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Major 'involved' with abduction

Cops hand him over to army; ISPR says investigation already on

Police late Sunday caught a serving army major on charges of holding a businessman for ransom. Major Rezaul Karim and his accomplices also took away from the victim, Abdullah Masud, a private car, Tk 1.5 lakh in cash, a laptop, two mobile phone sets and an iPhone. Masud, managing director of Falguni Food and Beverage Company at Purana Paltan, luckily escaped from captivity when he was being taken away on a car. After the abduction, the army officer called General Manager Badsha Mian and Director Production Atiqur Rahman of Masud's firm, asking them to pay a ransom of Tk 70 lakh, Masud told The Daily Star yesterday. Law enforcers managed to detain Maj Reza and his two accomplices. Shahinul Islam, director of Inter Service Public Relations, confirmed the arrest and said police had handed over the major to the army headquarters. "A court of inquiry has already been initiated by the army headquarters. If the officer is found guilty, legal action will be taken against him," he told The Daily Star yesterday.

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BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia, inset, addresses a large crowd at a rally in Chandpur yesterday.

PHOTO COURTESY: BNP

Staff killed, jewellery shop looted

Criminals killed an employee of a jewellery shop and looted 37 tolas of gold ornaments from there at Azimpur in the city's Dakkhin Khan early yesterday. Police recovered the body of Ujjal Chandra, 25, from Gold King Jewellers at Halim Market in the morning. Lokman Hakim, officer-in-charge of Dakkhin Khan Police Station,

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Boy hurt at home as criminals open fire

A boy of seven was injured by bullets after local "extortionists" opened fire at his residence in the city's Mohakhali area yesterday morning. Nahid Hassan Nishat, son of Bashir Miah of Mohakhali Wireless Gate area, received three bullets in his legs and was admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital. Bashir said around 7:45am he heard someone knocking at the door when he was preparing his son -- class I student at Banani



Nahid Hassan Nishat

Bidya Niketan -- for school. "I didn't open the door when the person identified himself as Uzzal, a local goon," he mentioned. As he did not respond, Uzzal fired four shots from outside the door, leaving Nahid injured. Witnesses said two criminals wearing helmets opened fire and fled the spot. Bashir works for a construction firm and also looks after water and electricity supplies to Beltala slum in Mohakhali.

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Indictment of SQ Chy, Nizami deferred

The International Crimes Tribunal yesterday deferred the charge framing order against Salauddin Quader Chowdhury and the hearing on charge framing against Motiur Rahman Nizami following some petitions filed by them. The tribunal was scheduled to pass the order and hold the

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4 killed in city road crashes

Four people were killed while 10 others injured in two road accidents in the city yesterday. Mahmuda Khanam, 62, and her domestic help Fatema Begum, 65, were run over by a recklessly driven private car in Aftabnagar residential area around 7:30am, during their morning walk, said police, adding that the two died on the spot. Mahbubur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Badda Police Station, said Mahmuda used to have morning walk with Fatema as she had been suffering from diabetes. Locals managed to catch the driver -- identified as Jamil, 35 -- and handed him over to police after beating him up.

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Robert Blake due today

US Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asia, Robert O Blake arrives in Dhaka today on a three-day visit. He will participate in a

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Indigenous hunters killed six fishing cats in Khoksa upazila in Kushtia Sunday evening. Locals said 15 to 16 men from Munda community of Rajshahi came to the district on Saturday and trapped the cats. But the Khoksa Police Station OC told The Daily Star he had no knowledge of such killing of wildlife.

PHOTO: AMANUR AMAN

AL men sued over killings in tea garden

Three days after the killing of two people in an armed attack at a Moulvibazar tea garden, the garden authorities filed a case on Sunday night against 145 people including several local Awami League leaders. Shahinur Islam Chawdhury, a director of

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One river gone, 97 others near death

Water minister tells Sangsad. The minister, however, did not mention the reasons behind the sorry state of the rivers. But it is widely known that illegal filling, dumping of industrial, human and other types of waste often with tacit approval of the authorities resulted in narrowing rivers, canals and other water bodies. In a written reply, Ramesh said that of the moribund 97 rivers, 44 were flowing over north-west region, 10 north-mid

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Bomb attacks on Israeli missions in India, Georgia

Bombers targeted staff at Israel's embassies in India and Georgia yesterday, wounding four people, and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu accused Iran and its Lebanese ally Hezbollah of involvement. The New Delhi bomb wrecked a vehicle with

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Integral Energy Limited ONLINE POLL

Do you think the opposition should raise their demand for restoration of the caretaker government system in parliament instead of staging street protests?

Yes (46.2%)
No (52.1%)
No Comments (1.7%)

TOTAL VOTES: 539

TODAY'S POLL

How do you look at Shipping Minister Shajahan Khan's demand for making extortion legal to stop rampant corruption in the transport sector?

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