

Staff Reporter BNP joint secretary general Ruhul Kabir Rizvi, who was picked up by police and admitted to Apollo Hospital in the city on Saturday, left the hospital without informing the hospital authorities early Wednesday. Preferring anonymity one of Rizvi's assistants told that he left the hospital around 3:30 am and now he is safe. Bhatara police station officer-in-charge Sarwar Hossain confirmed the matter. Plainclothes police picked up Ruhul Kabir Rizvi from the party central office on Saturday night. The BNP joint secretary general had been on saline while he was whisked away in an ambulance. Around 11:40pm on Saturday, a medical team, led by gastrologist Dr ASM Raihan of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University, arrived at the BNP office at the request of Rizvi to examine him. After a primary medical check-up, the medical team said the BNP leader was suffering from gastrological problem and nausea, and he needs a complete bed rest for a few days. Minutes after the medical team left the BNP office, the detectives entered it and took him to hospital in an ambulance. He was picked up two days before the much-hyped January-5 rally of the BNP-led 20-party alliance in the capital, marking what it says 'Democracy Killing Day'.