

ROBBERY IN CTG-BOUND TRAIN

Belongings worth Tk 3 lakh looted

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Robbers looted belongings worth around Tk 3 lakh from several passengers on a Chittagong-bound train from Dhaka here in the port city yesterday.

They also stabbed at least five of them, said the sources and witnesses.

According to sources, some seven robbers boarded on Mahanagar Gadhuli that got stuck on its way to Chittagong and was running late reportedly due to an accident.

Immediately after the train left Pahartali railway station the robbers locked the doors on both the ends of a bogie and started looting the passengers of their belongings at around 1:20am.

During the looting, they also stabbed some of the passengers who tried to protest and took away gold ornaments and cash money worth Tk 3 lakh before they got down at Pologround area near Kadamtali rail crossing, said the sources.

Of the injured passengers, four were identified as railway employee Ganesh Kanti Banik, 50, and his wife,

38, Milon Hossain, 24, and Abdul Ali, 22.

Ganesh's relative Nagendra Chandra Banik, also a pipe fitter of railway, filed a case with GRP station in this connection, sources said.

JU summer vacation from May 12

BSS, Savar

Month-long summer vacation of Jahangirnagar University (JU) will begin from May 12.

Classes of all departments will remain suspended from May 12 while the offices of the university will remain closed from May 19 to 24, sources said.

Meanwhile, the final examination of various departments will be held as per schedule.

The university will reopen on June 10.



PHOTO: STAR

A woman and a child look at photographs at a photography exhibition titled "International Genocide" at the Institute of Fine Arts on the Dhaka University campus yesterday. Anti-genocide organised the exhibition.

Road accidents kill six

STAR REPORT

At least six people were killed and 27 others injured in separate road accidents in Narsingdi, Brahmanbaria, Sylhet and Gaibandha yesterday and on Tuesday.

UNB from Narsingdi reports: At least three passengers were killed and 20 others injured when a Dhaka-bound limousine bus from Brahmanbaria skidded off the road to a ditch at Hajirbagan in Shibpur upazila yesterday.

Mustaqur Rahman Akash, 38, and Korbani Ali, 40, died on the spot while Alamgir, 25, died in Narsingdi Sadar Hospital.

Survivors said the bus rolled into the ditch as the driver lost control over the steering.

The injured were rushed to different hospitals and clinics.

Our correspondent from Brahmanbaria adds: One housewife succumbed to her injuries in the hospital bed on Tuesday and her husband is struggling for life as a speeding truck knocked them at Bhadughar point under Brahmanbaria pourasobha of the

district on Tuesday.

The dead was identified as Rujina Akter, 24, of Noapara of Bhadughar village while the injured was identified as Anar Mia, 28.

According to witnesses and hospital sources, the couple were returning home after shopping in Brahmanbaria town on Monday night.

A speeding truck knocked them down from behind, when they were crossing Bhadughar point on Brahmanbaria-Comilla road. In a critical condition, they were admitted to Brahmanbaria Sadar Hospital.

On Tuesday, Rujina succumbed to her injuries in the hospital bed.

The autopsy of the body was done at Brahmanbaria Sadar Hospital.

The driver with his truck managed to escape the scene.

UNB from Sylhet adds: A day labourer was killed and three others were injured as a truck fell into a roadside ditch near Poulam village in Dharampasha upazila yesterday.

Harris Miah, 30, son of

Matiur Rahman of Nouhal village in Mohanganj upazila under Netrokona district, died on the spot.

Witnesses said the accident occurred at about 2:00pm when the driver of the Gazipur-bound truck, carrying the labourers along with fish, lost control over the steering while overtaking a rickshaw.

Seriously injured Faruque was admitted to the Upazila Health Complex while others were given first aid.

Police seized the truck but its driver managed to flee.

Our Correspondent from Gaibandha reports: A truck helper was killed and three others sustained injuries in a road accident at Nasirabad on Gobindagnaj-Dinajpur highway yesterday.

Police said a melon-laded truck from Thakurgaon turned upside down and fell into a roadside ditch, leaving truck helper Babu, 30, dead on the spot. The truck also knocked three pedestrians when its driver lost control over the steering. The injured were rushed to Gobindaganj Health Complex.

Extremist dies in encounter with police in Kushtia

UNB, Kushtia

An extremist was killed in an encounter between his accomplices and the police at Dighalkandi in Daulatpur early yesterday.

The dead was identified as Akmal Hossain, 36, a cadre of notorious 'Anu Bahini'.

Police arrested Akmal from Mahishkundi in Daulatpur on Monday night. During the interrogation, the police got information about Akmal's accomplices and their fire-

arms.

Later, the law enforcers took Akmal to Dighalkandi at about 2:00am to arrest his cohorts.

As soon as the police reached near Dighalkandi Baini crossing, Akmal's accomplices started firing that triggered a gun battle.

Akmal was caught in the crossfire and died on the spot, according to a spot account.

A pistol and two bullets were also recovered from the scene.



Foreign Adviser Iftexhar Ahmed Chowdhury hands over a cheque to Commonwealth Society Vice-President Maj Gen (Retd) KM Shafiullah at the Foreign Office in the city yesterday. Nasrine Karim, left, and Farid Hossain, right, were also present.

Situation tense at RU

RU CORRESPONDENT

Tension is mounting at Rajshahi University (RU) following the recent arrest of at least 20 students in raids conducted by the joint forces on different student halls.

Campus sources said many resident students of different dormitories have left the campus fearing further raids by joint forces.

Some students of Bangabandhu hall alleged that police also interrogate general students during the raids.

A number of general students, who have seats allotted to their name, also left the dormitories fearing police interrogation, sources added.

Regarding the raids, RU Proctor Enamul Haque told this correspondent that the matter depends upon higher authorities and the university authorities do not have anything to do in this regard.

CU Islamic History students demand exam dates

CU CORRESPONDENT

Students of Islamic History and Culture department of Chittagong University (CU) yesterday have kept their classrooms under lock and key for four hours demanding immediate announcement of dates for their examination.

The agitation was triggered by the authorities' failure to hold the 4th year honours final examinations of the students of 2001-2002 session who finished their classes more than 15 month ago, alleged the students.

Earlier, the authorities announced dates for the examinations at least three times, but failed to hold the examinations in the scheduled time, they said.

The students alleged that non-cooperation and personal conflict among the teachers of the department is responsible for the situation.

The students have kept the classrooms locked demanding immediate announcement of their examination date from 8:30am to 12:30pm, sources said.

Later, the rooms were opened following an assurance from the dean of the Arts Faculty and chairman of the department in this regard.