

Hindu temples, houses attacked in 5 districts

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Hindu temples and houses came under attack in at least five districts across the country on Monday.

Unidentified criminals attacked a temple and vandalised four idols of a temple in Rupganj upazila of Narayanganj as they were allegedly barred from taking part in a dancing programme on Monday night.

Witnesses said, a few youths went to the temple during Kali Puja function at Manipara at around 9:30pm and tried to take part in a ritual dance.

As the temple committee

members did not allow them, the criminals beat up the devotees and vandalised the furniture of the temple.

Our Lalmonirhat correspondent reports: A Hindu house was attacked by a gang allegedly over a land dispute at Northbengal in the district town on Monday night.

A victim, Maya Rani, alleged that, they donated one decimal of land for a link road in the area but a local musclem demanded two decimals. As her husband turned down their demand, the criminals attacked the house, she said.

In Patuakhali, three people were injured as a gang attacked a wedding function of a Hindu family at Mithagonj village in Kalapara upazila on Monday night, reports our correspondent.

Police and family sources said, a group of youths came to the house of Amal Das on Monday night and swooped on the function as they failed to get invitation from the family.

In Madaripur, a gang of criminals vandalised a temple and several idols in it, following a dispute over a piece of land at Kawkuri village under Sadar upazila on Monday night.

Police said, criminals attacked the house of Subhash Datta and vandalised temple in the house. Following case filing, police detained a woman in this connection, reports our correspondent.

Away in Bagerhat district, an unidentified gang tried to set fire to a family temple in Kachua upazila of the district on Monday night, reports our local correspondent.

Meanwhile, in Dinajpur and Chapainawabganj, the indigenous people formed separate human chains in the districts, protesting the recent attacks on minority communities, including Adivasi men and Hindus across the country after the January 5 election.

Bridal party robbed in Cox's Bazar

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's Bazar

Criminals swooped on the vehicles carrying members of a bridal party and looted gold ornaments in Panerchhara area under Ramu upazila of the district early yesterday.

According to Ashish Sharma, brother of bridegroom Shyamol Sharma, a gang of five armed people intercepted three buses and a car by felling logs at Panerchhara point on Cox's Bazar-Teknaf highway at around 5:00am.

He said they were returning home at Jhumchhari village in Cox's Bazar Sadar upazila after wedding ceremony of his brother Shyamol Sharma held at Palong Garden Community Centre in Ukhiya upazila of the district.

"As my elder brother Babul Sharma got down from a bus to talk to the robbers, one of the gang members open fire," Ashish said.

Babul, also a constable of Dhobachhar police camp under Chandanish Police station in Chittagong, received bullet injuries in the head. He was admitted to Cox's Bazar Sadar Hospital and then shifted to Chittagong Medical College Hospital as his condition deteriorated.

During an hour-long operation, the gang injured at least 15 members of bridal party, looted around 15 tolas of gold ornaments from the bride and female members of the party and left the scene.

Being informed, police went to the spot and arranged treatment for the injured. Contacted, the officer-in-charge of Ramu Police Station said they have already launched a drive to arrest the robbers.

