

MIRZAPUR IN TANGAIL

Jubo Dal leader killed as rival factions clash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

A Jubo Dal leader was stabbed to death following a clash between two rival groups of local BNP in Mirzapur upazila of the district yesterday.

The deceased, Abdul Alim, 38, was the joint convenor of Mirzapur upazila unit of Jubo Dal, youth wing of the main opposition party.

Police said the supporters of Abul Kalam Azad Siddique, president of BNP upazila unit, brought out a procession in Gorai area in the upazila at around 11:00am in support of the countrywide 60-hour hartal enforced by BNP-led 18-party alliance on Sunday.

Their rivals belonging to upazila BNP leader Firoz Haider group came to the spot in a procession at the same time. Amid slogans and counter slogans, the two

rival groups locked in a clash, leaving at least 15 people from both sides injured.

Being informed, police rushed to the spot and dispersed the clashing groups.

As a sequel to the incident, the supporters of Abul Kalam Azad swooped on Jubo Dal leader Abdul Alim, also a supporter of Firoz Haider, at Sohagpara Bazar at around 1:30pm. They stabbed Alim, leaving him critically injured, police said.

Alim was rushed to Kumudini Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries at around 2:00pm, they (police) added.

No case was filed with the local police station in connection with the murder.

Additional police have been deployed at Mirzapur upazila headquarters to avert any further clash between the two rival groups of local BNP.

Laxmipur Jubo Dal man murdered

UNB, Laxmipur

A Jubo Dal activist was stabbed to death by criminals at Digholi in Sadar upazila of the district on Sunday night.

The deceased was identified as Mizan Hossain, son of Hafiz Ullah of Dakkhin Mandari village in the upazila.

Police and locals said, a gang of criminals attacked Mizan in the area in the after-

noon and stabbed him indiscriminately with sharp weapons, leaving him injured.

Mizan was rushed to Sadar hospital where he succumbed to his injuries at about 8.00pm.

Local BNP leader Mahmudul Karim Dipu identified Mizan as a Jubo Dal activist.

The reason behind the killing could not be known immediately.

STATE-RUN UNITS IN THAKURGAON, PANCHAGARH

Sugar remains unsold for higher mill prices

QUAMRUL ISLAM RUBAIYAT, Thakurgaon

Around 14,700 tonnes of sugar produced by two state-run sugar mills in Thakurgaon and Panchagarh in last two seasons have remained unsold as the mill rate of the item is higher than the retail market price.

The fixed selling price of sugar of the two mills is Tk 50 per kg while the sugar produced by private factories and locally refined imported raw sugar is selling for Tk 42 only.

The authorities are worried about space crisis ahead of the next production season scheduled to start on December 6 as godowns of Thakurgaon and Panchagarh Sugar Mills are now packed with 8,500 tonnes and 6,200 tonnes of unsold sugar respectively. The price of the total amount is about Tk 73 crore 50 lakh.

In 2012-13 and 2011-12 crushing seasons, Thakurgaon Sugar Mills Ltd produced 5,468 tonnes and 6,300 tonnes of sugar but only 3,268 tonnes of sugar was sold.

Panchagarh Sugar Mills Ltd produced 4,401 tonnes and 4,363 tonnes of sugar in 2012-13 and 2011-12 crushing seasons but only 2,564 tonnes was sold.

Consequently, fund crisis gripped the two mills and over a hundred officials and employees who went into retirement in last two years are yet to get their retirement allowance.



A warehouse of Panchagarh Sugar Mills is packed with around 6,200 tonnes of sugar produced in the last two seasons. The item has remained unsold as its mill rate is higher than the retail market price.

The authorities offered them to pay retirement allowance through sugar for mill rate of Tk 50 per kg instead of money but the retirees found it unacceptable as the private factories sell their sugar in open market at Tk 42 per kg.

A few retired people, who accepted the offer to meet their urgent requirement, practically got much less than their dues.

Mosaddequl Islam, a retired officer of Panchagarh Sugar Mills Ltd, received sugar instead of money after two years of his retirement.

