



Protesting the government's decision to cancel the recruitment of music and physical education teachers in primary schools, members of Chhayanaut formed a human chain in front of its cultural centre in the capital yesterday.

PHOTO: COLLECTED

Voices unite

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Cultural organisation Chhayanaut also staged a musical demonstration yesterday in front of its Shankar bus stand cultural centre in the capital, where around 700 to 800 artists, students, and well-wishers took part.

The event featured collective renditions of Rabindra Sangeet, Nazrul Sangeet, Lalon Geeti, and the national anthem.

Chhayanaut President Dr Sarwar Ali said, "We believe music is stronger than speeches – that is why today's event was organised through music."

"For the physical and mental development of children, and for building a humane, liberal, and tolerant society, the practice of music and physical exercise is essential," he added.

In Gazipur, over 50 activists from Udichi's Gazipur and Kapasia branches held a protest in front of the Satyen Sen Sangeet Academy.

At an event at the Central Shaheed Minar yesterday, the musical group Samogeeet along with artists and cultural activists, also expressed solidarity.

On August 28, the government published the Government Primary School Teacher Recruitment Rules 2025, which included the posts of music and physical education teachers.

Several religion-based groups opposed the move, demanding the recruitment of religious instructors instead.

The government later issued a revised gazette on November 2, scrapping the proposed posts.

NATIONAL POLLS

NCP weighs solo run to build 'third force'

SHAMIMA RITA

Many members of the National Citizen Party (NCP) are reluctant to contest the upcoming national election as part of a BNP or Jamaat-e-Islami-led alliance, as the party seeks to emerge as a distinct third political force.

While discussions with BNP and Jamaat on possible seat-sharing continue, several NCP leaders believe the party should build its own identity by contesting all 300 constituencies or forming a new alliance with parties outside the two major blocs.

They acknowledged that joining hands with BNP or Jamaat could bring short-term gains, such as a few winnable seats, but warned it might weaken the party's long-term vision.

Leaders also said an alliance with BNP would make NCP share responsibility for its recent controversies, while a deal with Jamaat could threaten the party's survival.

These issues were discussed at a six-hour national committee meeting on Friday evening at the party's office in Banglamotor.

NCP Convener Nahid Islam, Member Secretary Akhtar Hossain, and Chief

KEY PLANS

- NCP leaders favour contesting all 300 seats independently
- Party aims to build identity as third political force
- Alliance with BNP or Jamaat seen as risky for long-term vision



Coordinator Nasiruddin Patwary attended the meeting, while two key organisers, Hasnat Abdullah and Sarjis Alam, were absent.

After the meeting, several leaders spoke with The Daily Star.

"We are preparing to contest the election independently to demonstrate our ability to field candidates in all 300 constituencies," said NCP Joint Convener Sarwar Tushar.

He said, "We are also discussing forming a third political alliance outside BNP and Jamaat, but nothing has been finalised yet. Everything remains uncertain until the implementation order of the July Charter is issued."

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Pakistan naval ship arrives at Ctg port on goodwill visit



UNB, Dhaka

Pakistan Navy ship "PNS Saii" arrived at the Chattogram port yesterday on a four-day goodwill visit to Bangladesh.

Chief Staff Officer of Chattogram Naval Zone warmly greeted the commander and crew of "PNS Saii". Officials from the Pakistan High Commission in Dhaka and senior officers of the Bangladesh Navy were also present.

Upon entering Bangladesh's maritime boundary, the ship was welcomed at sea by Bangladesh Navy ship "BNS Shadhinota".

During the visit, the commanding officer of "PNS Saii" and other members of the delegation are scheduled to pay courtesy calls on Commander Chattogram Naval Area, Commander BN Fleet, and Area Superintendent Dockyard.

They will also visit various historic and tourist sites, naval ships and establishments in Chattogram.

The ship will depart Bangladesh on November 12, said an ISPR press release.

Man hacked to death in Noakhali

STAR REPORT

A 35-year-old man was beaten and hacked to death in Begumganj upazila of Noakhali on Friday night, reportedly over conflicts linked to the drug trade and local dominance.

Abdul Quader Jilani alias Kan Kata Kadirra from Choumuhani municipality's ward-9 was attacked around 9:30pm in front of Cherang Bari under Hajipur union's ward-2, said Liton Dewan, officer-in-charge of Begumganj Model Police Station, yesterday.

Police said Quader had long-standing disputes with several local youths over drug-related activities and territorial influence. Unidentified assailants assaulted him with sharp weapons, leaving him dead on the spot before fleeing.

Quader had multiple cases filed against him, including charges under the Explosive Substances Act and drug-related offenses, police added.

FERRY FARE COLLECTION 10 hurt as rival BNP groups clash again in Narsingdi

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narsingdi

At least 10 people were injured as two BNP factions clashed again over collecting extra fares at a ferry ghat in Narsingdi yesterday.

Police and locals said the third round of clashes erupted in the ferry terminal area in Jirtampur of Madhabdi upazila after announcements were made over loudspeakers.

The violence broke out between groups led by Shahid Mia, joint convener of the Char Dighaldi union BNP and member of ward-9, and Chan Mia, general secretary of ward-8 Jubo Dal.

