

### Trader robbed of Tk 7 lakh

UNB, Savar

Muggers snatched Tk seven lakh from a businessman near the Savar bus stand yesterday.

After a hot chase, pedestrians held one of the muggers, Idris Ali 32, while three others managed to flee.

A dagger and Tk 3,50,000 lakh were recovered from Idris. He was handed over to the police after they beat him severely.

Aslam, brother of the owner of Mannan Steel Mill, was going to deposit the money to the National Bank. Muggers intercepted him on the way and snatched away the bag full of money.

## Non-govt teachers' sit-in tomorrow

DU CORRESPONDENT

Non-government teachers and employees will stage a sit-in demonstration in front of the prime minister's office (PMO) tomorrow for inclusion of their names in monthly payment order (MPO) from the date of recognition.

The programme was announced by Besarkari Shikkhak-Karmochari Oikya Jote, a platform of non-MPO teachers and employees of private schools, colleges and madrasas, at a rally at the Central Shaheed Minar in the city yesterday.

Several hundred teachers and employees from across the country

joined the rally. Jote Joint Convenor Principal Isharat Ali said if the government does not meet their one-point demand by October 15, they will go for tougher agitation.

Jote Convenor Md Ibrahim Khalil said this government had repeatedly pledged for inclusion of their names in MPO, but their demand is yet to be met although its tenure is almost finished.

Earlier, the jote submitted a memorandum to the prime minister (PM) to press home their demand.

### Two masons fall to death

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two masons died and another received serious injuries after they fell from the fourth floor of a seven-storey underconstruction building at Banasree, Rampura, in the city yesterday.

The dead were identified as Abdur Rauf, 45, and Motaleb Hossain, 25. The injured worker, Milon Mia, 35, has been undergoing treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

The three were plastering the outside wall standing on a makeshift platform at around 8:30am, but they fell to the ground as the platform collapsed, police said.

### RESTORATION OF WOMEN DEV POLICY '97

# Memo submitted to PM

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Samajik Protirodh Committee yesterday submitted a memorandum to the prime minister demanding restoration of the Women Development Policy 1997, says a press release.

The memorandum attached 10-point recommendations that highlighted restoration and implementation of Women Development Policy 1997 and direct election in reserved seats of the parliament.

The other demands include 100 reserved seats in the parliament for at least three terms, equal distribution of wealth and 30 per cent compulsory participation of women in parties, judiciary, parliament, ministry, executive department, cultural department and bringing the physically and intellectually disabled women to the mainstream of development.

In 2004, the policy underwent a number of changes that go against

the interests and demands of 'equal rights of women', the press note added.

Earlier on August 27, the committee, a national platform of 43 women and human rights organisations, held a convention at the Biam auditorium to press their demand for restoration of the original 'Women Development Policy'.

Over one thousand representatives attended the convention.

### Depression weakens

UNB, Dhaka

The depression over east central Bay and adjoining areas weakened into a well marked low over the same area at 6:00pm yesterday.

It is likely to move in a west-northwesterly direction, said a special weather bulletin of Met office.

Maritime ports of Chittagong, Cox's Bazar and Mongla have been advised to hoist distant cautionary signal number one.

All fishing boats and trawlers over north Bay and deep sea have been advised to come close to the coast and proceed with caution till further notice.