FM claims success Pry & Mass Edn

continue efforts to strengthen friendship with immediate neighbours, establish new linkages and open avenues with friends in the East and South-East and fully realise the potential of its ties with the United States and Europe.

Bangladesh, he said, set out to achieve the new foreign policy goals in a difficult situation as the country was assailed by a series of factors, both indigenous and regional, together with global political and economic uncertainties resulting from the September 11 terrorist attacks.

"We would work with a well defined focus to advance the economic interest of Bangladesh through vigorous economic diplomacy and make a strong contribution to the regional cooperation," the foreign minister said as he highlighted the goals

He dismissed the notion that the government's recent focus on the East suggests a shift in its foreign policy. "It's not a policy shift. We have not shifted our focus, rather we're trying to encompass larger area of economic benefit." Referring to Bangladesh's recent official talks with some Eastern countries, he said his ministry had created the platform for the line ministries and the private entrepreneurs to reap the economic bene-

The foreign minister refused to accept that Dhaka had strained relations with New Delhi last year However, he admitted that the Dhaka-New Delhi relations had some irritants "apparently because of domestic compulsions of India". He said Bangladesh is commit-

ted to improving relations with her next-door neighbours India and Myanmar, as well as other countries in the region

As regards relations with India, he said Dhaka would remain fully engaged with constructive dialogue with New Delhi. "We've already identified the problems with India affecting the ties between the two neighbours," Morshed said and was optimistic about removing all irritants in the bilateral relations

"Bangladesh is keen to develop her relations with India in the new vear on certain concrete basis -mutual trust, due recognition of legitimate concerns of Bangladesh and common challenges that the two countries must face together for poverty alleviation and promoting the prospect of regional stability".

Morshed commented that ups and downs in the relations between two neighbours are nothing unusual. But. he added, those could be settled through constant dialogue

In a lighter vein, the foreign minister said the Bangladesh-India relations have a touch of 'romanti-

cism'. " Sometimes there is sunshine, sometimes rains," he said. The foreign minister once again

said as the next-door neighbours both Bangladesh and India must work together for economic benefits of the two peoples

He said Dhaka expects Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee to visit Bangladesh this year. "Prime Minister Khaleda Zia was last to pay an official visit to India and we

modernise education system in

keeping with national values and

Addressing the prize-giving

ceremony of National Education

Week 2003 at the Bangladesh-

China Friendship Conference

Centre, Khaleda said her govern-

ment innovated and introduced

many programmes for expansion of

scope and incentives for education.

ter gave four computers to the

headmaster and the principal of one

school and one madrassah, initiat-

ing the distribution of 25.000 com-

puters among educational institu-

tions, one of her government's

year's textbook distribution giving

away books of primary and second-

ary schools and madrassahs to

government is providing books free

of cost to the students of Ebtedayi

to those students of schools, col-

leges, madrassahs and universities

who secured first position in national

competitions in different fields,

including Kerat, Hamd, essay

writing, poetry recitation, extempore

speech, songs, dance, acting and

Education Minister Dr Osman

Farruq, State Minister for Education

Ehsanul Huq Milon and Deputy

Minister for Education Abdus Salam

Minister Khaleda Zia said another

objective of announcing the year

2003 as Good Education Year is to

make every teacher attentive to

developing the human and moral

Listing her government's ongo

ing pragmatic programmes and

plans for promotion of quality

schooling, Khaleda told the function

that "Shaheed Ziaur Rahman ICT

Scholarship" is being introduced

from the secondary level to higher

studies to provide assistance to

poor and meritorious students in

Information Communication

values in each student.

Technology education

Addressing the function, Prime

Pintu also spoke on the function.

This is for the first time that a

Khaleda also gave away prizes

She also formally opened this

priority programmes.

some students.

At the function, the prime minis-

thoughts.

Bangladesh. Such visits are very mportant for knowing each other

To a question he said, "We want hotline to be set up between Dhaka and New Delhi so that the two leaders can talk to each other."

