

Three killed, 30 injured in a clash over jackfruit auction

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Online Desk: Three people were killed and 30 others injured in a clash between two groups over a jackfruit auction in Shantiganj upazila of Sunamganj district on Monday morning. The incident took place about 10.30 am in Hasnabad village under Joykalash union of the upazila. The deceased were identified as Nurul Haque, 45, son of Abdul Latif, Babul Miah, 50, son of Abdus Sufi and Shahjahan Miah, 55, son of Abdul Basir — all were residents of the village.

According to locals, there was a previous dispute between the two groups of Saraimorol and Maldar families over a land in the village. Subsequently, on Sunday afternoon, an argument took place between them over an auction of a jackfruit in the village mosque.

Later, the argument led to a clash between them on Monday morning. At that time, they attacked on each other with locally made sharp weapons, leaving two members of Saraimorol group, Nurul Haque and Babul Miah dead on the spot and 30 others from both sides critically injured, said witnesses.

The injured were taken to several hospitals where a member of Maldar group, Shahjahan Miah succumbed to his wounds while undergoing treatment. Shantiganj Police Station officer-in-charge Khaled Hossain Chowdhury said being informed, police rushed there and brought the situation under control. “Additional police have been deployed at the spot as a tense situation prevailing in the area and legal action would be taken in this regard,” the OC added.