

ATTACK ON HINDUS AT BONOGRAM IN 2013

# Court accepts charge sheets against 84 in two cases

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

A Pabna court yesterday accepted three charge sheets in two cases in connection with the gruesome attack on Hindus at Bonogram in Santhia upazila under Pabna on November 2 in 2013. Spreading rumour about maligning Prophet Mohammad (pbuh) through a Facebook page allegedly posted by local boy Rajib Shah, a group of people attacked the Hindus in the area, leaving 33 houses, 10 shops and seven temples damaged in three villages of Bonogram that day.

Three separate cases were filed in connection with the incidents. Rajib's father Bablu Shah filed a case for attacking and looting his house while police filed two cases -- one for attack on cops and the other for maligning the Prophet in Facebook. "After investigation police submitted three charge sheets in two of the three cases. The Judicial Magistrate's Court-4 accepted the charge sheets today [Sunday]," said court sub-inspector Md Borhan. Md Monirul Karim Khan, sub-inspector of the Detective Branch (DB) of

police, submitted the two charge sheets -- one under Information Technology Act and the other under Pornography Act, accusing 10 people for plotting the maligning of Prophet Mohammad (pbuh) through a fake Facebook page, court sources said. Ten people accused in each of the two charge sheets are Khokon, Ali Hossain, Nur Ali, Hatem Ali, Amimul Ehsan, Jahirul Islam, Selim Hossain, Fazlu alias Fazlu Khan, Kawzar Habib Sweet and Manik. They hail from different areas of Bonogram. "The accused planned

maligning the Prophet with a view to attacking and looting the Hindu's houses," the investigation officer stated in the charge sheet. Shahaz Uddin, sub-inspector of Ataikula police station, submitted another charge sheet accusing 74 people, including 29 absconding ones, for attack on cops and causing hindrance when they rushed to control the situation at Bonogram. Meanwhile, Babul Shah's case for attack on his house is still under investigation of Criminal Investigation Department, sources said.



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Coastguard seizes 900 kg of jatka (hilsa less than 10 inches long) and 300 kg of hilsa from a launch at Chandpur terminal yesterday as the government has imposed a two-month ban on catching the popular fish to help its smooth breeding and development.

## TEACHERS' CRUELTY

### 2 kids hospitalised with injuries

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nilphamari

Two kids in Dimla upazila of the district got hospitalised with injuries as their schoolteachers beat them mercilessly for 'failure' to prepare lessons yesterday. The victims are Nahid Hasan, 5, son of Shahin Alam, and Manosi Rani 4, daughter of Manik Chandra Roy, hailing from Dimla Sadar union of the upazila. Nahid is a Class I student of Dakkhin Titpara Government Primary School, and Manosi is a playgroup student of Dilruba Mohikul Kindergarten. Shefali Begum, headmistress of Dakkhin Titpara Government Primary School, mercilessly beat Nahid with a bamboo stick at about 11:00am yesterday for not memorising lessons as directed by her, Nahid's

father alleged. Manosi's father told journalists that Abu Raihan, assistant teacher of Dilruba Mohikul Kindergarten, beat his daughter so cruelly that she fainted in the classroom at about 9:30am. Both the kids bore several injury marks and got fever, the guardians said. Being informed from different sources, parents of the injured kids rushed to the respective schools and rescued them. As they brought the victim kids to Dimla upazila nirbahi officer and sought justice, the latter immediately summoned upazila primary education officer Rabiul Islam and directed him to report within two days after investigating the incidents on an urgent basis. The two injured kids were admitted to Dimla Upazila Health Complex at noon.

## CASES FOR VANDALISING VEHICLES

### Upazila chairman held in Pirojpur

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pirojpur

Police arrested Nazirpur Upazila Parishad Chairman Md Nazrul Islam Khan at the upazila headquarters yesterday morning. Nazrul, also vice-chairman of the district unit of BNP, was shown arrested in the cases for vandalising vehicles in the upazila in January this year. Police filed two cases, accusing a good number of BNP-Jamaat men of vandalising passenger buses and other vehicles during BNP-led 20-party alliance's blockade in January, said Khandaker Mostafizur Rahman, officer-in-charge (OC) of Nazirpur Police Station. Nazrul was later produced in a court that sent him to jail, court sources said. Upazila parishad Vice-Chairman In Mohammad Ali Sikder was also arrested on March 18 in connection with the cases. Our Bogra correspondent adds: The chairman of

Raynagar Union Parishad under Shibganj upazila was yesterday suspended. The local government Division of the Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives issued a letter, suspending chairman Md Feroz Ahmed Rizu, 42, as he was charge-sheeted in arms and murder cases recently. Contacted, Upazila Nirbahi Officer (acting) Razia Sultana said she received the letter through the deputy commissioner's office yesterday morning and sent it to the UP chairman concerned at noon. Farhad Hossain Shiplu, 35, son of late Habibur Rahman of Malotinagar in Bogra town, was murdered allegedly by Feroz and his accomplices on May 22, 2014. Police later recovered the firearms used in the killing. The two cases were filed with Shibganj Police Station on the day, accusing Feroz and his accomplices. Feroz was arrested from his village home at Raynagar the following day.



