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Who killed them?

3 bodies found in Jessore; police say victims were 'robbers' killed by 'mob'; villagers know nothing about it

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Benapole

Police claimed that three "robbers" were killed in a "mob beating" while they were reportedly trying to commit a robbery in Krishnanagar of Jessore's Jhikargacha early yesterday, but the villagers said they knew nothing about the incident.

Locals found three bodies in Bangabandhu Park on the Kobadak river yesterday morning.

The identities of the three victims, aged between 30 and 40, could not be known immediately. It was not clear whether they were shot or hacked to death.

Mollah Khabir Ahmed, officer-in-charge of Jhikargacha Police Station, said around 3:00am, the villagers caught the three "robbers" while a gang was trying to commit a robbery in Krishnanagar.

The villagers then beat up the "robbers", leaving them dead on the spot.

However, locals said they had no information about any robbery incident in the area on that night. They rather thought that the victims were killed somewhere else and left there later.

Local ward councillor Shariful Islam said he went to the spot after hearing the news. He said he did not hear of any attempted robbery or any mob beating in the village.

Mehedi and Meherul of Krishnanagar and Hasan Ali of Mobarakpur village also said they heard that three "robbers" were killed in a "mob beating" during a robbery. But no such incident took place in the village, they added.

On Monday night, Assistant Sub-Inspector Towhidul Islam was stabbed by robbers in Wapda area of Jhikargacha. He is now undergoing treatment at Jessore Medical College Hospital.

OC Mollah Khabir said police would investigate whether the victims were involved in the attack.



With Eid-rush almost here, workers are busy mending the old carriages of Bangladesh Railway, bottom, at the Pahartali Railway Carriage and Wagon Repair Workshop in Chittagong. The railway also included 37 new coaches, top, to its fleet that have been painted in lighter green, white and red.

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS



Ashraf's JSD comments irk Hasina

Call for 14-party unity

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, also the president of ruling Awami League, has expressed frustration over her party's General Secretary Syed Ashraf Islam's recent remarks laying into Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal.

She also said Ashraf should not have made such remarks in the present situation, said sources.

Hasina was talking to some AL leaders, including a minister, who met her in parliament on Tuesday night, said the sources, adding that she did not, however, discuss the issue with Ashraf.

On Monday, Ashraf said his party may have to repent for inducting a JSD member into the cabinet, and accused the JSD of making grounds for Bangabandhu's assassination.

The AL leader went to the UK on a personal visit yesterday, said sources.

JSD President and Information Minister Hasanul Haque Inu yesterday said it was not the time for "mudslinging" between the 14-party alliance partners. Rather, he added, it was the time for stamping out

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Trump to push for tighter gun laws

Orlando shooting probe focuses on gunman's wife

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Republican Donald Trump has said he would like people on terror watch lists to be prevented from buying guns, in the wake of the Orlando shootings.

The presumptive presidential nominee tweeted that he would meet the National Rifle Association (NRA) to discuss the issue. Forty-nine people were killed in a gay nightclub by Omar Mateen, who had been put on a terror watch list by the FBI.

His wife, Noor Salman, is also being questioned and could face charges in connection with the attack.



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Three more killed in 'shootouts'

STAR REPORT

Three people, including the prime accused in a police official murder case, were killed in "shootouts" with law enforcers in Pabna, Brahmanbaria and Jessore yesterday.

The dead are Rubel Hossain and Jibon. Identity of another deceased could not be known.

Rubel, son of Idris Ali of Diar Baghoil village in Pabna's Ishwardi upazila, was the prime accused in the Assistant Town Sub-inspector (ATSI) Sujaul Islam Suja murder case, police said.

Suja was found dead on a field near Pakshey Railway Station on October 5 last year. He was posted at the Pakshey police camp.

Ishwardi Police Station's Officer-in-Charge Biman Kumar Das said law enforcers arrested Rubel from near his home around 11:00pm on Tuesday. Later, a police team along with Rubel conducted a drive to arrest his associate Ibra Hossain.

"When police reached Natunpara area near the Padma river around 11:30pm, Rubel's associates opened fire on them, forcing the law enforcers to fire back," he said.

Rubel was caught in the line of fire and died on the spot, while his accomplices managed to flee the scene. His body was sent to Pabna Medical

16
KILLED IN 'SHOOTOUTS'
SINCE JUNE 7

5
OF THEM SUSPECTED
MILITANTS

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No political motive behind it

Says home minister about crackdown

UNB, Dhaka

Claiming that the ongoing crackdown on militants was not politically motivated, Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan yesterday said the drive was being conducted as part of security measures following recent target killings and also on the occasion of Ramadan and ahead of Eid.

He was talking to reporters after a meeting with US Ambassador in Dhaka Marcia Bernicat at his secretariat office.

The minister said the US envoy wanted to know about the "huge arrests" in

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Never too old to learn

REUTERS, Phedikhola

Nepalese grandfather Durga Kami brushes his bushy white beard, puts on his school uniform and, with the aid of his walking stick, trudges for over an hour to class for another day of learning.

Poverty prevented Kami finishing his studies as a child and achieving his goal of becoming a teacher.

Now 68, the father of six and grandfather of eight goes to school six days a week to complete his studies and escape a lonely home life following the death of his wife.

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SEHRI, IFTAR TIMINGS

Ramadan	June	Sehri	Iftar
10	16		6-51
11	17	3-39	6-51
12	18	3-39	6-51

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PRAYER TIMING JUNE 16

Fazr Zohr Asr Maghrib Esha
AZAN 3-45 12-45 5-00 6-51 8-15
JAMAAT 3-50 1-15 5-15 7-01 8-45

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION



A joint team of the Department of Explosives and Rupantarita Praktitik Gas Company Ltd raids a shop that sells used and faulty CNG cylinders on Mazar Road in Mirpur yesterday. The team seized 58 cylinders.

PHOTO: STAR

58 faulty cylinders seized in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Department of Explosives and the Rupantarita Praktitik Gas Company Ltd (RPGCL) authorities yesterday carried out a joint raid in capital's Mirpur Mazar Road area and seized 58 faulty CNG cylinders from six workshops.

Sadia Enterprise, Nazimuddin Traders, RM Enterprise, Abida Motors, Ershad Vulcanising and Mostafa Trader would be sued for selling faulty cylinders, Abdur Raub, an assistant

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