

Muggers kill businessman in Ctg

UNB, Chittagong

A businessman was stabbed to death by muggers near Rath Pukur Par in the port city in the early hours of yesterday.

Police said two muggers intercepted Riazuddin Ahmed, 44, when he was returning home by a CNG-run taxi from his glass shop at Rath Pukur Par at about 1:00am.

They hit him with sharp weapons and took away Tk 1.34 lakh from his possession, leaving him critically injured.

Later, a team of patrol police took him to Chittagong Medical College Hospital where he died shortly afterwards.

Abul Kalam Azad, brother-in-law of the victim, filed a case. However, no-one was arrested as of 7:00pm yesterday.



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Dhaka Swarakalpan, a recitation organisation, takes out a colourful procession on Dhaka University campus yesterday to mark its seventh founding anniversary.

'Bangladesh a country of religious harmony'

BSS, Dhaka

LGRD and Cooperatives Adviser Anwarul Iqbal yesterday said Bangladesh is a country of religious harmony, with the people of different faiths living in a peaceful atmosphere for ages.

The people of different faiths have always nurtured a uniform social order and stood by each other both in sorrow and happiness, he said at a gold medal award ceremony at Dharmarajika Bouddha Mahabihar in the city.

Bangladesh Bouddha Krishti Prachar Sangha organised the programme to give away Atish Dipankar Gold Medal and Vishuddhananda Peace Award-2007.

The adviser said the caretaker government has been working to ensure a free, fair and credible election in the country. "It would be possible to hold such an election, if the people from all spheres of life come forward with a helping hand."

The Atish Dipankar Gold Medal recipients are Fra Rajabhaban Bishuddha, principal of Dharmakai Foundation, Bangkok; Prof Dr Dipak Kumar Barua of Calcutta University, India; and Rai Bahadur Ranada Prasad Saha (posthumous), a philanthropist and pioneer of women education in Bangladesh.

Fra Therjedi Achan, principal of Wat Dharmamangal, Bangkok, and Father Benjamin Kosta, principal of Notre Dame College in Dhaka, received the Bishuddhananda Peace Gold Medal.

Chaired by Sangha President Shuddhananda Mahathero, the function was also addressed by its Vice-President PR Barua, President of Bangladesh Buddhists' Federation Bishwapati Barua, Sangha Secretary General Dr Pranab Kumar Barua and Prof Dr Sukomal Barua.

Prisoner dies in Khulna

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An undertrial prisoner died at Khulna Medical College Hospital (KMCH) yesterday morning.

He was identified as Zakir Hossain, 45, an accused in a robbery case. He was shifted to KMCH from the hospital of Khulna district jail on Thursday noon.

Zakir hailed from Golapnagar in Bheramara, Kushtia.