

A 'different' border hurts their fraternal feeling

Thousands not allowed to meet their near and dear ones during Pathar Kali Mela at Gobindapur

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Frustration was a waiting thousands of Bangla speaking people from both sides of the border, who came to meet their near and dear ones on the occasion of Pathar Kali Mela at Gobindapur village under Haripur upazila in Thakurgaon district on Friday.

Unlike every year this day, Indian Border Security Force (BSF) did not allow them to meet relatives from across the border.

"This time our higher authority did not give us the permission to allow it," said a BSF man seeking anonymity.

Expressing deep frustration after failing to meet their near relatives living on the other side of the border, many people could not check tears.

People of the two neighbouring countries were seen waiting for hours on both sides of the barbed wire near border pillar No 346 adjoining Kochal and Chapshar border outpost.

Some people including women and children went near the barbed wire fence with a hope to meet their near and dear ones, but they had to return after a short time as BSF men chased them.

Traditional Pathar Kali Mela is held at the village on the bank of Kuli River on the first Friday after the Kali Puja since the British period, said Nagen Kumer Pal, president of mela committee.

"Many people from different districts of the two countries came here to meet their relatives each year. They exchange greetings and hearty talk with their near and dear ones. BDR and BSF never create obstacle. But this was



A woman talks over cellphone to her relative across the border from Gobindapur village in Haripur upazila of Thakurgaon district on Friday as the Indian Border Security Force, unlike other years, declined to give permission for face-to-face meeting on the border.

first time BSF denied to give chance to meet with their relatives," Nagen Pal said.

After partition of the sub-continent in 1947, meeting among relatives living on two sides of the border became hard, especially for those who cannot afford the cost of official arrangement for travelling to the other country.

They come to the fair to take the rare opportunity, Nagen said.

Tulshi Rani, 75, wife of Khatish Chandra of Chirirbandar village in Dinajpur district, said she

came to Haripur upazila to meet with her two daughters and a son living at Abdul Ghata village in Uttar Dinajpur district in India. She had met them ten years ago.

"I came here with a hope to see my children but it was unfulfilled. I brought some home-made foods including naru, muri, pitha for them," she said with tears rolling down her cheeks.

Hamida Begum, 75, of Mohadebpur villager under Birganj upazila in Dinajpur, came to meet with her sister Hasen Banu, 62, who lives at

Kachi Moha village under Royganj thana in Uttar Dinajpur district in India.

"During the last 15 years, have not got any opportunity to meet her. Today I saw her for a few moments from far away and talked over cell phone. I would be very happy if I could see her and touch her from near," she said.

Nazma, 25, who was married to Afazuddin of Jadabpur village under Haripur upazila in Thakurgaon five years ago, came to meet with her parents who live at Morol Tuli village under Royganj Thana in Uttar Dinajpur in India.

"Each year I meet with my parents and relatives on this occasion. But this time I failed," she said and started crying.

Many people were seen depressed while returning home with different things that they had brought for their near and dear ones.

"Due to partition of the country, many people's relatives live on two sides of the border. The authorities should create opportunity for their meeting," said Tazul Islam, assistant professor of Ranishankoil Degree College.

Seeking anonymity, a BSF member of Makorhat BSF camp said, "I also felt bad seeing frustration of people from both the countries but we have nothing to do as our higher authority did not give them permission to meet."

BNP hartal protesting killing of JCD leader

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Leaders and activists of district BNP and front organisations observed a half-day hartal in the town yesterday protesting the killing of local Chhatra Dal leader Mehedi Hasan Parosh.

Shops and trading centres at all the markets in the town remained shut while road communication with different districts from Lalmonirhat came to a halt during the hartal period. But the trains from Lalmonirhat railway station was normal. Rab. police were deployed at all the sensitive points but no untoward incident occurred during the hartal, police said.

BNP blamed Awami League for killing Mehedi Hasan Parosh, 28, son of late Nur Islam of Saptana Bazar area in the town on Thursday.

"BNP observed half day hartal yesterday protesting the killing of JCD leader and demanding arrest and exemplary punishment to his killers," said district BNP secretary Hafizur Rahman Babla.

However, Lalmonirhat district BCL president Khaleque Babu and Secretary Mehedi Hasan said at a press conference on Friday that JCD leader Parosh was killed likely by his friends and associates. "AL or its front organisations are not to be blamed for the killing. But Lalmonirhat BNP is trying to shift blame on AL as they want to create chaos in the town," he said.

