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Deadly clash kills 4 in Narsingdi

Two rival groups backed by former, current UP chairmen fight over supremacy; 50 hurt; houses torched, vandalised

STAR REPORT

At least four people were killed and 50 others injured yesterday in a string of fierce clashes between the supporters of current and former union parishad chairmen over establishing supremacy in a remote char of Narsingdi's Raipura upazila.

Armed with crude bombs, spears and other lethal weapons, the feuding groups clashed several times since morning at Amirabad and Sonakandi villages in Nilokkha Union.

At least 10 houses were vandalised and six more torched in the two villages.

Law enforcers brought the situation under control last night.

The dead were identified as Manik Mia, 40, and Shahjahan, 40 of Amirabad village, and Khokon, 35, and Rakib, 16, of

Sonakandi village.

All four were known as supporters of former UP chairman Abdul Haque, according to locals.

However, it was still unclear how they were killed.

Of the injured villagers, three were brought to Dhaka Medical College Hospital with pellet wounds.

When police tried to disperse the supporters of the two groups, a tripartite clash ensued.

Some supporters of the two groups exploded crude bombs, leaving five policemen, including the OC of Raipur Police Station, wounded, according to police.

Azharul Islam Sarkar, 48, officer-in-charge of the police station, was whisked off to a local hospital. He was later shifted to

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A portion of the Jatrabari-Kanchpur highway at Matuail after the Roads and Highways Department removed parked lorries and illegal makeshift shops from the eight-lane highway yesterday. Inset, the same place before the eviction. The daylong drive from Sonir Akhra to Simrail was carried out after The Daily Star ran a report on the matter on November 7.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS/STAR



Dhaka thump lowly Comilla

SPORTS REPORTER

Defending champions Comilla Victorians sank even lower in the fourth edition of the Bangladesh Premier League after they were utterly dominated by Dhaka Dynamites, who won yesterday's evening match by a whopping 33 runs at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur.

The Shakib Al Hasan-led Dhaka rode on a blistering innings of 60 from opener Mehedi Maruf to post 194 for five, the highest total of this season's BPL, but it was Mashrafe Bin Mortaza's Comilla's continued

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Police couldn't care less



SHAKHAWAT LITON

He "walks" on his hands as he had lost both the legs at some point of time.

Yet, three policemen of the Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) feared that Abul Hossain would escape from their custody.

So they took him handcuffed to the

court to produce him before it in connection with a drug peddling case.

That was in September last year.

This inhumane action by police triggered loud criticisms as handcuffing a physically challenged person is a clear violation of his fundamental rights guaranteed by the constitution.

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Maimed Abul Hossain, top, journalist Probir Sikdar, right, and bullet-hit Choron Soren in handcuffs, left.

FILE PHOTO



Quick action after High Court order

Handcuffs of 3 Santals removed

STAR REPORT

Police yesterday took off the handcuffs of three injured Santal men who were arrested in a case over the November 6 clash in Gaibandha's Gobindaganj, hours after the High Court directed the police to immediately free them from handcuffs.

Choron Soren, Bimal Kisku and Dijen Tudu are now undergoing treatment at two hospitals in Rangpur and Dhaka.

Choron, 52, and Bimal, 38, were hit by bullets in their legs and were admitted to Rangpur Medical College Hospital (RMCH) on November 6, while 36-year-old Dijen was referred to National Institute of Ophthalmology in Dhaka with eye injuries.

The HC yesterday also asked the Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) commissioner, deputy inspector general (DIG Rangpur) of police and Gaibandha superintendent of police (SP) to submit a report to it by November 16 after complying with the order.

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Tk one lakh bounty on B'baria arsonists

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Brahmanbaria police yesterday announced Tk 1 lakh bounty for information that would help them arrest the criminals responsible for the recent arson attacks on houses and properties of the Hindus.

The declaration came after unidentified criminals set fire to at least eight Hindu houses in four separate incidents in Nasirnagar Sadar union since November 3.

The office of superintendent of Brahmanbaria police made the announcement at different parts of Nasirnagar upazila through loudspeakers, SP Mizanur Rahman told The Daily Star.

On October 30, religious bigots in a synchronised attack vandalised and looted over 100 houses and at least 17 temples in Nasirnagar centering a Facebook post allegedly by Rasraj Das hurting religious

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CLARIFICATION on behalf of GETCO



We understand that some misunderstanding has arisen between the names of my client **GETCO** and another company named **GATCO** having apparently similar sound. **GATCO** is entangled in a court case. My client **GETCO** stands for "Greenland Engineers & Tractors Company Limited" 26 Shyamoli, Bir Uttom A.W. Chowdhury Road (Mirpur Road), Dhaka-1207, whereas **GATCO** stands for "Global Agro Trade Private Ltd." House # 43, Road # 7, Block-G, Banani, Dhaka. Registered offices, business activities, managements and ownerships of both the companies are absolutely different having no connection whatsoever with each other.

Now, in order to dispel the misunderstanding between "GETCO" and **GATCO**, we issue this clarification.

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