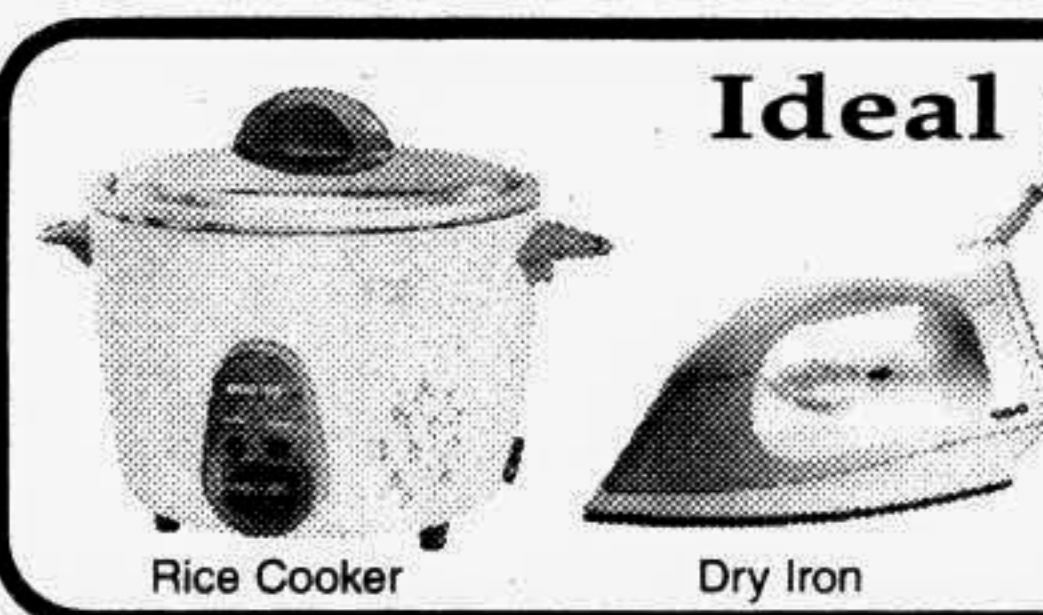


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## A few derailed policemen tarnishing image: PM

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said some isolated incidents due to excesses committed by a few derailed policemen are tarnishing the image of the police force. She asked police personnel to earn people's confidence, reports UNB.

"People are being dissatisfied with the police because of misdeeds of some police personnel. This should not happen," she said and asked members of the police force to remain alert so that none of their colleagues can commit any unwanted incident.

The prime minister was addressing the foundation-laying function of a 10-storey building in Rajarbagh Police Hospital complex in the morning.

### Probe body

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ists. In the attack, at least 20 journalists and many opposition workers were hit with rubber bullets.

On top of all, the OC had the audacity to point his revolver at the journalists who were protesting the assault on them. "I have instructions from high-ups to shoot at both the pickets and the journalists," the police inspector was reported to have shouted at the journalists.

However, Home Minister Mohammad Nasim regretted the police attack on journalists on Tuesday, but kept mum on the public humiliation of a woman by the law-keepers.

Meantime, a press release issued by the DMP yesterday claimed that the OC of Motiheel thana rather showed restraint to the agitating opposition activists. Besides, the OC and some constables were 'wounded' as the opposition activists exploded bombs and threw brick bats at them. As a result, they are now under treatment, the DMP release said.

But when contacted a source at Rajarbagh police hospital told The Daily Star last night, "The injury OC Hanif received is negligible. He had a slight muscle pulling."

On Daily Star's request to give him (Hanif) the phone, a doctor at the hospital said at 10 pm that he was not in the hospital right at that moment. "He went out in the evening and is yet to return."

## Launch disaster 2 more bodies recovered

From Staff Correspondent BARISAL, May 12: Two more decomposed bodies of the victims of Saturday's launch disaster were found today.

One of the bodies was recovered from the engine room of ML 'Dweep Kanya', salvaged yesterday in Bhola. The other body was found in the river Meghna near Daulatkhan thana area of Bhola this morning.

With this, the unofficial death toll in the launch disaster rose to 39.

But Moinuddin Khan, Deputy Commissioner of Bhola told this correspondent that the actual number of bodies found till today is 25.

## THE CHITTAGONG PORT AUTHORITY

### NOTICE

**Sub : Imposition of Store Rent at four times the normal rate on empty containers**

It is hereby notified for information of all concerned that the number of empty containers lying in the port is much beyond the holding capacity creating hindrances to normal container handling operations in CCT and other container yards.