Divn now a

The Primary and Mass Education

Division has been separated from the

Education Ministry and upgraded to a full-

fledged ministry.
President lajuddin Ahmed empowered

under section 55(6) of the Constitution has

created the Primary and Mass Education

Listed criminals

The Cabinet Division yesterday issued

In the city, Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal

eader Reaz Ahmed was picked up

from a function at Mohammadpur Girls

School yesterday and was released

from Mohammadpur army camp after

In Faridpur, the joint forces picked

up two alleged criminals -- AFM Qaium

Gangi and Imadadul Haque

Chowdhury -- after searching their residences. They were being interro-

gated at an army camp till writing of this

report yesterday evening, our corre-

Our Madaripur correspondent

reported that joint forces arrested two

accomplices of 'top criminal' Liakot

Sheikh from Rajoir. Arrested Sekender

Munshi and Nuruddin were handed

over to Rajoir police after interrogation.

Liakot, who was an aspirant Union

Parishad chairman candidate, was

arrested on Wednesday from East

Sharmangal area in Rajoir but his

accomplices snatched him and fled in

a speedboat. One of the two arrested

yesterday was the proposer and the

other was the seconder of Liakot's

candidature, which could not be filed

Four persons were arrested in

Rangpur. They are Gangachara

upazila Awami League secretary

Muiibur Rahman Pramanik, district

Jubo Dal president Liton Parvez, Jubo

Dal activist Shahidul Islam Mithu and

They were handed over to Kotwali

Meanwhile, the police headquar-

ters in the city in a press release last

night said they arrested 992 people

including 14 'identified criminals' from

different areas of the country in the last

They also recovered four firearms

The Dhaka Metropolitan Police in a

press release said they arrested 190

people including 25 'wanted criminals'

during special drives in the city in the

chopped him with sharp weapons in

his chest and abdomen. They

24 hours ending at 6:00am yesterday.

along with 12 rounds of bullet.

BNP leader

last 24 hours.s

JCD activist Atiqul Islam.

interrogation, sources said.

spondent reported.

Ministry, says an official handout.

a notification in this regard.

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October 17.

ministry

UNB, Dhaka

On a vawning trade gape with India, he said Bangladesh's annual exports to India amount to around 16 million US dollars while Indian exports to Bangladesh stand at 1.6 billion dollars officially But unofficial trade is double the official figure, he noted, apparently speaking in euphemistic terms about smuggling, under-invoice and other sorts of duty evasion.

Earlier, he highlighted major developments in the country's diplomatic arena in the last one

He also detailed how the government of Prime Minister Khaleda Zia improved Bangladesh's relations with the member-states of SAARC ASEAN, OIC, Europe and America through interactions and state-leve visits during the same period.

Rubber factory gutted in city

A rubber factory was gutted in a fire in East Jurain area of the city yesterday, leaving two labourers injured.

Fire Brigade sources said the fire oke out at about 5:30 am at Robin Rubber Industry behind Alam Super Market in the area.

The reason behind the blaze could not be ascertained immedi-

Robbers

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forced me to open my jewellery shop there. Then they looted 60 tolas of gold ornaments and about

The gang then compelled me to board their vehicle and drove towards the Jatiya Press Club. Later, they dropped me near the

Bikash said all the seven members of the gang were clean-shaved and aged 25 to 35.

A UNB report from Brahmanbaria adds: In a similar incident, a gang of 10 dressed like army and police personnel committed dacoity in the house of a former union parishad chairman at Basudev village in Sadar upazila on Tuesday night.

They entered the house Abu Kauser, saying they would conduct a search. Then they took away about Tk 50,000 in cash and gold

ornaments, family members said. Police visited the spot but none could be arrested yet.

FROM PAGE 1 him down from the rickshaw and JCD committee

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Secretary Hasan Mamun were sworn into new positions yesterday.

The full-fledged central and DU committees will be formed soon, th central and DU unit JCD lead-

> Sunny took her husband to a local clinic with the help of a neighbour from where he was shifted to the

> > Police and local people said Babu had a feud with the BNP president of his ward, Abul Hashem, over establishing supremacy in the locality and

term," he said.

started the school.

He got married four months back and was staying at a rented house at the Baitul Aman Housing Society.

His body was sent to the hospital morgue for autopsy. No case was filed till filing of this report at 8:00pm.

Saifur

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free market situation, the central bank has a role to play.

Former finance minister M Syeduzzaman said the country should prepare itself for free float of exchange rate, but it should not jump into it. The country now has to balance its budget, correct its market imperfections and wipe out weaknesses of the institu-

He however said a sort of distortion n the country's exchange rate regime is one of the reasons for the huge trade imbalance with India.