"The mill authority gave me 16 tonnes of sugar,

counting the price at Tk 50 per kg, instead of Tk 8 lakh as retirement benefit. I sold the amount for around Tk 7 lakh as the market price was lower than the government fixed price," he said.

Thakurgaon Sugar Mills Ltd and Panchagarh Sugar Mills Ltd owe about Tk 1 crore and Tk 1.25 crore to 50 and 55 retired officials and employees respectively.

"The dealers of Bangladesh Sugar and Food Industries Corporation are unwilling to draw sugar from the two state-owned mills as their rate is Tk 50 per kg whereas sugar is now available in the retail

market at Tk 42 a kg. Besides, consumers prefer imported sugar and that produced in private mills as it looks fresher," said Hasan Ali, a dealer of the corporation.

Sibendranath Sarcar, managing director of Thakurgaon Sugar Mills Ltd, said, "The importers of raw sugar set its prices lower than the price fixed by state-owned mills. The government should increase the import duty on sugar to save the state-owned sugar mills as livelihood of thousands of families including employees and farmers is related with it."

Commoners aggrieved

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and scurry away to safety. If a blast hits me some day, I may die or become useless. Surprisingly, I have come to terms with it," he said.

Zakir Hossain was seen sitting forlorn beside a pile of papayas in Karwan Bazar kitchen market yesterday. The price of the fruit shot up from Tk 9 to Tk 13 per kilogram, he told The Daily Star.

"A very few trucks are coming in. Still, I have barely sold anything today. How will I go like this?," he said, adding, "Hasina should have called Khaleda before the Suhrawardy Udyan meeting [on October 25] and made sure she [Khaleda] did not call any more hartals. It was just a matter of a phone call. Why did she take so long?"

However, schoolteacher Proggna Paromita Majumder said Hasina had already taken a step while Khaleda was refusing to meet her.

"Khaleda said she could only talk after the hartal which means she refused to withdraw the shutdown,"

she told The Daily Star.

Abul Kashem Mahmud, a wholesale rice seller at Karwan Bazar, could stock up on rice beforehand, but deplored the dwindling flow of customers.

"Usually, I sell around 40 sacks a week. This week I have barely sold 10. If Hasina wanted to make sure there was no hartal she should have called Khaleda before she announced the hartal. You see, there was no time for Khaleda to sit with the 18-party alliance leaders and discuss the hartal withdrawal," he said.

Shamsul Haque, 55, a workshop owner at East Tejuri Bazar, said the withdrawal of hartal, as per the PM's request, could be a good decision by the opposition leader, as it would have made her image brighter.

"Hasina has improved her public image by calling Khaleda over the phone. So why could she [Khaleda] not take this as a chance to do the same. Now people are dying due to violence every day," he said.

However, Shamsul and Kashem

are not convinced that the phone call between the two leaders would solve the ongoing political tension. They said the leaders must pledge to meet and discuss.

Towheed Hussain Chowdhury, a student counsellor at a private high school, said ruling Awami League should agree to have a caretaker government and prevent further mayhem by the opposition.

"The 18-party calling hartals is the same strategy the AL had used as the opposition. In 1996, AL wanted a polls-time caretaker government and BNP agreed to it. Now why AL is afraid of giving something they had demanded when they were the opposition?" he said.

University student Sohona Haque said she was sick and tired of hartals.

"I am not allowed to step out of the house during the shutdowns and I miss so many important things in life. But then again, if I have to go out during the hartal hours, I do not feel safe," she said.

End impasse peacefully

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia to discuss the current situation and the future of the country," AK Azad, former president of FBCCI, told The Daily Star after the meeting.

He said the businesses cannot run smoothly in the current violent political situation.

"As a result, the business leaders will meet the two leaders demanding a peaceful solution of the current volatile political situation through holding dialogues."

The phone conversation between the two leaders is a positive gesture

for politics and businesses, he added.

FBCCI President Kazi Akram Uddin Ahmed said they will hold an emergency board meeting of the trade body today to take some important decisions towards resolving the crisis.

