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DSE price index	793.48(-0.03%)
Market capital Tk	49.23 billion
Transactions in volume	188290
Transactions in value Tk	26.28 million

## Deuba will be sworn in today

# Nepalese govt falls

KATHMANDU, Sept 10: Nepal's minority communist government fell today and the Opposition was expected to form a new government within 24 hours, state television and radio reported, reports AFP.

Prime Minister Man Mohan Adhikari later in the evening tendered his resignation to King Birendra.

The Nepal Communist Party-United Marxist and Leninist (NCP-UML) government lost a vote of censure in the house of Representatives by 107 votes to 88.

The Nepali Congress, the right wing Rastriya Prajatantra Party (RPP), the small Nepal Sadbhavana Party (NSP) and independents all voted against the 10-month old government.

"It was a peaceful transfer of power by the UCP-UML and the new cabinet headed by (Congress leader Sher Bahadur) Deuba will be sworn in on Monday," a parliamentary official said.

The vote was held after the Supreme Court ruled last month that King Birendra has been wrong to dissolve parliament and call new elections for November in accordance with a request from Prime Minister Man Mohan Adhikari, a veteran communist.

Adhikari said before the vote he would resign if defeated. The communists were the largest single party after elections last November but with 88 seats in the 205-member house could only pass legislation with Opposition backing.

"Today's successful democratic transfer of power has further consolidated Nepal's parliamentary process," Speaker Ram Chandra Paudyal said after announcing the result.

The parliamentary vote had been scheduled for Saturday but was postponed a day after the NCP-UML asked that Adhikari be allowed more time to prepare his resignation.

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Nepalese Prime Minister Man Mohan Adhikari speaks to Parliament from a hospital bed in Kathmandu before the no-confidence vote against him yesterday. — AFP/UNB photo

## Hartals can't oust elected govt: PM

RAJSHAHI, Sept 10: Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia today accused the Opposition political parties of blocking the country's development by calling frequent hartals and destructive programmes, reports UNB.

"They don't want welfare of the people, they are out to take the country backward from the path of development by resorting to destructive programmes," she said while addressing a huge meeting at Shahadwla Degree College premises in Bagha thana in the afternoon.

She said that it was not possible to oust an elected government by calling repeated hartals. "These will rather worsen the suffering of the people," Begum Zia told the meeting.

Referring to the issue of caretaker government, she said a particular party had tried to make parliament inactive by joining hands with the autocratic and anti-liberation forces and raising unconstitutional demand for a caretaker government.

"The people will be betrayed if we accept the unconstitutional demand," she said.

Citing various development programmes undertaken by the BNP government, the Prime Minister said the socio-economic conditions of the people had improved remarkably following successful implementation of development programmes in agriculture, health, power and education sectors in last four-and-a-half-year.

Turning to the welfare of women community, she said the government had undertaken steps to make education of the girl students outside the pourashava area free up to class ten from January, 1996.

Begum Zia said 250 more unions will be brought under food for education programme next year raising the total to 1250 throughout the country.

The Prime Minister said 92 per cent children of the country were now going to schools and the rate of literacy rose to 37 per cent from 25 per cent in 1990.

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## AL council session today

By Staff Correspondent

The one-day special council of Awami League will be held today at the Engineers Institution to discuss latest political situation and review party strategy to realise the demand for elections under a caretaker government.

Some 3,000 councillors from the party's 71 organisational districts are expected to attend the council session, to be chaired by Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina. The session is scheduled to begin at 10 am.

The council session is likely to extend the tenure of the present working committee for more one year. The last session was held on September 19 and 20, 1992 and it was decided that the session would be held after a period of three years.

Sheikh Hasina is expected to give party councillors from across the country guidelines for integrating the grassroots people to the agitation and for the next general elections, party sources said.

The council session will also review Hasina's formula for a caretaker government headed by the Chief Justice.

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## AL will discuss BNP formula: Hasina

By Staff Correspondent

Opposition leader Sheikh Hasina yesterday said there is nothing new in the proposed BNP formula of interim government headed by the President, but she didn't reject it straightway, reports UNB.

