2 beaten to death

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two robbers died allegedly after being beaten by a mob in Faridpuryesterday.

The deceased were identified as Raza, 30, and Ujjal Kazi, Officer-in-Charge Dadon

Fakir of Bhanga Police Station said a gang of 10-12 robbers entered the house of a former chairman Giasuddin around 2:00am at Chandra Union under Bhanga upazila.

The neighbours came out hearing the call for help and chased the robbers.

The locals managed to catch six of the robbers -Mosharaf, 40, Rezaul, 30, Zahid, 32, Hasan, 25, Raza and Ujjal. They handed over the six to Bhanga police after a good beating. The others managed to flee, he added.

Police admitted the six to Bhanga Upazila Health Complex where Raza and Ujjal died around 9:00am, said the OC.

A case was filed with Bhanga Police Station.

Iraq bombings kill five

AFP, Baghdad

Bombings in Iraq killed five people and wounded 34 others yesterday, security and medical officials said, after a bloody week that cost the lives of more than 100 people.

A car bomb targeting an army patrol killed one soldier and wounded three others in Fallujah. Another blast in Fallujah also killed a child. More blasts and casualties also reported across the country.

The violence comes a day after 32 people were killed and dozens wounded in two car bombs targeting Shiite pilgrims in Baghdad, while 72 people were killed and more than 250 wounded Wednesday in a wave of attacks across Iraq.

Road safety FROM PAGE 20

The minister also expressed dissatisfaction with Bangladesh Road Transport Authority (BRTA) for not checking properly plying of unfit vehicles and use of fake licence by drivers.

"On Saturday, I visited Dhaka-Mawa road where checked around 60 vehicles. Unfortunately, not more than 10 drivers could show proper licence and fitness certificate of vehicles," said Quader.

BRTA Chairman Ayubur Rahman, however, told the meeting that they had already submitted recommendations to the education ministry for inclusion of the road safety issue in text books at school The meeting also decided

to set up road-dividers at different spots, especially where kitchen markets are located on highways. At the meeting, rights

activists and leaders of transport workers' and owners' associations were locked in a heated debate on the issue of terming drivers "killers" in cases of road accident deaths. Leaders of the associations

strongly opposed terming the drivers "killers" while the rights activists firmly said the drivers who leave people killed in road accidents will surely be termed "killers".

The minister then said, 'We all will have to work together as a team to check road accidents.'

and issuance of fake licence.

They also demanded

curbing corruption in the

transport sector to reduce

road accidents and to bring

State Minister for Home

Shamsul Haque Tuku

emphasised enhancing

BRTA's manpower and

logistics to check plying of

unfit vehicles and use of fake

The meeting was attended

by, among others, senior

journalist ABM Musa,

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib

discipline in the sector.

driving licence.

Describing road accidents as an issue of mounting worries, Quader urged all including opposition political parties to come forward to Bangladesh. work jointly for road safety.

Speaking at the meeting, rights activists Syed Abul Maksud, Ilias Kanchan, Tarana Halim and Rokeya Prachi demanded effective steps to stop driving of vehicles by unskilled drivers

> gling." have many other priorities, but it must fulfil the requirements for a well-protected

Fencing the border alone intruders from Myanmar could still come through the sea, the officer noted. So, the authorities just cannot afford to leave the 120-km sea beach from Cox's Bazar

Medical University Vicechancellor Prof Pran Gopal Col Datta, and secretaries of the Road Division and Local

Euro collapse could spark global crisis

Warns World Bank chief

AFP, London

Outgoing World Bank president Robert Zoellick yesterday warned that Europe was facing a "Lehmans moment" and the collapse of the euro currency could trigger a global crisis.

Zoellick will warn the G20 summit that Europe risks sparking a financial meltdown that would have desperate consequences for developing countries, he told British newspaper The Observer.

"Europe may be able to muddle through but the risk is rising," the 58-year-old American said.

Lehmans moment if things are not properly handled."

The 2008 collapse of US financial services firm Lehman Brothers -- one of Wall Street's most prestigious companies -- after its risky bets on the US housing market soured, sparked global financial panic.

Zoellick said developing nations needed to "prepare for the uncertainty coming out of the eurozone and the wider financial markets.

"It will be better if they can avoid piling up shortterm debts that can come due in volatile periods and look to the fundamentals of future growth -- infrastructure and human capital."

Zoellick, who steps down at the end of June after five years in charge, said the World Bank was taking action to prevent a credit crunch in southeast Europe and to protect north African states that were exposed to Europe's debt crisis.

He said the Washingtonbased institution was focusing on helping emerging economies to protect the most vulnerable if another global financial meltdown occurred.

