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ROBBERY IN CITY

Cash, valuables worth Tk 3.7 lakh looted

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A gang of robbers looted money, gold ornaments and other valuables totalling Tk 3.7 lakh from a house at Hazaribagh in the city on Friday night.

Some 12 robbers entered a flat on the first floor of the house at Sanatangarh at $around\,9:\!30pm\,after\,pressing\,the\,calling$ bell and looted 26 tolas of gold ornaments and Tk one lakh at gunpoint, family sources said.

Ansar Ali, the tenant of the flat and a businessman, filed a case with Hazaribagh police.

In another incident, a mob caught and beat up an alleged robber on Friday night after a gang stabbed a businessman in his house at Kabi Jasimuddin Road in Motijheel during a robbery.

The injured businessman, Abdur

Rob, 38, and the alleged robber, Mohammad Masum, 25, are now undergoing treatment at Dhaka Medical College and Hospital (DMCH). Rob said the gang of eight robbers

broke into his house at about 8:30pm and looted Tk 5,000, a gold chain and a ring and a mobile phone set. As the gang was running away after

the robbery, Rob along with local people managed to caught hold of Masum, but the others escaped.

Later, police rescued Masum from



Zia Ansari suffers from cancer, appeals for help

Zia Ansari, former director of programme of Bangladesh Television, has been suffering from cancer, says a

He is now undergoing treatment at

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical $University \, and \, Hospital \, in \, the \, city.$ Ansari has recently joined the

private TV Channel One as chief of His family members have appealed

for generous help to continue his costly

Contributions can be sent to Savings Account Number: 5869-7,

Agrani Bank. Press Club Branch, Dhaka. Contact phone number

Channel-i celebrates 7th founding anniversary

Bss, Dhaka

Channel-i, private TV chancel, yesterday celebrated its seventh founding anniversary amid much enthusiasm

Scores of people, including politicians, ministers, intellectuals, journalists, writers, cultural activists and professionals, thronged its Siddheswari office to convey their good wishes to Channel-i. LGRD and Cooperatives Minister

Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan cut a cake on this occasion and conveyed his good wishes to Channel-i.

Information Minister M Shamsul Islam, Alhaj Moshadeq Ali, MP, noted economist Devapriya Bhattachariya, and Noajesh Ali Khan of TV channel ATN also greet the channel.

Awami League General Secretary Abdul Jalil, MP and central leaders Obaidul Kader and Ashaduzzamar $Noor, MP\, also\, greeted\, Channel-i.$

Trial of killers of Ittefaq worker demanded

STAR REPORT

Bangladesh Federal Union of Newspaper Press Workers (BFUNPW) yesterday demanded trial of the killers of Ittefaq press worker Kamaluddin.

At a meeting of the BFUNPW at Ittefaq office in the city, the workers expressed deep concern at the brutal killing of Kamaluddin, who was murdered inside the machine room of the Daily while he was on duty at night.

The workers, in another resolution, demanded immediate announcement of 60 per cent dearness allowances for the newspaper men.

Federal Union executive members The Daily Star, BSS, Independent, Sangram, Dinkal, New Nation, Ittefaq and Al Mujadded press union leaders

Federal Union President Fazle Imam presided over the meeting.



BNP Secretary General and LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan speaks at a rally at Mohanagai Natya Mancha in the city yesterday. Dhaka City BNP organised the meeting on completion of four years of four-party

Make human resource dev top agenda for poverty cut

Decision-makers urge Cirdap countries

Rural development decision-makers and policy planners yesterday said human resource development should be the top agenda of every government in the Asia and Pacific region for poverty

They said the development of human resource should be focused more than that of the present trend of achieving higher economic growth in the Asia-Pacific, South Asia in particular, to attain sustainable development and arrest rural poverty.

"Human resource development should be the top agenda and the economic development should follow it," Dr Quazi Khaliquzzaman Ahmed, a leading researcher of Bangladesh, said at a policy dialogue, marking the Executive Committee and Governing Council meetings of the Cirdap in the

The Center on Integrated Rural Development for the Asia and Pacific (Cirdap) organised the dialogue on Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation at its headquarters to redesign the present course of action to arrest poverty, a menace that keeps 66 percent population below poverty

line in 14 Cirdap member states. LGRD and Cooperatives Minister

Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, agriculture and rural development ministries from nine countries, secretaries, diplomats and government officials spoke on the

Dr Ahmed, also president of Bangladesh Unnayan Parishad, said Japanese expenditures for human resource development after the World War-II was highest and it still spends 21 percent of its national budget for educational purposes. As a result, he said, Japan remained one of the top seven developed countries in the

Bhuiyan said the national development of any country in the region should be focused on rural areas. where around 70 percent people live. He said the strong local government institutions and local level institutions like cooperatives can play a key role for rapid rural development in

In Malaysia, which is targeting to achieve MDG plus, has alleviated poverty through strong political commitment and adequate resource allocation to rural areas, said an offi-

'5211 HR violations in 9 months'

A total of 5211 human right violations and unnatural deaths occurred across the country during the first nine months of the year.