Former BB governor Dr Farashuddin Ahmed said the volatility and risk associated with the full float of exchange rate may have a negative impact on the inward remittance. He also mentioned that the Sri Lankan currency witnessed around 35-40 per cent depreciation in a short period when it opted for market-based exchange rate.

He suggested some changes in the present exchange rate regime and inclusion of the currencies of trade

competitors in the currency basket. At present currencies of 15 major trade partners are in the basket. based on which the rate of taka is deter-

Former secretaries Dr Mashiur Rahman and Dr Toufique Elahi Chwiodhury and CPD Executive Director Dr Debapriya Bhattacharya, among others, spoke on the occasion.



Discussants at a seminar organised by the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) and the Bangladesh Economic Association (BEA) at the Osmani Memorial Auditorium in the city yesterday.

Rancour in administration

Secretary Faisal Ahmed Chow-

having served for 30 years or more.

"It is ridiculous as the successive governments consider CSPs as the most learned and reliable. But what did the CSPs do in the last 29 years since independence? The CSPs had clearly co-operated with the military regimes and isolated the democratic governments from civil servants as well as people through various acts and also through wrong suggestions." said a senior official on condition of anonymity.

He said the government should immediately do away with contractual appointments if it was to groom promising officials who joined civil service after independence. Except for the 1973 batch, scores of brilliant officers are serving the administration who are competent enough to run the administration and fill in the shoes of the CSPs.

According to sources at the Ministry of Establishment, several secretaries on both regular and contractual appointments will go on Leave Preparatory Retirement (LPR) and retirement this month. As usual, they are lobbying frantically to get an extension. According to official figures, 22 of

54 secretaries in the administration are on contract while 14 others are additional secretaries in charge of different ministries and divisions. Only 18 of them are regular. They said Water Resources dhury's contract expires on January 21. Communications Secretary Sved Rezaul Havat's on January 26, Primary and Mass Education Secretary Dr Tehmina Hussain's on January 11 and IMED Secretary Manik Lal Somaddar's sometime in the current month.

Sources said these secretaries also have been lobbying for a second time contract. The Ministry of Establishment is preparing their files and is expected to send those to the prime minister for her approval. Besides, several regular secre-

taries are due to go on LPR in the current month. Women and Children Affairs Secretary Mahfuzul Islam goes on LPR from January 13, Shipping Secretary Golam Rahman from January 18, Fisheries and Livestock Secretary Abdul Hag from January 16 and Environment and Forest Secretary Sabihuddin Ahmed from January 24.

Besides, Agriculture Secretary Ayub Quadri will go in LPR from March 15, Health Secretary Fazlur Rahman from February 20, Labour and Manpower Secretary Helaluddin Khan from February 16, Commerce Secretary Suhel Ahmed from May 20 and Social Welfare Secretary Abdul Jabbar from June

Moreover, several acting secretaries (in the rank of additional There used to be a 10 per cent

ceiling for contractual appointment when the president used to be in charge of such appointments. However, immediately after coming to office the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP)-led alliance abolished Sources at the Prime Minister's

Office hinted that many secretaries and senior officials would get contractual appointment before they go The sources said the coalition

government has set a new high in terms of giving contractual appointments, and by so doing stagnated the entire administration

current month and within next few months. They are Acting Housing Secretary Aminur Rahman from January 19, acting Youth Secretary Jamaluddin Ahmed from January 22, acting Food Secretary Khairuzzaman Chowdhury from February 4, acting Secretary of Expatriates Welfare and Overseas Employment Daliluddin Mandal from February 9, acting Secretary of Disaster Management and Relief BMM Mazharul Haq from May 30 and acting Civil Aviation and Tourism Secretary Shafiqul Islam from July 23. The contract of acting Secretary of CHT Affairs Syed Mostaq will expire on March 28.

secretary) will also go on LPR in the

2-stroke ban

as a gateway to southeast Asia as the government is now looking forward to expanded cooperation in all fields with the countries of the

Appreciating the activities of CCCI, Huda said the transfer of railway land was already underway for construction of the CCCIproposed World Trade Centre

The minister said initiatives are being taken to reorganise and update the communication system between Chittagong and the rest of country in coordination with the Roads and Highway Department. In this context, he said all-out efforts are being made to make Bangladesh Railway a profitmaking organisation and preliminary works on a high-speed electromagnetic train service between Dhaka and Chittagong is also underway, which will reduce the travel time between the two major cities to a mere half an hour.

