

32 murdered in city in first 12 days of Dec

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Thirty-two people were murdered in the city in the first 12 days of the current month, which is more than the figures in December last year and in December in the previous year.

In December last year, 27 people were murdered in the city and the figure was 23 in December 1999.

Police records say 49 people were killed in the city last month and 30 in October.

Of the 32 killed in 12 days this month, 14 died in mob beating. Of those beaten to death, eight were suspected as muggers, two as dacoits and four as extortionists.

The rest include a Jubo Dal leader, a JCD leader, a businessman, a bank employee, four small

traders, a housewife, an alleged terrorist and a newborn baby.

Four alleged extortionists were beaten to death at a time at Kaptan Bazar and two alleged dacoits at Palashpur.

Of the murders, five took place in Demra thana, five in Sutrapur, four in Dhanmndi, three in Mirpur, three in Kotwali, two in Tejgaon, two in Shyampur, two in Pallabi and one each in Hazaribagh, Ramna, Mohammadpur, Motijheel, Kafrul and Gulshan thanas.

Fourteen murders out of the 49 last month took place in Mohammadpur thana, four in Demra, four in Pallabi, three in Motijheel, three in Shyampur and

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	Sun Rises	Sun Sets
Dec 15		5-14 pm
Dec 16	6-34 am	

Prayer Timings		
Dec 15		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	5-09	5-15
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	3-45	4-00
Maghrib	5-16	5-22
Esha	7-30	8-00

Source: Islamic Foundation

One burnt to death as auto-rickshaw overturns and catches fire

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A young man was burnt to death and three others were injured when an auto-rickshaw overturned and caught fire while trying to speed away as mob chased it suspecting its passengers as muggers at Sat Masjid Road in the city's Dhanmondi

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AL plans agitation after next month's HR convention

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The Awami League (AL) intends to launch a movement against the alliance-government after the planned national convention on 'Crimes against Humanity' on January 17 and 18 next year.

A final decision in this regard will be taken once the party chief Sheikh Hasina returns home early next month, a highly placed source in the party told The Daily Star yesterday.

AL president Hasina, who left

Dhaka on December 8 on a private trip to USA, is expected to return home on January 3, party sources said.

Following the filing of 12 graft cases against the former premier along with some of her trusted cohorts on Tuesday last, senior party leaders are maintaining close

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PM returns today

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia returns home in the early hours of today concluding her four-day pilgrimage to Makkah and Madina in Saudi Arabia.

During her stay in KSA, she joined a special prayer under a special arrangement by Saudi gov

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Shahriar placed on fresh remand

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Writer and columnist Shahriar Kabir was placed on one-day fresh remand yesterday.

Earlier Kabir appealed to the court not to send him to the Joint Interrogation Cell (JIC) again saying "The JIC is worse than hell. Send me to jail and if necessary interrogate me there but do not send me to t h a t

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Devotees offering *munajat* during the special prayers at the Baitul Mukarram Mosque yesterday on the occasion of Jumatul Wida.