A man of law,

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

When Sub-inspector Yusuf of the

Teigaon police station began the day

on Sunday, little did he know that his

determination in the face of intense

mob pressure would save a man's life.

At around 3:00pm, a Syedabad

bound passenger bus hit a pedestrian

in front of the Islamia Eye hospital at

Khamarbari, reportedly killing him on

When the bus tried to escape

angry mob chased it and caught the

driver. Yusuf arrived on the spot just

By then several hundred students

from the Tejgaon College, hearing that

one of their fellows was crushed under

wheels, had abandoned classes and

When the students grabbed the

driver and tried to take him away, a

defiant Yusuf, with two of his col-

leagues helplessly watching, resisted

Haque Bipul, a second year student

surrounded the three policemen. The

students punched the driver indiscrim-

nately and shouted, "Kill the killer"

They even accused the police of

nis pistol and shouted warnings.

At one point. Yusuf even took out

About 15 minutes after requesting

The driver, Arifur Rahman, 25, was

taken away to the Tejgaon police

station. Later it was found that the

victim was a man in his late thirties and

was hit by the bus while crossing the

road. He had no link with Tejgaon

as he approached Farm Gate, the

victim suddenly appeared in front of

his bus and he could not avert the

determined to save the driver from the

mob when he sensed that he would be

in the legs of the attackers. But I would

never have let the driver fall into the

More than 150 people have died of

hands of the violent mob," Yusuf said.

mob beatings in the city over the last

and top Shibir cadre Yakub. Police

also recovered seven rounds of

According to Alamgir's confes-

sion, police later arrested one

Mozammel Haq Chowdhury,

another close associate of Yakub

A case was filed in this connec-

and an accused in a murder case.

Domestic help

Cop injured

SMG bullets from the spot.

Yusuf said he and his men were

"At one point I thought of shooting

The driver told The Daily Star that

reinforcements, a group of officials arrived and brought the situation under

'saving the criminal's life'

The students led by one Zahedul

arrived on spot.

the move.

collision.

beaten to death.

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then and took the driver into custody.

indeed

Bankers to face stern action for connivance: BB

Investigations have revealed connivance of certain commercial bank branches in hundi transactions, a Bangladesh Bank executive disclosed and warned of stern action against those having links with such illegal operations.

In a forewarning, the central bank strongly advised commercial banks to exercise caution in handling fictitious accounts used in money laundering.

"Many investigations have proved that the bank branches concerned have extended covert support in hundi transaction...In such cases bankers won't be spared," general manager of Bangladesh Bank's Anti-Money Laundering Department Harunur Rashid Chowdhury told a function here yesterday.

Bangladesh Shilpa Bank organised the daylong workshop on "Money Laundering and Prevention" in association with American Express Bank. BSB Chairman Prof Abu Ahmed chaired the inaugural session.

The GM reminded all concerned of tough punitive actions as per an anti-money laundering law enacted

The Money Laundering and Prevention Act passed in parliament in April 2002 made hundi and other modes of money laundering to be serious offences in Bangladesh like in many other countries of the world. In line with the act, the central bank last year issued a number of circulars asking commercial banks to maintain five-year records of all fictitious accounts. Opening unnamed account as

well as maintaining accounts by one individual with several banks have been restricted, general manager of the central bank's Anti-Money Laundering Department Harunur Rashid Chowdhury told the func-

He urged the bankers of different commercial banks in a district town to coordinate among themselves to detect people whose incomes from known sources do not match with volumes of transactions they make with different banks.

Every six months, banks are obliged to furnish reports to the central bank with specific explanations of accounts holding over one crore taka. But in some cases, cunning hundi traders are found maintaining accounts with several banks, keeping each account much below the ceiling, the central bank executive pointed out, urging the bankers to cooperate with Bangladesh Bank in its hectic drive against hundi

He felt that commercial banks, if they wish, can also help check foreign currency flight in external trade through over-and under-

'You (bankers) can check currency flight through LCs...You won't spared if found helping the offence in any way." the central bank executive said, citing the boon of strict measures against hundi. He informed the function that foreign remittances grew by 40 per cent last year as a result of curbing such

Since the money laundering issues are relatively new here, he said, the central bank is ready to extend training services to the relevant officials of commercia

illegal money transactions to some

BSB managing director Abdul Hamid Miah, however, recorded his reservations about calling remittance through hundi an offence as money laundering. He said money laundering stands for transmitting the incomes from hidden sources through a complex network. "I am still not clear whether or not the legally earned money remitted through illegal channels like hundi would at all come within the purview of money laundering," he said. As a signatory to the 1988