"How can it be a caretaker government if BNP remains in power?" she questioned speaking about the new formula of the ruling party, as speculated in a section of newspapers.

Hasina, while addressing an extended meeting of the Juba League at a community centre at Sobhanbagh, however, said they would sit and discuss it shortly.

According to the new formula, the Prime Minister will resign 30 days ahead of the national elections and the President run the country's affairs with the help of secretaries.

An advisory committee comprising representatives selected by the government and the Opposition will assist the interim government which will advise the Election Commission for ensuring a free and fair election.

The Awami League president also renewed her proposal for constituting a caretaker government headed by the Chief Justice. "We are not telling (them) to go beyond the Constitution, we just want the replication of 1990 formula," she said.

The constitutional bar to making the caretaker government could be ratified in next parliament, as was done by the 11th Amendment, Awami League president said.

Hasina also mentioned her prior proposals for framing caretaker government with judges of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court or retired judges.

Hasina said the demand for a caretaker government had been placed for the interest of the people, to protect their voting rights, so constitutional ratification or amendments could be made for them.

But the government, which violated the Constitution on various pretexts, was now talking about the Constitution, Hasina said.

"The very birth of the BNP was unconstitutional, and now this party is running the country," she said.

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## Taka depreciates by 15 paisha against US dollar

By Staff Correspondent

The US dollar became costlier by 15 paisha from yesterday as Bangladesh Bank reversed the official exchange rate of the taka for its transaction with banks.

Bangladesh Bank will now buy US dollars from the authorised banks at the rate of Tk 40.15 each and sell them at Tk 40.35.

"This adjustment has been made in the backdrop of big changes in the exchange rate relationship of major currencies in the international foreign exchange markets," said a Bangladesh Bank press release.

Banking circles, however, pointed out that the central bank has taken this decision primarily because of a tremendous increase of import.

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## OIC contact group meets Thursday: Saifur leaves for Malaysia tomorrow

By Staff Correspondent

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman leaves here tomorrow for attending the OIC Contact Group meeting on Bosnian problem in Kuala Lumpur, reports UNB.

He will lead a six-member Bangladesh delegation to the two-day meeting beginning Thursday in the Malaysian capital.

The meet is expected to work out a strategy to help the Bosnian Muslims deter Serb aggression and defend their territorial integrity and independence.

Bangladesh, Jordan and Indonesia, as the troops-contributing countries, are participating in the meeting of Foreign Ministers and Defence Ministers of the Contact Group countries.

Eight Contact Group countries are Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, Iran, Senegal, Turkey, Egypt, Malaysia and Morocco.

The Contact Group meeting will be preceded by a two-day meeting of senior officials of the countries concerned, beginning in the Malaysian capital today.

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## NEWS BRIEFS

**2 bills introduced in JS, 2 passed**  
 Two bills were introduced in Parliament yesterday. The bills are: The President's Pension (Amendment) Bill, 1995 and the International Centre for Diarrhoeal Diseases Research, Bangladesh (Amendment) Bill, 1995. Meanwhile, Parliament yesterday passed the Chittagong Port Authority (Amendment) Bill, 1995 and the Mongla Port Authority (Amendment) Bill, 1995, reports UNB.

**Speaker returns**  
 Speaker Shaikh Razzak Ali returned home yesterday after attending the special council session of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) in New York, reports UNB.

