

## DU campus safe zone for criminals

Campus should be a place only for studies where you will learn how to live a better life. But the Dhaka University campus does not always suggest the idea, reports UNB.

The downside of the university, once known as the Oxford of East, is not bright. The campus has become a safe zone for muggers.

Almost everyday at least one incident of snatching takes place on the campus.

A businessman, Layaqat, is the latest victim of muggers on the Dhaka University campus. He was robbed of Tk 85,000 in broad daylight Tuesday. The snatchers whisked away without resistance, witnesses said.

The businessman did not file any case because he knows it's a waste of time.

"Almost everyday, relatives, friends and wives of the university teachers and officials living inside the campus are falling prey to muggers", said an official preferring anonymity.

He said he received 20 allegations of snatching in last one month.

Quoting a victim, he said, muggers intercept passersby on the campus, snatch cash from them and even spit on their faces in a hatred way.

He said most victims, particularly those who live on the campus, do not want to file any case against the muggers for fear of further harassment.

More horrifying is that outsiders take control of the university at night and do not bother to bring sex workers inside the campus, turning some areas like Suhrawardi Uddyan, TSC, Bangla Academy Nazrul's Mazaar, and Carjon Hall areas as "red-light zones".

"Campus is no longer safe, it is totally insecure at night", ob-

served Habib, a resident student of Fazlul Huq (FH) Hall.

A group of outsiders brought a young girl to the bungalow of the FH Hall on July 25 and stayed there overnight, triggering a storm of protest among the students, later, the hall authorities handed over the culprits to police.

There have been reports that some fourth class employees of the university were involved in the incident.

### Clarification

The attention of North South University (NSU) administration has been drawn to a newspaper report release by UNB which purports that a person named 'Ridoy', claiming to be a student of BBA programme at NSU, was apprehended at F.H. Hall of Dhaka University for alleged immoral activities. After a thorough review of records it was determined that no student by this name studies at NSU.

It is both surprising and unfortunate that the good name of NSU is being bandied about in connection with an unsavory event without proper evidence or an appropriate background check.