Therefore, as per Section 139 (A) of the 'General Rules & Schedules for working of Chittagong Port (Railway) Jetties' it has been decided to impose Store Rent at four times the normal rate as per Tariff item No. 4.3.2 as published in the Bangladesh Gazette on 27.11.86 on containers lying empty inside the port for over 21 (Twenty-one) days.

This order will come in to effect on and from 01.06.99 and Store Rent at 4 (four) times the normal rate will not be charged or any period prior to 1/6/99.

All Shipping Agents/MLOs are requested to remove immediately their empty containers from the Port so as to help ensure smooth container handling operation in the Port.

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## Chhatak blast Jagadish denies involvement

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET, May 12: The CID continued interrogation of the Joint Convenor of Sylhet District Jubo League and Ward Commissioner of Sylhet Purashava Jagadish Das for the second day today, said a police official tonight.

Interrogation will continue till midnight tonight. Jagadish was taken on a 2-day remand yesterday.

Jagadish gave some 'important' information to the CID during the interrogation, sources said. He said, he had close relation with Arif Haider, a Jubo League activist of his area. Both of them worked for Majnu Miah during Chhatak Pourashava election under the guidance of Muhibur Rahman Manik, MP, Jagadish said. But, he denied his involvement in the bomb blast incident at Manik's residence.

The prime minister regretted that people are losing their confidence in police force due to irresponsible attitude of some policemen.

"You have to regain the confidence and faith becoming friend of people, establishing peace and security in the society and curbing terrorism and violence."

Hasina said the government despite its limited resources has taken all possible steps for the welfare and development of police personnel and hoped that police would also render their best possible services utilising the added facilities.

She expressed concern over deterioration of law and order in the southwestern region of the country.

## CDMA mobile phone service introduced in Ctg

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, May 12: Pacific Bangladesh Telecom Limited (PBT) today introduced CDMA (code division multiple access) digital cellular mobile service in the port city, providing an advanced technology in telecommunication network.

Colourful function at Chittagong Engineering Institute this evening marked inauguration of the service here.

At the inaugural function, incumbent Mayor of Chittagong City Corporation Mohiuddin Chowdhury and former mayor Mir Mohammad Nasiruddin had telephonic conversation.

Earlier, PBT Chairman Moshed Khan, MP, said "CDMA will help the customers feel more secure in communication."

## Appraiser of Ctg Customs suspended

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, May 12: Authorities have suspended a principal appraiser of Chittagong Customs House.

Customs sources said Majid Sarker was suspended for negligence of duty in giving clearance to some consignment of imported goods.

The Appraisers' Association of Chittagong Customs House today held a rally protesting the suspension.

They staged demonstration in front of the office of the Commissioner of Chittagong Customs House demanding withdrawal of suspension order, implementation of pay scale of 1992 and postponement of unification of land and sea customs.

However, sources say that a section of appraisers are allegedly involved in providing undue advantage to importers to indulge in tax evasion either by under-invoicing or other manipulations.

## SC Bar leaders urge President to appoint ad-hoc judges

Supreme Court Bar

Association leaders have suggested the President to appoint ad-hoc judges from senior lawyers in the Supreme Court to dispose of long-pending cases, reports UNB.

The suggestion was made when a 14-member delegation of the newly elected Executive Committee of the Bar Association made a courtesy call on President Shahabuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yesterday.

Barrister Shafique Ahmed, President of the association, led the delegation.

The Bar leaders appealed to the president for early completion of their proposed 4-storied new building and installation of a new lift in the existing office house.

## HC judgement on suo moto rule on hartal today

A High Court division bench

will pronounce the judgement on its suo moto rule relating to the activities for and against hartals today, reports BSS.

The bench comprising Justice Mohammad Gholam Rabbani and Justice Muhammad Latifur Rahman had issued suo moto rule on February 15 last directing the ruling Awami League, opposition BNP and the Government to show cause as to why the activities for and against hartals should not be declared as cognisable offence.

## Larma

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the letter.

Joining of Larma as Chairman of the Interim Council followed his meeting with Kalpanjan yesterday.

Gautam Chakma, a senior aide of Larma, said PCJSS decided to accept the Council after assurances from Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to look into their demands in line with the peace accord.

"The situation, which was so far absent, was created after our meeting with the Prime Minister," he said adding, "We are now waiting for the signing of the assurances." Larma had met the Prime Minister in February.

Asked how long the Council will continue to function as an interim body, Gautam Chakma said "There is no set date for its duration and the situation will decide how long it will run."

PCJSS, earlier in a statement, said it took the decision following the assurance for quick implementation of the peace agreement and "correcting" some "inconsistent" provisions from the hill district council bills in line with the peace accord.

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when their openers Shahriar Hossain and Mehrab Hossain put on 54 runs. But they failed to keep up the momentum once Akram Khan, the most consistent performer, and skipper Aminul Islam fell cheaply.