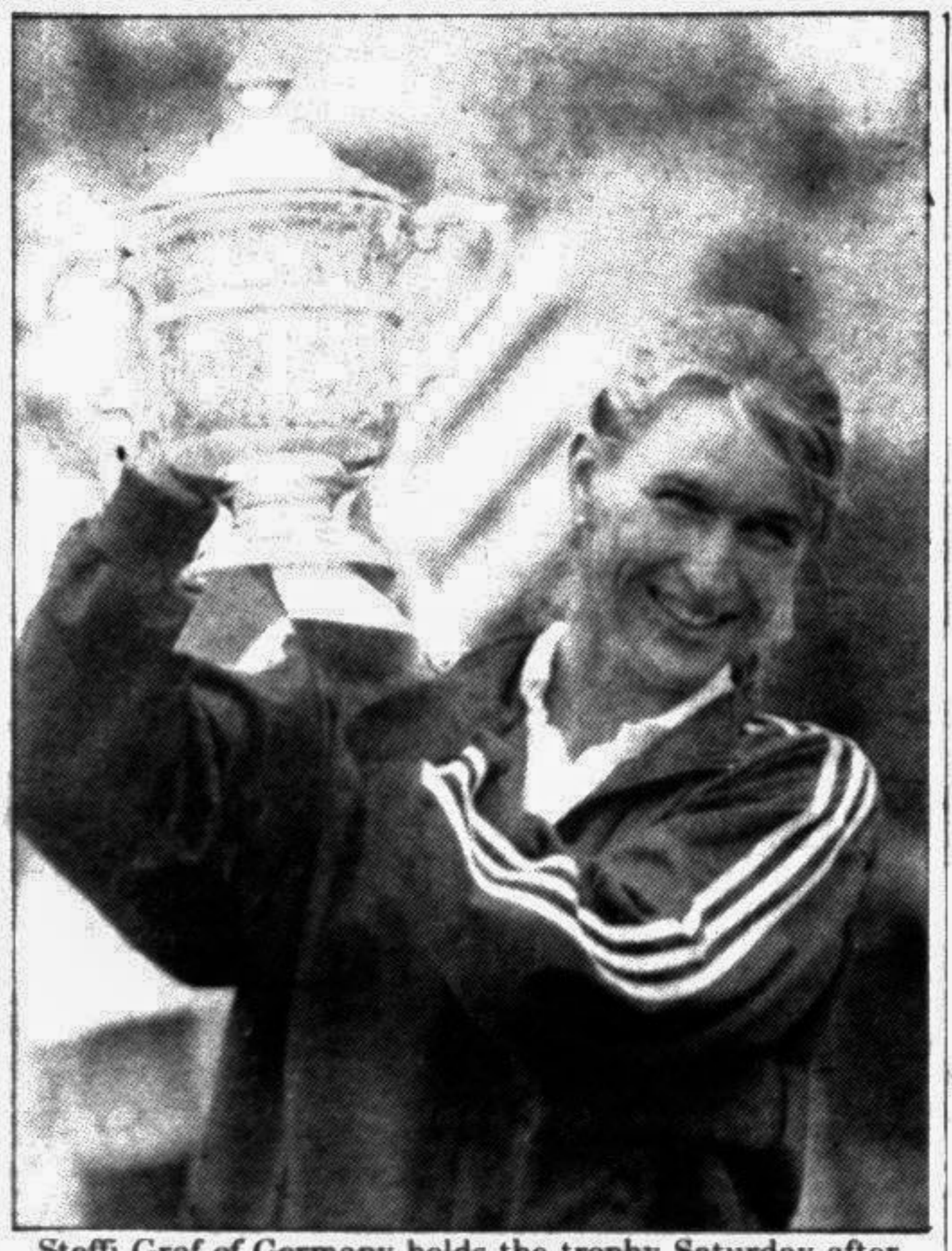
**3 teenaged girls rescued: 3 held**  
 By Staff Correspondent  
 Police yesterday arrested three alleged women traffickers from the Kamalapur Railway Station and rescued three teenage girls.

The arrested are Mabia, Afmon Nesa and Bachhu Mia. The rescued girls are Laily, 13, Shilpi, 13, and Minara Begum, 14.

**Travel agency owner arrested**  
 Police yesterday arrested a travel agency owner from his office in the city on charge of illegal manpower business. Police, raided the Travelling and Tours at Mirpur and arrested its owner Abdus Salam along with 18 passports, fake police clearances and seals of gazetted officers and fake documents, reports UNB.

**WP calls hartal in Khulna div today**  
 KHULNA, Sept 10: The Workers Party of Bangladesh has called a half-day hartal in 10 districts of Khulna division tomorrow. The hartal in Kushtia, Chuadanga, Meherpur, Jhenidah, Magura, Jessore, Narail, Satkhira, Bagerhat and Khulna districts will be followed by a 'padayatra'. The party will enforce the hartal from 6 am, reports UNB.