Vienna Convention, Bangladesh shares the global concern on money laundering that steers drug trafficking, gambling, smuggling and other criminal activities through crosscountry networks. The criminal gangsters cleverly put the illegal money in sponsoring global terrorism intensifying the usage of hightech weaponry and threatening global peace. International Monetary Fund

(IMF) estimates suggest that money laundering deals constitute about 2 5 per cent of world's total GDP amounting to US\$ 590 billion, the workshop was told.

Keynote speaker and senior country executive of American Express Bank Dr John A Smetanka said money laundering has linkages to drug smuggling, terrorism, tax evasion, political corruption and other criminal activities.

"The actual volume of money laundered each year is unknown -for obvious reasons! However the figure worldwide has been estimated at between US\$ 500 billion and US\$ 1 trillion," he informed the meet that delved deep into the nexus between economic underworld and criminal gangland.

He suggested a combined effort the government and financial institutions for controlling money laundering. "The point is that laws are not enough. Effective enforcement is required as well," said the American banker.

The collaborative efforts include transparency in identity and income sources of bank clients, enacting laws declaring money laundering a criminal offence, compliance of financial institutions with the laws and enforcing the laws together, he

He said it is time to establish an

As part of movement, CPB will

Among others, Jasim Uddin

alternative rule implemented by the

hold rallies and procession across

the country between January 21 to

CPB hartal on Feb 27 hand over the reigns to CPB

liberation forces who are engaged in hampering the independence of the "After 1971, the nation is yet again

in severe trouble that will result in a fresh liberation war," Monjurul Ahsan Khan, present of the CPB said.

He also blamed the government for repressing opposition leaders and journalists.

On indemnity ordinance he said, "We asked the government to stop torture on the arrestees and about the violation of human rights that

On eviction of the slum dwellers in the city he said the slum dwellers have rights to survive as well. He also predicted that slum dwellers would soon revolt to uproot the 'upper'

occurred. They did not heed it".

Mujahidul Islam Selim, general secretary of CPB said the current and present governments have both failed to deal adequately with criminals. He suggested the government

Mandal and Shahidullah Chowdhury also spoke on the occasion.

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the grassroots level ahead of the UP

The government withdrew troops from the grassroots level soon after the January 9 promulgation of an ordinance indemnifying members of the joint forces for their actions during the Operation Clean Heart, keeping skeleton forces in some divisional headquarters.

Dhaka commuters

had waited for over 30 minutes with her children and asked the driver to take them to the destination anv-

Not far away, the driver of a black taxicab picked up an argument with two men when they boarded the cab to travel to Motijheel. Upon refusal, one of them told the driver that he had no right to say that. When the two men warned the driver of police action, the driver replied, "That will cost me only 100 taka. Don't threaten me with police action."

Soon afterwards, a police sergeant on a motorbike arrived there The two men jumped out of the taxi and complained to the officer. The young officer immediately booked the taxi. And the two men disappeared by the time the sergeant completed his work.

Official sources claimed that once the three-wheelers are

equipped with meters by February 1, the problem would be solved. But drivers of three-wheelers said they would not be able to use meters as long as the daily rental for vehicles remains the same.

Many commuters believe that unless there is a police clampdown, their plight will not be over.

"Before the drivers are given the vehicles, they must be made to sign a promissory note on how to behave with passengers," said a female official of the AG office, who com-

mutes to work every day Officials of the traffic department said they received numerous complaints about hassles. They will take stern action against the drivers, they

"Please inform us by telephone or complain to the officers on duty," said an official of the traffic depart-

Eight NGOs to jointly monitor **UP** elections STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Eight non-government organisations (NGOs) will jointly observe the upcoming Union Parishad (UP) election across the country under the banner of 'Nirbachan Pariobekhon Moncha (NPM)'.

To monitor the UP election, scheduled to start from January25, the NPM will deploy about 33,000 centre-based and 500 roving election observers at 4230 centres across the country. This was declared vesterday at a

ioint press conference of the organisations at the National Press Club in

The NPM will observe the UP election with the help of the Danish donor agency DANIDA. The DANIDA has allocated Tk 2.30 crore to support the monitoring programme.

