

ATTACKED HINDUS OF LALMONIRHAT VILLAGES

Cry for help as no sign yet of rehabilitation

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Victim of massive attack by Jamaat-Shibir and BNP men during the last couple of months, Hindu families at Satpatki Majhipara in Lalmonirhat Sadar, and Shafinagar and Ghoshpara villages in Patgram upazila under the district are yet to resume normal life.

They are in need of immediate government support for rehabilitation as their shops and houses were vandalised and torched, and cash money and assets looted, even temples were not spared, during the attacks on the minority community at the three villages.

Jamaat-Shibir and BNP men looted and vandalised or burnt at least 18 shops owned by Hindus at Shafinagar village of Bawra union in Patgram on October 27 last year, during the countrywide hartal called by BNP-led 18-party alliance.

The Hindus and their temple here also came under attack by Jamaat-Shibir men on January 4 this year, the day before the parliamentary election.

BNP men ransacked at least 40 houses of Hindus and looted four of them at Satpatki Majhipara village in Lalmonirhat Sadar on November 4 last year. The gang assaulted 15 Hindus including women that day.

Jamaat-Shibir men vandalised and looted seven trade centres and two houses of Hindus at Ghoshpara village in Patgram on November 28 last year.

The gang also assaulted several Hindu women and



PHOTO: STAR
Vandalised by BNP and Jamaat-Shibir men on the night of January 4, a medical store, inset, a house belonging to two Hindus at Shafinagar village in Patgram upazila and at Satpatki Majhipara village in Sadar upazila of Lalmonirhat district are yet to be rebuilt as the victims do not have enough money.

children.

"The gang looted cash money from my house after damaging it on November 4. I don't know how I will rebuild the house," said Niro Bala, 60, a widow at Satpatki Majhipara village.

"My grocery shop at Ghoshpara village was my lone earning source, but



Jamaat-Shibir men destroyed it. I don't have the ability to rebuild the shop and purchase goods worth about Tk two lakh. Now I am trying to get a job in Patgram town," said Ranjit Chandra Ghosh, 48.

Paritosh Chandra Sen, 44, a medicine trader at Shafinagar village, said his shop was vandalised and

medicines worth about Tk one lakh looted during the attack on October 27.

He is yet to re-start the business due to lack of money.

Contacted, Lalmonirhat Deputy Commissioner Habibur Rahman said he will provide help as per official procedure if any affected Hindu appeals.

Jubo League man killed, bomb attack on AL activist

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A Jubo League activist was killed by criminals in Noakhali while an Awami League activist was injured in bomb attack in Chapanawabganj on Sunday and yesterday.

A Jubo League activist was hacked to death by criminals in Bangladesh of Begumganj upazila of Noakhali on Sunday night.

The deceased was identified as Kamal Hossain, 32, son of Abdul Gofran of Basanterbagh village of the upazila, reports UNB.

Police and family members said, Kamal was returning home on a motorbike in Basanterbagh area around 6:30pm.

A gang, numbering 4-5, suddenly swooped on him. They beat him with sticks and hacked him with sharp weapons indiscriminately, leaving him injured.

They also cut off the tendons of his hands and legs.

Critically injured, Kamal was rushed to Begumganj upazila health complex and later shifted to Noakhali Medical College Hospital (NMCH) where doctors declared him dead.

In Chapanawabganj, an Awami League activist was seriously injured as Jamaat-

Shibir men hurled bombs in Shibtala area of the district town yesterday, reports our correspondent.

The injured Awami League activist is Mainul Islam, son of Namu Sardar of Bhogobanpur village under Sadar upazila. He was a former member of Moharajpur union parishad and an activist of AL.

Jasim Uddin, officer in-charge (OC) of Sadar police station and witnesses said, local AL leaders and activists arranged a reception to Abdul Odud, lawmaker of Chapainawabganj-3 constituency (Sadar) in front of the deputy commissioner's office.

Several hundred AL activists joined there.

After ending the reception programme, Mainul Islam and others were returning to their village home by motorbike.

When they reached Shibtala area at around 12:45pm, a gang hurled five to six bombs on them. One bomb hit Mainul and injured Mainul seriously.

