

65 hurt in violent clashes in Jhenidah, Natore

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At least 65 people were injured in clashes between rival groups of villagers in Jhenidah and Natore districts yesterday.

In Jhenidah, two groups of villagers belonging to Mokimpur and Khajura villages along the border of Jhenidah Sadar and Harinakundu upazilas scuffled over teasing a girl of Mokimpur High School by some people of Khajura village during annual sports of the institution on Wednesday, reports our correspondent.

As a sequel to the incident, people of the two villages equipped with lethal weapons, including billhooks, locked in a clash on Jhenidah-Kushtia highway at Amtala near Mokimpur High School in the morning, leaving at least 15 people from both sides injured.

Movement of vehicles on the road remained halted for two hours from 8:00am due to the clash. Being informed, law enforcers went to the spot, disperse the clashing groups and brought the situation under control.

Of the injured, eight were admitted to

Jhenidah Sadar Hospital while the rest to upazila health complex. Additional Police Superintendent Mohammad Hasanuzzaman told this correspondent that the Union parishad chairmen of the two upazilas would sit in a meeting soon to settle the issue.

Our Natore correspondent reported that a clash between two groups of villagers of Basila Purbapara and Foizdaripara villages under Natore Sadar upazila clashed yesterday left at least 50 people from both sides injured.

Locals said the two groups quarrelled with each other over taking seats at a waz mehfil held at Basila Purbapara village last month. The clash was a sequel to the incidents, they added.

The rival groups used sharp weapons during the clash that lasted for an hour. On information, police rushed to the area and brought the situation under control.

The injured are undergoing treatment at Natore Sadar Hospital and different private clinics. No case in connection with the clash was filed with the police station concerned as of 5:00pm yesterday.



Two groups of villagers equipped with lethal weapons, including billhooks, swoop on each other at Amtala on Jhenidah-Kushtia highway yesterday. Photo shows a member of the police team that reached the spot to bring the situation under control.

One shot, two picked up by BSF

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Indian Border Security Force (BSF) yesterday shot a Bangladeshi trader on Sadipur border in Benapole, Jessore.

The victim was identified as Amirul Islam, 18, son of Akkas Ali of Bhoberber village under Benapole port police station, reports our Benapole correspondent.

26 BGB Benapole Checkpost Commander Shisir Kumar said, BSF members at Petrapole Camp shot him when he was returning with fruits.

Away in Sunamganj, BSF picked up two Bangladeshis from a border area yesterday morning. Their identities could not be known, reports our staff correspondent in Sylhet.

Commanding Officer of 8 BGB Battalion, Sunamganj Lt. Colonel Maksudul Haque said that the two were picked up by the BSF when they went to collect firewood from near the Meghalaya-Sunamganj border at Chandpur in the morning.

Girl 'commits suicide'

UNB, Benapole, Jessore

A young girl allegedly committed suicide by taking insecticide at Hashimpur village in Sadar upazila on Wednesday night.

The deceased was identified as Tania, 18, daughter of Aminur Rahman of the village. Police said Tania took insecticide after she had an altercation with her younger sister over watching television.

Maternity centre that closes door to a mother

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Thakurgaon

A woman gave birth under the open sky on the premises of Panchagarh Auditorium on Tuesday night, after failing to get service at Panchagarh Ma O Shishu Kalyan Kendra (maternity).

The same night, locals besieged the maternity demanding punishment of the on-duty doctors and nurses.

As Pervin Akhter, of Bodapara village in Panchagarh Sadar upazila felt labour pain, her husband Russel, a van puller, brought her to Panchagarh maternity centre at about 8:00pm, said witnesses and police.

Finding the gate under lock and key, they kept waiting on the maternity compound and Pervin's mother-in-law made failed attempts to get help from the health visitors who stayed on the same compound.

At around 10:00pm, Rasel started with her for a private clinic.

But Pervin, feeling extreme labour pain, could hardly move and they stayed on the premises of Panchagarh Auditorium, adjacent to the maternity. After a while, she gave birth to a female child under the open sky. Observing the situation, a night guard of the auditorium encircled the spot with a few old banners.

Hearing the news, agitated locals gathered at the maternity and demanded punishment to the on-duty doctors and nurses.

Dr Monsur Alam, general secretary of Panchagarh BMA, came to the spot and

arranged bringing the mother and the newborn to Panchagarh Sadar Hospital.

Pervin Akhter's mother-in-law Tanzina Khatun told the reporters, "We went to the maternity for Pervin's safe delivery. Seeing the gate locked, we called out repeatedly but nobody responded.

We went to the quarter of health visitor Khadiza Begum on the same compound but she declined to come, saying that she was not on duty then. Another health visitor Sufia Begum, who was on duty at the night, was taking tea at the house but she also turned down our request to come to help."

Asked about the matter, health visitor Sufia Begum said, "We could not provide any service to the deliver patient as the night guard went to take meal after locking the gate."

Rabiul Islam, night guard of the maternity, said, "After evening we close the gate to prevent possible intrusion by drug addicts and thieves. I was on the compound but health visitors did not ask me to open the gate. Now they blamed me to save themselves."

Physician of the maternity centre Dr Md Mazed Ali Sheikh told this correspondent over cell phone, "If such emergency patient comes, health visitors arrange their admission and call us. But nobody informed me of the matter."

Dr Mizanur Rahman, deputy director of family planning directorate in Panchagarh, said, "The incident is sorrowful. After investigation we will take action against those who neglected duty."



PHOTO: STAR

Witness to the gruesome killing of about 600 innocent Bangalees by Pakistan occupation army on April 5, 1971, this place beside Lalmonirhat railway station now has no sign of cognisance.

Pak army, razakars killed 600 on this day in Lalmonirhat

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Today is Lalmonirhat mass killing day.

On this day in 1971, Pakistani occupation army with the help of local razakars and Urdu-speaking people (Biharis) killed around 600 Bangalees at the rickshaw stand near Lalmonirhat Railway Station.

Of them, many were railway officers and employees, said Abu Bakkor Siddique, commander of Mukti Juddha Sangsad in Sadar upazila.

The deceased include railway hospital doctors A Rahman, A Moktadir, M Rahman and AG Mostafa, railway engineers Anim Ahmed, Karim Bux, Yiar Ali and Abul Kashem.

Pakistani forces and their

collaborators picked up railway officers and employees, school and college teachers, businessmen and cultural activists from their residences and offices on April 3 and 4 and took them to the railway officers club.

The occupation army then tortured the victims brutally and shot them dead at the rickshaw stand beside the railway station in the morning of 5 April, 1971.

The victims were buried near the railway office at railway colony. Over 200 skeletons, bones and skulls were recovered from the mass graves in the area soon after the independence, said commander Bakkor.

Different programmes, including placing wreath at the graveyard, have been chalked out to mark the day today, he said.

Vacancy Announcement



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1. Project Assistant (Operations)
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April 15, 2013

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Reference: RFP-BD-2013-20

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The deadline for submission of Proposals is **Wednesday, 24 April, 2013, 4:30 p.m.** local time.

