

ARMS CASE

Bail petition of 3 JCD leaders rejected

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court on Sunday rejected bail petitions of former three Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) leaders, arrested for possessing illegal firearms and ammunition.

The three are Mostafizul Islam Mamun, former general secretary of Dhaka University unit, Harun ur Rashid Shishir alias 'Dog Shishir', former central international affairs

secretary, and Ashraf Hossain, member of the same unit.

Metropolitan Magistrate Mohammad Shamsul Alam passed the order when they were produced before the court on completion of their two-day remand in the second phase.

The court sent them to the Dhaka Central Jail.

The forwarding report placed by the investigation officer (IO) said that the information, derived from

the three about the firearms and ammunition are being verified and they should be confined to the custody until the investigation completes.

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested the three leaders with a pistol and ammunition at Shahbagh in the city on August 6.

Later, they were placed on a three-day remand in the first phase.

KAZI SHAHIDULLAH MURDER

Police yet to get lead from arrestees

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police are yet to get a lead to the killing of businessman Kazi Shahidullah from the three detainees until 8:00pm last night.

The police arrested Selim on Saturday and Tuhin and Raju on Sunday suspecting their involvement in the killing.

Selim is now on a five-day remand while Tuhin and Raju were taken on a three-day remand yesterday.

The police produced Tuhin and Raju before the court of Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Dhaka yesterday with a prayer for five days' remand for each.

The officer-in-charge of Mirpur

Police Station, who is also the investigation officer (IO) of the case, said they have gleaned some information from the arrestees and they are cross checking it. He, however, declined to disclose the information for the sake of investigation.

Meanwhile, the meeting of the traders of Mirpur with the state minister for home affairs, which was scheduled for yesterday, has been shifted to today due to yesterday's half-day hartal.

The traders and shopkeepers of Mirpur will form a human chain in the locality from 9:00am to 10:00am today protesting the killing of Shahidullah and demanding arrest of the killers.

The traders' ultimatum to go for tougher programmes if the killers are not arrested ends tomorrow morning.

Woman's body recovered, one held for attempt to kill cousin

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday recovered the decomposed body of a housewife from a pond in Badda, while a manpower agent was arrested after attempting to slaughter his cousin inside a hotel at Uttara in the capital.

Police said Abul Kalam strangled his wife Parveen Begum, 24, in their house near Cokacola area in Badda after a brawl on August 12.

He packed the body in a sack and sunk it in the water with nine bricks tied to it.

Smelling the stench of the decomposing body, locals informed the police who recovered the body and sent it to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) morgue for autopsy.

The tale of the gruesome murder came to light when police arrested Kalam from Gulshan Park area on Sunday night.

Police told The Daily Star that Kalam became dependent on his wife's earnings due to unemployment. Parveen supported the family through sex work.

"Being enraged by my wife's filthy activities, I pressed her throat to frighten her but she died," Officer-in-Charge (OC) of Badda Police Station quoted Kalam.

The OC said Kalam confessed to a magistrate of a Dhaka court yesterday.

In the other incident, Abul Kalam Azad, a manpower broker, allegedly attempted to slaughter his cousin Sumon Mian, 20, inside a hotel at Uttara yesterday.

Sumon, who had given Azad Tk 2 lakh seven months ago to go to Saudi Arabia, wanted his money back as Azad failed to send him.

The two cousins brawled over the issue in a room at the Hotel A1 International and at one stage Azad tried to slit Sumon's throat with a knife.

The hotel employees rescued Sumon, hearing his cry for help. Sumon is undergoing treatment in DMCH for a slightly slit throat.

Police arrested Azad and retrieved the blood-stained knife from the hotel.

Boy drowns in Buriganga

UNB, Dhaka

A five-year-old boy drowned in the Buriganga river yesterday.

The boy, identified as Kawsar, slipped into the river while he was playing with others on river bank near Loharpool area in Kamrangir Char.

Hospital sources said body of Kawsar, a student of class I of Hafej Box Primary School, was sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital for autopsy.