

# Anti-Ahmadiyya plan foiled

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Police yesterday foiled a scheduled programme of the International Khatme Nabuyat Movement (IKNM) to evict members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim community from Patuakhali district town.

tration, police and other sources, huge numbers of armed police took position at the different key points including the meeting venue of IKNM and Ahmadiyya mosque in Mithapukur area from Tuesday night.

Thousands of Muslim fanatics assembled at the Patuakhali Shahid

Alauddin Shishu Park under the banner of IKNM for a meeting at about 11:00am to execute the pre-scheduled programme.

Later, the zealots took out a procession and march to the Ahmadiyya mosque at Mithapukur, but police intercepted them some 200 metres from the mosques. The

marchers insisted that the Ahmadiyyas stashed arms and other anti-Islamic preaching materials in the mosque.

Following a compromise deal, an IKNM delegation accompanied by police entered the mosque and found a holy Quran and its Bangla version. Subsequently, the mob dispersed at around 2:00pm and the situation returned to normal.

## 1297 more held, arms recovered

UNB, Dhaka

Police arrested 1,297 people during their countrywide drive on various charges in last 24 hours till 6.00am yesterday.

During the drive, they also recovered six firearms, 16 other weapons and 14 bullets and filed five cases against 12 people under the Arms Act.

## Police to guard Ershad Shikder's grave till May 31

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Police will be guarding the grave of dreaded homicidal killer Ershad Shikder at Tootpara graveyard in Khulna until May 31 amid fears that those who opposed his burial there may take away his body.

Armed police will remain on guard so that nobody can do any

damage to the grave of Ershad, said DC (South) Akbar Ali of Khulna Metropolitan Police.

Ershad's first wife Khodeja, meanwhile, has sought security for her and her sons and daughter after she received death threats from unidentified callers on Tuesday night.

She and her children are not

going out of their house in fear of attacks, she said.

Khodeja also said Ershad's family has been split into two groups over possession of his property.

OC Nesar Ahmed of Sonadanga thana said he was not aware of death threats issued to Khodeja and her children.

