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# Stalkers roam free after maiming man

HC orders police to arrest the accused, submit report by Nov 27

STAR REPORT

Stalkers, who beat up a father of two daughters severely leading to amputation of both of his legs, often show up at the Jhenidah home of the girls at night and threaten to burn younger girl's face with acid if the cases filed against them were not withdrawn, alleged the girl.

This went on while police kept claiming that they were yet to find the stalkers. In this situation, the High Court yesterday directed Jhenidah police to arrest the accused in two cases filed in connection with stalking two girls and injuring their father, Shahanur Alam, 52.

It also asked Jhenidah superintendent of police and the officer-in-charge of Kaliganj Police Station to submit a report about the arrest before the court by November 27.

The HC bench of Justice Quazi Reza-Ul Hoque and Justice Mohammad Ullah passed the order in a suo moto move after a report was published by Bangla daily Prothom Alo yesterday under the headline -- Dui pa gecbbe, ekhon bhitechhara howar bhoj (two legs have gone, now in fear of being evicted from home).

"They come [to our home] at night and tell me to ask my parents to withdraw the case filed against them or else suffer acid burns on my face," the terrified girl, a student of class-VII, told our Jhenidah correspondent yesterday.

The girl, frightened by the threat, have stopped going to school while her older brother left home in fear.

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Shahanur Alam, who lost his legs in an attack by his daughters' stalkers, at the Pongu Hospital in the city yesterday hours after the High Court directed Jhenidah police to arrest the culprits. Shahanur was brutally beaten on October 16 for protesting the harassment of his daughters.

PHOTO: STAR



## Bank Asia chairman honoured

Receives Business and Entrepreneur Excellence Award 2016 in UK

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Rouf Chowdhury, chairman of Bank Asia, has been honoured with a prestigious lifetime achievement award by the UK Bangladesh Catalysts of Commerce and Industry (UKBCCI).

David Gauke, chief secretary to the Treasury of the UK, handed over the trophy as part of the "Business and Entrepreneur Excellence Award 2016" to Chowdhury at a function at London Hilton on Park Lane on Sunday, Bank Asia said in a statement issued yesterday.

Rushanara Ali and Rupa

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## ASHULIA FACTORY FIRE 26 female workers suffer burns

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least 26 female workers sustained burn injuries, many of them critically, after a fire broke out at a gas lighter factory in Ashulia, on the outskirts of Dhaka yesterday.

"The fire broke out at Colour Match BD Ltd in the Girabo area around 4:25pm," Abdul Hamid, senior station officer of DEPZ fire station, told The Daily Star.

However, he could not confirm how the fire originated. On information, fire fighters with nine fire trucks from different fire stations doused the blaze after two hours of frantic effort, a correspondent from Savar reported, quoting Hamid.

Twenty one of the injured women, aged between 15 and 40, were admitted to Burn Unit of Dhaka Medical College Hospital, Bachchu Mia, sub-inspector of DMCH police

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FILE PHOTO: OUR GOLDEN HOUR

A child writes in her mother tongue at a school in Bandarban. The school, run by a non-profit voluntary organisation, is trying to teach indigenous children their alphabets to keep their languages alive.

## Keeping their language alive

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

On September 21, 2016, at the regional grand finale of Telenor Youth Forum in Dhaka, Myat Moe Khaing -- originally from Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) and currently studying at IBA, Dhaka University -- pitched an idea titled "Project Ree Fu Zang". The idea deals with the problem of children in CHT not being able to learn in their mother languages.

Ree Fu Zang is a mythical dragon in the folklore of the CHT. Myat Moe was telling stories of this creature to her little niece -- how it rose from beneath a lake to save the world -- and she yearned to hear more. Unfortunately, Myat Moe could not, and

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## NY mayor stands by Muslims

Vows to shield New Yorkers from Trump policies

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS TIMES

In a speech attempting to allay fears of New York City's roughly three million immigrants in the face of Donald Trump's presidency, Mayor Bill de Blasio has assured his fellow citizens that the city would not establish a Muslim registry, deport any undocumented residents or reinstate stop and frisk law enforcement practices, all of which were campaign promises from the president-elect, a New York City resident.

"A nation that was meant to be built on inclusively has become exclusive against the nostalgic backdrop of taking it



Bill de Blasio

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SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



## Headmaster beaten up by UP member

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Natore

The head teacher of a high school is in a critical state after he was assaulted allegedly by a local union parishad member and his goons yesterday in Boraigram upazila.

Mizanur Rahman, 50, head teacher of Panchbaria High School at Nagar union, was on way to the school on an auto rickshaw when the incident took place.

UP member Bachchu Pramanik along with his cohorts waylaid the head teacher around 11:30am, said Jahangir Alam, driver of the auto rickshaw.

They dragged him out of the vehicle, clubbed him violently with sticks until he fell unconscious,

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Mizanur Rahman, headmaster of Panchbaria High School, is under treatment at a clinic in Natore's Baraigram upazila yesterday. He was attacked allegedly by a local union parishad member and his men over formation of the school's managing committee.



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