

Punish the culprits

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demonstrated against Muslim mob attacks on Buddhist temples in Bangladesh, reports AFP.

A crowd of about 500 monks and supporters marched to the embassy and handed over a petition condemning the attack. Windows of the mission were smashed before police moved in to disperse the protesters.

Several hundred expatriate Buddhists staged demonstration at Eiffel Tower in Paris on Wednesday protesting against the attacks, reports a private TV channel.

"The scale and ferocity of these appalling attacks on ethnic communities have shocked Muslims and non-Muslims alike and the entire civil society in the country. The Bangladeshi authorities

must ensure this does not happen again," said Abbas Faiz, Amnesty International's Bangladesh researcher, in a statement.

The international rights body also called on all political parties to publicly condemn the violence against minorities and urge their members not to take part in such acts. Pointing to reports about police failure to protect minority communities despite having received news about imminent attacks, it said these are disturbing, and must be investigated.

"The terms of reference for the investigation, called for by the home minister, must be made public and strong measures must be put in place to protect Buddhist, Hindu and all

other witnesses who give evidence," Faiz said.

He demanded that those identified as responsible for the attack should be brought to justice in adherence to international fair trial standards.

In another statement, members of about 40 international non-governmental organisations of the INGO Forum Bangladesh expressed deep shock and concern over the incident and demanded a fully independent and unbiased judicial investigation.

The forum also demanded exemplary punishment of the culprits through due legal process, says a statement signed by Rezwana ul-Alam, director (Outreach and Communication) of Transparency International

Bangladesh.

The forum members also expressed heartfelt solidarity with the affected families and the Buddhist community in general and requested the government to take immediate measures to ensure fullest possible restoration of the damaged temples and relics.

Dhaka University Teachers Association (DUTA), Buet Teachers Association, Group Theatre Federation, Jagannath Hall Alumni Association, Kranti Shilpi Ghoshti and DU history department also condemned the attacks in separate statements.

Several hundred teachers, students and officials of DU also formed a human chain in front of the university's Aparajeya Bangla organised by DUTA.

Marauding crowd either burned or looted or vandalised several Buddhist and one Hindu temples and monasteries and over 50 houses during the attacks in Cox's Bazar and Chittagong on Saturday. The violence was apparently triggered by a Facebook photo defaming the holy Quran.

Our correspondents from Chittagong and Cox's Bazar add: A Cox's Bazar court yesterday placed 32 suspected attackers on one-day remand after they were produced before it in two cases filed with Cox's Bazar Police Station.

Another Cox's Bazar court also placed 45 other arrestees on different terms of remand between one and four days in connection with six separate cases filed with Ramu Police Station.

Fast food linked to lower IQ

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meal that children ate each day had an impact on their cognitive ability and growth.

It looked at 4,000 Scottish children aged three to five years old and compared fast food with freshly-cooked food.

The study, undertaken by an academic at Goldsmiths, University of London, found that parents with a higher socio-economic status reported that they gave their children meals prepared with fresh ingredients more often, which positively affected their IQ.

Lower socio-economic status was linked to more children having fast food, which led to lower intelligence.

Dr Sophie von Stumm, from the department of psychology at Goldsmiths, said "It is common sense that the type of food we eat will affect brain development, but previous research has only looked at the effects of specific food groups on children's IQ rather than at generic types of meals.

She said her findings highlighted that differences in children's meals were also a social problem.

"Mothers and fathers from less privileged backgrounds often have less time to prepare a freshly cooked meal from scratch for their children," Dr Stumm said.

"These children score lower on intelligence tests and often struggle in school.

It shows that the freshness and quality of food matters more than just being full, in particular when children are young," she added.

Similar discoveries were made in an Australian study published in August. It found that toddlers on a diet of drinks and sweets were less bright as they got older.

By the age of eight the 'junk food' children had IQs up to two points lower than their healthy counterparts, according to the researchers from the University of Adelaide.

The researchers suspected that the negative effect of eating junk food so early in life may not be altered by future healthy habits because brain development is hindered.

