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A manhole on Lohar Pool-Postogola road in Old Dhaka has been left uncovered for long, posing a threat to pedestrians as well as passengers, but the authorities seem indifferent.

## Law and order situation improves slightly

DMP commissioner says

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Law and order situation in the capital has improved slightly following a number of initiatives taken by the police, said Dhaka Metropolitan Police Commissioner Ashraful Huda yesterday.

Sixty-six civil teams alongside the police have been maintaining law and order in the city, he told newsmen at Rajarbagh Police Lines auditorium.

Moreover, checkpoints were set up in 32 areas, including the seven entry/exit points, to keep a watch on criminals.

The law enforcers have been checking hundreds of vehicles everyday to restrict the movement of criminals, firearms and other illegal consignment, Huda said.

The DMP commissioner also said community traffic police have been introduced at eight city points and the coverage will be extended to 17 more points in phases.

"The police department may have some bad elements but there are a lot of good people working in the department," he said.

UNB adds: Police arrested 1,404 people, including two listed criminals, on various charges during their ongoing countrywide drive in

last 24 hours till 6.00am yesterday.

They also recovered 14 firearms, three other weapons and 14 rounds of bullet and filed seven cases against 10 people under the Arms Act, said an official release.

## Dhaka elected vice-president of UNGA

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Dr Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury, ambassador and permanent representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations, was elected vice-president of the 59th UN General Assembly on Thursday.

He was earlier endorsed by the Asian Group in the special session of UNGA held in New York, according to a message received in Dhaka.

"It is a clear acknowledgement of the important role that Bangladesh is playing in the UN and an endorsement of our foreign policy," Ambassador Chowdhury told the media after his election.

He will assume the office of vice-president in September when the UNGA session begins. Foreign Minister of Gabon Jean Ping was elected president of the UNGA.



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An alliance of five left parties stages a demonstration at Muktagan in the city yesterday calling on all to resist criminal activities of Bangla Bhai, dreaded operation commander of Jagrata Muslim Janata Bangladesh.