**Phensidyl recovered**  
 A special squad of the Department of Narcotics Control yesterday recovered 116 bottles of Indian phensidyl from different parts of the city and detained five people. In separate drives at Mirpur, Demra and Ramna thanas in the city they seized the contraband items and arrested the people, reports UNB.



Steffi Graf of Germany holds the trophy Saturday after defeating Monica Seles of US in the finals of the US Open. Graf won the match 7-6, 0-6, 6-3. — AFP/UNB photo

## Death of Yasmin Persons involved to be punished, JS assured

Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury yesterday assured Parliament that stern legal action would be taken against the persons involved in the incident of rape and killing of Yasmin in Dinajpur recently, reports UNB.

"The culprits will be given exemplary punishment on the basis of the inquiry committee report," he said responding to a call attention notice moved by BNP member Major (Rtd) Hafiz Uddin Ahmed.

The Home Minister said the accused will be tried under the Women Repression Act which provides for maximum death penalty.

He called the Dinajpur incident 'unfortunate' and said a one-man inquiry committee has been set up with the Additional District Judge to probe into the matter.

Already one Sub-Inspector and two constables have been arrested, the SP and the ASP of Dinajpur, suspended and all police personnel of the Sadar thana transferred, the Home Minister said.

## Ctg port needs Tk 2400cr for 15-yr Master Plan

By Rashed Mahmud Titumir back from Chittagong

The Chittagong Port would require an investment outlay of around Tk 2400 crore in the next 15 years to handle its container traffic growing by 30 per cent a year, according to the Master Plan (MP) for Chittagong Port up to 2010.

The plan was submitted to the Shipping Ministry in July last and it was decided that an international seminar would be organised with assistance from the local consultants to further develop it," said acting Chairman of the Chittagong Port Authority (CPA) Captain Zahiruddin Mahmud.

The plan was prepared by an eight-member committee comprising departmental heads of the CPA, headed by the Member (engineering) AMM Shahjahan.

Asked whether the seminar has been organised, the chairman attributed the 'delay' to the prevailing 'political' situation in the country.

According to the MP projection, the estimated container traffic would be 3.51 lakh TEUs (twenty equivalent unit) in 1999-2000, 5.09 lakh TEUs in 2004-2005 and 7.22 lakh TEUs in 2009-2010. The forecast was made considering the last fiscal's figure of about 2.25 TEUs, CPA officials said.

The previous projections of container traffic through Chittagong Port, made by some foreign consultants and others, proved 'wrong' said Secretary General of the Shippers' Council of Bangladesh S M Matur Rahman. "We must guard against any similar miscalculation in our future plans."

For handling the congestion by the year 2000, an investment of Tk 600 crore while Taka 850 crore for the period 2005-2010.

Responding to a question how the CPA is going to arrange the fund, the acting chairman said, "In the first phase we are going to build and purchase with our own funds."

Asked whether the CPA would seek assistance from international financial institutions for meeting the estimated expenditure, he said, "We have not yet thought of it. The Ministry and the Economic Relations Division (ERD) will decide it."

Referring to the recommendations by a previous committee which suggested procuring 16 straddle carriers, a source in the Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCCI) said, "Of the recommended number of straddle carriers, virtually 25 per cent has been procured."

"Till now four have been procured, one hired from Mongla Port and four new straddle carriers are in the pipeline, expected to be available this year, when the said five-year period would be over," he said.

## 10 get life-term for murder

Ten young men were yesterday sentenced to life imprisonment for murdering a young hairdresser in the city's Bonogram area in December, 1992, reports UNB.

Additional Sessions Judge Mohammad Shafiquddin, in his verdict, also fined them to pay Tk 5,000 each, in default to suffer another three months rigorous imprisonment.

The convicts are: Karim, Malek, Monir, Akhter, Amir Hossain, Mokhter, Rahim, Hanikur Rahman, Faruque and Monir. All of them are residents of Bonogram area in Sutrapur thana of the city.

