

Korean shot, mugged

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Muggers shot a South Korean national and his Bangladeshi friend on Mintoo Road after the latter were returning home from a meeting with the state minister for home affairs Saturday.

Four muggers held up Jin, 30, and his friend Ahsanullah Hasan, 45, in a rickshaw in front of the office of Dhaka Metropolitan Police at around 11:30pm.

"The criminals shot Jin in his chest as we refused to hand over our belongings. I received a bullet in my palm after I tried to grab hold of a gun," said Hasan.

Police rushed them to Dhaka Medical College Hospital from where they were later shifted to a clinic in Uttara.

The muggers only succeeded in SEE PAGE 11 COL 1

ANTIDUMPING MEASURES

Dhaka loses \$50m in 14 years

UNB, Dhaka

Antidumping measures by some countries handed Bangladesh international business losses to the tune of \$50 million (Tk 300 crore) from September 1992 to June this year.

India, USA and Brazil imposed the Trade Remedial Measures (TRMs) on Bangladeshi products - lead acid battery, terry towel and sacks and bags of jute respectively to restrict their exports by applying

WTO rules, according to Bangladesh Tariff Commission (BTC) assessment revealed yesterday.

The country, however, did not face either of the two other TRMs, countervailing or safeguard measures, so far against any product.

Antidumping and countervailing measures can be enforced when foreign products are dumped, marketing at a price less than production cost, or subsidised and their import causes or threatens to cause

"material injury" to domestic industry.

Safeguard measures can be invoked when increased imports threaten to cause or actually cause "serious injury" to a domestic industry.

"More and more countries are now taking recourse to the measures to protect their domestic industry," BTC Chairman Kazi Humayun Azad

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Rab on alert in Raozan fearing poll violence

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) is likely to gear up surveillance and patrol in the crime-prone Raozan upazila amid fresh fear of violence over the upcoming October 6 municipal polls.

A reported move by an influential BNP leader to get his favoured candidate elected as the Raozan municipality chairman sparked off the sense of foreboding, highly placed sources said.

They said, as the ruling party stalwart, the godfather of top terror Jan-e-Alam killed last Thursday, SEE PAGE 11 COL 6

Low over Bay moves n'west

UNB, Dhaka

The depression over southwest Bay and its adjoining areas has moved northwestward into west-central and the adjoining southwest Bay.

It was centred about 1,260km south-southwest of Chittagong port, 1,205km south-southwest of

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Uttara suburb without water for 8 months

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An acute shortage of water has been plaguing the residents of Dakshinkhan union of suburban Uttara for more than eight months.

Dhaka Water and Sewerage Authority (Wasa) supplies only about four percent of the total demand for water in the locality.

Wasa sources said the lone water pump of Dakshinkhan can produce 22 lakh litres of water a day while the six lakh inhabitants of the

area need at least six crore litres.

"Wasa supplies water only for a few minutes at night and that too can be anytime. So, we have to lie sleepless not to miss the water," said Tanjil Mahmud, a resident of the area.

Narrating the inconvenience resulted from the water crisis, another resident Kabir Ahamed said "I have to go to my sister's house daily to take a bath."

He thinks the authorities SEE PAGE 11 COL 1

Sherpur journalist beheaded

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

Assailants killed Dipankar Chakrabarty, a senior journalist and vice-president of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ), at Sanyalpara in Sherpur in the early hours yesterday.

Executive editor of local daily Durjoy Bangla, Dipankar, 59, was on his way home after work when the attackers swooped on him near his house and cut off his head with an axe at about 12:30am.

Neighbours heard him screaming and motorbikes speeding away. Shortly afterwards, Shamal Basak, a next-door neighbour, found Dipankar's decapitated body lying on the road. He immediately

informed Dipankar's family of it.

Dipankar's eldest son Partha Sarthi Chakrabarty filed a case with the Sherpur Police Station yesterday.

Police said they had recovered a sack and a new towel used by the assailants from the scene.

Dipankar's body was taken to the Bogra Press Club after autopsy. Local journalist community held a rally there to protest the killing. They issued an ultimatum to the administration to nab the killers within 72 hours. They also brought out a silent procession with Dipankar's body and blockaded the Dhaka-Bogra highway for five minutes.

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A trader in Munshiganj collects lotus to sell in the market as the only available substitute to vegetables, cultivation of which was completely ruined by the floods and cloudbursts.

Prayer Timing		
October 4		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fair	4-45	5-20
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-15	4-30
Maghrib	5-53	5-56
Esha	7-30	8-00

Source: Islamic Foundation

