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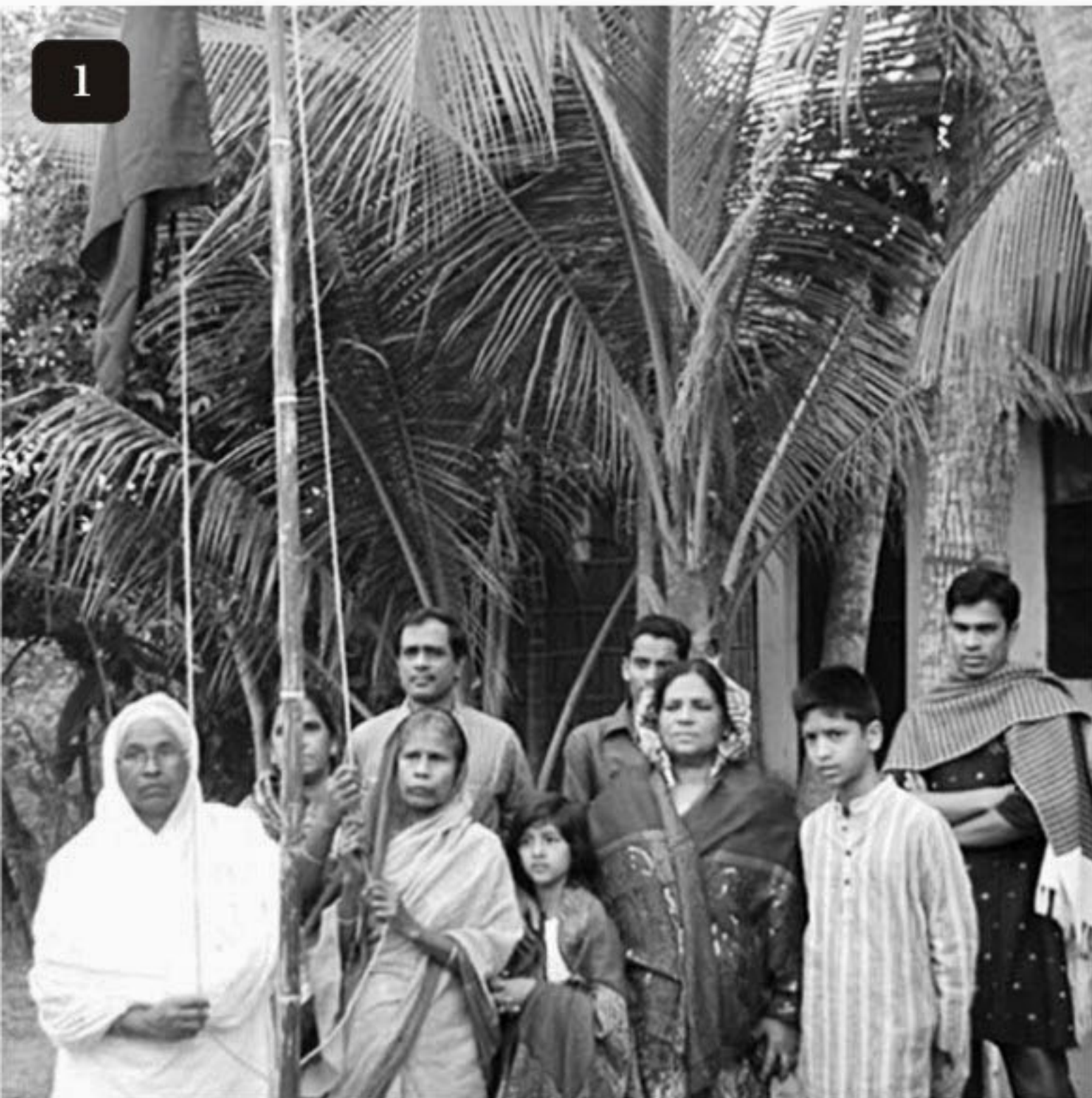


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1) Hena Akter, sister of 1952 language martyr Rafique, hoists a black flag at his house in Manikganj, 2) A small child accompanies his parents to place flower on the Central Shaheed Minar in Patuakhali town, 3) Language Movement veteran Sayeed Uddin Ahmed places a wreath at the Shaheed Minar in Rajshahi, 4) Residents of Sylhet city join a mourning procession, 5) Girls Guide Barisal unit pay homage to the language martyrs, 6) Teachers and students of Sheuli Bidyapith in Narsingdi proceed towards the Shaheed Minar, 7) Locals prepare spectacular models of Shaheed Minar and other things with candles in Narail.

Jamaat, Shibir offices in Netrakona attacked

50 hurt allegedly by ruling party men

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Netrakona

Local Chhatra League (BCL) activists allegedly attacked the district Jamaat and Chhatra Shibir offices at Kurpur in the town when the partymen were holding a discussion on International Mother Language Day yesterday.

Jamaat and locals said, the attackers also ransacked and damaged two Shibir hostels and injured at least 50 Jamaat and Shibir activists including general secretary of district Shibir Monowar Hossen and general secretary of Sadar Shibir Mohammad Zakaria.

