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School teacher gunned down in broad daylight

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A teacher of Government Laboratory High School was gunned down in front of his residence in the city's Hatirpul area in broad daylight on Saturday.

The victim Swapan Goswami (38), an English teacher of the city's renowned school, came under the deadly attack when he came out of his residence at 71 North Road, Bhutergoli in Hatirpul area under Dhannondi thana at about 9.00 in the morning.

Quoting the witnesses police said Swapan came out of his residence to buy cigarettes. As he went to the nearby shop, 'Sikder Store' the waylaying gunmen, numbering four to five opened fire indiscriminately on him from pointblank range. The attackers quickly escaped leaving him in a pool of blood. The killing of the popular teacher has broken the few days' silence in the city's criminal activities.

Police picked up four people from the place of occurrence for interrogation.

The ill-fated teacher sustained bullet injuries in the chest and head.

Locals rushed him to a private clinic at Green Road where the

attending doctors declared him dead. Later, his body was sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital morgue for autopsy.

Motives behind the killing could not be ascertained immediately, but relatives said it might have a link with a dispute over a piece of land at Chandpur that Swapan had sold recently.

Family members alleged that the buyers did not pay money as per the deal, which developed a feud between the two parties.

Apart from teaching, English Swapan also taught Social Science and other subjects in the morning shift of the school. He joined the profession in 1992 and transferred

to the school in 1996. Hailed from Baburhat, in Chandpur district Swapan was the father of a three and a half years old son, Arnab.

As his death news spread in the city, there was a pall of gloom on the campus of the school.

Many of them rushed to the morgue to see his body.

The teachers and students held a rally at the school in protest against the gruesome killing and demanded immediate arrest of the killers. How could an innocent teacher be killed in broad daylight when army is conducting anti-terrorism drive across the country, the speakers questioned.