

# Protesters clash with cops before today's G-8 summit

**REUTERS, Annemasse**  
French police fired teargas yesterday to disperse several hundred protesters in the first major disturbance ahead of a summit of the "Group of Eight" leading industrialised countries. Eyewitnesses said the incident came after the anarchists marched from an anti-G8 campsite near the French-Swiss border city to blockade a building where French Socialist Party activists were meeting. It was the first clash in what both protest leaders and police had said would be a series of peaceful marches and sit-ins during the three-day summit in the nearby French spa town of Evian, which

opens today. Authorities on both sides of the border, fearful of a repetition of violence that rocked a G8 summit in Genoa, Italy, two years ago, have mounted a massive security operation involving some 25,000 police and security officials. It was not immediately clear why the anarchists, carrying their traditional black-and-red flags, decided to march against the socialists -- although hard-left movements generally regard social democratic parties as "hirelings of capitalism." Marchers said they threw stones at the building where the socialists were meeting to discuss the G8 summit after guards inside fired a

spray at them. There was no immediate comment from the socialists. The anarchists began setting up barricades but French riot police moved in, firing volleys of teargas to push them back to the campsite at Annemasse airfield, where earlier in the day protesters were instructed in passive resistance techniques. Police barricades were going up on both sides of the French-Swiss border around Lake Geneva to halt protesters trying to move off permitted routes. Army helicopters circled overhead. In Lausanne, across Lake Geneva from Evian, various groups denouncing the G8 leaders, who include President Bush and Russian President Vladimir Putin,

were considering ways to try to block water traffic. While most G8 leaders are staying around Evian, about a dozen prime ministers and presidents who are summit guests, including China's Hu Jintao, will stay in Lausanne and travel across Lake Geneva from the Swiss to the French side. Protesters accuse the G8 chiefs of acting like "Masters of the Universe" and say the poorer nation leaders -- who include Brazil's new left-wing President Luis Inacio Lula da Silva -- will get nothing more than crumbs from them. The G8 include Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Russia and the United States.

## Girls raped in Chittagong, Rangamati

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg**  
A 10-year old girl was gang-raped in Cement Crossing area under Potenga thana in the city on Friday night. Police and sources said some miscreants picked up the girl from Quazirgoli at around 11:00pm, took her to a nearby house and raped her in succession. At the time, the girl was going to their newly rented house after shifting from their old house. The victim's brother-in-law has filed a case. Police arrested three persons --  
**SEE PAGE 11 COL 3**

## Babri Mosque demolition Charge sheet against Advani, Joshi

**PTI, Rae Bareilly**  
The CBI yesterday filed supplementary chargesheet against Deputy Prime Minister L K Advani, his Cabinet colleague Murli Manohar Joshi, VHP leader Ashok Singhal and five others in the Babri Masjid demolition case in a special court here. BJP leader Uma Bharti and firebrand VHP leader Sadhvi Ritambhara are among the others against whom supplementary chargesheet was filed in the court.

The CBI had been given Saturday's deadline for filing the charges. The court exempted the accused from personal appearance and posted the matter for further hearing to June 13. The special court also directed the CBI to produce the report made by Crime Branch CID which had initially probed the demolition case. The court asked CBI to produce news clippings, videography and photographs collected by CBCID during the investigation.

## Sajib murder case Charge pressed against 7

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira**  
Seven people accused in the Sajib murder case were chargesheeted yesterday, nine months after investigation into the sensational murder case began, court sources said. Investigation officer Arabind Biswas, inspector of the Criminal Investigation Department (CID), submitted the chargesheet to a First Class Magistrate's court at Satkhira. The seven persons are Azharul Islam, Abdul Ali, Anwarul Islam, Sakina Khatun, Shafiqul Islam, Abdul Karim and Anisur Rahman. Sajib, 6, son of Moinul Islam of  
**SEE PAGE 11 COL 7**



Dhaka as usual... As a countrywide cleanliness drive by the Ministry of LGRD and Cooperatives begins today, much of the capital looks littered with trash. The picture taken in front of the Biman Bangladesh Airlines office at Motijheel shows construction materials and rubbish left on the road.

