

### 45 women, children fall victim to violence in Rajshahi

UNB, Rajshahi

About 45 incidents of violence against women and children took place in the district last month.

Bangladesh National Women Lawyers' Association (BNWLA) published the figure in a survey based on media reports and its own sources.

Of the total victims, 38 women and seven children were tortured brutally during the period, said the report.

Two women were killed, five allegedly committed suicide, one was trafficked, two were abducted, one received acid burn, and 24 were beaten and tortured following family feuds.

Among the child victims, one was killed, another committed suicide, three took attempt to commit suicide and one was raped.

### President hosts reception for Buddhists

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President Iajuddin Ahmed and his wife Dr. Anwara Begum hosted a reception for the members of the Buddhist community at Bangabhaban yesterday on the occasion of Buddha Purnima.

Ambassadors and high commissioners of Japan, Vietnam, Thailand, Nepal, Myanmar, Bhutan and Sri Lanka also attended the reception.

Buddhist religious personalities and members of the Buddhist community were also present.

President Iajuddin Ahmed and Anwara Begum welcomed the guests, exchanged pleasantries with them and wished them a happy and prosperous future.

### Over 1100 held, 5 firearms recovered

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Police arrested 1,158 people, including three listed criminals, during their countrywide drive in the last 24 hours ending at 6.00am yesterday.

They also recovered five firearms, one weapon and 13 rounds of bullet. Three cases were filed against five people under the Arms Act.



Ashekane Majibhandari took out a colourful procession in the city yesterday marking the holy Eid-e-Miladunnabi.

### Remove fundamentalism from Bangladesh

#### Jahanara Imam's 76th anniversary of birth observed

UNB, Dhaka

The 76th birth anniversary of Shahid Janani Jahanara Imam was observed here on Monday.

To mark the day, Ekatturer Ghatok Dalal Nirmul Committee organised a meeting on 'Human rights and Constitution of Liberation War in Bangladesh' at WVA auditorium with its acting President and writer Shahriar Kabir in the chair.

Justice KM Sobhan, Barrister Shaukat Ali Khan, Prof Borhanuddin Khan Jahangir, JSD President Hasanul Haque Inu, CPB General Secretary Comrade Muzahidul Islam Selim, Prof Ajoy Ray, Prof Razia Motin Chowdhury, Prof Muntasir Mamun, Shahid Jaya Shyamoli Nasrin Chowdhury and Projonmo 71 President Shahin

Reza Noor spoke at the meeting.

Central Leader Daulat Ara Mannan read out the written speech of National Professor Kabir Chowdhury as he could not attend the meeting due to his illness.

In his speech, Kabir Chowdhury called for removing fundamentalism from the soil of Bangladesh uniting all the political groups and social power to safeguard the spirit of the Liberation War.

Earlier, activists of Ekatturer Ghatok Nirmul Committee, Muktiyudher Shahid Shriti Pathagar and Projonmo 71, led by Nirmul Committee General Secretary Kazi Mukul, placed wreath at the grave of Shahid Janani at Intellectual Graveyard at Mirpur in the city, says a press release yesterday.

### CHITTAGONG ARMS HAUL

## Accused sent to jail after remand

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An accused in Chittagong arms haul on April 2 was sent to jail custody on completion of a two-day remand here yesterday.

During the interrogation, Jasim Uddin divulged the names of twelve more persons involved in off-loading of the consignment of deadly weapons, police said.

### Call for unity of journalists

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Professor Sirajul Islam Chowdhury has called for unity of the journalist community for establishment of their rights and professional dignity.

He was speaking at a seminar at the CIRDAP auditorium on Monday. The Mass-line Media Centre (MMC) organised the seminar to mark the World Press Freedom Day 2004.

Barrister Amirul Islam suggested holding dialogues between the journalists and the civil society leaders to make people aware about the professional hazards.

Jasim is also involved in other smuggling usually carried out through Chittagong Urea Fertilizer Limited (CUFL) jetty on different occasions, sources said.

Police suspected that a section of security personnel entrusted with the security of CUFL Jetty might be involved in the arms haul.

They said smuggling through CUFL jetty was not possible without the knowledge of all the security personnel as there was a restriction on the arrival of wooden cargo-vessels at the jetty.

However, CID police was now examining the information squeezed from Jasim during the remand, sources said.

Jasim was arrested from the residential area of neighbouring Karnaphuli Fertilizer Company (KAFCO) on Saturday evening and placed on remand on Sunday.