Akram made only nine while Aminul managed eight.

Faruque Ahmed, playing his first match of the tour, scored a patient 33.

Khaled Mahmud, who had earlier conceded 71 runs in 10 overs while opening the Bangladesh attack with Monjurul, played a little cameo of 21-ball 40 inclusive of three sixes and a quartet of fours.

Mashud fought a losing battle with an unbeaten 40 off 45 balls. His valiant effort only humiliating defeat after they had been reduced to nine for 187.

Earlier, the Northampton tail wagged long to put up the imposing score by plundering 45 odd runs from the last four overs. The Northampton assault was provided by their former Zimbabwean all-rounder Kevin Curran, who scored a hurricane 57 off 39 balls.

Penberthy was the most successful Northampton bowler with three wickets.

(Scoreboard on Page 14)

## Save the trees, call 10 student bodies

By DU Correspondent

Ten student organisations have expressed grave concern over the government decision to build a conference centre for the NAM summit in Dhaka, felling some 11,000 trees at the Osmani Udyan.

In a statement yesterday, the organisations expressed solidarity with the movement led by Prof. Sirajul Islam Chowdhury to save the trees. They urged the students to join citizens' rally on May 18 and a human chain programme in this connection on May 23.

Terming Dhaka the most polluted city in the world, the student bodies stated that the government should not resort to such an act further upsetting the ecology in the city.

The organisations include Bangladesh Chhatra Union, Samajtantrik Chhatra Front, Bangladesh Chhatra Federation, Biplobi Chhatra Sangha, Bangladesh Chhatra Moitry, Chhatra Oikkya Forum, Bangladesh Chhatra Samity, Biplobi Chhatra Moitry, Jatiya Chhatra Dal and BSD backed-Bangladesh Chhatra League.

Besides, Bangladesh Chhatra Federation (BCF), a left leaning student organisation, yesterday brought out a process-

## Interns at RMCH call off strike

From Our Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, May 12: Intern doctors at the Rajshahi Medical College Hospital today called off their indefinite strike.

The strike was called off following assurance given by the city Mayor Mizanur Rahman Minu. Minu met the striking doctors yesterday and assured them of their safety.

## Buying house employee stabbed to death

By Staff Correspondent

An employee of a buying house was stabbed to death in the city's Maddhya Badda area in the early hours of yesterday.

The victim was identified as Omar Faruk, 28, a resident of Mohakhali area. Faruk is an employee of a buying house at Banani, police said.

The reason behind the killing could not be known immediately.

The incident took place when Faruk was going to visit her sick wife at a nursing home at around 3 am.

The assailants stabbed Faruk in his throat and other parts of the body. The body was recovered from beside a road near Lutfar Tower at Maddhya Badda yesterday morning.

## Step down, sack OC

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Sadek Hossain Khoka MP.

It was addressed, among others, by Abdul Matin Chowdhury, Advocate Abdur Rab Chowdhury, Mirza Abbas, Gayeshwar Chandra Roy, Amanullah Aman MP, Kurshid Jahan Haq MP, Selima Rahman, Joyanal Abedin Faruq MP, Barkatullah Bhulu MP, Salahuddin Ahmed and Habibunnabi Khan Soheli.

Matin Chowdhury said police threatened to open fire on journalists and they 'stripped off' some of a woman activist at the instruction of the Home Minister.

"No Home Minister of a civilised or democratic country can give such an order, but Mohammad Nasim did give the order," he added.

He vowed to declare a war against the Awami League government if it does not resign immediately. "It would have been wise for the government to step down after Tuesday's naked incident the police unleashed."

Former state minister Sadek Hossain warned the Home Minister of giving a befitting reply in the streets of Dhaka to his (Nasim) repression in the city streets, especially during Tuesday's hartal.

He asked the Home Minister to immediately sack Motiheel Thana OC Mohammad Hanif "as the police officer stripped off saree of a woman leader in broad daylight". Other police

personnel who resorted to repression on MPs, opposition activists and journalists should have to be tried, he demanded. Mohammad Nasim will not be forgiven if he fails to do so, the former state minister added.

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sion and staged a rally on Dhaka University campus criticising the government initiative.

BCF leaders, at the rally, blamed the government for dishonouring the memory of General MAG Osmani, commander-in-chief of the Liberation War, by felling trees in the park named after him.

They also said that it was a misuse of crores of taka to hold a conference like the NAM Summit.

## DU Kha unit admission test results

By DU Correspondent

The result of the admission test for the first year honours course of 1998-99 session under 'Kha' unit (Humanities group) were announced yesterday, says a DU press release.

