

Mob beats four 'robbers' to death

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Four alleged robbers were killed in a mob beating in Faridpur Sadar upazila early yesterday.
The incident happened around 4:30am after the alleged gang of eight to 10 robbers looted five houses at Char Madhabdia union in the upazila, reports a Faridpur correspondent, quoting police and locals.
Police recovered the bodies but identities of the deceased, aged between 30 and 35, could not be known.
Tuhinur Rahman, chairman of Char Madhabdia union, said the robbers looted five houses at Chowdhuryganga village in the early hours of yesterday.
Hearing screams of the family members, villagers rushed there and chased the "bandits", he said, adding that

locals managed to catch two of them at Chowdhurykanda and two others at Azhar Mandalar Dangi under Ishan Gopalpur union.
The villagers gave them a good thrashing, leaving them dead on the spot, he said. Incidents of robbery increased in recent times, the chairman added.
Four villagers were also injured when the robbers attacked them with sharp weapons. They received treatment at a local hospital.
Kamruzzaman, additional superintendent of police in Faridpur, said the four died due to mob beating. Police recovered a pistol, three bullets and a mobile phone SIM card from the spot.
All the deceased were members of an organised gang of robbers, Kamruzzaman claimed before reports

our Kushtia correspondent.
Faridpur Sadar Police Station Officer-in-Charge Nazim Uddin said police recovered the bodies around 9:00am.
According to human rights organisation Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK), at least 69 people were killed in mob beating in the first six months of this year, while 127 died in 2014, 128 in 2013 and 126 in 2012.
Mob killings continue unabated in the country, as the offenders seldom face trial in a society that seems to be plagued by a culture of impunity, say rights activists.
People's lack of respect for law and their growing distrust of law enforcement agencies for alleged corruption and discriminatory application of laws are also major reasons behind extrajudicial killings, they say.

Poland won't accept refugees

PARIS ATTACK AFTERMATHS
AFP, Warsaw
Poland will not take in refugees under a hotly contested EU programme to distribute them among member states because of the Paris attacks, the country's incoming European affairs minister said on Saturday.
"The European Council's decisions, which we criticised, on the relocation of refugees and immigrants to all EU countries are part of European law," Konrad Szymanski wrote on right-leaning website wPolityce.pl.
But "after the tragic events of Paris we do not see the political possibility of respecting them," he said.
"Poland must retain complete control of its borders, as well as its asylum and migration policy," Szymanski insisted.
Szymanski, who is to take the European affairs portfolio in conservative Prime Minister-designate Beata Szydlo's new government, said Friday's attacks in Paris were "directly" connected both to the migrant crisis as well as French involvement in air strikes on Islamic State positions.
He said Warsaw wanted to see the "revisiting of European policy in response to the migration crisis."
Incoming foreign minister Witold Waszczykowski added his voice to Polish concerns, saying Europe needed to "approach in a different fashion the Muslim community living in Europe which hates this continent and wishes to destroy it."

Political side ignored

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interests were at play behind the incident," he told The Daily Star yesterday.
"With the kind of political blessings Nur Hossain enjoys, he can run his drug racket and unleash terror in Narayanganj from inside the jail, if justice was not ensured."
It was Shahidul who stunningly alleged that Nur bribed some Rab officials Tk 6 crore to kill Nazrul, who was then the city's panel mayor.
Narayanganj lawmaker Shamim Osman's name came up on many occasions since the gruesome killings last year. But his name was not in the charge sheet.
Asked about this, Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal said Shamim Osman would face trial if he was found to have a hand in the murders.
"If he is not guilty, why will he be put on trial? But he must face trial if he is found guilty," he told a private television.
The government extradited Nur Hossain from India on Thursday night, about one and half years after he had fled the country following the incident. He was arrested in West Bengal in June for trespassing and carrying an illegal firearm.
The prime accused of the sensational case is now in Dhaka Central Jail.
Nazrul, his driver and three associates, and lawyer Chandan Sarker and his driver were abducted by some Rab men from Narayanganj Link Road around the same time on April 27 last year. Their bodies were found floating in the Shitalakkhya river a few days later.
Nazrul's widow Selina Islam filed a murder case with Fatullah Police Station accusing six people. Five of them, except Nur, were dropped from the charge sheet submitted by the

