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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*.

The biggest burden on their souls was the insensitivity of the world in which they had to diminish limb by limb and nobody tried to save them, writes **Mohammad Badrul Ahsan** in *Dismembering the Member of a family*.

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Worlds apart

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 coevils 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 measure 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

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 Gangaprosad 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 Shahdad Hossain, 55, of village Shaktipur in Shahjadpur.

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 Shahjadpur 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 Afp.

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

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.

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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 office.

"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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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.

Mamata 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 gossipy at a club at Purba Hazipara Bahumukhi Sambya

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