

20 hurt as bus, auto-rickshaw workers clash 17 vehicles vandalised

UNB, Naogaon

At least 20 people were injured when a clash broke out between bus and CNG auto-rickshaw workers in Naogaon's Manda upazila yesterday.

During the clash, two buses and 15 auto-rickshaws were vandalised. The clash took place around 3:00pm in Sabaihat and Ferighat areas. Following the clash, the movement of vehicles remained suspended on the Naogaon Rajshahi highway.

SM Matiuazzaman Moti, general secretary of Naogaon District Motor Workers Union, said three-wheelers are banned on the highways yet they continue to ply them.

Recently tensions escalated between the two sides over the issue. Around 2:30pm, CNG drivers and owners vandalised two buses and beat the drivers and helpers.

Later, bus workers placed a bus on the road in the Ferighat area to protest the incident, resulting in clashes again between the two groups.

Shafiqul Islam, president of CNG-Owners Workers' Association, Sabaihat



Hundreds of vehicles got stuck for hours in a 25-km-long tailback on Naogaon-Rajshahi highway as the administration failed to resolve the problem till 8:30pm yesterday.

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Branch, said the members of Naogaon Bus Owners' Association and Motor Workers' Union had been obstructing the movement of auto-rickshaws for a long time.

Yesterday, they attacked CNG owners and drivers in Ferighat leaving 15 drivers injured, he added. They also vandalised 15 auto-rickshaws.

OC Mozammel Haque Kazi of Manda Police Station said they are trying to bring the situation under control.



Using nets, a man catches fish at a nearby marshland. Like him, others are also involved in fishing there. They net a variety of fish including shoal, koi and bele from the marsh and earn around Tk 400-600 after selling those at local markets. The photo was taken near Joyrabad in Jashore yesterday.

PHOTO: HABIBUR RAHMAN

'Tk 25,000 minimum wage'

Demand RMG workers in Gazipur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

Bangladesh Garment Workers' Solidarity in Gazipur has demanded a minimum wage of Tk 25,000 for ready-made garments workers.

They made the demand at a rally at Gazipur intersection around 4:00pm yesterday.

Their other demands include: 10 percent yearly increments, provident fund, and insurance, medical and maternity benefits.

Taslina Akhter, the central president of Bangladesh Garment Sramik Solidarity, and Babul Hossain, the central general secretary, spoke at the rally.

Govt land grabbed

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If the wooden structure catches fire, it will affect our shopping mall severely," said a trader of the shopping mall.

Khudra Hawkers Somobay Samity Limited's president Ekram Ullah admitted that they were constructing the wooden structure without permission from the district administration.

However, Ekram claimed he had "informed" the matter to district administration officials.

Replying to a query, he said temporary shops would be set up there for 10 months only to "rehabilitate" hawkers.

Saad Mohammad Andalib, executive engineer of the Public Works Department's Noakhali office, said, "We have a plan to construct a government building there. But some people started illegal construction work there few days ago."

"We conducted a drive to stop illegal construction works there. But we have come to know that they are continuing works on government holiday. Drives will be conducted again to evict the illegal grabbers soon," said Dewan Mahubur Rahman, deputy commissioner of Noakhali.

Dengue deaths

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immediately after their compensated shock, they won't reach decompensated shock -- during which chances of recovery are only 50 percent," he added.

Death rate is also high among patients of high-risk groups, like obese and aged people, pregnant women, infants and comorbidity patients, said Nazmul.

Co-infection is also increasing the risk of deaths. For instance, a person infected with dengue and typhoid at the same time increases the chance of fatality, he said.

Highlighting the importance of understanding serotype sequences, Nazmul emphasised that identifying the variant requires tests in RT-PCR labs.

However, he noted that these facilities can be quite costly.

Meanwhile, entomologist GM Saifur Rahman, assistant professor of medical and applied entomology at the National University in Gazipur, blamed inadequate mosquito control efforts from authorities concerned as a primary cause behind the rise in dengue cases over the past three years.

SNATCHING TK 20 LAKH

Two cops among 5 remanded

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday placed five people, including two police constables, on a two-day remand each in a case filed over the snatching of Tk 20 lakh in the capital's Paltan area.

Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate Mehera Mahub passed the order after investigation officer Sumit Kumar Saha, also a sub-inspector of Paltan Model Police Station, produced the five before the court with a five-day remand, said a police officer at the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court.

The five are constables Mahub Ali and Asif Iqbal of Demra Police Lines in DMP and their aides -- Hridoy and Rasel, and Shahjahan, a staffer of the victim's company.

Among the robbed money, constables Mahub and Asif had Tk 10 lakh, while Rasel and Hridoy respectively took Tk 4 lakh and Tk 6 lakh, according to the case documents.

Police arrested them from different parts of the capital and managed to recover the money in its entirety on September 21.

Abdullah Al Mamun, owner of a private firm, filed a robbery case with Paltan Model Police Station the same day.

School vandalised over land dispute

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali

Unidentified criminals yesterday vandalised a private school in Laxmipur Sadar upazila over a land-related dispute.

At least 12 classrooms of the school were damaged due to the attack, said locals and the school authorities.

The Palerhat Model Academy was established in 2014 in Palerhat village and has some 250 students at present.

