

30 hurt in BNP factional clash in Rangpur

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At least 30 people, including a policeman, were injured when two factions of Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) clashed at Shalban in Rangpur city yesterday.

The clash ensued when supporters of Momtaj Sherin Bhariosa, vice-president of BNP Rangpur district unit, attacked an iftar party arranged in a community centre by the supporters of Emdadul Haque Bhariosa, who is Momtaj's stepson, and Md Mozaffar Hossain, president of BNP Rangpur city unit, said police and witnesses.

Emdadul claimed that Momtaj's supporters carried out the attack as he was

selected president of the newly formed Rangpur district unit over her stepmother.

When contacted, Momtaj denied any involvement of her supporters in the attack.

The activists were carrying machetes and iron rods, said witnesses.

On information, Rangpur Kotwali police went there and charged truncheons and fired 25 rubber bullets to control the situation. A constable, Shariful Islam, was also injured in the clash. The injured of both the factions with hack and head injuries were admitted to Rangpur Medical College Hospital and different clinics.

Additional police have been deployed to avert any further untoward situation.

Disputes resolved only

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Bangladeshis now worked across the globe, reported UNB.

Before her departure, Hasina also gave an interview to the BBC Bangla Service in London yesterday, in which she said her

government had nothing to do about the Jamaat-e-Islami until the court delivered a verdict in a pending case regarding this.

Replying to a question about the BNP, the premier said the party did not join the January 5 national election because of the Jamaat.



Activists of newly formed BNP Rangpur district unit with sticks and sharp weapons after clashing with another faction at Shalban in Rangpur city yesterday which left 30 injured.

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Cameron wants to

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from July 21-23.

Mahmood Ali held the press conference at the foreign ministry following Sheikh Hasina's return to Dhaka yesterday morning.

It was Hasina's first visit to any Western country after the Awami League assumed office through January's controversial elections of which the Western powers were critical.

The UK, however, did not say anything negative regarding the elections during the meeting, Mahmood Ali told reporters.

In the summit, Hasina spoke about advancement made by Bangladesh in the last five years in women empowerment, poverty alleviation, social safety net and in living standards of Bangladeshis.

State Minister for Women and Children Affairs Meher Afroz Chumki, who was in the delegation to the UK, said Bangladesh has ratified the Girl Summit 2014 charter, committing to end early, forced, and child marriage by 2041.

BNP hopes for strong

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said, referring to media reports. The BNP spokesperson asked the government to not take this decision.

On July 18 night, BNP chief Khaleda Zia approved a 56-member convening committee for the crucial Dhaka city unit, replacing former mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka as its chief by Mirza Abbas. President of Swetchhasebak Dal Habib-un-Nabi Khan Sohail was made member secretary of the committee.

Khoka, a vice chairman of the BNP, had led the unit for 17 years before he was dislodged for his "failure" to wage anti-government movement last year, particularly from October to December.

Meanwhile, an unpleasant situation was created on the grave premises, as some leaders tried to shove past BNP standing committee member Gayeshwar Chandra Roy to stay close to Fakhrul. An angry Gayeshwar was about to leave but was calmed by Fakhrul and Abbas.

A similar chaos occurred in the crowd of women leaders and activists at the same place earlier.

Demarcation pillars

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Addressing a press conference at Dhaka Reporters Unity organised by Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon (Bapa), the activists also demanded that the task of demarcation of the rivers—the Balu, Shitalakkhya, Dhaleshwari, Buriganga and Turag—be taken away from the district administrations.

Bapa's General Secretary Abdul Matin said that if the current demarcation was allowed, all the rivers would face a threat of extinction.

The environmental body also demanded punishment for the persons who had set up the pillars wrongly disobeying the HC verdict.

Cops yet to arrest

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sources, said a police official, seeking anonymity. A mid-level DB official, who is investigating the incident, said they were still analysing the footage and having discussion with senior officials.

On June 14 morning, unidentified people set fire to several houses at the Kurmitola camp, burning alive nine of a family. Another Bihari man died after being hit by bullets fired by police.

Following the violence, six cases were filed against the Biharis for vandalism.

Shahid Ali, general secretary of the Biharis' platform, alleged that local Jubo League

leader Jewel Rana led the attack.

Meanwhile, Mohammad Yasin, who lost nine of his family members, told The Daily Star that he would lodge a case against the attackers once his daughter Farjana recovered from injuries.

Farjana sustained 17 percent burns to her body and is being treated in Dhaka Medical College Hospital. "My daughter's condition has not improved yet. I can't think of anything else but her till she gets well," said Yasin, who lost six of his seven children in the arson. "Once she recovers, I'll discuss the next steps with my community leaders. I want justice."

Rana Plaza victims

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Garment Workers' Solidarity, and Rana Plaza Khotigrao Sramik o Poribarbargo, they also brought out a procession from the venue to Savar Kancha Bazar.

