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## FBCCI bosses worried over crime spate

UNB, Dhaka

The outgoing board of directors of the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) expressed serious concern over the deteriorating law and order situation.

At their last meeting yesterday, the FBCCI board for 2000-02 observed that the countrywide extortion and other criminal activities, especially abduction of businessmen one after another in Chittagong, worried the business community.

It noted that the repeated incidents of kidnapping of businesspeople and unabated extortion are affecting the country's image, thereby discouraging both foreign and local investments.

"This (the slide) has lessened productivity while new employment is not taking place. It exerts a negative impact on the national economy," said the meeting, presided over by outgoing president of the FBCCI Yusuf Abdullah Harun.

The meeting, called upon the government to take necessary measures to bring back security in public life and a congenial business atmosphere.

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## Govt to go tough on land grabbers

### JS body ponders calling out army to recover about 33 lakh acres

**SHAKHAWAT LITON**

A parliamentary standing committee asked the land ministry yesterday to take tough measures, including deploying army if need be, to recover government land from grabbers.

The ministry will not be able to recover the grabbed land without taking a tough line, as the encroachers are influential, said the Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Ministry of Land at a meeting at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban.

"Army might be deployed in recovering the land, but no resolution was adopted at the meeting to that end," Nurul Huda, a BNP lawmaker and member of the committee, told The Daily Star.

The trend of grabbing government land is running high in the six

metropolitan cities because of high value, but lack of coordination among different organisations has made it difficult for the land ministry to detect and recover the land, said officials.

According to a study by Prof. Abul Barakat of the economics department, Dhaka University, 33 lakh acres are government land across the country; of them, more than eight lakh acres are farmland, 17 lakh acres non-farmland and over eight lakh acres water-bodies.

But Land Minister M. Shamsul Islam told the Jatiya Sangsad at its budget session that there were only over six lakh acres of government land across the country.

The study said the non-farmland and water-bodies have been illegally occupied and the government has lost control of 88 per cent of the

farmland distributed among the poor over the last 20 years.

The study also said the government is the custodian of 21 lakh acres of vested property, with over 90 per cent of it in the hands of grabbers.

The committee yesterday asked the ministry to submit a report in 90 days on the illegally occupied government land in Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal and Sylhet metropolitan cities. The ministry has also been asked to submit another report on the illegally occupied land all across the country.

The meeting also proposed a tripartite meeting to thrash out a permanent solution to the disputes on international borderlines along West Bengal, Assam, Meghalaya and Tripura of India and Myanmar.

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Police in force mount guard at the Dhaka District Judge's Court yesterday after ruling BNP's Jubo Dal activists, pro-BNP lawyers and police attacked pro-Awami League lawyers, injuring 87 Saturday.

## Latif banned for cheating

### Inzamam new Pakistan captain

HASAN MASOOD, from Multan

Pakistan captain Rashid Latif was yesterday banned for five one-day internationals (ODI) for cheating and will miss the five-match ODI series against Bangladesh starting tomorrow.

Match referee Mike Proctor found Latif guilty of cheating, as he had not completed the catch off Bangladesh batsman Alok Kapali on the third day of the final Test on Friday and the ball popped out of his gloves when he fell to the ground.

Proctor upheld a complaint lodged by Bangladesh for claiming the catch in his verdict announced before newsmen at noon.

The ban forced Pakistan to name Inzamam-ul-Haq as captain for the one-dayers.

The match referee held a hearing Saturday after Bangladesh team



Rashid Latif

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## Khulna caught with fright

### Slain AL leader laid to rest; hartal called for today; security beefed up

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Khulna district and city units of the Awami League (AL) will jointly enforce a daylong hartal in the city today to protest the murder of a party leader on Saturday night.

A procession was brought out yesterday afternoon in support of the hartal call.

Kamrul Islam Kutu, a member of

the Khulna City AL, was killed when a bomb was thrown on the city AL office Saturday night.