"Uncertainty in markets is now starting to increase "There could be a costs for developing countries," he said.

"The ripple effects are making everybody's life harder. "Given the volatility in the

world economy, there is a big emphasis on helping developing countries to develop social safety nets that don't bust the budget."

Zoellick said Brazil and Mexico had shown the way forward using effective, lowcost targeting, the right mix of incentives plus information technology.

The two-day G-20 summit opens in Mexico tomor-

Border unprotected

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with inadequate resources. It is also not easy to guard a border that cuts through canals, hills, forests, river and sea.

The local administration earlier sent higher authorities a set of proposals that include setting up fences with pocket gates for legal movements and a road on the dam surrounding the Naf river to strengthen vigilance and increasing the number of border outposts (BOP) on Teknaf border.

As the Rohingya intrusion increased due to violence at bordering Rakhine state in Myanmar over the past week, the administration again sent the proposals to high-ups.

"Two-three days ago, I sent the Cabinet Division our recommendations, including increasing outposts and watchtowers on the border, constructing a road on the dam and putting up fences on the border," Cox's Bazar Deputy Commissioner Jainul Bari told The Daily Star yesterday.

Jainul again placed the recommendations at an inter-ministerial meeting at the foreign ministry yesterday. The proposals would be forwarded to the cabinet for the consideration of policymakers, he added.

Apart from continuous Rohingya intrusion, there are many other longstanding problems in the bordering area. Smuggling of arms and drugs and human trafficking are the serous ones.

It is common knowledge at Teknaf that 10 or more factories of Yaba have been set up in bordering area inside Myanmar to smuggle the illegal drug into

An official, involved with the border security management there, yesterday told this correspondent, "If we cannot stop the intrusion through the border, it's impossible to stop smug-

The government might border as soon as possible, said the officer, wishing anonymity.

would not be enough as to Teknaf unprotected.

Khalequzzaman, commanding officer of BGB 17

Battalion in Cox's Bazar, told The Daily Star yesterday, "Though very expensive, fencing would be good to keep the border wellprotected. There are some alternative ideas such as roads parallel to borders and joint border patrolling by BGB and Nasaka [Myanmai border force]."

A high-level BGB source said the idea of fencing was discussed at a recent conference in Dhaka. The government has taken the matter seriously.

The border guards also want more BOPs at Teknaf as they have only nine outposts for the 54km border.

Although the force wanted approval for another four, the government started construction of two new BOPs for Teknaf border, a BGB source said. The work might be complete in December.

Also a watchtower was being built at Ghola Para of Teknaf's Shah Porir Dweep BGB officials say they need

Meanwhile, coast guard sources said the force that started its journey in 1995 still faces a number of problems in guarding the bor-

While the coast guard needs modern vessels to patrol a rough sea like the Bay of Bengal and the Naf river, none of its stations --Teknaf upazila headquarters, Shah Porir Dweep and Saint Martin's Island -- has adequate boats.

Besides, the force suffers a manpower shortage. If there were fences on the border, it would have made things a lot easier, added the sources.

Muhith

year was highly criticised for its huge size and its provisions for subsidy, source of financing and government borrowing from the banking system. "But, our projection is that there'll be more revenue earnings ...the government will be able to utilise more foreign aid already in the pipeline," he

In response to a question from renowned economist MM Akash, Muhith said it was difficult to focus on one between the growth and inflation. "We've tried to contain inflation in this fiscal year, for which the growth has been slightly hindered."

Desh TV Managing Director Asaduzzaman M d Noor, MP moderated the dialogue. Finance Division Secretary Mohammad

13 lakh people FROM PAGE 1

a lecturer at the university's political science department, prepared the thesis titled,

"The practices of Marxism and their impact on modern world: the case of objectivization", in 2009-11.

DUVice-Chancellor AAMS Arefin Siddique yesterday told The Daily Star that the committee was formed on Thursday. Headed by provice-chancellor (academic), the probe body has been asked to submit its report immediately.

Contacted, Pro-VC (academic) Nasreen Ahmad said she was yet to get a formal letter in this regard. She would start the work after receiving the letter. On June 9, five teachers of

the political science department submitted a complaint and relevant documents to the university authorities and sought action against Nuruddin over the matter. One of the complainants

told The Daily Star that Nuruddin had interviewed 12,75,047 people in 80 countries, and as per standard rules, one needs to collect data for his/her thesis within six months.

"It is absurd to collect such a huge amount of data within this time," the complainant added.

Nuruddin, however, tolo this correspondent that he had interviewed the people in two and a half years with the help of his friends and wellwishers.

It means he and his friends had to interview over 1,397 people a day.

