

Three 'robbers' killed by mob in Hatiya

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three suspected robbers were beaten to death and another three critically injured by a mob at Noakhali's Hatiya late last night.

The incident took place around 11:00pm, and the dead could not be identified immediately, said Officer-in-Charge Anisul Haque of Hatiya Police Station.

Quoting locals, he said the six people arrived at Chairman Ghat in a trawler.

Hatiya, being surrounded by rivers, is no stranger to robbery.

When the locals saw a group of strangers getting off a boat at that hour, they grew suspicious and then confronted them.

The six first introduced them as coast guards but started running away once they saw the crowd was getting bigger, the OC continued.

Locals chased them down and beat them up. Three of the suspected robbers, all believed to be aged between 30 and 40, died on the spot.

The other three were then taken to a local hospital.

"Their conditions are stated to be critical by doctors at the hospital," said OC Anisul.

People recovered some homemade sharp weapons from the trawler used by the robbery suspects, he added.

Lone survivor

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A navigator by profession, Vladimir of Ukraine said he has been working for True Aviation Limited for three years and two months. "I don't know when will I come round and go back to my country, to my family," he said.

"I wish I could go back home at once but how could I?" Vladimir said showing the bandages.

Vladimir has his wife and three children in his country. "My wife and children are very anxious about me," he said, adding, "I talked to them over phone after the accident and told them not to be worried but my wife and children were crying."

Showing the attendants he said, "I have some very good friends here and I assured my family members that they need not come here."

Some staff of the aviation company and a volunteer Kaiser Hamid were seen taking care of him round the clock.

Kaiser, who hails from Cox's Bazar, said he had been serving people in hospitals voluntarily for five years.

Kaiser said Vladimir was supposed to be shifted to a Dhaka hospital today for better treatment. Doctors said he might need surgeries in the legs and they were waiting for the stability of the patient's health.

Dr Mishma Islam of the orthopedic ward said, "We cannot say he is out of danger at this moment."

Bound for Jessore, the aircraft of the aviation company carrying shrimp crashed into the bay near Sonadia island, about nine kilometres off Cox's Bazar coast on Wednesday, killing three of its four crew members and injuring Vladimir.

Good cholesterol

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But they also had an 80% increased risk of heart disease - that is roughly the same increased risk as for smoking. Further experiments showed the mutation was preventing HDL from dumping the fat it had collected in the liver for processing.

Prof Adam Butterworth, one of the researchers from the University of Cambridge, told the BBC News website: "This is significant because we had always believed that good cholesterol is associated with a lower risk of heart disease."

"This is one of the first studies to show that some people that have high levels of 'good' cholesterol actually have a higher risk of heart disease so it challenges our conventional wisdom about whether 'good' cholesterol is protecting people from heart disease or not."

There have been huge efforts put into drugs to raise HDL in the hope they have the same impact as statins, which lower the bad cholesterol.

Prof Butterworth warned that drugs aimed simply at "trying to raise HDL may not be that useful".

He said the size of different HDL particles or how good they are at transporting may be more important than the overall levels.

While the researchers have questioned the importance of boosting levels of HDL cholesterol, they insist it still remains a valuable tool for predicting the risk of a heart attack.

Policeman shoots

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The third floor of a six-storey building around 11:45am to collect the bills, Tk 300 a month, due for four months. He asked the ASI to pay the dues to avoid disconnection.

"The man [Shamim] initially said he already paid the dues, but later claimed that he had handed over the money to the caretaker of the building. As I was going down the stairs to talk to the caretaker, he followed me to the ground floor," the victim told The Daily Star.

As caretaker Gias Uddin denied receiving any money from the ASI, Al Amin again requested him to pay the dues. Incensed, the cop slapped Al Amin.

When the youth protested the behaviour, the cop took out a gun from his waist and shot Al Amin. The youth ducked to escape the bullet which pierced his skin on his back.

