



Relatives mourn Kazi Mohammad Nurul Islam, a businessman, who was killed by muggers at Sutrapur in the city in the early hours of yesterday.

Prothom Alo deputy editor mugged, stabbed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT Muggers have stabbed the deputy

editor of the Prothom Alo in front of his residence at Dilu Road in Ramna yesterday The journalist was heading home

after the day's work when the accident occurred. When Deputy Editor Mojammel

Hossain Manju reached the Dilu Road crossing at about 2:20am, a gang of eight muggers stopped the auto-rickshaw at gunpoint. The gang succeeded in looting

Tk 8,000 from his colleague, Zakir Hossain, a staff of graphic section of the newspaper. But failing to snatch from the

SEE PAGE 11 COL 8 for autopsy.

Muggers murder businessman

Harun might have been killed by

the same muggers who were

threatening him to withdraw a case

he had filed.

arrested and sent to jail.

officials have told AFP.

The developments undermined

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Muggers have stabbed a businessman to death at RM Das Road in the city's Sutrapur area in the early hours of yesterday.

Kazi Mohammad Nurul Islam Harun, 28, was travelling on a rickshaw to his Rupchand Lane residence from his cast-iron factory at RM Das

At about 11:30pm, four muggers stopped his rickshaw in front of 20, RM Das Road and stabbed Harun repeatedly.

A local man rescued him and rushed him to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where he died at about 1:10am. The body

Sutrapur Police Station in this regard but none was arrested till of was sent to the hospital morgue the writing of this report last night.

revenae

'Increased' police watch fails to check city crime

of their sources, are now in custody.

There is no let-up in the crime

situation though the Dhaka

Metropolitan Police Commissioner

said police is taking prompt action

Editor of The Prothom Alo,

Mozammel Hossain Manju, was

stabbed by muggers in front of his

residence at Dilu Road in the early

In another incident on Saturday

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In the latest incident, Deputy

in Motijheel area in the city.

after every crime incident.

hours yesterday.

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SHAIKH NAZRUL ISLAM

Crime in the city has gone up despite "increased" police vigilance ahead of the Eid-ul-Azha.

At lease five persons were killed, three of them in incidents of mugging and robbery, in the last three

Law and order in the country started deteriorating after partial withdrawal of the joint forces on January 9

The situation worsened in the last few days though strength of both uniformed and plain-clothes policemen has been increased and all city police stations alerted

This is because 'listed criminals' have come out of their hideouts following withdrawal of the joint forces. There have been incidents of such crime by these criminals under alleged cover of a section of

Extortion by eight policemen at Bangabazar Hawkers Market on Thursday last added a new dimen-

Three months back when Sun Rises | Sun Sets muggers had snatched cash and a Feb 10 5-50 pm mobile phone from Harun, he filed Feb 11 6-36 am a case with the Sutrapur Police station accusing Picchi Babu and Prayer Timings John. The accused were then Feb 10 Family members said the mur-Azan Jamaat der might have been an act of 5-45 6-15 12-15 1-20 Zohr A case was filed with the Asr 4-15 4-30 5-56 6-01 Maghrib Esha 7-15 7-45 Source: Islamic Foundation

Cattle markets create traffic jam in city STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The city witnessed unusual traffic jam on some major roads yesterday concerned about safety in public life mainly due to temporary cattle and embarrassing the police admin-

markets along those. istration. The eight, along with one Long snarl-ups kept vehicles stranded for hours on the Kazi Earlier on December 26, three Nazrul Islam Avenue in front of the nolicemen -- Abdus Salam, Rezaul Prime Minister's office, Maghbazar-Karim and Mojibur Rahman -- were Banglamotor- Mouchak road, arrested for attempting to snatch Topkhana Road, North-South Road, money from one Mizanur Rahman Amin Bazar-Gabtoli road and at Motijheel.

Hundreds of vehicles were also stranded on both sides of the road from Satrastha to Staff Road.

An official at the Deputy Commissioner (Traffic) said, traffic on many roads in the city collapsed due to cattle markets and movement of cattle along roads.

Hundreds of cattle were seen being taken to and from the cattle markets, often blocking roads for vehicles.

