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KAFCO stands as a monument to corporate greed and individual corruption. The government should be unforgiving to the Bangladeshis involved in piloting negotiation and approval of the project, **Hasnat Abdul Hye** writes in *The KAFCO Story*.  
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International Children's Day and Child Rights Week 2000 have mixed meaning for them. While the Amra Kuri kids brought out colourful processions, for their coevals in rags, it was just another day under the sun with no lofty dreams. -- Star photo

## Bring culprits to book

BNP MPs urge Laxmipur administration

By Rezaul Karim, from Laxmipur

LAXMIPUR, Sept 28: BNP lawmakers, who came here today to know the fate of kidnapped party leader Nurul Islam, asked the district administration and the police to immediately take effective measures to rescue him and bring the culprits to book.

Some 20 MPs led by Deputy Leader of the Opposition Prof AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury also went to the residence of Nurul Islam, met the local bar

association members and had a lengthy discussion with the Deputy Commissioner and the Police Super.  
The BNP MPs started from Dhaka at 8:45 p.m. and reached Laxmipur at 2 p.m. by road.  
Nurul Islam, Organising Secretary of Laxmipur district unit BNP and former Public Prosecutor, was kidnapped allegedly by terrorists belonging to ruling Awami League at about 11:30

## Khaleda wants elections this year

Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Khaleda Zia yesterday demanded immediate announcement of date for holding general elections within this year, reports UNB.  
She made the demand when the visiting US Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for South Asian Affairs, Alan W Eastham, called on her at her official residence in the evening.  
"We want election to be held within this year because the ruling party has lost people's mandate for its inefficiency and

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## Road mishap kills 4 in Sirajganj

From Our Correspondent  
Sirajganj, Sept 28: Four people were killed and 40 other injured, 18 of them critically, when two buses collided head on near village Gangapashad on Bogra-Nagarbari highway today.  
The dead were identified as Shahjahan Ali, 48 of village Tetulia in Sathia thana, driver of a bus Osman Gani, 42, of Pabna, Ismail Hossain, 20, of Sathia thana and Shahadat Hossain, 55 of village Shaktipur in Shahjahan Ali and the bus driver died on the spot while the two others at the Bera Thana Health Complex.  
Witnesses said the accident occurred when a Dhaka-bound passenger bus from Bogra collided head on with a Pabna-bound bus from Shahjahanpur at

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## Princess Anne arrives in city November 21

Princess Anne will arrive in Dhaka on November 21 on a 3-day visit to Bangladesh, reports UNB.  
A Royal aircraft carrying the Princess will fly into Zia International Airport, said a British High Commission press release here yesterday.  
This will be her third visit to Bangladesh.  
Princess Anne will lay wreath at the National Mausoleum at Savar.  
She will call on the president, Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament.  
The Princess will also travel to Chittagong and Sylhet to meet local officials and visit several development projects and businesses, with British involvement.  
The Royal team will leave Bangladesh on November 23 for Nepal.  
An advance party, led by Col Timothy Earl, Principal Private Secretary to the Princess, will arrive in Dhaka on October 8.  
During his visit, Col Timothy along with a member of the Royal Close Protection Team will discuss arrangements for the Royal visit with local officials.

## Dacoities galore in city

Tk 25 lakh and valuables looted in nine incidents

By Staff Correspondent

Dacoits took away about Tk 25 lakh in cash, gold ornaments and other valuables in nine incidents in the city on Wednesday and in the early hours of yesterday.  
Four of the incidents took place at South Goran from about 2:30 am to 3:45 am yesterday. Of these, three were in the first, second and third floors of the same building.  
Four other incidents took place in Old Dhaka and one at South Jatrahari, police said.

