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### Press Release

#### **BLAST expresses its deep concern and condemnation and demands speedy investigation and trial in the case of attacking an Imam from Ahmeddia community in Mymensingh**

Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust (BLAST) is expressing deep concern and severe condemnation on the incident that occurred on May 8, 2017, when an Imam of a Ahmadiyya community from Khanpur Gangpara village under the Sarisha union of Ishwarganj upazila of Mymensingh was attacked and injured. BLAST is demanding the authorities to identify the culprits and take strong legal action as well as punish them appropriately through fair investigation. Besides, BLAST demands to ensure safety and protection of victims and witnesses and of all citizen's rights.

According to the various media news reports, the attack took place on the Imam of Ahmadiyya community of Kanpur Gangpara village under Sarisha Union of the Ishwarganj upazila on Monday (8 May) night around 9 PM. He is currently admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

This type of incident is a clear violation of the guaranteed fundamental rights of the constitution specially article 27, 31, 35 (5) of the Constitution of the Peoples' Republic of Bangladesh.

Regarding this incident, BLAST's Trustee Board member and Advocate, Bangladesh Supreme Court ZI Khan Panna said, "I strongly condemn the attack on the Imam of Ahmadiyya community of Godganj upazila of Mymensingh. I demand to punish those who are involved in such heinous attack."

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