

# SABOTAGE DURING HARTALS, BLOCKADES

# Joint forces arrest 118 Jamaat-Shibir men in 6 districts

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Joint forces arrested at least 118 Jamaat-Shibir and BNP activists in six districts yesterday and the day before for their alleged involvement in destructive activities during blockades and hartals, according to our correspondents and UNB.

Of them, 41 were arrested in Sirajganj, 22 in Joypurhat, 20 in Chittagong, nine in Jheninah, 16 in Feni and the rest in Rangpur.

In Sirajganj, 41 Jamaat-Shibir and BNP activists were arrested from different areas of Ullapara upazila on Tuesday on charges of vandalism, arson attacks and attacks on police during the BNP-led 18-party enforced hartals and blockades.

Tajul Huda, officer-in-charge of Ullapara Model Police Station, said a team of joint forces, comprising police, Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) and Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) conducted drives in Bakua, Balsabari, Manuhar and Panchakushi areas of the upazila and arrested the opposition activists.

In Joypurhat, Law enforcers arrested 22 activists of Jamaat and its student wing Chhatra Shibir, raiding different places in five upazilas of the district yesterday.

Of them, six were arrested from Sadar, seven from Panchbibi, two from Kalai, four from Khetlal and three from Akkelpur upazilas.

Police said the Jamaat-Shibir men were held for their alleged involvement in removing fishplates, vandalising and torching vehicles, houses and shops and blasting bombs in the upazilas during blockades.

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In Feni, joint forces launched separate drives in three upazilas of the district on Tuesday night and arrested 16 BNP and Jamaat-Shibir men for their alleged involvement in destructive activities during hartals and blockades.

Law enforcers picked up 10 from different areas of sadar upazila, five from Chhagalnaiya upazila and one from Dagonbhuiyan upazila. Of the arrestees, 12 are BNP men and the remaining four are Jamaat-Shibir activists, police said.

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## 3 killed in clashes over land dispute

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Three people were killed in clashes over disputed land in Moulvibazar and Rangpur districts on Tuesday.

In Moulvibazar, two siblings were hacked to death allegedly by their rivals following a dispute over land at Budhpasha village in Kulaura upazila, reports our correspondent.

The deceased are Alfu Mia, 45, and Masuk Mia, 45, sons of late Zoad Mia of the village.

Police and locals said, there was a longstanding conflict between Alfu and Masuk and Sundar Ali over the land.

Early Tuesday, a gang, allegedly led by Sundar Ali, went to occupy the land around 12:00am but they were resisted by the two siblings, prompting the clash.

The rivals attacked the two siblings with sharp weapons, leaving them seriously injured.

They were rushed to the upazila health complex where on duty doctor declared them dead.

Away in Rangpur, a youth was killed in a clash between two rival groups over a piece of disputed land in Khatkhota area of the city on Tuesday, reports our correspondent.

The deceased was identified as Faridul Hasan Farid, 22, son of Mojibur Rahman of the area.

Police and locals said there was a longstanding dispute between Mojibur Rahman and one Belal Hossain of the village over the land.

As a sequel to the conflict, the supporters of the duo attacked each other with lethal weapons in the morning, leaving at least 10 from both sides injured.

Of them, Mojibur Rahman, 58, his two sons Farid and Md Nurunnabi, 30, and Md Hossain Ali, 50, were admitted to Rangpur Medical College and Hospital while the rest given first aid.

Later, Farid succumbed to his injuries at the hospital, said Md. Shahabuddin Khalifa, officer-in-charge of Kotwali Police Station.