Police constable Anwar Hossain, a resident of the building, took the injured to a nearby clinic. Later, he received treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

A three-member committee, formed by the DMP to probe the incident, has been asked to submit its report within seven working days, said Mofiz Uddin Ahmed, deputy commissioner of DMP (Lalbagh Division).

The victim filed a case with Khilgaon Police Station in this regard.

Police believe the ASI used his official pistol in the shooting.

Kazi Mainul Islam, officer-in-charge of the police station, said they would send the seized pistol to the authorities concerned for ballistic tests to determine whether it was used in the shooting.

Ministry informs

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Airport failed to meet some international security requirements.

In a letter to Hasina on Tuesday, Cameron called for a visible improvement of airport security by March 31 to avoid further measures like banning of direct Biman flights from Dhaka to London.

Highly placed sources said Hasina in the letter to Cameron would elaborate on the steps already implemented to improve airport security.

Hasina might also seek extension of the deadline for the implementation of a comprehensive work plan for achieving visible improvement, the sources added.

Amid fear of further bans, the minister and secretary to the ministry have decided to spend part of their office hours at the airport every day until March 31 for quick implementation of a plan agreed by Bangladesh and the UK.

Menon said he would visit the airport today, despite it being a weekly holiday, to monitor the activities.

Tamim shines

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clipping the ball over the vacant square-leg boundary and then hit the next through the line for an effortless four. In the next over the left-hander executed an immaculately-timed six over long-on followed by an exquisite four through extra-cover.

Bangladesh by that time raced to 33 for no loss. Soumya Sarker hammered a few boundaries at the other end, but it was absolutely a Tamim show. Tamim then greeted the Irish off-spinner with an effortless six down the wicket. Soumya tried to do a la Tamim but got stumped for 20 off 13 balls.

The reverse sweep is not a shot Tamim likes, but when you are on song nothing is impossible. So, a reverse sweep against a left-arm spinner for four. Reprieved at 37, Tamim raced to 47 off 26 balls with the help of six sixes and three fours. His dismissal was an anticlimax -- caught at short midwicket while trying to hit it over the boundary. Bangladesh were then at 94 for two and as Tamim started walking back to the dressing room, the weather gods who held their breath for a while decided to intervene irrevocably, perhaps sensing that they have got the full value of what they wished for.

Bangladesh were perhaps denied a victory and had to be content with three points from two games going

into the last match against Oman, on equal points, tomorrow.

But it was a perfect start for Bangladesh and captain Mashrafe Bin Mortaza said that it was a kind of start they need to be more competitive against top teams.

"I think it was the best start for us in a T20 game. We had always wished for this kind of start. Unfortunately we could not get this kind of start against India in the Asia Cup final. If we had this kind of start against them in a similar situation, it could have been a different story," said the Bangladesh captain at the post-match briefing.

He also lauded Tamim's innings.

Asked if the washout was a bit disappointing for his team, Mashrafe said that they would have liked to have a full game. It could have been good for his batsmen. He also said that even a victory could have meant little as far as the question of progressing into the Super Ten.

"We know we will have to beat Oman in our final game to win a place in the Super Ten. True, we have not played against them before, but I don't think it will be a big problem if we act professionally," said a confident Tigers skipper.

IS expanding in Libya, fuelling arms race

AFP, United Nations

The Islamic State group has significantly expanded its control over Libya, fuelling demand by the country's warring parties for more arms to confront the threat, UN experts have told the Security Council.

IS has successfully recruited young men from local tribes, offering them protection and benefits but it has also enlisted military officers from the former regime of Moamer Gaddafi, said the report by the panel of experts who report to a UN sanctions committee.

IS jihadists have cemented their hold on the coastal city of Sirte, wiping out opposition and the group is "currently the most significant political and military actor in the region," said the report which was submitted to the council on Wednesday.

IS files probably

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counter this threat", she added.

Sky News said the files contained 22,000 names, addresses, telephone numbers and family contacts of jihadists.

It said the documents came from a man called Abu Hamed, an IS fighter who said he had become disillusioned with the group's leadership and stolen a memory stick from the head of the IS internal security force before handing it over in Turkey.

