

## SERIAL BOMB BLASTS

## 'Lives of people now more insecure'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bikkhubdo Nari Morcha, an alliance of aggrieved women, held a rally in the city yesterday demanding exemplary punishment to culprits responsible for series of bomb blasts across the country on August 17.

Reading out a statement at the rally at Muktangan, Rekha Chowdhury, a woman activist, said than any previous time after the bomb blasts.

The government is also treating the bomb blasts as a conspiracy against it and taking steps violating the constitution and human rights, she added.

Tasmima Hossain, Dr Hamida Hossain, Khushi Kabir, Sultana Kamal, Shamim Akter, Ayesha Khanom and Dil Monwara Monu took part in the procession.



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Bikkhubdo Nari Morcha stages a demonstration in the city yesterday demanding security of life.

## Measles vaccination programme to cover 15 lakh children

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A three-week measles vaccination programme began on September 3 to cover about 15 lakh children under ten.

The first biggest ever vaccination programme was taken with the focus of covering roughly 30 per cent of the children under ten, who generally remain outside the reach of the routine measles vaccination programmes.

"It is a different programme from routine vaccination programme in the sense that it carries a lot of values in covering almost all the children under ten for which we have mobilised our maximum resources," said Dr Mahbubur Rahman, Director of Primary Healthcare of the Health Directorate.

The campaign to prevent the highly contagious viral disease, was launched in Bogra and Rajshahi districts and Rajshahi City Corporation under TK 110 crore programme.

In the first week, school children are being vaccinated while guardians will be encouraged to come to EPI out-reach centres for the single dose injection (vaccine) in the second and the third weeks.

The observers from World Health Organisation, SEARO India, Centre for

Disease Control and Prevention, CDC Atlanta, the USA and the Maldives have arrived to gather experience from the programme.

The second phase of the programme is scheduled to begin in February next year and the current special programme will end on September 22.

## Ittefaq staff killed in road accident

BDNEWS, Chittagong

Ekramul Haque, a staff of the Ittefaq, was killed in a road accident at Chandanaish in Chittagong yesterday.

Police said, Ekramul along with his girl friend, was going to Bandarban by a CNG auto-rickshaw due to transport strike.

The accident took place on Chittagong-Cox's Bazar Road when a speedy truck coming from opposite direction collided with the auto-rickshaw at 7.30am at Gachchbaria in Chandanaish Thana under the district. Ekramul died on the spot.

Police said Ekramul, son of Abdul Aziz under Laksham thana in Comilla district, was the computer operator of the Ittefaq.