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Chairman's Note

In the swirling tides of social media, where whispers evolve into narratives, the phenomenon of rumors stands as both a challenge and a reflection of our times. This study, Freedom to Lie, delves into seven dominant themes—political, health, crime, religious, religiopolitical, entertainment, and miscellaneous—unveiling their origins in online and mainstream media, driven by intents both clear and obscure.

Key findings reveal a shift: while political rumors decline, religious narratives rise; negativity dominates, especially during crises, with social media as the prime source. These insights urge us to question: How do we discern truth in this digital labyrinth?

I present Freedom to Lie with the hope it inspires dialogue and a deeper understanding of the balance between truth and deception in our modern world.

Dayal Kumar Barua Chairman, NIGS (National Institute of Global Studies)



Executive Director's Note

The spread of misinformation has long been a catalyst for civil unrest. Fueled by fear and fragmented information, rumors arise—often with destructive consequences. Their strength lies in their perceived importance to the listener, amplified by the ambiguity of evidence.

At the National Institute of Global Studies (NIGS), we have meticulously traced 75 rumors from both domestic and international sources, propagated through social media, and unveiled their original truths.

We are proud to present Freedom to Lie, a comprehensive analysis of misinformation's role in shaping public discourse.

AKM Sayedad Hossain Executive Director National Institute of Global Studies (NIGS)



Advisor's Note

In this information age of global justice and injustice, fake news and misuse of technology in spreading a huge number of information has been the biggest challenge of our time.

To make our nation and country competitive in this interdependent world, we must be capable enough to distinguish fake news from genuine ones. This capability is difficult to acquire and use appropriately for a big nation like ours.

Our endeavors can and should be regarded as a unique opportunity and contribution on behalf of NIGS (National Institute of Global Studies).

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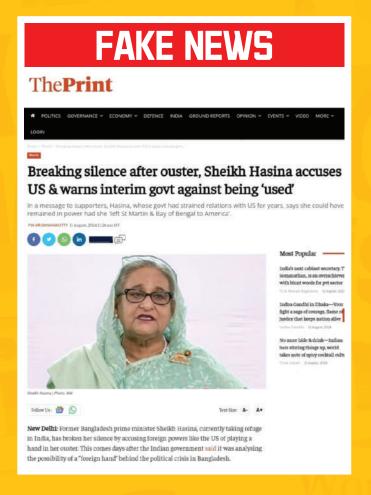


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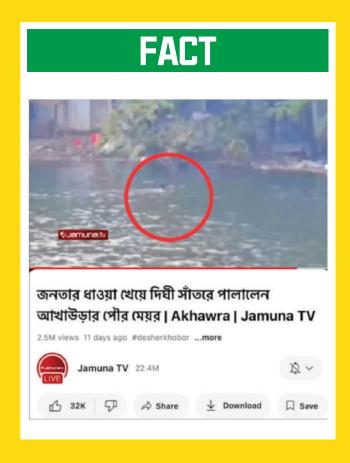


Fake letter claims Sheikh Hasina called for her removal.

The claim that Sheikh Hasina wrote an open letter blaming the U.S. for her removal is entirely false. This fake letter originated on Facebook, was amplified by certain Indian media outlets, and eventually spread to Bangladeshi media.







Video misused as abuse of hindu man in Moulvibazar.

A claim alleged that Islamists attacked a Hindu family in Moulvibazar, with a video showing a manjumping into a pond and being stoned to death. In reality, the video is from Akhaura, where Muslim politician Takjil Khalifa Kajol fled after his home was burned and looted. Pursued by locals, hejumped into a pond and later reportedly escaped disguised in a burqa.







Du professor opposing Quran recitation wrongly labeled as hindu.

A claim alleged that Jamaat-e-Islami student activists forced a Hindu professor at Dhaka University to resign by making him listen to Quranic verses. In reality, the professor is Dr. Abdul Basir, a Muslim and former Dean of the Faculty of Arts. He resigned following criticism over his objection to a Quran recitation event during Ramadan. After his resignation, students recited the Quran in his office, and hejoined them in prayer.





False claim that extremist group bans were lifted in Bangladesh.

Indian media claimed that after Sheikh Hasina resigned on August 5, Bangladesh lifted bans on groups likeJMB and HuJl. However, this claim is false, as there is no proof that any bans were removed.



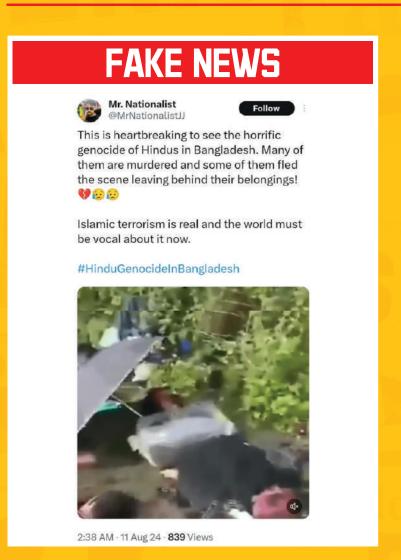




Indian video misused as hindu woman abused in quota protest.

A claim spread on social media said that during the quota reform movement in Bangladesh, a Hindu woman was attacked by a group of Islamists, with a screenshot shared as proof. However, the image is not from Bangladesh. It is from a different incident in Kerala, India, in 2021.







Myanmar video falsely shared as hindu killings in bd.

A claim spread that Hindus were killed in Bangladesh after the Awami League 's fall, with a video shared as proof. However, the video is from Myanmar, showing violence against Rohingya people.



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False story of hindu girl abducted while on traffic duty in Chattogram.

A claim spread on August 8 that during student-led traffic management in Chattogram, a Hindu girl was abducted in a CNG auto-rickshaw, with a photo shared as proof. However, this claim is false. The woman, Fatima Zinnat, is a Muslim and was being taken to the hospital by her father and husband. Her cries during thejourney caused the misunderstanding.







Ex-advisor didn't call to stop media coverage of communal attacks.

A claim spread that Brigadier General (Retd.) Dr M Sakhawat Hussain, former Home Advisor, threatened to shut down media for reporting on communal attacks. However, this is false. His remark about shutting down "flattering media" was about the lack ofcoverage on student deaths during the quota reform movement.







Woman tied to tree wrongly identified as hindu teacher gitanjali.

A claim spread that students tied Geetanjali Barua, principal of Azimpur Government Girls' School, to a tree to force her resignation after Sheikh Hasina 's government fell. However, the woman in the video is not Geetanjali Barua, but another individual. The calls for Geetanjali Barua, resignation started before the fall of Sheikh Hasina's government and were not related to communal issues.



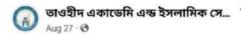
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বাংলাদেশে একজন ত্রাণদাতা এক হিন্দু শিশুকে ত্রাণ দিয়েছেন এবং বিনিময়ে তার "মালা" কেটে ফেলে দিলেন। শিশুটি যখন "মালা" ফেরত চাইলো, তিনি তাকে ত্রাণ নিয়ে চলে যেতে বললেন এবং মালা নিয়ে চিন্তা না করতে বললেন। @highlight



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আলহামদুলিল্লাহ, নোয়াখালীর বন্যার্তদের মাঝে ২০০+ পরিবারকে ত্রান সামগ্রী বিতরন তাওহীদ একাডেমি এন্ড ইসলামিক সেন্টার এর পক্ষ থেকে।



Muslim child falsely claimed as hindu in relief-related video.

