

Eight-temple complex awaits due attention

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On an average day, more than 1,500 people visit the scenic site in Naldanga area of Kaliganj upazila, where the Begbota river flows by eight spectacular Hindu temples, built several centuries ago, on over 20 acres of land.

But the visitors have to rush back home with the fall of darkness at dusk when the compound turns into a safe haven for drug dealers, addicts and other antisocial elements of the area.

Construction of the temples was first initiated by the then zamindar in the area in 1656 and successive heirs of the zamindar family carried out the work throughout the following centuries. After the death of Promotho Bhushan Deb Roy, the last zamindar of the family, in 1941, the estate eventually became property of the Pakistan government in 1955.

Currently, six of the temples -- Shib Mondir, Pancho Mondir, Gopal Mondir, Ganesh Mondir, Laxmi Mondir and Siddheshwari Mondir -- are being renovated by Naldanga Mondir Committee.

The other two -- Rajeshwari Mondir and Bishnu Mondir -- still lie in a deplorable condition.

The Committee has been

working on to restore the past glory of the complex by raising funds from locals. But due to insufficient funds, it could not yet manage to employ security staff or install security lighting, boundary fence and restrooms in order to ensure security and comfort of visitors at the sprawling estate.

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Arun Mondol, secretary of Naldanga Mondir Committee, said while hundreds of devotees visit the temples every day to offer puja, a good number of others visit the place for recreational purpose.

Thousands throng the temples during Durga Puja. Basonti Puja festival in the Bangla month of Chaitra also draws a large crowd every year.

The temple complex would be safer and more enjoyable for the visitors if they could secure the area with boundary fences, arrange a rest house for overnight stay and construct adequate toilet facilities with tube wells for supply of fresh water, he added.

Mosharraf Hossain, a teacher at Berbenni Secondary School, told this correspondent that he brought his family members along as he heard a lot about the beautiful ancient temples by the river from many people.

Another visitor, Swapan Chakrabarti, a social worker by profession, said a river flowing by eight ancient temples is a sight to behold.

But unfortunately, such a remarkable historic site does not have any amenities for visitors, he also said.

Uma Chatterji, a senior citizen, said she had been offering puja at the temples for many years, but the area has no place to stay overnight and loitering of drug addicts at night inside the unlit temple compound makes it unsafe for all.

Contacted, Jhenidah Deputy Commissioner Saroj Kumar Nath said he would take necessary steps in this regard after visiting the site.



The Pancho Mondir in Naldanga of Jhenidah's Kaliganj upazila is slowly getting its splendour back during the ongoing renovation work.

PHOTO: STAR

SP Masud

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"The investigation officer believes that the police superintendent should have been more dutiful," he added.

A phone call that had allegedly taken place between Pradeep and Masud immediately after the murder on July 31 was leaked on social media. In the call, Pradeep was heard telling Masud that an army major was killed in an encounter. Halfway through the call, Pradeep requested that they switch over to an encrypted call via mobile application Whatsapp.

On September 16, the home minister transferred ABM Masud to Rajshahi.

On September 10, Sharmen Shahria Ferdush, elder sister of Major (ret'd) Sinha, had sought to make SP ABM Masud Hossain an accused in the murder case, but a court later denied her request.

Then, on October 1, she sent an application to the investigation officer requesting him to include Masud's name in the charge sheet.

In the application, a copy of which The Daily Star obtained, she alleged that Masud advised Inspector Liaquat Ali on how to cover up the murder, and impeded Rab's investigation by transferring key policemen from Teknaf Police Station.

She also pointed out that right after the incident, SP Masud granted OC Pradeep medical leave, and allowed him to exit Cox's Bazar.

"Masud's name appeared in the charge sheet, which is a good thing. We can see this in a positive way. All the points we raised are mentioned in the charge sheet which is not a small matter," said Ferdush yesterday, when asked for her reaction.

It begins, at last

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yet to prepare the list during its three consecutive terms.

However, on November 19, the Ministry of Liberation War Affairs finally formed an 11-member committee comprising freedom fighters, liberation war researchers, and government officials to make and scrutinise the list of names.

In its first meeting yesterday, the committee decided it would primarily include 1,222 names on the list. It will also set a definition of martyred intellectuals, Liberation War Affairs Minister AKM Mozammel Haque said after the meeting.

Mozammel added they are expecting to complete the list by next year, when Bangladesh will celebrate 50 years of Independence.

Family members of the martyred intellectuals, meanwhile, voiced disappointment over the lapses in preparing the list after so many years.

"Many things related to the war are not properly and officially documented. The list of martyred intellectuals is no exception," said Asif Munier, son of martyred intellectual Prof Munier Chowdhury.

