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Cow fattening out of control

Traders cut long process short with help of harmful drugs

PINAKI ROY with AHMED KABIR TOPLU

Abdul Mannan, a poor farmer from Kazuria village in Pabna, bought a bull for Tk 26,000 four months ago.

He then planned to fatten it up as much as possible, and make some quick bucks by selling it before the Eid-ul-Azha.

Like many of his neighbours, he started feeding the bull "small white drugs", locally known as "vitamins". Soon, the bull gained weight substantially and buyers offered almost double the price he bought it with.

But Mannan wanted more.

"It looked healthy and a trader offered Tk

50,000 for it. But my husband decided to

wait for a few more days, and he gave it injections [steroid] to make it look fatter still,"

Mannan's wife Mazeda Khatun told The Daily Star correspondents, who visited her house

last week.

But the poor bull couldn't survive the impacts of drug overdose and died a few days later.

Though Mannan's taking the shortcut to make excessive profits ended in a fiasco, hun-

dreds of others are making a bundle this way ahead of the Eid-ul-Azha, when Muslims

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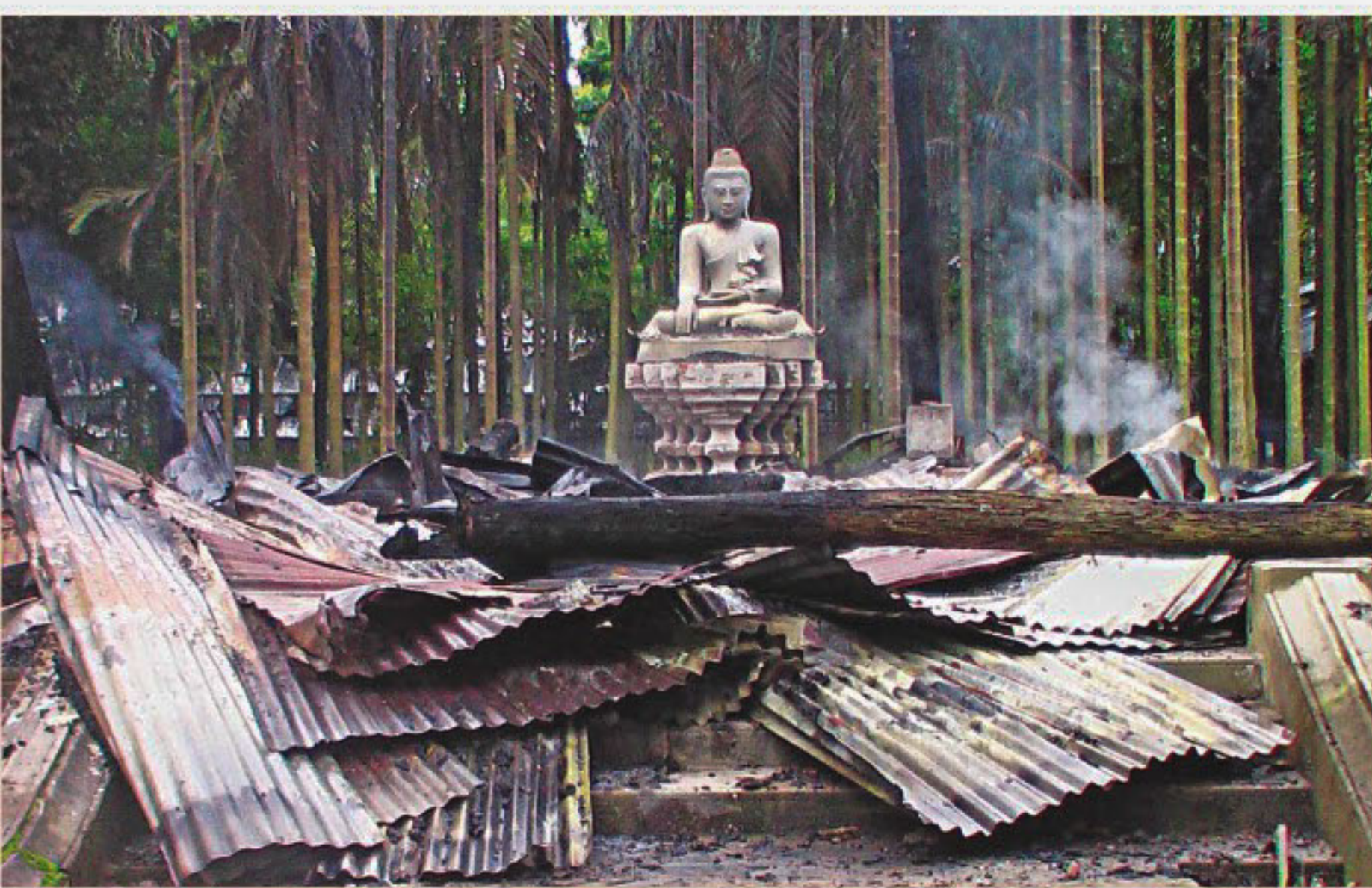
Unapproved drugs sold openly

