

## BCL protests passage of anti-crime law

**DU CORRESPONDENT**  
Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) brought out a procession and held a rally on the Dhaka University campus yesterday protesting the passage of Law and Order Disruption Crimes (Speedy Trial) Act-2002 in the Jatiya Sangsad on Tuesday.

The speakers at the rally termed the Act as a 'black law'. They said the law is politically motivated and designed to eliminate the opposition activists. The rally was held at the Aparajeo Bangla on the Dhaka University campus.

Terming the BNP-led four-party government as autocrat one they said the government wants to

## 'Expand technical education'

**BSS, Dhaka**  
Education Minister Dr. Osman Faruk yesterday urged the teachers of polytechnics to help create more employment opportunities by expanding technical education in the country.

He made the call while leaders of the central committee of Bangladesh Polytechnic Teachers' Council met him, said an official handout.

Underlining the improvement of technical education for socio-economic development of the country, the minister urged the polytechnic teachers to ensure qualitative education.

President of the council Abdur Rob Khan and general secretary Nurul Islam led the delegation.

## Six BCL men manhandled in Ctg Commerce College by JCD

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Chittagong**  
About 20 to 25 ruling party-backed JCD activists stormed into Chittagong Commerce College, a stronghold of BCL, in a bid to capture the campus Tuesday noon.

They manhandled six BCL leaders and activists including the college unit president Prabir Nath and general secretary Helal Uddin and fired blank shots before fleeing the campus in the wake of counter resistance and police intervention.

This was JCD's second futile attempt to capture the campus and establish their domination.

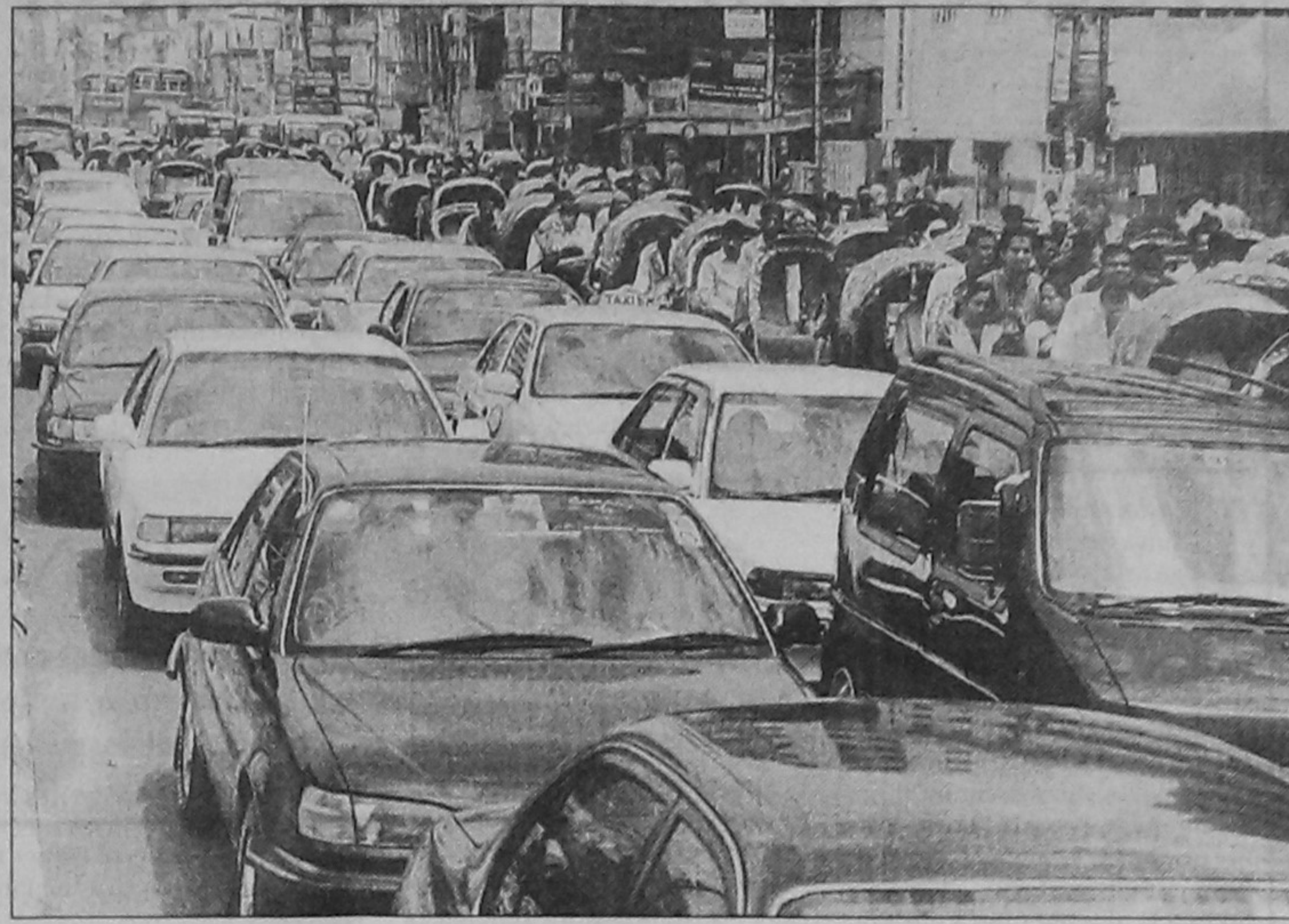
The JCD activists led by its city president Nazimur Rahman was shouting slogans in front of the main gate of the college at around 11.30 am, police said. Some of them entered the campus and assaulted BCL president and general secretary present there.

