



Agitated villagers set fire to a brick kiln at Baktaboli in Narayanganj after one of its workers was killed. (Story on Page 2)

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## One killed in Faridpur clash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

One person was killed and at least 50 injured in two separate clashes at Bhanga and Boalmari upazilas of the district yesterday.

Shahabuddin alias Saha, 45, was killed and 20 others injured in a clash over a land dispute at Nazirpur village under Bhanga upazila.

Police said the clash ensued around 7:30am when a group of people loyal to Karim Matbor of the village were locked in a clash with their rivals supported by Momrez Talukder in Pukuria Bazaar area.

Shahabuddin was killed on the spot.

On information, police rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control.

The critically injured were admitted to

Bhanga Upazila Health Complex and Faridpur Medical College Hospital.

Meanwhile, at least 30 people, including four policemen and two women, were injured in a clash between two rival groups led by two siblings at Char Shekhar village under Boalmari.

Three shops and five houses were also ransacked during the clash.

Locals said two brothers Kolom and Badal - one belongs to AL supporter Abul Kalam Azad, UP chairman of Shekhar union, and the other is loyal to Raisul Islam Palash, president of Boalmari upazila Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD).

On Thursday night, both the brothers locked into a conflict over family feud.

The following day, the activists of Azad attacked the houses of BNP supporters with locally made weapons. Later, BNP

supporters made a counter attack on AL supporters and locked into a fierce clash.

On information, Boalmari police went to the spot and tried to quell the conflict. At one stage, AL supporters attacked the law enforcers, leaving policemen injured.

They were identified as constables Md Awlad Hossain, Md Imdadul Haque, Abdur Razak and Md Kamrul Islam.

The critically injured from both sides Md Thandu, 34, Bakiar, 40, Jakir, 38, Afia, 37, and Farid Sheikh, 45, were admitted to Faridpur Medical College Hospital.

Additional police from Faridpur and Rab member went to the spot and brought the situation under control. Police arrested seven people in this connection.

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Police and local people said the criminals attacked Ariful when he was charting with others in a tea stall near his home.

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The Baul singers through their folk songs told the harrowing tales of the helpless people

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STAFF CORRESPONDENT

People in the country want qualitative changes in politics. Chairman of Bangladesh Kallyan Party (BKP) Maj Gen (retd) Syed Muhammad Ibrahim Bir Pratik said yesterday.

He was speaking at a discussion organised to mark the second founding anniversary of BKP at the party head office at Mohakhal DOHS.

Ibrahim founded the party at a conference in the city in 2007.

Speaking at the discussion, he said the country should be ruled by efficient, patriotic and educated people to survive in the competitive world with dignity and pride.

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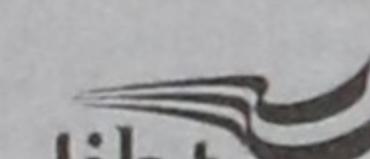
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Baul singers take out a colourful procession organised by Campaign for Sustainable Rural Livelihood (CSRL) of Oxfam-GB Bangladesh as part of a public hearing on climate change at Ramna Batamul in the city yesterday.

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