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President Iajuddin Ahmed administers the oath to newly appointed Chief Justice Syed JR Mudassir Husain at Bangabhaban yesterday.

2 suspects arrested in Siraji murder

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Tejgaon police detained two suspects in the murder of SM Shariful Hoque Siraji, a businessman at Nawabpur, yesterday morning.

Tipped off, a police team led by investigating officer Sub-inspector Mohammad Khalilur Rahman nabbed the two in raids on several places at Rupnagar and Pirerbagh in the city.

Tejgaon police believe the detainees may provide vital information, which might lead to the arrests of the killers of Siraji alias John Siraji, 37, father of a young son.

A well-known businessman, John went missing on his way home to Sobhanbagh from his shop at Nawabpur Road at around 6:20pm on January 20, family sources said. Tejgaon police recovered his body from a narrow lane at Tejgaon Industrial Area at around 9:00pm on the day.

Protesting the killing, several business organisations in the old part of the city staged demonstrations and gave the government an ultimatum of three days for the arrest of the killers.

On expiry of the ultimatum on Monday, around 8,000 shops in Nawabpur area kept their shutters down for two hours demanding proper investigation into the killing and arrest of the killers.

Police sources said that initially they suspected a gang of muggers, known as 'rammers', might have forcibly got into the three-wheeler the victim was travelling in and killed him while robbing him of his belongings.

"We will be able to crack the mystery very soon and arrest the killers," said the investigating officer without elaborating.

Over 1500 held, six firearms recovered

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Police arrested 1,557 more people, including four identified criminals, on various charges during their ongoing countrywide drive in last 24 hours till 6.00am yesterday.

The law enforcers also recovered six firearms, and 110 rounds of bullet and filed three cases against five people under the Arms Act, said a police headquarters' release.