

# Police-dacoit gunfight in Tongi: 6 held

By Staff Correspondent

Police nabbed six dacoits after an hour-long gunfight at Pajar village under Tongi thana in the early hours of yesterday. At least three constables and two dacoits sustained injuries during the armed clash that started at around 1:30 am. Acting on a tip-off, a group of police led by Tongi thana Officer-In-Charge (OC) Abdur Rashid raided an abandoned house where the dacoits were taking preparations for committing robbery. But, sensing the police presence, the dacoits started firing and hurled cocktails on them. Police also recovered two revolvers, one sawed-off rifle, nine bullets and three cocktails from their possession.



State Minister for Information Prof. Abu Sayeed inaugurated the second phase of construction work of Bangladesh Betar's administration building at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar in the city yesterday. — PID photo

## Construction of Betar's admn building begins

Construction of the second phase of the administrative building of Bangladesh Betar started yesterday, an official handout said, reports BSS.

State Minister for Information Prof. Abu Sayeed inaugurated the construction work of the 1100 square metre fifth floor of the building. Over Taka one crore 67 lakh will be spent for its construction. In the first phase of the work upto fourth floor of the building Taka seven crore and 66 lakh was spent.

Sayed in his speech said Betar can play a vital role in nation-building activities. He said, "The present government is implementing massive programmes for the development of the country's mass media including Betar."

He said installation of new equipment is continuing in these media funded by the government and other overseas donors.

Secretary of the Information Ministry M Akmol Hussain and director general of Bangladesh Betar M I Chowdhury also spoke on the occasion.

## JCD demands immediate release of Pintu

The City unit of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) yesterday held a rally, where the leaders demanded immediate release of their leaders including its city president Nasrudin Pintu, reports UNB.

Presided over by JCD joint secretary Bazul Basit Anju, the rally was addressed, among others, by Jubodad president Mirza Abbas, JCD president Shahiduddin Chowdhury Anny, Habibun Nabi Shohel, Mosarraf Hossain, Abdul Awal and other leaders.

Mirza Abbas said the repressive measures of Sheikh Hasina's government against the JCD would not stop the ongoing movement.

Abbas demanded immediate release of the JCD leaders, including Nasrudin Pintu, Shahiduddin Chowdhury Anny said the anti-government movement of JCD will be continued till the fall of this 'terrorist' government.

## Journalists recall war-time memories in a symposium

### General concern was more on liberation of motherland in '71

Eminent journalists recalling their war-time memories yesterday said the general concern was more on liberation of the motherland from the clutch of Pakistani barbarians than concentrating on humanitarian services to the helpless people, reports BSS.

Yet, they said, individuals as well as groups tried their best to provide food and shelter to the people who were moving from place to place to escape the wrath of Pakistani Occupation Forces during the War of Liberation in 1971.

Journalists in Dhaka they said, were not in a position to portray what was really happening in those horrific days in Bangladesh but a good number of them secretly passed on valuable information about the war to the sources who had links with international media.

The journalists were taking part in a symposium on "Challenges of humanitarian reporting" jointly organised by Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BRCS) and International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) at a local hotel. The BRCS chairman Maj Gen (ret'd) Abdus Salam MP inaugurated the day-long symposium stressing the need for adequate knowledge through research for writing humanitarian issues.

## Film on Bangabandhu to be completed within 3 years

State Minister for Information Prof. Abu Sayeed yesterday told the Jatiya Sangsad that the production of film on the life and deeds of the father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman is expected to be completed within next three years, reports BSS.

Replying to a question from Hajj Mohammad Selim (AL-Dhaka) the state minister said that Department of Film and Publications has already started producing three documentary films on Bangabandhu and a short film on four national leaders.

Preliminary work for the production of a film of international standard on the life of the father of the nation has started, Prof Sayed said.

## Fire destroyed resources worth Tk 90.34cr in '97

Fire from different sources have destroyed resources worth Taka 90.34.92,606 during January to December of 1997 in the country, Fire Service officials said Sunday, reports BSS.

The officials registered 5802 fire incidents responsible for those destruction. They said fire from the kitchen stoves created — 1667 incidents, electric short circuit — 1434, anonymous — 1035, use of open kerosene lamp — 430, cigarette lighters — 328, red ashes — 209, kids playing with fire — 162, mechanical frictions — 65, intentional fire — 117, fire by unruly crowd — 104, accidental sparks — 65, emission of excessive heat — 63, spontaneous fire — 35, sparks from industrial chimneys — 15, static electric source — 15, chemical reaction — 11 and firecrackers — 47.

## Flying Academy team meets PM

A delegation of Bangladesh Flying Academy (erstwhile Bangladesh Flying Club Ltd) led by its president Lt Gen (ret'd) M Mahbubur Rahman made a courtesy call on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her Jatiya Sangsad office in the city yesterday, reports BSS.

The members of the delegation apprised her of the various problems of the academy and said that the academy would celebrate its 50th founding anniversary.

The Prime Minister stressed the need for proper training for attaining perfection.

The academy members also handed over a crest to Sheikh Hasina.

## None arrested for Kanak murder

None of the accused of Kanak murder case has been arrested even after two years of the killing that took place in the city's New Elephant Road area. Nafis Sadik Kanak, a meritorious student of accounting of Dhaka College, was shot dead by a gang of terrorists in the city on April 21, 1996.

The case initially filed with Dhanmondi police station, was later shifted to CID. However, none of the accused was arrested till date.

In observation of the second anniversary of death of Kanak, a *milad mahfil* will be held at his Chamelehagh residence in the city after Asar prayers on April 24, says a press release.

## DRU computer training course

Dhaka Reporters' Unity (DRU) will organise a two-month basic computer training course for its members, reports UNB.

The course will include data processing, Internet and multimedia, said a press release in the city yesterday.

Interested members have been requested to enroll their names by paying a course fee of Tk 1,000 by April 28.

The training course will be conducted by the country's computer experts under the supervision of Ananda Computers.

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