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## US wants full access to evidence, witnesses for FBI involvement

### Rocca says inaccessibility to evidence marred FBI probe in August 21 attacks; Interpol comes today

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
 The US yesterday asked the government for full access to all evidence and witnesses of last Thursday's Habiganj grenade attack if they are to send the FBI for investigation into the carnage.  
 US Assistant Secretary of State for South Asia Christina Rocca called Foreign Minister M. Morshed Khan yesterday to explain her government's position regarding clear terms of reference as she said inaccessibility to evidence had rendered ineffective the FBI's help in the August 21 grenade attack investigation.

## EU wants clear government commitment

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
 The European Union (EU) mission heads in Dhaka yesterday pressed the government to take urgent measures and show a 'clear signal of its commitment' in nabbing the perpetrators of last Thursday's grenade attack.  
 The government, however, assured the EU of 'leaving no stone unturned' in probing the attack on the Habiganj Awami League (AL) rally that killed former finance minister Shah AMS Kibria and four others were injured as the three-wheeler turned turtle when the driver tried to escape an attack by hartal supporters in Ramganj of Laxmipur district.

## Police go too harsh on strikers

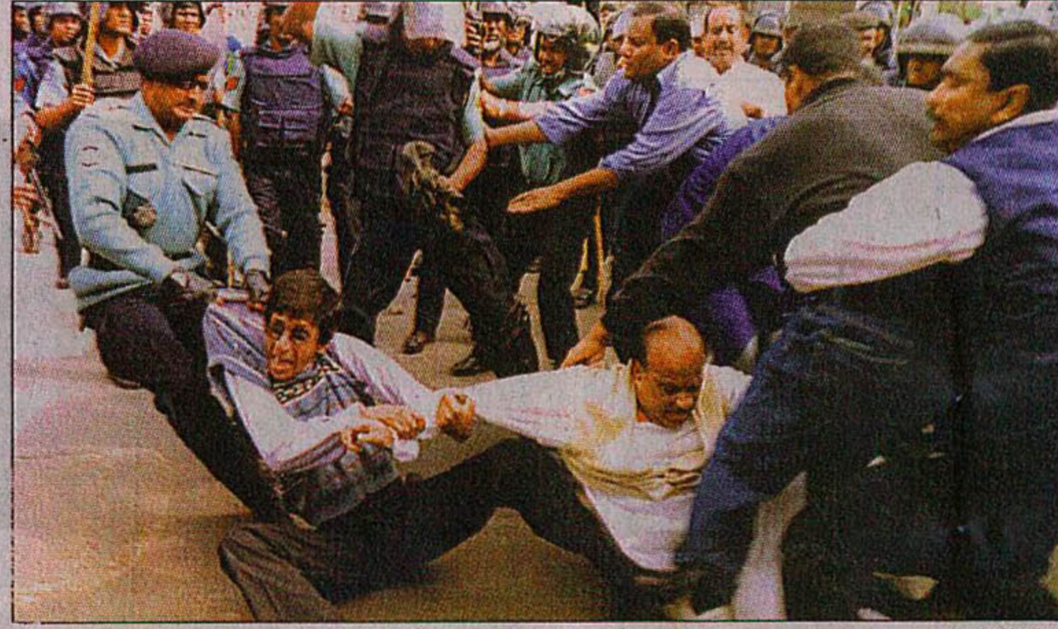
### Opposition MPs, leaders assaulted; tempo driver killed; over 150 hurt on day two

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
 The police were in a marauding mood yesterday, assaulting two opposition lawmakers and dozens of opposition leaders and activists as they staged demonstrations on the second day of the 60-hour country-wide hartal.  
 A tempo driver was killed and

ablaze and damaged a number of vehicles, which were run defying the shutdown.  
 Awami League (AL) lawmakers -- former minister Mohammad Nasim and Ekabbar Hossain -- and five photojournalists were injured when the police charged batons on a pro-hartal procession at Kalabagan in

## HABIGANJ CARNAGE SP, OC suspended to halt right probe?

**JULFIKAR ALI MANIK, from Habiganj**  
 The town bristles with a rumour that the government has suspended the chiefs of district and Sadar upazila police of Habiganj to prevent a fair investigation into Thursday's grenade carnage, not for their negligence in security measures, as is reported.  
 Local Awami League leaders and a few well-placed sources claimed Superintendent of Police AMM Fakhru Islam Khan and Sadar Police Station Officer-in-Charge Inam Ahmed Chowdhury suspended Saturday were on the scent of the perpetrators of the attack.



Police drag Awami League lawmaker Ekabbar Hossain, left, and former home minister Mohammad Nasim during an assault on a pro-hartal procession at Kalabagan in the city yesterday.

## Opposition crackdown on the cards

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
 The ruling coalition alleges a 'heinous conspiracy' to unseat it and plans to take a tough line on opposition's demonstrations after the Saarc Summit.  
 It has decided to play it cool for the next week, until the summit is over, and then to go for a massive crackdown on any anti-government movement, highly placed sources said.  
 "We must go for a hard line after the summit and suppress lawlessness with an iron fist," said a top-notch BNP leader on condition of anonymity.  
 "We won't allow the opposition to take control of the street and to form any kind of movement. This time we will break the tradition of heating up street during the fag end of a government. We will face the opposition both politically and with state machinery," he added.  
 He said frontline BNP leaders

## AL to boycott JS session

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
 Parliament goes into its first session of the year today amid boycott by the main opposition Awami League (AL) in protest against the speaker's refusal to defer the presidential address through adjourning the sitting after the adoption of an obituary reference on its lawmaker Shah AMS Kibria.  
 The AL lawmakers wearing black badges and holding black flags will march from Russel Square to the

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### One-day series decider today

**SPORTS REPORTER**  
 Bangladesh will look for one final act to complete a remarkable turnaround when the home side take on Zimbabwe in the decisive fifth one-day international at the Bangabandhu National Stadium today.  
 A victory will mean a first-ever one-day series triumph for the

### Cultural outfits, NGOs JMJB's new target

#### Arrested Bangla Bhai man tells police

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bogra**  
 Operatives of Jagrata Muslim Janata Bangladesh (JMJB) will continue their bomb attacks on 'anti-Islamic' social and cultural organisations as well as NGOs, including Brac and

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### Bangla Bhai men circulate leaflet calling for jihad

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi**  
 Jagrata Muslim Janata Bangladesh (JMJB) cadres in Bagmara have been circulating leaflets for the last two days calling for the Muslims to prepare for a jihad.  
 The leaflets headlined 'Qurbani and Jihad Fi Sabilillah' (Sacrifice and Jihad for Allah) said organisations committed to jihad like in many other countries had flourished in

### SAARC SUMMIT Agenda setting meet begins tomorrow

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
 The agenda-setting process for the 13th Saarc Summit kicks off tomorrow with a two-day meeting of the 26th Programming Committee.  
 Security measures have been beefed up as participants of the agenda-setting meetings have

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