detectives on April 8 this year.
The five are Hasmat Ali Hasu; Hazi Yasin Mia, general secretary of Siddhirganj upazila Awami League; Aminul Islam, Anwar and Iqbal Hossain. They all are known associates of Nur Hossain.
Three sacked Rab officials -- Lt Col Tareque Sayeed Mohammad, Maj Arif Hossain and Lt Commander MM Rana -- who allegedly executed the killings in exchange for money, are now behind bars and have been named as top accused in the charge sheet.
On May 11, plaintiff Selina filed a no-confidence petition with a Narayanganj court against the charge sheet and sought its directive to appoint Criminal Investigation Department or any other law enforcement agency, except the DB, to re-investigate the case.
The court, however, on July 8 rejected the plea and accepted charges against the 35 people. It also issued arrest warrants for 13 fugitives, including eight Rab members.
Selina's counsel Sakhawat Hossain yesterday said they would move the higher court against the rejection of their no-confidence petition.
An investigator, however, claimed that the charge sheet they had submitted was based on evidence and their findings.
Those who were dropped from it had no connection with the killing. "They were implicated in the case as Nazrul had personal enmity and business rivalry with them," said the detective, wishing not to be named.
'Nur Hossain seems relaxed'
Dhaka Central Jail sources said, Nur Hossain seemed relaxed and calm.
None had gone to meet him in jail as of yesterday afternoon, they said.
He didn't seem tensed at all even when he was produced before a Narayanganj court on Friday.

Int'l publishers for end to killers' impunity

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The International Alliance of Independent Publishers has called on the Bangladesh government not to allow "a climate of violence to further spread in the country" by putting an end to the impunity for the perpetrators of the recent killings of writers and publishers.
The alliance that represents 400 independent publishers from 45 countries in a press release made the call days after the double attack on two publishers of secular writer-blogger Avijit Roy.
Other publishers, authors, bloggers and booksellers live under threat because of their criticism of religious extremism, it said.
Unidentified assailants hacked to death Faisal Arefin Dipan of Jagriti Prokashoni and critically injured Shuddhoswar's Ahmedur Rashid Tutul in the city on October 31. Avijit was hacked to death on Dhaka University campus on February 26.
Denouncing the murderous attacks and assault on freedom of speech and publishing, the alliance said it "reaffirms the essential role needing to be played by public authorities, in Bangladesh and throughout the world, to enable the emancipation of its citizens and to guarantee a public space conducive to dialogue and peace."
"Plurality and diversity of ideas constitute the foundation of democracy. It is urgent that the Bangladeshi government protect and support actors of the book industry, thus safeguarding the foundations necessary to their work and freedom of speech."
The alliance also conveyed its warm thoughts to the victims' family, friends and "stands in solidarity with all the book professionals who suffer all kinds of intimidations in Bangladesh".

'Blood everywhere'

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It was a joke on behalf of the band. I thought they were maybe playing a joke on us. And I didn't actually believe it," she told local outlet France24. "And the shots kept going and going and going, and people started screaming and people started ducking, you know, hiding behind the seats and the chairs. And that's when we realized we had to get out."
More than 129 people were murdered on Friday during a string of attacks throughout eastern Paris. Hostages were taken inside the venue, but Ms Watson and many others escaped through the safety exit.
"We were in the stairwell ... and they opened the doors... and we all ran out in the middle of the street escaping for our safety... I saw a few people down, I saw some blood, I saw someone who was shot in the leg. But I don't think I saw anyone properly down, but it was quite horrible. I'm only realizing it now to be honest."
Police rushed the building after some time, as the men killed more than 100 of the hostages inside. They would ultimately kill the attackers, along with two others who attacked the capital.
Marc Coupris, another witness, said the he was sure that he would be killed.