Dr. Shafiqul Islam, Residential Medical Officer (RMO) of Sadar Hospital, said that the bomb hit Mainul's head and other parts of body.

Contacted, Mainul blamed local Jamaat-Shibir men for the attack.



PHOTO: STAR
Children, affected by pneumonia and other cold-related diseases, crowd the children's ward of Nilphamari Sadar Hospital.

COLD-RELATED DISEASES

Kids crowd hospital in Nilphamari

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

Children are increasingly getting attacked by pneumonia and other respiratory diseases as a cold spell has been sweeping the district for over a week.

Affected children and their mothers are crowding the floor and corridor of the children's ward at Sadar Hospital.

As the children's ward at the hospital is not equipped with sufficient beds, the hospital authorities are treating 3-4 affected children in each bed, leaving mothers either to sleep by

turn or sit at the edge of bed at night.

Senior staff nurse Fahima Begum, in charge of the children's ward, told this correspondent yesterday that a two-day-old child named Babu, son of one Abu Zafar of Araj Kaniakhata village in Sadar upazila, died of pneumonia on the night of January 11.

She also informed that 373 children, most of them affected by pneumonia, were treated at the children's ward in the last 10 days. As per hospital record, 1136 more pneumonia-infected children were treated at the outdoor section during the period.

send them to India by human traffickers through Bhomra border in Sadar upazila on Sunday.

The victims gathered there from different places of Dhaka, Bhola and Natore districts prior to their start for the neighbouring country, reports UNB.

Abdul Mannan, nayek of BGB Bhomra outpost, said a team of the border force, on

secret information, raided Zero Point of the border around 6:00am and arrested the six women.

Quoting the detainees, police said the human traffickers were sending the women to India promising them lucrative jobs there.

However, the traffickers ran away from the spot sensing the presence of the

Bombs seized in Chandpur, Chuadanga

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Police on Sunday night arrested two people along with eight cocktails and six crude bombs raiding a medicine store in Natun Bazar area of Chandpur town.

The arrestees are shop owner Humayun Kabir, 50, and his son Salamat Bhuiyan, both residents of Madna village in Sadar upazila.

Police said, being tipped off, a team from Chandpur Model police station raided Makka Pharmacy in the area and arrested the two along with the petrol bombs and crude bombs around 7:45pm.

Humayun told police that minutes before the raid, a young man, aged 20-25, came to his shop and requested him to keep a 'gift box' for a while.

In Chuadanga, eight patrol bombs were recovered in the district town yesterday, reports our Kushtia correspondent.

Saleh Uddin Ahmed, Additional Police Superintendent of Chuadanga, said a police team from Chuadanga Sadar police station recovered the bombs kept at a place behind the district session judge's court at about 12.30pm.

In Kushtia, criminals threw a patrol bomb at an office at Chheuria in the outskirts of district headquarters at about 8.30am, leaving four people injured.