## CPD

## National Policy Review Forum 2003 opens on June 3

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
The Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), the Prothom Alo and The Daily Star will open the 'National Policy Review Forum 2003' at a city hotel on June 3 and discuss a raft on important national issues in subsequent working sessions. Finance and Planning Minister M Saifur Rahman will open the forum as the chief guest while Deputy Leader of the Opposition Abdul Hamid Advocate will attend the event as special guest. Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan will join the closing function as the chief guest. Prof Rehman Sobhan, chairman of the CPD and convener of the Policy Review Task Forces, will chair the inaugural session.  
**SEE PAGE 11 COL 4**

## Rickshaw ban move protested

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
Seventeen social, political, cultural and student organisations yesterday vowed to resist any move to restrict plying of rickshaws without creating alternative job opportunity for rickshaw-pullers. In a joint statement, eight student organisations and nine socio-cultural bodies protested the decision to make Kalabagan to Azimpur road off-limits to rickshaws from July in implementation of a three-phase ban. The government restriction that came after the World Bank's suggestion to reduce traffic jam aims at making the entire Mirpur Road from Gabtali to Azimpur free from rickshaws. The bar to rickshaws will come full circle with banning the slow-moving vehicles from 41 city bus-routes in phases.  
**SEE PAGE 11 COL 6**

	Sun Rises	Sun Sets
June 1		6-42 pm
June 2	5-11 am	

  

Prayer Timings		
June 1		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-15	4-45
Zohr	1-00	1-30
Asr	5-00	5-15
Maghrib	6-45	6-50
Esha	8-15	8-45

Source: Islamic Foundation

## AL meet marred as rival groups clash in Feni

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Feni**  
An extended meeting of the Feni District Awami League was marred due to a clash between pro- and anti-Hazari groups at the Zahir Raihan Auditorium here yesterday, meeting sources said. AL general secretary Abdul Jalil MP was addressing the meeting as chief guest when fighting broke out between supporters of expelled AL leader Joyanal Hazari and their rivals. Jalil was forced to take shelter under the dais as the two groups threw chairs and brickbats at each other, forcing the meeting to be dissolved after two hours at 2:00pm.

Hazari's men also assaulted AL leaders Iftekhar Islam and Abul Bashar. AL leaders Obaidul Kader, Saber Hossain Chowdhury and Birbahadur MP had also addressed the meeting before the trouble began. Chaired by acting president of the district AL Aziz Ahmed Chowdhury, the meeting was also attended, among others, by editor of Bangladesh Observer Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury and journalist ABM Musa. BSS adds: Former Awami League lawmaker Joyanal Hazari, an a c c u s e d  
**SEE PAGE 11 COL 8**

## Robbers loot Tk 5 lakh in goods in Ctg

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg**  
Goods and valuables reportedly worth around Tk 5 lakh were looted and one person was injured in two separate robberies in the coastal upazila of Banshkhal in the district yesterday. Sources said a group of robbers looted 16 shops at Ekkaitya Pukur and Tunirpole areas of Chandrapur village under Pukuria union and took away goods said to be worth around Tk. 3.5 lakh. They also beat up staff of the shops and injured one Zakir Hossain, 70, seriously. The elderly man was admitted to Chittagong Medical College Hospital. The robbers then swooped on the residence of one Ahsan Uddin Member, but fled facing strong  
**SEE PAGE 11 COL 7**



Activists of Sammilito Nari Samaj, a women's rights group, display placards during a demonstration in the city yesterday against trade conditions set by the developed world.

## One killed, cop abducted in Rangamati

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati**  
A young man was shot and four others including a police constable were abducted in conflicts between pro- and anti-peace pact outfits in remote villages in Rangamati district on Thursday and Friday, police said. They said anti-pact activist Bhaggyadhan Chakma, 15, suffered bullet injuries when 15 to 17 pro-pact operatives swooped on Khamarpara village in Naniarchar upazila early Friday.

Bhaggyadhan was admitted to the local upazila health complex and later shifted to Rangamati General Hospital from where he fled to escape arrest. Bonnya Chakma, 45, a villager, was also kidnapped during the clash. In a separate incident, the anti-peace group stormed Betchhari village in Kawkhali upazila on Thursday and kidnapped three people and torched four houses. Those kidnapped are police  
**SEE PAGE 11 COL 6**

## Raid on AL office: Case filed against AL leaders

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal**  
A case was filed with Kotwali police here yesterday accusing 11 leaders and workers of Awami League (AL) in connection with Friday's raid on the district AL office, sources said. The case, filed by Moshui Alam Sentu, VP of BM College Student Union, accuses the AL men of exploding bombs and beating up BNP leaders on Friday evening. Allegation of theft was also brought against the accused including Talukdar Mohammad Yunus, organising secretary of district AL. Local AL leaders on the other hand alleged that police refused to  
**SEE PAGE 11 COL 7**