

Argentine varsity teacher mugged in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A female professor of an Argentine university was mugged near Fakirapul Water Tank in the city yesterday morning.

Professor Anatilde Ltoya, 60, was injured when two muggers snatched her bag with her passport, Euro 1000, US \$ 2000 and Tk 10,000.

Anatilde came to Bangladesh to deliver a lecture on climate change at Rajshahi University on December 7 and December 9.

Inspector Sheikh Sirajul Islam of Paltan Police Station said in the case, Anatilde mentioned that she was going to Kamalapur Railway Station in a rickshaw along with a Bangladeshi student at around 9:00am. When she reached near the Fakirapul Water Tank, two muggers in a car snatched her bag.

She fell down on the street during the incident and got injured, he said.



Participants hold candle lit vigil in front of Teacher Student Centre at Dhaka University yesterday to mark the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. Transparency International Bangladesh organised the programme.

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CANCUN CLIMATE CONFERENCE

LDCs urged to raise united voice

UNB, Dhaka

Leaders of All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) at a meeting yesterday stressed the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) to raise united voice in upcoming Cancun Climate Conference to bring a fruitful outcome for countries vulnerable to climate change.

They said although the developed countries are highly responsible for increasing global warming, the LDCs, like Bangladesh, have become worst victims of the climate change.

APPG organised the national view-exchange meeting titled "The 16th World Climate Conference (COP-16) and people's expectation of Bangladesh" at the National Press Club in the city.

Opposition Chief Whip Zainul Abidin Faroque, parliament Whip Mujibul Haque, Parliamentary Standing Committee on labour and employment ministry Chairman Israfil Alam and lawmakers Gisauddin Ahmed, Nilufar Chowdhury Moni, Anisul Islam Mondal, Noni Gopal Mondal and Rasheda Begum Hira, among others, addressed the meeting with lawmaker

Akabbar Hossain in the chair.

Centre for Global Change Executive Director Ahsan Uddin Ahmed delivered the keynote paper at the meeting.

Addressing the session, Zainul said all should work together to save Bangladesh and its people from climate change impacts, as the country will be the worst victim of climate change.

"If the Maldives could arrange cabinet meeting on seawater, why we can not check the river erosion in the country," he asked.

Blaming the developed countries, Zainul said although the USA could spend billions of US dollars to refrain Iran from nuclear activity, they do not show interest to spend money in saving global climate.

He urged experts, civil society members, non-government organisations as well as the government to work together to address the impacts of climate change in the country.

Whip Mujibul observed that if the sea level rises by one metre, about 30 percent of the coastal people would become environmental refugees in the country.

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'Stop violence against women'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women was observed across the country yesterday.

Different rights and social organisations observed the day with elaborate programmes.

Karmojibi Nari held a rally at Muktangan in the city yesterday where its leaders stressed the need for raising massive awareness and integrated efforts to stop violence against women as it has reached a critical level.

Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) arranged a candle lighting and documentary show in front of Teacher Student Centre at Dhaka University to mark day.

Dhaka University Vice Chancellor AAMS Arefin Siddique attended the programme as the chief guest.

Steps Towards Development organised a campaign programme at Bangladesh Shishu Academy premises. Inaugurating the programme, Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid said apart from enforcing strict laws, raising social movement is a must to curb violence against women including stalking.

UNFPA in collaboration with Bangladesh Musical Band's Association (BAMBA) will arrange a youth concert at the Army Stadium in the city on December 3.

Odhikar and Bangladesh Society for the Enforcement of Human Rights (BSEHR) also organised programmes to mark the day.

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