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Commuters have to wait for long on roads as many areas of the city became gridlocked yesterday as seen in this snap taken from Paltan area.

## Criminal case against 2 Narcotics Control officials, 16 others

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A woman filed a criminal case yesterday against two assistant directors of Narcotics Control Department and 16 others, accusing them of trespassing, torture, molestation and attempt to murder.

Sakia alias Sakhi Begum, a resident of RK Mission Road at Gopibagh in the city, filed the case with the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court, Dhaka.

The accused are Assistant Directors Jafarullah Kajol and Hafizur Rahman, Inspectors Emtaz Uddin of Mirpur Circle, Iqbal of Sabujbagh Circle, Zakir Hossain of Motijheel Circle, Kazi Habibur Rahman of Kotwali Circle, Tamiz Uddin

Midha of Demra Circle and Mofazzal Hossain of Lalbagh Circle, Sepoys Nazmul, Mosarraf, Ariful Islam, Molin, Azgar Ali, Monir Hossain and Miraj and drivers Mofiz, Jahangir and Harun.

After a hearing, Magistrate AJM Abdullahel Baqui recorded the statement of the complainant and directed the Dhaka Metropolitan Police commissioner to appoint a proper investigator to enquire into the incident.

In the case, officer-in-charge (OC) of Sabujbagh Police Station and a local ward commissioner have been made witnesses.

In her complaint, Sakia said the accused entered her house in the name of recovering narcotics at about 5:30pm

on August 14 and tortured her and the family members, snatched away gold ornaments and ransacked furniture, although they could not recover any contraband item.

The accused also raided six more rooms of the same house and assaulted and molested Taslim, Golesa, Zobeda, Kamala and Halima, she said, adding that Shammin, an eight-month pregnant woman, was also tortured.

Sabujbagh police, after receiving information, rushed to the scene and took Shammin to Dhaka Medical College and Hospital (DMCH) for treatment, Sakia added.

## EC to provide Tk 60.06 cr for CHT dev

UNB, Dhaka

The European Commission (EC) will provide 7.5 million euros (Tk 60.06 crore) to the UNDP projects implementing under Chittagong Hill Tracts Development Facility Programme.

A contract was signed between the European Commission to Bangladesh and UNDP in this regard yesterday.

Ambassador and Head of the EC delegation Esko Kentschynsky and UNDP Resident Representative Jorgen Lissner signed the agreement.

## Wife gets death for killing husband

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday sentenced a woman to death for killing her husband at Pirebagh in Mirpur in the city in April 2003.

The court also sentenced four others to life in jail for the same charge.

The convict with death is victim's wife Jesmin Akhter Lucky while victim's son Rajib, Jesmin's fiancé Mostafizur Rahman and two hired goons Sumon and Manik alias Pikul were given life in jail.

Judge Golam Murtoza Majumder of the Speedy Trial Tribunal-2 gave the verdict in presence of the convicts.

Mostafiz had an illicit relation with Lucky. Later, Lucky, her son Rajib and Mostafiz hired two goons to kill Safur Uddin alias Safu.

They killed Safu at Pirebagh in Mirpur, cut his body into three pieces and dumped the head at a dustbin in front of Shyamoli cinema hall and buried the rest organs of the body at the victim's family graveyard on April 23, 2003.

After the incident, Lucky filed a case with Mirpur Police Station in this connection. But after filing the case, Lucky and others went into hiding.

Later, police arrested Lucky and other accused and came to know that they killed Safu to grab his property.

# Foil all evil attempts against country: Khaleda

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia yesterday made a clarion call for all patriotic forces, including political parties, to stand united to foil all evil attempts against the country and national interest.

She also called for working unitedly to keep the trend of ongoing development and progress of the country uninterrupted.

The Prime Minister made the call when a group of Jatiya Party lawmakers met her at her office in the afternoon.

The MPs are Tazul Islam, Golam Habib Dulal, Karimuddin Bharsha,

Noor Mohammad Mondal, Mohammad Hafizuddin, Moshir Rahman Ranga, Mustafizur Rahman, Shah Mohammad Solaiman, Motiur Rahman and Mohammad Ali Sarkar.

Khaleda said in a multiparty democracy there might be differences of opinion among political parties but there should be no difference on the question of national interest, development and progression this matter patriotism will be the unifying force.

"If patriotism is awakened among all parties and groups, the country will march forward defying all impediments," she told the JP

lawmakers.

She said that at a time when law-and-order situation was good and stable situation prevailing in the country, massive foreign investments were coming in and successes in various socioeconomic sectors being achieved, such terror strike could tarnish country's image.

Khaleda said that her government is determined to maintain the tempo of current development and progress of the country.

She categorically said that all-out steps have been taken to track down the perpetrators and award them exemplary punishment.

The JP lawmakers condemned

the bomb attacks and hoped that identity of the perpetrators would come out soon following government steps and legal actions being taken against them.

Apprising the Prime Minister of JP chairman HM Ershad's statement condemning the bombings, they assured her of all-out cooperation with the government in the wake of the exigencies.

The JP Mps thought that the bombing was the action of a quarter out to disturb the trend of development and cripple economy.

Prime Minister's political secretary Harris Chowdhury was present at the meeting.



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Leaders and activists of the Awami League and its allies march in a procession in the city yesterday to commemorate the victims of the grenade attack on an AL rally on August 21 last year.