

This has happened in broad daylight and on the premises of Dhaka University, the birthplace of all our glorious student movements. We must all work together -- law enforcers, women bodies and the media -- to bring these culprits to book. We call upon all -- victims, eyewitnesses and those who directly know what happened -- to speak out and let the public know the truth. According to the highest standards of journalism we will protect our sources and victims' privacy. We must put an end to sexual violence and make all our public places safe for women. Please contact us at reporting@thedailystar.net and join the war on sexual violence.

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Bank robbers kill 7

Tk 35 lakh looted in bloody daylight heist; mob beats one robber to death

A HEIST OF HORROR

<p>1</p> <p>8 to 10 robbers reach Kathgora Bazar on motorbikes and park 200 yards from the bank around 1:45pm</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Shoot the manager and the armed security guard</p>	<p>6</p> <p>After the heist, some robbers run away and others try to escape on three motorbikes</p>
<p>2</p> <p>They enter the bank around 2:00pm</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Loot money kept in cash counters and ask for the vault key</p>	<p>7</p> <p>People intercept a bike carrying 3 robbers 1km away; one flees, later caught by cops</p>
<p>5</p> <p>Blast grenades and crude bombs to create panic, stab people with sharp weapons</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Mob beats another to death and hands the other over to police</p>	

STAR REPORT

A daring bank heist turned bloody yesterday when robbers shot dead seven people in Ashulia Industrial Area on the outskirts of the capital.

An angry mob later beat to death one of the robbers while they were fleeing with about Tk 35 lakh in broad daylight.

Locals also handed another robber over to the police, while the rest managed to flee. Cops later on caught yet another member of the gang, said Mostafa Kamal, officer-in-charge of Ashulia police.

Police also recovered Tk 5.94 lakh from the two -- Borhan Uddin and Saiful Islam, said the bank's senior vice president.

At least 25 others -- officials, clients and locals -- were injured as the gang of 8-10 opened fire, hurled bombs and attacked them with sharp weapons during the heist and the escape.

Of the wounded, 13 of them bullet-hit, 20 were admitted to Enam Medical College

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2 YEARS OF RANA PLAZA DISASTER

Debate about number of victims not over yet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Even two years after the Rana Plaza collapse, the debate over the total number of unidentified victims rages on.

So far 206 of the dead workers, whose identity was initially unknown, have been identified through DNA tests, the Centre for Policy Dialogue said in a report yesterday.

The government couldn't collect any information about 85 victims. As their identity couldn't be known, their family members didn't qualify for any financial support, said the think tank.

Labour Secretary Mikail Shipar, however, put the number of unidentified victims at 62.

Identity of 166 workers was initially unknown. Of them, 104 have been identified so far, he told this correspondent.

"On the basis of various claims, we are now trying to know about the 62 victims by contacting the local administration offices," said Shipar.

The nine-storey Rana Plaza that housed a number of readymade garment factories collapsed on April 24, MORE ON PAGE 16, B1 SEE PAGE 2 COL 4

BNP, AL sue each other

Home boss blames Khaleda's security staff for instigating Karwan Bazar violence

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two cases of attempted murder have been filed by the Awami League and BNP camps against one another following an attack on Khaleda Zia's motorcade in the capital's Karwan Bazar on Monday.

More than a hundred ruling party men were accused in the case filed by the BNP chief's security chief Maj Gen (ret'd) Fazle Elahi Akbar yesterday.

Almost the same number of BNP men was sued by AL Ward-26 President Jahirul Haque Zillu. The accused include unnamed members of Khaleda's personal security force, the CSE.

The case statement of Fazle Elahi said a group of over 100 people chanting "Joy Bangla" slogan swooped on Khaleda's motorcade with stick, rods and other weapons. They vandalised the BNP chief's private car as well as other vehicles.

A shot was also fired targeting the BNP chief's vehicle, but she was unharmed as it was bullet-proof. The bullet mark was visible on the car, the statement read.

The attack was carried out to kill Khaleda, it said.

The complainant added that six policemen deployed at Khaleda's Gulshan residence were mysteriously withdrawn earlier in the day.