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A cow at a cattle farm at Mohammadpur in the capital where livestock go through a fattening regime ahead of Eid. Some farms claim that they fatten cows in an "natural" way but most farms overdose cattle with vitamins and steroids available in the market.

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Only one idol stands amid the carnage at a Buddhist temple in Ramu of Cox's Bazar on this day two years ago.

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ATTACKS ON BUDDHISTS

None of 19 cases goes to trial in two years

STAR REPORT

Two years on, none of the 19 cases filed for the attacks on Buddhists in Cox's Bazar has gone to trial, frustrating the victims of the hate crimes.

Law enforcers say lengthy legal procedures have caused the delay.

But leaders of the community and human rights activists question whether the government and the law enforcement agencies are at all willing to bring the culprits to book.

They fear attacks on Buddhists may recur if those responsible for the mayhem are allowed to get off scot-free.

Locals allege that many perpetrators have been left out of the charge sheets while many innocent people made accused.

Fanatics attacked Buddhist homes and temples in Ramu, Ukhaia,

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Victim of lie, victim of law

Case against missing Uttam still on; family members keep struggling with nobody standing by them

MUHAMMAD ALI ZINNAT and
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Nobody knows whether the nightmare will ever end.

Uttam Barua, the Buddhist youth whose Facebook page was doctored for fabricating an anti-Islam post to incite the 2012 Ramu attack, is still missing while his family remains virtually a social outcast.

To make matters worse, police submitted a charge sheet in December last year implicating him in the incident and started formalities to confiscate whatever moveable properties the poverty-stricken family has.

Even people of their community blame the family members for the never-seen-before mayhem, which left 12 Buddhist temples burned to ashes and dozens of houses damaged on the night of September 29, 2012.

Our Cox's Bazar correspondent visiting Haitupi village in Ramu on Saturday found Uttam's thatched hut locked from outside.

Uttam's mother went to char areas of the Bakkhali river to work on vegetable fields, keeping his physically challenged sister Jinia locked inside the house, said a neighbour. She usually earns Tk 120 per day working there.

The house still bears the marks of madness by Muslim

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Uttam Barua

TRANSIT, CONNECTIVITY

Delhi may help Dhaka improve infrastructure

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

India would be willing to help Bangladesh improve its infrastructure, if required for transit and connectivity purposes, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said.

He said this to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina when the two leaders met for the first time in New York on Saturday.

Hasina stressed the need for infrastructure development if India needed to transport food grains to its north-eastern region via Bangladesh on a regular basis, according to the transcript of the media briefing by Syed Akbaruddin, official spokesperson for India.

Modi thanked Hasina for allowing transport of food grains through Bangladesh to the Indian part, the spokesperson said.

"Sheikh Hasina was very warm, saying that the

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UPROAR OVER EXAMINEES' QUALITY

Nahid questions DU admission system

VC disagrees

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Amid an uproar over shocking results of a Dhaka University entry test, Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid yesterday put the blame squarely on the test method.

Terming the admission test "faulty" and "unacceptable", he said the university authorities intentionally set harder questions so that only a few students could get through.

"Questions were so difficult that only

two students passed the test [for enrolment in English department]. This was done deliberately. Has the quality of education suddenly plummeted so much that only two out of 11 lakh students passed the test?" he told reporters at his secretariat office.

Nahid said such tests would ruin the students' future, make them feel depressed and destroy the country's "acceptability" abroad. "The destructive [entry test] system they [the DU] has adopted cannot be

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