

Three buses set ablaze in capital

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Online Desk: At least, three buses have been set on fire in the capital on Saturday.

The incidents happened at Kakrail, Malibagh and Kamlapur in the afternoon.

Witnesses said a bus was set on fire at Kakrail at about 5:15pm. The bus was kept in front of Islami Bank Hospital at Kakrial.

Visiting Kakrail at about 5:30pm, this correspondent found that the fire was engulfing the bus. The fire on the bus was spreading the electric wires above the vehicle. The fire-fighters were yet to reach the place of occurrence.

Policemen were found near the place of occurrence. Asked who set the bus ablaze, Ramna Police Station's officer-in-charge (OC) Abul Hasan said some miscreants set the bus on fire and then fled away.

Monir Hossain, the driver of the burnt bus, was crying sitting on the roadside footpath. He said the bus was being used to bring and take back the members of police. He brought a group of policemen on board the bus at about 5:00pm. After the policemen got down, the miscreants set the bus ablaze within 15 minutes.

In another incident, miscreants set fire to a bus of Balaka Paribahan on Malibagh-Mouchak flyover at about 4:30pm. At the same time, a bus belonging to the Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation (BRTC), was set on fire at Kamlapur.

Fire Services' duty officer Rashed Bin Khalid said the fire-fighters doused the fire on Balaka Paribahan bus over Mouchak flyover and BRTC bus at Kamlapur in the afternoon. However, both the buses were completely gutted in the fire.

However, the Fire Services' official could not say clearly how the buses were set on fire.