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We are running a series of stories based on interviews of mayoral aspirants ahead of elections to three city corporations in Dhaka and Chittagong. In our earlier stories, the candidates spoke to The Daily Star on their priorities and pledges. This time, we could not reach DSCC mayoral aspirant Mirza Abbas. His wife spoke to us on his behalf and she mainly focused on the campaign challenges.

It's not a problem

Wife says on Abbas' absence in campaign

RASHIDUL HASAN

Mirza Abbas' absence in electioneering will not hurt his mayoral bid, as "the people and voters are with him," claimed Afroza Abbas, wife of the BNP-backed mayoral aspirant in Dhaka South City Corporation.

Afroza is leading the campaign activities on her husband's behalf as Abbas, also a BNP standing committee member, is not appearing in public fearing arrest. He is accused in as many as 60 cases and faces arrest warrant

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Afroza Abbas, wife of Dhaka South's BNP-backed mayoral candidate Mirza Abbas, distributes leaflets among voters during a campaign for her husband in Hussaini Dalan area of Old Dhaka yesterday.

PHOTO: COLLECTED

EC seeks army for four days

Asks govt for deployment on Apr 26

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Election Commission (EC) yesterday asked the government to deploy army for four days from April 26 to work alongside regular law-enforcement agencies during the city polls.

The EC Secretariat last evening sent a letter to the Armed Forces Division, a wing under the Prime Minister's Office, to that end.

"We have requested them to deploy a battalion of military personnel under each city corporation jurisdiction," Deputy Secretary Shamsul Alam of the EC Secretariat told The Daily Star.

A battalion consists of over 700 members of the armed forces.

The armed forces members would discharge duties as "striking force" and "reserved force" to be deployed outside the polling stations, an election commissioner said.

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"Awami League and Chhatra League goons are involved in the bank robbery in Ashulia."

KHALEDA ZIA WHILE CAMPAIGNING IN SHANTINAGAR LAST EVENING.

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SEXUAL ASSAULT

No headway in probe

Protests continue

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Protest against the sexual assault on women during the Pahela Baishakh celebrations on the Dhaka University campus continued yesterday with police yet to make any headway in identifying the culprits even a week after the incident.

Students of Dhaka University and activists of different student organisations and cultural platforms staged protest on the campus yesterday. Such programmes were reported from several districts, including Dinajpur and Manikganj, as well.

Initially, the media reported that about 20 women were sexually assaulted by some 30 to 40 rowdy youths during the Pahela Baishakh celebrations on the DU campus.

But after scrutinising an hour-long footage of a CCTV camera, The Daily Star found that the actual number of victims could be much higher.

Yesterday, Bangladesh Chhatra Union submitted a memorandum to the home ministry, demanding immediate arrest of the offenders and proper investigation into the alleged negligence of on-duty police personnel.

As per the scheduled programme, leaders and activists of the student organisation gathered at Dhaka University around 11:00am and started marching towards the Secretariat to submit the memorandum.

When the procession reached the Jatiya Press Club, PHOTO ON PAGE 5 SEE PAGE 2 COL 1

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Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim

Shazneen Tasnim Rahman

SHAZNEEN'S 17TH DEATH ANNIVERSARY
APRIL 23, 2015

We miss her with every breath we take. We pray for her everyday of our lives. However once a year, on 23rd April, we want to pray for Shazneen together with all of you - who have stood by us, held our hands and shared our pain of that terrible night of unfathomable brutality that befell our beloved Shazneen and took her away from us when she was but a child of 15.

Shazneen's anniversary of death is a day for our collective remembrance and renewal of bonds between family and friends. We have accepted everything as a part of Divine Design and continue to go by His Will. But it has been a hurting and excruciating journey, to share whose pain we call you all once a year to pray with us to The Almighty to grant Shazneen Eternal Peace and help us gather strength to carry on with our lives.

So, once again, we humbly invite you to join us at a Milad-Mehfil to be held on **Thursday, April 23, 2015 after Asr (5:30pm)** at House No. NE(J)-4, Road 83, Gulshan - 2, Dhaka - 1212.

Latifur Rahman, Shahnaz Rahman and family

Wednesday, April 22, 2015