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A statue of Lord Buddha is left standing amidst the ruins of a temple burnt down by a violent mob at Ramu upazila in Cox's Bazar early yesterday.

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12 BUDDHIST TEMPLES TORCHED, 50 HOUSES SMASHED

Extremists 'linked'

Islam-insulting Facebook photo led to outburst, unidentified person tagged Buddhist man in the pic, locals say some Rohingya, militant groups incited mayhem since Saturday midnight

STAR REPORT

In what turned out to be long hours of arson and vandalism, a mob destroyed 12 Buddhist temples and monasteries and more than 50 houses in Ramu upazila of Cox's Bazar early yesterday. The violence was apparently triggered by a

Facebook posting of a photo defaming the holy Quran.

Some miscreants also vandalised two monasteries and a Hindu temple in Chittagong's Patiya upazila and torched two monasteries at Ukhia and five houses at Teknaf upazila in Cox's Bazar.

Selim Md Jahangir, Cox's Bazar

superintendent of police, said three Buddhist temples were burnt to ashes during the frenzy that started around midnight Saturday and continued till 3:00am yesterday.

The temples include some century-old pagodas, most revered by

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Ramu attack premeditated
Says home minister; points finger at local MP, who denies
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Home Minister Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir yesterday said the violence in Ramu in Cox's Bazar centring an anti-Islam photo on Facebook is a "premeditated and deliberate act of communal violence against the minority".
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A night of joy turns to nightmare

JULFIKAR ALI MANIK

It was a day meant to be full of joy and charity. But it plunged into sadness and bitterness. A pall of gloom spread over the neighbourhood.

Ramu, with a significant Buddhist population, was all set to celebrate its Madhu

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GAZIPUR-4 BY-POLLS Rimi wins
Afsar rejects results, saying polls 'stage-managed'

RASHIDUL HASAN from Kapasia, Gazipur

Ruling Awami League candidate Simeen Hussain Rimi yesterday won the Gazipur-4 by-polls by a huge margin amid a very low voter turnout and peaceful polls atmosphere.

Rimi tallied 63,401 votes, overshadowing her two rivals -- Afsaruddin, her uncle and independent candidate, and Communist Party of Bangladesh-backed Asadullah Badal who received 26,349 and 1,428 votes respectively.

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Tight security, peaceful voting

RASHIDUL HASAN from Kapasia, Gazipur

Law enforcers and poll officials were extra vigilant during yesterday's Gazipur by-polls, as it was the maiden election under the present Election Commission constituted in February this year.

Visits to some 16 polling centres revealed that election

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PADMA FINANCING WB postpones team's visit

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The World Bank has postponed sending a team to Dhaka to formulate a framework of new arrangements to implement the Padma bridge project.

The team was scheduled to arrive here today.

In a statement on Wednesday, the WB for the second time reminded the government that it would finance the project if the implementation of all the measures it asked for is satisfactory.

The statement came five days after the global lender announced its re-engagement in the project and just one day after Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina made some remarks in New York on WB's return to the project.

The WB cancelled its \$1.2 billion credit for the Padma bridge project in June, saying it had proof

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Khaleda for neutral probe, tough action

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia yesterday condemned and protested the attack, vandalism, and torching of Buddhist and Hindu temples and houses at Ramu in Cox's Bazar and nearby areas Saturday night.

In a statement issued last night, Khaleda, also the leader of the opposition in parliament, demanded exemplary punishment of the instigators and criminals responsible after a neutral probe.

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