# NEWS

presented to her by Saudi King Fahd bin Abdul Aziz.

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of Kimberlev because the middle

a four-day match two years ago.

last year he made a brilliant 54.

Mohammad Ashraful.

order batsman scored a hundred in

Bashar who was not considered

after the shock 60-run loss to

again open the innings with young

Manjurul after Talha Jubair proved

match against Kenya on February 1.

have to win but we're not thinking

about them, we're just thinking

However, the record against

New Zealand is rather disappoint-

ng. They were bowled out for 113

against Kiwis in the 1999 World

Cup. And when the teams last met in

the ICC Champions Trophy

about ourselves," said Mashud.

wayward in the last two games.

Medium-pacer Baishya got a

# NAM urges US | 24 more NGOs quit ADAB

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vote against the new resolution lodged by the United States, Britain and Spain on Monday that says Iraq had missed a "final opportunity" to disarm peacefully and avoid war.

"There is no justification for suggesting any draft. The inspectors are doing their work in implementation of resolution 1441," Vice-President Abdel-Halim Khaddam told Reuters. "Therefore, we do not agree with this draft.'

Syria holds one of the revolving seats on the 15-member Security Council and is the only Arab mem-

NAM's views matter because six members are currently on the UN Security Council -- Angola, Guinea. Chile, Pakistan, Cameroon and Syria. Seven votes against can defeat a resolution.

Delegates from Cameroon and Pakistan said they needed to take a close look at the resolution before they could comment, and Angola appeared to be leaning toward rejecting it.

"No war -- don't you worry about it. The NAM way which will be presented tonight will be the best way,' M Izata, minister at Angola's mission to the United Nations, told Reuters. Most developing nations want

inspectors in Iraq to be given more time, fitting in with an alternative resolution proposed by France and Germany, supported by Russia and China, that would extend UN weapons inspections for at least four months

NAM nations have seized on a March 1 deadline for Iraq to start destroying longer-range missiles and avert war and chief weapons inspector Hans Blix's report around a week later.

"We need to wait for their reports before jumping to decisions on what needs to be done further." Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf told a news conference.

Leaders stressed the need to respect UN processes as NAM struggles for relevance in a world left with just one superpower.

Speeches that increasingly pitched the Third World against the richer nations maintained the theme of opposition to war while urging Irag to comply with UN resolutions and get rid of any weapons of mass destruction.

The United States, Britain and the West "have turned themselves into ferocious hunting bulldogs raring to go as they sniff for more blood, Third World blood", Mugabe said.

The summit was set to issue a statement that Baghdad comply

**Countdown at UN** 

## with UN demands and scrap weapons of mass destruction, but it would

also take a swipe at the United States by stressing the need for multilateral, rather than unilateral action. The United States, backed by Britain, is massing troops on Iraq's

border and threatening war unless Saddam Hussein surrenders the leged weapons. Many NAM members want to discuss ways to boost the living standards of countries whose 116

economies combined are equal only to 90 per cent of the US economy but the issue of weapons of mass destruction dominated and North Korea's missile test may force yet

final statement.

another last-minute change to their

3 candidates demand army deployment in Barisal

### **OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal**

The two defiant BNP leaders contesting the mayoral polls and the Awami League-backed candidate have demanded army deployment for holding of a free and fair election. BNP-backed candidate Whip

Mojibur Rahman Sarwar has "no opinion" on this. He however said he will "hail every step including army deployment" for holding of a free and air election.

The government and the Election Commission will take the decision, he told this correspondent yesterday. The defiant BNP leaders Eabidul

Huq Chan and Ahsan Habib Kamal -said they apprehend "attacks" on their workers and supporters by those of Sarwar.

Chan, district BNP Secretary, who is seen as Sarwar's formidable rival in the race, alleged "heavy pressure" on him to withdraw his candidature and to support the party-backed candidate

Kamal, city BNP president and mayor-in-charge, alleged that his workers were already getting "threats" AL-backed candidate Enayet Pir

Khan demanded army deployment, saying the law and order may deteriorate as the ruling party here is divided on the city corporation election.

"clusters" of "unresolved disarma-

ment questions" and asked the

commissioners to place them in

turn those into "benchmarks" Iraq

should complete by mid-March or

Canada would like the council to

order of priority.

