

# KERANIGANJ CLASH

## 82 BNP activists sued by police

### 5,000 others unnamed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police on Friday night filed a case against 82 named and around five thousand unnamed BNP activists over Friday's clash in Shakta union, Keraniganj.

Fourteen of the accused BNP activists were produced before a Dhaka Court yesterday, said Golam Sarwar, investigation officer (IO) of the case.

Sub-inspector of Keraniganj Police Station, AKM Manzurul Islam, lodged the case accusing the BNP activists for assaulting police on Friday.

In the clash between police and BNP activists, some 40 people including 12 policemen were injured that day. The law enforcers fired 25 rubber bullets and lobbed 20 teargas canisters.

The clash erupted when local BNP leader Amanullah Aman and his hundreds of supporters gathered at Shikaritola blocking the road to attend a rally.

Police in a statement yesterday claimed two factions of local BNP started clashing over formation of committee, blocking Atibazar- Keraniganj road and vandalising vehicles.

To bring the situation under control, police rushed to the spot and used baton, lobbed teargas canisters, and fired blank shots, said the statement.

Police also claimed that BNP activists torched four vehicles including three police vans. Nine policemen were injured in the clash, they added.



This mobile fine art exhibition bus bought by Shilpakala Academy for over Tk 1 crore lies ruined for neglect on the academy premises in the city. The photo was taken yesterday.

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## Salvaging of Korean ship uncertain

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

No decision was reached at a meeting here yesterday between Chittagong Port Authority (CPA), Department of Environment (DoE), coast guard and shipping agents on the fate of a North Korean ship, which sank in the Bay.

The ship MV Hyang Ro Bong, transporting 13,492 tonnes of rice imported from Pakistan for Bangladesh, sank at the outer anchorage of Chittagong port after it collided with a ship on April 6.

At the meeting held at Bander Bhaban, Shoumen Chakraborty, manager of Fortune Shipping, the ship's local agent, said decision on the salvage would be taken after a meeting with the ship's Korean owner, who arrived yesterday. The CPA secretary said Fortune Shipping would take care of the crew.

District Food Officer Nazme Ara Begum said Bangladesh incurred no loss, as the rice was not yet received.

## 'Muggers' hospitalised after Rab 'tortures'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two youths arrested by Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) allegedly as muggers some days ago at Chankharpul in the city were hospitalised with severe injuries last night.

Rab-10 picked up Kawsar Hossain Rajib, 24, and Nahidul Haque Sajib, 25, who were cousins, on April 5 and April 6 respectively from the area, the victims told journalists.

Family members of Rajib and Sajib alleged that the Rab personnel tortured them with electric shocks and needle being pierced under the nails.

As the two youths fell seriously sick, Rab handed them over to Lalbagh police yesterday, and police then admitted them to Dhaka Medical College Hospital for treatment.

According to the victims' families, some local rivals made false allegation against Rajib and Sajib as criminals and had them arrested by Rab.

Azizul Haque, officer-in-charge of Lalbagh Police Station, said Rab filed a case against the youths on charge of mugging and handed them over to police.

Rab in a statement said a group of suspected muggers intercepted some Rab members who were on duty in disguise in front of Eden Girls' College at 1:30am yesterday.

Another Rab team arrived the scene and arrested Rajib and Sajib and recovered two knives from them.

# Eight killed, 11 injured in road crashes

METRO DESK

Eight people were killed and 11 others injured in road accidents in Habiganj, Gazipur, Gaibandha, Lalmonirhat, and Patuakhali yesterday.

Our Sylhet correspondent says: Three people were killed in two separate road accidents in Habiganj district yesterday.

Two of the victims died in a bus-pickup collision at Bahubal on Dhaka-Sylhet highway. Identities of the deceased -- driver and helper of the pickup -- could not be known immediately.

In another accident, a bus helper died on the spot when the vehicle skidded into a ditch at Sadabpur in Habiganj yesterday. Details of the victim could not be known immediately.

UNB from Gazipur reports: A

woman was killed and her minor daughter wounded critically when a bus hit them on Dhaka-Mymensingh highway at Porabari of the sadar upazila yesterday.

Nasrin, 30, of Nababganj in Dhaka, died on the spot. Her daughter Mim, 7, was taken to Gazipur sadar hospital.

In the same upazila, an unidentified rickshaw van driver aged about 40 was crushed under the wheels of a Dhaka-bound private car in Maleker Bari area yesterday noon.