A claim alleged that during flood reliefdistribution, a donor provided aid to a Hindu child but cut off the child's necklace in return, with a video shared online as evidence. However, the child in the video, identified as Shoyon, is the son of Abdul Haque and Rozina and is Muslim, not Hindu.







No forced hindu conversions by jamaatin Lalmonirhat.

A claim spread that Jamaat-e-Islami forcibly converted 27 Hindu families in Lalmonirhat through threats of murder and exile. However, this is false. The families voluntarily filled out membership forms to join Jamaat-e-islami without converting to Islam. Members confirmed there were no threats or coercion, and the claims of forced conversion are baseless.







Viral video not linked to hindu identity or hijab issues.

A claim spread with a video alleging that Hindu girls in Bangladesh were harassed by Islamic radicals for not wearing hijabs. However, this is false. The women in the video were not Hindu and were chased over accusations of prostitution.







Dohar temple vandalism is a 2023 incident, not recent.

A claim spread that a man named Mohammad Siddiqui, described as a fundamentalist, attacked the Joypara Durga Temple in Dohar, Dhaka, during the 2024 Durga Puja. Posts included photos and videos of a man breaking idols and being arrested by police. However, the incident is not from 2024; it occurred in 2023 and is being misrepresented as a recent event.







Old photos falsely shared as recent durga idol vandalism.

A claim spread on social media with a photo of abroken Durga Puja mandap, saying it was from the 2024 Durga Puja in Bangladesh. But this is not true. The photo is from 2021, showing vandalism at a mandap in Chandpur.









MAA DURGA'S IDOL VANDALIZED ON DURGA ASHTAMI

A Hindu Priest did Durga Ashtami puja with the banner of Goddess after the idol of the deity was vandalized by Islamic jihadists of @BJI_Official at Ganpara Bishwas Bari Sarbojanin Durga Mandir.



Awami League and 9 others 12:36 pm · 11 Oct 24 · **1,380** Views

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Rumor of puja banners after idol destruction in Barishal is false.

A claim spread that idols were broken at the Ganpara Bishwas Bari Durga Temple in Kashipur, Barishal, so the temple used a banner with idol pictures for Durga Puja. But this is not true. The temple used a banner because of water issues, not because of vandalism.







Parking dispute wrongly claimed as dress-based harassment.

A claim spread on social media that a woman in a video was harassed for wearing Western clothes. Some posts also claimed she was Hindu and targeted for her religion. However, this is false. The incident was not about her clothes or religion but started as an argument over parking, which later turned into a dispute.



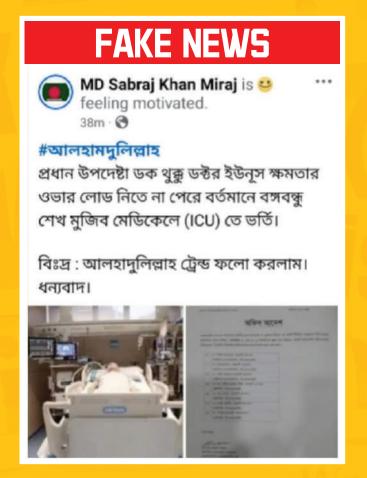


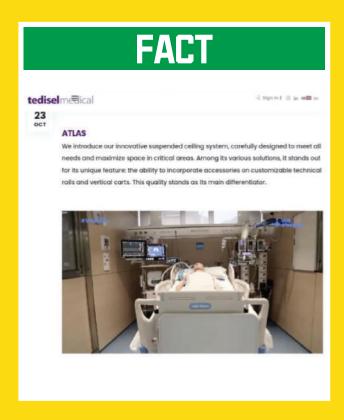


Deaths of two hindu women in Faridpur misreported as killings.

A claim spread on social media that two Hindu girls were brutally killed in Bangladesh while returning home after celebrating Vijaya Dashami. However, this claim is false. The girls were not murdered; they died at home after consuming toxic alcohol.







False health-related rumors about dr. Yunus debunked.

A claim spread that Dr. Muhammad Yunus was admitted to the ICU at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) on October 22, with a hospital notice and a photo of a patient shared as proof However, this is false. Dr. Yunus is healthy, the hospital notice was a routine update, and the photo is neither recent nor from Bangladesh and does not show him.







Viral video unrelated to assault over hijab or hindu identity.

A claim spread with a video showing a young woman being beaten, alleging that she was Hindu and attacked for not wearing a hijab. However, this claim is false. The woman in the video is Muslim, known as Kohinoor, and was beaten over accusations of theft, not for not wearing a hijab.







Fake press release claims Dr. Yunus praised Trump.

A claim spread that Dr. Muhammad Yunus congratulated Donald Trump on his election victory, calling him "the messiah we all have been waiting for" in a press release. However, this is false. Dr. Yunus did not issue such a message, and the press release is fake.







No hindu killed in Chattogram's Hazari Goli clashes.

A claim spread that a Hindu man was killed by police and military during a clash in Chattogram's Hazari Goli on November 5, with a photo shared as evidence. However, this is false. No one died in the incident, and the photo is from a September clash in Khagrachari. Claims of multiple Hindu deaths are baseless.







Dr. Yunus didn't flee to France after trump's victory.

A claim spread that Dr. Muhammad Yunus fled to France on November 6 during the U.S. election vote count after Donald Trump's victory. A photo of him on a plane was shared as proof. However, this is false. Dr. Yunus is still in Bangladesh, and the photo is from August 8, when he returned to Bangladesh from France.







Hindu mob attack on Muslim shop misrepresented as reverse.

A claim on social media alleged a video showed attacks on Hindus in Bangladesh by "Islamic terrorists." However, this is false. The video shows an incident in Chattogram's Hazari Goli, where members of the Hindu community vandalized the shop of Md. Osman, a Muslim man.







False claim of hindu woman raped at al rally.

A claim spread on social media that a bloodied woman in a video was Hindu and raped by Muslims during an event in Bangladesh. However, this is false. The woman, KohinoorAkter, is a Muslim and a leader of the Krishak League. She was attacked by opposition members during an A wami League program on November 10 and later detained by police.







"iskcon slaughter" slogan not used anti-dictatorship rally.

A video claimed protesters with Palestinian flags were chanting "Slaughter ISKCON" and calling for Hindu killings. However, this is misleading. The video is from a protest in Chattogram where the chant was "Slaughter the League," referring to the Awami League.

