

No one held yet in city robberies

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police are yet to arrest the miscreants involved in the robberies in Siddheswari area on Tuesday.

A gang of robbers looted cash and valuables reportedly worth about Tk 8.54 lakh from three flats of an apartment complex, Eastern Flower, in the early hours of Tuesday.

The dacoits had allegedly overpowered the security guards of the building.

According to locals, maximum of what the robbers looted came from the residence of Jafurul Islam, a tax and VAT commissioner of customs.

But police said it was not their job to decide whether the money was legally earned or not.

Police sources said they were trying hard to nab the criminals and recover the looted money.

Meanwhile, Motijheel police are yet to make any headway in the

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70 robbers swoop on Ctg market, loot Tk 50 lakh goods

Another dacoity in Dhaka

STAR REPORT

At least 15 people were injured when a gang of 70 armed robbers looted goods worth about Tk 50 lakh from a busy market in Chittagong and traded fire with police during their getaway, police and witnesses said.

Called in by locals over phone, police rushed to the scene and hemmed in the gang from two sides.

But the gang exploded some 30 bombs and fired shots to punch a hole in the police cordon and decamped with the loot, including 400 tola of gold.

The law-enforcers, who ran out

looted 11 shops, eight of them jewellers', at Rustomhat in Anwara on Tuesday night in one of the most daring robberies in the district.

Fifteen people, including a policeman, were injured in the fire fight.

The robbers, who came by a canvas-covered truck, stormed the market at 9:30pm when most of the businessmen were attending a milad mahfil in an open space near

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Clean Buriganga drive stops at illegal religious sites

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

The Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) is in a dilemma over 27 unauthorised mosques and madrasah, encroaching on the Buriganga and seriously hampering the river flow, BIWTA sources said.

Around 400 illegal structures on the river were removed in two major eviction drives by the BIWTA over the last two years. But these mosques and madrasah remained untouched as field level officials conducting the drives 'did not want to hurt religious sentiments' without the higher authorities' nod.

The 27 mosques and madrasah are situated over a 17-kilometre stretch of the river, which is under the jurisdiction of the BIWTA. When these were built over the years,

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A madrasah-cum-orphanage encroaches on the Buriganga river, escaping two major eviction drives by the Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA). The authorities are still undecided about over 27 unauthorised mosques and madrasahs.

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'War on terror' puts world in peril

Amnesty International annual report says the West tramples human rights, international laws

BBC ONLINE

The 'war on terror' by America-led Western countries has made the world a more dangerous place and created divisions which make conflict more likely, says Amnesty International.

The campaign group used its

annual report on Wednesday to accuse governments of trampling over human rights in the name of fighting terrorism.

People around the world feel more insecure now than they have done at any time since the end of the Cold War, says Amnesty International.

The human rights watchdog

also warns about dangers in the way Iraq is being reshaped in the wake of the war.

The report says: "The 'war on terror', far from making the world a safer place, has made it more dangerous by curtailing human rights, undermining the rule of

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Tiger clubbed to death

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A 'man-eating' tiger was killed by villagers yesterday at Nalbunia village of Swarongkhola upazila of Bagerhat district after it attacked three villagers.

Sources at the Sunderbans Forest Division (eastern wing) said hundreds of villagers chased and clubbed the seven-foot-long tiger to death after it entered the village at about 5am yesterday and attacked three people leaving them seriously injured.

The three victims were taken to the Bagerhat Sadar Hospital in critical condition.

Tax tick on credit cardholders

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Some 110,000 credit cardholders may come under the tax net from next fiscal, sources said.

Moreover, new credit cardholders will have to produce their Taxpayer's Identification Number (TIN).

The National Board of Revenue (NBR) would also ask the banks to submit income and transaction statements of the existing cardholders. The tax officials will then verify the statements to slap income tax on the clients.

According to the existing rules for getting credit cards, one has to apply to the banks detailing his or her monthly or annual income along with a bank statement.

"In addition to the income statement, the tax officials would be able to infer a credit cardholder's income by scrutinising transactions made on a card," said a high NBR official.

The NBR hopes to fetch about Tk 50 crore to Tk 60 crore per annum through the planned measures, sources said.

Standard Chartered Bank has

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Over six lakh sit for HSC exams today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) examinations under the nine education boards begin today.

About 631,300 examinees will be appearing this year. Of the candidates, 3,88,248 are males while 2,43,052 are females.

Tight security measures have been undertaken to check cheating and other unfair means.

Some of the measures include frisking at the entrance, fine for copy chits found, installation of closed circuit cameras in trouble-s

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