Police said two criminals hurled the bomb on the roadside community police

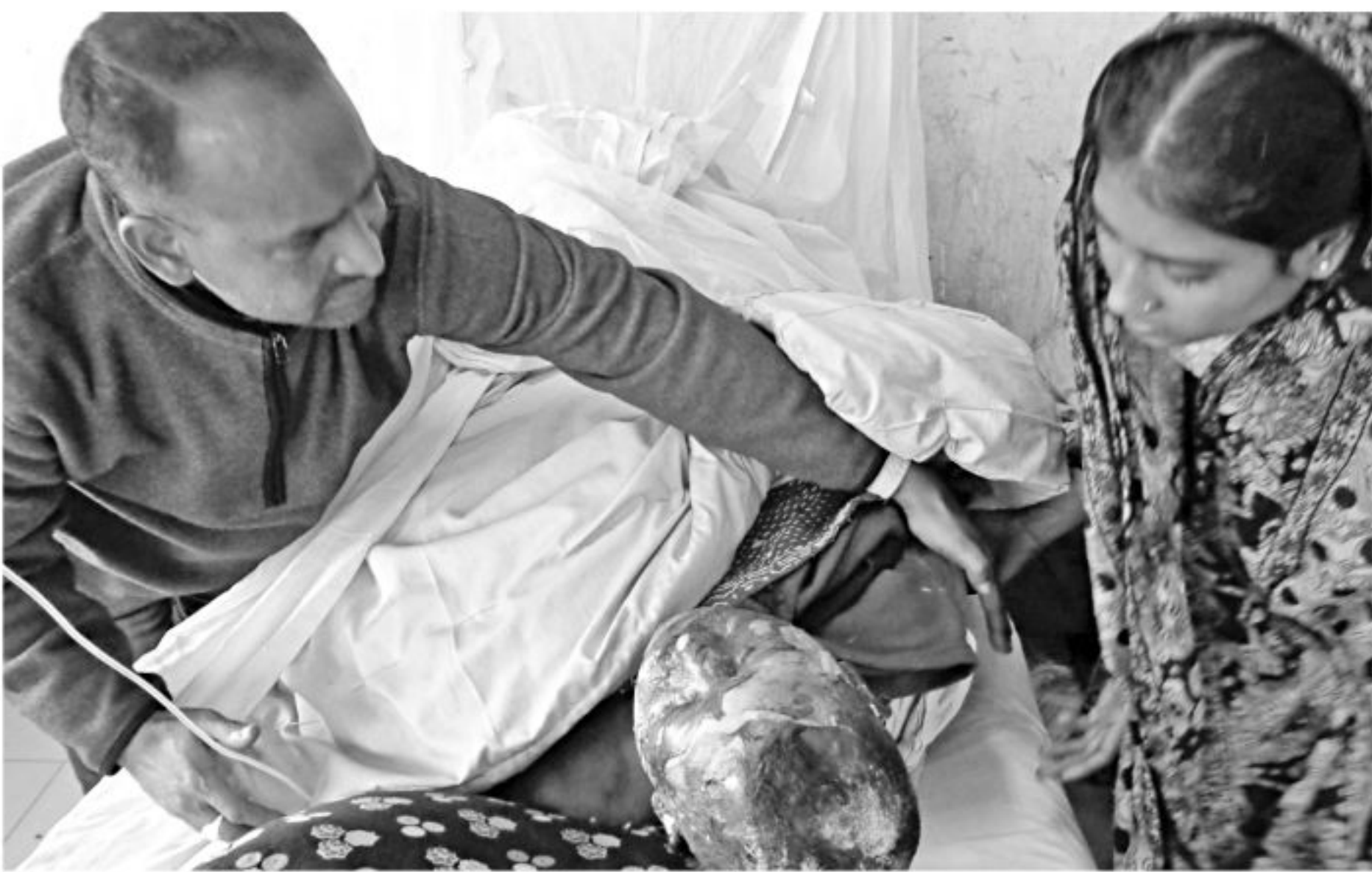


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Brother-in-law and elder daughter of trucker Shafat Ali Pramanik, who came under petrol bomb attack in Sirajganj on Tuesday last, are taking care of him at Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College Hospital in Bogra.

PETROL BOMB ATTACK ON TRUCK

Police fail to trace culprits while Shafat fights for life

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Victim of petrol bomb attack on Dhaka-Bogra highway, truck driver Shafat Ali Pramanik is fighting for life at Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College and Hospital (SZMCH) in the district town.

Shafat, 55, hailing from Goneshpur in Shibganj upazila of Bogra district, got burnt in his respiratory tube, face, head, forehead and belly as the blockaders of BNP-led 18-party men threw petrol bombs at the potato-laden truck he was driving at Horgati in Hatikamrul upazila of Sirajganj around 9:00pm on Tuesday last.

Vegetable traders Imran, also a college student, and Milon, who were on board the truck, met tragic death in the bomb attack.

Locals rushed Safat to SZMCH that night.

With 35 per cent burn injuries on the body, he is not yet out of danger, said Dr Shahidullah Dewan, in-charge of Burn and Plastic Unit of the Surgery Department of SZMCH.

"I was driving the potato-laden truck with three staffs and four potato traders on it when the criminals hurled two bombs. I can't recall anything afterwards," said a groaning Safat during this correspondent's visit on Sunday.