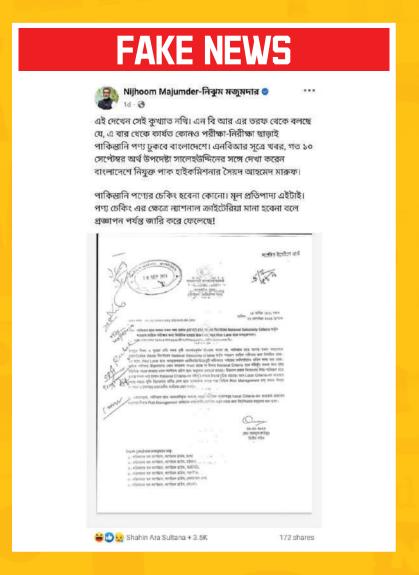




Army killing 27,000 hindus in three months is a false claim.

A claim spread online alleging that the Bangladesh Army killed 27,000 Hindus in three months. However, this claim is completely baseless. There is no evidence or credible information to support this allegation.



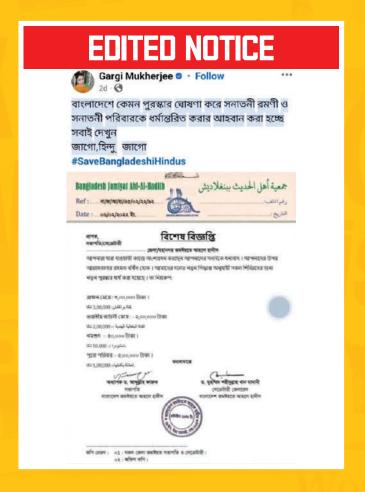




Fake story of arms shipment from Pakistan to Bangladesh.

In the context of a container ship from Karachi docking at Chattogram port for the first time since independence, Indian media claimed that the Pakistani militaty ship "Swat, " used during the 1971 Liberation War, returned to Chattogram carrying weapons. However, this is false. The ship, "MV Yuan Xiang Fa Zhan," is a commercial vessel carrying 6,337 tons of industrial raw materials and consumergoods, not weapons.







Altered notice falsely linked to hindu conversions by Jamaat.

A claim spread on social media that Bangladesh Jamiyat Ahl-Al-Hadith announced rewards for converting Hindu women and families. However, this is false. The group never issued such a notice. The claim was created by digitally editing an old notice from 2022.







Chhatra league leader misidentified as hindu in India.

A claim spread on social media alleged that Bangladeshi student leaderAtika, a Hindu, was raped and murdered. However, this is false. Atika, a Bangladesh Chhatra League leader and a Muslim, has neither been raped nor murdered. She has remained out of public view since leaving campus during the quota movement inJuly.



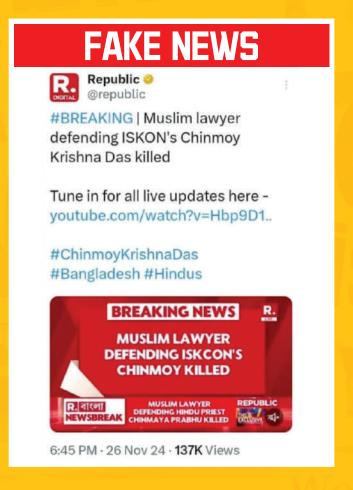




Incident of hindu woman's abuse falsely attributed to bd.

A claim spread on social media that a Hindu woman was physically assaulted in Bangladesh, supported by a viral video. However, this claim is false. The video is not from Bangladesh but from a 2021 incident in Madhya Pradesh, India.







Lawyer in chinmoy case misidentified in claims.

Indian media claimed that a Muslim lawyer supporting Chinmoy Krishna Das was killed during protests in Chattogram. However, this is false. The killed lawyer, Saiful Islam, was not involved in Chinmoy's case. Chinmoy's lawyer was Subhashish Sharma. Saiful was a general lawyer at the Chattogram District Court.







College clash wrongly portrayed as anti-hindu violence.

A claim spread that a video showed anti-Hindu violence in Bangladesh, shared by Indian politician Suvendu Adhikari and others. However, the video is from a student clash in Dhaka on November 25 and has no connection to religion.







Fake iskcon notice falsely tied to Jamuna TV

A claim spread that ISKCON protested a Jamuna TV report blaming Sanatanis for lawyer Saiful Islam Alif's death during a clash in Chattogram on November 26. A statement, allegedly signed by ISKCON's secretary, was shared online. However, this claim is false. The statement is fake and was edited from ISKCON's original condolence message for Saiful's death. ISKCON did not protest against Jamuna TV.





Indian Tv channels not banned in Bangladesh.

A claim spread online that all Indian satellite channels have been banned in Bangladesh. This is false. Indian channels are still broadcasting, and both the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and the Cable Operators Association of Bangladesh have confirmed it as a baseless rumor.







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Two Hindu sisters kidnapped by Muhammad Sojib Miyan, Shakil, and three others in Comilla, Bangladesh.

Police refused to register case against them. Shame on you Nobel Peace Prize winner MD. Yunus.





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Hindu women's abduction in Cumilla is a 2023 case.

A claim spread on social media that two Hindu sisters were abducted in Cumilla by Muhammad Sojib Mia, Shakil, and three others, linking the incident to the tenure of interim government head Dr. Muhammad Yunus. However, this claim is misleading. The abduction occurred in 2023, during Sheikh Hasina's government, not under Dr. Yunus's interim administration.







Concert attack video wrongly tied to Chattogram Sslamists.

A claim alleged that Islamists disrupted Atif Aslam's concert in Dhaka on November 29, with videos showing chairs being broken as evidence. However, the video actually shows a separate incident during the opening of Heaven City Center in Chattogram, not Atif Aslam's concert.







Hindu professor Kanta wasn't removed for her religion.

A claim alleged that students of Naogaon Medical College protested on November 13 to remove Dr. Kanta Roy Rimi because she is Hindu. However, the protest was about accusations of bad behavior, unfair actions, and corruption, not her religion.



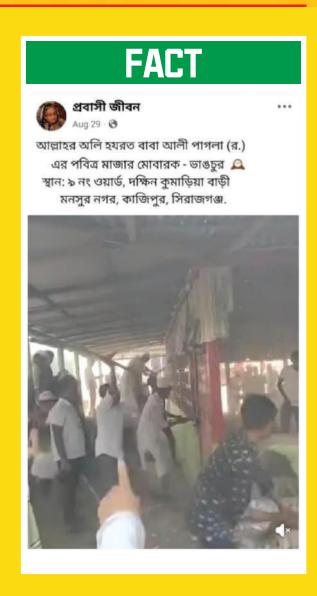


Claim of Bangladeshi airbase in Lalmonirhat with Chinese help is false.

A claim alleged that Bangladesh Air Force will build Asia's second-largest airbase near the Chicken Neck with China's support. However, this claim is false. The Lalmonirhat airport near the Chicken Neck has been inactive for over six decades, with no plans to reopen or develop it.



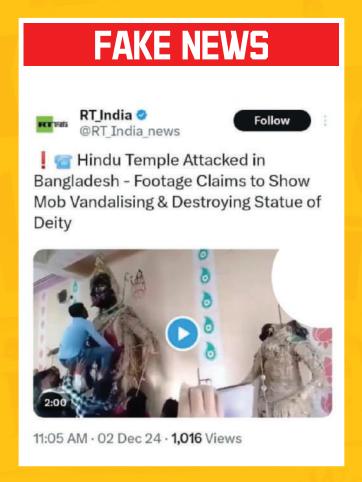




Shrine vandalism wrongly portrayed as temple attack in bd.

