Muggers snatched a camera and two mobiles from a

reporter and videographer of private television Rtv in the

Shahriar and cameraman Mosharraf Hossain at a dagger

point while they were stuck in a traffic jam inside their car,

The criminals took the items from crime reporter Apple

The incident happened around 8:45pm while the two

were coming back to the office in the capital from

Narayanganj. One of the muggers, Sharif, took a backpack

containing equipment used in live broadcasting, said Abedin.

as he could not run carrying the heavy backpack, said Apple.

However, he was caught by the two and handed over to police

Later, police held another mugger Kalu at Dayaganj, said

capital's Jatrabari last night.

Jatrabari police.

said Rtv Chief Reporter Joynal Abedin.

Ex-players

FROM PAGE 3 the field, they zsaid.

Persons accused in the case are former president of Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB) Mobassher Hossain, Joint Secretary of Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon (Bapa) Iqbal Habib, architect Salma A Shafi; Kamrunnahar Dana, gen-

eral secretary of Bangladesh Women's Sports Association; and some unnamed people.

The players said Kamrunnahar was at home on that day due to her illness Former players Gazi

Ashraf Hossain Lipu, Shafiqul Haque Hira, Golam Sarowar Tipu, Imtiaz Sultan Jony, Rummam Bin Wali Sabbir, Amalesh Sen, Sheikh Mohammad Aslam, Imtiaz Ahmed Nakib, Kazi Jasim Uddin Ahmed Josy, Shafiqul Islam Manik, Wahiduzzaman Khan Pintu, Md Mohashin, among others, attended the

Storm wreaks

press conference.

FROM PAGE 5 residence and central mosque have collapsed as trees fell on these. Hundreds of birds of different species were seen dead on the campus. RU pro-VC Prof

Chowdhury Sarwar Jahan said the loss caused by the storm was estimated at Tk 1 crore approximately.

Youths protest felling

The youths demanded that development activities by destroying trees be stopped, and a policy in this regard be formulated. They also carried different placards that read "Not trees, chop me", "No trees, No rain".

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expressed solidarity with the demands. Installing plastic trees for beautification in place of real

Many locals participated in the programme and

ones is a rare thing in other countries, which can only be seen in Bangladesh, said Shahed Alam, organiser of Shobujpata. After the human chain, the participants visited the areas

where the trees had recently been felled.

Decision on 8 arrestees' FROM PAGE 5

After receiving the eight from Rab, the Detective Branch of police produced them before Cognizance Court No-4 on Thursday, seeking to remand each of them for 10 days, said Mazedur Rahman, an officer-in-charge of DB.

The judge, Farzana Yeasmin, fixed Sunday for hearing the remand prayer. The arrestees were sent to Mymensingh jail, said court sources.

An armed gang stanched three militants of Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh, including two death row convicts, on February 23 after intercepting the prison van they were on board on Dhaka-Mymensingh highway in Signboard Amirabari area of Trishal.

48 teachers join FROM PAGE 5

Albaruni Khan, coordinator of EIS; Probir Paul Papon, assistant coordinator of EIS; Nadimul Alam, Zonal coordi nator of EIS; and MD Abul Hossain Monjur, general man ager of X-cel, were also present.