Police have already arrested three suspected youths who were friends of late Parosh and all of them are linked to BNP politics, he said in the press conference.

However, Hafizur Rahman Babla said that the three arrestees did not belong to any BNP organisation.

BNP protesters take to streets, clash with cops

40 injured in Sirajganj, 23 in Khulna

STAR NATIONAL DESK

Activists of BNP and its associate bodies yesterday took to the streets across the country to protest what they said eviction of party Chairperson Khaleda Zia from her cantonment residence.

They also vandalised scores of vehicles and clashed with law enforcers in different districts, leaving at least 64 people, including five policemen, injured, according to our correspondents.

In Sirajganj: At least 40 people, including five cops, were injured in a clash between police and BNP men in the town.

Of the injured, 20 were admitted to Sirajganj General Hospital while the rest given first aid. Police fired tear gas shells and rubber bullets to disperse the agitating BNP men and arrested three activists.

In Khulna: At least 23 leaders and activists of BNP were injured as police attacked a procession at picture Palace Cinema Hall intersection in the city at around 12:30pm.

Four of the injured were admitted to Khulna Sadar hospital. They are Zahid Hossain, Yunus Ali, Azizul Islam and Yasun Babu.

Khulna city BNP took out the procession protesting 'eviction' of party chief Khaleda Zia from her cantonment house.

In Dinajpur: The angry activists of BNP and its associate bodies took out a procession in the district town. They also blocked Dinajpur-Dhaka highway at Phulbari Bus stand, stranding hundreds of vehicles on both sides of the highway for half an hour from 1:00pm.

Police later removed the barricades and restored the road communication.

In Chittagong: BNP staged a demonstration in the port city protesting 'eviction' of Khaleda Zia from her Dhaka Cantonment residence.

Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) Mayor Monjurul Alam, General Secretary of city BNP Dr Shaddat Hossain, former state minister for civil aviation and tourism Mir Mohammad Nasir Uddin and former deputy mayor Dastagir Chowdhury also took part in the demonstration.

In Rajshahi: Leaders and activists of BNP and its associate organisations brought out

a procession in Rajshahi city protesting what they said eviction of their party chief Khaleda Zia from her Dhaka Cantonment residence.

They also chanted slogans in favour of today's strike. Central BNP Joint Secretary former city mayor Mizanur Rahman Minu led the procession.

In Sylhet: BNP and JCD activists vandalised at least 30 private vehicles at Shahjalal Upashahar, Sobhanighat and Shibganj on Sylhet-Tamabil highway.

In Barisal: Three JCD activities were arrested and another was injured as police attacked a BNP protest pro-

cession in the city yesterday morning.

BNP took out the procession protesting what it said 'eviction' of party Chairperson Khaleda Zia from her Dhaka Cantonment house.

Police also picked up JCD city unit activities Liton, Shahin and Md Harun Haldar from different spots charge of damaging vehicles during demonstration.

In Faridpur: Faridpur district BNP activists vandalised some vehicles on Mujib Sarak in the town in the afternoon.

The BNP men also brought out a procession

from Janata Bank crossing and paraded different streets. They vandalised two trucks, a jeep and a battery run auto-rickshaw.

In Noakhali: District BNP brought out a procession from party office and paraded the main streets chanting slogans against the government for 'evicting' Khaleda Zia from her cantonment residence.

Police arrested four protesters while they were damaging a truck. The arrestees are Abdul Karim Mukta, Md Russel, Jashim and Bahar.

Protest rallies and processions were also held in other districts across the country.



BNP activists engage in clashes with police in Sirajganj town, below, party men bring out a large procession in Rajshahi city protesting eviction of BNP Chairperson former prime minister Khaleda Zia from her cantonment residence in the capital yesterday.

KUMUDINI NURSING SCHOOL AND COLLEGE HOLDS 'SHIRABORON' A praiseworthy role for decades

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

Kumudini Nursing School and College, an institute under Kumudini Welfare Trust founded by Liberation War martyr Ranada Prosad Saha in Mirzapur, is playing a great role in providing medical service in the country by producing efficient nurses.

The institute has so far produced over 1000 efficient nurses who are now serving at different hospitals in the country, Protibha Mutsuddi, director of the Trust, said at a programme on the occasion of starting classes for new nursing students at Kumudini Complex on Wednesday.

Forty diploma students and six BSc students received caps at the programme known as shiraboron (capping) programme.

At present the number of the students at the institute is 300 while the nurses trained up by the institute have reputation as good and efficient nurses everywhere, she said.

