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A team of Austrian tourists led by Maqeriered Malle met the members of Bangladesh Photojournalists' Association and discussed matters of professional interest at its office in the city yesterday. Photo shows Association leaders presenting some gifts to the team members.

## Women commissioners demand equal rights

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Women Ward Commissioners of Khulna City Corporation formed a human chain at the Picture Palace Cinema hall intersection in Khulna City yesterday demanding equal

rights and fare participation in development works as of their male counterparts.

The human chain was followed by a rally where the speakers threatened to launch a tougher movement if their demands are not met.

## Rise in crime worries Khulna politicians

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Leaders of different political parties expressed grave concern at the sudden rise in crime and price hike of essentials in Khulna city.

The General Secretary of Khulna district Awami League Mostafa Rashidi Shuja told The Daily Star yesterday that criminals have again become active and now moving in the guises in the society. Besides, extremists are regrouping in city, he said.

Prices of essentials have already gone beyond common people's purchasing capacity, Shuja said. City AL General Secretary Mizanur Rahman, former city BNP general secretary Nazrul Islam Manju, city CPB President Advocate Feroze Ahmed and Jatiya Party (Ershad) leader Abul Hossain also expressed concern at the deteriorating law and order situation.

They said politics in Khulna has become too difficult and highly risky in the wake of sudden rise in bomb attacks, robberies and burglaries.

KMP Commissioner Khan Saeed Hasan said a special combing operation is going on in the city to arrest the extremists. He denied the allegation that political leaders are feeling insecure.

