



## *Police launch 3-year strategic plan*

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The Bangladesh Police on Sunday launched a three-year strategic plan outlining its vision, mission, core values and future priorities at the Pan Pacific Hotel Sonargaon in the city.

'This is for the first time that the Bangladesh police has a document in its possession, which outlines its vision, mission, core values and priorities, and which will guide it into the future', the inspector general of the police Nur Mohammad said during the launch of the Plan for 2008-2010.

'Our vision is of a safer and more secure Bangladesh and our mission is to work towards this with honesty and integrity', he said.

The plan identifies five key strategic areas — organisational reform, community policing, capacity building of training institutions and updating curricula, women police and gender sensitisation, and computerisation — for fulfilling the vision.

The first strategy of the organisational reform is the foundation for the implementation of other priorities as it deals, among other things, with legal matters of the reform.

The second strategic direction is community policing which will foster partnerships with the community and develop operational priorities to address community needs.

The capacity to train and develop the police personnel is crucial to service delivery. Adequate training programmes will make them confident to face challenges.

Women police and the gender policy are important as a strategic direction in that it can turn the police into a modern police service.

'We must groom ourselves into skilled professionals, and make the department people-friendly and accountable to law and the people by freeing it from extraneous influences,' he said.

The IGP informed the press that actions would be taken against the officials involved in filing false charge sheets in connection with the August 21 grenade attack on the Awami League rally.

Additional IGP NBK Tripura, Rapid Action Battalion director general Hassan Mahmood Khandker, criminal investigation department IGP Mohammad Javed Patwary, Police staff college rector AKM Maffuzul Haque and special branch IGP Baharul Alam were present on the occasion.

The objective of the Police Reform Project is to develop a safe environment for the people to live in on the basis of respect for human rights and equitable access to justice.