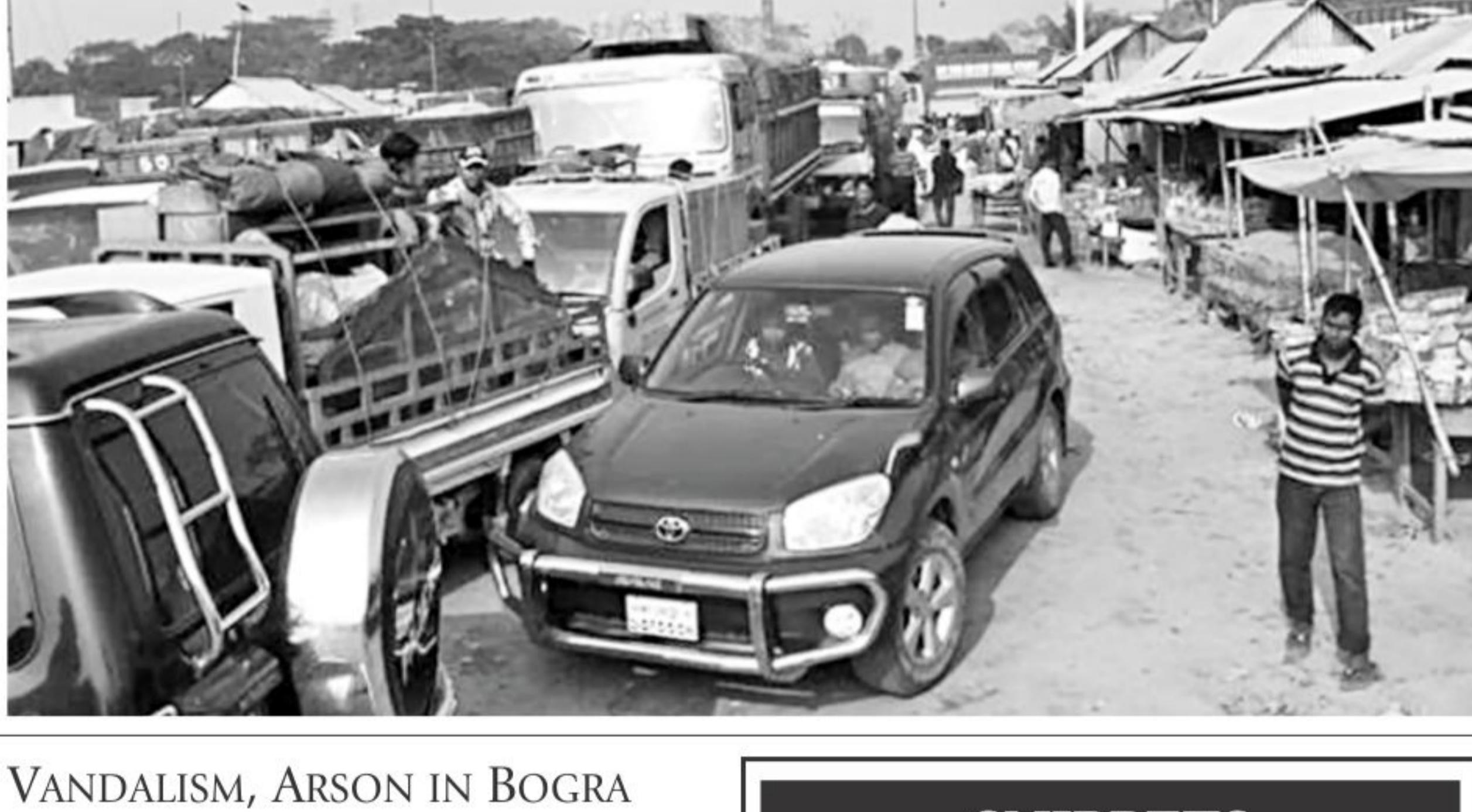
## POST-BLOCKADE TAILBACK AT MAWA



PHOTO: STAR



**After the end of long 83 hours of opposition enforced blockade across the country, the major ferry terminals yesterday woke up to experience a severe pressure of vehicles. Mawa in Munshiganj, which was already hit by dense fog and cold spell, witnessed a tailback of over five hundred vehicles from 21 southern districts. Although 13 ferries out of 15 were active, cars, buses and good-laden trucks were stuck at the terminal for several hours.**



## Train links restored

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jamalpur

Train communications on Dhaka-Jamalpur-Mymensingh route, which was cut off following derailment of an engine at Piarpur rail station, resumed after six hours of suspension yesterday.

