

1 killed, 5 hurt in Khulna BNP factional clash

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

At least one person was killed and five others were injured in a clash between two factions of BNP in Terokhada upazila of Khulna yesterday morning.

The incident took place in Madhupur Uttarpara Beel area under Madhupur union in the upazila around 7:45am when followers of Shahidul, former joint convener of Terokhada upazila BNP unit, clashed with followers of Saiful Morol, convener of a committee under Madhupur upazila BNP unit, following an altercation over harvesting paddy from the swamp.

The deceased was identified as Nur Alam, 56, a local resident and follower of Saiful Morol.

The injured – Hijmullah Sohel Rana, Nur Sheikh, Musa Sheikh, Mofizur Rahman, and Ali Husain – were undergoing treatment at Khulna Medical College Hospital.

Contacted, Chowdhury Fakhrul Islam, member secretary of the upazila BNP unit, said the clash ensued over harvesting paddy and was not connected to any political feud.

Confirming the incident, Mohammad Tajul Islam, superintendent of police in Khulna, said additional law enforcers were deployed in the area while drives were on to detain those involved.



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PHOTO: STAR

ROUMARI UPAZILA IN KURIGRAM

Erosion devours 120 hectares of cropland

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Fresh erosion by the Brahmaputra has swallowed at least 120 hectares of cropland in over the past two weeks, leaving more than a hundred homesteads, educational institutions, and rural infrastructure newly at risk and deepening anxiety among riverbank communities.

Residents said erosion recurs annually before and after the monsoon, but the absence of effective, long-term protection forces families to lose land and homes repeatedly. They urged swift implementation of a sustainable river management project.

The latest erosion has intensified in Char Shoulmari union, particularly in Char Gendar Alga, Sonapur, West Khedaimari, Sukhurbati, Ghughumari, and Namazer Char, where strong currents are eating away riverbanks daily.

Farmers report heavy losses of boro paddy, maize, jute, vegetables, and other seasonal crops, dealing a severe financial blow to already vulnerable households.

The area is still reeling from a major erosion episode around 10 months ago that affected at least 720 families in the same union,

destroying homes and cropland. Many of those families continue to live on roadsides, on others' land, or in makeshift shelters without rehabilitation.

With erosion resuming, panic has returned. Fearing sudden displacement, many families are staying awake at night to guard their homes.

Union Parishad member Samsher Ali said, "Lists of the affected 720 families have been submitted to the chairman. But no effective steps have been taken so far. Meanwhile, erosion has started again."

He said, "According to our measurement, 120 hectares of cropland in Roumari upazila have been lost to erosion."

Residents described a cycle of repeated loss. "At this age, my house has been destroyed seven times. Now I have no home of my own," said Akbar Hossain, 55, of Sonapur, who

currently lives under a bamboo grove. Others echoed similar hardship, with some reporting their homes had been washed away eight to eleven times.

Meherbanu Begum, 50, said, "My house has been destroyed four times. My husband is sick, there is no income... Where will I go with small children?"

Local schoolteacher Atiar Rahman warned that continued erosion could threaten Char Gendar Alga Government Primary School, roads, mosques, and markets, disrupting education and communication.

River activist Mahmuddin Mohir said, "Every time, assurances are given, but no effective steps are taken. Temporary measures like dumping geo-bags are not enough. A permanent river management project must be undertaken here."

Kurigram Water Development Board Executive Engineer Rakibul Hasan said the situation has been reported to higher authorities. "Action will be taken if allocation is received. However, there is currently no allocation for emergency work," he said, adding that a proposal for a permanent erosion control project is under consideration.

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SAMSHER ALI, Union Parishad member

PRAYER TIMING
APRIL 26

Fajr	Zohr	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
AZAN 4:20	12:45	4:45	6:29	8:00
JAMAAT 4:55	1:15	5:00	6:34	8:30

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



Following good yields this season, farmers harvest eggplants in the Tarapur village of Puthia upazila, Rajshahi. These farmers supply it to Dhaka and other districts around the year, though prices remain moderate at around Tk 2,600 per maund, leaving them to struggle to irrigate due to fuel shortages. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: AZAHAR UDDIN

Focus on both studies and sports

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a festive atmosphere at the school, as students were seen rushing forward to greet him. Many shook hands with him, while others sought autographs.

Tarique appeared delighted, spending lively moments with the students.

Entering a classroom, he asked, "How are you? How are your studies

going?" – instantly drawing cheerful responses from the children.

