

BNP-led parties enforce hartal in five places

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The BNP-led parties yesterday enforced separately called hartals in two districts and three upazilas, protesting killings and arrests of activists during their 60-hour nationwide hartal that ended on Tuesday.

Stray incidents of violence marked the hartals.

A day-long hartal was enforced in Jhenidah, Chandpur districts, Mohammadpur upazila of Magura and Madhupur upazila of Tangail while a half-day hartal was called in Jaldhaka upazila of Nilphamari.

Hartal supporters blasted crude bombs and put up barricades on different roads in the districts and upazilas. They also brought out processions during the hartal hours.

The 18-party opposition combine called a daylong shutdown in Jhenidah, protesting killing of a BNP leader in Harinakunda upazila on Monday.

Jatiyatbadi Chhatra Dal, the student wing of BNP, called a daylong hartal in Chandpur, protesting the death of a teenage boy in a violence during the shutdown on Monday.

BNP called a daylong hartal in Mohammadpur upazila of Magura, protesting killing of a youth in Tuesday's hartal violence.

The BNP unit of Madhupur enforced a dawn-to-dusk shutdown in Madhupur upazila of Tangail, protesting the arrest of its party men.

Meanwhile, Jamaat-e-Islami, the key ally of BNP in 18-party alliance, called an eight-hour hartal in Jaldhaka upazila of Nilphamari, protesting killing of one of its activists on October 25.

In Jhenidah, the 18-party combine enforced a dawn-to-dusk shutdown in the district, protesting killing of BNP leader Abul Hossain, also chairman of Daulatpur union parishad, reports our correspondent.

A gang of criminals threw bombs at Abul Hossain while he was returning home from his workplace on Monday noon. The criminals later shot him dead.

Hartal supporters set fire to tyres and brought out a procession wielding sticks in Harinakunda municipality area around 9:00am.

In Chandpur, JCD activists blasted three cocktails on Comilla-Chandpur highway at

Sholghar area and blocked Stadium Road in the city during the hartal, reports our correspondent.

Another crude bomb was exploded in front of a girls high school injuring a student.

The organisation called the hartal claiming that Mohammad Arzu, 14, who was killed on Monday during a triangular clash among ruling Awami League, BNP and police, as one of its activists.

Arzu received bullets in his head and other parts of body and died on the way to a hospital.

Refuting the party's claim, Arzu's mother Farida Begum said, her son was never involved with any political organisation.

In Magura, BNP activist Maruf, 25, son of Afsar Ali of Nityanandapur, was killed when police opened fire to disperse a clashing group during Tuesday's hartal hours. Local BNP called the hartal, protesting the killing, reports our Jessore correspondent.

Processionists threw crude bombs in front of upazila health office at noon, creating panic.

In Tangail, BNP called the day-long shutdown in Madhupur upazila demanding immediate releases of its 69 leaders and activists who were arrested following the party's factional clash in the upazila on August 15, our Tangail correspondent reported.

Protesting the hartal, local Awami League activists brought out a procession in Bus Stand area of the upazila and vandalised two shops owned by a local BNP activist around 7:00am. Five people were injured by bricks thrown by rival groups.

In Nilphamari, Jamaat called the hartal from 6:00am to 2:00pm in Jaldhaka protesting killing of a Jamaat man during a clash with police on Friday.

Hartal supporters blasted four cocktails in different areas including the town's main traffic intersection, reports our correspondent.

The incidents of chases and counter-chases took place between pickets and police when the law enforcers resisted the pro-hartal activists from picketing in Borohat area in the town around 8:00am.

Meanwhile, the BNP-led 18-party alliance in Cox's Bazar has called a day-long hartal in the district today, protesting the death of three people during a clash between police and Jamaat-Shibir activists at Dhurung Bazar on Tuesday evening.



PHOTO: STAR

A Demu train lies idle at Lalmoinirhat Railway Station as the railway authorities suspended its service on Lalmoinirhat-Parbatipur route on October 24 due to mechanical problems in engine.

Demu trains stop services due to mechanical faults

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmoinirhat

Demu (Diesel Electric Multiple Unit) train services on Parbatipur-Lalmoinirhat and Parbatipur-Thakurgaon routes have come to a halt after two months of their inauguration due to mechanical faults in engines.

Demu train services by two trains in the west zone of Bangladesh Railway was introduced on August 28 this year to make the train journey easier and more comfortable for passengers.

The railway authorities

suspended demu train service on both routes on October 24 and sought help of Chinese engineers to repair the engines.

"As our engineers are not trained in handling engine malfunctions of Demu train, we have urged the Chinese engineers to come to deal with the problems," railway officials said.

The government procured demu trains from China to make commuters' movement in short distances easier and faster.

Passengers at Lalmoinirhat, Teesta,

Kawnia, Rangpur, Parbatipur, Dinajpur and Thakurgaon stations availed demu trains in the last two months to make their journey safer and smoother.

They want the railway authorities to resume Demu train services on the routes as early as possible.