A claim alleged that a viral video on December 2 showed the vandalism of a Hindu temple in Bangladesh on December 1. However, the video does not show a temple being vandalized. It depicts the destruction of Ali Pagla's shrine in Sirajganj, and the incident occurred on August 29 earlier this year, not on December 1.







Idol immersion video misused as hindu temple attack.

A claim alleged that a viral video shows Muslims in Bangladesh attacking a Hindu temple and vandalizing idols. However, the video is not from Bangladesh and does not show any attack. It depicts a scene from idol immersion in Khandaghosh Sultanpur village, Purba Bardhaman district, India.







Road accident falsely claimed as persecution of hindus.

A claim alleged that a Bangladeshi truck intentionally hit a Shyamoli Paribahan bus carrying Indian passengers on the Dhaka-Agartala route in Brahmanbaria, and locals threatened the passengers with violence while chanting anti-India slogans. However, this claim is false. The crash happened due to overtaking, and no Indian passengers were harmed or harassed. Indian media has spread false information about the incident.



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Today Bangladeshi beggars protested in front of Indian High Commission building, Dhaka, they even tried to enter the building, threatening Indian officials & Bangladeshi forces were having fun with them.

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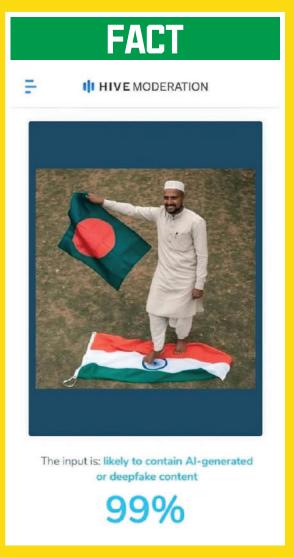
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No protests or threats at Indian high commission in Dhaka.

A claim alleged that on December 2, Bangladeshis attacked the Bangladesh Assistant High Commission in Agartala and later protested outside the Indian High Commission in Dhaka. However, this claim is misleading. The photo circulated actually shows a protest in Dhaka where Hefazat-e-Islam leaders submitted a memorandum against Indian media's negative portrayal of Bangladesh.







Indian flag trampling photo found to be a1-generated.

A claim alleged that amid India-Bangladesh tensions following political unrest in Bangladesh, a photo circulated showing a person stepping on India's national flag. However, this photo was not real; it was created using Al technology.







Lawyer falsely linked to chinmoy case by Indian media.

A claim stated that Ramen Roy, seen injured in a hospital, is Chinmoy Krishna Das's lawyer and was attacked by Muslims who vandalized his house. However, Ramen Roy is not involved in Chinmoy's case. He was injured during an attack at a protest opposing Chinmoy's arrest, and no evidence supports claims of his house being vandalized.



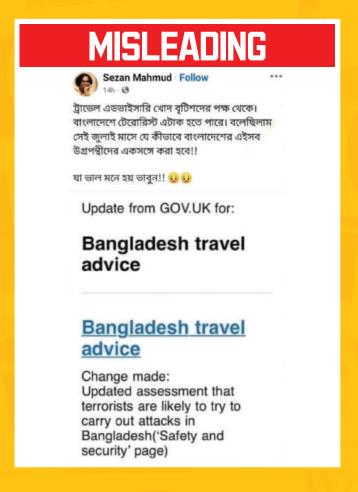


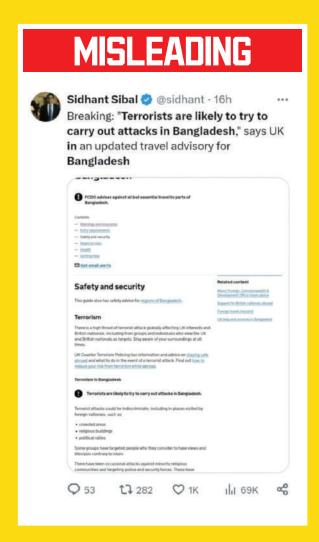


Old video falsely claimed as hindu woman assaulted.

A viral video claimed to show Muslim men trying to kill Hindu women in public. However, the video is from 2022 and depicts a land dispute-related assault in Chattogram's Jampara area, not a religious attack.







Misleading quote by UK on terror threats in BD debunked.

A claim spread that the UK issued a travel warning about militant attacks in Bangladesh, reported by Indian media. However, the IJK has similar warnings for many countries like India, Germany, and France. While it flagged unrest in the Chittagong Hill Tracts, no special warning was issued for other parts of Bangladesh. The advisory also shows higher attack risks in countries like India, France, and the US than in Bangladesh.



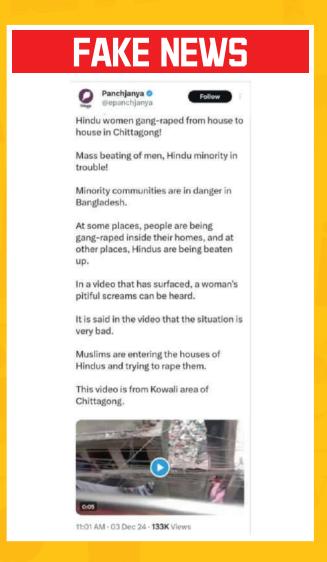




Combined videos faked claims of hindu attacks in bd.

A video circulated online claimed continued Islamist attacks on Hindus in Bangladesh following recent unrest, showing two clips as evidence. However, the first clip shows an attack on Khwaja Badruddoza Haider Pir's shrine in Sherpur, and the second is from an unrelated incident at a mosque in India.







False rumor of mass rape of hindu women in Chattogram.

A video claimed to show the gang rape of Hindu women in Chattogram after unrest over Chinmoy Krishna Das's arrest and Saiful Islam's murder. However, the video is unrelated and from a separate incident on November 29.





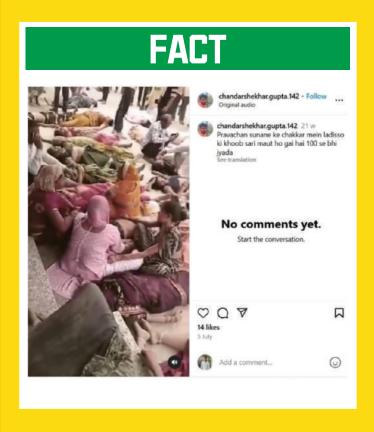


College video misused as attack on hindu students.

A video claimed Hindu students in Dhaka were being brutally targeted. However, the video actually shows a student clash near Dr. Mahabubur Rahman Molla College on November 25 and is unrelated to any targeted attack on Hindu students.







Indian video wrongly shared as hindu woman abused in bd.

A video claimed that multiple Hindu women and children were raped and killed by Muslims in Bangladesh. However, the video is not from Bangladesh or related to such an incident. It shows a stampede during a religious festival in Uttar Pradesh, India, in July, where over 100 women and children died.





