

Nepal condemns bomb attacks

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Nepal in a statement on Friday condemned the bomb attacks in Bangladesh.

The Nepalese government expressed its deep shock at several terrorist explosions carried out in different places of Bangladesh on August 17 and condemned such terrorist acts in strongest terms, whoever may have perpetrated for whatever purposes.

His Majesty's Government

expressed its total solidarity with the Government and the friendly people of Bangladesh at this time of grief.

Terming terrorism as one of the heinous crimes against humanity, the statement said, it requires common and unconditional resolve of international community to fight against the menace.

Nepal has also expressed deep sympathies to the victims and their families and prays for the prompt recovery of the injured people.

CHILD VACCINATION Bangladesh rewarded with Tk 80 cr

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Bangladesh has been rewarded with Tk 80 crore for its successful immunisation programme and exceeding the target for Diphtheria-Pertussis-Tetanus (DPT) vaccination.

The USA-based Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunisation (GAVI) has rewarded the country and lauded Bangladesh for the success in DPT 3 coverage, according to sources in the health directorate.

In 2002, a total of 28,35,241 under-one children were vaccinated and 34,73,908 children in 2003.

As per the GAVI policy, it provides US\$ 20 as a reward for vaccinating each additional child after meeting the target. Based on this calculation, the amount of

reward stands at US\$ 1,27,73,440 or about Tk 80 crore.

The GAVI gave half the reward money to Bangladesh in January while the remaining amount is expected in January 2006.

"The government has decided to procure pick-up vans for 64 districts and also for the EPI headquarters with the money. It would also purchase 10,000 bicycles, 300 motorcycles, fax machine and computers for the EPI offices at upazila and district level," said an EPI official.

In addition, Bangladesh was also rewarded with US\$ 7.4 million for successful supply of injection safety tools and DPT vaccines coverage.

The country is also expected to receive Tk 70 crore for similar achievement with regard to DPT coverage in 2003, said the official.



Mahila Awami League activists chant anti-government slogans as the police forced them into a prison van during the hartal hours at Dhanmondi yesterday.

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Encroaching on a large part of the Sitalakhya river near the Kanchpur Bridge, stone traders set up crushing machines and have long been operating their businesses.

CPB to protest visit of WB president

UNB, Dhaka

Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) will protest the visit of World Bank President Paul Wolfowitz who arrives in Dhaka today.

It will bring out procession with black flag and hold rally at Muktangan at noon.

CPB President Manjurul Ahsan Khan and General Secretary Mujahidul Islam Selim in a statement said Bangladesh economy is now in shambles for following the World Bank prescriptions.

They said objective of the World Bank in Bangladesh is to make it dependent on others by damaging the mills and factories, institutions, service sector, education and culture under the blueprint of the imperialist forces.