Stefan Kornelius, foreign editor of Germany's Sueddeutsche Zeitung newspaper, told the BBC the paper had obtained the documents from a "trusted source".

"It gives some proof on the state of Isis [IS] right now, since many of those members and those being close to the terrorist group are trying to make money, quite honestly, because obviously the Isis is in a desperate financial state," he said.

Some of the papers are stamped Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant, which pre-dates the rebranding to Islamic State in June 2014.

Analysts say IS is known to be

bureaucratic, so such lists may not be surprising.

Zaman Al-Wasl published the details of 1,736 IS members, based on leaked data it first reported in January.

It said the files contained 22,000 names but most had turned out to be duplicates. It was not immediately clear if the website's data matched the files obtained by German and UK media.

Shashank Joshi, a senior research fellow at the Royal United Services Institute think-tank, told the Press Association the papers could be "incredibly important".

He said: "It is a law enforcement gold mine. It means it might make it easier to prosecute those who have returned."

IS, a fundamentalist Sunni Muslim group, is notorious for its brutal methods in gaining territory in Iraq and Syria.

It claimed a number of devastating gun and bomb attacks outside the region in 2015, notably the attacks on Paris and downing of a Russian airliner over Egypt.

Fifty Khasi families in uncertainty

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Lukas Bahadur, headman of Pallathal Punji, told this correspondent that around 300 acres of land, where Khasis cultivate betel leaf, would be taken.

"Although India is erecting a barbed wire fence on its part along our betel leaf garden, our officials are not doing anything to stop them," he alleged.

The betel leaf garden is the lone source of income for the 50 Khasi families comprising around 250 people. The families living at the hillocks in the upazila are passing days amid worry over losing the land they had been living on for centuries.

As part of the 1974 Land Boundary Agreement (LBA), Bangladesh will give India 2,777 acres of adversely possessed land and get 2,267 acres in exchange. The land is in the bordering areas of India's Assam, Tripura, Meghalaya, and West Bengal states.

The Pallathal area in Barlekha, bordering Assam and Meghalaya, consists of adversely possessed land. It includes

300 acres of homestead and cultivable land of the Khasi and Garo people.

Lukas Bahadur said, "Our land was excluded in the 1974 survey, but India claimed the land [more than 300 acres] in 2011. Now they are setting up a fence blocking the main entrance to the garden. I've already informed the local administration about this, but they refused to help us and said the order came from higher authorities."

He claimed that this piece of land was never a part of India.

Villager Siang Bereh, 70, told this correspondent that it was better to die than to leave their homesteads.

"I want to die on my ancestral land. If the government does not understand the reality of the situation, what can we do? I would rather die than give up our ancestral land," he said, with tears trickling down his cheeks.

Indigenous people, rights activists, politicians, and environmentalists demanded that the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) investi-

gate the matter and submit a report to the government, he added.

Contacted, Ehsanul Haque Kabir, surveyor of the Pallathal border area, said it was the decision of the higher authorities.

Sanjeeb Drong, general secretary of Bangladesh Adivasi Forum, said though the LBA spoke of thorough consultation with the people affected before drafting the agreement, officials of neither country talked to the Khasi people of Pallathal.

A high level committee comprising representatives of the government and the civil society should immediately visit the Pallathal Punji, he said.

Sanjeeb demanded that a state level dialogue between high officials of two countries be held to address the issue.

"The Khasi and the Garo people want to stay in their own land. They do not know about the agreement and neither are they aware that their cultivable land would be under Indian possession," he added.

Saarc Youth Action Plan finalised

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The other members have also decided to approve the Youth Charter in their respective countries' cabinets before the meet.

Diplomatic sources said the Youth Charter would also provide a conducive and positive environment of future activities and programmes for youths in the region, including youth exchanges and volunteerism.

The Youth Charter, which also aims at promoting health, well-being, rights and potentials of youths, also expects to use the knowledge of the youths in national development and provide employment opportunities for all utilising their skills productively.

