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Committee

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Dhaka Mahanagar Rickshaw

and Van Malik Kalyan

Parishad, a welfare committee

for rickshaw and van owners,

has alleged that Dhaka

Mahanagari Rickshaw Chor

Protirodh Committee, an

organisation to resist stealing

of rickshaws, has running

illegal activities of selling

'protection sticker' to rick-

rickshaws from thieves, the Rickshaw Chor Protirodh

Committee has virtually been

extorting at least Tk 50 lakh a

month, Shahar Ali, chairman

of Rickshaw and Van Malik

Kalyan Parishad, said in a

Chor Protirodh Committee

have even formed another

organisation styled 'Bangla-

desh Rickshaw Malik League'

to smoothly run their illegal

activities of collecting money

for protection of rickshaws, he

also held a big Iftar party

yesterday and invited influen-

tial Awami League leaders in a

bid to make the Rickshaw

Chor Protirodh Committee

activities hassle-free, Shahar

Alisaid.

Rickshaw Malik League

Leaders of the Rickshaw

press release yesterday.

In the name of protecting

shaw owners.

METRO DESK

Notun Jibon, a Social Investment Programme Project (SIPP) that started as a smallscale pilot project in two of the poorest districts of Bangladesh -- Jamalpur and Gaibandha, has now been expanded to 10 more access roads and bridges, districts affected by recent access to credit, markets, skills floods and the cyclone Sidr.

The government-led project, co-financed by the World the cyclone and flood-affected Bank (\$18.3 million), targets areas have started receiving the hard core poor who cannot benefits. avail themselves of microcredit facilities, says a World Jibon - Empowerment and Bank press release.

The project has tested new initiated in 2010, and will community-based financing to improve access to local infrastructure and basic services for ments of Phase I. the hard core poor. Its community driven development approach has helped the poor form their own institutions, and the project provides funds for investment and small-scale lending directly into the hands of the villagers.

The unique approach of this project has unleashed the potential of the rural poor in

#### 11 robbers held with stolen gold

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday arrested 11 robbers, including four women, of a gang and seized 31 tolas of stolen gold ornaments from their possession in the city's Khilgaon area early yesterday.

The arrestees were identified as Tania Begum, 20, Dhania Begum, 22, Rashu, 23, Delwar, 40, his wife Rushia, 35, Mohammad Roni, 20, Harunor-Rashid, Rajib Ahmed, Mohammad Yusuf, 41, Arif Hossain and Abdul Haque.

Officer-in-Charge (OC) Nobojyoti Khisha of Khilgaon Police Station said they arrested Tania and her sister Dhania in a raid in the Culvert

On their confessional statement, they seized the gold from the residence of Delwar, who used to keep the stolen gold, and arrested other members of the gang, Sub-Inspector (SI) Mohammad Aslam Hossain told The Daily

He said their ringleader is Mafia alias Chunni, who is now in jail after being arrested in June, but her gang members were active under the leadership of her daughters Tania and Dhania.

Quoting locals, he said the burglars have a garage in the area where there are around 100 rickshaws.

The male members of the gang in guise of rickshaw pullers gather information about people who generally go to their workplace leaving the house underlock and key.

When they leave for their workplaces, other members of the gang enter the residences by cutting window grills or breaking the locks and make away with the booties.

OC Khisha said in primary interrogation the robbers have confessed that around 100 burglars are active in Khilgaon, Sabujbagh, Motijheel and Rampura areas, who commit robbery in the daytime.



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Democratic Left Alliance stages a demonstration at Muktangan in the city yesterday protesting the approval of oil and gas exploration bids for three offshore blocks to foreign companies.

#### LEASE OF OFFSHORE BLOCKS Protest continues

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Different political parties yesterday protested the approval of oil and gas exploration bids for three offshore blocks to foreign companies and demanded cancellation of the decision.

They also demanded withdrawal of Energy Adviser to the Prime Minister Taufiq-e-Elahi Chowdhury.

The organisations staged demonstrations at different places in the city.

Convener of National Committee to Protect Oil, Gas, Mineral Resources, Power and Port Sheikh Muhammad Shahidullah and Member Secretary Anu Muhammad in a joint statement demanded fresh invitation of tender be floated and the provision of exporting gas and oil be

cancelled. In the statement they said the agreement with the foreign companies do not preserve the national interest, rather it will serve the interests of the foreign

companies. Communist Party of Bangladesh President Manjurul Ahsan Khan and General Secretary Mujahidul Islam Selim in a statement demanded the government cancel the approval of the bids and frame a new Production Sharing Contracts (PSCs) banning export of oil and gas.

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President Rashed Khan Menon and General Secretary Bimal Biswas also condemned the government's decision to

approve the bids. Bangladesh Chhatra Federation brought out a procession on the Dhaka University campus and held a protest rally protesting the approval of the

Bangladesh Chhatra Union, Gono Sanghati Andolan, Jatiya Mukti Council, Revolutionary Workers Party of Bangladesh, Democratic Revolutionary Party, Bangladesher Samajtantrik Dal and Democratic Left Alliance also condemned the decision.

#### 1,884 more held

Police arrested 1,884 people on various charges in separate drives across the country in 24

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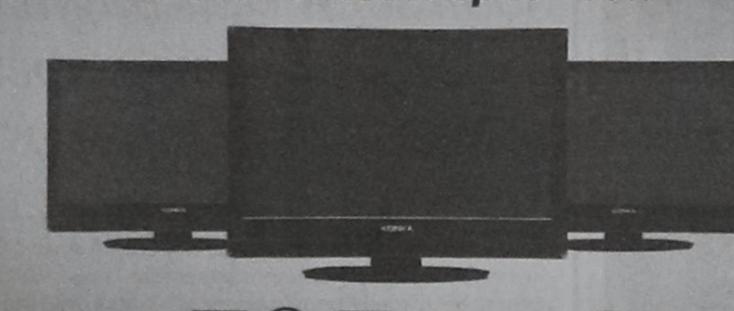
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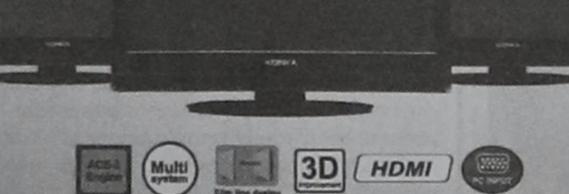
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