

A Correspondent Satkhira: Police on Wednesday arrested a local leader of Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) in connection with the attack on convoy of the then opposition leader Sheikh Hasina in Kolaroa upazila on August 30, 2002. The arrestee was identified as Rabiul Islam, joint secretary of Kolaroa upazila unit BNP and also chairman of Jugekhali union parishad. Masud Karim, officer-in-charge of Kolaroa Police Station, said Chief Judicial Magistrate Nitai Chandra Saha of Satkhira district court on October 15, 2014 ordered to record the case in connection with the attack. After the case was recorded, police arrested Rabiul from his house at Jugekhali village in the upazila at about 9:30am on Wednesday. On August 30 in 2002, Sheikh Hasina, the then opposition leader, had gone to the district to visit a raped housewife. On the way, BNP leaders and activists allegedly attacked her convoy allegedly on the instruction of the then lawmaker Habibul Islam Habib in Kolaroa. The attackers fired gunshots to kill Hasina but she survived the assassination attempt while others accompanying her sustained injuries. Several journalists were also assaulted during the incident. Failing to lodge a case with the local police station, freedom fighter commander and AL leader Moslem Uddin filed a case with Satkhira magistrate court against 27 BNP men in connection with the gun attack.