30 hurt in clash

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"We had informed the slum dwellers of the eviction many times before," Abdul Latif, officer-in-charge of Kafrul Police Station, told The Daily Star.

"We even announced it on Wednesday," he added.

Touhiduzzaman, a garment worker, admitted that the announcement of eviction was going on for the last two years.

"But we didn't think it would be so sudden. We thought they would give us time to remove our belongings," he said.

Slum dwellers also claimed their possessions were damaged during the eviction.

Yesterday afternoon this correspondent saw people, drenched to their skin hunting for their possessions amid the debris of their former homes.

Jewel Sheikh, a rickshaw puller, who had been living in the slum for 20 years, said "I have a wife, two sons, and a daughter but I don't have a place to sleep at night."

"I am looking for something to sell so that I can buy food," he said staring at the flattened remains of his home.

A team of NHA accompanied by around 150 policemen arrived at 8:30am, locals said.

Demanding time, the slum dwellers formed a

human chain for an hour to prevent the eviction from taking place.

Police then charged batons and fired several rounds of rubber bullets and teargas canisters to disperse the protesters leaving around 25 people injured.

Angry slum dwellers also hurled brickbats at the law enforcers, injuring five constables, the OC said.

"We had to disperse them as they were preventing us from doing our job," he added.

Though, police claimed to have fired only 48 teargas canisters, people living in the neighbourhood complained of a higher density of the stinging gas.

Shiru Mia taken out

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Bulbul, quoting Kamal, son of Shiru Miah.

Kamal had said this after his father Shiru Miah told him that there would be no one to look after him.

Tribunal Chairman Justice Md Nizamul Huq repeated the description for recording.

Bulbul was scheduled to be killed two days later along with three of his friends, but he managed to flee from the grip of the Pakistani army, albeit temporarily.

The witness was a student of class X at West End High School in 1971. As a freedom fighter he took part in several operations during the Liberation War.

Bulbul and his friends--Manik, Mahub and Khoka--were caught by the Pakistani army and Razakars (an auxiliary force of the Pakistani army) at Tantar checkpoint between Comilla and Brahmanbaria on October 29 when they were going to India to have training.

"They stripped us to our

underwear and tortured us for about three hours," he said, adding that they were later taken to the army headquarters in Brahmanbaria where Capt Ali Reza quizzed him.

They were then sent to Brahmanbaria jail where he found many freedom fighters of his age and was introduced to Nazrul, Shiru Miah and Shiru's son Anwar Kamal, Baten and Safiuddin.

A prosecutor then showed him a picture of Shiru Miah and Anwar Kamal.

Bulbul confirmed the picture was of them.

The witness said he came to know that Nazrul, Shiru Miah and Anwar Kamal had been caught at Tantar checkpoint two days before he was caught.

"The following day [the day after he was caught] I was taken to the Shanti Committee's office at Dana Miah's house where I saw notorious Peera Miah, who tortured me brutally," he said.

He said an hour later he was sent to an army cell

where he was tortured again.

All the detainees were tortured twice every day. Their wounds could not stop bleeding before the next round of torture, Bulbul said.

"On the evening of Eid... all the prisoners were asked to line up," Bulbul said.

Forty people except Bulbul and his friends were taken away.

Bulbul and his friends managed to flee two days later when they were taken to the torture cell. He was again caught at his Dhaka home and taken to the MP

Hostel in Tejgaon.

Bulbul was tortured brutally then and sent to Ramna Police Station where 84 others were kept prisoner.

"Every day they took away seven prisoners for killing. When the number came down to 14, the joint forces began their attacks. After that no car came to pick up prisoners," said Bulbul, who got his freedom on December 17.

Shiru Miah's wife and Kamal's mother communicated with Bulbul in 2008 after watching a television


programme in which Bulbul narrated the incident of Brahmanbaria jail.

Following his testimony, defence counsel Mizanul Islam cross-examined him for about 10 minutes.

Later, the prosecution produced witness Sheikh Farid Alam.

Farid said during the Liberation War Jamaat men had set up an office on his next door plot at 142 Nakhlapara.

Following his short testimony, the defence declined to cross-examine him.



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