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13 jailed

torching and vandalism of Puraton Durga temple in Paschimpara area of Nasirnagar upazila town.

Sadhan Chandra Das, the then sub-inspector of Nasirnagar Police Station, filed the case, which is among eight cases filed in connection with the violence.

The investigation officer of the case submitted the charge sheet accusing 228 people, including key accused Ankhi, in 2021.

Habibullah Sarkar, officer-incharge of the police station, said charge sheets of seven other cases were submitted to the court.

Kamruzzaman Mamun, lawyer of the accused, said his clients did not get justice. "We hope they [accused] would get justice from the High Court."

Nazmul Hossain, additional public prosecutor of the Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court, said the judgment was delivered after a thorough analysis of the evidence.

Chicken price

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Like him, many others are now switching from chicken to beef. Taking it as an opportunity, meat traders have increased the beef price by Tk 50 to Tk 750 per kg.

The price of mutton has also gone up to Tk 1,100 per kg from Tk 950 in the last one and a half months.

Sumoon Howlader, president of Bangladesh Poultry Association, said taking all related production and supply costs into consideration, the retail price of broiler chicken should not be more than Tk 220 per kg.

"A syndicate of some private companies is controlling the chicken market. It is also involved in price manipulation," he alleged.

Meanwhile, Agriculture Minister Muhammad Abdur Razzaque yesterday hinted that the prices of meat may remain high for several more months.

"The price of poultry won't come down soon. We will have to wait for at least six to seven months to buy chicken at lower prices," he said at a programme in the capital.

A mighty man's humble birthday

14th, Renu had come with the children to meet me. Will they allow them to meet me again so soon then? On the 15th, Renu had come to the jail gate to meet with Moni," Bangabandhu wrote.

"By the time I finished reading the newspapers it was 4 o'clock. I kept thinking -- perhaps there will be a visit after all ..."

And then half an hour later, he wrote, "It was 4:30pm by this time and realised that Renu and the children had not gotten permission to meet me today. Soon it was 5. But just then the head constable said, 'Come -- your wife and children are here!' I put on my clothes quickly and went towards the jail gate.

"My youngest daughter [Sheikh Rehana] and Russell were standing there with a garland of flowers in their hands. I put the garland around Russell's neck instead. He wouldn't wear it though -- he would rather that I wore it ...," the incarcerated Mujib further wrote.

"I took him along with me to the room. I kissed my children. I found out that the City Awami League had sent a huge cake for me. I had Russell cut it although I put a hand in the cutting too.

"Some of the cake was distributed among the people present at the jail gate. I gave instructions so that some pieces of the cake would be sent to my nephew Moni. I was never allowed to meet him, although we are imprisoned in the same jail!"

He kept writing that day.

"It was 6:00pm, and Renu and the children had to take their leave in a hurry. Russell understands the situation better now and doesn't want to take me back with him any longer. My youngest daughter feels very sad every time they have to leave me behind. I can tell as much by looking at her. I feel sad too but there is no way out! Renu is very tight-lipped and will never show her emotions," Mujib wrote, describing the pain of having to watch his family leave him behind in prison.

"I returned to my den. I went inside and they locked me in. They'll open the door again in the morning.'

Sheikh Mujib also noted with gratitude how small gestures by the

the garden, and morning greetings made his day.

He wrote, "In the morning, I woke up to see Nur-e-Alam. He is someone who is interned in Cell-20, which is close by. He had brought some flowers along with him. He said to me, 'My gift to you on your birthday!'

I accepted his gift with thanks. "Then it was Babu Chittaranjan Sutar's turn to give me a red rose and Babu Shudhangshu Bimal Datta's to offer me a white rose; the DPR prisoner Mr Emadullah also presented me with a red dahlia."

Memories of Sheikh Mujib's 52nd birthday in 1971 also showed how simple a man can be, even after he had become the unparalleled leader of the freedom-loving people.

March 17, 1971, was when the noncooperation movement of Bangalees had stepped into its 16th day.

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman met the then Pakistan president Yahya Khan at the latter's residence for the second consecutive day to resolve the ongoing crisis, and the meeting went on for about an

According to a writing by veteran AL leader and the then political secretary of Bangabandhu, Tofail Ahmed, Sheikh Mujib returned to his home at Dhanmondi 32 afterwards to meet with foreign journalists.