As he spoke about the importance of sports, several students responded enthusiastically, agreeing with his remarks.

The prime minister, in turn, affectionately patted some of them on the head, lifting their spirits.

In a classroom of second-

graders, Tarique Rahman spoke with children and teachers, while the students showed him their drawings and shared their aspirations for the future.

The prime minister listened attentively as the children spoke about what they wanted to become when they grew up.

The students became excited during the

interaction, expressing their joy upon seeing the premier up close.

After spending some time, Tarique waved goodbye, and the students stood up, waving back as he departed.

Officials said the prime minister remained at the school for around 15 minutes after entering at approximately 11:05am.

Earlier, the prime minister inaugurated the new Training-cum-Dormitory Building of BIAM Foundation in Eskaton and later addressed officials at its auditorium.

Founded on December 29, 1991, BIAM was later transformed into the BIAM Foundation in November 2002.

Ex-army man

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there were no updates regarding further arrests in the case. Earlier, on Wednesday, a Cumilla court granted a three day remand for Hafizur, who is one of the three suspects in the case.

At the court premises, Tonu's father, Yaar Hossain, alleged that the IO Tarikul was not sharing any information regarding the remand of the accused.

Responding to the allegation, Tarikul said Tonu's father could not come to the court on time and later also failed to show up at the prison. He added that he would arrange time to speak with Tonu's father later.

3-month fishing ban in Kaptai Lake begins

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

A ban on fishing for three months in Kaptai Lake started yesterday to ensure proper reproduction and growth of fish in the lake.

The district administration took the decision at a meeting held in Rangamati Deputy Commissioner's office on April 20.

During the ban, all types of fish harvesting, preservation, and marketing from the lake, as well as operation of local ice factories, will remain halted.

According to the Bangladesh Fisheries Development Corporation in Rangamati, with the water level in Kaptai Lake decreasing, the ban has been imposed ahead of the approaching fish breeding season.

The government will provide food assistance to fisher families dependent on the lake through VGF cards during the ban period.

Md Masud Alam, deputy manager of Kaptai Lake Fisheries Development and Marketing Centre, said, "All types of fishing in the lake and operation of local ice factories will remain suspended for three months from April 25. Patrols will be conducted by BFDC and police to stop illegal fishing during this time."

Traditionally, the fishing ban in Kaptai Lake runs from May 1 to July 31 every year, but this year the restriction will come into effect six days earlier.

DUJA demands

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police failed to ensure their safety."

Former DUJA president Mahub Rony said, "The attack on journalists by Chhatra Dal activists has still not been formally recorded. We demand and urge the police administration to immediately accept the case, investigate it, and take action against those responsible. Those involved in the attack went to Shahbagh Police Station under the banner of Chhatra Dal. As an organisation, Chhatra Dal cannot evade responsibility for this attack."

Former DUJA general secretary Sirajul Islam Rubel said, "The president and general secretary of DUJA went to Shahbagh Police Station on Friday seeking justice for the attack. They waited there for four hours, but the OC could not be found during that time."

Former DUJA general

secretary Motahar Hossain said, "Chhatra Dal has said it will take organisational action against those involved, and the university administration will also act against them. But instead of taking action, various propaganda campaigns are being carried out against the journalists."

DUJA former joint secretary Mahadi Hasan said, "Both the university administration and law enforcement agencies are trying in various ways to delay justice over the attack on journalists. If our demands are not met swiftly, we will be compelled to announce tougher programmes."

DUJA President Manjur Hossain Mahi said, "Some leaders and activists of Chhatra Dal obstructed us from performing our professional duties at Shahbagh Police Station. When we protested, they attacked us."

Fakhrul rejects

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"So, we again reject the statement of the Jamaat-e-Islami Ameer. We not only reject it but also condemn it and express our anger," he said.

He further alleged that a group was trying to create confusion and division by spreading misinformation about the party's activities.

Referring to the period after August 5, 2024, Fakhrul said efforts to institutionalise democracy were being undermined. He also alleged that attempts had been made to destabilise the political environment, including through misinformation and propaganda on

social media ahead of the election.

"Such efforts to distance the BNP from the people have failed," he said, adding that recent attempts – including the use of cartoons to provoke reactions – were part of a broader effort to create instability.

He also criticised attempts to create unrest in student politics, saying such efforts should be resisted.

Fakhrul expressed hope that those involved in these activities would refrain from them, adding that the country's conscious and independent-minded citizens had always rejected such politics and would continue to do so.

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