

A band of muggers

5 of a gang held; DB says they were all human haulier drivers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A group of former human-haulier drivers, who came to know each other during “after work hangouts”, initially entered the world of crime five years back when they began snatching cell phones in and around the Moghbazar area. They gradually escalated their activities, targeting motorbikes, private cars and pick-up vans.

The police’s Detective Branch (DB) disclosed the findings following the arrest of five members of the gang from the capital’s Khilgaon area on Saturday.

The arrestees are Md Rana, 30, the ringleader, Md Bishal, 23, Md Rubel, 22, Md Rabbi, 22, and Nayan Islam, 24.

Harun Or Rashid, additional commissioner (Detective Branch) of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, said they have recovered a private car, a pickup van, four motorbikes, four sets of knives, a rod, and a blade from their possession.

Detectives arrested the five while conducting a shadow investigation into a robbery case filed with the Kalabagan Police Station on December 18.

According to the complaints, private car driver Sree

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RMG workers bring out a procession on Dhaka-Munshiganj road yesterday morning, protesting the decision of Crony Tex Sweater Ltd to lay-off workers from the sweater division due to a decline in work orders.

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RMG workers protest lay-offs in Narayanganj

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Hundreds of RMG workers took to the streets yesterday, protesting the announcement of Crony Tex Sweater Ltd to lay-off workers of the sweater division due to a decline in work orders from foreign buyers.

The workers brought out a procession on Dhaka-Munshiganj road in the morning after seeing the notice hanging outside the factory in the BSCIC Industrial Estate in Fatullah area.

The notice said the global economic crisis, affecting Bangladesh as well, has led to a temporary halt in the operations of the company's sweater division. The reduction in orders from buyers has rendered the continuation of factory activities impossible.

“Consequently, the sweater division is under a lay-off, effective from December 24, in accordance with the Bangladesh Labour Act, until new work orders are secured,” it read.

However, in the last part of the notice, the factory said the lay-offs will be effective till February 7 and all workers will be compensated as per labour laws.

Meanwhile, workers claimed that the factory owner took the decision without any prior notice, resulting in the sudden

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Killed over badminton match

3 youths held for beating teen to death in Sitakunda

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A teenage boy was beaten to death allegedly by his friends during a badminton match in Sitakunda's Jungle Salimpur union of Chattogram on Sunday.

The deceased is Emon, 15, son of Sabuj Mia of Somaj area.

Law enforcers detained three youths in this regard yesterday, said OC Kamal Uddin of Sitakunda Model Police Station.

The OC said Emon and the three others locked in an altercation over the match around 11:00pm. At one stage, they beat him and left him there.

Emon was declared dead at CMCH. Police held the three after the victim's father filed a case, he added. They were sent to court yesterday.

Meanwhile, two more persons were killed in Sitakunda on Sunday night, reports UNB.

Md Alamgir, 36, was stabbed to death by miscreants over a land dispute in Shitalpur area and Nur Mustafa Bazal, 58, was murdered by his cousins over previous enmity in Lalanagar village.

‘Now, they blame the polls’

Sunamganj farmers worry as embankment repair works behind schedule



This file photo of last year shows floodwater flowing over an embankment and entering Gurmar Haor in Tahirpur upazila of Sunamganj. Due to heavy rains upstream, waters from swollen rivers in the Sylhet region have been causing floods.

Villagers scramble to protect the embankment which is the only thing standing between impending flash floods and their fields of half-ripe paddy at Khorchar Haor in Bishwambarpur, Sunamganj. The photo was taken last year.

DWOHA CHOWDHURY

Farmers in Sunamganj are worried that the construction and repair works of haor protection dykes are far behind schedule, putting their harvest of Boro paddy at risk.

The authorities, however, blamed the national election and slow receding of haor water for the delay.

Following the flash floods of 2017, the government revised the “Kajer Binimoye Taka” rules and decided to form project implementation committees (PIC) every year to build or repair a small portion of dykes that protects Boro paddy harvest in low-lying haor areas.

On December 15, the project

was officially inaugurated. However, only 391 out of 738 committees have been formed, and only 50 of them have started working till Sunday.

The rules, however, clearly state that all the committees must be formed by November 30, and that work must start by December 15 and end by February 28.

Last year, following a devastating flood, the government spent around Tk 204 crore to build and repair 745 kilometres of dykes, through 1,063 committees. This year, 738km of dykes were planned to be constructed and repaired, spending an estimated Tk 125 crore.

Md Mamun Howlader, executive engineer (O&M Division-1) of the Water

Development Board in Sunamganj, and member secretary of the district committee, said, “The work is being delayed as water in the haor has not receded yet. Besides, formation of committees is being delayed as the officials concerned are busy preparing for election.”

The president of the district committee in this regard, the deputy commissioner of Sunamganj, is the returning officer for all five constituencies in the district. Presidents of the upazila committees and upazila nirbahi officers are assistant returning officers of the polls.

The BWDB official said the meeting to permit PICs has been rescheduled three times already. Jyotimohon Das, a local

farmer, said, “Like every year, work on the dykes is yet to start. Now they are blaming elections for the delay. We are worried about our crops during flash floods.”

According to the Department of Agricultural Extension in Sunamganj, this year, Boro paddy is estimated to be cultivated in 223,245 hectares of land in the district -- including 165,350 hectares in low-lying Haor areas.

Salehin Chowdhury Shuvo, executive director of Haor Area Upliftment Society, said, “The delay in work will force low-quality work that cannot withstand floods.”

Bijon Roy, central general secretary of Haor Bachao Andolon, echoed him.

Freight train derails in Uttara

STAR REPORT

The wheels of five coaches of a freight train derailed on the Dhaka-Mymensingh route at Abdullahpur area in the capital yesterday morning, causing disruptions to operation of five Dhaka-bound trains.

Ekota Express, J a m a l p u r C o m m u t e r , Banalata Express, B r a h m a p u t r a Express, and Kalni Express faced disruptions, said Joydebpur Junction in-charge Munna Banik.

Due to the derailment, trains are moving on one of the two rail tracks, he added.

There were no casualties and no goods were damaged in the derailment that happened at 10:05am, said Sub-inspector Chotan Sharman, in-charge of Tongi Railway Police Outpost.

According to railway sources, the Tongi-bound freight train from Dhaka derailed just before reaching the Tongi Railway Bridge.



One more dies of dengue

STAR REPORT

At least one person died from dengue in the 24 hours preceding 8:00am yesterday.

Around 89 dengue patients were hospitalised in the same period, according to the DGHS.


Dengue has so far claimed at least 1,698 lives this year and nearly 320,549 were infected, making this the deadliest year since the first recorded epidemic in 2000.

According to DGHS data, 1,003 dengue patients are undergoing treatment at different hospitals.



With temperatures continuing to drop across the country, residents of Sylhet are busy shopping for winter clothes. Even in the evening, these shops remain crowded, as they are an ideal spot to buy affordable winter wear. The photo was taken in the city's court area yesterday.

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