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## Khaleda off to NY to attend World Summit

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
Prime Minister Khaleda Zia yesterday left for New York to attend the World Summit 2005, one of the largest United Nations (UN) gathering of world leaders, which will review the implementation of the Millennium Declaration and follow-up to the major UN conferences and summits.  
This UN occasion will bring together more than 170 heads of states and governments in the largest gathering of the world leaders in history. This year the UN General Assembly (UNGA) session assumes special significance since it commemorates the 60th anniversary of the UN.

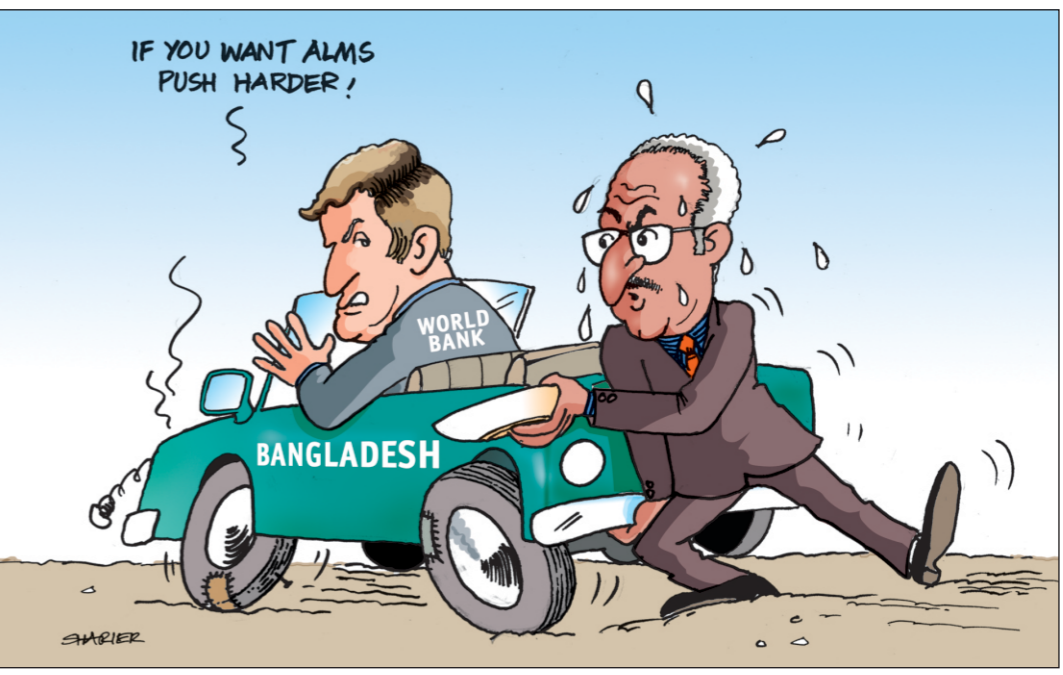
## Nucleus of anti-state plot to be unearthed

### Bombings act of those who want to portray country as extremist one, PM tells JS

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
Prime Minister Khaleda Zia said in parliament yesterday those who want to brand Bangladesh a 'religious extremist country' and cannot take it as a 'Muslim-majority liberal democracy' have staged the August 17 blasts, staying behind the veil of Islam.  
"The government attaches highest importance to national security and it will soon unearth the nucleus of the anti-state conspiracy," the prime minister said, assuring the people that all possible measures would be taken to stop recurrence of such terrorist attacks.  
In her first remarks about the countrywide blasts, the leader of the house also said, "I want to assure you [countrymen] that the government will identify the perpetrators of the blasts and bring them to book by deploying all its might and resources."  
"If necessary we will take assistance from the country's foreign friends."  
Khaleda Zia described the attackers as the people active against the country's sovereignty

## JS unlikely to hold discussion on Aug 17 blasts

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
The parliament session that began yesterday amid continued boycott by the main opposition Awami League is unlikely to hold discussion on the August 17 serial bomb blasts as the Business Advisory Committee (BAC) has not taken any decision about it.  
The BAC at a meeting yesterday with Speaker Jamiruddin Sircar in the chair decided the session will continue until September 21 and pass nine bills including six to raise salaries and allowances of the president, prime minister, ministers, state ministers, deputy ministers, lawmakers and judges of the Supreme Court.