At the conference, the NGO eaders said the UP election could play a vital role towards institutionalising the democracy of the country.

The leaders however said the

coalition would specially emphasise the participation of the disabled and women voters. The leaders also stressed upon

the conduction of free and fair UP election to ensure people's participation in nation building activities in clearer perspective. At the press conference, the

Ambassador of the Royal Danish embassy, H E Niels Severan Munk, said the election is very important as t has a deep rooted relationship with the country's political norms and democratic practice.

"The result of the UP Election must be authentic and credible to ensure good governance in the country," he added.

Mosarraf Hossain, country representative of the ADD, Enamul Haque of ASHA, Sharmin Murshid of Brotee, Mahbub Alam Kamol of Bangladesh Manobadhikar Bastobayon Sangstha, Anwarul Azim of CCHRB, Taleya Rahman of Democracy Watch, Prof. Nazmul Ahsan Kalimullah of NEOC and Qamrul Hasan Manju of MMC were present on the occasion

One gets life murdering wife

UNB, Chandpur

A court here has convicted a man of murdering his wife and sentenced him to life-term rigorous imprison-

The court also fined the convict, Mostafa Kamal of Kashimpur village in Matlab upazila, Tk 5,000, in default of which, he is to suffer another six months in jail.

The case, in brief, is that Mostafa Kamal severely beat up his wife Shahida Akter who died within hours on July 8, 2000.

After examining the records and witnesses, District and Sessions Judge Shahidul Karim handed down the verdict on Saturday acquitting two others.

EC: Candidates

FROM PAGE 1 January 25 and will run through

March 16. Yesterday's meeting looked into

over 500 complaints from contenders who came to the EC after they had felt ignored by the local election authorities.

Many of the contenders have stated that they felt insecure due to threats from 'certain quarters' on them to guit the election race. Fearing violence and rigging, they have requested the commission to deploy troops.

EC officials were also optimistic that army would be deployed during the polls

"We are still hopeful of troops deployment since the prime minister has not said anything on the issue yet," one election commissioner is quoted to have told the meeting.

The two-hour meeting also had a detailed discussion on the overall election preparation, accreditation of local and international election monitors

The EC would now send the government a letter stating the view of the field-level election officials about the election atmosphere

Crimes

freely and demanding toll.

One incident worried some highups in the police department. Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) activist AKM Raquib Hasan, an accused in several criminal cases, was beaten to death by police at Barasat under Terokheda thana in

According to police records, cases of crime like murder, rape, abduction, mugging, robbery and extortion increased to 1,27, 616 last year from previous year's 1,14,191.

The government has however taken steps to curb crimes. The Rapid Action Team (RAT) of police will be on duty from next week. The government is also planning to set up a 'special force' of police, counter intelligence in police and community



Leader of the Opposition in Parliament and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina exchanges pleasantries with her guests during a dinner she hosted for foreign diplomats at a city hotel yesterday.

New SAFF kings

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Bangladesh ended in December. He will be flying home on January 25 with ever-lasting memories.

The mercury reached boiling point when the game went into the tie-breaker and Kottan's bovs became men of steel. Starting from Nazrul, who had luck on his side as his shot entered the net hitting the crosspiece, no one else missed from 12 yards. Farhad, Hasan al Mamun and Mahmudul Hasan had all portrayed character when it was needed most.

Then came the turn of Sujon after Aminul made the decisive save, quessing to dive right and divert Ashraf Luthfy's powerful shot. The celebrations began when

Sujon made it a perfect five. The big

bowl turned into a sea of red and

green as everybody ran on to the field to have a feel of their heroes. Though winning on penalties is a somewhat cruel way to decide a game, but it would have been an injustice if Bangladesh had not lifted

the title after playing so well throughout the tournament. The home team could have settled the issue in the regulation 90 minutes had striker Alfaz not wasted two easy first-half chances. Bangladesh were even unlucky in

JCE on water

sharing meets

The two-day fifth meeting of Indo-

Bangladesh Joint Committee of

Experts (JCE) on working out water

sharing arrangements of common rivers

A 12-member Indian delegation led

Water Resources Secretary Ak

Water Resources Secretary Faisal

Goswami arrived here yesterday to

attend the meeting to be held at

Ahmed Choudhury will lead the 11-member Bangladesh delegation at the

meeting that will focus on sharing of the

wouldworkoutmodalitiesforanagreementon

long-term sharing of waters of seven common

rivers - Teesta, Dharla, Dutkhan, Muhuri,

Official sources said the meeting

in city today

BSS, Dhaka

begins in the city today.

