

NOMINATION ROW

8 hurt as BNP factions clash in Gazipur

10 motorcycles set on fire

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gazipur

At least eight people were injured and ten motorcycles were set on fire after a clash broke out between rival BNP factions in the Rakhaliachala area of Gazipur's Kaliakoir upazila yesterday evening.

Police and locals said supporters of BNP nominated candidate for the Gazipur-1 constituency, Mujibur Rahman, had gathered for a public meeting where followers of Gazipur district BNP member secretary Chowdhury Ishraq Ahmed Siddique, who was denied nomination, were also present.

Witnesses said the two groups engaged in an argument, which escalated into a clash.

Inspector Mohammad Shamim, in charge of Mouchak Police Station, told The Daily Star, "During the clash between two BNP factions, some motorcycles

were set on fire. At least seven to eight people were injured and sent to hospitals."

Mujibur alleged that his supporters were attacked while campaigning. "One group attacked my supporters, and some of the motorcycles they used were set on fire," he said.



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Ishraq, however, said anger among local leaders and activists over the nomination led to protests. "The supporters were there just to protest. But Mujibur Rahman's followers attacked them," he claimed.

Cucusu hosts medical camp for students

CU CORRESPONDENT

A daylong free medical camp, organised by the Chittagong University Central Students' Union with support from Chittagong Metropolitan Hospital, was held on the campus yesterday.

Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Yeahia Akhter inaugurated the event at Buddhiji Chittagong at 9:30am. The event continued till 3:00pm.

Around 1,700 students received consultations from 18 specialist physicians at the medical camp.

Medicines were distributed free of cost as per the doctors' prescriptions.

3 killed in road crash in Faridpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

Three people were killed after an unidentified vehicle hit their motorcycle in Faridpur's Bhanga yesterday. The accident occurred near Madhabpur bridge around 1:30am, said Bhanga Highway Police Station Officer-in-Charge Md Helaluddin.

The deceased are Sumon Mondal, 25, his brother Rimon Mondal, 22, and their friend Asif Alam, 22 – all from Kushtia.

Quoting witnesses, the OC said the three were travelling towards Faridpur town on a motorcycle. When they reached the Madhabpur bridge area, an unidentified vehicle hit the motorcycle, killing all three on the spot.

Earlier on Friday, four people, including three of a family, died when a bus hit a battery-run easybike on the same highway in Bhanga.

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

ARUN BIKASH DEY, Ctg

In Chattogram city, medical emergencies often force families into desperate searches for blood for life-saving transfusions.

Shahedul Azam, whose wife recently underwent a C-section at a private hospital, shared this harrowing reality.

"Doctors urgently requested two units of blood for immediate transfusion. We only managed to secure one unit," he said.

A friend then informed him about the Fatema Begum Red Crescent Blood Bank in



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year-round donation drives.

This strong foundation of volunteerism ensures that the blood is distributed to patients free of charge, he said.

However, to guarantee absolute patient safety, a nominal fee is collected from recipients, covering essential screening processes for diseases like Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, malaria, syphilis, and HIV.

"We orchestrate year-round voluntary blood donation programmes, collecting between 40-50 units of blood from each drive and around 13,000 units of blood annually," said Shyamoli Baidya, a medical technologist at the blood bank.

Sadia Hasan, the organisation's finance officer, said, "We offer a special concession in screening charges for our thalassemia patients. For extremely poor patients, we provide blood completely free of charge."

However, the Red Crescent

faces a significant, yet avoidable, challenge: over 10 percent of their collected blood is wasted annually due to a lack of awareness among patients' families.

"According to standard guidelines, whole blood can be safely transfused within 30 days after collection, and fresh frozen plasma can be stored and used for up to one year. Yet, many patients' families insist on receiving only 'fresh' blood – ideally collected on the very same day, or at best, two to three days earlier," Shyamoli said.

"That's why over 10 percent of the blood we collect every year is wasted due to expiry of shelf life," she added.

There is an urgent need for raising public awareness against misconceptions about blood storage and transfusion standards to ensure every precious unit serves its intended purpose in saving lives, said Dr Mezbah.

Frame charges

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they were kept in dark, windowless, suffocating cells without proper food, clothing, sanitation or lighting.

Many were detained for months or years, he said. Their eyes and hands remained tied during interrogations in which they were subjected to severe physical and psychological torture.

"These crimes were structural, widespread, systematic and target-based," Tajul said, adding that they constitute crimes against humanity under the International Crimes (Tribunals) Act, 1973.

After the prosecution's submissions, the three-member tribunal led by Justice Md Golam Mortuza Mozumder fixed tomorrow to hear discharge petitions filed by three state-appointed defence counsel for 10 absconding accused and by the lawyer representing three officers in custody.

Three accused – Maj Gen Sheikh Md Sarwar Hossen, Brig Gen Md Mahbub Rahman Siddique, and Brig Gen Ahmed Tanvir Majahar Siddique – appeared in the dock. The remaining ten are on the run.

Earlier in the morning, the three officers were brought to the tribunal in a green air-conditioned

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH HIGH COURT DIVISION (ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION)

COMPANYMATTER NO. 1973 OF 2025

RSPL HEALTH BD LIMITED

Petitioner

Versus

Register of Joint Stock Companies & Firms,

TCB Building, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.

Respondent

Notice is hereby given that an application under section 12 read with section 13 of the Companies Act, 1994 for alteration of object clause of the company, registered under the RSPL HEALTH BD LIMITED was moved before the Hon'ble High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh on behalf of the petitioner and upon preliminary hearing on 03.11.2023 Mr. Justice Md Golam Mortuza Mozumder issued the said application. Any one desirous of opposing the matter may appear before the Hon'ble court either personally or through his advocate. Copy of the application may be obtained from the undersigned on payment of necessary costs.

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