Earlier CCCI president Amir Humayun Mahmud Chowdhury in his address of welcome urged the government to hand over 1832 bighas of railway land for construction of the

CCCI-proposed World Trade Centre as soon as the official formalities are

The CCCI president also made a number of recommendations including introduction of a dedicated railway line from Chittagong port to the Inland Container Depot (ICD) in Dhaka, issuance of work order for renovation of rail tracks in the Chittagong-Chittagong university section for smooth operation of shuttle train and transforming the Foy's Lake area into a modern Theme Park

Addressing the meeting, the Director General of Bangladesh Railway Ataur Rahman said the construction work for railway tracks of the Dhaka-Laksam and Dohazari-Cox's Bazar sections was already

CMP commissioner Md. Shahidullah Khan informed the meeting that immediate steps would be taken to effect a ban on the plying of rickshaws along the stretch of road from New Market to Chittagong Airport to ease traffic congestion in

Muhuri murder case

Magistrate's court, Chittagong on November 14 last year.

In the chargesheet, five cadres of slami Chhatra Shibir, student wing of Jamaat-e-Islami, were accused as the main 'killer group'. They are Gittu Nasir. Taslimuddin Montu. Baittva Alamgir, Azam and Chhota

Seven others including Nasir alias Shibir Nasir, a "top" Shibir cadre and an accused in 35 cases, his brother Mohiuddin, alleged notorious terrorist Habib Khan, accountant Md Shahiahan and three teachers of Nazirhat College -- Tofazzal Hossain, Md Idris. Jahurul Hag -- were charged as the 'mastermind' behind the murder. Of the 12, only four -- Shibir

Nasir, Baittya Alamgir, Chhota Saiful and Montu -- are now in jail and the three teachers are on bail. The rest are absconding.

The investigation officer (IO) of the sensational murder case was changed thrice. After filing of a case with Kotwali thana its OC Ruhul Amin Siddiquee was made the IO. Later, the case was handed over to DB and Inspector Mainuddin was made the IO.

A few days later, DB Inspector Fariduddin Ahmad was made the IO and finally, Sirajul Islam was given the charge of investigation.

Sources said principal Muhuri was killed as per a plan because the killers wanted to remove him and see their 'favourable' person in the position. Besides, financial matters and establishing supremacy in the college were also behind the killing, they said.

On November 14 in the mornng, Gittu Nasir, Montu and Baittya Alamgir entered the residence of Muhuri while Chhota Saiful and Azam were waiting in a taxi on Jamal Khan Road. Gittu Nasir fired point blank on the head of Muhuri from his AK-47 rifle, killing the respected educationist on the Sources said, the arrest of

Montu on July 3 last year along with an AK-56 rifle and his confessional statement under Section 164 provided important clues to

A total of 25 witnesses were cross-examined during investigation of the murder.

UP polls

FROM PAGE 1 Meanwhile, the government did not

yet inform the Election Commission about the deployment of troops to maintain law and order during the

The poll schedules have been staggered over the period between January 25 and March 16.

party tickets, many have filed for

nomination on behalf of certain

political parties. There should be a

3 bank MDs axed

Earlier, the BB issued show cause notices on the MDs of the four private banks on September 2 asking them why they should not be held responsible for irregular trans-

After press reports on the financial scam, the BB started investigation into the bank transcations of Giridhari Lal Modi and Uttara Group. Om Prakash Agarwal and Ashok Kejriwal's Doel Group on August 10.

The BB investigation unearthed dubious transactions through different bank accounts, suggesting links with hundi business. Also, the BB probe found that the business groups did not bring in proceeds of apparel exports into the country, a punishable offence under foreign exchange regula-

The probe revealed shady transactions of huge amount through different unapproved accounts of the banks and in many cases the bank officials did not know the account holders, the nature of their businesses or what

the reasons were for such huge transactions.

It found transactions to the tune of Tk 62.11 crore took place through an unapproved account of one of the bank branches. And through two more shady accounts of the same branch transactions of nearly Tk 138 crore and Tk 17 crore took place within a very short span of time, according to central bank sources.

The central bank probe has revealed that the banks have given loans worth more than Tk 330 crore to those business groups, flouting rules on many occasions.

