FFs boycott Independence Day reception

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A number of freedom fighters of Gaibandha Unit Command boycotted Independence Day reception yesterday, as the Deputy Commissioner (DC) did not allow new unit convener to chair the function ignoring the decision of Central Command Council (CCC) of Freedom Fighters.

Protesting the incidence, they brought out a procession that paraded the thoroughfare of Gaibandha town and held a meeting at the Gaibandha Press Club.

The speakers at the meeting slammed the role of the DC in the reception in favour of some vested quarters as he introduced former convener Wahedunnabi Mintu as the incumbent one.

Mujibul Huq Chhana, the new convener who was recognised by the CCC, immediately protested the move.

Soon there created pandemonium at Zila Parishad Auditorium. The agitated faction of freedom fighters instantly walked out of the reception and staged demonstration.

Later they held a press briefing at the Gaibandha Press Club where Chhana as incumbent convener and Abdul Mannan Sarker as upazila convener addressed.



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Muktijuddher Shaheed Smriti Pathagar holds candlelight vigil at the Shaheed Minar in Chittagong yesterday to mark the Independence Day.

15 hurt as villagers clash in Khulna

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Fifteen people, including four policemen, were injured in a clash between two rival groups at 8:00am yesterday at Kalmibunia under Paikgacha upazila of Khulna district.

Six severely injured were admitted to Khulna Medical College Hospital.

The clash occurred following a dispute over possession of a shrimp enclosure.

Police hurled six tear gas shells

and charged batons to disperse the unruly people who were locked in clash for over half-an-hour.

According to eyewitnesses, hoodlums hired by Rarhuli UP Chairman Majid Goldar launched attack on villagers who resisted his illegal occupation of a shrimp enclosure at Kalmibunia village. Both the groups used clubs, machetes, brickbats and crowbars during clash.

Police arrested Majid, who masterminded the attack, yesterday afternoon.

Additional security forces have been deployed in the village.