Hearing news, a group of BCL activists rushed there and chased the JCD men. Doublemooring police came in from nearby place and requested the JCD men to leave the scene to avoid violence.

JCD leader Nazimur Rahman said they went there to hold a meeting in front of the college and not for capturing the campus.

Meanwhile, BCL brought out a procession from the college campus protesting the JCD attack and paraded different parts of Agrabad area.

Additional police were deployed in front of the college to avoid further violence on Tuesday.



Traffic gridlock has again appeared in the city street. The picture was taken from the Kakrail intersection yesterday.

## Physicians urged to ensure patient-friendly environment

**BSS, Dhaka**

President AQM Badrudduja Chowdhury yesterday asked the physicians to ensure world class treatment with their 'patient-friendly behaviour'.

"Receive the patients with a smiling face and treat them as your parents, brothers, sisters and close relatives and this way you can stop them visiting foreign countries for treatment," he said while inaugurating the annual convention and scientific session of the Association of Physicians of Bangladesh (APB).

Presided over by APB president Prof M Fazlul Haque, the inaugural function was also addressed by Vice-Chancellor of Bangladesh Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU) Prof MA Hadi, APB vice-president Prof Tofail Ahmed and general secretary Dr M Rafiqul Alam.

President Chowdhury, also an APB member, said that the diagnosis reports and prescriptions are almost same both at home and abroad.

"But the doctors abroad give

enough time to listen to the problems of the patients with smiling face and that is the basic difference between the doctors abroad and ours at home."

The President urged the professors to teach the medical students "the art" of advising the patients and practicing friendly behaviour.

Speaking on 'patient-friendly' environment, the President said a desired level of treatment could only be rendered through a teamwork among the paramedics, nurses and other support staffs.

He said medical awareness for physical health is also important.

President Chowdhury called upon all to campaign this year's theme of the World Health Organisation -- "Move for Health" and advised them to display different types of posters symbolising health care at the chambers and out-door lobby at the hospitals.

He said, "Prevention is cheaper than cure."

He called upon the physicians and other people connected with the health sector to remain ever vigilant against the spread of

HIV/AIDS in the country.

Both the risk factor and risk behaviour are prevalent in Bangladesh and these may cause sharp rise in the number of HIV/AIDS patients, said President Chowdhury.