According to the prosecution, the accused persons attacked Ashraf, 22, a worker in a hairdressing salon of Bonogram area, with sharp weapons, including 'chapat' and 'kirich', and killed him on the spot on December 4, 1992.

A case was registered with Sutrapur police.

During the trial, the court examined 14 witnesses. After hearing both sides, the additional sessions judge found them guilty and gave the verdict.

## 'Ensure 50pc quota for women in national parliaments'

BEIJING, Sept 10: Women parliamentarians today urged the UN World Conference on Women here to set up a mechanism to ensure that women make up at least 50 per cent of the world's national parliaments by 2005, reports AFP.

The quota was endorsed by parliamentarians from 57 countries at a two-day meeting in Tokyo last week, two New Zealand MPs attending the September 4-15 UN Fourth Conference on Women told a press briefing.

"We can have many UN conventions, conferences, but without the political will and greater political representation of women in the government, all these will end up becoming mere (public relations) exercises," said Chris Fletcher, who is MP for Eden.

The Tokyo Declaration calls on all governments to have women constitute, a decade from now, at least 50 per cent of the membership in all governmental bodies, including elected and appointed politicians at international, national and local levels.

The figure would be reached by voluntary means, and not by quotas, although a strong mechanism would be set up to monitor and progress towards it, the document suggests.

Efforts to advance the status of women will falter unless women secure greater representation in governments around the world, said Fletcher, who chairs the Planning and Development Select Committee in the New Zealand parliament.

"We want this Fourth World Conference on Women to raise awareness of this issue as a step forward to endorse a wider role for women in politics, Fletcher said.

The women parliamentarians also urged all governments to integrate 'gender perspectives' into all national development strategies and policies to ensure that women played key roles.

"Politics is about power. We want more women in power to make it work," said Lianne Dalziel, MP for Christchurch central.

Fletcher said New Zealand, 102 years ago, was the first country in the world to have a female MP. "But we haven't made significant progress since, as only 20 per cent of our parliamentarians are women."

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## Students urged not to be misled by vested quarters

The government has urged the students and the guardians not to be misled by the statements of vested quarters regarding government decision on admission into the colleges, and universities from this year on the basis of SSC and HSC examination results, reports BSS.

An official handout last night said the decision on admission was taken at a meeting between the government and the University Grants Commission (UGC), vice-chancellors of the universities, principals of the government and non-government colleges and the leaders of college teachers' association recently.

The decision had already been acclaimed widely by the different newspapers and the guardians, the handout said.

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## Vegetable exporters boycott Biman

By Staff Correspondent

Fruits and vegetable exporters of the country have suspended their exports to the United Kingdom by boycotting Biman Bangladesh Airlines for an indefinite period from Friday to press home their demand to lower Biman's present air freight charge by 15 per cent.

The Bangladesh Fruits, Vegetables and Allied Products Exporters Association (BFVAPEA) has been demanding a 15 per cent freight discount from Biman for a long time arguing that all other international airlines charged much less than Biman for cargo handling.

But Biman authorities find no justification of this demand and are not ready to make any concession before next month, as May to October is the peak business period for the national flag carrier.

"There is no restriction on the exporters to send their goods by other airlines which charge cheaper rates, then why should the exporters demand freight discount?" questioned a Biman spokesman, requesting anonymity.

Secretary General of the BFVAPEA SM Syeduzzaman Kamal yesterday told The Daily Star that the authorities had agreed to lower the freight charges by 7 per cent in July. "But we insisted upon freight discount by at least 10 per cent," he said.

The fruits-vegetables, see Page 12 Col 7

## Bombs hurled on police in city

By DMCH Correspondent

Two police personnel and a college student received bomb injuries in two incidents in the city yesterday.

Md Jasim, 24, a police constable and Yusuf, 28, a hawilder were injured when muggers boarding three autorickshaws threw bombs on them in Palashi area at about nine last night. As police foiled their bid to mug someone the gang threw bombs and escaped.

The injured were admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH).

In another incident, Rabi Ahmed, 22, a student of Jagannath University College, was injured in a bomb explosion in Gulistan area during a clash between a group of students of the college and transport workers yesterday morning.

Enraged by minibus con-

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