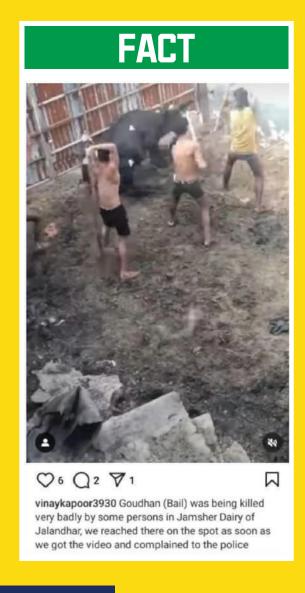


Political clash misreported as anti-hindu attack.

A video claimed to show a Hindu doctor's pharmacy being vandalized and looted inBangladesh, shared with hashtags about saving Hindus. However, the video is not related to any recent communal attack. It is from August and shows vandalism during political unrest after the fall of the Awami League government.







Indian video misused as iskcon farm attack in BD.

A video claimed to show an attack on ISKCON's cow farm in Bangladesh following Chinmoy Krishna Das's arrest and related unrest. However, the video is not from Bangladesh. It is an old clip from Punjab, India, showing an attack on a cow farm there.





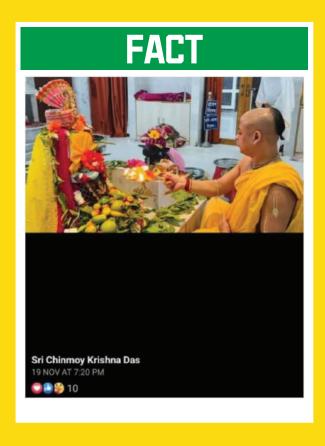


Fake fatwa banning women from markets in Bangladesh.

A claim by BJP MLA Agnimitra Paul and writer Taslima Nasreen alleged that a fatwa was issued in Gopalganj's Gawhardanga, Bangladesh, banning women from markets. They shared a video as evidence, which was also picked up by Indian media. However, the claim is false. The video shows an announcement from the 89th annual event of Gawhardanga Madrasa, discouraging women from entering temporary stalls at the religious gathering, a practice followed every year. It was misrepresented as a fatwa.





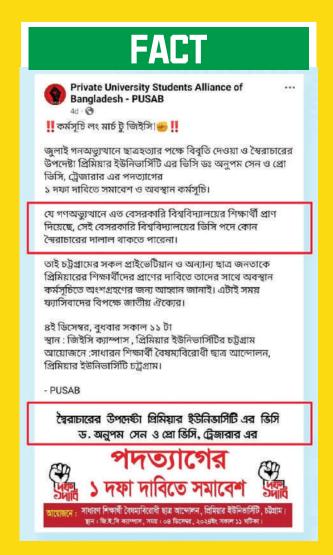


Edited image of chinmoy worshiping in jail debunked.

A claim spread online that Chinmoy Krishna Das performed puja in Chattogram jail after his arrest for sedition on November 25. However, this is false. The image shared is digitally edited from an older photo of Chinmoy Krishna Das.





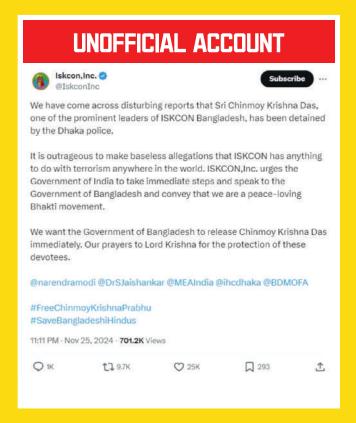


Hindu VC Anupam wasn't forced to resign from premier university.

A claim alleged that Dr. Anupam Sen, Premier University's Vice-Chancellor, resigned under pressure from Islamist groups for being Hindu and an ISKCON supporter. However, this is false. Students protested against him for siding against them during the July uprising and accused officials of threatening them. Dr. Sen and four others resigned, but the others were Muslim, disproving any communal motive.







Iskcon didn't request India's intervention on chinmoy case.

A claim spread that ISKCON issued a statement seeking India's intervention after the arrest of Chinmoy Krishna Das on sedition charges in Bangladesh. However, this is false. ISKCON did not make any such statement. The claim originated from a social media post by a separate group called the Krishna Consciousness Society (KCS).







False rumor of hindu saint's forced conversion in bd.

A video claimed that a Hindu saint was forcibly converted to Islam. However, this is false. The video shows a humanitarian effort to clean and assist a homeless man, who is actually a Muslim. It was falsely portrayed as forced conversion.







Pakistani video misused as Bangladeshi temple attack footage.

A video claimed that a Hindu temple in Bangladesh was vandalized, showing men in traditional attire destroying idols. However, the video is from a 2021 incident in Pakistan, where a temple was vandalized, and it has been falsely linked to Bangladesh.





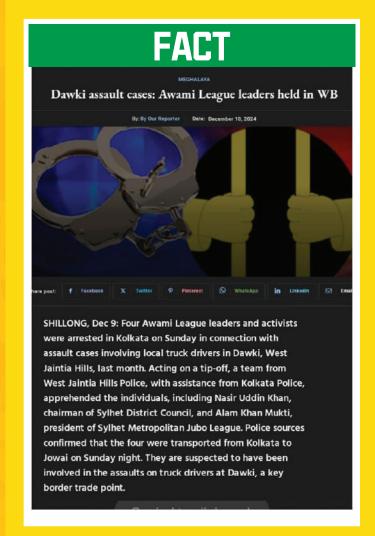


Crop burning misrepresented as attack on hindu farmers.

A video claimed that Islamists in Bangladesh were burning ripe paddy fields of Hindus. However, this is false. The incident in Kushtia involved arson targeting the paddy field of Nasim Mia, a Muslim farmer.







Al leaders arrested in India were not charged with rape.

A claim spread that four Awami League and Jubo League leaders from Sylhet were arrested in India's Meghalaya on charges of rape. However, this is false. Indian police arrested them for illegal entry, assault, robbery, and other charges, not rape.







Indian tragedy falsely claimed as hindu persecution in bd.

A video claimed to show an attack, vandalism, and rape at Hindu homes in Giripur, Mymensingh, Bangladesh. However, this claim is false. The video is from Purnia district in Bihar, India, and depicts the tragic death of a mother and her three children.



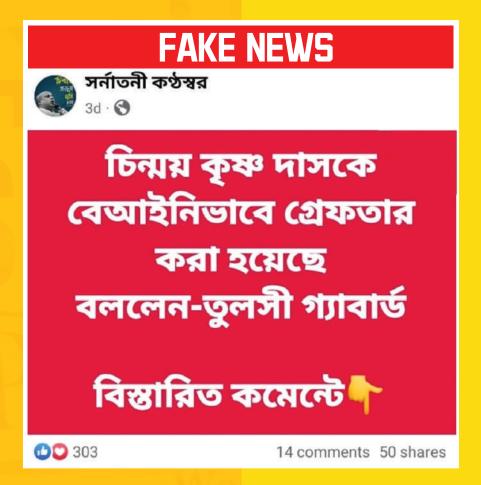




Third-gender harassment case misreported as hindu woman abuse.