About the complaint, the teacher said, "They [complainants] are no experts, and they have lodged the complaint out of personal enmity."

Nuruddin was in the news before. On May 7 this year, he went missing but reappeared on his own at Dighinala Police Station in Khagrachhari on May 9 -- around 42 hours after his alleged abduction from Dhaka.

At the time, Nuruddin said he had been abducted from the capital's Uttara by two of his colleagues and uncle of a woman who at a press conference earlier claimed to be Nuruddin's wife.

Adeeb

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Adeeb grew up being always one of the top students in his class and finding a general liking towards studies. "At the outset, my father encouraged me to participate in the Spelling Bee when the team from Champs21.com came over to our school. I had already been playing the online game and had a decent score [placing in the top ten]," he

As it would turn out, he would end up qualifying from both his school and the online game, signs of his spelling prowess.

"I practised more for the Divisional Round and luckily it paid off," says Adeeb, who qualified through to the TV round with flying colours. "But the change in format in the TV round caught me off guard and I was not happy to begin with," Adeeb adds. But that would quickly change as he practised with his schoolmate and co-finalist Sajid to prepare for the TV Round and end up putting in his best performance in the

competition so far. "I've had unbelievable support from my mom and dad as well as my elder sister," he says. Even though Adeeb has working parents, he says they make ample time for him and his elder sister, and adds they were equally helpful during the competition, especially during his recent illness.

In rating The Daily Star Spelling Bee, he gives it a "7.5 out of 10". "Since this is the first time this is taking place in the country, I think it's been a very good effort. I'm probably a bit biased as well since I made it this far. But I do think that there is room for improvement," he adds.

Adeeb admits that the Spelling Bee has brought about a positive change to his life, boosting his self confidence and also giving him identity and recognition as a Spelling Bee finalist.

Adeeb's quiet confidence along with his ability to, literally, gut it out makes him a prime candidate to become Bangladesh's first ever Spelling Bee champion.

No let-up in Ashulia unrest

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Leaders of different garment workers' organisations also protested the shutdown and called upon the owners to reopen the factories immediately.

RMG factory owners on Saturday decided to shut all 350 factories in Ashulia for an indefinite period as garment workers continued to stage violent demonstrations from June 11 demanding a hike in theirwages. The entire industrial belt

had witnessed a spate of violence between June 11 and June 16, as thousands of workers clashed with police leaving around 500 people injured. At least 300 vehicles were damaged and 200 factories were vandalised in six days. Witnesses said several

yesterday after they found their factories shut. The agitating workers put blockades on the Dhaka-Tangail highway protesting the shutdown of factories, said Mokhlesur Rahman

thousand workers took to the

street at about 8:30am

A group of youths wearing

"We demand punishment of

shutdown and said it was a

united move by the garment

owners at Ashulia. "We will sit

with the government again

soon demanding security of

managing director of

Ashulia-based Dekko Group,

said he was supposed to send

samples to buyers but failed

as he could not open his

on the decision of the govern-

ment and the BGMEA. I am

worried that I am going to

Group exports garment

items worth \$12 million a

month. "I will not be able to

send the same amount this

month," Kiron said, adding,

"I have kept my factory

closed for seven days.

lakh per day in salary and

wages," he told The Daily

ring losses of Tk 42 lakh for

production suspension,"

said an official of Arunima

Sportswear Ltd at Ashulia,

huge loss due to the stockpil-

met Foreign Secretary

Mijarul Quayes to discuss

different issues regarding the

garment sector. Details of the

meeting could not be known

Secretary Ghulam Hussain

said the government was

trying to end the crisis and

the commerce ministry was

coordinating meetings with

other ministries, depart-

ments and government

did not take any particular

measure yet to end the crisis

as the ministry is monitoring

not meet the commerce

ministry to discuss the

The BGMEA leaders did

the issue," he said.

The commerce ministry

Asked, Commerce

immediately.

agencies.

Bangladesh and in the US.

requesting anonymity.

"But I am paying Tk 35

'Every day we are incur-

cannot bear it anymore.

On an average, Dekko

"Now we are depending

factory due to the unrest.

lose my buyers," he said.

Shahadat Hossain Kiron,

the factories," he said.

Mohiuddin defended the

the actual culprits."

inspector of Ashulia Industrial

Police.

masks vandalised several vehicles on the highway. Angry workers hurled brickbats at police and clashed with them as the law enforcers tried to remove blockades from the highway.

