



Former Awami League lawmaker Asaduzzaman Noor speaks at a citizens' meeting in memory of journalist and Tagore song specialist Waheedul Haq at Central Shaheed Minar in the city yesterday. Sammilita Sangskritik Jote organised the meeting.

Cash, valuables worth Tk 14 lakh looted from 4 city houses

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Armed robbers looted cash and valuables totalling about Tk 14 lakh from four houses in different areas of the city in the last two days.

In Shayampur, a gang of robbers stormed into a house at around 5:00am yesterday and took away cash, gold ornaments and other valuables totalling about Tk 5 lakh.

About seven robbers entered the house of Manjur Hossain at Muradpur High School Road when a member of his family came out of the house, keeping the door open.

The gang tied up the family members and kept them confined to a room. They then looted Tk 30,000, 20 tolas of gold ornaments and other valuables.

A robbery case was filed with

Shyampur Police Station.

Another gang committed a robbery in the house of Mohammad Sirajul Islam, 40, a businessman, at West Rampura. The robbers also stabbed him in his chest when he tried to resist them.

The gang of seven or eight robbers entered the house at around 12:15am yesterday after a member of the family opened the door hearing the doorknob.

The robbers then pointed a gun at the family members and looted cash, gold ornaments and other valuables worth Tk 3 lakh.

Injured Siraj was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital. Later, he was shifted to a private clinic.

In another incident, robbers looted cash and gold ornaments totalling Tk 2.75 lakh from the house of a retired government official at South Bislil in Mirpur on

Friday night.

A gang of seven equipped with machetes entered the flat of Khorshed Alam on the first floor the building at around 7:00pm after a member of his family opened the door hearing the doorknob.

The gang then took away Tk 1 lakh and 12 tolas of gold ornaments, police said.

Another robbery took place at the house of Ismat Ara at Dakhin Goran, Khilgaon, at around 10:00am on Friday.

The robbers held the family members hostage at gunpoint and looted cash, gold ornaments and other valuables worth Tk 2.98 lakh.

Ismat Ara lodged a robbery case with Khilgaon Police Station in this connection.

Police could not arrest anybody in connection with the robberies as of 8:00pm yesterday.

Fire breaks out in city RMG factory

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Fire broke out in a garment factory in the city's Mirpur area yesterday.

The incident took place around 2:00pm in the godown of the factory in Mirpur Section 14.

Sources said the fire originated from a burning cigarette left by someone and soon engulfed the entire godown leaving clothing materials worth some lakhs badly damaged.

Workers and employees of the garment managed to come out of the fire-affected area and none was hurt.

Three fire fighting units rushed to the spot and managed to douse the fire in about half an hour.