

DMP pledges action as HR Commission asks for info
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Cops slammed for custodial deaths

HC issues series of directives to stop crimes, bring culprits to book

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 The High Court yesterday slammed the police for custodial deaths, and said such incidents must not recur. It ordered the Dhaka Metropolitan Police Commissioner to turn in a report within two weeks on measures to prevent lock-up deaths. It also asked him to submit inquest reports on three recent deaths in police custody.

- MAJOR DIRECTIVES**
- Form probe committee excluding police
 - Explain steps to stop custodial death
 - Submit inquest and postmortem reports
 - Why not punitive action against offenders
 - Follow editorials and articles to prevent such deaths

petition filed by two rights groups. It directed the home secretary to form within a week a committee comprising officials other than police personnel to investigate the three deaths. For probe, it said, the committee will take statements from families and neighbours of the victims - Mizanur Rahman, Mujibur Rahman and Babul Kazi. The three died while in custody of Gulshan and Darussalam police last week. The court yesterday also asked the government to



Injured Chhatra League activists lie on the ground, left, while a group beat a rival during a factional feud at Jahangirnagar University yesterday. PHOTO: FOCUS BANGLA

Thieves at the museum

Authorities not sure about how many artefacts stolen; no proper inventory done since 1982

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 "Insiders" stole nine gold medals and 17 antique silver coins from four showcases of gallery 21 of the National Museum and replaced those with bronze and steel replicas. However, the authorities are not yet sure exactly how many objects were stolen from their store over the years, as they did not maintain any proper inventory since 1982. The authorities say the thieves must be insiders as no burglary was reported since 1991 after a gold-silver made lion-faced arm of the throne of Dighapatia king was stolen. "So, we know for sure some of the museum officials are responsible for this. Now we are investigating exactly how



BCL infighting at JU leaves 33 hurt

VC assaulted, BCL suspends JU unit, expels 13; university suspends 17 students

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 At least 33 students were injured, two by bullets, during a factional feud of Bangladesh Chhatra League at Jahangirnagar University yesterday over control of a male dormitory. JU Vice-chancellor Prof Sharif Enamul Kabir was assaulted and Assistant Proctor ASM Firoz UI Hasan wounded in the clash. The university syndicate in an emergency meeting last night suspended 17 students in

this connection. Following the clash, BCL high-ups suspended the activities of its JU unit and expelled the unit's 13 activists from the organisation. Witnesses said the clash ensued after Enayet Kabir Emil and four to five others, all loyal to university unit BCL General Secretary Nirjhar Alam, beat up Kazi Mostofa Monwar Sajib, of unit President Rashedul Islam

Latin lives on Uruguay Semifinal against Netherlands today

REUTERS, Johannesburg
 South America's sole survivor Uruguay stole the limelight on Sunday in their quest to surpass Europe's three World Cup semifinalists and lift the trophy for the first time since 1950. Although the tournament was taking a two-day break in matches, there was no rest for

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