One of them asked him about his expectations for his 52nd birthday. "Total freedom of the people,"

Bangabandhu replied. He added, "I don't observe my birthday. I am not in the habit of

cutting cakes or lighting candles. "People of the country have no security at all. You are well aware of the situation they are in. They can die anytime at the will of others. I am one

of these people; what difference does

my birthday or my death make? My birthday and my death are all for the people, as I have dedicated my life to their betterment." According to Tofail Ahmed, Bangabandhu always recited a line from Rabindranath Tagore's poem "Porichoy" whenever people greeted him on his birthday -- "Let my name

be known as this, that I am one of

On March 17, 1920, Bangabandhu,

other inmates -- flowers picked from the architect of an independent Bangladesh, was born in Tungipara.

At the age of 14 in 1934, he was afflicted with the beriberi disease, and two years later, he developed glaucoma, for which he needed two eye surgeries.

Since then, he began to wear his signature black-rimmed glasses.

After a year-long break due to the illnesses, he resumed his education at Gopalganj Mission School in 1937.

In his autobiography Unfinished Memoirs", Sheikh Mujib wrote he was older than most of the boys in his class due to the year-long

Describing himself as a rowdy boy. he wrote about his schoolyard gang, who would get into fights with other boys. He also wrote about how he loved to play and sing.

That very boy went on to lead this nation to liberation.

Beginning his political career in 1939, Bangabandhu either led or played a central role in every single watershed moment for the country -- the Language Movement from 1948 to 1952, the abolition of Zamindari system from 1950 to 1954, the movement for demanding autonomy of East Bengal from 1954 to 1956, the anti-Ayub movement in 1964, the six-point demand movement in 1966, leading Awami League into a landslide victory in 1970, and finally the birth of Bangladesh in 1971.

He spent 13 of his 55 years in prison, sacrificing nearly a fourth of his life for the cause of liberating this country. He dedicated every ounce of his energy, and the entirety of his thoughts and emotions to one single dream -- the freedom of his people.

His struggle for the poor and the downtrodden made him not only an iconic leader but a legend that lives

All his struggle and dedication bore fruit when the nation achieved victory on December 16, 1971.

But before he could turn his dream of a "Sonar Bangla" into a reality, he along with most of his family members was brutally killed in the early hours of August 15, 1975, less than four years into independence.

Bangabandhu might not be here anymore but the legacy he created is.

Price hike inRamadan

prayers," she added, reports BSS.

The prime minister said this while inaugurating 50 model mosques along with Islamic cultural centres in parts of the country in the third

She inaugurated the mosques joining virtually from the Gono Bhaban.

Hasina said that Ramadan is the time for austerity and all have to pay attention to ensure people can perform their religious activities properly during the month.

"During this month, this kind of profit mongers increase the prices making people suffer. This should not happen," she said.

The prime minister said the government has already distributed special cards for the low-income group people.

mentioned that the government is providing rice at a lower price [Tk 30 per kilogramme] after buying that at a higher price.

"Keeping the holy Ramadan in mind, the government will provide Tk 15 per kilogram of rice to additional one crore people," she said.

She also said that for those who are not eligible for work, the government

"This way, we are giving people rice, edible oil, lentil, sugar and other necessary items at fair prices through

fair price cards," she said. She urged the affluent people to extend their assistance towards the

needy people during Ramadan. She requested all to remain vigil so that none can adulterate food, resort to hoarding, black marketeering and create an artificial crisis of essential

She urged Imams to talk about this during the Khutba in the Jummah prayers on Fridav.

"Food adulteration, hoarding and black marketeering are illegal jobs and unnecessarily cause sufferings to people. You should speak on these matters more to the people and you can say during the Khutba to make people aware regarding this," she

State Minister for Religious Affairs Ministry Faridul Haque Khan and secretary Kazi Enamul Hassan also spoke at the programme.

Later, she exchanged views with the cross-section of people of Agoiljhara of Barishal, Fulbaria of Mymensing and Tetulia of Panchagarh.

A documentary on model mosques is providing 20 kilogrammes of rice was screened in the programme.