"We cannot afford to take my father to Dhaka for better treatment," lamented his elder daughter Shamsun Nahar Sabina, 18, sitting beside his hospital bed.

Sabina is married with a man at Hudrabalai village in Shibganj upazila, while her sister Shabana Khatun, 11, and brother Habib, 7, read in classes VII and III respectively.

"Shafat is the lone bread earner of his family. We are now worried about the future of his kids," said Safat's brother-in-law Ashrafal Islam, expressing disgust towards the leaders responsible for violent politics.

Meanwhile, none of the perpetrators of the barbaric attack is yet to be identified, said police.

Over 5000 BNP, Jamaat men sued 66 leaders, activists of 18-party alliance sent to jail

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At least 5,185 BNP and Jamaat-Shibir men have been sued on various charges in Dinaipur and Sherpur districts.

In Faridpur, 66 leaders and activists of the 18-party alliance were sent to jail.

According to our Dinaipur correspondent, at least 5,150 Jamaat-Shibir and BNP men of Parbatipur upazila were sued in 6 separate cases on charge of creating anarchy, setting fire to vote centres and burning electoral materials on January 5.

The presiding officers of the 16 centres in the upazila filed the cases with Parbatipur police station yesterday afternoon.

Earlier, two more cases were filed, police said adding that with yesterday's cases, the number stood at 18.

On January 5, the Jamaat-Shibir and BNP men attacked at least 20 poll centres in Parbatipur upazila and set fire and burnt electoral materials. On election day, at least three people were killed including an Ansar man in the upazila.

In Sherpur, a case was filed against 35 activists of Jamaat-e-Islami and its student wing Islami Chhatra Shibir, in connection with the severing of tendons of an Awami League leader on Saturday night.

Mohammad Ali Sheikh, officer in-charge of Sribardi police station, said the victim himself filed the case against 20 identified and 15 unidentified Jamaat-Shibir men.

M o h a m m a d Nuruzzaman Badal, assistant secretary of district unit Jamaat, was among the accused.

On January 5, the Jamaat-Shibir cadres cut off the tendons of both the legs of Billal Hossain, president of ward No. 1 Awami League of Sribardi municipality, while he was going to Poragarh Government Primary School to cast his vote.

Meanwhile, a court in Faridpur on Sunday sent 66 leaders and activists of the 18-party alliance to jail in a case filed for hartal violence.

Senior judicial magistrate

Abdullah Al Masud of Faridpur Cognisance Court-3 passed the order when the opposition men surrendered to his court in compliance with a High Court order.

Granting an interim bail, the High Court recently asked the accused

to surrender before the lower court.

Complying with the HC order, the 18-party men appeared before the trial court on Sunday, seeking bail. After hearing, the court rejected bail prayers and sent them to jail.

Vice-president of district

unit Islami Oikya Jote Maulana Liakat Ali, organising secretary of Nagarkanda upazila unit BNP Saifur Rahman Mukul and general secretary of Nagarkanda municipality unit BNP Habibur Rahman Nazrul were among the accused.

Amendment No. 2 of BPDB's Local Tender Notice

"বিন্দু সাপ্তাহিক বাতি ব্যবহার করুন"

Tender Enquiry No. Pur-225/2013-14/Rev., Dated: 24/11/2013 against Procurement of 11KV, 1x240mXLPE Cable for Director, Electrical Equipment, BPDB, Dhaka. The following amendment is made on the bid document.

Sl. No.	Subject to be amended/replaced as	To be amended/replaced as
01.	Section 7, 8 & 9 of tender document page No. 53 to 67.	Revised Section 7, 8 & 9 of tender document page No. 53 to 67. Seal & signed by Deputy Director, Directorate of Purchase, BPDB, Dhaka.
	Subject to be Amended	Existing as
	Tender selling date	Up to 15/01/2013
	Tender closing date	16/01/2014 at 11-30am
02.	Tender opening date	16/01/2014 at 11-30am
	To be Amended as	
		Up to 11/02/2014
		12/02/2014 at 11-30am
		12/02/2014 at 11-30am

All other terms & conditions of tender document shall remain unchanged.

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