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gold from house in city STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A gang of robbers looted cash and gold ornaments from a house at Crescent Road in the city's Dhanmondi area yesterday.

The gang of robbers numbering eight looted Tk 25,000 in cash and 25 tolas of gold ornaments from the house of Golam Ahmed Janu at 84 Crescent Road.

The gang entered the house after cutting the grills of the kitchen window at around 4:30 am. They confined the members of the house and took away the key of the almirah and looted valuables from it.

A case was filed with Dhanmondi police station in this re-

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Robbers loot cash, Nasim welcomes private initiatives in firefighting

fighting system in the field, said

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Home Minister Mohammad Nasim said yesterday that private initiatives would be welcomed in fire fighting services in the coun-

Inaugurating the Fire Service and Civil Defence Week-2001 at Mirpur yesterday morning Nasim said despite sincerity, the government alone could not provide adequate support for the sufferers of growing fire incidents.

He said like private security services, entrepreneurs at the private-level could introduce fire services for their own purposes and for others as well.

"The garment owners should come first in this regard," he said. adding that it was not necessary to start with heavy equipment. "You

can start it at a very small scale." Home Secretary M M Reza, Director General of Bangladesh Rifles A L M Fazlur Rahman, Inspector General of Prison Liakat Ali Khan, Director General o Coast Guard Commodore Shahabuddin, Director General of Fire Service and Civil Defence Brigadier General M Obaidul Huq, Director General of Narcotics De-

Cancelled

The seminar on "Political Economy of Cancer" organised b Dhaka Community Hospita scheduled to be held on March 29, has been cancelled, says a press



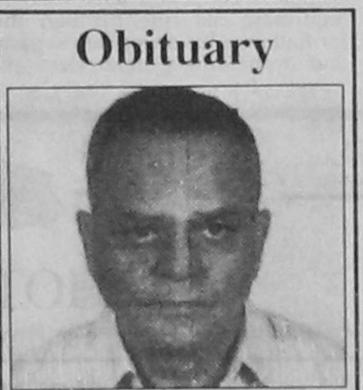
Nairik accords reception to Ramendu

Nairik, a group theatre of Kilkata accorded a reception to Ramendu Majumder, President Bangladesh Centre of the International Theatre Institute for his outstanding contribution in projecting Bangla theatre abroad. The function was organised yesterday morning at Academy of Fine Arts, Kolkata to mark the World Theatre Day, says a press release.

Reputed theatre director, Sumon Mukhopadhaya handed over the crest and a shwal to Ramendu Majumdar on behalf of the organiser. Nripendra Shaha, editor of West Bengal Natya Academy Patrika also spoke on the occasion.

On the occasion of the World Theatre Day which falls on 27th March, Desh-Nairik Theatre Festival has been organised where four plays are being staged by Nairik. On 27th March reputed theatre director Usha Ganguli will also be honoured.

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although the vehicles and other partment Modabbir Hossain and big equipment are costly, the gov-Additional Inspector General of ernment was trying its best to these catastrophes. Police Abdur Rahim were present procure more to enrich the deon the occasion. Nasim, who witnessed a num-

ber of techniques of modern fire

places, he said ignorance and lack of awareness were responsible for

He called upon the people to be careful in household works as Referring to growing fire inci- well as workers in their workplaces dents in slum areas and other to get rid of fire accidents.

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