Contacted, Divisional Mechanical Engineer (DME) Rezaul Karim said before the court yesterday morning, he said. All of them belonged to Geda Babu group. The attack sparked a clash, leaving two other activists injured, he added.

Officer in-charge of

Jubo League man killed by party rivals in Pabna

Two hurt in clash, 5 held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Party rivals stabbed a Jubo League activist to death near the town's judge court area yesterday, triggering a violent factional clash that left two other activists injured.

The deceased is Geda Hossain alias Geda Babu, 38, son of late Abed Ali of village Mondolpara and an activist of Pabna municipality unit Jubo League.

An armed gang, allegedly belonging to the rival Jubo League faction, attacked Geda Babu near the boundary wall of the court when he along with his associates were returning home from the court at about 12:00 noon yesterday.

"The criminals, led by Hasana, Hirok of Banglabazar village attacked us when we were returning from the court", said Md. Uzzal Hossain, a fellow of Geda Babu, also an eyewitness to the incident.

Earlier, six accused in Jubo League activist Emon killing case went to appear before the court yesterday morning, he said. All of them belonged to Geda Babu group. The attack sparked a clash, leaving two other activists injured, he added.

Officer in-charge of

Pabna Sadar police station Kazi Haniful Islam said, police rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control firing 12 bullets. Babu died on the spot while Nayan and Uzzal were admitted to Pabna Medical College Hospital. Police arrested five suspects from the spot.

The arrestees -- Sumon, Sagor, Bipul, Rubel and Rony -- were taken to police custody for interrogation. Police recovered two machetes and a knife from them. Internal conflict in the party is the reason behind the murder, the OC said.

"There was a long-standing feud between Geda Babu and Hirok factions over taking control of the area. Jubo League activist Emon Hossain of Hirok group was murdered on August 15 this year. The fellows of Geda Babu are the accused in the murder case," OC Haniful said.

Contacted, Ragib Hassan Tipu, secretary of Pabna district unit Jubo League, said that the deceased was an active party activist.

"It was not an intra-party clash. Geda Babu was murdered out of personal enmity," Tipu said.

Robberies in Satkhira, Tangail

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Robbers looted around Tk 12 lakh from different shops in Tentulia Bazar in Tala upazila of Satkhira early yesterday, reports our correspondent.

According to Tala police, about 10-12 armed robbers took the guards of the bazaar hostage at gunpoint in the early hours and looted Tk 12 lakh from 14 shops.

However, the 'masked' robbers did not take any other goods from those shops, they said.

Away in Tangail, robbers looted two houses at Akur Takur Para area in the district town early yesterday, reports our correspondent.

The masked robbers looted cash money, gold ornaments and other valuables from the houses and also beat up its dwellers, police said.

Locals said, a gang of five robbers first entered the house of AHM Abdul Hye, president of district unit of Krishak Shramik Janata League. They took him hostage on gun point and then looted the house. They also beat up Hye's wife and their physically challenged son, she said.

The robber later entered the house of one Asad Ali in the same area and also looted valuables from there.

ALLEGED TORTURE ON TRUCK OWNER Meherpur transport owners on strike

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushiha

Bus-truck owners and workers in Meherpur district enforced an indefinite strike yesterday, demanding immediate arrest and punishment of Gangni municipality mayor for his alleged involvement in torturing a truck owner of the district on Tuesday night.

Transports on all routes of the districts remained off the roads much to the sufferings of the commuters as the District Bus-Truck Owners and Workers Oikya Parishad at a meeting on Tuesday night decided to go on strike.

According to sources, a truck owned by one Fakir Mohammad while crossing Gangni upazila bazar, sprinkled roadside mud on one Tutul of Sahabati village in the upazila at about 7:30pm on Monday.

Tutul and his associates stopped the truck and vandalised it. They also mercilessly beat up truck helper Raihan Uddin who is still undergoing treatment at Gangni upazila health complex.

Over the incident, Fakir Mohammad filed a case with Gangni police station, accusing Tutul, his younger brother Erfan and their four accomplices on Monday night. Police arrested

Erfan on the same night and on Tuesday, a Meherpur court sent Erfan to jail.

To resolve the matter, mayor of Gangni municipality Ahmed Ali arranged an arbitration and called both the groups. The arbitration took place at the mayor's house at about 7:30pm.

Fakir Mohammad told journalists that at the arbitration, the mayor sided with the accused and attacked him (Fakir). The men of mayor and the accused jointly beat up Fakir with iron rod and sticks. Later, the mayor called police and handed Fakir over to them. He asked them to admit Fakir to hospital.

Police took Fakir to Gangni upazila health complex at about 9:00pm. Later, doctors shifted him to Meherpur General Hospital at about 10:30pm.

After the incident, District Bus-Truck Owners and Workers Oikya Parishad called an urgent meeting and announced the strike at about 11:00pm.

Contacted, Mayor Ahmed Ali, however, refuted the allegations.

