

JCD cadres held during extortion

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Chittagong

Police caught two criminals red-handed while extorting Tk 10 lakh from a businessman at the city's Bangla Bazar area under Doublemooring Police Station and recovered the money here on Tuesday.

The extortionists, allegedly Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD)

Saarc summit FM goes to Colombo today to invite Chandrika

UNB, Dhaka

Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan will go to Colombo on a three-day visit beginning today as a special envoy of Prime Minister Khaleda Zia.

He will hand over a letter from Prime Minister Khaleda Zia to Sri Lankan President Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga inviting her to attend the 13th Saarc summit in Dhaka on 9-11 January.

Morshed will also call on Sri Lankan Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa. He will also hold a meeting with his counterpart Lakshman Kadirgamar.

He will brief the Sri Lankan leadership about the preparations for the 13th Saarc summit. He will also exchange views on the possible outcome of the Dhaka Summit and an agenda for the Third Decade of Saarc.

cadres, were identified as Jasimul Alam Liton alias Laxmi and Mohammad Hannan.

Sources said, Laxmi and his gang had long been demanding Tk 10 lakh from scrap businessman Paritosh Das in city's Barik Building Intersection area. Paritosh informed it to police and later as per their advice, told the gang to collect the money from his business place at 8.00pm on Tuesday.

Four criminals, Laxmi, Hannan, Rafique and Alam, arrived on time and Paritosh handed over the money to them.

As the gang was about to leave the place, police in plain cloths chased them and arrested Laxmi and Hannan with the money.

Two others, however, managed to escape.

Sources said, Laxmi was arrested few months ago but released on bail. He was given a gala reception by the local JCD after his release.

112 bottles of phensidyl seized

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) recovered 112 bottles of phensidyl on Tuesday from a Bagerhat-bound passenger bus in the city.

Acting on a tip off, Rab members stopped the bus at Rupsha ferry ghat under Khulna thana and recovered phensidyl bottles from a large wooden box.

Driver Rustam 40, supervisor Awal, 38, and helpers Mohsin, 24, and Elam, 26, were arrested in this connection. A case was lodged with Khulna thana.



Jano Udyug and Save Chattagram form a human chain in the port city yesterday protesting water pollution in Foy's Lake.

PHOTO: STAR

20 injured in clash over land dispute

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Twenty people including four policemen were hurt in a clash over a disputed land in Bayezid area in the city yesterday.

Police and witnesses said violence erupted when some 30 people of one of the feuding groups led allegedly by two advocates went to take possession of a piece of disputed land at Chanda Nagor Bazar under Bayezid thana around 2.00pm.

The feuding sides attacked each other with lethal weapons and several gunshots were also heard. Police brought the situation under control after firing blank shots and teargas shells. The clash left twenty people including four cops hurt, witnesses said.

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Death anniversary



Today is the 47th death anniversary of Major A Ghani, founder of the East Bengal Regiment, says a press release.

Popularly known as Tiger Ghani, he was born in Nagaish village under Brammanpar thana in Comilla district on December 1, 1915.

He was awarded the Independence Award posthumously in 1981.

Abdul Quayyum



Today is the 34th death anniversary of valiant freedom fighter Abdul Quayyum, says a press release.

Quayyum, a master's student of journalism department of Dhaka University, was killed in a fight with the Pakistani Army at Betyara in Choudadahgram, Comilla during the Liberation War in 1971.

He hailed from village Charsholadi in Haimchar, Chandpur.

A milad mahfil will be held at Khilgaon Shahi Mosque after Asr prayers.

Friends, relatives and well-wishers have been requested to attend the milad.

Inamul Haque



Today is the 27th death anniversary of ARM Inamul Haque, the first eye donor of the country, says a press release.

Born on October 1 in 1921 in Howrah district of West Bengal, Haque earned his engineering degree in 1946 and joined the then Ahsanullah Engineering College (currently Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology).

One of the founders of the Diabetic Society and the Dhanmondi Club, he also played a pioneering role in establishing the Engineers' Institute.

Imtiaz Haider Choudhury



To mark the third death anniversary of Imtiaz Haider Choudhury, former first assistant vice-president of Prime Bank, qurankhwani and milad mahfil will be held at his home after Asr prayers today, says a press release.

Son of late Ehtesham Haider Choudhury, he died on November 14 in 2001.