Railway sources said, the engine of a Dewanganj-bound train from Mymensingh veered off the tracks when it reached Piarpur rail station at about 8:15am, disrupting train movement on Dhaka-Jamalpur-Mymensingh route.

The train service resumed around 2:00pm after a relief train from Mymensingh reached the spot and salvaged the derailed engine.

## VLANDALISM, ARSON IN BOGRA

### Charges pressed against 31 Jamaat-Shibir men

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Police have pressed a charge sheet against 31 Jamaat-Shibir men of Shahjanpur upazila in a case for vandalising and torching upazila Awami League office, local police station and ruling party men's houses, shops, and other government offices on March 3 this year.

Shahjanpur upazila Chairman and Jamaat district unit leader Yeasin Ali, his son Rabiul Hasan Rubel, an activist of Shibir, Jamaat leader Atiqur Rahman and Hannan Ali are among the charge sheeted accused.

Police said Jamaat-Shibir men carried out the arson attack and vandalism in the

area during a violence triggered by the rumour of Sayeede's image on the moon on March 3.

Four Jamaat-Shibir men were killed and hundred others injured in a clash with the law enforcers during the violence.

Upazila unit Muktizodah commander Goura Gopal Goshwami then filed a case with Shahjanpur police station against 21 identified and 1500 unidentified Jamaat-Shibir men in this connection.

After investigation, sub-inspector of the police station Abdus Salam placed the charge sheet before the district Judicial Magistrate Court on December 16.

## SNIPPETS

### 1200 mango saplings felled

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Natore

Criminals felled around 1200 mango saplings on 14 bighas of land in Hazra-Natore area under Sadar upazila on Tuesday night. The loss caused by the misdeed could go up to Tk 50,00,000, calimed victims. Shahid Hossein, Khorshed Alam and Shukur Ali of the area. The gang also damaged the nearby mustard crops, they said. Punitive action would be taken against those responsible for the offence after investigating the matter, said Aslam Hossain, officer-in-charge of Natore police station.

### Housewife commits 'suicide'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A housewife allegedly committed suicide in Chiribandar upazila yesterday. The dead is Samsunnahar 25, wife of Bhutti Miah of Idrapara village. Police and family sources said Samsunnahar took poison following an altercation with her husband over family matter. She died on the way to the hospital.

### Fake newsman arrested

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

A fake newsman was held in Joypurhat district town on Tuesday night. The arrestee is Md Jalil Rana. Jalil has been blackmailing and extorting locals for long introducing himself as a journalist. On information, the joint forces raided Khanjanpur area in the town at night and arrested Jalil, said Abdur Rashid Sarker, OC of Sadar police station.

### Two 'robbers' held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

Police arrested two alleged robbers along with a shutter gun, one bullet and a sharp weapon at Hadol village in Faridpur upazila early yesterday. The arrestees are Md Nayeb Ali, 38, son of Taher Pramanik of Kuchulia village and Azad Mia, 28, son of Abdul Jalil of Moude village. On secret information, a police team raided the area and arrested the duo while a gang of eight were taking preparation to commit robbery. However, the rest managed to flee, sensing the presence of the law enforcers, said police.

### Newborn found dead

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

A newborn baby was found dead in a dustbin at Moulvibazar Sadar Hospital yesterday. Locals found the body at the spot and informed the police who sent it to the hospital morgue for autopsy, said Md Abdul Hay, office in-charge (investigation) of Moulvibazar police station. Police were investigating the matter, said the OC.



**Sixty-two years after the Language Movement, Kalapara municipality under Patuakhali district finally gets a Shaheed Minar. The municipality authorities have built the memorial for the language martyrs on the premises of the local children's park at a cost of Tk 24 lakh.**

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