Out of a total of 13,356 candidates, 8744 have passed the test. Of the successful candidates, 2100 have been called for the viva voce according to their merit positions. The viva voce will start from May 24 at the dean's office of the Faculty of Arts.

The successful candidates have been asked to bring admit cards of the admission tests, original mark sheets of SSC and HSC examinations and two copies of attested passport size photographs.

The detailed timetable for the viva voce is as follows: May 24, merit position 1-150 (8:15 am to 11:15 am), 151-300 (11:30 am to 2:30 pm), May 25, 301-450 (8:15 am to 11:15 am), 451-600 (11:30 am to 2:30 pm), May 26, 601-750 (8:15 am to 11:15 am), 751-900 (11:30 am to 2:30 pm), May 27, 901-1050 (8:15 am to 11:15 am), 1051-1200 (11:30 am to 2:30 pm), May 29, 1201-1350 (8:15 am to 11:15 am), 1351-1500 (11:30 am to 2:30 pm), May 30, 1501-1650 (8:15 am to 11:15 am), 1651-1800 (11:30 am to 2:30 pm) and May 31, 1801-1950 (8:15 am to 11:15 am), 1951-2100 (11:30 am to 2:30 pm).

## Hearing of corruption case against Khaleda June 17

By Staff Correspondent

The Dhaka Divisional Special Court yesterday fixed June 17 for hearing a corruption case against Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Begum Khaleda Zia.

The case was filed by the Anti Corruption Bureau with Ramna thana in January 1997.

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## DMP refutes report on police excess

Dhaka Metropolitan Police

(DMP) yesterday refuted the report on police excess during Tuesday's half-day hartal, reports BSS.

Explaining the incidents, the statement said, the BNP leaders and workers had started assembling at its Naya Paltan office in the morning on Tuesday and at one stage they had pelted stones at the police.

The processionists, it said, became unruly and threw bombs on the police, leaving several policemen injured.

At that stage the police, it said, had fired several rounds of tear gas shells and rubber bullets to disperse the demonstrators.

Later, the statement said, the processionists got furious and blasted bombs and threw stones at the police near Nightingale restaurant crossing at Bijoyanagar. The officer-in-charge of Motiheel thana and some members of police were injured there, it added.

The police, the statement said, had resorted to lathicharge and lobbed tear gas shells to bring the situation under control.

It said, the processionists had engaged in clashes with police there and 'abused' the OC of Motiheel thana.

During the clash one female demonstrator fell into the street and the two female police constables tried to help the said woman processionist.

The statement said, the woman processionist blew a female police constable to avoid arrest. And at this stage when the female police rushed to arrest her, she tried to escape.

The fellow processionists, the statement said, forcibly took away the said female demonstrator from there.

The statement further said, eight policemen were injured by the hand-made bombs and stones by the processionists.

Three cases were filed in this regard and 12 people were arrested.

## Schoolboy beaten to death in Khulna

From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, May 12: A schoolboy was beaten to death by some boys at Khalishpur Tuesday afternoon.

He was identified as Shumon, 15, a student of class nine of Rotary High School at Khalishpur.

Police said the incident took place when Shumon asked the boys not to take off green mangoes from the trees in front of his house at 49, Central Road.

The boys became furious and beat him up with sticks and then stabbed him. Shumon died on the spot. No case was lodged in this connection till filing of the report.

## Bank directors

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ing FBCCI president Abdul Awal Minto, directorship of National Bank Limited for defaulting loans.

The interim stay was ordered by Justice Bimalendu Bikash Roy Chowdhury in his chamber until May 16 when the regular leave petition against the judgement of the High Court will come up for hearing before the full court.

The other directors of National Bank Limited (NBL) are Moazzem Hossain, Abu Taher Mia and A K M Taher.

The same court had earlier rejected 12 writ petitions of similar nature, including the ones filed by Salman Rahman and Soheli Rahman of Beximco Group. They, however, obtained interim order from the Supreme Court for operation of the High Court's order and their leave petitions will come up for hearing at 9 am today.

## Lion dies at Mirpur Zoo

A lion mysteriously died in

its cage at the National Zoo at Mirpur Tuesday night, reports BSS.

The lion, aged about three and a half years, was born in the zoo. Zoo vets earlier detected that the lion was gripped by injury in the legs before it died," a zoo source said.

## Police stripped woman at govt's directive: Khaleda

Opposition leader Khaleda Zia has said police 'stripped off' her party's woman leader Tuesday at the instruction of the Awami League government which exposed its "autocratic" character, reports UNB.

Directive was given to police to strip off and rough up women activists to snatch democratic rights. It is the democratic right of a woman to take to street," she said about the police action during Tuesday's opposition hartal.