"Having no official documentation is intentional so that vested groups can create confusion. There were moves so that documentation does not take place during different regimes," he told The Daily Star.

Starting on the night of March 25, 1971, intellectuals were targeted by an army crackdown in Dhaka. Mostly university, college and school teachers, filmmakers, physicians, poets, writers, journalists and other eminent

personalities, they had been deemed threats by the Pakistan army and were abducted, tortured, and killed.

Planned killings of the intellectuals reached its peak on December 14, two days before Victory Day.

LONG DELAY, EMPTY PLEDGES

On February 6, 2014, the liberation war affairs minister had told parliament that a list of martyred intellectuals would be published by June that year.

The ministry then sent letters to the deputy commissioners of all 64 districts seeking names of martyred intellectuals, but apparently the DCs did not send names because of a lack of clarity over the definition.

Mozammel, on December 14, 2016, also said the ministry would publish a book containing the names of martyred intellectuals, but this book, too, is yet to be published.

Noted historian and researcher Prof Muntassir Mamoon said, "There is a dearth of trained people to deal with such issues in our country. Bureaucrats dominate the system and they have hardly any interest in listing martyred intellectuals and other related work."

Prof Muntassir, a former history professor at Dhaka University, is a member of the new committee.

He added, "A list is much needed so the nation can pay their respects and new generations come to know about them. It is a source of history. We are having lists of freedom fighters and raskars, then why not such a list of martyred intellectuals?"

Shahriar Kabir, president

of Ekattorer Ghatok Dalal Nirmul Committee, said that in his view, the government's top priority has been the identification of the real freedom fighters.

"Many things happened centring around the list of freedom fighters and many Jamaat men made it to the list during BNP-Jamaat rule," he said.

"The current government is putting most of its efforts and time to correct the list," added Shahriar, also a member of the new committee.

NEW PROCESS

According to Mozammel, the committee will finalise a definition of martyred intellectuals in its next meeting, likely to be held in January. He said the committee yesterday approved 1,222 names for the primary list.

"A total of 1,070 names will be taken from names available with the ministry and 152 from postal stamps issued in the name of martyred intellectuals at various times," he added.

Shahriar Kabir said that names of martyred intellectuals were available in "Shaheed Buddhijibi Koshgrantha", a biographical encyclopaedia of martyred intellectuals by the Bangla Academy; "Bangladesh," a documentary publication of the government in 1972; "Banglapedia", and postal stamps.

The committee will consider martyred intellectuals killed between March 25, 1971 and January 31, 1972, for the list.

On January 31, 1972, the Mirpur area of Dhaka was finally freed from pro-Pakistan Biharis, he said.

Freedom fighter Nasiruddin Yousuff, a member of the committee,

said they will send letters to all DCs and UNOs asking for names of martyred intellectuals in their respective areas. "We seek names but will not solely depend on bureaucrats," he said.

"We will not make a new definition of martyred intellectuals rather we will revise the existing definition available in different research books including Shaheed Buddhijibi Koshgrantha of Bangla Academy."

"Shaheed Buddhijibi Koshgrantha listed 328 martyred intellectuals, but said the list was not complete," said another committee member.

The government documentary "Bangladesh" said 1,109 intellectuals were martyred.


"Banglapedia" estimated that 1,111 intellectuals were killed - including 991 academics, 49 physicians, 42 lawyers, 13 journalists, nine litterateurs and artists, five engineers, and two others.

Many war researchers, however, said the total number of martyred intellectuals could be much higher. The members of Buddhijibi Nidhan Tathyanusandhan Committee, set up in 1972, had made a primary list of 20,000 such intellectuals killed by the Pakistanis, they pointed out.

Asif Munier, also president of Projanmo Ekattor, an organisation of the children of the martyrs, said they are ready to give assistance to the new committee preparing the list.

"We believe the committee members will do the work with utmost sincerity as they have credibility."


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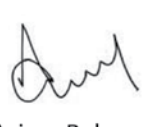
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UP member shot dead in Gopalganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Faridpur

A union parishad (UP) member was shot dead near Gopinathpur High School area of Gopalganj Sadar upazila on Saturday evening.

Hamidul Sharif, 45, was a member of Ward-7 of Gopinathpur Union Parishad, Officer-in-Charge of Gopalganj Sadar Police Station Hazrat Ali said. Quoting locals, the police official said two masked criminals on a motorbike intercepted Hamidul's rickshaw near the school around 7:30pm while he was returning home from his shop.

The masked men shot Hamidul four time in the chest and fled the scene, added the OC.

Hearing his screams, locals rushed Hamidul to Gopalganj General Hospital, where the doctors declared him dead, he said.