Dacoits entered the first floor flat of a building at South Goran at about 2:30 am by cutting window grills and took away about Tk. 21,000 in cash and gold ornaments. They then climbed to the second floor and looted about Tk. 4,25 in cash and valuables. Before making off, they climbed to the third floor wherefrom they took away Tk 24, 000 in cash and valuables.  
Abdul Rashid, resident at one of flats, lodged a case with Khilgaon thana in this regard.  
In another incident at South Goran, dacoits entered the third floor flat of a building at about 3:45 am by cutting window grills of the kitchen and looted about Tk 1.3 lakh in cash and gold ornaments at gun point. A

case was filed with Khilgaon police.  
Dacoits rang the calling bell at a house at Rishi Kesi Das Road in Sutrapur at about 9 pm Wednesday. When the door was opened, they entered the house forcibly and took away about Tk 3.64 lakh in cash and gold ornaments at gunpoint.  
In another incident at Jagannath Saha Road, dacoits entered the first floor flat of a building at about 2:30 pm on Wednesday by cutting window grills and made off with Tk 1.40 lakh in cash and valuables. Lalbagh police arrested one

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## Khilgaon thana SI charged with murder

By Court Correspondent

A complaint case was filed against a Sub-Inspector of Khilgaon thana with the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court, Dhaka, yesterday on charge of killing a young man.  
Metropolitan Magistrate Mohammad Nurul Islam directed police super of CID to take legal action against the SI after a detailed investigation.  
Mantaj Begum of East Rampura under Khilgaon thana in her complaint said that on September 18, her son Mahbub Hasan Khan Oli along with about seven others was gossiping at a club at Pura Hazipara Bahumukhi Sambaya

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## More uniformed men placed on NCB boards

By Inam Ahmed

When the Awami League government restructured the boards of the state-run banks, hopes ran high that the struggling institutions would at last be back on track.  
Four years down the lane, the state of the boards of nationalised and specialised banks is pathetic, more so with the latest round of appointment of directors of whom four were newly inducted while 16 got term extensions.

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## Dock workers threaten 48-hr strike from October 16

From Our Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Sept 28: The Dock Bandar Sramik Karmachari Federation threatened a 48-hour work abstention from October 16 unless the on-going process for accord to install the SSA proposed private port and container terminal is cancelled.  
The federation announced the work abstention programme at a meeting at Bandar Bhaban this morning with Sirajul Islam in the chair.  
The speakers at the meeting also demanded exemplary punishment to those involved in 'conspiracy' to install SSA (Stevedoring Services of America) proposed private port, immediate installation of New Mooring container terminal, procuring of 142 equipment on emergency basis and withdrawal of 40 per cent corporate tax imposed on the port this year.

The rally was addressed by MD Mahfuzur Rahman Khan, Golam Md Chowdhury and Md Giasuddin.

## Housewife burnt to death

By Staff Correspondent

A housewife was burnt to death yesterday allegedly by her husband for dowry.  
Fatema Begum, 25, wife of Dulal Uddin, a fruit vendor, succumbed to burn injuries at Dhaka Medical College Hospital at around 9 am, hospital sources said.

"Dulal killed my daughter as we couldn't meet his demand for Tk 10,000", the victim's mother said, adding that Tk 7,000 was given last month following an arbitration.  
On Wednesday, Dulal again sent her wife to bring the rest of the money. When she returned empty handed, Dulal beat her mercilessly.  
"Dulal beat her again at night, poured kerosene on her, and set fire to her body," hospital sources said.  
Fatema left behind a three and half year old daughter, Mou.

## Tk 5 lakh snatched at Sylhet

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET, Sept 28: Muggers took away Tk five lakh at gun point from two brothers in broad day light in the district town today.  
Local people chased the muggers and caught one of them.  
The incident took place while the Ikramul Hossain and Nazmul Hossain, money exchange traders, were on their way to the business firm in Station road area by a rickshaw from their house at 11 am.  
Six armed youths on two motor bikes intercepted them near the rail gate and fired two gunshots, injuring one of the brothers.  
The mugger, identified as Shaheed of Shubganj area of the town, was handed over to police.

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US sprint champion and Olympic 100m gold medal winner Marion Jones powers over the track in front of Pauline Davis-Thompson of the Bahamas (R) and Debbie Ferguson (L) of Jamaica to win the Olympic gold in the women's 200m at the Sydney Games yesterday. -- AFP photo

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