Meantime, the BB yesterday issued show cause notices on the chairman and five directors of the First Security Bank to explain why they would not be removed from the bank board for their alleged involvement in hundi transactions.

Going through records, a BB inspection team has found abnormal transactions in foreign exchange remittance at the Dilkusha branch of the private commercial bank and also found clues to involvement of the bank chairman, five directors, two bank officials and two other persons, according to banking sources.

The BB served show cause notices under Section 46 of the Bank Companies Act on the bank chairman, Nasim Sikder, and five directors - ZH Sikder, Shahidul Huq, Zahidul Huq, Mahbubul Huq Sikder and Salahuddin Ahmed. And they will have to reply in 15

However, through a statement signed by the vice-president of First Security Bank, Kamal Sharif, the bank said the allegations brought against their chairman and other directors are 'false' and 'brought by a certain quarter to tarnish their image.

The statement said some of them have foreign currency and RFCD accounts and they have legally' brought in foreign currency properly filling in FMJ forms. And then they sent those foreign currencies to their own accounts for their own necessities.

Editors: Local govt candidates are not allowed to run on

budaet.

As a result, he said, local governments have "consistently failed to emerge as a compelling national

tem cannot be expected, if it stands on a weak economic base "he said Professor Yunus said the real strength of the local government lies in uniting people and encouraging them to solve their problems by

themselves In China, Latin America and other countries in the developing world, local governments have emerged as a force for local economic transfor-

mation, he said "These local governments are alert on the questions of attracting and retaining investments by addressing law and order and environmental problems. They have chosen to search out newer means to make economic progress.

Enayetullah Khan, editor of the weekly Holiday, acknowledged the role of local government bodies for social mobilisation and poverty alleviation and said media could play a vital role in sensitisation. "Media can create awareness among the mass of the role they can play towards helping the government in decision-making labal Sobhan Chowdhury, editor

of The Observer, drew attention to politicisation of election to local government bodies. "Although

Arms case Charges framed against Hasnat Abdullah & his three sons

A CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

The Speedy Trial Tribunal, Barisal Division, yesterday framed charges against former Chief Whip Abul Hasnat Abdullah and his three sons --Moin Abdullah, Ashiq Abdullah and Sadeq Abdullah -- in an arms case. Abul Hasnat Abdullah and his son Sadeq Abdullah were absent during

the charge framing. Charges were framed against them in absentia Moin Abdullah and Ashig Abdullah were present in the court

that members of the Joint Forces

seized firearms and ammunition from

Hasnat Abdullah's residence at

Kalibari Road in the city on October 2.

DMCH special attendants taking They pleaded not guilty and demanded justice before the court. Judge Abdul Quddus fixed January 7 for trial of the case. In the case, it has been alleged

clear-cut direction in this regard.' The PPRC executive chairman. "A strong local government sys-Dr Hossain Zillur Rahman, meanwhile, called upon journalists for a proactive role in making local governments effective and responsive.

"Local government holds a key to pluralist system of governance, the country can be a pioneer of local economies," he said. The LGSG was formed following

a series of informal meetings and discussions with a view to working towards creating sustained interest in the local government agenda, said Dr Hossain Zillur, "It (LGSG) will actively support all types of efforts to transform local governments into vibrant, self-supporting and efficient institu-

Mahfuz Anam, editor of The Daily Star, Motiur Rahman, editor of the Prothom Alo, Bazlur Rahman, editor of the Sangbad. Dr Tofail Ahmed of Chittagong University, noted lawyer Shahdeen Malik, Muhammad Jahangir, Shykh Seraj of Channel i and Ali Newaj Khiyam attended the meeting among others.

BAPEX

FROM PAGE 1 Bangladesh Economic Association

(BEA) at the Osmani Memorial Auditorium in the city. FBCCI President Yussuf Abdullah Harun chaired the session

Mosharraf said BAPEX has no technical capability for exploration and so, if it is asked to explore, it would take at least three years to get

BAPEX has around 700 manpower, of which more than half are non-technical staff. He said the gas export issue

would be placed in the next session of the parliament for a decision. BEA President Quazi

Kholiquzzaman Ahmad earlier presented a keynote paper on Natural Resources - Water and "Gas exploration should be

Petrobangla. Besides, proper steps should be taken to strengthen BAPEX," Ahmad mentioned in his recommendations Immediate past president of the BEA Dr Muinul Islam said the capac-

strengthened and all on-shore

blocks should be given to

ity of BAPEX should be strengthened.