The namaz-e-janaza of the slain AL leader was held at Shahid Hadis Park yesterday, which was attended by a large number of leaders, activists and supporters of the AL and its front organisations.

Sirajul Islam, father of Kutu,

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## PCBs may get ADP benefit

### Proposal sent for finance minister's approval

REJAUUL KARIM BYRON

Private commercial banks (PCBs) that have been in operation for 10 years and beyond can take deposit up to 20 per cent of the funds earmarked for the annual development programme (ADP), says a proposal by the Finance Division.

The proposal was sent yesterday

for the finance minister's approval, finance ministry sources said. At present, the PCBs cannot take deposit of ADP funds.

Once approved, the decision will be communicated through a circular to all the ministries.

At a meeting between Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman and the

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## Rival lawyers defer rally to avert clash

### One pro-AL arrestee sent to jail

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Rival groups of lawyers have postponed till tomorrow the protest meetings called on the Dhaka District Judge's Court premises yesterday following Saturday's violence.

The move was made by pro-BNP and pro-Awami League lawyers to avert clashes, sources said.

A huge contingent of police was deployed yesterday in front of the Dhaka Bar Association office and the entrances for the judges at both the court buildings to check any untoward incident.

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## DFP dogged by graft

### Officials swindle public purse out of Tk 18 lakh in fake bills, tender manipulation

ZAYADUL AHSAN

An investigation by the Ministry of Information has opened up the Pandora's box of corruption at the Department of Film and Publication (DFP) where some officials have been found involved in swindling the public coffers out of thousands by producing fake bills, manipulating tender and resorting to other illegal activities.

These corrupt officials have drawn over Tk 18 lakh in bills against

four documentaries and three video films without actually making those, one of the finds reveals.

A four-member investigation committee of the ministry also found these officials to have made several films without any approval by the ministry and illegally obtained raw materials, making a dent in the public purse.

Besides, they made the government count Tk 15 lakh in needless costs through tender manipulation and irregularities. The officials have

been involved in manipulation of tenders for supply of negatives and positives of films and illegal requisitioning of films.

The committee filed its report in August, accusing the director general (DG), directors and producers of the films and other high officials of being involved in the corruption. Ever since, these officials are leaving no stone unturned to have the report swept under the rug, sources said.

A July 29 meeting of the ministry,

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Buses wrecked by Chittagong Export Processing Zone (CEPZ) workers who protested the killing of a shoe factory official by a speeding bus yesterday.

## 20 wounded as workers, cops clash after bus knocks down 1

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

At least 20 people were injured in a clash between police and angry workers at Chittagong Export Processing Zone (CEPZ) yesterday morning after a shoe factory official was knocked to death by a bus.

The bus was carrying CEPZ workers to their workplace.

Hundreds of workers staged demonstration on the CEPZ premises to protest the death of an officer of Excelsior Shoe Factory

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## Two killed in cross fire in Adabor

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two people were shot dead and another suffered bullet wounds when two groups of hoodlums locked in a gunfight at Adabor in Mohammadpur last night.

The dead are Mohammad Khokon, 35, a shop employee, and Abdur Rahim, a garment employee. The injured, Mohammad Jalil, 40, a rickshawpuller, is undergoing treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH).

Khokon and Rahim were rushed to DMCH, but were declared dead on arrival. The bodies were kept at the morgue for autopsy.

Locals said one of the gangs led by Shajahan, Nabi and Delwar locked in a fierce gun battle with a rival group led by Abul and Zakir

over establishing supremacy in the area at about 7:45pm on road No. 10 in Adabor.

The gangs had also clashed only five days back, they added.

Other sources however said a gang of about 20 went to Mahin General Store owned by Delwar Hossain and started looting valuables from the shop at about 7:45pm. Locals chased the gang and the retreating gangsters fired gunshots, leaving the two dead and one injured.

Rahim died at the spot while Delwar rushed Khokon to DMCH where doctors declared him dead, the sources added.

The duty officer of Mohammadpur Police Station said they heard of such an incident and a team of police had gone to the spot. But he failed to give any details.

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