

# Six-year-old boy kidnapped

Tk 60,000 demanded for his release

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Miscreants have kidnapped a six-year-old boy of Khiora village under Bagmara upazila and demanded ransom for his release.

The victim Raihanul Haque, son of Abdus Samad, a small business-man, went missing on Tuesday morning when he was playing at a field near his house.

Samad received a letter the next

day in which the kidnappers demanded a ransom of Tk 60,000 within ten days.

They also threatened to kill the boy and abduct his sister if the matter was reported to police.

Samad has filed a general diary with Bagmara Police Station on Thursday.

Police said they have already raided some places to rescue the boy unhurt.

## 4 extortionists arrested in Rajshahi

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Police arrested four extortionists from a city clinic yesterday while they were demanding toll.

They were identified as Masud, Tuhin, Bappi and Rezaul Karim Raju of Upashahar areas.

They went to Bhai Bon Clinic in the Upashahar areas in the city in the morning and demanded Tk 500 in toll a day from the clinic director Aslam Hossain.

The clinic authorities closed all its doors and called in police who caught the four.



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The Gonosanghati Andolon staged a rally at Muktangan in the city yesterday to press for its various demands.

## Alleged criminal shot dead in ctg

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One alleged criminal was shot dead at Fatikchhari in the district on Thursday night.

Police said some unidentified miscreants called the victim, Ibrahim Shah alias Titu, 22, out of his house at Mondakini at around 9.00pm and shot him dead.

The body of Ibrahim, reportedly a BCL cadre of Yeakub Bahini, was recovered several hundred yards off his house yesterday morning.

## Over 1,800 held, 12 firearms recovered

UNB, Dhaka

Police arrested 1,884 people, including six listed criminals, during their ongoing countrywide drive in last 24 hours ending at 6.00am yesterday.

They also seized 12 firearms, four other weapons and 182 bullets during the period and filed eight cases against 17 people under the Arms Act.

# Channel i to present Oscar ceremony

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For the first time in Bangladesh, the Channel i and the Matra, an advertising firm, have got the official permission to telecast the Oscar Award ceremony.

The 76th Annual Academy Awards will be held at 7:30am (BST) on February 29.

The Channel i, however, will broadcast only 120-minute recorded footage of the three-hour ceremony on March 14.

At a press briefing in the city yesterday, the organisers said the Channel i was the first television channel in the country to get the permission to telecast Oscar ceremony.

They said 90 countries in the world have got the right to broadcast Oscar ceremony.

In Asia, only the Star Television has got the permission to broadcast the award ceremony live.

Shaikh Siraj, director of the private satellite channel, read out a written statement at the press conference.

Later, a copyright exchange agreement signing ceremony was held between Channel i and the Matra. Managing Director of the Channel I Faridur Reza Sagar and Chief Principal Officer of Matra Sanaul Arefin signed the agreement.