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When guards are robbers

Rab busts a gang that robs institutions in disguise of security guards

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

For a month they were in disguise of security guards. Even though they were accused in several criminal cases, they managed to land jobs at a private security company faking their identities.

When the company deployed them at a garment factory in Gazipur, they spent a month to figure out the best time to strike. At the dead of night on January 7, the gang fled with around Tk 3.5 crore and \$25,000.

This is the narrative Rapid Action Battalion provided at a press conference yesterday after busting a gang of robbers.

It was not the gang's first strike.

Rab arrested six members of the gang on Sunday. They had looted the money, meant for wages of factory staffers, by incapacitating four security guards.

Two of them -- Mahbubur Rahman, 51, Faruk Hossain, 50 -- had been working at the Knit Plus Ltd at Mouchak as security guards for over a month

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"La La Land" producer Jordan Horowitz, left, shows the card that reads "Best Film Moonlight" next to actor Warren Beatty after "La La Land" was mistakenly announced best film at the 89th Oscars.

PHOTO: AFP

This is not a joke!

Moonlight/La La Land mix-up

THE WASHINGTON POST

In what was surely the most shocking moment in Oscars history, Faye Dunaway announced the wrong winner for best picture at the end of the ceremony, awarding the trophy to "La La Land" when it actually was supposed to go to "Moonlight."

It turns out that Dunaway and her co-presenter, Warren Beatty, were given the wrong category envelope, so the actors announced the wrong winner, leading to the wrong filmmakers to begin their acceptance speeches for an award they hadn't actually won.

But it took several minutes for the Academy Awards producers and accountants to rectify the mistake and get

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The battle of oranges in Italy



AFP, Ivrea

Thousands of people poured onto the cobblestone streets of a northern Italian town Sunday to throw oranges at a makeshift monarchy, a tradition dating back more than 150 years.

The juicy battle in Ivrea is part of the town's yearly carnival, which recreates a centuries-old revolt by commoners against the monarchy.

The three-day carnival kicked off Sunday and ends the day before Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent in the Christian calendar.

"It's madness ... really madness," local resident Francesca told AFP. "Some may think these people are crazy, but for us in Ivrea, this is something we have in our DNA. Children are born with this madness."

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RU STUDENT SIFAT Husband jailed for provoking suicide

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday sentenced the husband of Rajshahi University student Wahida Sifat to 10 years' rigorous imprisonment for provoking her to commit suicide in March 2015.

Judge Sayeed Ahmed of the Speedy Trial Tribunal-3 handed down the verdict in presence of convict Mohammad Asif at a crowded courtroom.

Sifat's parents expressed dissatisfaction with the verdict, said Sifat's sister-in-law Gulshan Nehar Rita.

The students of journalism and mass communication of Rajshahi University also formed a human chain on the campus to vent their anger at the verdict, reports our staff correspondent in Rajshahi.

The court acquitted

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TRANSPORT STRIKE IN SOUTHWEST People suffer for second day

STAR REPORT

People in the country's southwest suffered for the second consecutive day yesterday as transport workers kept vehicles off the streets protesting against the life-term of a bus driver.

The strike also took a heavy toll on traders as the goods-carrying vehicles remained stuck at land ports in 10 districts of the Khulna division, affecting the government revenue from import and export.

Meanwhile, senior leaders of transport owners and workers' platforms late last night told The Daily Star that they would extend the strike across the country from 6:00am today. They asked not to be named.

They made the decision hours after a Dhaka court yesterday sentenced a trucker to death in a case filed over a road accident in Savar in 2003.

Fifth Additional District and Sessions Judge Pradip Kumar Roy handed the punishment to Mir Hossain Miru. However, the court acquitted Hossain's helper Entaz Hossain on the charges, said court sources.

The judge gave the punishment to the truck driver as the charges brought against him under Section 302 of the Penal Code were proved beyond doubt. The two accused were present in the court.

The accident on June 20 that year left one Khodeza Begum dead.

Talking to The Daily Star, Abdur Rahim Box Dudu, senior vice-president of Bangladesh Road Transport Workers

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EX-MP KADER'S WEALTH

ACC launches inquiry

STAR REPORT

The Anti-Corruption Commission has begun its inquiry into the allegations against former Jatiya Party lawmaker Abdul Kader Khan's amassing wealth illegally. He is the alleged mastermind behind the killing of Gaibandha-1 Awami League lawmaker Manzurul Islam Liton.

The ACC yesterday assigned its Deputy

Director Benajir Ahmed for the task.

On Tuesday, Kader was arrested at his home-slash-clinic in Rahmannagar area of Bogra town for his alleged involvement in the killing. He was the former JP lawmaker in Gaibandha-1 (Sundarganj) constituency.

The anti-graft body received the allegations of amassing wealth illegally against Kader five to six days ago, said ACC Director

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IN MEMORY OF FARAAZ Daffodil Univ to introduce scholarship

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Daffodil International University yesterday announced that it would introduce a scholarship after Faraaz Ayaaz Hossain in recognition of his bravery during the Holey Artisan terror attack last year.

Faraaz was one of the 22 people killed in the July 1 terror attack in the capital's Gulshan.

The private university would also launch a scholarship after Transcom Group Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Latifur

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