"It was carnage. It looked like a battlefield. There was blood everywhere. There were bodies everywhere. I was at the far side of the hall when shooting began. There seemed to be at least two gunmen," he told the Guardian. "They shot from the balcony. I saw my final hour unfold before me, I thought this was the end. I thought I'm finished, I'm finished. I was terrified. We must all have thought the same. Eventually, when a few gendarmes came in slowly we began to look up and there was blood absolutely everywhere. The police told us to run."
Julien Pierce said that the attack lasted ten to 15 minutes.
"Two or three people, unmasked, started shooting Kalachikov-type rifles blindly into the crowd," he told Europe 1 radio. "It lasted for ten or 15 minutes. It was very violent. People surged towards the stage. People were trampled. The gunmen seemed very young."
Julien Pearce, told CNN that the scene lasted 10 horrific minutes.
"It was a bloodbath. People yelled, screamed. It lasted for 10 minutes," she said. "Ten horrific minutes where everybody was on the floor covering their head. They didn't shout anything. They were shooting people on the floor."

HeartBuds

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just as well -- or better -- than traditional stethoscopes, but they are more sanitary," said David Bello, chief of cardiology at Orlando Health, who developed HeartBuds.
"And because they incorporate smartphone technology, we can now record, store and share those sounds as well. This could change the way we approach patient exams in the future," Bello said.
The stethoscope was invented in 1816 by French physician Rene Laennec, and has essentially remained unchanged since. But on the eve of its 200th anniversary, the emergence of this new technology could mark the beginning of the end for this medical mainstay.
With HeartBuds, doctors use a small, portable plastic listening device shaped much like the head of a traditional stethoscope.
Instead of being attached to a Y-shaped tube that feeds into the doctor's ears, this device is plugged into a smartphone.
When the app is activated, sounds from the hand-held device can be played through the smartphone speaker and images appear on the screen showing rhythmic blips that correspond with each sound.

Govt to pitch

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The government will highlight the infrastructure needs at the BDF but it does not expect to receive the full amount from the development partners, he said.
The private sector, banks and public-private partnerships, will chip in to help meet the infrastructure gap.
Bangladesh currently invests two to three percent of its gross domestic product in the infrastructure sector. But it needs to invest 10 percent of GDP, meaning an amount in the neighbourhood of \$15 billion will be needed every year.
"At the moment, this is not possible," Mejbahuddin said.
Jin Liqun, the president-designate of the new China-led Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, will participate in the BDF meet.
The ERD secretary said the government was hopeful that the infrastructure-focused AIB would be of big help in meeting its annual needs for the sector.
Janina Jaruzelski, co-chair of the Local Consultative Group, a forum for development dialogue and donor coordination, said the development partners were looking forward to fruitful discussions on how they can support Bangladesh to become a middle-income country by 2021.
Not only that, the development partners are fully committed to helping the government implement the next five-year plan and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.
They will support Bangladesh in building its infrastructure sector for ensuring economic progress, decent working environment and combating the affects of climate change.

ISIS claims responsibility

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involvement in the US-led coalition bombing its militants in Iraq and Syria.
An audio message was also released in English of the same statement, read by a supporter speaking with an American accent.
"A group of believers from the soldiers of the Caliphate set out targeting the capital of prostitution and vice, the leader carrier of the cross in Europe, Paris," he said.
"They divorced worldly life and advanced towards their enemy hoping to killed for Allah's sake... and his allies. "Allah granted victory upon their hands and cast terror into the hearts of the crusaders in their very own homeland."
Isis' statement said eight "brothers" were armed with assault rifles and wearing explosives belts that they detonated when their ammunition ran out.
Saying the targets were "precisely chosen", the group described the sold-out Eagles of Death Metal gig where the majority of victims were shot dead as the "hundreds of pagans gathered for a concert of prostitution and vice".
Isis noted Francois Hollande's presence in the Stade de France for the football match between Germany and France, where two suicide bombers detonated their vests.
The statement continued: "Let France and all nations following its path know that they will continue to be at the top of the target list for the Islamic State and that the scent of death will not leave their nostrils as long as they partake part in the crusader campaign... and boast about their war against Islam in France, and their strikes against Muslims in the lands of the Caliphate with their jets."