## Saifur to attend WB, IMF meet in Washington

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman leaves Dhaka tomorrow for the US on a three-week official visit.  
He will attend the high level plenary meeting on Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) at the UN Headquarters to be held from September 14-16. He will also attend the annual meetings of the World Bank (WB) and International Monetary Fund (IMF) slated for September 19-23.  
The minister will also meet the WB and IMF executives as well as a number of US congressmen during the visit, finance ministry sources said.  
A source said Saifur is going to

## RAID ON JMB CHIEF'S BROTHER'S HOUSE Firearms, training manuals seized

**SHARIFUL ISLAM and SHAMIM ASHRAF**  
Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) yesterday seized compact disks (CDs) containing militant training manuals, capacitors resembling to those used in the August 17 bombs, and firearms from a den of Ataur Rahman, younger brother of Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) Ameer Abdur Rahman, at East Bashabo in Dhaka.  
Ataur, who, law enforcers believe, hired the house four to five months ago and coordinated the countrywide bombing from this house using pseudonym of Hassan alias Sunny, narrowly escaped arrest.  
Intelligence officials said Ataur used to carry out all subversive activities from the six-storey house No. 102/1 on Patwari Goali in east Bashabo. The Rab also arrested five bomb blast suspects, including a woman.  
The law enforcers found a file on a computer seized from the house, containing a lesson plan on training of bomb making.  
Meanwhile, some JMB men yesterday sent a fax message to the deputy commissioner (DC) of Jamalpur, threatening the government with dire consequences unless

## Bangladeshi expat gunned down in Iraq

**UNB, Dhaka**  
A Bangladeshi expatriate was gunned down in Iraq in mid-August allegedly by Iraqi guerillas, according to a delayed report.  
The body of the victim, M Akbar alias Monu, 32, arrived in Dhaka from Kuwait by Qatar Airways yesterday morning.  
Monu, son of M Akhter of House no-10, Block-C of Mirpur Section-11 under Pallabi Police Station in the capital, went to Kuwait in January this year and worked at a tailoring shop.  
Md Sadakat Khan alias Faku, president of Stranded Pakistani Youth Rehabilitation Movement (SPYRM), quoting family members of the victim, told the news agency

## No IMF loan if suppliers' credits continue

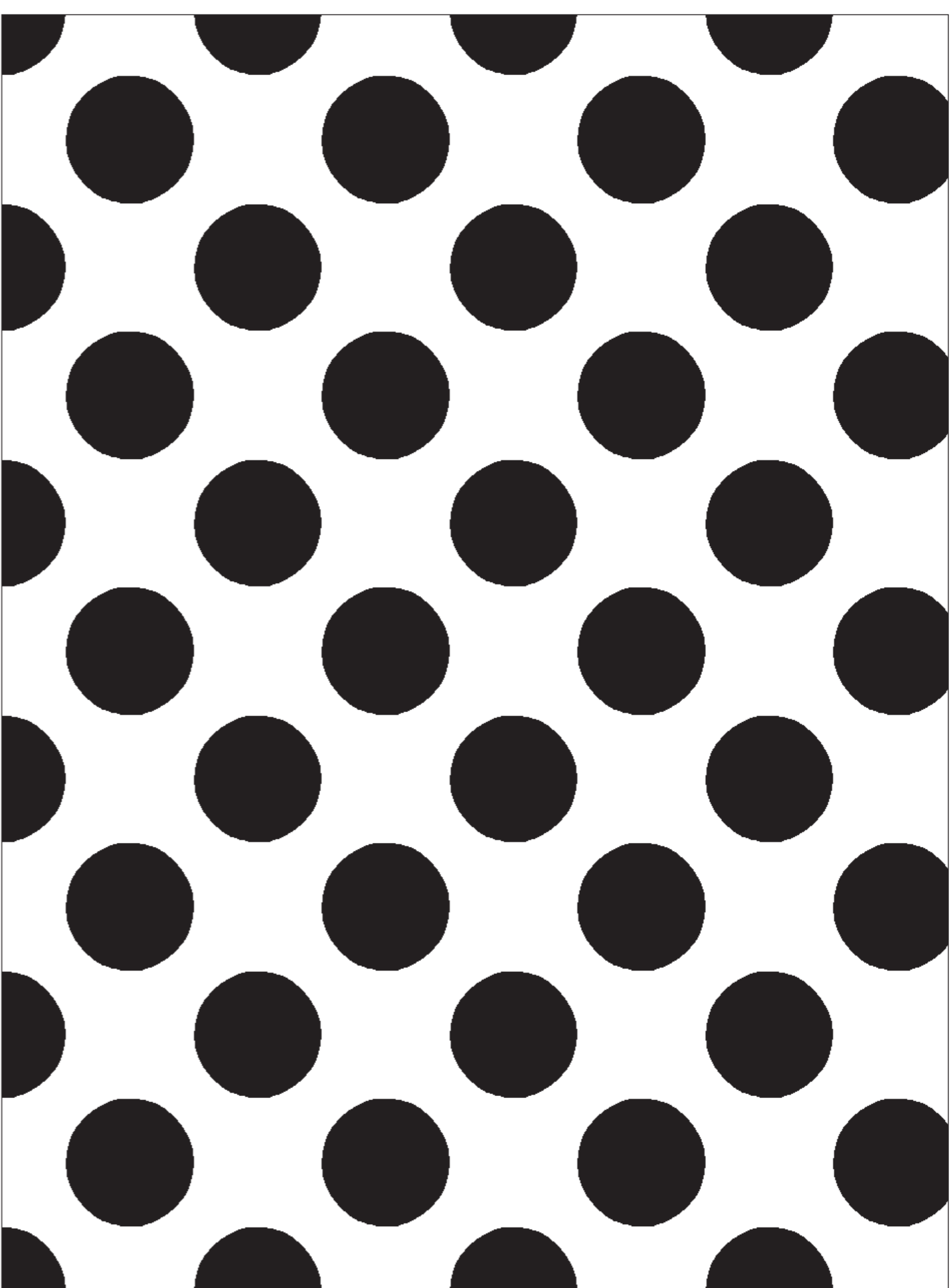
**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
International Monetary Fund (IMF) will not give any money to Bangladesh if the country continues to take suppliers' credit to implement different projects.  
Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman yesterday quoted the IMF as saying, "If you [Bangladesh] take suppliers' credit, we are not going to give you money."  
Saifur told journalists about the Bretton Woods institution's discontent over different ministries' growing reliance on suppliers' credit after a meeting with an IMF mission yesterday.  
A finance ministry source said though the interest rates are higher in suppliers' credit, the tendency of the government organs to take the credit is increasing day by day.  
In case of a soft loan, the interest rate is less than 1 percent and the loan is payable within up to 50 years whereas in suppliers' credit, the interest rate ranges from 3.5 to 12 percent and the money has to be repaid within up to 12 years. Besides, the goods supplied against the credit are all too often overvalued. For instance, if the original cost of a good is Tk 100, it is priced at Tk 500 in suppliers' credit, the source said.  
According to economic relations division (ERD) statistics, from FY 02 to FY 04 Bangladesh took suppliers' credit worth of \$534.88 million while in five years from FY 97 to FY 01 it totalled \$212.15 million.  
The source explained that since the soft loans are invariably tagged with many conditions, different ministries are more inclined to take suppliers' credit. The present government after coming to power had made strict guidelines to arrest the trend of taking suppliers' credit. But



PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ  
Members of a mobile court drain used lubricant out of a drum seized during a raid on a food factory in Postogola in the capital yesterday.

## Lube oil still used in food

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
Despite a series of drives on city bakeries and confectioneries, bakers are still using burnt lubricants and unsafe chemicals in chanchur and bread, and also mixing rotten products with good ones.  
When members of the mobile court, led by magistrate Rokon Ud Doulah, reached Chistia Bread Industries in Mazar Sharif Road of the Postogola area, they observed a seriously unhygienic environment, a source present with the court said.  
"We saw the workers were making the flour for the bread without gloves and their sweat was dripping in to the flour. Their clothes and hands were also very dirty," said the magistrate.  
The court also found unsafe chemicals without labels in the factory of Chistia bread.  
The court realised Tk 100,000 from Md. Abu Shama, manager of the factory. The court also fined the bakery Tk 10,000 for not mentioning the weight of the product on the packet.  
The same court yesterday raided Al Amin Bread and Fruits Industries Ltd. in Postogola, where they found four sacks of rotten biscuits and a large quantity of fake Cocola noodles. The court also found burnt lubricants, which they use to make chanchur crispy and bright.  
The factory owner had a registration from the Bangladesh Standard and Testing Institute (BSTI) for only three items, but the factory produces at least 15 different items, sources present with the mobile court said.  
The court filed a case against Didarul Alam, the marketing



## TENGRATILA BLOWOUT Real damage greater than estimate

**Civic body plans to sue Niko**  
**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
Bangladesh Economic Association (BEA) yesterday rejected the Tamim Committee's report on the damage of Tengratila gas field blowouts, terming it completely 'unacceptable and mysterious'.  
"Our assessment shows at least 115 billion cubic feet gas worth around Tk 1,500 crore to Tk 1,600 crore has been destroyed by the double Tengratila blowouts," BEA President Dr Kazi Kholliqzaman said.  
"But the Tamim Committee's report shows only three billion cubic feet gas was damaged," he told a press conference at Jatiya Press Club in the city.  
Meantime, the National Committee to Protect Oil, Gas, Natural Resources, Power and Port is going to file a case against the Canadian company Niko, seeking demurrage for the blowouts, reports BDNEWS.

## Bangladesh may get trade sops for pipeline nod

**Says Indian magazine**  
**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**  
India has agreed to consider Bangladesh's request for additional trade facilities as a least developed country in exchange for permission for a natural gas pipeline from Myanmar to India to pass through its territory.  
Petroleum ministry officials said a memorandum of understanding (MoU) is likely to be signed this month although press reports from Dhaka said the country is still not convinced about the project.