

### Tight security measures on 31st night at Ctg

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Tight security measures are being taken with the deployment of huge law enforcers to avert any untoward incidents during the celebration of thirty-first night in the port city.

A large contingent of 3000 forces of police including those in riot gears and BDR, and some 500 members of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) will maintain law and order in the city particularly at Patenga sea beach area, said sources in Chittagong Metropolitan Police.

Over one hundred check-posts are being set up at different points on the roads leading to the sea-beach.

Driving will be restricted in the seashore area.

### 16 tons of wheat seeds seized

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Police seized 16 tons of wheat seeds worth Tk 5 lakh while being sold at Nitaiganj in Narayanganj.

The seeds were supposed to be sold at fair prices to the peasants through Bangladesh Agricultural Development Corporation.

Acting on a tip off, Detective Branch of Narayanganj Police raided the place last night and seized the seeds.

Police also arrested BADC's Kishoreganj-Netrokona regional dealer Ataur Rahman, 41.



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Writer and educationist Muhammad Zafar Iqbal speaks at the inaugural ceremony of a two-day International Tipaimukh Dam Conference 2005 at the Institution of Engineers in the city yesterday. (Story on page 1)

## Dhaka Book Fair begins tomorrow

BSS, Dhaka

The 12th Dhaka Book Fair-2006 will begin on the premises of the Shilpakala Academy in the city tomorrow.

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia is expected to inaugurate the book fair at noon.

State Minister for Cultural Affairs Selima Rahman said this at a press conference at the Press Information Department (PID) yesterday.

A total of 83 local and foreign organisations, including British Council, Iran Cultural Centre, National Book Trust of India (NBTI) and World Bank, will take part in the fair.

This year's theme of the fair is "Book for peace and development".

The Cultural Ministry and the Jatiya Grantha Kendra will jointly bring out a colourful procession from the Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy in the city at 9:00am today marking the book fair.

Selima Rahman said the fair would continue till January 18 with a three-day break on the occasion of holy Eid-ul-Azha. The fair will remain open for visitors from 2.30pm to 8.30pm everyday and from 11:00am to 8.30pm on holi-

days.

The entry fee for the fair is Tk 2. However, students will be allowed without any ticket, Selima Rahman said. The budget of the fair is Tk 42 lakh.

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia will hand over awards to five science writers selected by the Bangla Academy at the inaugural function of the fair.

The prime minister will also release a postal ticket, present "Shubhechha Patra" (letter of wish) and books to 12 students, who received primary and junior scholarships this year.

"From now on, the Dhaka Book Fair will be held every year on the premises of Shilpakala Academy," the state minister said, adding that the home ministry will take full-time security measures for the fair.