The 16th SAARC Summit held on April 28-29, 2010 in Thimphu, Bhutan in its Silver Jubilee Declaration styled "Towards a Green and Happy South Asia" directed development of a SAARC Youth Action Plan.

Nepalese Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli is set to open the Council of Ministers meeting, which will also review a wide range of common issues including connectivity, development, trade and tourism.

Nepal, the current chair of SAARC, hosted the 18th Summit on November 26-27, 2014.

The meeting will be preceded by meetings of SAARC Programming Committee and Standing Committee on March 14-15 and 16 respectively.

The inter-summit is generally held halfway between the two summits where the foreign ministers review progress made since the last summit and come up with necessary feedback to address the outstanding issues.

An ambitious 36-point Kathmandu Declaration was announced by the Kathmandu Summit that included regional cooperation in areas of trade, investment, migrant-labour issues as well as tackling terrorism, promoting linkages, connectivity and tourism along with sharing technologies.

However, the diplomatic sources said most of these decisions have not yet gained any shape.

The Motor Vehicle and Railway Service agreements, which were supposed to be finalised within three months of the Kathmandu summit, have yet to be decided as some member states say they have yet to clear their internal procedures.

A four-nation sub-regional group within the SAARC -- Bangladesh,

Bhutan, India and Nepal (BBIN) -- has meanwhile signed a Motor Vehicle Agreement, which is expected to be fully operational anytime soon.

All issues mentioned in the Kathmandu Declaration will be reviewed thoroughly including the launch of a SAARC communications satellite, which was announced by Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi as a gift from India to her neighbours.

The South Asian foreign ministers are also expected to discuss the date of the 19th SAARC Summit scheduled to be held in Pakistan.

Foreign ministry sources said Pakistan has proposed three alternative dates for the summit in November this year. The proposed dates are November 10-11, November 17-18 and November 24-25.

Diplomatic sources said most of the member states have already conveyed their chosen date for the summit to Pakistan through the SAARC Secretariat.

However, Bangladesh has not yet informed Pakistan anything about it. Officials are expecting that Bangladesh would contact the SAARC Secretariat soon about the matter, said sources.

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Invitation for Bids (IFB)
for Procurement of "Anesthesia Equipment & Accessories"
Health, Population & Nutrition Sector Development Program (HPNSDP)
Credit No. 4954-BD

IFB No. CMSD/G-1504/ICB/2015-2016/D-3/ 47 **Date: 09-03-2016**

- This Invitation for Bids follows the General Procurement Notice for this Project that appeared in UNDB; issue no 803 of 31 July 2011
- The People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a credit from the International Development Association & grants from development partners toward the cost of Health, Population & Nutrition Sector Development Program (HPNSDP), and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this credit to payments under the Contract for **Procurement of "Anesthesia Equipment & Accessories"**.
- The Director (Stores & Supplies), & Line Director, Procurement, Logistics & Supplies Management, DGHS, Central Medical Stores Depot (CMSD), Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208, now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for supply of **"Anesthesia Equipment & Accessories"** as follows:

Lot No.	Brief Description of Goods	Quantity	Delivery Location	Delivery Period
Lot-1	1. Anesthesia Machine & Pulse Oxymetter	16 Nos.	Final Destination (project site) as specified in BDS At (CMSD)	To be delivered on or before 16 weeks after signing of the contract/ Opening of L/C. Any offer of delivery beyond 16 weeks will be treated as non-responsive.
	2. Anesthesia Machine	01 Nos.		
Lot-2	1. Anesthesia Machine, with ventilator	25 Nos.	Final Destination (project site) as specified in BDS At (CMSD)	To be delivered on or before 16 weeks after signing of the contract/ Opening of L/C. Any offer of delivery beyond 16 weeks will be treated as non-responsive.
	1. Anesthesia Ventilator	03 Nos.		
Lot-3	2. Ventilator, ICU	42 Nos.	Final Destination (project site) as specified in BDS At (CMSD)	To be delivered on or before 16 weeks after signing of the contract/ Opening of L/C. Any offer of delivery beyond 16 weeks will be treated as non-responsive.
	3. Ventilator, transport	02 Nos.		
	1. Nebulizer machine	09 Nos.		
Lot-4	2. Pulse Oxymetter	102 Nos.	Final Destination (project site) as specified in BDS At (CMSD)	To be delivered on or before 16 weeks after signing of the contract/ Opening of L/C. Any offer of delivery beyond 16 weeks will be treated as non-responsive.
	3. Infusion Pump	02 Nos.		
	4. Syringe Pump	22 Nos.		

