

Valuables worth Tk 10 lakh looted

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Chittagong

Armed robbers looted cash and ornaments worth over Tk 10 lakh from the residence of a noted physician at Zakir Hossain Road in the port city yesterday morning.

Prof Dr MA Taher Khan, a noted gynaecologist and principal of Chittagong Maa O Shishu Hospital, was not present when the

robbery took place at his residence-cum-chamber.

Police said the incident took place at around 10.00am, about one hour after Dr Taher Khan and his daughter Dr Nazli Jasmine Khan left their two-storied residence.

A gang of seven armed robbers stormed into the residence by confining the guards and maids, and four of them then went

upstairs where the physician and his family live.

Seeing the robbers with pistol and knives, Dr Fazilatun Nessa, Dr Taher's wife, instantly gave them the keys of the locker and entreated them not to harm anybody.

The gang then took away around Tk 2 lakh in cash and 40 bhories of gold ornaments, and fled away, police said quoting the family members.



First permanent Shaheed Minar at Jahangirnagar University designed by Architect Rabiul Hossain.

JU permanent Shaheed Minar opens today

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The first permanent Shaheed Minar at Jahangirnagar University (JU) will be inaugurated today.

JU Vice Chancellor Prof Khandaker Mustahidur Rahman will inaugurate the Shaheed Minar. Architect Rabiul Hossain has designed the monument.

The Shaheed Minar was built on the premises adjacent to the new arts faculty building of the university.

JU Shaheed Minar, the tallest in the country, is 71 feet in height and made of ceramic bricks on a basement of 52 feet circumference, which symbolise the language movement in 1952.

The Shaheed Minar represents

its main theme through its three triangular-shaped pillars. Each of the pillars is 71 feet in height. The pillars symbolise the independence while eight stairs leading to the altar symbolise the eight important movements, in 1947, 1952, 1958, 1962, 1966, 1969 and 1970, that ultimately led to the independence of Bangladesh in 1971.

Of the three pillars, one symbolises the Bangla language, art, and culture, another one symbolises history of Bangla, heritage and its earth and people, and the third one symbolises sovereignty, Liberation War and independence of Bangladesh.

The foundation stone of the Shaheed Minar was laid on November 6, 2004.



Visually challenged students of Dhaka University stage a demonstration on the campus yesterday demanding reforms and reduction in quota system in the BCS examinations.

NSC deputy asst engr submits wealth statement to ACC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Deputy Assistant Engineer of National Sports Council (NSC) Nurul Amin Talukder submitted his statement of wealth to Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) yesterday stating that he owns over 28.12 bighas of land, two houses and three shops in and outside the city.

Meanwhile, ACC Director General (Admin) Col Hanif Iqbal yesterday said that the commission will continue including Emergency Power Rules (EPR) in its cases until the SC gives any final decision regarding the landmark HC verdict that declared bringing Tk 2.99 crore extortion case against Hasina under EPR illegal.

In the statement Nurul also said that he owns 20 tolas of gold, a car, a revolver, a plot and a flat and savings certificates worth Tk 35,000. Of the land as stated in the wealth statement, Nurul owns 10.50 decimal of land in Gazipur, 34.65 decimal in his and his son's name in Dhaka, 349 decimal in Bagerhat, 508 decimal in Projoipur, and 26 decimal of lands in different places in the capital.

He also owns a plot on two Kathas of land in his name at Rupnagar in Mirpur and a flat of

Eastern Housing Limited in Banani in his wife's name.

Nurul also has a tin-shed house on 131 square yards at Mirpur. He also owns an under-construction building on 8.25 decimal of land at Eastern Housing Society in Tejgaon in his name.

He owns three shops at Muslim Bazaar, Mirpur, and Sher-E-Bangla National Stadium.

He has a revolver in his name and a car in the name of his wife.

Channel i, Catalyst sign MoU to make TV programme

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed yesterday between Channel i and Catalyst to make new television programme on business and economy, says a press release.

Under the agreement, Channel i will make new programme on business and economy, for which Catalyst will train up its production team and journalists.

The program will highlight various obstacles faced by numerous businesses across the country and their success stories.

Plan to ban 2-stroke vehicles in district towns, cities

UNB, Dhaka

The caretaker government plans to ban two-stroke vehicles in all the district headquarters and metropolitan cities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to hazardous global warming.

"Government is thinking about making cities and district towns clean by getting rid of two-stroke engine as it causes massive air pollution," Raja Devasish Roy,

special assistant to chief adviser on Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) and Forest Affairs, told UNB.

He said the government will take steps to create awareness among the people against the use of two-stroke engines.

Earlier, two-stroke engines were banned from the capital city of Dhaka and port city Chittagong.

Raja Devasish, who had a meeting with Japanese Ambassador Masayuki Inoue, said the envoy

sought Bangladesh's support in tackling climate change a red-hot issue that is going to be raised at the G8 summit to be held in Japan.

The ambassador said Japan's government is willing to assist Bangladesh for adaptation and mitigation from the adverse impact of the changes in climate, which is already putting the country in perils -- like droughts, floods and cyclones.

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