

An understatement of damages?

Victims of Narail mayhem claim police failed to reflect actual harm in case statement

DIPANKAR ROY

Victims of the Narail mayhem alleged that the actual picture of the damage to Hindu households, shops and properties was not reflected in police's case statement as they deem it to be much higher.

On July 15, Hindu houses came under attack in Sahapara village of Narail's Lohagara upazila. At least 11 homes, five temples and around 20 shops were vandalised or burnt down.

Besides, the attackers looted valuables and cash from houses, temples and shops, said the victims.

Two days after the onslaught, Lohagara police station's sub-inspector Makfur Rahman filed a case against around 200 to 250 unnamed attackers.

In the case statement, the police officer wrote that the attackers hurled brickbats targeting a few temples, and vandalised some 10 to 15 plastic chairs worth around Tk 5,000.

However, victims of the attack claimed that doors, windows, and idols of deities in five temples were completely damaged in addition to that.

The attackers even looted Pranami boxes kept in five temples for devotees to donate cash, they said.

"The roughly estimated damages in these temples are worth a few lakh taka. We were surprised to see the case statement saying only a few plastic chairs of Tk 5,000 were damaged," said Socchindananda Roy, a resident of Sahapara.

The case statement said the attackers damaged a refrigerator and television, and looted Tk 20,000 cash and gold ornaments of 3 tola from a residence, causing a loss of around Tk 2.10 lakh to victim Dilip Saha.

This correspondent visited Dilip Saha's house a day after the attack and found all the furniture and amenities completely vandalised.

Dilip claimed that the amount of his total loss is much higher than the amount mentioned in police's statement.

Similarly, the case statement said properties of around Tk 1 lakh were damaged in Govinda Saha's house and Tk 10,000 in Shiv Sankar Saha's residence. However, both of them claimed that the amounts are much higher.

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Construction of a road is ongoing by cutting four to five high hills and 10 to 12 low hills in Holichhara tea garden outpost in Moulvibazar's Kulaura, without DoE's approval. A hill 600 feet high has also been cut, which is a violation of Bangladesh Environment Protection Act-1995.

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Hills pay the price for road

Work started as per MP's directive, without approval from DoE

MINTU DESHWARA

Hills in Holichhara tea garden in Moulvibazar's Kulaura are allegedly being cut to construct a road, without the approval of Department of Environment (DoE).

"Kulaura lawmaker Sultan Mohammad Mansur Ahmad approved the project worth Tk 11 lakh. After that, I started working from inside the garden," said Ataur Rahman Aftab, project president and local UP member, when asked about the hill cutting.

Mabud Ali, manager of Luayuni and Holichhara Tea Estate, said construction of the road is currently ongoing by cutting four to five high hills and 10 to 12 low hills in section-17 of Holichhara outpost.

"About 30 to 35 workers are working on cutting the hills with an excavator along Kulaura-Brahmanbazar regional highway, on the eastern side of Hariyatila, violating environmental laws. UP Member Ataur started the construction about a month ago,"

he added.

Aftab said half of the work is almost complete. The border area of the garden is still to be worked on.

"We are working as per the MP's decision. I don't know whether the MP has taken the approval of the relevant authorities. He will be able to say that," he added.

Upazila Project Implementation Officer Md Shimul Ali said, "We usually send the project proposal list to the deputy commissioner for

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BCL leader killed in Cox's Bazar

STAR REPORT

A leader of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) was hacked to death in Cox's Bazar early yesterday.

The deceased was identified as Emon Hasan Mowla, joint general secretary of BCL in ward-4 of Cox's Bazar.

Some seven to eight people intercepted him in Peshkar area while he was riding a bike, said Emon's family.

They dragged Emon from his bike, repeatedly stabbed him and left after hijacking his motorcycle, according to witnesses. He was referred to Chattogram Medical College Hospital (CMCH) from a nearby medical facility in critical condition.

Emon died at CMCH yesterday afternoon, confirmed Sheikh Munir-Ul-Gias, OC of Cox's Bazar Sadar Model Police Station.

He claimed that a drive to catch the attackers is ongoing, and a case will be filed soon.

Man held with gold bars at Ctg airport

STAR REPORT

A passenger was detained with 12 gold bars worth Tk 90 lakh at Shah Amanat International Airport in Chattogram yesterday.

Customs Intelligence and Investigation Directorate (CIID) officials seized the bars from detainee Mohammad Mizan Uddin's handbag, said CIID deputy commissioner AKM Sultan Mahmud.

Mizan arrived around 7:30am at the airport on a flight from Sharjah.

The bars will be deposited to the Bangladesh Bank exchequer, and a departmental case will be lodged under the customs act, said Sultan.

3 held for assaulting man with disabilities

UNB, Bhola

Three people who were caught on video beating a man with disabilities in Bhola have been arrested, said police yesterday.

The arrestees are Taposh Mridha, Promila and Rina, residents of Lalmohan upazila's Nomo village, said Md Maksudur Rahman, Lalmohan police station OC. The three could be seen brutally beating Joy Chandra Mistry in the video, who was seen tied to a pole.

They kept beating Joy until his father rescued and took him to the upazila health complex.

A case has been filed, said the OC.

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