- Bidding will be conducted through the International Competitive Bidding (ICB) procedures specified in the World Bank's Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits, and is open to all bidders from Eligible Source Countries as defined in the Guidelines.
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Office of the Director (Stores & Supplies), & Line Director, Procurement, Logistics and Supplies Management, DGHS, Central Medical Stores Depot (CMSD), Tejgaon, Dhaka-1208 and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from 9:00 to 17:00 **Hours Bangladesh Standard Time (BST=GMT+6 hrs.)**. The bidding document is also available at the CMSD website (<http://www.dghs.gov.bd/index.php/bd/dghs-tender>). However, the web version of the document is for information purpose only.
- Qualifications requirements include:**
 - Liquid Asset or working capital or credit facility or their combination**
At least the amount of liquid asset or working capital or credit facility or their combination mentioned below: **Lot-1 BDT.50,00,000 or USD 62,500, Lot-2 BDT.3,00,00,000 or USD 3,75,000 Lot-3 BDT. 3,45,00,000 or USD 4,31,000, & Lot-4 BDT.60,00,000 or USD 75,000** or equivalent in any freely convertible currency(ies)
 - General Experience:**
The Bidder (in case of JV, each partner) should have at least five (5) years of general experience in supplying similar goods i.e. any medical equipment (i.e. years counting backward from the date of IFB publication).
 - Specific Experience:**
The Bidder (in case of JV, each partner) will at-least have experience of supplying similar medical equipment having value mentioned below in not more than two contracts within the last five (5) years (i.e. years counting backward from the date of IFB publication): **Lot-1 BDT.60,00,000 or USD 75,000, Lot-2 BDT.3,50,00,000 or USD 4,38,000, Lot-3 BDT.4,00,00,000 or USD 5,00,000 & Lot-4 BDT.75,00,000 or USD 94,000** or equivalent in any freely convertible currency (ies).
 - (iv) Manufacturer has manufactured and marketed the specific goods of each lot for at least last three (3) years, and for similar Goods (any medical equipment) for at least last five (5) years [years counting backward from the date of bid submission deadline];**
 - (v) The manufacturer should have annual manufacturing capacity of the items of three (3) times the offered quantities as per the schedule of requirement**
 - (vi) Additional details are provided in the Bidding Documents.**
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of BDT 4,000 or USD 50 only. The method of payment will be in Pay Order from any scheduled Bank in Bangladesh. The Bidding Documents will be delivered from the counter of CMSD to the bidders or their authorized representative. For overseas delivery, the bidder may obtain the bidding document by instructing any international courier service to collect the same from the following address.
- Bids must be delivered to the address below **11:00AM Bangladesh Standard Time (BST=GMT+ 6 hrs.) on 25-04-2016**. Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person at the address below at **11: 00 A.M Bangladesh Standard Time (BST=GMT+6 hrs.) on 25-04-2016**. All bids must be accompanied by a **Bid Security of Lot-1 BDT. 1,25,000.00 or USD1,500.00, Lot-2 BDT.75,000.00 or USD 9,400.00, Lot-3 BDT. 9,00,000.00 or USD 11,000.00 & Lot-4 BDT.1,50,000.00 or USD 1,900.00** or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency from an eligible country through a scheduled bank in Bangladesh.
- A pre-bid conference will be held on **22-03-2016** in the office of the undersigned at **11:00 A.M Bangladesh Standard Time (BST=GMT+6 hrs.)**. All Bidders are requested to attend the conference on time.

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