Sonargaon Hotel.

common river waters.

Khowai, Monuand Gumti.

the sudden death extra time

Wonder boy Mutiur Munna, who struck the golden goal against arch foes India in the semifinal, could made history a second time in the 108th minute when he drove a scorching right-footer from outside the box. Unfortunately, it came off the crossbar.

The tiny islanders found themselves in a hostile mainland as they were greeted by a fifty thousand crowd baying for blood. Bangladesh began the match

from where they had left off against India on Saturday, dominating the first 45 minutes against their panicstricken opponents. Arman, the outstanding per-

former of the tournament, slipped a wicked through pass to Parvez who hit a first time cross deep into Maldives territory where Kanchan got enough space and time to place the ball into the net with his favourite

Bangladesh tried to sit on their slender lead in the second half instead of going for more goals. The ploy backfired when Kottan pulled Alfaz out. That gave Maldives more space in the midfield and the islanders seized the opportunity from a quick counter-attack Ashraf galloped down the right

HC vacates

against Nasim

and Motia

case

UNB, Dhaka

Public Safety Act.

Umar sprinting down the other end made no mistake to stab the ball home from close The battle over, President Prof. lajuddin Ahmed presented the

flank before releasing a dangerous

low cross beyond Aminul and Ali

glittering trophy to Bangladesh captain Hasan-al Mamun. Mamun donned the captain's armband in place of suspended

Rajani Kanta Barman Rajani, the rock of Bangladesh's defence, may have missed out on being a part of the dream final,

Bangladesh completed a delightful double having won the SAF Games gold in Kathmandu in 1999. Yellow cards: Munna, Parvez. Farhad (Bangladesh), Ali Umar and

nevertheless was named the tour-

nament's most valuable player.

BANGLADESH: Aminul, Titu. Sujon, Hasan-al Mamun, Nazrul, Parvez, Motiur Munna, Arman, Joy Kanchan and Alfaz (Farhad).

Ahmed Naaz (Maldives).

MALDIVES: Imran, Amil, Nizam Ali Umar (Ismail), Azeem, Ghani, Naad, Habeeb (Fazeel), Luthfy and Ali Shiham (Naseem).

Corruption case Charges pressed

The Supreme Court yesterday vacated the High Court order that had stayed the proceedings of a criminal case against Awami League leaders Motia Chowdhury and Mohammad former Nasim before a tribunal under the Motijheel police filed the case against Motia Chowdhury and Mohammad Nasim under the Public

Mosharraf Hossain in a graft case. Uddin. who is also the Investigation Officer (IO) of the case, submitted the charge sheet to the Chief

The government later repealed the PSA, which was enacted by the government to keep alive the cases

against Sajeda, Mosharraf **COURT CORRESPONDENT**

(BAC) yesterday pressed charges rest and environ ment minister Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury and former housing and public works minister Engineer BAC Inspector Mohammad Jalal

Crackdown on fuel

depots needed to offload kerosene

stockpiled due to the dealers' boycott between January 13 and 19.

the Chittagong port last afternoon. Meanwhile, kerosene price has gone up in the city and elsewhere after the BPC put a cap on with-

wholesale shop at the city's Karwan Bazar yesterday evening. The owner of the shop had sold 200 litres of kerosene for Tk 20 per litre.

advantage of the situation, were A shop owner said he had pur-

Panthapath depot at Tk 17.60 a litre, against the government-fixed price He said that he used to buy 600

Kerosene prices have also gone up in the entire northern region, reports our Rajshahi correspon-

Meanwhile, the Rajshahi decided to stop procuring and selling kerosene.

agencies of the BPC - Padma, Meghna and Jamuna - in Bogra said

Safety Act on January 9 last year for

their alleged involvement in violating law and order during hartal hours.

previous Awami League government.

but with proviso that empowered the

already filed if it so desired.

However, about 500 dealers of the three agencies withdrew on an average 5.50 lakh litres of kerosene daily from eight depots from

The new rules required traders to report to district or upazila administrators concerned about the quantity of kerosene they planned to pro-

instant profit of Tk 6,000 by replacing two drums of diesel with kerosene from a tank-lorry carrying 9000 litres of diesel. But it will be impossible for the experts to detect the 0.05 per cent adulteration without fullfledged laboratory facilities. There are two full-fledged laboratories in the Eastern Refinery and Padma Oil Company in Chittagong.

