

Two shot in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A mother and her 24-year-old son were wounded when some youths shot at them at their Free School Street residence in the city's Kanthalbagan on Monday.

Saburan Begum, 50, and her son Md. Harun were taken to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) with bullet wounds.

Saburan shot in the throat was stated to be in a critical condition. Harun received a bullet in the left chest, hospital sources said.

According to witnesses, a gang of three youths went to the victims' rented house at 243/Free School Street at about 1:30pm and wanted to meet Harun.

Saburan and her younger daughter Rina were busy cooking at the time while Harun was taking a shower.

Rina told The Daily Star at the DMCH that while they were busy cooking, three youths appeared at

the open door of their house.

"My mother asked them who they were," said Rina. "But one of the boys drew a pistol and shot Harun as he stepped out of the bathroom hearing the youths," said a crying Rina.

A bullet hit her mother when she embraced her son in a bid to save him. The incident took place within minutes and the miscreants then had walked away before the local residents came to the spot hearing the gunshot.

Rina said she had recognised one of the criminals as Suman. "Suman is the younger brother of one of Harun's friends," she said. She however does not know why they attacked her brother.

Local people said Harun and his mother run a grocery adjacent to their house.

Harun's father Hossain Ali filed a case with the Dhanmondi Police Station, accusing Suman and two of his accomplices.

Fall of Leonid meteor observed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Astronomical Association in collaboration with the Guide Tours Limited organised a camp on Monday night to observe the fall of Leonid meteor.

The camp was set up aboard MV Abasar plying on the Meghna-Shitalakhya rivers to observe the fall of meteor.

A group of 40 scientists, educationists, physicians and journalists took part in the camp.

The camp recorded fall of 103 meteors from 2:00am to 5:30am, says a press release.

Khulna and Sylhet centres of Bangladesh Astronomical Association also recorded fall of 80 and 70 meteors respectively.

Such a big fall of meteors will not take place in next ten years, the press release added.



Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina consoles the wife of slain AL leader Haji Nurunnabi of Laxmipur when she met the leader at her Sudha Sadan residence in the city yesterday.

Argument in Bappi Murder Case continues

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Argument in the Bappi Murder Case continued for the fourth day yesterday.

The argument took place in the Third Special Court for Prevention of Women and Children, Repression Dhaka.

After hearing on argument on behalf of Shahidul Alam alias Shipon for about two hours, Judge Sarker Abul Mansur Ahmed adjourned the hearing till 10:30 am today.

The lawyers made submissions on important statements of some prosecution witnesses in support of acquittal of charges of the accused.

Earlier, the lawyers completed their argument on behalf of the four other accused in the case.

Rubayet Ahmed Bappi, 8, a student of Class III of Armanitola Government High School, was abducted by his maternal cousin Shipon from their Becharam Derr residence in the old city on August 5 for ransom.

Later, Shipon and his four accomplices -- Ripon Kumer Roy, Sanjit Sarker, Rajbanshi and Shariful Islam alias Badal took Bappi to Demra. They strangled Bappi the same day and dumped his body in the river Shitalakhya.

Alfa Miah, victim's father filed an abduction case under the Women and Children Repression Prevention Act with Kotwali thana accusing Shipon and four others the same day.

Bappi's decomposed body was found floating on the river near Kutubpur Gudara Ghat on August 14.

The investigation officer of the case submitted a charge sheet on August 21 against Shipon and four others.

The court framed charges against the accused on September 21.

The trial of the case began on September 25.

The court recorded statements of 20 out of 37 prosecution witnesses.

Accused Shipon, Ripon, Sanjit and Sankar are now in jail while Badal is still at large.

CU vacation begins tomorrow

CU CORRESPONDENT

The Chittagong University (CU) goes on a month-long vacation from tomorrow on the occasions of Ramadan, Shab-e-Kadar, Eid-ul-Fitr, Martyred Intellectuals Day and Victory Day.

All classes of the university will remain suspended from tomorrow while the offices will remain closed from December 3 to 15.

However, the examinations will be held as per schedule, sources said.

The classes will resume on December 21.

Special prayers on Victory Day

UNB, Dhaka

Special prayers will be held in mosques, temples, churches, pagodas and other religious institutions for peace and prosperity of the nation on the Victory Day on December 16.

In a press release yesterday, the Ministry of Religious Affairs asked the managing committees of the religious institutions to arrange the special prayers on the day.

Govt has plan to shift BSMMU, JS told

UNB, Dhaka

The government has a plan to shift Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) from the PG Hospital premises to some other place, Parliament was told yesterday.

Replying to Abdus Subhan (Jamaat) during the question hour, Health Minister Dr Khandaker Mosharrar Hossain said the government has taken necessary steps to shift the university from its present site at the earliest possible time.

Commitment to Red Cross movement iterated

UNB, Dhaka

The visiting president of Swedish Red Cross Society Dr Andres Milton called on President Iajuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday.

Welcoming Dr Milton the President reiterated Bangladesh's commitment to the ideals of Red Cross and Red Crescent movement and its continued service for the cause of humanity.

He recalled the generous help and cooperation of the Swedish Red Cross Society during the War of Liberation.

The President appreciated its assistance to strengthen Bangladesh counterpart's capacity in disaster preparedness and community-based disaster preparedness programme.

Bangladesh has set a model for pre and post-flood and cyclone preparedness and management, he said.

Iajuddin said the people of the coastal areas are now more alert about the dangers of flood and cyclone and they now take pre-emptive action.

The President stressed close cooperation between the Swedish Red Cross Society and Bangladesh Red Crescent Society for efficient management of humanitarian activities.

Dr Milton appreciated Bangladesh Red Crescent Society for efficiently handling humanitarian activities in times of natural calamities.

He said both the societies have close cooperation in sharing knowledge for tackling emergency humanitarian activities.

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