

## Directive to recover illegal arms, curb terrorism Police officials to be kept free from undue pressure: Altaf

**UNB, Dhaka**  
The government yesterday directed the police to be more active in recovering illegal arms and curbing terrorism, without caring for any influence, for overall improvement of law and order situation.

Home Minister Altaf Hossain Chowdhury conveyed the government directive with assurances that the police officials would be kept free from undue pressure from any quarters, including ministers and officials, in reining in terrorists.

Addressing the Police Super and Officers-in-Charge of Dhaka, BNP condemns bid to throw acid at Mahi B Chy

**UNB, Dhaka**  
BNP secretary general Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan yesterday expressed concern over the attempt to throw acid at Mahi B Chowdhury who is contesting the byelection in Munshiganj-1 constituency on BNP ticket.

In a statement, Bhuiyan called upon the law enforcing agencies to nab the terrorists involved in this heinous attempt for awarding them exemplary punishment.

The BNP secretary general said a vested quarter is engaged in a conspiracy against BNP. They want to fish in troubled waters by worsening the law and order situation through killing and repressing BNP activists and creating anarchy across the country.

Range at Itarbagh Police Lines the minister urged them to cast off "negative attitude" and work for improvement of law and order.

He stressed ensuring optimum utilisation of available manpower and resources in the police department.

About the transfer in the department the home minister said the police officials had been transferred where they are fit. "No police officer will be transferred except for the reason of failure in discharging their respective duties."

### Viqarunnisa Noon School admission test results today

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
Viqarunnisa Noon School and College has decided that only the students from the merit list will be allowed for admission this year, says a press release.

The decision was taken at a meeting of the school's governing body with Major (Retd) Abdul Mannan MP in the chair on January 1.

The result of the admission test will be published today. A total of 4,700 female students took part in the admission test held on December 27, 28 and 29.

Of them, the name and score of only 700 students will be published on the basis of merit list. No student will be admitted outside this merit list.

He informed the key police officers about government decisions to raise the salaries of the members of police, increase residential facilities, introduce risk allowance, and modernise the force by procuring vehicles and communication equipment.

Addressing the meeting, State Minister for Home Lutfuzzaman Babar said like politicians the members of police would have to be accountable to the people.

"Nothing is impossible to do for police if they want to," he said and asked the police force to work being free from political pressure.

Home Secretary Dr Sadaq Hossain, IGP Modabbir Hossain Chowdhury and DIG Dhaka Range also addressed the meeting.

Some Police Super and OCs also took part in an open discussion on the law and order matter in the meeting, held against the backdrop of several major incidents of crime in the capital.

## People's Daily team visits JPC

**UNB, Dhaka**  
A four-member Chinese journalist delegation from the People's Daily of China visited Jatiya Press Club yesterday.

Led by Cui Yunxi, secretary general of The People's Daily, the delegation also included Wang Baocheng, Wang Xiaoguang and Zhou Zhi.

Acting president of the Press Club Nurul Huda hosted a lunch in honour of the journalist delegation.

Press Club executive committee members including vice president Bakhtiar Rana, acting general secretary Kamaluddin Sabuj, treasurer Abdul Baten and joint secretary Abdur Rahman Khan were present on the occasion.

Anwarul Amin, president of Bangladesh-China People's Friendship Association that invited the Chinese journalists team, also accompanied the delegation, says a press release.



President Badruddoza Chowdhury distributing medals to students of the East West University at its first convocation, held at the Osmani Memorial Hall in the city yesterday.

## President seeks Thai help to develop agro-based units

**UNB, Dhaka**  
President AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury yesterday said Thailand could help Bangladesh develop her agro-based industries and tourism sector in joint ventures.

The President said this when outgoing Thai Ambassador Pithaya Pookaman made a farewell call on him at Banggabhaban.

Agreeing with the President, the Thai envoy said the two countries could enhance their existing cooperation through joint venture initiatives for the development of tourism and agro-based industries.

President B Chowdhury said there exist excellent friendly relations between Bangladesh and Thailand and hoped for further intensifying the existing cooperation in the fields of trade, commerce, investment and industrial technology.

The President also stressed the need for more exchanges of visits by engineers, doctors, journalists, cultural personalities and other professionals besides visits at political and government level.

Pookaman expressed his gratitude to the President and the government for extending full cooperation to him in discharging his duties.

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## Prof Nazrul acting chairman of Rajshahi Board

**BSS, RD**  
Prof M Nazrul Islam, Secretary of the Rajshahi Education Board (REB), has been appointed Acting Chairman of Rajshahi Education Board.

Prof Nazrul Islam formally took over the charge of chairman on Tuesday, the board sources said, yesterday.

The Rector of Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre (BPATC) A K M Delwar Hossain yesterday advised the mid-level government officers to set realistic goals and objectives and formulate necessary policies and programmes to face the global economic challenges.

He said this while inaugurating the 40th Advanced Course on Administration and Development (ACAD) at the Centre.

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## Viva test for enrolment of advocates Jan 11

**BSS, Dhaka**

The viva test for enrolment of the advocates, who passed the written examination of Bar Council, will be held on January 11 at 10:00 am in Bar Council Bhaban, a Bar Council press release said yesterday.

All concerned are requested to contact Bangladesh Bar Council or their respective Bar Samity, the press release added.

## Fair price medicine shop at CMCH faces closure

**NURUL ALAM, Ctg**

The 'fair price medicine shop' at the Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) premises is to be closed down soon as the ministry concerned has ordered the hospital authorities to cancel the contract with its owner immediately.

The health ministry had issued the order last week saying that the contract was made contrary to the policy of the government, hospital sources said.

"We cannot allow the shop to operate following the order of the ministry and as such a letter will be issued to the owner soon to close down the shop," said an official of the hospital administration seeking anonymity.

But the closure of this shop will spark a procession for obvious reason as it provided medicine to

the general patients of the hospital at a price below 15 per cent of the market price," he added.

The fair price medicine shop was set up at the CMCH premises two months ago with the permission of the Awami League government.

The CMCH was the first government hospital in the country where such a medicine shop was set up to provide medicine to the patients at cheaper prices. All other government hospitals were supposed to have similar medicine shops in phases, sources said.

## British envoy meets Mir Nasir

**BSS, Dhaka**

British High Commissioner to Bangladesh David Carter yesterday called on State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Mir Mohammad Nasiruddin at the latter's secretariat office.

They discussed matters of mutual and bilateral interest including the existing air service agreement between Bangladesh and the United Kingdom.

They also discussed the possibility of Dhaka-Sylhet direct British Airways flight.

## BUET term final exams postponed

**UNB, Dhaka**

The term final examinations of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) scheduled to start on Sunday have been postponed due to unavoidable reasons, says a press release.

## Opportunities for Writers

Star Lifestyle (A publication of *The Daily Star*) is looking for bright, talented writers and photographers to work as part-time contributors and freelancers. Interested and qualified candidates are requested to send in a resume by January 15<sup>th</sup> 2002. Envelopes should be marked as 'Opportunities for Writers', *Star Lifestyle*. Please do not forget to mention your contact number.

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Lifestyle is also looking for contributors for the Startech page of the magazine. The candidate must have qualifications mentioned above and should also be interested in IT and computers.

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Star Lifestyle  
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