

HAZARIBAGH ROBBERY

7 robbers, brother of jeweller arrested

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Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) in different raids in Dhaka and Kushtia on Saturday arrested eight robbers of a gang that looted 80 tolas of gold ornaments from the residence of a jeweller at Hazaribagh in the city on July 6.

One of the arrestees is Govinda Chandra Karmakar, 30, the youngest brother of the jeweller Sukumar Karmakar. Rab also seized 13 tolas of looted gold ornaments from his possession.

Other arrestees were identified as Abul Kalam, a sacked Havilder of Bangladesh Army, Moazzem Hossain, Shafiqul Islam alias Shafique, Sumon Mollah, Abul Hasan, Iran Khan alias Hira Mian and Mohon Joarder.

The robbery was a much talked about issue as the jeweller's family blamed the elite force for the incident since the rob-

bers were wearing Rab uniforms.

The robbers identified themselves as Rab members and entered the house of Sukumar Karmakar telling the family members that they would search the house.

"Our teams are working to arrest other members of the gang and recover the other looted ornaments," Commanding Officer of Rab-2 M Akbar Ali told newsmen at a briefing at his office in the city yesterday.

He said the gang sold 43 tolas of the looted gold ornaments to a jewellery shop at Baitul Mukarram. However, Rab could not yet recover the ornaments as the shop is shut down and the owner is abroad.

Govinda Chandra Karmakar told newsmen at the Rab-2 office that he helped the gang commit the robbery after he was offered Tk 40,000.



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Gono Forum President Dr Kamal Hossain speaks at a press conference at the National Press Club in the city yesterday. On his right is columnist Syed Abul Maksud. (Story on Page 1)

HIROSHIMA-NAGASAKI DAY TODAY

Call for nuclear non-proliferation

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The 62nd anniversary of Hiroshima-Nagasaki Day will be observed today.

Leaders of different human rights, environmental and socio-cultural organisations in separate statements yesterday expressed deep respect for the victims and sympathy for their families and other survivors of the atomic bomb attacks in 1945.

They said there is no doubt that the dropping of atom bomb on Hiroshima on August 6 and Nagasaki on August 9, just a month before the end of the Second World War, was the biggest holocaust in human history.

President and General Secretary of Bangladesh Peace Council in a joint statement said the big powers have no intention to stop nuclear proliferation, rather billions of dollars are being spent for its expansion, when hundreds of millions of people in the world are living without shelter, enough food and medicine.

To mark the day, these organisations have also arranged elaborate programmes including discussion meetings, seminars, photography exhibition, dramas and cultural programme to raise the slogan 'Stop Nuclear Weapon Now.'

Kabyamalangali, a recital organisation, will hold a daylong photography exhibition at Sultan Gallery in the city. It will be inaugurated by National Professor Kabir Chowdhury.

Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR), Environment Health Programmes and Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon (Bapa) will jointly organise a discussion meeting on the 'Impact of nuclear weapon on health and environment: Hiroshima to Bangladesh' at the National Press Club at 11:00am.

Before holding the discussion, leaders and activists of three organisations will bring out a procession from Shahbagh at 10:00am which will end at the National Press Club.

Muktijoddha Gono Parishad will also organise a discussion at the auditorium of the National Press Club at 11:00am.

Sampretee Mancha will organise a seminar at the conference room of the National Press Club at 3:00pm, while BCF Hospital Trust will organise a discussion meeting at Bangladesh Cancer Foundation Hospital at 2:00pm.

Drama and cultural programmes will be held at the Liberation War Museum to mark the day.

Mosud Mannan, director general of the foreign affairs ministry, will deliver a special lecture on the Hiroshima Day at RC Majumdar Auditorium of Dhaka University at 5:00pm where VC Prof SMA Faiz will be present as chief guest.