One traffic sergeant at Mahakhali was found desperately night. Nazmul Ashraf. Senior trying to keep vehicles moving Reporter of The Daily Star, was towards the Shaheen College from Mahakhali but he failed, as the long On Sunday last, muggers queue of vehicles could not move stabbed to death and took away ahead

Another sergeant at Banani Rail SEE PAGE 11 COL 7

PM turns down promotion of 407 bureaucrats

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

minister vesterday afternoon with prior appointment and sought her The government yesterday again approval, but she turned it down. set aside the recommendation of the Superior Selection Board (SSB) Kamal Uddin Siddiqui was also that 407 senior assistant secretaries be promoted to the post of deputy present when the two top bureau secretary. crats met with her.

Earlier, the SSB, after a lengthy Highly placed sources said the SSB, after completion of all formalities, recommended promotion of 407 senior assistant secretaries. drawn from the 1982 special batch and the 1984 BCS batch, but Prime Minister Khaleda Zia rejected the

four weeks that would expire on February 15. However, it is not known whether the PM would give her approval after the Eid vacation. Sources at the Ministry of

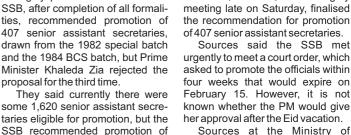
Establishment said the concerned authorities had informed the promotion and notification section and instructed it to complete the process

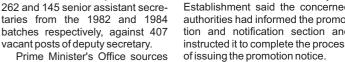
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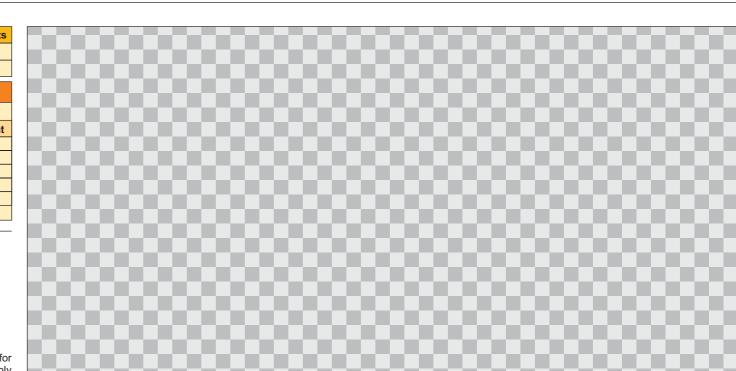
Principal Secretary to the PM Dr

said Cabinet Secretary Dr Saadat Husain, who is also the head of the seven-member SSB, and Establishment Secretary Anwarul





Prime Minister's Office sources Besides, the officials, who have been waiting for years to get promotion, were very enthusiastic about



Europe to counter UN war resolution

US plans to attack Iraq suffer setback

AFP. Munich

US plans for an imminent invasion

Belgium, which also backs the talking about that sort of thing." Meanwhile, Washington's Arab plan, shot down US hopes of using NATO to immediately bolster allies are examining a last-ditch Saudi initiative to oust Iraqi

US efforts to rally sceptical allies for a war in the near future to forcibly disarm Iraq, with or without a new

against crimes, sources said.

policemen, the sources claimed.

sion to it, making people more

The victim's family alleged

of Iraq suffered severe blows yesterday when European states led by France said they would run interference in the UN and NATO, and Iragi officials handed over key documents about its weapons programmes.

Germany announced that it and France were working on a proposal to be put to the UN Security Council on Friday that would call for UN peacekeepers to be deployed in Iraq, the number of UN inspectors there to be tripled, and the entire country to be made a no-fly zone.

defences in lurkey -- a planned launching pad for part of its invading force into neighbouring Iraq -- by saying it and France would block military assistance.

Britain's Sunday Telegraph Hans Blix and Mohamed ElBaradei newspaper earlier said President were given documents on Iraqi George W Bush and British Prime biological, chemical and nuclear Minister Tony Blair were drawing up arms programmes as they comtheir own UN resolution that would pleted two days of talks with senior give Saddam as little as 48 hours to Iraqi officials, according to a UN flee Baghdad or face war. source Blix said Saturday the talks had

But a Downing Street spokesproved "useful... and substantial". woman downplayed the report, saying: "It is far too early to be

UN resolution being drafted by President Saddam in a bid to pre-Britain.

vent a US-led war on Baghdad, Arab They also set the scene for an acrimonious showdown between the five permanent UN Security In Baghdad, top UN inspectors Council members: the United States and Britain on one side, and China. France and Russia on the other. Germany holds the council's chair this month.

UN Secretary General Kofi Annan has weighed into the matter by warning the United States it must not go it alone on Iraq, but adding SEE PAGE 11 COL 3