Seriously injured

Monowar Hossen and Ibrahim were taken to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital. Others were admitted to different clinics in the town.

Police also arrested Jamaat activist Sadekur Rahman and Shibir activist Abdullah Al-Mamun from the spot.

Police and locals said, the attackers set fire to at least eight motorbikes, students' certificates, books and valuables at the hostels and offices.

On information, Fire Service men and police rushed to the spot to bring the situation under control.

President of Netrakona

Chhatra Shibir Zahirul Islam said about 50 BCL activists with sharp and lethal weapons attacked them in presence of police. The attackers damaged property worth Tk 50 lakh, he claimed.

Contacted, general secretary of district BCL Khurshadul Alam told this correspondent that no member of the ruling party's student front were involved in the attack.

Netrakona Sadar police station sources said, Jamaat-Shibir activists were planning destructive activities. Hearing this, local people attacked them, they said, refuting Shibir claim of BCL attack.

DEATH IN PABNA CUSTODY

3 policemen sued on charge of killing Hassan Ali

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

The maternal uncle of Hassan Ali, who died in police custody at Faridpur police station on February 14 night, has filed a murder case with Judicial Magistrate's Court-2 in Pabna against three policemen on charge of killing his nephew.

Officer-in-charge (OC) Md Abu Jafar, sub inspector (SI) Md Akhter Hossain and constable Golam Mostafa of Faridpur police station have been made accused in the case filed by Md Abdul Mannan, the maternal uncle of Hassan Ali on Sunday, court sources said.

"Locals caught Hassan from his residence at Arkandi village in Faridpur upazila under Pabna district on February 14 in a false charge and handed him to Faridpur police station. But the accused policemen tortured the victim and demanded Tk 50 thousand, threatening him of more serious torture," goes the prosecution.

"As the victim refused to pay the money the accused officers along with other members of the police station tortured my nephew (Hassan) to death.

Follow-up



Hassan Ali

"Subsequently the accused policemen in collusion with the doctors collected a fake medical report and filed an UD (unnatural death) case with the police station. When I tried to protest they (accused) threatened me too," it added.

Receiving the case, Judicial Magistrate's Court-2 in Pabna ordered Judicial Magistrate Md Shamsul Alam to investigate it, said advocate Abdul Bari, the counsel of the case.

The court also asked the complainant to produce the witnesses to the court on February 28, the counsel said.

The complainant mentioned the names of four witnesses -- Faridpur Upazila Parishad Chairman Md Johurul Islam Bakul,

local schoolteacher Ismail Hossain, and local residents Babul Akter and Hossen Ali.

Locals handed over Hassan Ali, 40, son of Afsar Mollah of village Arkandi in Faridpur upazila, to police allegedly after rescuing a five-year-boy from him on February 14.

But Hassan died in Faridpur police station lockup at night and his body bore injury marks, sources said.

Police immediately claimed that the victim committed suicide in the lockup.

Pabna Police Superintendent Jahangir Hossain Matobbar suspended the on-duty officer SI Md Akhter Hossain and constable Golam Mostafa for negligence of duty and formed a four-member inquiry committee headed by Additional Superintendent of Police Md Mosharaf Hossain to investigate the incident.

Denying the allegation of torturing Hassan to death, OC Md Abu Jafar said police will face the case through legal process.

Meanwhile, sources alleged that the police are trying to 'manage' the incident.

5 DB men, villager hurt in Dinajpur clash

UNB, Dinajpur

Five members of the Detective Branch (DB) of police were injured and a villager received bullet-wound as villagers clashed with DB men suspecting them as robbers at Shalapur village in Parbotipur police station early yesterday.

The injured were identi-

fied as DB police sub inspector (SI) Farhad, SI Jahangir, SI Sohel Rana, ASI Mahinur and constable Shafiullah and the villager Mahmudur, 30.

Police and locals said a team of DB police launched a drive to arrest Ziarul Haque, 35, accused in several cases, also the son of Mohammad Ali Master at

village Shalapur, at about 3:30am.

The clash ensued as the villagers surrounded and attacked the DB men leaving five of them and the villager wounded.

Mahmudur was admitted to Dinajpur Medical College Hospital while three injured police officers were admitted to local hospital.

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BGB bid to nab smugglers triggers clash

UNB, Dinajpur

Three people were injured in a clash between BGB and villagers while two others were held by the border guards at Hili border early yesterday.

Police and locals said, on secret information, a team of BGB from local camp stepped up patrolling to nab phensidyl smugglers in the border area at about 12:15am.

A gang of smugglers attacked the BGB team as they chased them while by

mistake the border guards beat up a local tempo driver Babu, 25, son of Kalam of Lengra Fakirpara village.

This triggered a clash as the news spread and locals attacked the BGB members. Two more unidentified villagers were injured in the clash.

Additional BGB members from Basudebpur and Hili Camp rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control.

BGB members nabbed Alamgir Lengra and Azam Ali in this connection.

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