



# Car bombs kill 110 people in Iraq

**REUTERS, Balad**  
 Car bombs have killed more than 110 people, 25 of them children, in a surge of violence in Iraq ahead of an October 15 referendum on a new constitution. One of the four car bombs ripped through a crowded market in the southern town of Hilla killing at least 12 people and wounding 47 yesterday, police and health officials said. In the mainly Shia town of Balad, north of Baghdad, the death toll from three huge car bombs on Thursday rose to 98 on Friday, hospital director Kassim Aboud said. Furious residents in Balad blamed

the attacks on "foreign fighters," long accused by the US military of infiltrating Iraq from Syria to carry out attacks across the country. "What have those Jordanians and Palestinians and Saudis got to do with us? Shame on them!" Abu Waleed, a hotel owner in Balad who said seven people staying in his hotel died in the blasts, shouted angrily. "Why is this happening? This is a criminal act and the constitution is going to succeed in spite of them," he cried. Outside a hospital a doctor, Dawoud Allam, posted lists of the dead and the 119 wounded on a wall. Of the dead, 25 were children under 15, while 14 could not be identified, he said. Crowds voiced their defiance by chanting: "With our souls, with our blood, we sacrifice ourselves for the constitution." Insurgents are waging a campaign of suicide bombings, shootings and assassinations to try to topple Iraq's US-backed government. The constitution vote has raised sectarian tension between Iraq's Shia majority and the Sunni Arab minority. Five US soldiers were also killed **SEE PAGE 15 COL 7**

## Chafee assures Morshed of working together

**UNB, Dhaka**  
 US Senator Lincoln D Chafee, Chairman of the Senate Subcommittee for Near East and South Asia of the Foreign Relations Committee, has assured Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan of working together on the TRADE Act. "I am a supporter of free trade," the senator told Morshed Khan when the latter met him at his Senate office in Washington DC on Thursday. The bill, titled TRADE Act of 2005 that proposes duty-free access for textile and other products from 14 Asia-Pacific LDCs including Bangladesh, has recently received **SEE PAGE 15 COL 3**



**Chittagong:** Surrounded by cheated job-seekers, Managing Director of fake firm Welcome International Manzoor Aly begs forgiveness with folded hands yesterday. **PHOTO: STAR**



## RU yet to take action, forms probe body

**THURSDAY'S GUNFIGHT**  
**RU CORRESPONDENT**  
 The Rajshahi University authorities are yet to take any action against those involved in Thursday's gunfight on the campus between two rival factions of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) that left 10 including a photojournalist injured. The authorities however formed a six-member probe committee headed by Prof Sadekul Islam, dean of social science faculty, asking it to submit its report by October 10. "The RU authorities are not eager to take any action as both the feuding groups are adherents of the ruling BNP. We are waiting to see if **SEE PAGE 15 COL 4**

## BID TO SEXUALLY ABUSE STUDENT SUST students, locals clash: 25 injured

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet**  
 An attempt of sexual abuse on a female student by a local led to sporadic clashes between the students of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (SUST) and locals at city's Madina market adjacent to the university Thursday night. The agitating students put up barricades on the Sylhet-Sunamganj road for about four hours and damaged a number of vehicles. The clashes left at least 25 injured, including Proctor Dr Sajedul Karim. Among the injured, conditions of two students were serious. The situation, however, was brought under control with the deployment of huge number of police in the early hours yesterday. Sources said the female student of SUST was returning from tuition on the second floor of Moyna Manjil at Madina market area Thursday evening. On the first floor, owner of the building Abdul Quddus, whose daughter is her friend, invited her to his flat for a cup of tea. In the flat, Quddus with the help **SEE PAGE 15 COL 6**

## JAMAL UDDIN MURDER Samples yet to be sent abroad for DNA test

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg**  
 The probe into the abduction and killing of Chittagong magnate Jamal Uddin Ahmed Chowdhury seems to have stalled since the samples of the **SEE PAGE 15 COL 7**

| Prayer Timing |       |        |
|---------------|-------|--------|
| October 1     |       |        |
|               | Azan  | Jamaat |
| Fajr          | 4-45  | 5-20   |
| Zohr          | 12-45 | 1-15   |
| Asr           | 4-15  | 4-30   |
| Maghrib       | 5-53  | 5-56   |
| Esha          | 7-30  | 8-00   |

Source: Islamic Foundation

## 2 held for realising money in the name of 'job fair' in Ctg

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg**  
 Two persons were held here yesterday for realising over Tk 2 lakh from more than one thousand unemployed youths allegedly in the name of "registration" in a so-called job fair. The two are Manzoor Aly, a former high official of Jamuna Oil Company Ltd, and his son Aly Imam alias Ashraf. They got the youths "registered" in the job fair, luring them for lucrative jobs at different renowned business firms. Manzoor Aly had earlier announced through advertisements in some national dailies to organise the fair under the name of his firm Welcome International Pvt Ltd, which is located at Dampara beside BAWOA School. According to the advertisement, the fair was supposed to take place at Woodland Park community centre opposite Sholoshahar Railway Station on October 3. Offering jobs at renowned firms like Navana Group, Mostofa Group, TK Group, HRC, MM Ispahani Group, KDS Group and State Bank of **SEE PAGE 15 COL 8**

**National Girl Child Advocacy Forum** brings out a procession from the Shishu Academy premises on the occasion of the National Girl Child Day 2005 yesterday. **PHOTO: STAR**