Our Gaibandha correspondent says: A man was killed and five people injured after an improvised engine-run three-wheeler rammed a rickshaw van on Rangpur-Bogra highway at Dhaperhat in the district yesterday.

Abul Kashem, 32, of Dhaperhat village, died on the spot. The injured were taken to Sadulyapur health complex.

Our Lalmonirhat correspondent reports: A truck driver was killed and four people wounded after the vehicle collided head-on with a bus at Bawra in Patgram upazila of the district yesterday.

Yakub Ali, 40, of Goddimari village of Hatibandha upazila, died on the spot. The injured were under treatment at Patgram Upazila Health Complex.

Our Patuakhali correspondent says: A college student died after he lost control over his motorcycle and rammed a woman on Patuakhali-Kuakata road at Basakbazar in the district yesterday.

Asaduzzaman, student of class XI of Ishaq Model College in Patuakhali town, was declared dead at Patuakhali General Hospital where he and the injured woman were taken in critical condition.

## Help implement edn, women dev policies

### Speakers tell Ctg roundtable

CU CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a roundtable yesterday said the national education and women development policies deserve cooperation from everybody for the implementation.

The two policies reflect progressive thinking and will benefit the future generations, but fundamentalists and bigots undermine the merit of these initiatives, they said.

We have to get united against those who do politics in the name of religion and want to hamper implementation of the education policy, said Jatiya Sangsad Deputy Speaker Shawkat Ali.

Also the chief guest of the discussion, Shawkat, urged all to identify and uproot the bigots who stir up militancy and terrorism in the society.

The recent education and women development policies are a shield against this bigotry, he claimed while addressing the roundtable at Chittagong University (CU) yesterday.

Campaign for Popular Education (CAMPE) and Amra Korbo Joy (We shall overcome) jointly organised the discussion on "Our duty in implementing national education policy."

Shawkat also said there is no alternative to implementing this epoch-making education policy, as development of the country depends on technology-based education.

Suranjit Sengupta, chairman of the parliamentary body on law ministry, said everybody should help implement any policy of the government, keeping from political belief.

Industries Minister Dilip Barua said we have yet to achieve "national unity" since 40 years of independence. "We have to educate our young generation to establish the unity, and national education policy will play a vital role in this regard."

Begum Meher Afroz Chumki, chairperson of the parliamentary body on women and children affairs ministry; Chemon Ara Tayab MP; CAMPE executive director Rasheda K Chowdhury, among others, took part in the roundtable chaired by CU Acting Vice-chancellor (VC) Prof Dr Mohammad Alauddin.

**DHAKA TODAY**

**Seminar**  
Dhaka Sub-Editors Council and Daffodil International University will jointly organise a seminar. Venue: Prince Plaza, Sobhanbagh, Time: 3:00pm.

**Roundtable**  
Shujan will arrange a roundtable. Venue: National Press Club, Time: 10:30am.

**Discussion**  
Ekatturer Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee will hold a discussion. Venue: Bilia auditorium, Dhanmondi, Time: 4:00pm.

**Fair**  
Autism Welfare Foundation will arrange a handicrafts fair. Venue: Autism Welfare Foundation, Mohammadpur, Time: 10:00am.

**Seminar**  
International Jute Study Group will organise a seminar. Venue: 145,

## Nestle nutrition edn programme launched

METRO DESK

Nestle Bangladesh Limited and nutrition expert Prof Dr Md Nazrul Islam Khan of Institute of Nutrition and Food Science of Dhaka University jointly launched a Nutrition Education Programme on Thursday for school going adolescent girls.

Marking World Health Day, Laurent Therond, managing director of Nestle Bangladesh Limited, formally inaugurated the six month long programme in Kapasia High School in Gazipur, says a press release.

The programme aims to improve and promote healthy diets and ensure proper growth of 1,500 girls in seven schools of Gazipur district and bring a positive change in the improvement of their nutritional status and socio-economic conditions.

Mirza Golam Hossain, senior manager, Corporate Affairs and Communication; and the school's headmistress Sufia Begun were present.



PHOTO: COURTESY

Sufia Begum, headmistress of Kapasia High School in Gazipur, speaks at a Nutrition Education Programme at the school jointly launched by Nestle Bangladesh Ltd and nutrition expert Prof Dr Md Nazrul Islam Khan of Institute of Nutrition and Food Science of Dhaka University on Thursday.

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