

Mystery shrouds death of young businessman

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Mystery shrouds the death of a young businessman who was found dead at his bedroom at Goalkhali in Khulna city yesterday morning.

He was identified as Masud Rahman, 28, proprietor of Masud

Enterprise at KDA New Market.

According to the police, Masud slept in a separate room after he had a quarrel with his wife on Tuesday night.

Masud, a former student of BBA at Khulna University, married Shamima Sultana Queen in 2005 after they fell in love with each other.

NGO guard killed *Bss, Khulna*

A night guard of HEED, an NGO, was killed by unknown assailants at his office at Dakop upazila of the district on Tuesday.

The victim was identified as Shital Sarder, 30, of village Achabhuwa at Dakop.

Police said unknown assailants entered the office compound and strangled Shital.

Martyrs ignored for long as looters ruled country

Says Barrister Mainul

Bss, Dhaka

Adviser for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Barrister Mainul Hosein yesterday said the martyrs' ideology was ignored for long as a section of people with the mindset of plundering public wealth ruled the country.

"They undermined the country's image making it first in corruption," he told a discussion in memory of the martyrs of the great Language Movement, organised by the Complete Education Alternative (CEFAD) at the Dhanmondi playground in the city.

The country should be saved from the hands of the looters, he added.

Prof Emajuddin Ahmed and Dr M Asaduzzaman and CEFAD President Mujib Khan also spoke at the discussion.

Mainul said the country is still passing through a critical time even after more than half a century of the Language Movement as the corrupt people are hindering progress.

He said a large segment of popula-

tion is still living under the poverty line. But a section of people became rich overnight by misappropriating public wealth, he added.

"Those corrupt people were always above the law. Police and administration were helpless before them," he said holding those people responsible for polluting the politics.

Referring to the pioneering role of students in the Language Movement, the law adviser said the students have to be groomed properly to take up the future leadership and build a prosperous Bangladesh.

Valuables worth Tk 4 lakh gutted in Ctg

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Four houses, three shops and properties worth around Tk 4 lakh were gutted in two separate incidents of fire in Chittagong yesterday.

Sources said four thatched houses were reduced to ashes near Chatteswari Hindu Temple as a fire broke out at one of the houses at around 12:00 noon.

Four fire fighting units rushed to the spot and managed to extinguish the fire at around 1:00 pm.

The fire was originated from a gas oven and the loss in the fire was estimated at Tk 2 lakh, said the fire service sources.

In another incident, two stationary shops and a rickshaw garage were gutted in a fire at city's Sadarghat area in the early hours of yesterday.

The fire originated from an electric short circuit broke out in a stationary shop owned by one Jamaluddin at around 4:15 am and spread fast engulfing another shop and rickshaw garage, sources said.

Four fire fighting units rushed to the spot to extinguish the blaze after one and a half hours of efforts.

The loss in the fire was estimated at around Tk 2 lakh, sources said.