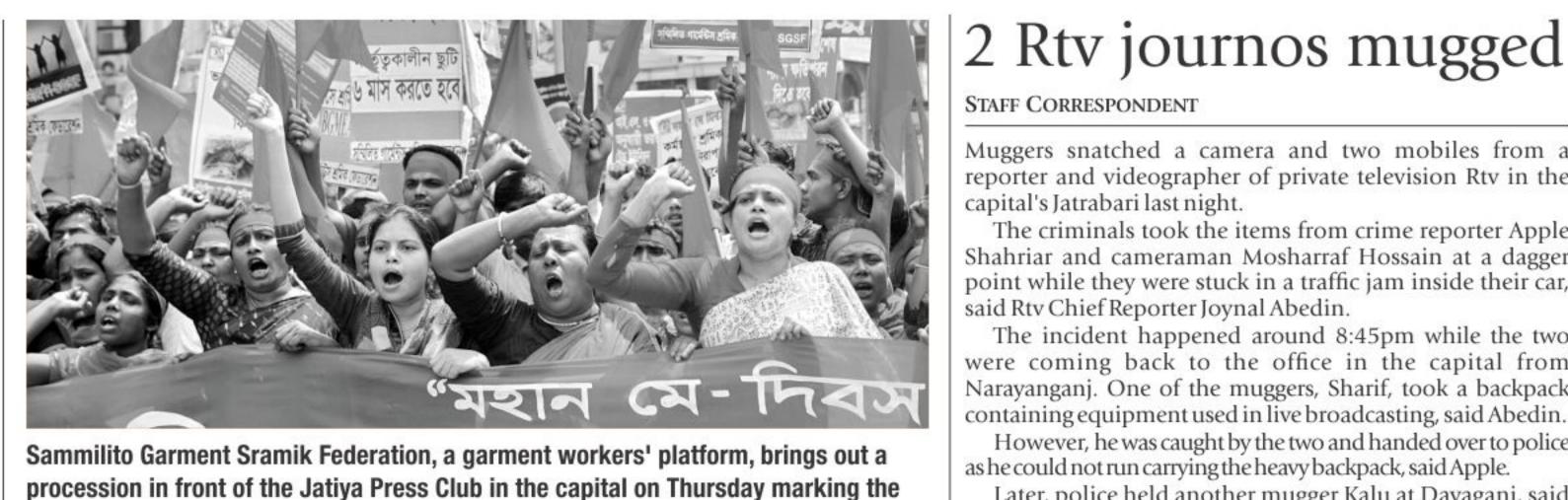
124 Jamaat

FROM PAGE 3

of attacking police.

The arrested are Bablu Mian, Atiar Rahman, Motiar Rahman, Abul Hossain, Anwar Hossain, Mossarraf Hossain, Alfaz Ali, Ferdous Hossain, Badsha Mian, Mokhlesur Rahman, Jeweel and Kamrul Islam.

The arrested were sent to jail yesterday after being produced before the courts concerned.



historic May Day. PHOTO: STAR

Political instability

Bangladesh Navy Intelligence, who would not call the technology in hand sufficient enough for this kind of search.

"However, we are trying to do something and not keeping our ear and eyes shut."

No sign

FROM PAGE 3

Malaysian authorities earlier dismissed the possibility seen by the firm as far-fetched one though the company had claimed that the authorities were "very interested and very excited" by the disclosure.

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ally--a good ally of the United States FROM PAGE 3 South Asia" before a congressional

subcommittee on Wednesday. Desai said the US would keep

pressing Bangladesh to resolve intense feuding but acknowledged that "we haven't seen a tremendous amount of movement."

Steve Chabot, chairman of the Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, House Committee of Foreign Affairs, encouraged sustained effort to encourage political progress in Bangladesh.

"If it's not resolved, I'm afraid the violence is going to escalate and an

and one that has kind of traditionally been looked upon as a model for a moderate Muslim country--could become just the opposite," he said. 'DEMOCRACTIC EVOLUTION AT CROSSROADS'

Separately speaking on the political aspect, an USAID official said the democratic institutions in Bangladesh developed over the past decades were at "risk of backsliding" without a renewed commitment to participatory and inclusive politics.

"Bangladesh has a promising

history of political pluralism, representative institutions, civic engagement and tolerance, but currently finds itself at an important crossroad[s] in its democratic evolution," said Denise Rollins, acting assistant administrator, United States Agency for International Development, Asia Bureau, on Wednesday.

She made the remark while describing how USAID development programmes in India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka and the Maldives address regional challenges.

Fear of unknown causing problems FROM PAGE 3 Born in Kolkata in 1937, Prof Anisuzzaman said.

Indian High Commission in Dhaka organised the felicitation programme to honour Anisuzzaman for his receiving India's third highest civilian award Padma Bhusan. At the event, the Indian envoy,

Pankaj Saran, presented him with an uttorio (scarf).

"I am grateful to one [India] for conferring me the Padma Bhushan, and I am thankful to the other [Indian High Commission in Bangladesh] for arranging this function,"

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English at Dhaka University Syed Manzoorul Islam gave a vivid description of the magnanimity of Anisuzzaman. India's President Pranab Mukherjee

handed over the award to Anisuzzaman on March 31 for his "distinguished service of high order" in the field of Bangla literature and education.

His name was announced on the eve of the 65th Republic Day of India on January 26.

On the occasion, Professor of Anisuzzaman had a distinguished academic career at Dhaka University where he obtained his BA in Bangla literature in 1956, MA in 1957, and PhD in 1962. His publications include Muslim-

manas O Bangla Sahitya, Swaruper Sandhane, Purono Bangla Gadya, Bangali Nari: Sahitye O Samaje, Kal Nirabadhi, and Ihajagatikata O Anyanya.

Anisuzzaman, 77, was awarded the Ekushey Padak by the Bangladesh government in 1985.

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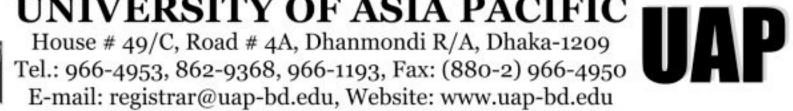
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