

BNP, Gono Odhikar activists clash in Patuakhali

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The activists of BNP and Gono Odhikar Parishad clashed reportedly over a trivial matter in Galachipa upazila of Patuakhali last evening.

At least 30 people from both sides were injured and a local BNP office was vandalised, said locals.

The incident occurred around 7:00pm in Char Biswas union following chases and counter chases between the two groups, said Galachipa Police Station Officer-in-Charge Md Asadur Rahman.

The clash reportedly broke out when the Gono Odhikar Parishad organised a planned views-exchange meeting with local businessmen in front of their office near the Char Biswas Bazar. BNP's union office is adjacent to the office.

"As our meeting began, BNP activists started chanting provocative slogans that disrupted the programme," said Md Jewel, member secretary of the local unit of Gono Odhikar Parishad.

He claimed that activists led by Mofiz Uddin, president of the local Svechchhasebok Dal, engaged in a heated

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Youth held for rape attempt

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Locals beat up a youth and handed him over to police after he allegedly attempted to rape a five-year-old girl in Phulbari upazila of Kurigram yesterday.

The incident took place in the morning. The child's father filed a case in this regard with Phulbari Police Station around noon.

The arrested youth was identified as Habibur Rahman Babu, 27, son of Saifur Rahman.

Phulbari Police Station Officer-in-Charge Abdus Salam said the five-year-old child was trying pick black plums from a tree near their house in the morning. Seeing the child alone, Habibur lured the child by tempting her with a black plum.

He then took the child to a betel nut garden next to the black plum tree and tried to forcibly rape her. Hearing the child's screams, family members and nearby locals ran to her rescue and detained the youth.

Later, the police went to the scene and arrested Habibur.

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The mango orchards in Rajshahi are bustling with activity. Despite concerns that the break during Eid-ul-Azha holidays might disrupt the flow of mango supply across the country, orchard owners, traders and online entrepreneurs report a robust market.

Rajshahi, known as the "mango capital" of Bangladesh, experiences a sharp rise in mango harvesting and marketing each summer. This year, a bumper harvest combined with the Eid holidays created additional opportunities for trade.

Hossen, a seasoned mango grower from Durgapur, said, "There was a time when, if we couldn't sell mangoes in the market or to the wholesalers, many would go to waste. But now, there's no such risk. Even during Eid, transportation services continue to operate, so large volumes of mango shipments are going out. Since there are multiple channels to sell mangoes, they are being sold consistently. There's hardly any chance of spoilage now. However, this year, due to high yields, prices have dropped a bit."

Mango trader Abdur Razzaq from Charchhati echoed similar views. "Business is good, even during Eid holidays. The supply chain doesn't stop. Our transport runs throughout the holidays. We've prepared in advance

to ensure the mangoes reach different parts of the country without delays."

Ismail Hossain Islam, a wholesaler at Baneshwar Bazar, said, "Despite Eid holidays, our shipments go out as usual. Demand remains stable, especially from Dhaka. Our transport partners operate even during Eid. We expect orders from urban areas where people

orders and deliver mangoes nationwide.

"Earlier, growers lost many mangoes due to spoilage or lack of market access. Now, through online platforms and courier services, every mango can be sold.

Customers from anywhere in the country can order mangoes directly from the orchard and receive them within a few days," said Nayem.

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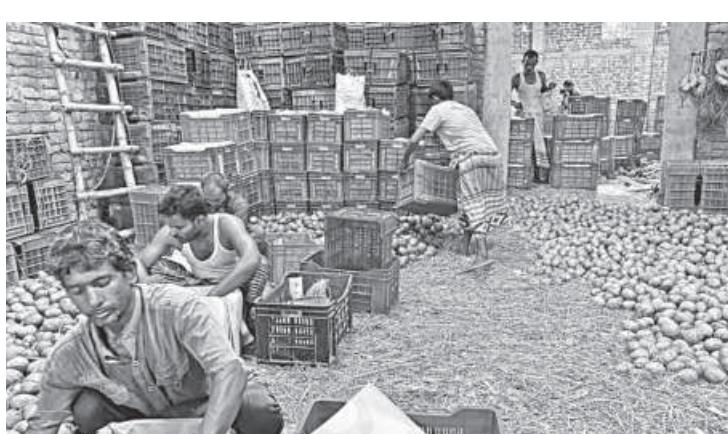
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want to gift Rajshahi mangoes or enjoy them at family gatherings."

The most significant recent change, however, has been the rise of online mango businesses, often run by students and young entrepreneurs.

Nayem Zahin, a law student at the University of Rajshahi, started selling mangoes online three years ago. Nayem and his peers use Facebook pages and WhatsApp groups to collect

orders and deliver mangoes nationwide.

"Although mango sales were strong before Eid, deliveries through online platforms are paused during the holidays as most courier services remain closed," he added.

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