Hasanul Hug Inu. president of the Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal, recommended that BAPEX should be made a public limited company.

Referring to the educated unemployed people, Khaleda said the country would have to proceed towards introducing a planned

Mentioning the theme of the Education Week "Education for Self-reliance", the PM said the dictum would come true if the education system can cope with the challenges of the 21st century.

adviser dies in

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Alhaj Abdul Gaffar, a tax consultant and adviser to the Beximco Group

Dhaka tonight and his namaze janaza will be held after johr prayer at the Gulshan Central Mosque on

Good Education Year

She also mentioned an initiative

already taken to institute Prime

Minister's Scholarship for poor

meritorious girl students in ICT education at the university level. Informing her audience from the academic arena that the public examination system is being reformed she said a project had been taken to build multipurpose halls for examinees each with a

seating capacity of 2,000 in every upazila in phases. Citing the sorry state of some educational institutions, the prime minister said the existing faults and inconsistencies in the education

system would have to be removed. In this respect, she said the country's education system is not well planned while there are discrepancies in the standard of edu-

profession and vocation-oriented education system to meet the demand of time.

Beximco Bangkok

died in a Bangkok hospital yesterday. He was flown to Thailand following a road accident in Dhaka. His body would be flown in

pushed his wife aside when she came to save her husband.

As the miscreants went away, Babu got up bleeding and ran inside his house at the Baitul Aman Housing Society. "I am dying. Please save my life," he shouted and then fell uncon-

Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH). But Babu was dead before he reached there.

Babu's cousin Jasim said Babu was killed as he was very popular in the locality. "He was supposed to be

the president of the ward in the next Local people said Babu became very influential in local politics after he

corruption and black money. said in the last 30 years, the

of the country is hostage in the hands of about one million people, who have institutionalised crime and corruption.

we come out from the crime circle". Mahfuz Anam urged political parties to start a "new politics" in

atmosphere is not flourishing due to lack of communication between the two major parties. He said the country has

immense potentials for development but political parties could not utilise the opportunities just after the independence and after the

days, sources said.

AL-BNP talks must

less, political leaders would not extract toll from businessmen. Dependence on foreign aid is also one of the causes for spread

of black money and crime in the

society and in the administration,

he said. He blamed the previous Awami League regime for sheltering some 'warlords like Iqbal, Joinal Hazari and Shameem Osman, who created a ring of terror in the country".

Bhuiyan strongly denied giving

any shelter to such terrorists by the

present government. Abdul Hamid accused the ruling party of not giving the opposition enough time in parliament and of trying to "downsize" it. He warned the ruling party

"Having two-thirds majority in parliament was never good in South Asian politics," Hamid said. He also criticised the government for arresting prominent writers and journalists including Muntasir Mamun and Shahriar

about the consequence of having

two-thirds majority in parliament.

who destroyed the economy and business had been rewarded. He does not see any possibility of formation of an independent

Dr. Kamal Hossian said those

existing system. He underscored the need for freeing politics from In his key-note paper Dr. Abul

anti-corruption commission in the

main socio- economic trend in the country has been "criminalisation of economic activity and politics". The fate of 13.90 crore people

"Industrialisation and welfare of the people are impossible unless

the country on the basis of full democratic norms. He did not see much difference between the leadership in the two major political parties which ruled the country after recovery of democracy. Mahfuz Anam said democratic

> patients to climb quite some time last year over a

Clinic sealed FROM PAGE 12 patients to the clinic. The attendants

political leaders of the country.

democratic movement in 1990.

Dr. Kholiquzzaman Ahmad

informed the seminar that the BEA

has taken an initiative to arrange a

dialogue between the two top

in return, the locals added. Following publication of the report on Amirun in different newspapers, most of the DMCH special

A source said Dipali obtained a

diploma in nursing from the

attendants went into hiding.

used to get 50 per cent of the money

Mirzapur Nursing Institute six years ago. She opened her clinic in Dhanmondi and shifted it to Nazimuddin Road to Chankharpool in the city. Several local traders told The Daily Star that they saw some

patients to the clinic by rickshaw. The staircase to the clinic that houses four rooms was too steep for The clinic remained closed for

Sources said Dipali used to force the patients to pay extra money.