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**[UP chairman, OC of Laxmipur seek apology to HC](#)**

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Officer-in-Charge of Kamalnagar thana Akul Kumar Biswas and chairman of Char Martin Union Parishad Yousuf Ali of Laxmipur admitted their mistakes and unconditionally sought apologies to the High Court over a punishment out of legal process in a village arbitration in the name of Fatwa.

The court also ordered them to appear before it on March 9, refusing their petitions to spare them from personal appearances.

A HC bench comprising of Justice Gabinda Chandra Thakur and Justice AKM Shahidul gave the order after hearing the petitions filed by OC and UP chairman.

The HC also ordered UNO to submit a report whether Char Martin UP chairman attended office from February 14 to February 20.

It asked the magistrate concerned to submit a report whether the chairman in his bail prayer to the Chief Judicial Magistrate court on February 20 mentioned the HC ruling on February 14.

Lawyer SM Rezaul Karim participated in the hearing. Abdur Rab Chowdhury jointed the hearing in favour of the Chairman while Mohammad Ibrahim Khalil Sohel was in favour of OC.

Reports were published in the media when a vedio of beating a girl and her sister's husband of Char Martin union in Laxmipur district in a village arbitration were uploaded in the Facebook in December last.

It was seen in the vedio that UP chairman was beating the duo with a stick.

The High Court issued a rule on February 14 when Legal adviser of Bangladesh Legal Aid Services Trust (BLAST) SM Rezaul Karim drew the attention of court to the reports published on the incident.

The court in its rule wanted to know as to why the punishment given to the woman and the man in a village arbitration in the name of Fatwa should not be declared illegal.

The court in the rule wanted to know why the legal action will not be taken against the chariman for the punishment, and the OC for the negligence of duties.

Eight persons including the home secretary, OC of Laxmipur thana and UP chairman were made respondents within four weeks in the ruling.

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