"My mother is owner of the land. But some of our relatives -- Tofayel Ahmed, Abu Taher and Khorshed -- have been claiming its ownership for a long time," said Morshed Kamal, headteacher of the school.

"Several arbitrations were arranged in the past to resolve the dispute. Even, a meeting was held on September 13 at the UNO (upazila nirbahi officer) office to this end. They (Tofayel, Taher and Khorshed) could not show any valid documents in support of the land's ownership," said Morshed.

"Being angered, they first attacked the

school on Thursday night. Then we dialed 999 seeking support of law enforcers. When police arrived, the attackers fled the scene," he said.

However, they returned early yesterday and attacked the school again, vandalised the classrooms and looted laptops and cash, alleged Morshed.

Contacted, Tofayel claimed that he owns the land and refuted the allegations of attacking the school.

"Morshed rented the land from me for 10 years. He (Morshed) is trying to grab the land. Now, he is making a drama. He assigned some people to vandalise the school so that he can implicate me in a false case. Neither me nor any of my men is involved in the attack," said Tofayel.

On information, police went to the spot and found that the school was vandalised, said Md Mosleh Uddin, officer-in-charge of Laxmipur Sadar Model Police Station.

The school head teacher Morshed filed a case yesterday evening. Police are investigating the incident, the OC added.

Lost by 2 votes

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took place on January 30, 2021, and independent candidate Abdul Ahad was initially declared the winner of the mayoral position by a margin of 2 votes.

Ahad secured 2,083 votes, while his closest rival, Faruque Ahmed, also running independently, received 2,081 votes.

Later that year, Faruque filed a case with the electoral tribunal, alleging irregularities in the results

and requesting a recount of the votes from five centres.

After multiple recounts in presence of legal representatives, the court determined on Thursday that Faruque got 2,071 votes, while Abdul Ahad 2,067.

Faruque said he was happy that justice prevailed.

Abdul Ahad said, "I would prefer not to comment at this time, as I have not yet received the final copy of the verdict, which I will get on Sunday."

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The child survives

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managed to move baby Hossain a short distance by pushing him from his father's grasp, sacrificing his life while doing so.

"After Anik pushed the baby away, he was just floating on water for several minutes, but no one dared to touch the child."

"Then, Arif, the child's maternal uncle, who rushed to the scene from the opposite side of the road after hearing about the accident, rescued Hossain from the water," Iqbal, a cousin of the deceased Anik and also a witness, told The Daily Star yesterday.

The child's uncle took him back to the nearby Jhilar slum where he lived, but then went back to the site in a desperate attempt to recover the bodies of Mizanur, Mukta, and Lima. He refused to acknowledge that the three had already passed away by then.

Even though baby Hossain required immediate medical attention as his life was still in danger, no one wanted to take him to the hospital passing the waterlogged streets.

Then, hijras Parboty Roy, Brishty Roy, and Amina Khatun took the matter upon themselves and took the injured Hossain to Bangladesh Shishu Hospital and Institute, and later to Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

About the incident, Parboty Roy told The Daily Star that they were at home during the rain. At one point, they heard a ruckus and came out of the house to find that some people had died, and a child was rescued.

"When the child was brought to our slum, we saw blisters on his body and understood he required immediate medical attention. But no one wanted to take the trouble, so we stepped in," Parboty

Implement

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Before the 2018 election, AL made several commitments in their electoral manifesto regarding religious and ethnic minorities. However, the government has not yet fully implemented them, said Rana Dasgupta, general secretary of the Oikya Parishad.

According to the leaders of Oikya Parishad, the commitments included enactment of laws for minority protection, formation of a national commission for minority affairs, enactment of anti-discrimination laws, and establishment of a land commission for plainland indigenous people.

Lawmaker Rashed Khan Menon, president of Workers Party, expressed solidarity with the hunger strike.

He said Hossain was handed over to his grandparents. The deceased Mizanur's village home is in Jhalakathi. He used to make a living by selling juice and jhalmuri in front of Mirpur zoo. He lived with his family in a slum near the Botanical Garden.

Sanwar Sheikh, grandfather of Hossain, told The Daily Star that they would take Hossain back to Jhalakathi to look after him and would take the bodies of his deceased family members to their Jhalakathi home for burial.

Journo beaten

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about Saddam on Facebook, said Saddam's family. Then, Saddam filed a GD against them. Following that, police recently detained one Biplob Hossain, 23.

On Thursday, they beat Saddam and attacked his house out of anger.

OC Aminul Islam of

Shailakupa Police Station said Saddam filed a case against the two -- Biplob and his uncle Feroz Hossain, 35 -- yesterday. Both are ruling party activists, said locals.

Jhenidah journalists condemned the attack and demanded immediate arrest of the culprits.

His legacy must

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did not get that many journalists as climate negotiator. "At international level, Quamrul Islam could deliver crucial things at right place and on right time," she added.

Quamrul's son Shah Refayet Chowdhury was also present at the event.

Quamrul breathed

his last on May 2, leaving behind his wife, a son and a daughter.

Hasan Hafiz, senior vice-president of the press club, moderated the event while Jugaontor editor Saiful Islam, press club's former president Shafiqur Rahman MP, and DoE director Ziaul Haque spoke, among others.

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