EU lawmakers demand Tunisia free detained radio chief

AFP, Strasbourg

The European Parliament yesterday decried Tunisian President Kais Saied's "authoritarian drift" and called for the immediate release of a detained prominent journalist.

Saied sacked the government and froze parliament in a 2021 power grab before imposing sweeping changes to the political system of the sole democracy to have emerged from the Arab Spring uprisings.

More than 20 political figures have been arrested in the North African country in recent weeks, including members the of the main opposition coalition.

EU lawmakers said in a non-binding resolution they are "deeply concerned about President Saied's authoritarian

drift and his instrumentalisation of Tunisia's dire socio-economic situation", a statement said.

"MEPs call for an end to the ongoing crackdown on civil society in the country," the parliament said. The legislators demanded the

immediate release of Noureddine Boutar, the director of Tunisia's largest independent radio station, saying he said had been arrested "on politically motivated grounds".

The European Parliament also called for the government to free "all others arbitrarily detained including journalists, judges, lawyers, political activists and trade unionists".

It urged the EU to cut support programmes to Tunisia's justice and interior ministries over the deterioration in human rights.

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01	UTMIDP- BANDINA IKWT-79	795599, APP ID No. 190882	Construction of Public Toilet at (a) Naikhongchari UZ H/Q to Tumbro GC Road at Notun Para Bazar (b) Naikhongchari UZ H/Q to Upaban Projoton Lake Road (c) Naikhongchari Bazar near bridge under Naikhongchari Upazila Dist. Bandarban	02-April-2023 16:00	03-April-2023 12:00	03-April-2023 12:00
02	BAND/RU MA/WT-80	795611, APP ID No. 190882	Construction of Public Toilet at (a) Bogalake (b) Munalai Para (In front of Chungchui Restaurant) (c) Paliot Para (Neer Social Service Office) under Ruma Upazila Dist. Bandarban	02-April-2023 16:00	03-April-2023 12:00	03-April-2023 12:00

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02	78265T	UIIP- BC/PCO/W-	Construction of RCC Road from Rajoir Bus Stand to Rajoir Bazar RCC Road via Upazila Parished in Ward No 07 under Rajoir Pourashavu, Mudaripur (Ch. 2017), 1000-2017.	05-Apr-2023 16:00	05-Apr-2023 16:00	

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Tender ID. 903392	Barguna PWD Memo No: 662 Date: 15/03/2023	Construction of RCC road work from North gate through front or morgue room to Nursing Institute gate and hospital main gate of Barguna General Hospital.	NCT OTM	16-Mar-2023 12:30	02-Apr-2023 16:00	03-Apr-2023 12:30	03-Apr-2023 12:30
Tender ID. 803369	Barguna PWD Memo No: 663 Date: 15/03/2023	Ancillary renovation work including construction of a pump house in front of 2nd and 3rd class staff quarters of Barguna 250 bed General Hospital.		16-Mar-2023 12:30	02-Apr-2023 16:00	03-Apr-2023 12:30	03-Apr-2023 12:30
Tender ID. 803368	Barguna PWD Memo No: 664 Date: 15/03/2023	Internal water fine repair and replacement work of blocked waste water pipe at Barguna 250 bed general hospital.		16-Mar-2023 12:30	02-Apr-2023 16:00	03-Apr-2023 12:30	03-Apr-2023 12:30
Tender ID. 803367	Barguna PWD Memo No: 665 Date: 15/03/2023	Eastern side boundary wall repair of Barguna 250 bed general hospital and pelisading work including other repair works.		16-Mar-2023 12:30	02-Apr-2023 16:00	03-Apr-2023 12:30	03-Apr-2023 12:30
Tender ID. 803366	Barguna PWD Memo No: 666 Date: 15/03/2023	Ancillary repair work including repairing of broken that and windows, polishing of doors at Barguna 250 bed general hospital.		16-Mar-2023 12:30	02-Apr-2023 16:00	03-Apr-2023 12:30	03-Apr-2023 12:30
Tender ID. 803365	Barguna PWD Memo No: 667 Date: 15/03/2023	Parapet wall and lime teraccing work repairing work of stair room and OT room section at Barguna 250 bed general hospital old building.		16-Mar-2023 12:30	02-Apr-2023 16:00	03-Apr-2023 12:30	03-Apr-2023 12-30

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