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Rajiv Sikri, Indian Secretary of the External Affairs Ministry, speaks at a seminar at Bangladesh Enterprise Institute in the city yesterday. Sitting from left are SMT Neelam Deo, former foreign secretary Farook Sobhan and Indian High Commissioner Veena Sikri.

JCD attack on students

UNB, Dhaka

Awami League President Sheikh Hasina vesterday protested the attack on seven student organisations, including Chhatra League, allegedly by Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) on the Dhaka University

In a statement, Hasina said the ruling party's student wing wants to suppress the logical movement of the students by using the power of arms and terrorism.

"Police and terrorists belonging to JCD are assaulting general students, teachers and journalists on the DU campus for the three consecutive days. The cadres of the alliance government created heinous incidents like repression on female students in presence of university higher authorities," she

She also demanded immediate resignation of DU vice-chancellor and Proctor for failing to ensure security of students and teachers and sheltering criminals.

Hasina protests | 27 killed in 'crossfire' last month

others in acid attacks. Also, 26

people were abducted during the

attacks and four others received

Sangha, in its report, said 189

UP chairmen and one UP mem-

ber for their alleged involvement

in murder, extortion, torture of

businessmen, cheating and

harassment of government offi-

for throwing acid on a child while

another was sentenced to life

imprisonment in a murder case,

An UP chairman was arrested

threats, the report added.x

and 42 raped.

during the period.

the report said.

Five journalists were injured in

Bangladesh Nari Progati

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Twenty-seven people were killed in 'crossfire' with the Rapid Action Battalion and police last month, according to a report of Bangladesh Bar Council.

Besides, 293 more people were killed in different incidents in the country during the period, the report said.

Of the victims, seven people were killed in political violence, 41 committed suicide and one person was killed in police cus-

The Bar Council prepared the report on the basis of newspaper

Eleven women and children were killed after rape, 15 housewives killed over dowry and eight others died following torture by their husbands, the report said.

Besides, 50 women and girls fell victim to rape, 13 to domestic violence and four to fatwa.

The report said 40 people were injured in bomb attacks and 30

Murder of Comilla editor

sation condemned the murder of based the daily Comilla Muktakantha.

women and girls fell victim to repression last month. Of them, 81 women and girls were killed In another survey, the DemocracyWatch said two Union Parishad chairmen were killed -one of them dies in 'crossfire' --Cases were filed against five

She demanded the arrest and exemplary punishment to the kill-

increasingly risky.

condemned

BDNEWS, Dhaka

Leader of the opposition Sheikh Hasina and a human rights organi-Golam Mahfuz, editor of Comilla-

Hasina, also Awami League president, in a statement blasted the murder of Golam Mahfuz saying, "During the tenure of BNP-Jamaat coalition government, the repression and murder of journalists and throttling the voice of newspapers have crossed all limits. The journalists are insecure, let alone ordinary

Bangladesh Manobadhikar Bastobayan Sangstha also condemned the murder of Golam Mahfuz and demanded punishment of the murderers. In a statement the organisation observed that journalism as a profession is becoming

50 injured in N'ganj clash

Atleast 50 workers were injured and 18 taxicabs damaged in a clash between taxi drivers and garment workers at Chashara Baluramath yesterday.

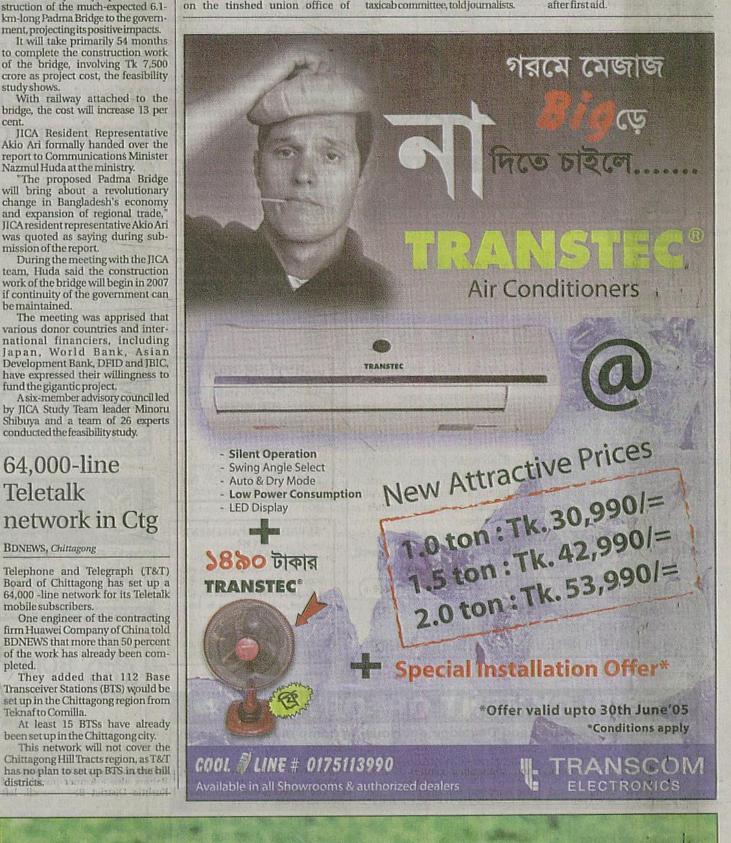
Police and witnesses said the clash ensued over the throwing of water from an eight-storey garment factory on the tinshed union office of

Taxicab Sramik Committee at 8:00am. At one stage garment workers attacked the taxicab workers with hockey sticks and damaged 18 taxi-

cabs parked at BB Road. They also ransacked the union office and looted Tk 2.85 lakh, Md Musa Bhandari, general secretary of the taxicab committee, told journalists.

Police said the garment workers put up barricade on the BB Road blocking the movement of traffic for one hour. Police brought the situation under control at 10:00arm

Of the injured, Delwar Hossain 30, Gulzar, 25, China, 25, and Alamgir were admitted to 200-bed hospital and others were released after first aid.



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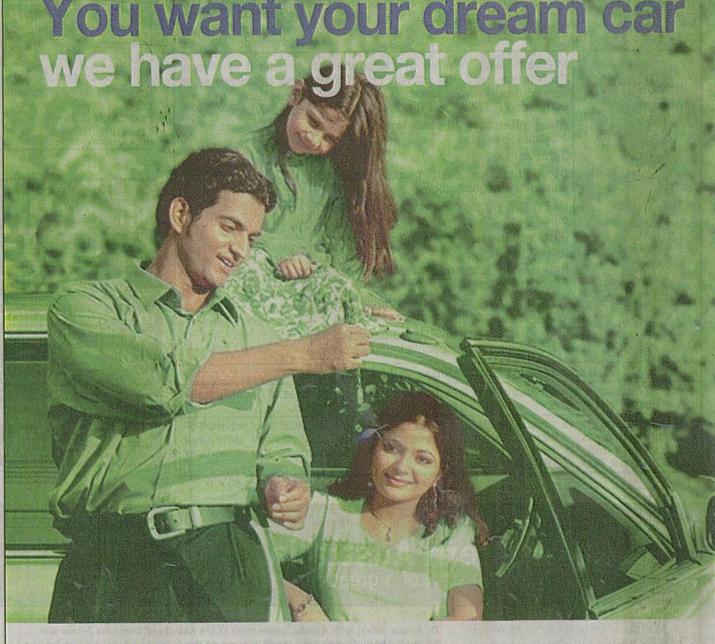
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