Dry weather likely

UNB, Dhaka

Weather may remain dry over the country with partly cloudy sky over Chittagong division till 6.00pm today.

Night temperature may fall slightly over the country during the period, Met Office said.

Highest temperature 31.6 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Maizdee Court and lowest 14.0 degree at Dinajpur.

The sun sets in the capital at 5:14pm today and rises at 6:12am 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	30.2	19.5	73	58
Chittagong	29.5	20.4	70	54
Rajshahi	30.4	17.4	71	64
Khulna	30.0	19.7	82	68
Barisal	29.6	20.0	92	93
Sylhet	29.8	19.2	81	68
Cox's Bazar	29.8	25.5	70	75

Cell phone shop looted in Gulshan

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Criminals looted mobile phone handsets, SIM cards and prepaid cards worth around Tk 13 lakh from a mobile phone shop at posh Gulshan area in the capital on Tuesday night.

Yusuf Ali, manager of Helo Mobile at Shafiq centre in Gulshan along with a staff came to the shop yesterday morning and found a part of shutter broken.

On entering, they found that prepaid mobile phone cards worth

Tk 10 lakh 17 thousand, 37 hand sets worth Tk 2.5 lakh and Tk 20,000 in cash was missing.

Chinese envoy meets Khurshid

BSS, Dhaka

Chinese ambassador to Bangladesh Chai Xi made a courtesy call on Minister for Women and Children Affairs Khurshid Jahan Haque at her office in the city yesterday.

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Save the Children

Sweden-Denmark

Save the Children Sweden Denmark is looking for professionals in the position of National Information Officer/Consultant of its Child-led Organisation and Advocacy on Children's Work project. The person will be based in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Save the Children Sweden-Denmark is a leading international NGO working to create a better world for children. Its mandate is the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and our vision is a world in which all children's rights have been fulfilled. We are a part of the International Save the Children Alliance, which works for a world where all children's rights have been realized.

The Child-led Organization and Advocacy on Children's Work Project aims at reducing hazards for working children by enabling children to form their own network and engage in advocacy and awareness raising activities. The children will among other things, receive training in the use of different media for information-communication and advocacy purposes.

The Information Officer/Consultant will perform the following responsibilities:

- Contribute to assess capacity development needs among children with different partner organizations, develop training modules and organize appropriate training on media, communication skills, use of computers and Internet.
- Maintain continuous liaison with Denmark Information Department in Copenhagen and project related partner organizations in Bangladesh.
- Assist trainers in the interactive periods with all logistics and material translation support.
- Facilitate children in sending news and other reports from the project on a regular basis.
- Network with Save the Children Alliances, national and international organizations, media institutions.

Qualifications:
 The successful candidate must have:

- Masters in Mass Communication & Journalism or a relevant field.
- Experience with practical media work.
- Good skills in reporting journalism through writing or in video.
- Fluency in speaking and writing English.
- Strong inter-personal, communication and analytical skills.
- Good computer skills. Experience in using Microsoft Office and the Internet.
- Good media capacity building skills
- Willingness to travel substantially in Bangladesh.

Following qualifications are preferred:

- Understanding and experience with development work including development communication
- Experience in and ability to, mobilize groups of children and young people
- Skills in participatory methodologies particularly with children.
- Good knowledge on children's situation in Bangladesh
- Good understanding of European and multi-culture.
- Managing information on website.
- Familiarity with Save the Children's Mission, Vision, Values & Principles

Save the Children Sweden-Denmark is an equal opportunity employer. For applying, candidates must be willing to agree to follow the Save the Children Child protection policy (available on request through emailing at scsd@scsd-bd.org)

The consolidated monthly gross salary will be Tk.15,000-20,000 depending on competencies in addition to other admissible benefits as per SCSD policy. This is a two-year fixed term contract position.

Interested candidates who fulfill the above requirements are requested to submit their detailed bio-data along with a cover letter and a recent passport size photograph to: **The HR & Administration Manager, Save the Children Sweden-Denmark, House 9, Road 16, Gulshan 1, Dhaka 1212 on or before November 20, 2004.**

Any persuasion will disqualify the candidature. Only short listed candidates shall be invited for the interview. Please write the position applied for on the top of the envelope. Visit our web sites: www.rb.se & www.redbarnet.dk

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