

Staff Reporter Inspector General of Police (IGP) Hassan Mahmood Khandker left Dhaka for Monaco on Sunday to attend the 83rd General Assembly of Interpol. The IGP is leading a four-member Bangladesh delegation to the annual meeting of the international police organization. The other members are DIG (Ops) Chowdhury Abdullah Al Mamun, AIG (NCB) Md Mahbubur Rahman Bhuiyan and Additional SP Montasirul Islam. Sources at the Police Headquarters said delegates of the 190 member countries, including home ministers, chiefs of police and senior police officers, will attend the five-day conference that begins Monday. The theme of this year's conference is 'Turn Back Crime: 100 years of international police cooperation', marking a century since the idea of Interpol was born in 1914 at the first International Criminal Police Congress held in Monaco. Discussions will address contemporary international criminal threats, including foreign fighters, cyber crime, border security and environmental security. The election of the next Interpol Secretary General will be held on the final day of the General Assembly. A ministerial meeting will be held on Tuesday where home ministers of 109 countries, including Bangladesh, will speak. State Minister for Home Affairs Asaduzzaman Khan is scheduled to deliver his speech on 'Century of Collectively Combating Transnational Crimes' in the ministerial conference. The IGP will exchange views with the police chiefs of different countries on the sidelines of the conference.