

## Islamist group goes berserk

1. Madrasa students go on a rampage in Baluchhara area after the police intercepted their procession heading towards Laldighi Maidan in Chittagong city to join a protest rally against the education policy.
2. Madrasa students shout slogans, as the police stopped their vehicles.
3. Agitating students hurl pieces of bricks at the police.
4. A student gets injured when fellow students explode crackers during a clash with the police.
5. The police try to calm the protesters.
6. A policeman signals madrasa students and asks them to stop as they are heading towards Laldighi Maidan. (Story on Page 16)

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## Provide women with ICT training

Speakers urge govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a workshop yesterday urged the government to provide women with training on information communication technology (ICT) to cope with the competitive job market.

Although the country has achieved gender parity in primary school enrolment, she still has a long way to go in terms of gender equity, they said and suggested changing the mindset to have a positive attitude to this end.

They were speaking at a workshop on Beijing +15 at the National Press Club in the city. NCBP and Women and Gender Studies Department of Dhaka University jointly organised the workshop.

Salma Khan, chairperson of NCBP, said, "Women in our country still fall victim to violence for dowry, for refusing marriage proposal or amorous advancements. So, we need to talk

about the root causes."

Writer Selina Hossain, also the executive director of Faria Lara Foundation, urged the government and other organisations to include sanitary napkin or clean clothes in relief materials to ensure better reproductive healthcare.

During the disasters, women's reproductive healthcare becomes the most ignored part, which sometimes causes infection or other communicable diseases, she said.

Mahmuda Islam, member secretary of NGO Coalition on Beijing Process (NCBP), Nazmunnessa Mahtab, assistant project director of women and gender studies department (DU), Nahid Ahmed, national programme manager of UNIFEM, Ranjan Karmakar of Steps Towards Development, Kalma Ali of Bangladesh National Women Lawyer's Association (BNWLA) and Jahanara Haque of Women for Women also spoke.



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Save the Children Australia stages a drama titled 'Bemil', which focuses on various forms of violations of child rights, at Shilpakala Academy auditorium in the city yesterday.

## Child rights awareness drama staged

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Children staged a drama at the Shilpakala Academy auditorium in the city yesterday to raise awareness about their rights set out by The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Save the Children Australia in cooperation with Manusher Jonno Foundation and Plan organised the event.

The drama titled 'Bemil' focused on various forms of violations of child rights such as corporal punishment, child abuse, child trafficking, sexual exploitation and drug abuse.

The main objective of the drama is to prepare children to draft an alternative report on child rights situation in Bangladesh by raising awareness and enhancing their skills to monitor the situation, said an official of the Save the

Children Australia. The report will be submitted to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Children in 2012.

For the first time, the children will draft the alternative report under the coordination of Save the Children Australia. To this end, the organisation in collaboration with Manusher Jonno Foundation and Plan had undertaken a project titled 'Our Report Towards Bangladesh'.

The key articles of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Children are to eliminate child discrimination, putting most priority on child interest, effective role of parents to establish child rights and to respect children's opinion.

Representatives of the child rights organisation, 132 children and 48 guardians from 12 districts across the country attended the function.

## 269 bullets recovered

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Members of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) recovered 269 bullets and arrested one person in this connection from Fatikchhari upazila in the district early hours yesterday.

The arrestee was identified as Nurul Amin, 30, son of Bazlu Ahmed of village Baktapur under the upazila.

On information that armed criminals gathered at village Baktapur to carry out criminal activities, a team of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) of Chittagong led by Deputy Director Major Samad raided a house around 12:45am and arrested house owner Nurul Amin.

Amin is reportedly the second-in-command of a Fatikchhari-based criminal group, Major Samad said.

Amin is being quizzed at Rab-7 headquarters at Patenga in the port city.

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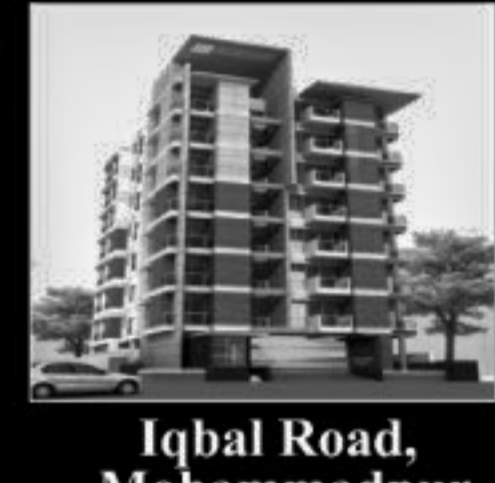
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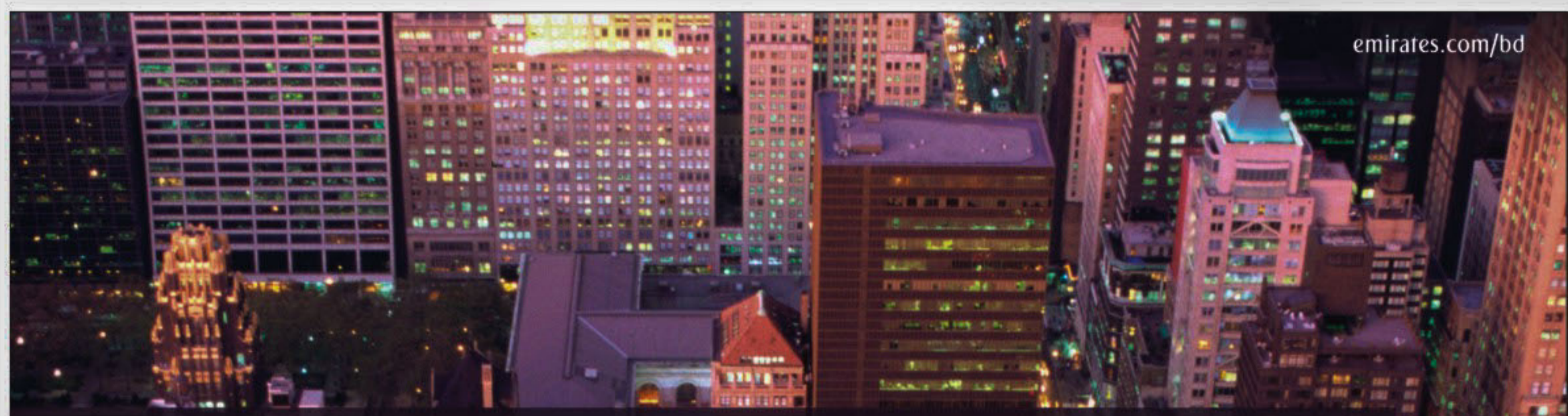
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