



PHOTO: ISPR
A seven-member Chinese PLA Military Aid delegation led by Major General Jia Xioning call on Chief of Army Staff General Md Abdul Mubeen at Army Headquarters yesterday.

6 stabbed in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Criminals stabbed six people in two separate incidents in the city's Kafrel area within a span of 20 minutes.

Three out of the six injured are security guards while the rest are construction workers.

The injured security guards are Masud, 26, Jahid, 24, and Ershad, 20, while the three construction labourers are Sagor, 20, Anis, 18, and Babul, 20.

They took first aid at Dhaka Medical College and Hospital.

Police said four to five criminals at around 7:00am stabbed three security guards of an underconstruction building and after only 20 minutes another incident took place just beside that building where three people were stabbed.

Officer-in-Charge of Kafrel Police Station Delwar Hossain told The Daily Star that extortion might be the reason behind the incidents.

Training best weapon for a soldier

Says air chief

BSS, Dhaka

The award giving ceremony of No. 82 Junior Command and Staff Course of Bangladesh Air Force was held at the BAF Command and Staff Training Institute (CSTI) at Dhaka Cantonment yesterday.

Chief of Air Staff Air Marshal S M Ziaur Rahman attended the ceremony as the chief guest and distributed certificates among the graduating officers.

Fourteen officers from Bangladesh Air force, one officer each from Bangladesh Navy, Indian Air Force and Sri Lanka Air Force attended the course, said an ISPR press release.

Squadron Leader Gaurav Karandikar of Indian Air Force was awarded the "Chief of Air Staff's Trophy" for his best performance in the course.

Addressing the student-officers on the occasion, air chief said the training is the most precious weapon that a service can offer to a soldier.

The air chief expressed his firm conviction that the student-officers could acquire knowledge from a day-long CSTI conducted seminar on "Effect of climate change on natural calamities of Bangladesh," a contemporary issue of great concern attached by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in various world forums like UN Climate Summit at Copenhagen.

Principal Staff Officers of Air Headquarters, representatives from Sri Lanka and Indian High Commission and senior BAF Officers were present on the occasion, among others.



PHOTO: ISPR
Chief of Air Staff Air Marshal SM Ziaur Rahman gives away the 'Chief of Air Staff's Trophy' to Squadron Leader Gaurav Karandikar of Indian Air Force for his best performance at award giving ceremony of No. 82 Junior Command and Staff Course of Bangladesh Air Force at CSTI at Dhaka Cantonment yesterday.

Chevron support for better housing

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chevron Bangladesh recently handed over a cheque to Habitat for Humanity International (HFHI) to support low-income families to improve substandard housing through cost effective means at Modhupur in Tangail, says a press release.

Speaking at the programme, Kelly Koch thanked Chevron Bangladesh for its continuous support to build low cost durable houses for the low-income families.

Steve Wilson said, "I am pleased that through the continued partnership between the two organisations, many families enjoy having safe, decent and affordable place of living."

Under the project, the household living conditions and economic security of low income and poverty-impacted families will be improved, reads the release.



PHOTO: COURTESY
Steve Wilson, president of Chevron Bangladesh, hands over a cheque to Kelly Koch, national director of Habitat for Humanity International (HFHI), at a programme recently to support low-income families to improve substandard housing through cost effective means at Modhupur in Tangail.

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PHOTO: PID
Outgoing Chief Justice MM Ruhul Amin calls on President Zillur Rahman at Bangabhaban in the city yesterday. (Story on Page 3)

ASA official shot

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A gang of criminals sprayed an NGO office with bullets at North Moisundi under Sutrapur in the city in broad daylight yesterday, leaving its manager injured.

The victim was identified as Abdul Halim, 40, a manager of the North Moisundi branch of Association of Social Advancement (ASA), an NGO.

The manager was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) with bullet injuries to his chest, abdomen and hand.

Police and the victim could not ascertain the cause behind the gun attack.

Halim told reporters at DMCH that a gang of three criminals entered his office around 2:00pm, carried out the gun attack and fled the spot.

At lunchtime, a youth entered the ground floor of the

two-storey NGO office when he and his colleague Abdul Awal were there, the manager added.

The stranger then asked for a glass of drinking water and Awal went to another room leaving him (Halim) alone to fetch water, he said, adding that taking the chance, two other criminals entered the office room and shot at him.

Hearing the gunshots, his colleagues thronged the spot while the attackers managed to escape the scene, Awal said.

Senior Assistant Commissioner (AC) SM Murad Ali of DMP Demra Zone said as the victim was undergoing treatment and unable to speak after undergoing a major surgical operation, police could not ascertain whether the criminals came to commit a robbery or had previous enmity with the victim.

'Establish positive image of UP'

UNB, Dhaka

Democracy Watch, a non-government organisation, yesterday urged the government to take steps for informing people about the existing laws, ordinances, policies and important notifications relating to Union Parishad (UP) so people's rights can be ensured.

Democracy Watch made the call from a press conference held at Dhaka Reporters Unity in the city.

Reading out from a written paper, Firoz, director of Democracy Watch, said good governance could not be established without strengthening the local government and the local government can play key roles in establishing transparency and accountability.

He also urged the media people to play positive role on local issues through their

objective reports in order to ensure people's rights.

Later, a set of recommendations was placed at the press conference to establish 'positive image' of Union Parishads across the country.

The recommendations include arranging orientation programme for the elected local representatives about their work area, type and power, introducing ward meeting to ensure accountability, specific policy for UP initiative for making database of vulnerable groups and enhancing the power of UP to collect tax and toll.

Chairman of Purnimagati Union of Sirajganj Gazi Khorshed Alam, Chairman of Atrigram UP of Manikganj Nargis Akther and Democracy Watch director Mostafa Sohel were present at the press conference.



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Altaf Mahmud is among the martyred intellectuals.

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