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Thakurgaon district corruption prevention committee forms a human chain in front of the Cooperative Market in Thakurgaon town yesterday as part of an awareness campaign marking the ongoing Corruption Prevention Week.

## Fish trader hacked to death

UNB, Narsingdi

A fish trader was hacked to death by another fish trader over a trivial matter in Sadar upazila yesterday morning. The deceased was identified as Anil Das, 30, son of Gopal Das of Birpur village in the upazila. Officer-in-Charge KM Abul Kashem of Sadar Police Station said Anil Das locked in an altercation with fish trader Ajit Das over sitting arrangement at a fish market in the area around 11:30am. At one stage, Ajit hacked Anil with a sharp weapon, leaving him dead on the spot. Ajit went into hiding soon after the killing. Being informed, police went to the spot, recovered the body and sent it to Narsingdi Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy.

## Two killed as roof collapses during concert

A CORRESPONDENT, Sathkira

Two youths were killed and two others injured as the tin roof of an abandoned school building caved in during a concert at Bhomra in Sadar upazila on Saturday night. The deceased were identified as Saddam Hossain, 22, son of Shafiqur Rahman of Baliadanga village, and Faridul Islam Gazi, 22, son of Karim Gazi of Sekandara village in Debhata upazila. Waheedul Islam, general secretary of Bhomra C&F Agents Association, said Bhomra Adarsha Juba Sangha arranged a concert at Bhomra Government Primary School field, marking the Independence Day. Saddam's cousin Ibrahim said a number of people were enjoying the concert, sitting on the roof of the schoolhouse. At around 10:30pm, the roof collapsed due to heavy pressure, leaving Saddam and Shafiq dead on the spot and two others injured. The injured are undergoing treatment at Sathkira Sadar Hospital.



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Border Guard Bangladesh seizes 53 Indian tortoises of uncommon species that were smuggled through Durgapur border in Jessore district yesterday.

## DEMAND FOR VC'S RESIGNATION

### 6 more BAU teachers resign from administrative posts

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Six more teachers of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) yesterday resigned from the administrative posts to press their one-point demand for resignation of the vice chancellor. Additional registrar Md Sarwar Jahan confirmed filing of resignation by six more teachers, including proctor Prof Harun-or-Rashid and students' affairs adviser Prof Johirul Haque Khandaker. On Tuesday, 53 teachers of the university resigned from the administrative posts that include hall provosts and house tutors and directors of

different institutions. A faction of pro-Awami League teachers under the banner of Ganotantrik Shikkhak Forum started agitation on March 19, demanding resignation of BAU Vice Chancellor Prof Md Rafiqul Hoque for his alleged irregularities and corruption in recent job recruitment and 'immoral acts'. "We will continue our agitation until the demand is met," said forum president Prof AKM Shamsuddin. However, the academic activities at the university are running properly, said BAU sources. Meanwhile, an emergency meeting of BAU Teachers Association was held at the

gallery of Veterinary Faculty with association's president Prof Khandaker Shariful Islam in the chair. In the meeting, the association issued an ultimatum demanding resignation of the vice-chancellor by 5:00pm today. "We will launch a tougher agitation programme if our demand is not met," said association's president Prof Shariful Islam. The association sought immediate intervention by the authorities concerned to resolve the issue. The BAU vice-chancellor said, "It is very unfortunate that a section of teachers are continuing their movement on false allegations against me."

## Lightning kills 3 in 2 dists

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar

Three people were killed and six others injured by lightning in Moulvibazar and Sunamganj districts on Saturday. In Moulvibazar, an elderly woman was killed and her two children were injured by lightning in Kamolganj upazila around 6:00pm. The deceased was identified as Tahera Khatun, 60, wife of Safique Ullah of the village. Police said a thunderbolt struck their hut at Berachhara village during heavy rain leaving Tahera dead on the spot and her children- Monowara, 28, and Selim, 24-injured. Both are undergoing treatment at Kamolganj Upazila Health Complex. Away in Sunamganj, two people were

killed and four others were injured by lightning at two villages in Tahirpur upazila of the district the same day. The deceased are Sirajul Islam, 13, son of Chan Mia of Puranghat village, and Shahjalal, 40, son of Abdul Berek of Borogoptila village in the upazila. M Shahidullah, officer-in-charge of Tahirpur Police Station, said Sirajul was struck by lightning and died instantly while four others sustained injuries. The incident occurred when Sirajul along with some children were playing beside the road at the village around 7:00pm. In another incident, lightning killed Shahjalal while he was returning home from his farmland at the village around 7:15pm.



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A cross section of people take part in a procession in Parbatipur upazila under Dinajpur district yesterday to build awareness about the bad effects of drug addiction.

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