Of them, deaths from murders including crossfire are the highest.

The Bangladesh Bar Council disclosed this vesterday on the basis of news published in 11 daily newspapers of the country.

Human rights violation incidents are: killing- 2469 including 285 crossfire's, suicide-464, rape-163,

gang rape- 152, child rape-118, killing after rape -53, domestic violence-43, killing for dowry- 143, victims of oppression for dowry-66, killing by husband-108, victims of fatwa-31, kidnapping-389, acid burn -175, killings from bomb attack- 20, injuries- 778 bomb attacks, bomb attacks threat-10, political killing-59

and oppression of journalist -255. Of them, one journalist was killed 120 were injured, four kidnapped, 45 humiliated and cases filed against 85 journalists during the period.



Dhanmondi Paribesh Unnayan Jote took out a procession at Dhanmondi in the city yesterday to raise awareness



Moderate rain likely

UNB, Dhaka

2 degree Celsius over the country.

Moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at most places over the country till $6:00\,\mathrm{pm}$ today. Moderately heavy to very heavy falls are also expected at places during the period, Met Office said. It predicted that day temperature may fall by 1-

Highest temperature 33.4 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Sayedpur and lowest 23.0 degree Celsius at Hatiya The sun sets in the capital at 5.45pm today and rises at 5:51am

 $Highest\, and\, lowest\, temperature\, and\, humidity\, recorded\, in\, some\, major\, and\, humidity\, recorded\, in\, some\,$

Humidity in Temperature in Celsius percentage Max 25.8

Chittagong 93 28.2 24.0 100 Raishahi 30.4 24.9 88 Khulna 28.4 25.6 97 27.5 25.0 98 Barisal Sylhet 29.3 24.2 Cox's Bazar 28.8 23.8

Death anniversary

Today is the second death anniversary of Alhai Mohammed Hashem, former Member of Constitunt Assembly (MCA) and a freedom fighter, says a press

On the occasion, doa and milad mahfil will he held at his residence at Green Road in the city and at a madrasa at Muchagara in Comilla

Qulkhwani

Qulkhwani of Ali Waris Khan (Jani), managing director of Murichura Tea Estate and son of former lawmaker late Nawab Ali Sarwar Khan of Pritimpassa, Kulaura, Sylhet, will be held at House # 34, Road # 136, Gulshan # 1 in the city after Maghrib prayers today, says a press release.

Relatives, friends and admirers have been requested to attend the qulkhwani and pray for the salvation of the departed soul

Ali Waris Khan passed away due to multiple organ failure caused by Leukemia at the age of 39 on September 27 at the Apollo Hospital in Chennai, India

He left behind his wife, one son, five brothers and one sister to mourn

JU guardians concerned over deadlock at business admin department

JU CORRESPONDENT

Around 25 guardians yesterday expressed grave concern over the existing deadlock at business administration department of Jahangirnagar

They also urged the authorities concerned to take immediate steps to meet the demands of the students to oring them back to classroom.

"Why my child is out of classroom? Asked Nurul Islam, a guardian, saying that a teacher must be an ideal man who cannot behave indecently with female

Speaking at the guardian solidarity meeting organised by the students on the campus, he said the authorities must take action against the accused teacher by showing an honour to the complaint of the students.

"We have sent our loving child to the university to be educated. Protest against unethical acts is also part of education," said Jahangir Hossain, another guardian and former student of

"When students who honour their teachers more than their parents bring such allegations against a teacher, that should be handled with parental care,"

The guardians also met the authorities concerned at the department to know the present situation.

All classes and examinations of the department remain snapped since September 22 as the students boycotted all academic activities demanding removal of the teacher for his indecenbehaviour with female students.

The agitating students also brought out a procession on the campus to press home their demand.

Jahangirnagar Theatre staged a drama titled 'Jantu' at Muktamancha (Amphitheatre) in support of the ongoing agitation.

