

One shot, robbed of Tk 5.5 lakh in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A gang of muggers shot an employee of a washing plant and took away Tk 5.5 lakh from him at Pallabi in the city on Thursday.

Injured Julhasuddin Pintu,

cashier of Bright International Washing Plant, was admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH).

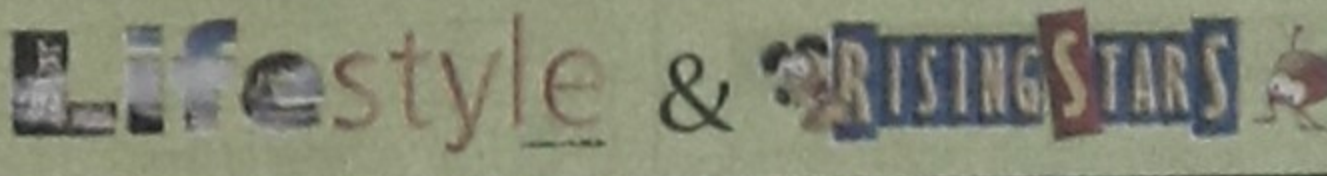



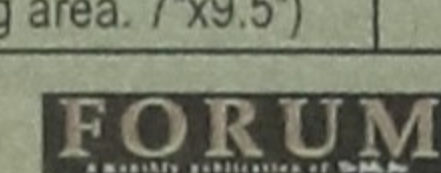







Pintu said he drew the money from the Pallabi branch of One Bank at about 1:00pm and went

back to his office at Section-11 of Mirpur by a microbus with the money in a briefcase.

But when he got off the microbus, three muggers riding on a motorbike fired at him and snatched the briefcase, Pintu told

reporters at DMCH. He received a bullet in his leg.

Sub-inspector Abdur Rahman of Pallabi Police Station said the muggers might have followed him after he drew the money from the bank.

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Prof Kabir Chowdhury speaks at a discussion marking the birth centenary of Dr GC Dev at TSC auditorium of Dhaka University yesterday. On his left are Prof Abdullah Abu Sayeed and UGC Chairman Prof Nazrul Islam and on his right are DU Pro-Vice Chancellor AFM Yusuf Haider and Prof Aminul Islam.

Dr GC Dev remembered

Birth centenary celebrated

DU CORRESPONDENT

Educationists and academics yesterday paid homage to martyred intellectual Dr Govinda Chandra Dev, a doyen in the country's philosophical studies, amid a daylong programme.

Marking his birth centenary, the programme was organised by Alumni Association of Philosophy Department of Dhaka University (DU) at the Teachers Students Centre (TSC) auditorium.

The programme began in the morning with a discussion where speakers recalled Dr Dev's contribution to shaping people's mindset with secular and progressive ideals.

They said the nation could overcome the existing crisis if the philosophy of Dr Dev could be established in its social and political life.

The speakers said Dr Dev loved to be called as an idealist and he was much progressive in thought than his time.

A Professor Emeritus of DU Dr Anisuzzaman said Dr Dev was very popular among his colleagues and students.

"Proper respect to him and his works could be showed if we can follow his practices and ideals," he added.

Another Professor Emeritus Dr Serajul Islam Chowdhury said Dr Dev believed in secularism and tried his best to separate religious activities from the state affairs through his works.

"Many of the intellectuals from religious minority communities had migrated to India after the partition of India but Dev stayed

here as he loved this country very much," he added.

National Prof Kabir Chowdhury stressed on disseminating the works of Dr Dev among the young generation and urged the government to take initiatives in this regard.

Prof Abdullah Abu Sayeed said the nation was proud of having a personality like Dr Dev who had all

the qualities to be called a philosopher.

Prof Aminul Islam, the senior-most teacher of DU philosophy department where Dev taught till his death, delivered a memorial lecture titled 'Dr GC Dev's birth centenary lecture' on this occasion.

Later in the afternoon, the students of the department held a cultural function.

Stop dumping sewage into Norai, Debdholai canals in city

Demands Bapa

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Leaders of Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon (Bapa) yesterday demanded a halt to dumping raw sewage and industrial waste into the Norai and Debdholai canals through pipes as part of Hatirheel development work in the city.

They also called for treating the wastes before dumping them into the canals to prevent their water from being polluted dangerously.


The demands were made while addressing a view-exchange meeting with the local people after visiting the Balu river and Norai and Debdholai canals near Trimohoni bridge.

Bapa leaders also demanded evicting encroachers from the bank of the river and canals.


The Bapa team, led by its General Secretary Dr Md Abdul Matin, observed that a huge amount of liquid and solid waste of Hatirheel and its adjacent areas has been dumping into Norai and Debdholai canals which is ultimately polluting the water of Balu river.

They also found many encroachers on the bank of Debdholai and Norai canals and Balu river.

Bapa Joint Secretary Shahjahan Mridha, Zakir Hossain, Iqbal Habib, Sharif Jamil, M Sirajul Islam Mollah and Zahidur Rahman were present during the visit.



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