

# 450 tolas gold jewellery stolen in capital

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Burglars stole around 450 tolas of gold jewellery from a shop in the capital's Eastern Plaza between Monday night and early yesterday.

Kartick Karmakar, owner of the shop, Shatarupa Jewellers, housed on the third floor, said they closed the shop on Monday night and found it robbed after opening it yesterday around 10:30am.

Tuesday is observed as a weekly holiday by shops, markets and commercial establishments in Hatirpool area, where Eastern Plaza is situated.

All the jewellery, except some light ones, have been stolen. However, the burglars did not damage anything, he said.

Kalabagan Police Station Officer-in-Charge Enamul Hoque said although the shop's doors and padlocks were intact, police found one square feet of its false ceiling open. Police suspect that the burglars entered through the gap.

"The market authority installed iron bars on the false ceiling but a portion of it inside the shop was open," said Kalabagan Police Station Sub-inspector Jalaluddin.

Detective Branch of Police and Criminal Investigation Department's forensic unit collected fingerprints from the dust on the false ceiling.

The market's Security-in-Charge Masud Rana said access to the market on holidays, without the market authority's permission, was prohibited.

However, some workers conducted maintenance on the 3rd floor's central air conditioner on Tuesday, when Ansar personnel were on duty, he said.

No case was filed and no arrest was made in this connection till filing of this report around 6:00pm.

Last February, a shop next door, Grambangla Jewelry, had 775 tolas of gold jewellery stolen in the same manner during a weekly holiday.



Two of the seven activists of banned militant outfit Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh being taken to jail yesterday after a Rajshahi Speedy Trial Tribunal sentenced them to 10 years rigorous imprisonment in an August 17, 2005 synchronised bomb attacks case.

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## SYNCHRONISED BOMB ATTACKS Seven JMB men get 10 yrs in prison

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

A Rajshahi court yesterday sentenced seven activists of banned militant outfit Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) to 10 years rigorous imprisonment in an August 17, 2005 synchronised bomb attacks case.

Judge Ekramul Haque Chowdhury of the Speedy Trial Tribunal also fined each Tk 10,000, in default to suffer another six months in jail.

JMB carried out the attacks in some 500 places across the country, including Rajshahi city. Afterwards, the aforementioned case was filed with Rajpara Police Station.

Of the convicts, Toriqul Islam, Shafiullah Tarek, Abu Isa and Johurul Islam were arrested while Korban Ali, Enamul Hoque and Amanullah are on the run.

They were found guilty of exploding bombs on Rajshahi Judges Court premises, in front of Advocate Bar and Deputy Commissioner's office, and Laxmipur intersection.

## Hasina urges Khaleda not to save war criminals

UNB, Tangail

Taking a swipe at the opposition leader for "trying to protect the war criminals," Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday urged Khaleda Zia to shun her "ill-efforts" to obstruct the war crimes trial.

"You (Khaleda) had tried earlier to save the killers of Bangabandhu, but couldn't, now you're trying to save the war criminals...don't try to do that because the people of Bangladesh won't accept that."

The prime minister told a public rally at Dhanbari Nawab Institution Ground organised by Awami League.

She alleged that it was Ziaur Rahman who had politically rehabilitated the war criminals after capturing power.

Hasina went on: "Khaleda, despite becoming a former premier, had whitened black money paying fine, even her sons

were engaged in corruption and siphoning off money abroad. But, we've brought back that money and those would be spent on curbing corruption as well as in its investigation...we'll bring back more money siphoned off earlier."

Citing the recent fire incident in a garment factory in Ashulia that killed 111 people, Hasina said conspiracies are being hatched when the country is moving forward. Various ill-attempts are underway to take Bangladesh backward, she alleged.

In a scathing attack on BNP, Hasina said, "Corruption and killing people are two big virtues of BNP"

Earlier, the prime minister inaugurated Dhanbari upazila complex, laid the foundation stone of Dhanbari Police station as well as a 50-bed upazila health complex.



Sparse presence of vehicles at Shapla Chattar in the capital's Motijheel yesterday while the BNP-led 18-party alliance was holding a grand rally before BNP's Naya Paltan office.

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## Govt to amend disaster act

Says JS body chief  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government would amend the Disaster Management Act, 2012, said Mohammed Sayedul Hoque, a lawmaker and chairman of parliamentary standing committee on the food and disaster management ministry.

He was speaking as chief guest at a discussion on "The Disaster Management Act 2012: A comprehensive review" jointly organised by the Right to Food and Social Security Campaign and Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon in the capital's Jatiya Press Club yesterday.

Prof Firoz Ahmed of Bapa chaired the programme while Shahidul Islam, a lawyer at Supreme Court, presented a keynote paper.

Prof Shah Alam, acting chairman of Bangladesh Law Commission, said the commission would recommend the government to amend the law based on the suggestions of the civil society members and lawyers by the next January.

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