

## Fruit seller shot dead in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A young man was shot dead and the body of an unidentified person was recovered in the city yesterday.

Witnesses said a gang of gunmen shot Selim, 22, near his house at Pallabi at about 5 pm.

He was rushed to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries in the evening.

The victim's sister Shahida Khatun said when Selim came out of their house, five unidentified gunmen took him to a nearby shop. They shot him there and fled immediately.

She said her brother was a fruit seller at Mirpur section-11 bazar and that she did not know the motive behind the killing.

The body was sent to the DMCH morgue for autopsy.

When contacted, the duty officer at Pallabi thana said they knew about the incident, but he failed to give details.

Besides, police recovered the body of an unidentified man, aged about 25, from a waterbody at north Badda yesterday morning. His hands and legs were tied with a wire.

Police suspected that miscreants killed him a few days ago and threw the body there. They sent it to the DMCH morgue for autopsy.

The duty officer at Badda thana could not give details about the incident.

## Order to seize papers of gas link to meter reader's units

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Petrobangla yesterday verbally asked the Titas gas authorities to seize documents regarding gas connection to two industries owned by meter reader Mahbubur Rahman.

The driver of the Titas jeep that was being used full time by Mahbub was suspended yesterday.

The move followed a report published in The Daily Star on Tuesday on the alleged ill-gained wealth of Mahbubur Rahman, also vice-president of Titas Gas unit of Jatiyatabadi Sramik Karmachari Union.

Mahbubur owns two industries—Messrs Cotton Touch and Messrs Sarkar Chemical Industry, both in Shilpura. As per documents, both the industries are owned by Mahbub's father and wife and another partner.

The Sarkar Chemicals recently filed an application to Titas authorities for gas connection.

Previously, Sarkar Chemicals was named Century Chemicals—officially owned by Mahbub's wife and father. But when Tk 1.5 crore gas bills accumulated, he renamed it Sarkar Chemicals. The authorities are not trying to recover those bills, sources claimed.

Mahbub allegedly tampered meters of many industrial units in Narayanganj-Narsingdi areas and realised 'commission' from those. He owns two flats, a plot with a three-storey building and a car. His salary is Tk 3,735.

## Prayer Timings

May 17

May 18

Source: Islamic Foundation

Sun Rises Sun Sets

6-35 pm

5-15 am