A video claimed that a Hindu tribal woman was attacked by Islamist extremists at Cox's Bazar beach in Bangladesh for not wearing a hijab. However, this claim is false. The video actually features Arohi Islam, a third-gender Muslim individual, and is unrelated to any such incident.



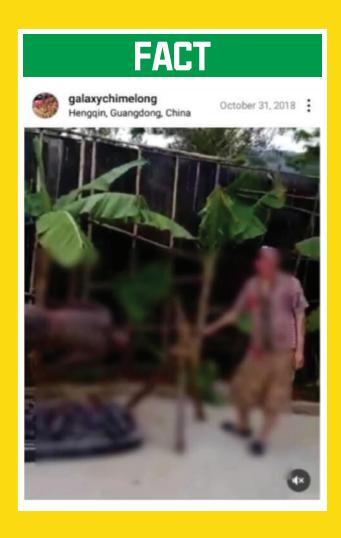


Fake Tulsi Gabbard quote about chinmoy's arrest.

A social media claim alleged that Tulsi Gabbard criticized the arrest of Chinmoy Krishna Das, calling it illegal. However, this is false, as she has made no statements about the arrest. The claim is entirely baseless.







Chinese video falsely claimed as attack on hindus in bd.

A video claimed to show a Hindu person being burned in Bangladesh. However, this is false. The video is not recent and does not depict any incident in Bangladesh. It is from at least six years ago, showing a Halloween celebration in China.



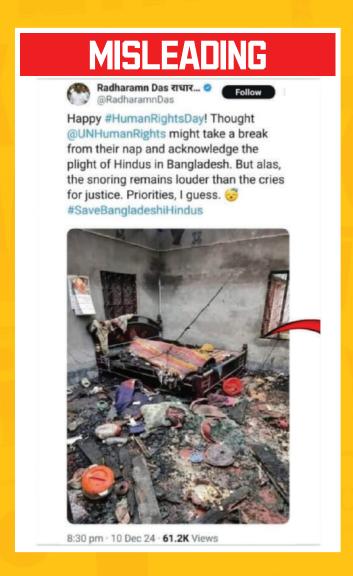




Babri masjid documentary wrongly linked to Bangladesh.

A video claimed that scenes of the Babri Mosque demolition were shown on a big screen in Bangladesh to incite Muslims against Hindus. However, this is false. The video is from Mumbra, Maharashtra, India, where the SDPI political party organized a display on December 6 to mark the Babri Mosque demolition anniversary.







Old Narail attack photos falsely shared as recent.

A claim shared on Indian social media alleged that the image showed recent attacks on Hindu homes in Bangladesh following the fall of the Awami League government. However, this is false. The image is from 2022, showing attacks on Hindu homes in Dighalia, Narail, over allegations of hurting religious sentiments.







Political harassment wrongly linked to hijab-related issue.

A video claimed that a woman was harassed in Dhaka's Gulistan for not wearing a hijab or burqa. However, this is false. The video shows the woman being handed over to the police by the public for political reasons, not for her attire.



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কলকাতায় ভারতীয় সেনাবাহিনীর পক্ষ থেকে উদযাপন করা হবে ১৬ই ডিসেম্বর, বাংলাদেশের মহান বিজয় দিবস। এতে থাকবেন ৭১ সালে যে ভারতীয় সৈন্যরা বাংলাদেশকে স্বাধীন করার জন্য পাকিস্তানের হানাদার বাহিনীর বিরুদ্ধে যুদ্ধ করেছিলেন, তাঁদের কয়েকজন। বাংলাদেশ থেকেও নাকি প্রতিনিধিদল আসবে। এই প্রতিনিধিদলে যেন থাকেন সত্যিকার মুক্তিযোদ্ধা। ভুয়ো মুক্তিযোদ্ধারা যেন এই সুযোগ না পান। ভুয়ো মুক্তিযোদ্ধা কারা? নানা রকম সুবিধের লোভে দেশের বিভিন্ন সরকার বিভিন্ন সময় নিজের স্বজনদের মধ্যে মুক্তিযোদ্ধার সার্টিফিকেট বিতরণ করেছেন।

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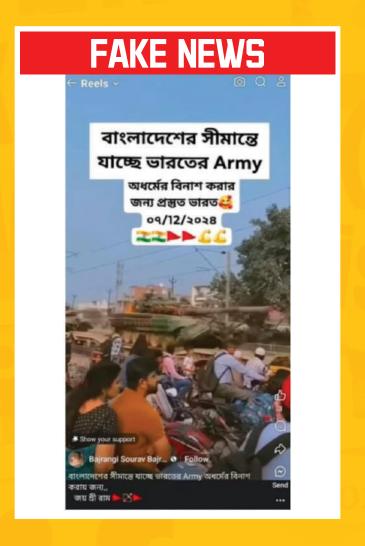
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False claim of 'joy Bangla ' slogan ban.

A claim spread online that "Joy Bangla" has been banned. However, this is false. The ruling to make "Joy Bangla" the national slogan was suspended, but the slogan was not banned.







Video falsely claims Indian troops deployed to Bangladesh border.

A video claimed that the Indian Army was deploying heavy military equipment to the Bangladesh border, showing a train carrying tanks at a railway crossing. However, this is false. The video is old and was filmed in Muzaffarnagar, Uttar Pradesh, unrelated to any deployment near the Bangladesh border.



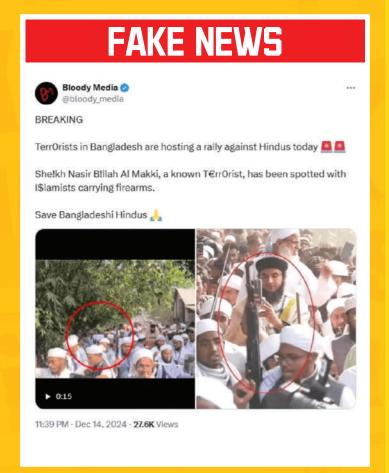




False claim of army raid and gold seizure at iskcon leader's house.

A claim circulated online that the military raided the house off former ISKCON leader Chinmoy Krishna Das. However, this is false. No military raid took place at his or any ISKCON leader's house, and the video was digitally edited from unrelated footage.







Gathering misused as anti-hindu rally claim.

A claim said terrorists in Bangladesh organized a rally against Hindus, with Sheikh Nasir Billah A1 Makki, labeled as a known terrorist, seen with Islamists carrying firearms. However, the video actually shows a gathering in Sirajganj to welcome him as a descendant of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). The event was unrelated to Hindus, and the firearm-like object was confirmed to be a toy.







Fake claim of Arakan army capturing Teknafin bd.

A claim spread on social media that the Arakan Army, a rebel group from Myanmar, has taken control of the Teknaf area in Bangladesh. However, this is false. The Arakan Army has not taken control of Teknaf, but they control areas along the Myanmar-Bangladesh border.







Madrasah play video falsely linked to terrorism rise.