Separate processions from all the 11 dormitories including the female ones will be taken out today to press home the demand for the removal of the

Police action on SUST students condemned

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Mahila Parishad has condemned the police action on agitating students of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (SUST) demanding arrest and punishment to a landlord who made an alleged attempt to rape a female student at his house in Sylhet city.

Around 30 students and teachers

The parishad in a statement said rape of female student and agitation by general students demanding justice to the rapist had occurred earlier at Shahjalal university.

But the vice-chancellor failed to meet out justice and instead subjected the protestors to unnecessary harassment, it added.

The parishad expressed the view that lack of proper investigation and punishment to culprits in earlier incidents led to the present situation.

It urged the university authorities to investigate the incident and mete out

Obituary

BSS, Chapainawabganj

M Alauddin, a former correspondent of BSS of Chapainawabganj, passed away due to heart failure on Friday night at his home at Sarjan village of Gobratala union under Sadar upazila at the age of 76.

He was buried at the local graveyard yesterday. He left behind his wife, one son,

two daughters and a host of relatives and admirers to mourn his death.

Begum Jaygun Nessa

Begum Jaygun Nessa, mother of Deputy Chief Reporter of the Daily Amar Desh Mustafiz Shafi, yesterday passed away due to old age complications at her native village in Sylhet at the age of 65, says a press release.

She left behind four sons and two daughters.

After namaz-e-janaza she was laid to eternal rest at the village graveyard after Asr prayers yesterday.

The Daily Amar Desh expressed condolence at her death and special munazat was held at the reporting section for the peace and salvation of the departed soul.

Rabeya Begum



wife of late Alhaj Delwar Hossain of Sirajganj, passed away in the city on Friday, says a press release.

She was laid to rest at Salongda in Sirajganj.

40 lakh people suffer from hepatitis C

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

About 40 lakh people in Bangladesh are infected with hepatitis C virus (HCV), which affects the liver, and in 80 percent of cases the infected persons have no signs or symptoms.

This was disclosed at a seminar on 'The role of media in creating henatitis C awareness', organised by Roche Bangladesh Ltd. at the IDB Bhaban at Agargaon in the city yesterday.

"About one percent of healthy adults in Bangladesh are HCV carriers while 1.2 percent of professional blood donors are HCV carriers," said Prof Mobin Khan, chairman of the denartment of hepatology,

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University, in his keynote paper.

Referring to some specific studies, he said that about 25 percent of intravenous drug users carry the virus while about 3 to 13 percent of the population suffer from acute hepatitis or various liver diseases.

HCV prevalence among the

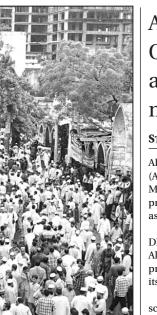
children is less common, but it is estimated that about 0.02 - 0.4 percent of children suffer from the disease globally. "The causes of about 30 percent

of all hepatitis C infection are not known, but such an infection leads to jaundice, fatigue, dark urine, abdominal pain, loss of appetite and nausea or vomiting tendency," said

To effectively prevent the spread of HCV infection, specific strategies involving the schools should be taken up, said Mahbubul Alam, editor of The Independent.

Ataus Samad, advisory editor of the daily Amar Desh, called for raising awareness about the 'silent killer' through radio and television programmes.

Shafiqul Karim, president of Dhaka Reporters' Unity, Dr Rizwan Hossain Siddique, director general of the Press Institute of Bangladesh, also spoke at the seminar moderated by Prof SAR Choudhury, medical advisor of Roche Bangladesh.



In celebration of the four years of the alliance government, the Jamaat-e-Islami, a partner in the ruling alliance, held a rally in front of the north gate of Baitul Mukarram Mosque in the city yesterday, blocking the road for several

Lecture

Centre for Advanced Research in the Humanities organises a special lecture on 'Contemporary maps of truth for this life and the next' with Haider Nagyi head coordinator of Academy of Self Knowledge, South Africa, as keynote speaker. Venue: Lecture Theatre, DU. Time: 4:00pm.

Discussion

Ministry for Social Affairs and Bangladesh Association for the Aged and Institute of Geriatric Medicine organise a discussion and a rally to mark the International Day of the Older Persons. Venue: Prabin Bhaban, Agargaon. Time: 11:30am.

Discussion on language

Dhaka Language Club will hold a discussion on 'Prospects of learning foreign languages'. Venue: DLC, Dhanmondi Campus. Time: 5:00pm.

Memorial lecture

Institute of Modern Languages, DU, organises 16th Nazma Jesmin Chowdhury memorial lecture on 'Dhaka: which city is this, whose city is this?' with Professor Ahmed Kamal as keynote speaker. Venue: Institute auditorium. Time: 4:00pm.