Police cleared the highway by 11:30am after fighting pitched battles with angry workers. The clashes later spread to

Nischintapur, Ghoshbag, Shimultola, Bypile, Jirabo and Narasinghapur. Police fired around 20 rounds of rubber bullets and

teargas canisters, and charged baton to disperse the agitating workers. Police and Rab personnel stood guard at factories in the

industrial belt to ward off

vandalism.

duties.

inspector of Ashulia Police Station, on Saturday night filed a case against 11 local BNP leaders and several hundred unidentified people on charges of vandalising vehicles and obstructing police from performing their

filed another case against 10 local BNP leaders, including Yarpur union parishad Association (BGAPMEA)

Exporters count \$10m

chairman Dewan Moyeen Uddin Biplob, for provoking

city

workers to resort to violence. Meanwhile, Bangladesh Centre for Workers Solidarity and Bangladesh Garments and Industrial Workers Federation in separate statements denied their involvement in the labour unrest in Ashulia and Narayanganj.

Kalpana Akter, executive director of Bangladesh Centre for Workers Solidarity, said, "A vested quarter is trying to pin the blame on us for the untoward incident that we had condemned."

She said there was no link between the killing of labour leader Aminul Islam and the unrestinthegarmentsector.

Kalpana demanded that all Hafizur Rahman, sub- factories are reopened immediately.

Garments Sramik Trade Union Kendra and Bangladesh Garments Shramik Oikya Parishad called for reopening the factories as soon as possible.

In a statement, Rafez Alam Chowdhury, president of On Friday, Ashulia police Bangladesh Garments Accessories and Packaging Manufacturers and Exporters

Amid declining export of

few hundred garment facto-

ries come as a worrisome

development that could

Saarc secy

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Saleem of Maldives is the eleventh secretary general of the eight-nation South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (Saarc) and succeeds Fathimath Dhiyana Saeed of Maldives, who resigned over controversy in her home country.

Saleem has already visited Bhutan, Sri Lanka, Pakistan and India, officials said.

As per his programme schedule, Saleem will arrive at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport this afternoon and stay at Ruposhi Bangla Hotel.

He will first pay meet with Additional Foreign Secretary Mustafa Kamal tomorrow morning. The Saarc Secretary General will then call on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at 12 noon.

Kamal will host a lunch in honour of the Saarc Secretary General tomorrow following which Saleem will call on Foreign Minister Dipu Moni in the afternoon. During his stay in Dhaka,

the Saarc Secretary General will also visit Saarc Metrological Research Centre (SMRC) and Saarc Agriculture Centre (SAC) on Wednesday.

Saleem will leave Dhaka on Thursday morning.

Evacuate

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He told The Daily Star that if the people did not move by this time, "local administration with the help of law enforcers will evacuate them". He said earlier they had

made the announcement

through loudspeaker in those A total of 127 people were killed in a land slide on June

11, 2007 and 17 on July 1, 2011.There are several other areas in the city where people live beside hills, but those are

less risky, according to officials. Incessant rainfall from Friday evening until Saturday night made the hill soil soft. It can cause several deaths due

to landslide, the DC said. Department of Environment (DoE) Director Jafor Alam said the Divisional Hill Management Committee took a decision at a meeting held on May 9, 2012, to shift the people "if incessant and heavy downpour takes place".

Meanwhile, a septuagenarian, Nurul Islam, died yesterday morning due to a landslide at Firoz Shah Colony in the city, police said.

JS body

FROM PAGE 20 drilling 10 gas wells in Bangladesh. "The agreement has

some shortcomings since it has no provision for getting compensations from Gazprom in case of any accident," Shubid Ali Bhuiyan, chief of the parliamentary standing committee on power ministry, told reporters after a committee meeting at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban yesterday. Shubid, also ruling

Awami League lawmaker, said the committee will discuss the matter in detail in its next meeting. Bangladesh has a bitter experience in getting com-

pensations from US-based Occidental company that was responsible for a blowout at the Magurchhara gas field, he said. On April 26, three subsid-

iaries of Petrobangla signed a \$193.5-million agreement with Gazprom Company for drilling 10 gas wells in Bangladesh. BNP lawmaker AM

Mahbubuddin Khokon, also a member of the committee, walked out of the meeting as the parliamentary body did not entertain his proposal to adopt a censure motion against prime minister's energy adviser Tawfiq-e-Elahi Chowdhury for his June 5 remark.

Chowdhury commented

that "those opposing the

quick-rental power plants are either ignorant or intellectually corrupt or antigovernment or anti-state." Khokon questioned whether Chowdhury had "any jurisdiction to make

such derogatory comment." "As the committee did not accept my proposal, I walked out of the meeting," Khokon told reporters.