A video claimed to show the rise of extremism in Bangladesh and a call for jihad. It was shared by Sajeeb Wazed Joy and Taslima Nasreen, and spread by media in West Bengal. However, the video is not related to extremism. It actually shows a performance by students during the annual event at Jessore Jamia Islamia madrasa.







Assault on Muslim SCL worker misreported as hindu case.

A video circulated claiming a Hindu girl was tortured and drowned in Bangladesh, showing an angry crowd forcing a girl into a pond. The video was shared by Salwan Momika, an Iraqi-born individual known for controversial content. However, this claim is false. Thegirl in the video is not Hindu; she is a Muslim named Afsana Ibad Tikli, and there is no evidence she died.



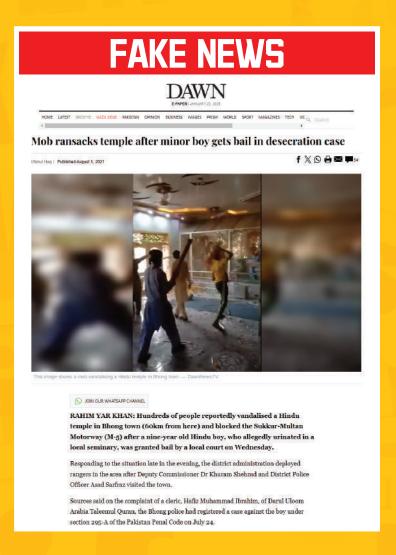




False claim of 150 deaths in Tongi ljtema clashes.

A claim spread online that 150-200 people were killed in a clash between the followers of Maulana Zubair and Maulana Saad Kandhlavi over the control of the World Ijtema ground in Tongi, Gazipur. However, this is false. The actual number of deaths in the clash is four.



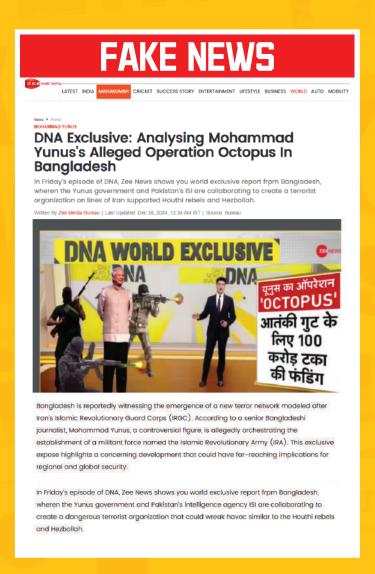


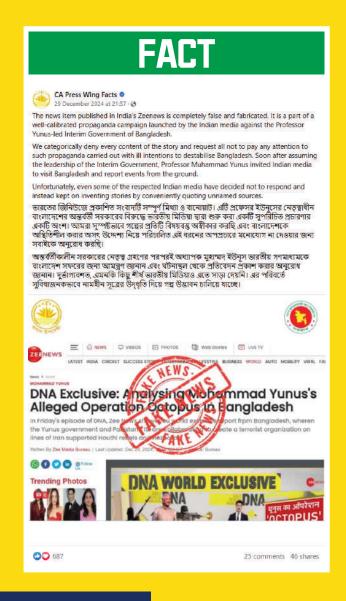


Viral Video of Temple Vandalism Attributed to Bangladesh

A video falsely claimed to show a Hindu temple in Bangladesh being vandalized. Investigation revealed it was filmed in Pakistan in 2021, unrelated to Bangladesh.



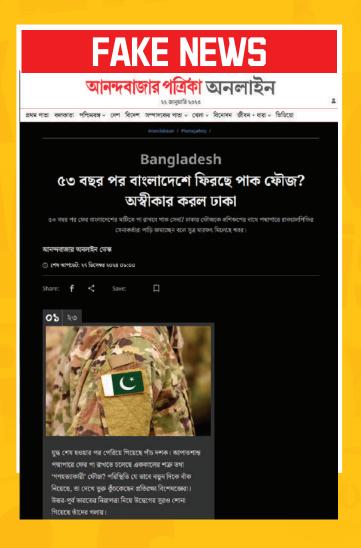




Claims of New Terror Group in Bangladesh

Reports of a new terror network in Bangladesh, allegedly linked to Iran's IRGC, are fabricated and untrue, as confirmed by CA Press Wing Facts.







Rumor of Pakistani Army Returning to Bangladesh

Claims about the Pakistani army returning to Bangladesh after 53 years are false, according to the CA Press Wing Facts.





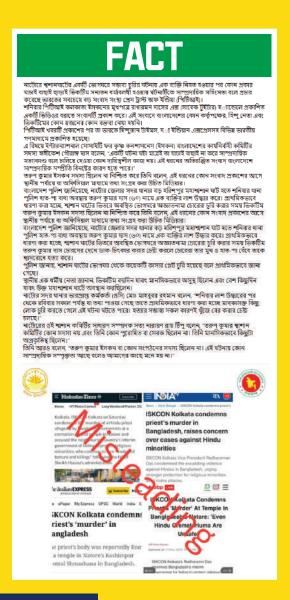


Liton Das Excluded from Champions Trophy for Being Hindu

Liton Das was dropped from Bangladesh's Champions Trophy squad due to poor form, not because of his religion, despite false claims made by an Indian outlet.







Allegation of Priest's Lawyer Murder in Bangladesh

Reports alleging the murder of a lawyer representing ISKCON priest Chinmoy Krishna Das are false. The lawyer's death in Chattogram had no connection to the case.





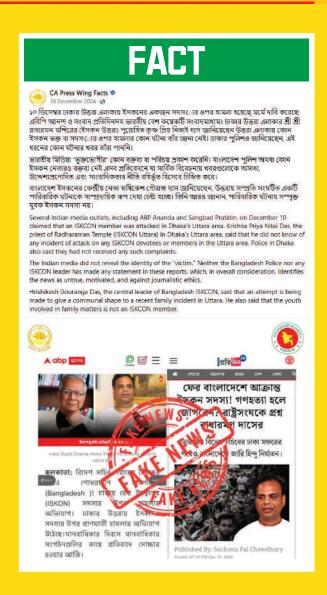


Around 2,200 Violence Cases reported in last 4 months

India's Kirti Vardhan Singh claimed 2,200 minority violence cases in Bangladesh this year, but CA Press Wing Facts confirmed the claim is false.



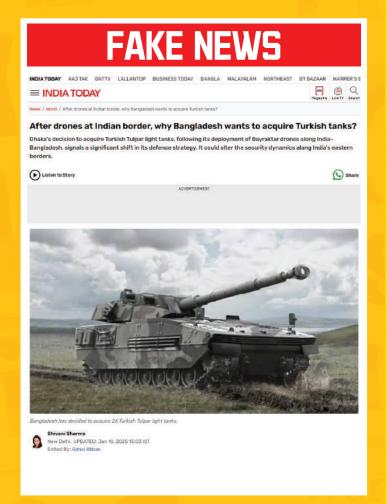




ISKCON Member Attacked in Bangladesh

Indian outlets ABP Ananda and Sangbad Pratidin falsely reported an ISKCON member attacked in Dhaka. CA Press Wing Facts called the claim baseless and unethical.