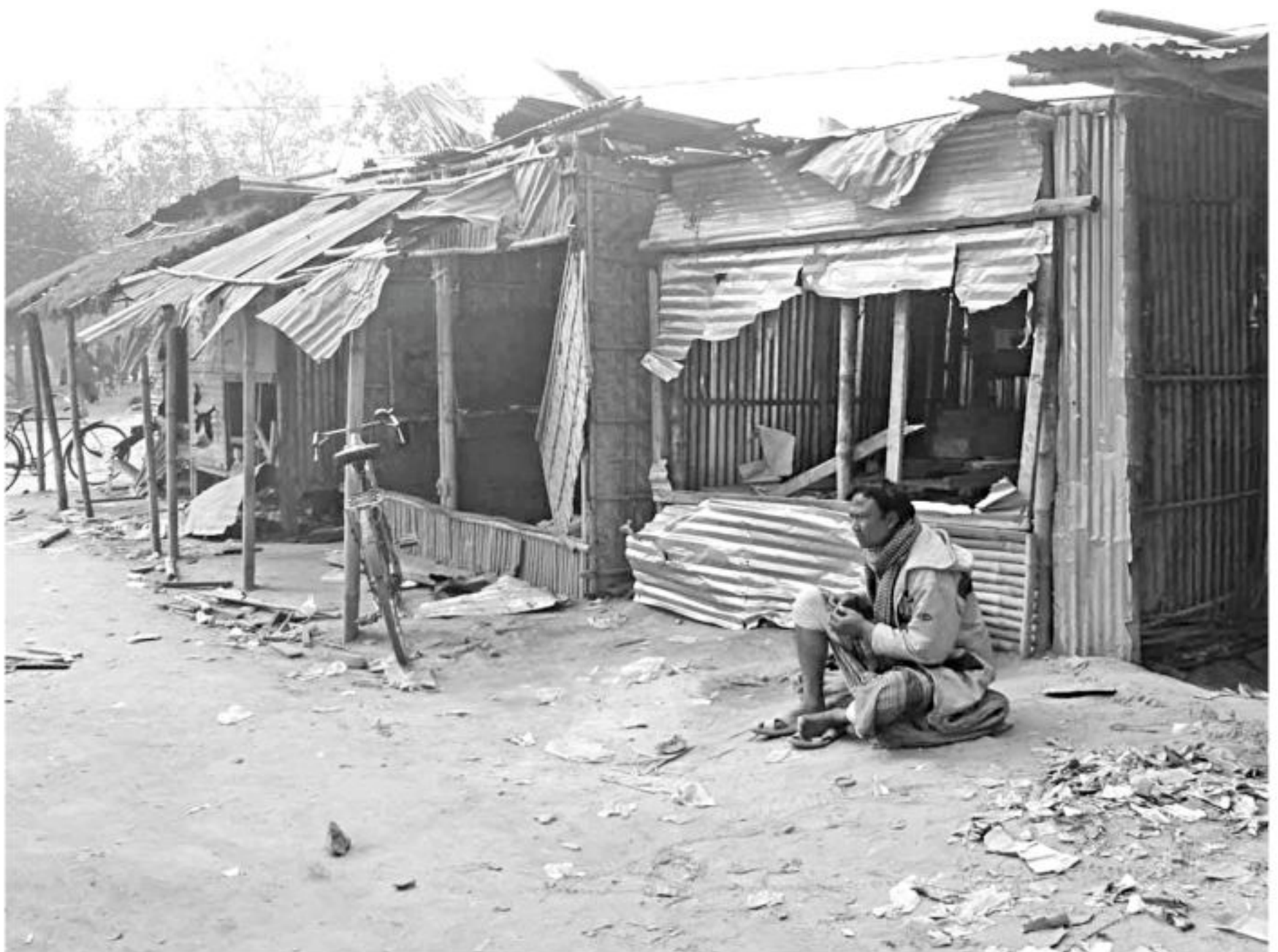


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Vandalised and looted shops at Kornai Bazar in Dinajpur Sadar upazila still bear testimony to the barbaric attack on the properties of the minority Hindus in the area by BNP and Jamaat-Shibir men during the January 5 parliament election.

SHOPS ATTACKED BY BNP-JAMAAT MEN

Devastated Kornai Bazar still wears deserted look

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinajpur

Kornai Bazar in Sadar upazila where BNP and Jamaat-Shibir men vandalised and torched at least 50 shops belonging to Hindus on the election day on January 5 still gives a deserted look.

The market is yet to get back its life as the affected Hindus could not rebuild their damaged shops to start afresh even after 15 days of attack for want of money.

BNP and Jamaat-Shibir activists swooped on the market in the evening, looted, vandalised and set fire to the shops of Hindus for allegedly casting votes, ignoring the polls boycott call of the 18-party alliance.

Locals said, the opposition activists damaged 50 out of 58 shops at the market, badly affecting at least 155 Hindu families.

Liton Chandra Roy, a medicine shop owner, alleged that the criminals vandalised and looted his shop during the attack. He said about Tk one lakh is needed to restart his business.

Shyamol Chandra Roy, another shop owner, said the January 5 incident still haunts them.

"We return home before sunset, fearing fresh attack by Jamaat-Shibir men," he added.

On the other hand, suspension of business at Kornai Bazar has also mounted the sufferings of the people of 10 to 12 villages in the area. They now have to go to Bansher Haat, two km from Kornai, to purchase essential commodities.

However, Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) has so far repaired 12 shops at the bazar.