Reports from Gaibandha say Kerosene has been selling at a much higher price in the town as unscrupulous businessmen are creating artificial scarcity in the market by hoarding the essential fuel. A similar report came from Khulna. Our Gaibandha correspondent

reports: kerosene depots in Gaibandha district as well as many other places in the northern region have run dry as the Bangladesh Petroleum Dealers, Distributors, Agents and Petrol Pump Owners Association of Rajshahi Division stopped drawing kerosene from their respective supply depots since vesterday. Meanwhile, prices of kerosene

have shot up in the local market. In

Metropolitan Magistrate's (CMM's) Court, Dhaka yesterday afternoon.

It needs to make room for a new supply that has already arrived at

drawal from its depots. Another reason behind the kerosene price hike is that some petrol-pump owners are mixing kerosene with diesel, octane and petrol, after fuel prices went up on January 5.

There was no kerosene at a However, retailers, taking full

selling kerosene at Tk 24 to Tk 28 chased kerosene from the

litres every day but could manage only 200 litres yesterday.

The price of kerosene has gone up by Tk 2 to 4 per litre to Tk 18-20. Divisional Association of Petroleum Dealers, Distributors, Agents, and Petrol-pump Owners and the Uttarbanga Tank Lorry Sramik Union in a joint meeting yesterday

Sources in three oil-marketing

daily demand of kerosene in this region is usually about three lakh

January 6 to 12 after the BPC imposed some new rules of kerosene procurement and sales.

A businessman can earn an

Referee: AD Silva (Sri Lanka)

The Bureau of Anti-Corruption

Eight people were shown as prosecution witnesses in the charge

remote areas, kerosene is selling between Tk 26 and 28 per litre. Many retailers returned disappointed from kerosene dealers.

Padma Oil Company, said the BPC allocated only 11,600 litres of kerosene per week as against the daily demand of 7,000 litres. Our staff correspondent from Khulna reports: The district is experiencing an acute crisis of kerosene

since last Wednesday. On Friday

and Saturday kerosene sold at Tk

Uttara Oils, Gaibandha agent of

26 at some places as against the normal price of Tk 17.32. Retailers are blaming dealers for creating artificial scarcity in the market. It is also alleged that dealers are adulterating petrol and

diesel by mixing kerosene Kerosene agents are reportedly refusing to comply with a government directive to inform the DC or the UNO after obtaining delivery of their quotas from depots. They are also not obtaining certificates from the DC and UNO with regard to sale of kerosene oil at fair price, alleged

Meanwhile, dealers have termed the government directive regarding kerosene oil as illogical and have stopped procuring kerosene On the other hand, retailers are

saying they have to buy kerosene from the black market where it costs between Tk 20 and 24 a litre and as such it is impossible to give a fair sale price which is lower than the purchase rate. Meanwhile, the Fuel Oil Dealers' Association has issued an ultimatum to the government setting January 23 as the deadline for resolving the dispute arising out of certain restrictions imposed on agents of kerosene.

NOAB

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Khan, Housing and Public Works Minister Mirza Abbas, Shipping Minister Akber Hossain, State Minister for Energy AKM Mosharraf Hossain and State Minister for Power Igbal Hasan Mahmud were

present at the ceremony. Awami League leader and former finance minister Shah A M S Kibria, Jatiya Party leader and former communication minister Anwar Hossain Monju MP, Gano Forum leader Saifuddin Manik, Assistant Secretary General of Jamaat-e-Islami Bangladesh Abdul Kader Mollah, 11-party leader Nirmal Sen and AMS Abdur Rab also attended the ceremony.

Eminent writer Syed Shamsul Haq, journalists Ataus Samad, ABM Musa and Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury, drama artists Mamunur Rashid, Sara Zaker and Kabari Sarwar and singer Shakila Zafar were also present at the ceremony.

Ambassadors of the UK. France. Germany, Japan, South Korea, Norway, Pakistan, Turkey and the European Union were present among others. A press councillor represented the Indian High Commissioner on the occasion.

