

# Killing of two protested

Police say deceased innocent

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Several hundred people staged a demonstration at Kanchpura Bazar of Uttar Khan in the city on Saturday night protesting the killing of two people and injuring of six others, suspected to be robbers, in a mob beating on Thursday night.

The half kilometer long procession from Kanchpura Bazar to Bedli area lasted for about an hour from 9:00pm, also protesting the arrest of six people in connection with the incident.

The deceased are Arzu Miah, 30 and Sirajul Islam, 30. Dakkhin Keraniganj police said locals chased and severely beat up a gang of alleged robbers gathering at Polashpur Ferryghat area near Abdullapur to commit robbery.

Sirajul's brother Abdul Motaleb told this correspondent yesterday that 111 people, all relatives residing in the same area, went there in search of a truck that was stolen two days before Eid from Kanchpura Bazar of Uttarkhan in the city.

Arzu's brother Ambar Ali, 48, injured in the incident and now in jail, is the owner of the truck.

Motaleb said they heard from a source that a truck was seen abandoned in a bush at Palashpur Ferryghat area and went there in a microbus in search of it.

Locals suspected them to be robbers and beat them. When Arzu was killed, locals put sharp weapons inside the microbus and filed a case against them on charges of attempted robbery, he added.

Motaleb said another lost truck was found in the same area around 15 days ago. A local gang of carjackers may have carried out the theft and instigated the mob, he suspects.

Officer-in-Charge Nazmul Islam of Uttarkhan Police Station said on hearing the incident, they conducted an investigation and found that the victims went there in search of a lost truck.

The victims were known as innocent people in the locality, the OC added.

OC Abul Bashar of Dakkhin Keraniganj Police Station said they sent six of the injured to jail. Police filed a murder case in connection with the incident.

The families of the victims are yet to file any case. OC Bashar said police are yet to unearth the mystery behind the incident.



City inhabitants returning to the capital after celebrating Eid in their respective localities. They wait at bus stations, launch terminals and railway stations in the city for passenger vehicles like CNG-run autorickshaws and taxis.

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# 12 killed in road accidents

METRO DESK

At least 12 people were killed and 18 others injured in separate road accidents in Gazipur, Bogra, Chittagong and Munshiganj on Saturday night and yesterday.

UNB from Gazipur reports: Five people were killed and 14 others injured in a head-on collision between a pickup van and a human hauler on Dhaka-Tangail highway at Kodda under Sadar upazila in Gazipur yesterday.

The deceased were identified as Ruhul Amin, 35, a resident of Konabari in Gazipur, his wife Manjuna, 26, Shamim, 22, Rafiq, 22, and Raju, 28, of Lalmonirhat district.

The Joydevpur Chourasta-bound human hauler from Chandra in Kaliakoir upazila collided with the pickup van coming from opposite direction at about 6:00am, leaving Manjuna dead and 14 injured, police quoting witnesses said.

The injured were rushed to Gazipur Sadar Hospital where Shamim, Rafiq,

Ruhul Amin and Raju succumbed to their injuries. Injured Oli, 8, and Tanbir, 6, sons of Ruhul Amin were shifted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital as their condition deteriorated.

Other injured were identified as Ashraful, 33, and Saiful, 26, of Kurigram, Shanta, 25, Nasrin, 26, Laili, 24, Yasmin, 20, Shahidul, 30, Jewel, 22, of Gazipur.

Police sent the bodies to the hospital morgue for autopsy and also seized the two vehicles.

Our correspondent from Bogra adds: Three people were killed and four others injured when a Thakurgaon-bound bus from Dhaka carrying nearly five to six passengers fell into the Karatoya river breaking railing of a bridge at Mahasthangarh in Shibganj upazila in Bogra around 11:00pm on Saturday.

Abu Mokaddem Ali of Shibganj police said they suspected that the driver of the bus might have lost his control over the steering that caused the accident.

One of the deceased was identified as Nazrul Islam, 37, a staff of Oponner Pharma Limited. Identity of two others could not be known immediately.

Firefighters rescued the bodies and sent those to Shaheed Ziaur Rahman Medical College for autopsy.

In another road accident in Sariakandi upazila of Bogra, a person named Rafiqul Islam succumbed to his injuries at the hospital nearly six hours after a shallow-engine driven vehicle carrying him turned turtle around 3:00pm on Saturday.

A correspondent from Chittagong reports: One person was killed in an accident at Fataybad of Hathajari upazila in Chittagong yesterday.

Police identified the deceased as Jaynal Abedin, 30, a pickup van driver.

Mohammed Kasem, officer-in-charge of Hathazari Police Station, said the accident took place when Joynal's pickup van collided head-on with a loaded truck, which was going to Khagrachhori from Chittagong city. He said after the accident relatives

of Joynal rushed him to Chittagong Medical College Hospital, where doctors declared him dead.

Police seized the truck but the driver and helper managed to escape. A correspondent from Munshiganj says: An eight-year-old boy was crushed under the wheels of a passenger bus at Shologhar under Shreenagar upazila yesterday.

The victim was identified as Jahirul Haq, 8, son of Matin Sheikh of Sadar upazila.

Shakhawat Hossain, officer-in-charge of Shreenagar Police Station, said the accident occurred when a Dhaka-bound passenger bus ran over Jahirul while he was crossing the road in the afternoon.

In another accident a motorcyclist was killed when a bus hit him on Dhaka-Mawa highway at KC Road intersection of the district yesterday morning.

The deceased was identified as Mizanur Rahman, 48.

However, the bus fled the spot immediately after the accident.

# US lauds Bangladesh for religious freedom

BSS, Dhaka

The US Department of State has appreciated recent success of Bangladesh in religious freedom that includes ensuring constitutional rights for publicity of religions.

The appreciation came in a report titled 'International Religious Freedom-2010' placed in the US Congress on November 17, said a message received here.

US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton formally unveiled the report, which was prepared in the light of section 102 (B) of the International Religious Freedom Act.

The report focused on the success including appointments of a good number of minorities to important administrative and political posts.

The success also includes setting up training centres for religious leaders, creating environment for observing religious festivals and playing role in reducing violence on religious minority.

Declaring Fifth Amendment to the Constitution unconstitutional is among the major decisions by the Bangladesh Supreme Court, said the report.

The report also highlighted the situations of religious freedom of 198 countries during the period from July 2009 to June 2010.



Aspirants of the 30th BCS examination fill up their application forms in front of Public Service Commission at Agargaon in the city yesterday.

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# JU admission process starts today

DU CORRESPONDENT

Jahangirnagar University (JU) authorities will start admission process of honours courses for academic session 2010-11 under Ka, Gha, Uma, Cha and Chha units today.

All unit offices will provide admission forms to the selected students today and tomorrow on the basis of merit list. The students will have to get admitted on November 24 and 25, says a press release yesterday.

Students from 1 to 1000 in the waiting list are requested to be present in the unit office from November 29 to December 1 and those from 1001 to 2000 from December 8 to 9 with necessary documents.

Students seeking admission under freedom fighters quota in those units will have to submit the specified application form from November 22 to 25.

Dates of admission tests for Kha and Ga units will be announced later.

Further information will be available at www.juniv.edu.

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