

3 of a family shot at Khilgaon

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Criminals yesterday shot and injured three members of a family entering their house at Khilgaon in the city.

The victims Kazi Anwarul Hoque Mamun, a student of Jagannath University College, his sister Nasima Begum and her husband Mahfuz were undergoing treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital with bullet-wounds.

Talking to the reporters at the hospital, Mamun said three youths entered their house at West Rampura at around 2:15pm and shot him twice in his stomach and right leg.

Hearing the gunshots when Nasima rushed to my room, the criminals also shot her in the chest and right elbow.

Then the three went to the next room where Mahfuz, who came from Dubai eight days ago, was taking his meal. They also shot him in the chest, Mamun added.

The gang then left the scene firing blank shots in the air.

Masud, younger brother of Mamun and joint secretary of ward No 22 Jubo Dal unit, identified the gang members as Western Titu, Parvez Talukdar and Kala Sohel, but could not say the reason behind the attack.

Mamun's father Kazi Nurul Hoque and the neighbours told the reporters that the criminals collect tolls from Rampura Bazar and often shot people to create panic among the locals.

Khilgaon police acknowledged the incident, but could not give any details.

No Islamist group has link with grenade attack: Amini

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Islami Oikya Jote Chairman Mufti Fazlul Haque Amini yesterday strongly denied the allegation of the Awami League that the Islamic organisations had a link with the August 21 grenade attack.

Whenever such attack takes place the blame goes to Islamic groups, but their involvement has not yet been proved in a single case, he told a press conference in the city.

The Islami Oikya jote does not believe that any Islamic organisation had a hand in the recent bomb attacks, including the August 21 grenade attack, Amini said, adding that "If any such group is found guilty through investigation, we will take stand against them."

All political parties, including the AL, should be united to find out the real culprits as the grenade attack is a threat to all, he said.

The grenade attack on AL rally was a part of conspiracy against Islam and the sovereignty of Bangladesh, Amini said.



Awami League General Secretary Abdul Jalil speaks at a public meeting at the Central Shaheed Minar yesterday. PHOTO: STAR

WEATHER TODAY

Rise in temperature likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty wind is likely at a few places over Chittagong, Sylhet and Rajshahi divisions and one or two places over Dhaka, Khulna and Barisal divisions till 6.00pm today.

Day temperature may rise slightly over the country, Met Office said.

Highest temperature 35.6 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Mongla and lowest 24.5 degree Celsius at Sylhet.

The sun sets in the capital at 6:09pm today and rises at 5:43am tomorrow.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	33.5	27.7	73	63
Chittagong	32.2	26.0	82	77
Rajshahi	34.0	26.5	78	73
Khulna	35.0	26.25	79	79
Barisal	33.4	26.2	79	80
Sylhet	32.4	24.5	97	79
Cox's Bazar	33.0	25.5	69	80

Forge united movement against govt: AL

Thousands take to streets

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Thousands of opposition activists yesterday took to the streets demanding resignation of the government for what they said was its failure to ensure safety of the people.

Carrying placards and banners, leaders and activists of front organisations of the Awami League gathered at the central Shaheed Minar at 3:00pm amid tight security also to protest the attempt on the life of Opposition Leader and AL President Sheikh Hasina.

Addressing a brief rally there, Awami League General Secretary Abdul Jalil said the Awami League

has rejected the government probe committee on August 21 attack as it was only a farce.

AL Presidium member Tofail Ahmed called on all to forge a united movement against the four-party alliance government.

Presided over by City AL Vice-President Omar Ali, the rally was also addressed by Nurul Islam Nahid, Abdul Mannan Khan, Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya, Abdul Mannan and Mukul Bose.

Later, they took out a procession that paraded through different roads before ending at Topkhana crossing.



Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) stages a demonstration yesterday demanding resignation of the government. PHOTO: STAR

JU mourns Sumi's death

JU CORRESPONDENT

Teachers, students, officers and employees of Jahangirnagar University yesterday held meeting and brought out processions on the campus to mourn the death of Jakia Sultana Sumi, a student of philosophy, in a road accident on Monday.

"We do not come here to be a dead body. We want security of our life," said Badrunnesa Bithi, a student, in an emotion-choked voice while speaking at the meeting organised by the university authorities.

The students placed six-point demand at the meeting including construction of speed breakers on Dhaka-Aricha highway.

The other demands are installation of a road divider from university main gate to Bishmile, setting up of signboards requesting all to drive carefully and slowly, and naming of the front road of new arts faculty building and the over bridge at dairy farm gate after Sumi.

The meeting observed one-minute silence, prayed for the salvation of the departed soul and conveyed sympathy to the members of the bereaved family.

Later, a mourning procession was brought out.

Another procession, under the banner of general students, was brought out on the campus.

They also held a rally and vowed to launch agitation if their demands

are not met by September 13.

No classes were held, but scheduled examinations took place as per the decision of the authorities.

The philosophy department will hold a condolence meeting and bring out a precession today.

Meanwhile, the bus, that ran over Sumi, was identified as a staff bus of Arunima Sports Wear Limited bearing number Dhaka-ja-4498, according to a statement given to the proctor by two passengers of the bus.

Police, however, could not seize the bus.