

## Robbery in 5 Uttara houses

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Five people were injured as robbers attacked five houses in the city's Uttar Khan area yesterday.

Locals said a gang of 12 to 15 robbers attacked the houses from 2:00am to 4:30am. They looted cash and valuables worth Tk 2 lakh.

Police reached the scene about an hour after the robbers fled by an engine boat through the Turag River, locals said.

However, Uttar Khan Police Station Officer-in-Charge SM Alamgir Hossain said it took an hour to reach the spot as it is a remote place.

The residents said the robbers first stormed the house of Abdul Jabbar at Uttar Khan. They beat up the members of the family and stabbed Kulsum, Khodeza Begum and Sharif.

Then they attacked the houses of Sirajul Islam, Abdul Awal and Golam Mostafa. They also stabbed Ripon and Mofiz.

Of the injured, Kulsum, Khodeza Begum and Sharif underwent treatment at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital while Ripon and Mofiz were treated at a local clinic.

Police detained five people in this connection.

## Workshop on domestic violence legislation begins in city today

A two-day national workshop on 'Domestic Violence Legislation' begins in the city today, says a press release.

The workshop has been organised jointly by CARE Bangladesh and ActionAid Bangladesh at LGED Bhaban.

The workshop will enable participants to learn from the experiences of Sri Lanka and India about the legislation in their countries.

It will help formulate a collective strategy to address the issue of enacting a domestic violence act in Bangladesh.

The workshop will also pave the way for taking the legislation beyond the legislative boundary and reaching the bottom of the causes of domestic violence to work together for a wider social remedy.

Representatives from different human rights organisations that spearheaded the process for enacting the law and are involved in monitoring the effectiveness of its implementation in India, Sri Lanka and Nepal have been invited to share their experiences at the forum.

Leading human rights organisations and NGOs will take part in the workshop.