

## 'Criminals better equipped than cops'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Home Minister Sahara Khatun yesterday said police often fail to nab criminals because the latter are more equipped than law enforcement agencies.

She told an event arranged for marking Dhaka Metro Police's 36th founding anniversary at its headquarters on Minto road in the city.

State Minister for Home Shamsul Haque Tuku, Home Secretary Abdus Sobhan

Shikder, Inspector General of Police Hasan Mahmud Khandker and DMP Commissioner Benzir Ahmed also attended the programme.

"Our first priority is to equip police with modern equipment and necessary logistical support," she said adding, "The government is thinking of increasing the department's manpower."

Sahara assured of best efforts to make security arrangements unquestionable during upcoming world cup cricket.

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## READERS respond

Here are some comments that came in response to Saturday's *The Daily Star* report headlined 'Result close to ZERO'.

**Nasirullah Mridha, USA**

Honourable court could consider putting violators of its orders behind bars.

**Arif**

Save our rivers so that in future we do not have to imagine one.

**Md Shafiqul I Bhuiyan**

The land grabbers and encroachers of rivers have the blessings of the government, free of all directives!

**Tajul Islam**

Permanent revetment along the shorelines, like in rivers crossing or passing by cities in developed countries, could solve the problem. Make permanent arrangements at points along the river for unloading of construction materials.

**Abu Rayhan**

If the government repeatedly fails to implement High Court directives then where is its credibility? River grabbing and pollution are serious issues that deserve the prime minister's direct supervision.



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**Last date of Submission: 10 March 2011**