Seminar on Saontal

Department of History, DU, organises a daylong seminar to mark the 150th anniversary of Saontal uprising with Vice Chancellor Prof SMA Faiz as chief guest. Venue: RC Majumdar arts auditorium, DU. Time: 10:00am.

Discussion on habitat

Bangladesh Federation of Rural and Urban Poor organises a discussion and a rally on the occasion of World Habitat Day. Venue: National Press Club. Time:

Roundtable on accidents

Sheba Bangladesh will hold a roundtable discussion on 'Role of transport owners to prevent road accidents'. Venue: Bangladesh Shishu Academy. Time: 10:00am.

cultural programme to celebrate Awami League President Sheikh Hasina' birthday. Venue: Russian Cultural Centre, Dhanmondi. Time: 10:00am.

Ghashful Jatiya Shishu Kisho

Sangathan will hold a discussion and a

Cultural programme

Hasina's birthday

In observance of national Sanitation Month October 2005, Dhaka Ahsania Mission organises a cultural program Venue: the Rabindra Sarobar, Dhanmondi. Time: 4:00pm.

Kranti, a cultural organisation, will hold

Annual General Meeting 20005. Venue:

Annual meeting

Shahbagh Public Library seminar room Old Bangla Music Bangladesh Performing Media Centre

will hold a musical session where noted singers will sing old Bangla songs.

Venue: Bishwa Sahitya Kendra, Bangla Motor. Time: 5:30pm. Memorial meeting Nibedon, a cultural organisation

organises a meeting in memory of noted

Bangladeshi composer Subal Das.

Venue: Natmondal, DU. Time: 7:00pm.



students of Mastermind school, who became champion in the Aga Khan Inter-School Debate Competition, yesterday. SFX Green Herald school became the runner-up at the final held at the Kurmitola Golf Club in the city.

AMCH observes Oct as cancer awareness month

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ahsania Mission Cancer Hospital (AMCH), a project of Dhaka Ahsania Mission, has drawn up an elaborate programme to observe this October as Cancer Awareness Month.

President and Chief Executive of

Dhaka Ahsania Mission Kazi Rafiqul Alam announced the month-long programme at a press conference at its headquarters in the city. He said the mission will organise screening for breast cancer at 50

percent discount throughout the month at AMCH at Mirpur. It will also form human chain in front of High Court, hold discussion on breast cancer at selected girls school and college and run awareness campaign through its 800 mass

The mission will organise a roundtable on the 'Role of media to create awareness about breast cancer' on October 10.

The speakers said of all the cancers,

women suffer mostly from the breast

centres in seven districts.

cancer, and the risk increases with the increase of their age They said there is nothing to be panicked about breast cancer if it is

diagnosed at an early stage and can be cured within a short time through surgical operation. Ex-health secretary and Managing Director of the mission M Fazlur

Rahman, Director Prof Md Abdul Hye and Director Prof Nurul Islam spoke at the press conference. Cadet college

vacation

The date of Ramadan vacation in all cadet colleges has been shifted to October 4 from October 7, says a press

The guardians of the students have been requested to contact the respective colleges in this connection.

IBA Alumni Assoc

executives STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A new executive committee of the Institute of Business Administration and Alumni Association (IBAAA) has been formed with Syed Abu Naser Bukhtear Ahmed as its president and

M Rafiqul Islam as general secretary. The committee for 2005-2007 was formed at the Alumni Day 2005 held at the Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre in the city on

Other members of the committee are Sayed Monzurul Huq and Md Nurul Haq Majumder - vicepresidents; Azizunnessa Huq - joint secretary; Shariful Moslemin Khan treasurer; Zeeshan Kingshuk Huqorganising secretary; Sheikh Morshed Jahan - seminar secretary; Minhaz Anwar - publication secretary; Md Kamrul Ahsan - cultural and sports secretary; and Neaz Ahmed, Johora Bebe, AFM Sadrul Alam Chowdhury, Regina Nasser Cynthia, Sk. Abul Hashem, Chowdhury Golam Rahman, Md Masudur Rahman, Md Rashidul Islam, and Sayeeful Islam-members.

Dr Mohammed Farashuddin, founder vice-chancellor and president, East West University, attended the Alumni Day programme as the chief guest while Dr Iftekhar Ghani Chowdhury, professor and director, IBA, and chairman of IBAAA advisory council, presided.

The programme ended with a cultural show.