On November 3 and 4, the two groups clashed, injuring 10 people. Following those incidents, police had been deployed in the area, said Madhabdi Police Station Officer-in-Charge Md Nazrul Islam.

"Taking advantage of the absence of police early Saturday morning, tension flared up again... The situation was later brought under control," the OC said.

Locals said the long-standing dispute centred on dominance and the collection of excessive ferry fares from passengers.

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Yesterday, both groups used spears and locally made weapons. Several of the injured were treated at Narsingdi Sadar Hospital, while others reportedly received treatment in secret to avoid arrest.

Contacted, Chan Mia alleged, "Four of our men were injured, and at least 20 houses were vandalised and looted. Supporters of BNP leader Shahid Mia and Awami League activists jointly attacked my home. I've filed a written complaint with the police. The attack happened because I protested against collecting Tk 20 instead of Tk 6 as ferry fare."

However, Shahid Mia claimed, "Members of Chan Mia's group launched a sudden attack on us, injuring six to seven of our men."

Contacted, Abu Saleh Chowdhury, president of Narsingdi Sadar upazila BNP, said, "I wasn't informed of any clash today, but we will look into it and take organisational action if anyone is found involved."

Md Menhazul Alam, superintendent of police in Narsingdi, said, "The clash took place over ferry lease collections between Chan Mia and Shahid groups. The lease has now been cancelled, and the situation is under control."

The ferry authority could not be reached for comment.



Unilever Bangladesh Limited CEO and Managing Director Ruhul Quddus Khan, and Corporate Affairs, Partnerships and Communications Director Shamima Akhter receive the FICCI Sustainability Game Changer Award 2025 as Champion in the Community Impact category at an award ceremony in Dhaka yesterday. The recognition honours Unilever Bangladesh's contributions to health, hygiene, livelihoods, and environmental resilience through its community-focused initiatives.

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Crocodile caught by locals handed over to forest dept

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Manikganj

A crocodile caught by locals on Friday night in Manikganj Sadar upazila was handed over to the Forest Department yesterday afternoon.

Hairampur upazila Forest Officer Md Shariful Islam said locals had spotted a crocodile in a canal of Charbangkhuri in Hatipara union about a month ago. Since then, they had been too frightened to bathe or allow their cattle into the canals.

"Around 10:00pm on Friday, they managed to catch the crocodile in Chowkighata area," said the official.

Rahat Hossain, a resident of Chowkighata, said, "When the crocodile floated in the canal, we



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were able to catch it with a trap made of rope." Shariful said, "It is initially believed to be a freshwater crocodile, measuring approximately 10 feet in length."

Over 100 hurt as cops use batons

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Earlier yesterday, the demonstration began around 9:00am. The teachers had previously announced a symbolic "pen down" programme at Shabbagh as part of their movement.

"A group of teachers peacefully dropped their pens and informed us that they would return to the Shaheed Minar. However, another group tried to force their way through our barricade and hurled brick chips shortly after. We then dispersed them," said Masud Alam, deputy commissioner of DMP's Ramna Division.

Some police personnel were also injured, he added. The protesters said when police stopped them in front of the Public Library, they tried to break through the barricades.

"Police first fired tear gas shells and sound grenades, then charged batons and used water cannons

without provocation," said Kamruzzaman, one of the protesting teachers.

The teachers then scattered and took shelter inside the Dhaka University campus, witnesses said.

By 4:30pm, a large number of police personnel were deployed at the scene.

Brig Gen Md Asaduzzaman, director of Dhaka Medical College Hospital, said more than 100 people received primary treatment at DMCH's emergency department.

None were seriously injured so far. Most sustained injuries below the knee, while some fell sick due to the sound grenades, he added.

Inspector Md Faruq, in charge of the DMCH police camp, said at least 110 people received primary treatment at the hospital.

In a statement, the DMP said all kinds of meetings, rallies, and gatherings have been banned in and around

the residence of the chief adviser at Jamuna and nearby areas. Despite the ban, the protesters ignored the restrictions and tried to move forward. To maintain order and protect key state installations, police stepped in to disperse the protest.

Abul Kashem, president of the Bangladesh Primary Teachers' Association, said, "Our strike will continue indefinitely in all government primary schools across the country until our demands are met."

The teachers' key demands include implementation of the 10th-grade pay scale, resolution of issues related to higher-grade eligibility after 10 and 16 years of service, and ensuring 100 percent departmental promotion.


Meanwhile, at a programme in Khulna yesterday, Prof Bidhan Ranjan Roy Poddar, adviser to the Ministry of Primary and Mass Education, said

they have reviewed the three demands of the protesting teachers.

"The current position for assistant teachers is the 13th grade. We have just recently promoted headteachers to the 10th grade, so how can we suddenly promote assistant teachers to the 10th grade from the 13th grade?" he asked.

"The second concern is the time scale for 10 and 16 years of service. The Pay Commission will review it, and we have no objection to that," he also said.

"Regarding the demand for 100 percent departmental promotion, we had proposed it, but the Ministry of Public Administration said the government's policy is to allow a maximum of 80 percent, keeping 20 percent reserved for new appointments. Accordingly, the policy has been implemented," the adviser added.



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