"Our main objective is to unite the businessmen and make a demand to the political leaders," said Sabur Khan, president of Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Earlier, former and current leaders of the FBCCI attempted to mediate the situation between the two

political leaders but it ran into a dead end after Khaleda Zia declined to give any appointment to them for holding dialogues.

Former FBCCI presidents Akram Uddin, Salman F Rahman, Mir Nasir Hossain and Annisul Huq were also present at the meeting, together with Rokia Afzal Rahman, president of Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Atiqul Islam, president of Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association; and AKM Salim Osman, president of Bangladesh Knitwear Manufacturers and Exporters Association.

SNIPPETS

Eight rescued from traffickers

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole, Jessore

Members of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) rescued eight people, including a woman, at Putkhali border in Benapole town while they were being trafficked to India on Sunday night. Lieutenant Colonel Taef Ul Haque, director of BGB 23, Battalion said being tipped off, they raided the area around 8.00pm and rescued the eight people. However, the human traffickers fled the scene sensing the presence of BGB men. The rescued eight, hailing from different areas of Khulna and Bagerhat districts, were handed over to Benapole port police.

Jamaat leader attacked

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmonirhat

Criminals severed the wrist of right hand of a local Jamaat leader in Courttoli area of Patgram upazila town on Sunday night. The victim is Yunus Alim, 48, joint secretary of Patgram upazila unit Jamaat and superintendent of Burimari Dakhil Madrasa. He was admitted to Rangpur Medical College and Hospital, said Sohrab Hossain, officer in-charge of Patgram police station. A gang of 10/12 attacked Alim with sharp weapons while he was returning home from Courttoli area at 10:00pm, said the OC. The reason behind the attack could not be known immediately, said police.

Worker falls off roof, dies

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A worker died after falling from the roof of an under construction building at Hajee Danesh Science and Technology University in the district yesterday. The deceased is Md Khademul Islam, 35, of Razarampur village in Sadar upazila. Locals said Khademul Islam accidentally fell from the rooftop of the building to the ground while he was working there in the afternoon.

Land dispute kills farmer

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jamalpur

A farmer was stabbed to death allegedly by rivals during a clash over a piece of disputed land at Rambhadra village in Islampur upazila yesterday. The deceased is Shahazada, 40, son of Javed Ali of the village. Police and locals said, there was a longstanding conflict between two rival groups-- Dhali and Sarker families--over the land. As a sequel to the conflict, men of Dhali family, allegedly led by Dhan, Razzak and Rabbani, attacked Shahazada with sharp weapons, leaving him dead on the spot yesterday morning, said Kazi Saidur Rahman, officer in-charge of Islampur police station.

Teenage couple 'commits suicide'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

A teenage boy and a girl allegedly committed suicide at Gazipur tea estate in Kulaura upazila yesterday. The deceased are Laxmi Robidas, 14, daughter of Durgachoron Robidas of Gazipur tea garden area and Chutol Robidas, 19, son of Dorson Robidas of Shomshernagar tea garden area under Kamalganj upazila. Locals said a relationship developed between Laxmi and Robidas which their family members refused to accept. Due to this, the duo took their lives by hanging themselves from a tree yesterday morning.

Cloth shop gutted

UNB, Sathkira

A cloth shop was gutted in a fire incident which took place at Kadamtala Bazar in the city yesterday morning. Officer in-charge of Sadar Police Station Enamul Haque said the fire originated from an electric shot circuit at the shop, VIP Store, in Sohrab Market at about 9.00am, which later engulfed the entire shop. Shop owner Anwarul Islam claimed the loss from the fire could go up to Tk4 lakh.

FF beaten to death by BNP activist

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali

A freedom fighter (FF) was beaten to death allegedly by an activist of BNP at Chaumuhani Bazar in Begumganj upazila on Saturday night.


The deceased was identified as Babul Chandra Das, 59, son of Jyotish Chandra Das of Jirtoli village.

A local BNP activist, Md

Solaiman, sought Tk 60 from Babul while he was taking tea at a stall near his residence, said Abul Hossain Bangali, commander of upazila Muktiyoddha.

Being denied, Solaiman started beating up Babul, leaving him unconscious.

Later, locals rushed him to local hospital where the on duty doctors declared him dead.



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