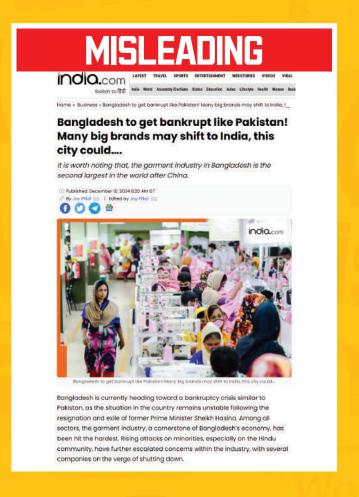




Bangladesh Acquiring Turkish Tanks

Reports of Bangladesh acquiring Turkish tanks are fake. The Defense Ministry confirmed no such decision has been made, per CA Press Wing Facts.



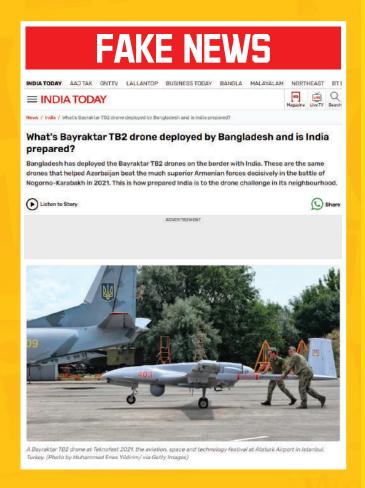




Clothing Brands Shifting to India

India.com's claim of brands leaving Bangladesh is misleading. Bangladesh's export earnings rose 15.63% in November 2024, with significant year-on-year growth from July-November.





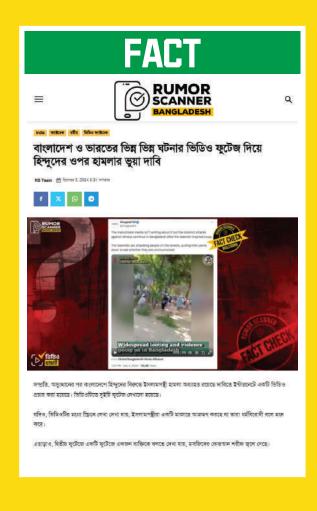


Claims of Bangladesh Deploying New Drones

Bangladesh's defense ministry confirmed no new drones were deployed, labeling the news as fabricated and part of an anti-Bangladesh campaign.



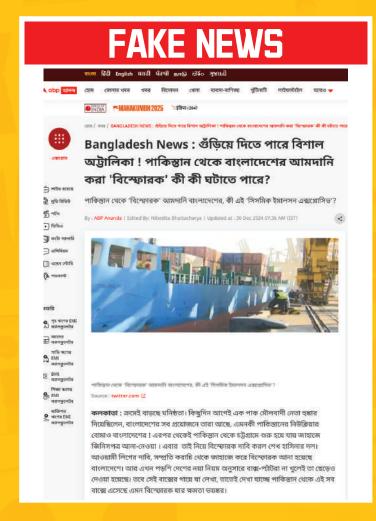


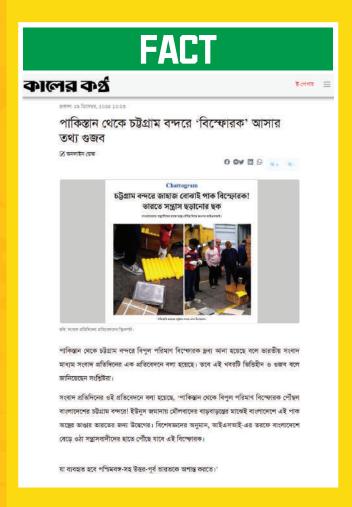


Viral Video Misrepresented as Islamist Attack on Hindus

The viral video doesn't depict an attack on Hindus. One clip shows a shrine attack in Sherpur, while the other is footage from an Indian mosque, per Rumor Scanner.







Bangladesh Importing Explosives from Pakistan

Indian channel ABP falsely claimed Bangladesh is importing explosives from Pakistan. Kaler Kantha confirmed the report is baseless.







Report of Petrapole Border Closure News

The BSF dismissed rumors of Petrapole border closure, stating it remains open for individuals with valid documents.



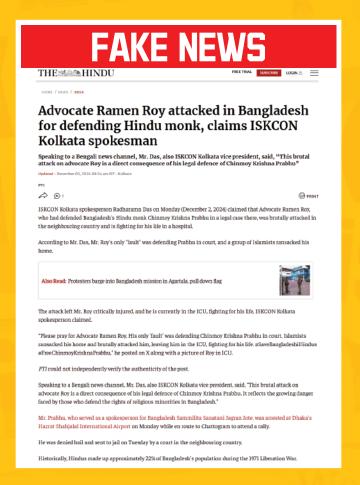




Artist been house arrested due to hindu identity

A report claimed Bangladeshi actor Chanchal Chowdhury was under house arrest. He called the news false and baseless, stating it aimed to tarnish his image and incite tensions.







Minority lawyer was attacked while defending client

Reports alleging advocate Ramen Roy was attacked for defending a Hindu monk are untrue. Fact-checks confirm no evidence, and the story was fabricated to provoke unrest.







Pakistan Army Training BD forces

The claim that Pakistan's army trained Bangladeshi forces is baseless. Verified sources dismissed it as propaganda without any credible evidence.







Religious Bias Claim Against VC

A report claiming the Chattogram University VC resigned over religious discrimination is false. Fact-checks confirm no evidence of bias or forced resignation.







Misleading Fatwa Claim on Women in Markets

Claims of a fatwa banning women from markets in Gopalganj are misleading. Restrictions applied temporarily to event stalls, not regular markets.





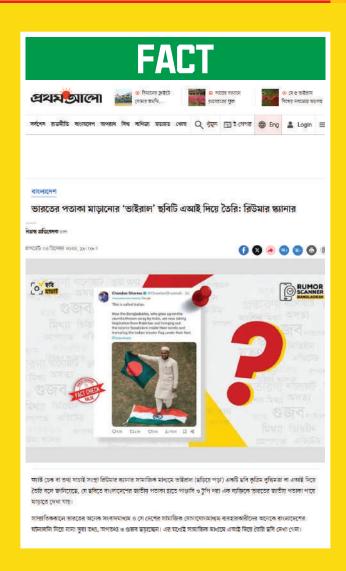


Hindu Mother-Daughter Murder Claim

The deaths of Sujata Roy and her daughter Niladri were linked to familial issues, not forced conversion. Investigations refute claims of religious coercion.







Bangladeshi Patients Disrespect Indian Flag

A viral image showing a man stepping on the Indian flag was AI-generated. No such incident occurred; it was created to spread misinformation.







Indian Bus Attack in Bangladesh

Tripura's minister wrongly claimed an Indian bus was attacked in Bangladesh. Investigations confirmed it was a traffic accident, not an attack.







Religious Bias Allegations in Bangladesh's BCS

Claims of religious bias in Bangladesh's 43rd BCS results were baseless. Officials confirmed the results were fair and inclusive, dismissing the rumors.





