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Communications Minister Nazmul Huda speaks at a meeting of the Jatiyatabadi Ainjibi Forum, Supreme Court unit, at the south hall of the SC Bar Building in the city yesterday.

Two Rohingyas held with arms

UNB, Cox's Bazar

Two armed Rohingya refugees were arrested at the refugee camp at Nayapara in Teknaf upazila yesterday.

Police in a pre-dawn raid arrested Motiur Rahman, 27, and Abdur Rahman Zakaria, 30, with a country-made gun and three cartridges.

They were planning to conduct terrorist activities inside the camp, police said.

A case has been filed against them under the Arms Act.

One murdered by cousin in Raozan

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A man was stabbed to death by his cousin, a convict in a murder case, at Raozan in the district yesterday.

Police arrested one in this connection.

The dead was identified as Meher Uz Zaman, 35, son of Hajee Raja Meah of village Sheikhpura under Pahartali union.

Police said the killing took place at around 8.30am yesterday at village Sheikhpura.

The incident occurred when Meher went to meet Abul Kalam, the alleged killer, and his accomplice Shamsul Alam, at a place to settle a past dispute. One Delwar Hossain

called Meher out of his house on behalf of Kalam and Alam, police said.

Kalam and Alam started chopping him with machete and knife as Meher reached the spot. Meher succumbed to his injuries within few minutes, the duty officer of Raozan Police Station said.

Acting on a tip-off, police rushed to the spot and sent the body to the Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) morgue for autopsy.

Police arrested one Delwar, aged about 60, in this connection.

Sources said Kalam is a convict in a murder case. He was awarded life-term imprisonment for the murder but later came out of jail on bail.

Govt to introduce allowance for the disabled

UNB, Dhaka

The government is going to launch a Disability Allowance Programme for the insolvent disabled of the country.

Under the programme, which is to kick off in the current fiscal, some 1.4 lakh insolvent disabled people will receive Tk 200 each per month. The government also has a plan to extend the programme.

Social Welfare Minister Ali Ahsan Muhammad Mujahid said this at a press conference at the PIB yesterday.

The press conference was arranged to apprise the journalists of achievements the ministry achieved in the previous fiscal and the target of the current financial year.

Providing details of the measures taken by his ministry for the welfare of the disabled people in the last fiscal, he said the government has planned to take 11 more projects. The projects include setting up of technical training centre for the disabled orphans in each division, construction of hostels for the blinds and a residential school for the deaf and dumb.

The minister also said the monthly allowance for the senior citizens is going to be raised from Tk 165 to 180 in the current fiscal and the number of eligible people for the allowance rose to 15 lakh compared to 13.15 lakh in fiscal 2004-05. "The government will spend Tk 324 crore for this," he said.

Tk 2.5 lakh gold ornaments looted from Demra house

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Armed robbers looted over Tk 2.5 lakh in cash and gold ornaments from the Demra house of a Bangladeshi expatriate in Saudi Arabia in the capital early yesterday.

Police said a gang of eight robbers broke the collapsible gate of the ground floor first and then broke open the door of the first floor house with a drill machine.

Entering the house the robbers beat up the inmates -- Rebatunnesa, wife of the expatriate Ashraf Ali and her son Abdul Halim Ratan -- and took away the keys of the almirahs at gunpoint. Later, they confined them to a toilet, tying their hands from back.

"The robbers took away around 25 tolas of gold ornaments and Tk 1,600," said Sub-Inspector Abdur Rahman of Demra Police Station who visited the spot yesterday afternoon.

Police could neither recover the looted goods, nor could they arrest the robbers.

In another incident, a team of New Market police arrested three alleged robbers -- Rezaul

Karim alias Juboraj, Sohel and Johnny -- from Babupura area at around 11:30pm on Tuesday while they were preparing to commit a robbery. Police seized a 9mm revolver and two bullets from them.

Gen Rezaqul made envoy to Turkey

BDNEWS, Dhaka

The government has appointed Major General Rezaqul Haider as Ambassador of Bangladesh to the Republic of Turkey.

He has worked for UNAMET/UNTAET as Chief Military Observer.

Maj Gen Rezaqul was commissioned on August 29, 1971.

Born on 18 April 1951 in Dhaka, he passed both SSC and HSC from Faujdarhat Cadet College.

He did his graduation in Bachelor of Arts under Pakistan Military Academy and Masters in Defence Studies from Allahabad University, India.