Schoolboy kidnapped for ransom

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Sensation is simmering in Bijni town after suspected NDFB-S militants kidnapped a higher secondary student forcing the security forces to launch rescue operation in the area on two days back.

Identified as Mantu Roy, the Class XII student went missing from the town on Friday after he left for the Lakhmi mela at Bijni. The kidnappers have confirmed the incident and called up his family members demanding Rs 50 lakhs ransom.

Rescue operation is in progress and the senior officials monitoring the progress are tightlipped on the development for the interest of the investigation.

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NAZIRA, October 15, 2026 — The first death anniversary of Mujibun Nahar (Queen) Begum, a respected educationist, social worker and former principal of Nazira Girls' Higher Secondary School, was observed in Nazira on October 13 with the release of a memorial volume highlighting her contributions to education, society and culture.

Begum, who passed away on October 14, 2025, devoted her life to the educational, social and cultural development of Nazira. She was widely admired for her commitment to building a healthy society and nurturing a sense of responsibility among younger generations.

The memorial volume, titled *Pragyar Prabha*, was formally released by Usha Saikia, a former teacher, noted poet, lyricist and writer, who had worked with Begum. Saikia recalled Begum's life and legacy during the commemorative programme held at the family residence.

The book was published through the initiative of Begum's daughters, Syeda Mehbooba Rahman and Syeda Mashhuda Rahman, along with their husbands, Syed Ibnul Haque and Hasan Iqbal. The programme was conducted by Hasan Iqbal.

Another book, titled *Sabal Byaktitwar Saral Sannidhyat* (In the Simple Company of a Strong Personality), was also released in memory of her husband, Alhaj Syed Mahbubur Rahman, popularly known as Gohain Saheb. The publication was brought out through the joint efforts of the two daughters and their husbands.

Begum was honoured with the Dikhowpariya Award by the Senior Citizens' Association in 2024 in recognition of her contributions and achievements.

During the programme, several distinguished personalities spoke about her life, philosophy, sense of duty and commitment to social welfare. Those who shared their recollections included retired principal Syed Mubidul Islam, Manju Saikia Barua, Nazira Senior Citizens' Association president Jatin Borgohain, senior advocate Mahendra Bhuyan, former principal Jatin Borgohain, Nazira-Simaluguri Development Authority chairman Dr Ajaylal Barua, retired teacher Syed Mukibul Islam, professor Sujata Barthakur, Dr Mubina Khatun, retired teacher Bijay Chandra Bora, Dr Diganta Das and Namita Neog Gogoi.

The programme was attended by Jitendra Nath Gohain, founding secretary of the Sivasagar District Senior Citizens' Association; Jawahar Lachit; Prasanna Handique; Nazira Senior Citizens' Association secretary Lakhindra Rajkhowa; Bharati Chetia; Manasi Bairagi; retired teacher Jadu Dutta; and Syeda Hadiya Begum, among others.

More than 50 admirers, well-wishers and people from different walks of life gathered to pay tribute to Begum and recall her contributions. The observance highlighted her enduring legacy as an educationist and social worker whose ideals continue to inspire people in Nazira.

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