The President mentioned that though the incidence of HIV/AIDS is still low in Bangladesh compared to many other countries in the region, but there is always a threat for sudden eruption of the disease as both risk factor and risk behaviour are present.

"The only way to face the problem is to build up preventive measures and public awareness about this dreadful disease as till now there is no cure for AIDS," he said.

The President also handed over SGM Chowdhury Gold Medal Award to Professor Sheikh Nezaruddin Ahmed for his outstanding contribution in the field of medicine.

## Provide free computers to schools : Dr Moyeen

**BSS, Dhaka**

Science, Information and Communication Technology Minister Dr Abdul Moyeen Khan yesterday called for providing free computer and telephone line to every secondary school to promote the information technology in the country.

Addressing a seminar as chief guest, the minister said urban people were used to reap benefit of most opportunities because of their access to resources and potentials.

If computer and Internet facilities are provided, a huge number of young people living in rural areas could prove their potential, he said.

The science ministry and the USAID jointly organised the day-long seminar titled "Bangladesh and the international market for information technology enabled services (ITES): Opportunities and Challenges" in the city.

Secretary of the ministry Karar Mahmudul Hassan, Deputy Mission Director of USAID-Bangladesh Dr Mary C Ott and ITES Sector Study Team Leader Dr

Larry Forgy also spoke on the occasion.

Dr Moyeen Khan said although the government would not earn any direct revenue for free distribution of computers and telephone lines to schools, but it would ultimately generate far-reaching profit for the nation.

He, however, said it would not be fair to depend on the government alone for everything.

The minister said the government should facilitate rather than controlling the information technology services, as mere controlling "breeds corruption in a country burdened with population and resource scarcity".

He stressed the need for cooperation between the private and the public sector to stimulate the economy and generate employment opportunities by helping development of the information and communication technology.

Deputy Mission Director of USAID Mary C Ott said the private sector of Bangladesh had proved itself as "the engine of growth".

She said the growth of information technology would help flourish Bangladesh's economy and broaden economic activities.

Although the country was lagging behind in development of information technology, it has many positive elements and potentials to improve its position in IT, she said.

## Plan to set up child care centre in EPZs

**BSS, Dhaka**

Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority is planning to establish Child Care Centre in all Export Processing Zones of the country.

This was decided at a meeting between the Executive Chairman of BEPZA Brig General (Retd) M Mofizur Rahman and the investors of Chittagong EPZ in Chittagong Investors Club recently.

Brig Mofiz said BEPZA is constantly monitoring the problems of the workers. With a view to redressing the problems of female workers, BEPZA is also planning to establish day care centre type child care centre.

The meeting also discussed the wages and allowances of the workers, paucity of water and power supply in the zones and customs and visa related problems.

## WPA condemns Israeli genocide

**BSS, Dhaka**  
World Peace Association (WPA) yesterday strongly condemned the Israeli genocide of the Palestinian people.

Chief of the organization advocate Syed Shah Alam at a meeting at Dhaka Bar Association said the Israeli government is carrying out mass killing in Palestine, a press release said.

He said Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has adopted a policy of annihilating the people of Palestine.

Advocate Munshi Fakrul Islam, Golam Mostafa Khan, Mizanur Khan Molla, Jamal Uddin, Khandkar M A Malek and Saifur Rashid Sabuj also addressed the meeting.

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<b>Time of election</b>	: 5:30 p.m.
<b>Place of election</b>	: Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel
<b>Number of Directors to be elected</b>	: 2 (two)

Nomination forms and criteria for qualification of Directors are available at the Registered Office of the Company. The nomination form duly completed and signed alongwith relevant supporting papers confirming the fact that he/she is not otherwise disqualified to become a director of a general insurance company should reach the Registered Office of the company by 15 May 2002.

**BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**KANAI LAL SAHA, FCA**  
COMPANY SECRETARY

11 April 2002