Dhaka University Vice Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique, who attended the programme as chief guest, said, "There is no shortage of resources in the world but there is shortage of good human being. The establishments founded by Ranada Prosad Saha have been working to produce such people."

"The Pakistani army with the help of their local collabor-

rators killed 30 lakh people of the country including the great RP Saha and his son during the 1971 Liberation War. Now time has come to find out the collaborators and try them," he added.

Born at Mirzapur village near the then sub-divisional town Tangail in the erstwhile Mymensingh district on November 15, 1896, Ranada Prosad (RP) Saha, a philanthropist, established Kumudini Hospital in 1938 for providing all kinds of medical care to the common people free of cost.

In 1944, he started nursing training to the poor village women especially adolescent

widows through efficient nurse trainers from home and abroad including India and England in the hospital.

He continued the humanitarian work until Pakistani occupation army with the help of their local collaborators abducted RP Saha and his son Bhabani Prosad Saha from their Narayanganj residence on May 7 in 1971 and killed them.

To fulfill RP Saha's dream, his youngest daughter Joya Poti, the then managing director (MD) of Kumudini Welfare Trust, established Kumudini Nursing School in 1973 with 12 students. Later in 2007, RP Saha's grandson Rajib Prosad

Saha, MD of Kumudini Welfare Trust, introduced BSc course at the institute and renamed it as Kumudini Nursing School and College.

Now the institute is providing four-year diploma and BSc courses for its students.

With Kumudini Welfare Trust MD Rajib Prosad Saha in the chair, directors of the Trust Protibha Mutsuddi and Sheemoti Saha, and Kumudini Nursing School and College Principal Aarpita Rozario addressed the event, among others.

Earlier, the students of Bharateswari Homes performed an attractive choreography on this occasion.



Students of Bharateswari Homes in Mirzapur district display a captivating feat on the institute premises on the occasion of shiraboron (capping) function marking opening of classes for new students of Kumudini Nursing School and College on Wednesday.

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Invitation for Enlistment of Firm

SI No.	Description	Detail
1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Home Affairs.
2	Agency	Department of Immigration and Passports.
3	Procuring entity name	Project Director, Introduction of MRP & MRV in Bangladesh.
4	Procuring entity code	220220.
5	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.
6	Invitation for	Enlistment of firm.
7	Invitation Ref No.	MRP-MRV/Establishment/Tender-MRP/8-1(part-1).
8	Date	3 rd November 2010.
KEY INFORMATION		
9	Procurement method	Limited tendering method.
FUNDING INFORMATION		
10	Budget and source of funds	GOB.
11	Development partners	None
PARTICULAR INFORMATION		
12	Project/programme code	2200-2275-5020.
13	Project/programme name	Introduction of MRP and MRV in Bangladesh.
14	Application closing date and time	24 th November 2010.
15	Name and address	Lt. Zahidul Islam B.N, Maintenance Engineer, Introduction of MRP & MRV in Bangladesh, Passport Bhaban, E-7, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207.
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INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT		
16	Eligibility of applicant	i) Vat registration and TIN certificate of the local agent. ii) Up-to-date trade licence of local agent from city corporation. iii) Proprietorship/partnership/ limited company i.e. concerned commercial documents (photocopy) of the tenderers. iv) Original money receipt of purchase of tender documents. v) Proof of solvency. vi) Must confirm that has legal capacity to enter into a contract under the authority of valid power of attorney. vii) At least 3 years experience certificate for the supply of goods and related service.
17	Brief description of goods and works	a) Supply of construction items (sand, brick) including related service. b) Supply of rod and cement. c) Supply of tiles and sanitary & set up. d) Supply of Thai, grill and glass & set up. e) Supply of computer related accessories (Ram & Battery frame & others and also installation). f) Interior decoration. g) Supply of ceiling items, glass partition and glass door and set up. h) Supply and installation of electrical items (switch, cable & etc) power and LAN. i) Supply of stationary items and j) Supply office furniture.
18	Brief description of related or physical services	a) Architectural and interior consultancy b) Renovation work c) Painting work d) Thai work e) Infrastructure of tin shed at DIP.
19	Price of application form	2000.00 BDT.
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS		
20	Name of official inviting application	Project Director.
21	Designation of official inviting application	Project Director.
22	Address of official inviting application	Introduction of MRP & MRV in Bangladesh, Passport Bhaban, E-7, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207.
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The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all application.

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