

# BEATING OF 2 VILLAGERS Two village cops get bail

## Victims in jail

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A Rangpur court granted bail to two members of village police at Badarganj upazila on Friday, seven hours after they were arrested on charges of beating two villagers over the purchase of a cow.

Out on bail, they started threatening that the families of the two villagers -- Amjad Hossain and Sahirul Islam -- would be forced out of the village if the case was not withdrawn, members of the families alleged.

The two families had been suffering from a sense of insecurity since the 12 accused in the case, including Kalupara Union Parishad Chairman Shahidul Haque, started issuing the threat as soon as the case was filed.

"My husband is innocent. None of the villagers can say he is involved in any unlawful activities," Amjad's wife Kulsum Begum told The Daily Star.

"The chairman of the union parishad became biased against my husband and Sahirul since they had worked for his rival candidate in the last UP election," she said weeping.

Officer-in-Charge Jahedul Haque Chowdhury of Badarganj Police Station said police had nothing to do against them because they had been released on bail.

Amjad's father Abdul Gofur had filed the case against the 12, including the chairman and four members of village police, on Thursday night.

Police arrested the two

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appointments provide the Accord with strong leadership to move forward quickly on the vital work of factory inspections and remediation," Ansett said in the statement.

Under his experienced leadership, the Accord would establish and apply safety standards to all factories that supply to Accord member brands, the statement added.

It also said Alan Roberts would take up an international role, setting up the head office, raising funds and enlisting new signatories, and would be the first point of contact for the Accord.

Rob Wayss would be in Bangladesh and liaise closely with local actors, including the government and employers' organisations, whose cooperation is essential to the Accord achieving its aims.

Rob would train the Accord's local teams, work closely with the chief safety inspector and be a link to garment workers, the statement said, adding both of these executive directors would be instrumental in implementing the work of the Accord in Bangladesh and in raising the profile of the Accord and its work, to stakeholders and the public.

The Accord for Fire and Building Safety in Bangladesh was signed on May 13 in response to the Rana Plaza factory building collapse on April 24, 2013.

Meanwhile, Woolworths Australia, GEBRA, Wünsche Group of Germany have become the latest brands to sign the Accord, which aims to make the garment industry safe and sustainable for years to come. The number of total brands has crossed 100 with these retailers signing the Accord.

The Accord, a broad coalition of industry-leading brands with IndustriALL Global Union and UNI, has already released the names of more than 1,600 factories to be inspected to ensure fire and building safety.

They were taken to the magistrate's court, which later sent them to Rangpur Central Jail.

Sergio Berni told local television.

"There are no fatalities now," he said.

Television footage showed various railway cars that had left the track and were on the platform, after the train apparently failed to stop at the end of the line.

Officials, who said they

could not immediately determine the cause of the accident, said the injured have been transported to area hospitals.

Buenos Aires has been plagued by rail accidents in recent years including a disaster last year that killed 51 people and injured 700.

they observed there was nothing new in the PM's speech.

And, the proposal won't resolve the ongoing political crisis over holding a free and fair parliamentary election, he added.

The BNP leader said within two or three days they would place a proposal for a non-party caretaker government to conduct the polls.

According to the proposal, the chief of the election-time government must be a neutral person but the

interim ministers could be politicians picked from two sides, the leader added.

On Friday, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina proposed forming an all-party polls-time government and urged the BNP to nominate its MPs for inclusion in the interim cabinet.

Hasina, however, did not specify the size of the cabinet and its scope of work or who would head the cabinet. It is also not clear from her speech when the interim cabinet would be formed.

A system would also be developed so that no one would have to come to Dhaka for solutions to any local level problem, she said, adding that the problem would be solved at the upazila level.

At the meeting, the premier also directed the elected representatives to work in coordination with local representatives.

AL leaders Amir Hossain Amu, Tofail Ahmed, Syed Ashraful Islam, Mahbubul Alam Hanif, Jahangir Kabir Nanak, PM's Adviser HT Imam, among others, were present.

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