Expressing agony, injured Nurul Islam, who was the only earning member of his family, said now he had become a burden on his family as he could not work.

Saiful Islam, father of deceased Nilufa, said he was still to get any help from any quarter.

Emdadul Islam, president of Rana Plaza Garment Workers' Union; and Taslima Akter, coordinator of Bangladesh Garment Workers' Solidarity, spoke, among others.

They also sought aid from the prime minister's fund.

Meanwhile, the dead victims' families were supposed to get more than Tk 29 lakh each while a permanent injured Tk 42 lakh, according to an estimate of International Labour Organization in last April.

ILO says it has made a target to disburse a total of US \$40 million to the victims of which US \$17 million has been collected from different sources and disbursement from the fund has started since April this year.

The nine-storey Rana Plaza, which housed five RMG factories, caved in on April 24 last year killing over 1,132 people and injuring hundreds.

3 JU students expelled

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resident of Jahanara Imam Hall, submitted a written complaint to JU VC through Sheikh Hasina Hall provost, mentioning that the trio had tortured her physically and harassed her in front of other fellow students.

The accused called the victim on July 17 to their dormitory and forced her to climb staircases of the dorm by holding her ears, according to the complaint.

The victim was also slapped by other first-year students, who were compelled to do so according to the trio's instruction, the witnesses added.

One of the expelled students, Sami Rezwana, claimed neither the hall provost

nor the probe body had talked to them during the investigation.

"I admit the guilt on our part and feel sorry for that; but the punishment we have been handed down is more severe than the fault," she said.

This correspondent could not reach the victim despite repeated attempts as her mobile phone was found switched off.

Sheikh Hasina Hall Provost Prof Farid Ahmed, also president of JU Teachers' Association, said actions would be taken against the accused after getting the official notice.

"They will have the chance to appeal against the punishment," he added.

BMDC suspends

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Prof Abu Shafi Ahmed, president of BMDC, a statutory body which gives permit to medical graduates to start practice, said, "A qualified doctor can't assault a journalist. It was gross misconduct. So, we decided to suspend his registration."

Qaisar founded killing

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The three-member tribunal led by Justice Obaidul Hassan adjourned the proceeding till August 4.

Qaisar, a state minister during HM Ershad's regime, faces 16 charges of crimes, including genocide, committed in Habiganj and Brahmanbaria in 1971. He denies all.

HC upholds death

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term imprisonment.

All the convicts other than Deel and Mozammel, who are on the run, filed the appeals with the HC in 2008 and 2009 challenging the lower court verdict.

Former DCC ward councillor Humayun and Reazuddin Ahmed Babul, elder brother of victim Hafiz, told The Daily Star that Abdul Aziz as the mastermind of the killings should have been given death penalty.

Convict Delwar Hossain's wife Jahanara told The Daily Star that her husband has been serving in jail for 14 years, though he is an "innocent."

Bangladesh progressing

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largest NGO, would continue its programmes to impact the lives of the people, governance and development of the country. Brac has been relentlessly working for the last 40 years with the government in different areas including poverty alleviation, he added.

Mentioning that more than 25 percent of children still remain out of education, the social worker said Brac had provided primary education to around seven million children through 34,000 primary schools across the country, five million of them female.

HC denies

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Building Code.

Aside from Rana, Savar municipality mayor, Rana's parents and 14 others are accused in the case. Among the accused, only Rana is behind bars.

Obituary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Former law-maker from Kustia-2 constituency Abdur Rauf died at Lab Aid

Hospital in the capital yesterday. He was 81.

He left behind his wife, three sons and a daughter.

He will be buried at the family graveyard in Chhatragachha village under Mirpur upazila in Kustia after Juma prayers today.

Ahsanul Hakim Tutul

CITY DESK



Ahsanul Hakim Tutul, journalist and publisher, passed away in the capital's

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University yesterday noon. He was 54.

He was suffering from diabetes and kidney diseases, said a press release.

Tutul was the owner of Hritwik Publishers and associate editor of Bangladesh Hridoy Theke, a publication of Chhayana. Earlier he had worked for several dailies and magazines, including the weekly Bichinta, the monthly Shoily, and the biweekly Ananya and Shilpaprova.

Qulkhwani

STAFF CORRESPONDENT



Qulkhwani of Dr Amanur Rahman Khan, vice president of Anjuman Mufidul Islam,

a charitable organisation, will be held at his Monipuripara residence in the capital today.

He died at a city hospital on Sunday. He was 73.

Death anniversary

CITY DESK



Today is the 15th death anniversary of Asiruddin Ahmed, retired co-operative

inspector of Rangpur.

A Qurankhwani, a doa mahfil and an iftar party have been arranged after Asr prayers at his residence AHMAD, House No-3, Road No-228, Mulatole, Rangpur (Tel: 0521-66509, 01716-366864). Relatives, friends, colleagues and admirers are requested to attend the programmes.

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