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PUBLIC HUMILIATION OF TEACHER IN N'GANJ HC directs SP, OC to submit probe reports by August 4

Shyamal Kanti returns home from DMCH

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The High Court yesterday directed the superintendent of police and officer-in-charge of Bandar Police Station in Narayanganj to submit detailed investigation reports by August 4 on the incident of public humiliation of schoolteacher Shyamal Kanti Bhakta.

The bench of Justice Moyeenul Islam Chowdhury and Justice Md Iqbal Kabir gave the order in response to their time petitions, and fixed August 7 for further hearing.

On May 29, the HC bench during hearing of a May 18 suo moto rule, ordered Narayanganj's deputy commissioner and police officials to submit separate reports specifying the steps taken against those involved in humiliating the teacher by June 8, and expressed dissatisfaction over earlier reports.

Meanwhile, the HC bench yesterday expressed satisfaction over a report submitted by the DC through Deputy Attorney General Motaher Hossain Sazu, where the DC said two law and order protection com-

mittees have decided to take steps so that the law and order centring the teacher's humiliation does not deteriorate further.

On May 13, AKM Salim Osman, Jatiya Party lawmaker from Narayanganj-5 constituency, was seen instructing Shyamal to do squats holding his ears. Before that, he was beaten up by a mob.

The education ministry had earlier submitted another probe report saying that the Piyar Sattar Latif High School committee forced headmaster Shyamal Kanti Bhakta to resign with unproven allegation that he had hurt the religious sentiment of the Muslims.

The allegation brought against Shyamal was not found to be true, the probe body said, adding that relevant rules were not followed in suspending him. Later he was reinstated.

Meanwhile, Shyamal returned to his home yesterday after undergoing treatment for over two weeks at Dhaka Medical College Hospital. A police team escorted the headmaster to his Khanpur house in Narayanganj city in the afternoon, said Abdul Malek, officer-in-charge of Narayanganj Sadar Police Station.