"Some people left Fakir at my place after beating him up. Seeing his condition, I called police and handed him over to them for his safety," the mayor told this correspon-

FAKIR MURDER Rival faction in Bogra sues 70 BNP, Jubo Dal men

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Seventy leaders and activists of BNP and Jubo Dal of Gabtoli upazila units in Bogra have been sued on charge of killing BNP activist Shahjahan Ali Fakir on Sunday.

Shahjahan Fakir, 43, was killed during a clash between two factions of BNP local unit over bringing out a procession in Gabtoli municipality area on the first day of country-wide 60-hour hartal enforced by BNP-led 18-party alliance.

There had been a long-standing conflict between the two groups-one led by Gabtoli Upazila Parishad Chairman and Joint Secretary of BNP district unit Zaidur Rahman Helal and the other by Gabtoli Municipality Mayor and Upazila BNP General Secretary Morshed Milton-over establishing supremacy in the upazila.

Shahjahan Fakir of Helal group was hacked to death by Mayor Milton's men during the clash. His wife Tuli Bewa filed a murder case with Gabtoli Police Station on Tuesday night, accusing 19 identified and 51 unnamed BNP and Jubo Dal men.

The identified accused are Mayor Morshed Milton, Jahangir, Zillur, Harun, Shahjahan, Pintu, Billal, Nabil, Rani, Mintu, Nipul, Shah Alam, Shahabul, Luku, Shabbir, Suman, Tarajul, Alim, and Jewel.

On Sunday night, police arrested two Jubo Dal activists, suspecting their involvement in the killing of Shahjahan Fakir. The arrestees are Ranju Mia, 34, son of Fazlul Haque, and Suman Mia, 35, son of Sirajul Islam of Gordocho village in the upazila. They were later produced in a court that sent them to jail.

Lutfar Rahman, officer-in-charge (investigation) of Gabtoli Police Station, said law enforcers have already launched a drive to arrest the accused in the killing case.



PHOTO: STAR

Unknown criminals set this Durga temple afire in Kakina Rajbari area under Kaliganj upazila of Lalmoinirhat district early yesterday.

Temple set on fire

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Lalmoinirhat

Unidentified criminals set fire to a Durga temple in Kakina Rajbari area under Kaliganj upazila early yesterday.

Some locals saw the temple on fire at around 4:00am, rushed to the spot and extinguished the blaze. A portion of the temple was gutted in the fire.

Hearing the news, Kaliganj Upazila Parishad Chairman Mohammad Nuruzzaman, Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Golam Rabbi and police visited the spot in the morning. They assured the local Hindus of taking action against the culprits involved.

Temple Committee President Ranjit Kumar Mohanta alleged that a local gang has been trying to grab the temple land for long and they might be involved in setting the temple afire.

The same gang vandalised the temple three years ago, but no action was taken against the gang members, he added.

In Naogaon, criminals damaged four idols of goddess Kali at a Hindu temple in Nuchnahar village of Porsha upazila early Tuesday, reports UNB.

Nuchnahar Kalipuja Udjapon Committee president Sree Supath Mali and general secretary Swapon Mali said local Hindu community members had long been observing puja separately after being divided into two groups over certain issues.

Recently, their conflict turned for worse and the local Hindu leaders formed a 6-member committee to observe puja taking three members from each side on Monday.

Later in broad daylight, some unidentified criminals damaged four Kali idols of 'Moha-Smashan Kali Temple' in the village, which were made for observing Saturday's Kali puja, added the leaders.

However, both the groups blamed each other for the vandalism and alleged that police and any official of the local administration were yet

SNIPPETS

BSF picks up cattle trader

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jhenidah

Indian Border Security Force (BSF) picked up a cattle trader from Jhenidah frontier yesterday morning. Identified as Potal Mandol, 30, he was son of Habibur Mandol of Kushumpur village in Moheshpur upazila, said an official of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB). Chuadanga BGB company commander Lt Col Gazi Ashaduzzaman said, a BSF team from Nonaganj camp caught Potal when he entered the border area to bring his cattle at 7:30am.

JCD vandalises BAU bus

BAU CORRESPONDENT

Activists of Jatiyatbadi Chhatra Dal at Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) vandalised a student bus of the university in Mymensingh town yesterday, demanding immediate releases of their 16 fellows, who were arrested by police on Monday. At least four students were injured during the vandalism. On Monday, the law enforcers arrested 16 JCD men from different student messes in the town on charge of creating anarchy and blasting cocktails on the campus during hartal.

450 kg hilsa seized

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole, Jessore

Members of Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) seized 450 kg of hilsa in nine boxes from Sadipur border yesterday morning while those were being smuggled to India. Lt Col Matiuir Rahman, commanding officer of BGB 26 Battalion, said on secret information that criminals were smuggling hilsa to the neighbouring country through the border, a BGB team raided the area and seized the fish.

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PHOTO: STAR

Lshwardi Airport in Pabna reopens after 17 years yesterday. Photo shows passengers disembark from a flight of United Airways, a local private carrier, at the airport.