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The Disappearance of Sripad Svarupa Damodara Maharaja

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Very sad news came today, that one of the prominent disciples of Srila Bhaktivedanta Swami Maharaja, Sripad Bhakti Svarupa Damodara Maharaja, has left his body.

He was injured by a bomb attack in Manipura, and yesterday he left his body. Tomorrow they will bring his body to Radha-kunda and they will give samadhi.

He was really a Vaisnava, even from his home-life. I have seen this in Sripad Gour Govinda Maharaja, and he was like this also. They are real Vaisnavas. They followed the principles of their Guru in the real sense. They never accepted what Iskcon is now propagating.

Sripad Svarupa Damodara Maharaja was my bosom friend. He was very humble – very humble – and he has told his disciples, "You can associate with Narayana Maharaja. He is pure Vaisnava."

He met me in Govardhana last year; and in Navadvipa also. Whenever I was in Navadvipa he used to meet me. He helped me, and I also used to help him.

So we have lost one very good devotee. I pray to Sri Krsna and Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu that they will bless him – that pure bhakti will come in his heart.

He has not died. The soul will never die. May Krsna be merciful, and sprinkle His mercy upon him.

Gaura Premanande!

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