



Principal of Nazirhat College gunned down

CHITTAGONG, Nov. 16—Principal of Nazirhat College Gopal Krishna Muhuri was gunned down by unidentified assailants at his city residence on Jamal Khan Road this (Friday) morning, reports UNB.

Family sources said the gunmen in masks stormed their 49/A residence at about 7.30 am and asked

Muhuri about the hideout of BCI general secretary of Fatikchhari upazila unit Tayebur Rahman.

As the 60-year-old freedom fighter Muhuri expressed his ignorance about Tayebur, the angry gunmen shot him at pointblank range. He died on the spot as the bullets pierced his right ear and came out through the left one blowing up the skull.

The assailants whisked away in an auto-rickshaw without any resistance.

His body was lying on the chair as he was reading newspaper before the killing. When the IGP, who rushed to the spot after the killing, wanted to cover the body with a piece of cloth, Muhuri's bereaved wife strongly opposed it saying that she would like to show the people how the country is now being run and what is the real law and order situation.

Muhuri joined the college in 1964 and the National University authorities recently extended his service by two years when he turned 60, angering the vested group.

Home Minister Altaf Hossain, who is now in the port city to

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attend the first law and order meeting of the district, rushed to the spot along with Labour and Employment Minister Abdullah Al Noman, IGP Moddabir Hossain Chowdhury, DIG (Chittagong range) Mozammel Haq and Police Commissioner Shahidullah Khan.

But they had to face a violent demonstration of local Chhatra League, Juba League, Hindhu-Buddha-Christian Oikya Parisad there. Police charged baton to disperse the demonstrators.

The Home Minister directed the police officials to arrest the killers within 24 hours.

While the ministers and the senior police officials leaving the house, they again fell prey to public anger and the Home Minister was silent when local journalists tried to know his reaction.

President of local Journalists Union and freedom fighter M Idris burst into tears and asked Employment Minister Noman whether the freedom fighters are at all safe now.

Noman described the killing as brutal and said, "I'm a local MP and I'll continue my efforts to hunt down the killers.

principles and his killers will be brought to justice.