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Rakhine state of the neighbouring country.

tonnes of frozen fish, including rohit and katla, berthed at a jetty of Teknaf land port around 5.30pm.

imported the fish from Myanmar, said Abdul Mohaimen, general manager of United Land Port Teknaf Limited that operates the land The unloading and deliv-

immediately after the arrival of the cargo boat. Two more cargo boats with around 500 tonnes of goods are scheduled to arrive at the port today, he toldThe Daily Star. Import of cattle from

Wadud, operation officer of

matter, he said, adding that the BGMEA also did not garment products due to consult the ministry before financial crisis in Europe, the announcing the shutdown. labour unrest and closure of a

"But definitely export will

be greatly hampered for the

closure," he observed. Garment workers clashed sporadically with the police and vandalised at least five vehicles on Ashulia-Baipail road yesterday morning protesting against the

during the clashes that halted traffic movement on the road for more than three hours. Several thousand workers gathered at Jamgara around 8:00am yesterday, a day after

garment belt there. Acting Labour Secretary Mikail Shipar said the centra crisis management committee would hold a meeting tomorrow to find solutions to

The MPs of five zonal crisis management committees, representatives of BGMEA and BKMEA, trade unions, intelligence agencies and the officials concerned would

This is direct loss. His company is also incurring possible for them to keep the factories closed for an indefiing of goods in the ports of nite period," he said. BGMEA leaders yesterday

> issue. "In 2010, the minimum wage was hiked to Tk 3,000,

cent percent," he said. A high official of the labour ministry, however, said labour unrest in certain factories in Ashulia industrial

"It would be more a behavioural problem of the management that agitates the workers," the official told The Daily Star.

consignment comprised of nine goats, two cows and a buffalo reached Shah Porir

Dweep around 7.30am, said a top BGB official. Meanwhile, the Border Guard Bangladesh yesterday afternoon sent back another seven Rohingyas to are in custody of Bangladesh Maungdaw of Myanmar from Coast Guard at St Martin's

Of the seven, two Commander of BCGTeknafLt Rohingyas were caught by Commander BGB men around 3:30am Jashimuzzaman. yesterday when they were trying to intrude into Shah Porir Dweep in a group on an engine boat, BGB officials said. The passengers of the morning. Tayab, 20, was shot in the boat got down into waistdeep water in the Nafriver and swam ashore when border guard officials from this side caught them, said Maj Saiful

The five others from Maungdaw had entered

affect the country's economy, experts warn. FROM PAGE 1 An action committee will be formed in every metropolitan city, district and upazila to

strengthen the ongoing anti-

government movement. The decision was taken to compel the government to restore the non-party neutral government system, party's acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir said yesterday while addressing a protest rally in front of BNP central office in Dhaka. The rally was part of the alliance's countrywide protest programme against filing "false" cases against its leaders.

Senior leaders of the opposition had been arrested as they had been waging a movement, demanding that the government return BNP leader M Ilias Ali, who went missing two months back Fakhrul said, adding, "The government will not be able to suppress us through repression.

Meanwhile, BNP standing committee member Moudud Ahmed said those who had been involved in Ilias's disappearance would be brought under trial if his party was voted to power in the next parliamentary elections.

"The mystery will be solved and everyone involved in the incident will be identified and brought to trial," he said while addressing a human chain organised by Shadhinota Forum, a pro-opposition body, in front of the Jatiya Press Club

The present government will be held accountable for the incident and will have to take the responsibility, he added.

BNP organising secretary M Ilias Ali and his driver Ansar Ali went missing on April 17 at Banani in the capital.

Border trade resumes

A cargo boat with 90

Sama Enterprise had

ery of the goods began

Myanmar through the Naf river also resumed yesterday morning after around 12 days. A trawler carrying a small

shutdown. At least 15 people, includ ing policemen, were injured

owners decided to shutdown more than 300 garment factories in the readymade

the labour unrest.

attend the meeting. "We hope that the owners will reopen the factories in a few days because it is not

Mikail Shipar said he could not say for sure the reason behind the recurring labour unrests in the same area--Ashulia and Kanchpur in Narayanganj--but did not think it was because of wage

which was an 80 percent raise. This is enforced in 99 percent factories, if not in

area stems from mid-level management of the factories.

Teknafin Cox's Bazar.

Bangladesh territory a week ago and were caught by BGB menThursdaynight.

The BGB has now 13 Rohingyas in its custody, five from Maungdaw and the rest from Akiyab. Another five from Akiyab

Rohingya refugee Tayab who was under treatment at Chittagong Medical College Hospital died yesterday

Island, said Station

head on June 8 and was unconscious since June 11, said Majed Sultan, assistant registrar of the CMCH neurosurgery department. He was declared dead around 8:20am.