Mohsin Ali's wife likely to be elected uncontested

MOULVIBAZAR-3 BY-POLLS
OUR CORRESPONDENT, Moulvibazar
Saira Mohsin, wife of late social welfare minister Syed Mohsin Ali, is likely to be elected unopposed in the by-election to Moulvibazar-3 constituency scheduled to be held on December 8.
Moulvibazar district election officer Istafizul Haque told The Daily Star that nomination of four candidates, out of five, would be cancelled as they failed to submit the required documents properly. He said only Saira Mohsin had properly submitted all necessary documents.
Candidates whose nominations have been cancelled are Bangladesh Jatiyatibadi Front candidate Md Ashraf Hosain, Jatiya Party (Ershad) candidate Syed Nurul Haque and independent candidates Suhel Ahmed and Khurshed Alam.
The district election office will make an official statement in this regard after November 23, the last date of withdrawal of candidacy.
The candidates, however, can appeal to the election commission office in Dhaka for a reconsideration of their nominations.

DNCC plans to build

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Newaz and SM Salehuddin, chief adviser of M/S Humayara Enterprise, he mentioned, adding that the firm will present the report to the DNCC on November 26.
Speaking at a discussion in the city's Mohammadpur last month, DNCC Mayor Anisul Huq said the corporation embarked on an initiative to build U-shaped loops in the capital to reduce traffic congestion.
The DNCC official said arranging land for the loops would be the main challenge for the corporation as most of the land along the road is owned by different government authorities.
Light vehicles like cars and minibuses will use 12 loops to be built near Kohinur chemical, under the Mohakhali flyover, Chairman Bari, Banani graveyard, Rajlaxmi Complex in Uttara, House Building, Tongi College Gate, Abdullahpur bus stop, Board Bazar, Open University, Gazipur and Matshya Khamar (Gacha road).
For large vehicles like buses and trucks, there will be 10 loops near Satrasta intersection, Mohakhali Bus

New protest

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"The main reasons why we oppose the construction are the volume of emission of carbon-dioxide, nitrogen, sulphur dioxide, and fly ash into the environment," he said.
To garner public support against the plant, the committee will hold a long march from Dhaka to Rampal from March 10-15, next year. Rallies and other programmes will be held at all divisional towns from today to inform people about the issue, the committee leaders added.

'Attack on all of humanity'

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share," Obama said in an address at the White House.
"We're going to do whatever it takes to work with the French people and with nations around the world to bring these terrorists to justice and to go after any terrorist networks that go after our people."
In London, where 52 people were killed and hundreds wounded in a series of coordinated suicide bombings in 2005, British Prime Minister David Cameron said, "We will do whatever we can to help."
Jose Manuel Garcia Margallo, the foreign minister of Spain, where 191 people were killed in train bombings in 2004, raised the specter of a jihadist attack.
"All of this confirms that we are facing an unprecedented challenge, a hugely cruel challenge," he told public television TVE.
The European Union called for a minute's silence to be held tomorrow for the victims of the attacks.
"We Europeans will all remember November 13th 2015 as a European day of mourning," it said.
Pope Francis expressed his profound distress and solidarity with the casualties. "There cannot be justification, religious or human" for the attacks, he said.
Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, whose country was hit by two

Climate change

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up to 96 percent of the Sundarbans.
Between 20 and 25 percent of the country becomes inundated each year due to drainage issues and river overflowing, the report added, citing the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief.
Though Bangladesh has made commendable progress in building awareness of adaptation regarding natural disasters, the country still remains vulnerable to river erosion, drought and flooding as a consequence of climate change, said Dr Mi Zhou, a researcher of PraxisLabs of Hong Kong.
Foreign Secretary Md Shahidul Haque and NRC Asia Head Adam Combs, among others, also spoke at the programme moderated by ActionAid Country Director Farah Kabir.

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Elsewhere in Asia, where people woke up to the news from Paris, Foreign Minister Vivian Balakrishnan of Singapore, which raised its alert level, said "this is a terrible assault on a beautiful city with warm, cheerful, hospitable people".
Philippine President Benigno Aquino's government, which is preparing to host the annual Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit on November 18-19, said the Paris attacks demanded "heightened security from all of us".
Chinese President Xi Jinping spoke of "these tragic times for the French people" as he condemned "in the strongest ways this barbarous act."
In New York, One World Trade Center, the skyscraper built on the site of the September 11 attacks of 2001, was illuminated in blue, white and red in tribute to the French flag.
"We are reminded in this time of tragedy that the bonds of liberte, egalite, fraternite are not just the values French people share, but we share," Obama said in Washington, referencing the French national motto.
"Those go far beyond any act of terrorism or the hateful vision of those who perpetrated the crimes this evening."