

Robber killed in 'gunfight', arms recovered

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

An alleged robber was killed in a "gunfight" between police and his cohorts in Purba Shakharia area of Banaripara upazila in Barisal yesterday.

Dulal Mridha, 35, of Chandipur village was accused in eight robbery cases and a murder case, claimed police.

Ziaul Ahasan, officer-in-charge of Banaripara Police Station, said on information about a robbery incident, police raided the area when the criminals opened fire on the law enforcers prompting them to retaliate.

Dulal died on the spot while other robbers fled.

Two pipe-guns, eight bullets and sharp weapons were recovered from the spot, the OC said.

GREEN TECHNOLOGY Bangladesh can use Denmark's expertise

PORIMOL PALMA, back from Copenhagen

Bangladesh can greatly benefit from Denmark's expertise in green technology which has made it one of the best countries maintaining green economy, said Bangladesh ambassador to Denmark.

Green technology is defined as technology that is energy efficient and environment friendly. Green economy is the economy that aims at reducing environment risk while achieving sustainable development.

"Denmark has expertise in green issues. By 2050, the country will completely rely on renewable energy," Ambassador Muhammad A Muhith told a group of visiting Bangladeshi journalists in Copenhagen recently.

Today, almost half of Denmark's total energy supply to electricity, industry and transport sectors comes from windmills. Besides, over 40 percent of its people use bicycles on its long cycle tracks.

"You will also see drivers stopping vehicle engines whenever they have to wait at traffic signals," said Muhith. And again, the cities in Denmark recycle used water, and have rainwater for drinking.

These are some examples of Denmark's commitment to ending its dependence on fossil fuels that emit carbon, even though the country is not much affected by climate change, said the ambassador.

Carbon emission is considered the main reason behind climate change.

As Bangladesh is one of the worst victims of climate change, with its energy efficiency and water management system being the major issues, cooperation between the two countries can result in sustainable solutions, he said.

Delegations from both sides have recently visited each other's countries over the matter, said Muhith, who was posted to the newly established Bangladesh embassy in Copenhagen in the middle of last year.

The two countries have an annual trade of \$800 millions, and 90 percent of it comes from Bangladesh's export of readymade garments to Denmark.

"As non-traditional items, we are trying to promote export of our pharmaceutical and ceramic products, leather and jute goods to Denmark," said Muhith.

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New radio channel for Indo-Bangla listeners

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

All India Radio will launch a new channel "Akashvani Maitree" on Tuesday providing a common platform for participatory content creation for listeners in India and Bangladesh, reviving India's outreach to its eastern neighbour through the airwaves first established during the Bangladesh Liberation War.

The special Bangla language service channel, to be launched by President Pranab Mukherjee at a function, is going to be a maiden venture of AIR which aims at blending of content from both India and Bangladesh transcending the political boundary from the fields of art, culture, literature, music, sports and shared socio-economic issues.

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Dhaka, Washington to fight terrorism together

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka and Washington have agreed to enhance cooperation in the areas of counterterrorism and countering violent extremism through capacity enhancement.

They reached the agreement on the first day of the Fifth Partnership Dialogue

between Bangladesh and the United States, which began at the US Department of State in Washington, DC, on Thursday.

On the first day of the two-day dialogue, the three Working Groups on 'Security Cooperation', 'Development and Governance Cooperation', and 'Trade and

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