

## 1932 more held

UNB, Dhaka

Police arrested 1932 more people, including six listed criminals, during their countrywide drive in last 24 hours ending at 6am yesterday.

During the drive, they recovered 10 firearms, 10 other weapons and 54 bullets and filed 11 cases against 24 people under the Arms Act, says a police headquarters press release.



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Primary and Mass Education Ministry took out a colourful procession in the city yesterday on the occasion of National Primary Education Week-2003.

## Nat'l Primary Education Week begins

BSS, Dhaka

The National Primary Education Week-2003 began throughout the country yesterday amid enthusiasm and with a call for founding a strong base of primary schooling to ensure quality higher education.

The theme of the week this year is "let quality education be ensured for all children."

Concerned government bodies and various non-government organisations, working in the education sector, undertook elaborate programmes on the opening day of the week.

The programmes included rallies and processions of the children and juveniles, seminars, workshops, discussions and tree plantation.

President Iajuddin Ahmed and Prime Minister Khaleda Zia gave separate messages on the occasion.

## Media enjoy full freedom

### Tariqul tells Chinese journalists

BSS, Dhaka

Information Minister Tariqul Islam yesterday said the media is enjoying full freedom as newspapers publish news without any government interference.

The minister said this when the visiting six-member delegation of All China Journalist Association (ACJA) led by its executive secretary Wei Mingxiang called on him at his secretariat office.

Mentioning the importance of such visit to project various activities of the two countries sharing each other's experiences, he said there is deep relations between the media of Bangladesh and China.

Tariqul said Bangladesh always valued traditional relationship. He said a traditional relation exists between Bangladesh and China. "Bangladesh will work further closely with China to further strengthen this relation," he added.

He reminded the Chinese journalists that China plays an important role in developing various infrastructures in Bangladesh.

Bangladesh has close links with China in education, social, economic and cultural sectors, Tariqul said.