Besides, classes at Kornai Government Primary School near the market has remained suspended since January 5 as a temporary police camp has been set up there to ensure security of local Hindus.

Another youth held in Bogra schoolboy killing case

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Police early Monday arrested another youth in connection with the abduction and killing of a schoolboy at Joypurpara village in Adamdighi upazila.

The arrestee is Masud Rana, 22, son of Deljar Rahman of the village in the upazila was picked up from his residence.

Earlier, another suspect, Motalleb Hossain, 23, son of Siddikur Rahman of Kural village, of the murder case was held on Saturday.

On December 29 last year, a gang abducted Jishan Ahmed, 8, son of brick kiln owner Bazlur Rahman of Shawal village and a class two student at Muruil Government Primary School from a *waz mehfil* (religious gathering) at the village and demanded Tk 50 lakh ransom.

Later the kidnappers reduced the amount to Tk 30 lakh.

As Deljar did not meet the demand of the kidnappers and continued to bargain, they, at a slage, strangled the boy.

Jishan's body was then found floating in a pond in the area on January 2, said sub-inspector of Adamdighi police station Dulal Hossain.

Later, the deceased's father filed a murder case against a few unidentified people, said the SI.

Police arrested the duo by tracking their mobile call lists, he said.

Both the arrestees have been sent to jail by Bogra courts, he added.

TRUCKER KHOKON MURDER

Charges pressed against 41 Bogra 18-party men

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Charges have been pressed against 41 activists of the BNP-led 18-party alliance in trucker Shahidul Islam Khokon killing case.

Bogra municipality councillor Masud Rana, Md Sajul, Jasim Uddin, Akij, Nengra Badal, Akram Hossain, Enamul Haque, Ohidul Islam, Mosfiqur Rahman, Abdul Khaleque, Shahidul Islam, Rabbi Mia, Shahadat Hossain, Shahinur Islam, Imran, Hossain, Sajjad Hossain, Selim Ahmed, Kader Ali, Abdul Maleque, Sarkar Mukul, and Shabbir Hossain are among the accused.

Sub-Inspector Safiqul



Shahidul Islam Khokon

Islam, also the investigation officer (IO) of the case, submitted the charged sheet to the Judicial Magistrate's Court, Bogra, on December 31, 2013.

Trucker Khokon was killed by pickets in Bogra town during a hartal enforced by the 18-party

alliance on April 9 last year.

According to case statement, Khokon's Chittagong-bound goods-laden truck from Dinajpur came under attack by pickets on Rangpur-Dhaka highway near Matidali area in Bogra town at around 5:00am.

One of the brick chips hurled by the pickets hit Khokon breaking through the windscreen. Critically injured Khokon was taken to Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College Hospital where the doctors declared him dead.

Seven of the charge sheeted accused, including municipality councillor Masud Rana, are now in jail while the rest are

'Bring killers of Fanu to book within 72 hours'

Ultimatum by 52 Natore UP chairmen

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Natore

All the 52 union parishad chairmen in the district formed a human chain and held a rally under the banner of Bangladesh Union Parishad Forum (BUPF) yesterday, demanding immediate arrest of the killers of UP Chairman Fazle Rahman Fanu.

Golam Sarwar, founder chairman of the Parishad Forum attended the rally as chief guest in front of Natore Press Club.

Sazzad Hossain Mukul, president of Rajshahi divisional committee of BUPF, Abidhur Rahman, chairman of Biprobeghoria UP and convener of Natore district unit BUPF and Shamima Akter Rosy, chairman of Chugram UP also spoke at the rally.

The leaders of the forum gave 72 hours' ultimatum to the authorities to arrest the killers and threatened to go for a 72-hour strike from Sunday.

The chairmen will held another protest rally at Singra upazila headquarters on Saturday.

Though the UP chairmen serve the common people from the morning to night, they have no security, said Golam Sarwar.

At least 15 union parishad chairmen were killed in the last one year, he said and demanded trial of all the cases.

Fazle Rahman Fanu, 60, executive committee member of the upazila unit of AL and chairman of Kalom union parishad, was stabbed to death by a gang in Shaoil area of the upazila around 12:30pm on Saturday.

Awami League claimed that a gang of criminals, numbering 10 to 12 and led by Kalom union Swachchhasebok Dal president Karim, committed the murder.

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