

JULY UPRISING Govt okays Tk 150cr grant for treatment of 15,000 injured

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The interim government has approved a grant of Tk 150 crore for the treatment of 15,000 students and citizens injured during the July mass uprising.

This fund will be allocated from the budget of the current fiscal year (2024-25), confirmed a letter from the Ministry of Liberation War Affairs, sent on Wednesday to the Chief Accounts and Finance Officer.

According to the letter, the government has approved the release of funds under the category "Unexpected Expenditure Management" in the budget for the fiscal year 2024-25.

The specific allocation is Tk 232.6 crore, which will be divided for the treatment of the injured and support for the families of the martyrs of the July Uprising.

The treatment fund will be distributed as follows:

Category A: 1,000 individuals, each receiving Tk 2 lakh, totaling Tk 20 crore; category B: 3,000, each receiving Tk 1 lakh, totaling Tk 30 crore; category C: 4,000, each receiving Tk 1 lakh, totaling Tk 40 crore; and category D: 7,000, each receiving Tk 50,000, totaling Tk 35 crore.

Additionally, Tk 25 crore will be allocated for medical consultation services both domestically and abroad for the injured. For the families of the martyrs, the government will purchase monthly profit-based savings certificates worth Tk 10 lakh for each family, which will be redeemable at maturity.



With no playground available, a group of children makes the most of an empty paddy field next to their homes to play football after the harvest. This photo was taken at Hatkhola union in Sylhet recently.

Discrepancies found

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Mursid also expressed her frustration over the inefficiency in project implementation under the two ministries assigned to her.

"Most projects are implemented without conducting feasibility studies, monitoring reports and end reports. Without proper planning, hundreds of crores of taka has previously been spent in our ministries..." she claimed.

She criticised the

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residents, triggered an altercation between the two groups.

At one stage, people of Solitha village beat up a youth of Mirakanda, said locals and witnesses.

Both groups then clashed with sharp weapons, sticks, and brickbats around 9:00am yesterday, resulting in injuries to 12 individuals from both sides, said police.

Md Asaduzzaman, senior assistant superintendent of police, said police managed to bring the violence under control after about an hour's effort.

Among the injured, two were admitted to Faridpur Medical College Hospital, eight were treated at Nagarkanda Upazila Health Complex, and the rest received primary treatment, said locals.

Police filed a case against 17 named and some 500 to 600 unnamed people, said Asaduzzaman.

Over 11,000 crossed

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to traffickers operating within the country, who often face little to no legal repercussions.

"Trafficking groups remain active in Bangladesh, targeting vulnerable communities in new areas. They largely enjoy impunity," said Shakirul Islam, chairperson of the Ovibashi Karmi Unnayan Programme.

He added that the closure of regular migration pathways, such as the Italian government's seasonal workers category,

has driven many to risk the dangerous sea crossing.

"Creating regular migration pathways is essential to curbing irregular migration," he said.

A Bangladesh Embassy official in Tripoli, wishing anonymity, said migrants often exploit Libya's fragile political situation to embark on voyages to Italy, with traffickers who bring them to Libya often through Dubai and Egypt.

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