Leading businessmen, representatives of chambers and professional bodies, intellectuals and civil society members also attended the

The NOAB is a joint initiative of 19 leading newspapers of the country -- Ajker Kagoj, Bhorer Kagoi, Banglabazar Patrika, Dainik Azadi, Dainik Dinkal, Dainik Ingilah, Dainik Ittefaq, Dainik Purbakone, Dainik Purbanchal, Dainik Sangram, Dainik Janakantha, Jugantor, Karatoa, Manavzamin, Prothom Alo, Sangbad, The Daily Star, The Financial Express and The Independent, aiming at promoting the newspaper industry.

Speedy Trial

FROM PAGE 12 (CMM's) Court, Dhaka against

qbal and 23 others. In the case filed with Motijheel Police Station, it has been alleged that four persons including a policeman, were killed and four others wounded when activists of the then ruling AL opened fire on an opposition procession in the city's Malibagh area during hartal hours on that day. Then four-party opposition alliance called the hartal demanding immediate resignation of the AL government.

Blast victim

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all locally made Meanwhile, police yesterday arrested another person, Akkas Ali, from Kashim village of Bashail upazila for his alleged involvement n the bomb blasts. His nephew was

arrested since the blasts and they

are being interrogated. All of them

however have denied their involve-

filed with the Khilgaon Police Station. Police arrested two persons -also arrested after the explosions. Jahirul Ali, the master, and guard So far, 10 persons have been

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Jalal -- for their alleged involvement The victim's mother. Akashi Begum, received the body from the

DMCH morgue after postmortem.

Hasina voices concern

ment in the blasts.

European countries joined the dinner. Hasina apart, AL advisory council members, presidium members and central committee leaders

The AL chief expressed her deep concern at the possible fallout of the US decision on Bangladeshis living in the United States. She hoped that the US would exclude Bangladesh from the list. Later, talking to newsmen,

also attended the programme.

by tarnishing the country's image abroad through violating of human rights and persecuting on the oppo-She claimed that the BNP wrote letters to the US government during

Bill Clinton's visit to Bangladesh,

alleging presence of Taliban in the

Hasina held the government

responsible for the current situation

country. "Now they (BNP) have fallen into their own trap.

Head of the Delegation of the European Union Esko Kentreschynskyj, British High Commissioner David Carter, French Ambassador Michel Lummaux German Ambassador Dietrich Andrew, Japanese Ambassador Jiro Kobayashi, Chinese Ambassador Hu Qianwen, Australian High Commissioner Lorraine Margaret Barker, Danish Ambassador Niels Severin Munk Italian Ambassador Dr Mario Filippo, Turkish Ambassador Ferit Ergin, Thai Ambassador Phithak Prombubpha, Charges de Affairs of Iran Reza Salek and of Switzerland Jurg Casserini, and Deputy High Commissioner of India Dilip Sinha were present, among others, at the

When politics prevails

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also exemplifies how the university authorities have been politically biased over the years in selecting teachers irrespective of their capability.

Sources said a selection com-

mittee headed by the pro-vice-

chancellor has already finalised a

shortlist for recruitment to the

posts of two lecturers and an assistant professor for the department. And Shanta is an overwhelming favourite. A total of 116 candidates applied against two posts of lecturers and one of assistant professor. Of them, 79 were called for written tests and finally, 25 includ-

ing Shanta were selected for viva

Except Shanta, the rest have four first-class degrees or equivalent results from SSC to Masters. Only Shanta has three first-class degrees.

voce held on January 7 and 8.

Chairman of the department Prof. Aftab Ahmed, also a member of the selection committee, said requests from influential persons for recruitment of teachers are very common. "But we pick the brilliant students on the basis of their academic results," he told The Daily Star.

Campus sources said Halima Khan Lucy, the then president of Shamsunnahar Hall unit JCD along with Shanta provoked police to attack the female students of the Shamsunahar Hall on July 24 last year. The incident led to student

unrest on the campus that forced then vice-chancellor of the university, Prof. Anwarullah Chowdhury, to step down. A judicial commission formed to investigate the incident in its

report said there were arms at

room No. 235 of the Shamsunnahar Hall where Lucy, Shanta and two other JCD activists. Lily and Kanon, were staying on the night of the police attack. The JCD activists wanted police protection to ensure their stay in the room, since if they left

the room, the presence of arms would have been exposed, the probe report said. The one-member commission headed by Justice M Tafazzul

Islam was formed on July 27 and it submitted its report on September The report, which is yet to be made public, said police entered the hall and arrested students upon directives of the JCD lead-

Money laundering