April

## STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Twenty-four more non-government organisations (NGOs) have quit the Association of Development Agencies n Bangladesh (ADAB)

The NGOs in a press release vesterday jointly alleged that ADAB was disseminating inaccurate information and ignoring the majority opinion in organisational matters, which have resulted in isolation of the NGO sector

They also said the ADAB president's comments on the second national convention of the NGOs held at Mirpur in the city on February 23 were unacceptable

The NGOs which have quit ADAB are: Consumers Association of Bangladesh (CAB), Bandhon Society and Suryamukhi Shisu Sangha of Dhaka, NGO Forum, Disha and Association for Under Privileged People's Education and Welfare Programme, (AUPEWP) of Comilla. Bangladesh Progati Sangstha (BPS) and Janakalyan Foundation of Sirajganj, Setu Banglaesh and Satkhira Unnayan Sangstha of Satkhira.

And the rest are: Prottasha Paribesh Unnayan Sangstha of Tangail, Samaj Unnayan Karmasuchi of Natore, Nari Kalayan Sangstha(NKS) of Rajbari, Palli

Sheba Sanqstha, Janosheba Sangstha and Kumarnad Samata Samity of Kushtia, Unity for Social Advancement of Chuadanga, Sama Gabeshona and Unnayan Sangstha and Mahila Kalayan Sangstha of Jessore, Bangladesh Sramajibi Mahila Samity of Bogra, Uddok and Save the Genesis of Gaibandha Janosheba Sangstha and Rural Unemployment Removal Organisation(RURO)

### Goswami murder case transferred to Speedy Trial Tribunal

### **COURT CORRESPONDENT**

Schoolteacher Swapan Kumar Goswami murder case has been transferred to the Speedy Trial Tribunal, Dhaka Division, for dis-

posal. Earlier, the Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court transferred the case to the First Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court for trial.

The tribunal yesterday fixed March 2 for hearing on chargeframing against the accused in the case. Tribunal Judge Shahed Noor Uddin issued the order after the

case was placed before him. On January 8, the Detective Branch (DB) of police submitted a charge sheet against nine people. The accused are Jalal alias Zillu

Rifat Akhond. Moksudur Rahman Biplob, AKM Mosharraf Hossain Arman. Mahmudul Hasan Johny, SM Sabbir Rahman alias Shantanu Tanvir Sharif Apon, Parosh and Shahidul Islam alias Shuvo.

Of them, Biplob, Arman and huvo have been absconding

his residence at Bhutergoli.

in Shariatpur

bus mishap

UNB, Shariatpur

Bazar.

rated.

clinics

1998

One killed,75 hurt

A bus driver was killed and 75 pas-

sengers, including a number of UP

election officials and employees

were injured in a bus mishap in DM

Khali area of Bhedorganj upazila

Police said the accident took

Twenty-two of the injured, includ-

ng policemen Shangkar, Selim and

Jalil, were admitted to Sadar hospi-

tal. Four election officials were sent

to Dhaka as their condition deterio-

Other injured were admitted to

upazila health complex and different

Development Programme (UNDP)

publishes a report next year on how

various countries have fared

poverty by 2015 and give people

better access to all basic necessi-

child and maternal mortality and

Rahman, chairman of Transcom,

was raped and murdered at their

Gulshan residence on April 23,

Shaniram. Badal. Minu and Parvin -

were produced before the court.

All the six accused -- Shahid, Hasan,

They also pledged to reduce

At the UN Millennium Summit in

towards achieving the MDG.

environmental degradation.

UN official

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only his second press briefing, tried should focus only on the game. Canada, also can boast of success to focus on the match against New here. During the third one-day Zealand, they faced more questions international against South Africa about Kenya's upset win over Sri Lanka on Monday. Hannan, the first of Sri Lankan "Obviously New Zealand are the match against Sri Lanka?" Chaminda Vaas' hattrick victims, will favourites but you saw that anything TEAMS

Leader of the Opposition and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina shows her party men a copy of the Qur'an

Bangladesh were bowled out for 77,

their second lowest score in one-

Mohsin Kamal, who appeared in

Although Mashud and coach

Mission damage control

dav cricket

can happen," Kamal said. "We know we have the ability to play good cricket but we just need to do it under pressure."

chance to share the new ball with Kamal said Kenya's unexpected 53-run win over Sri Lanka proved The Bangladesh captain said his the developing nations deserved team would be satisfied just to give their chance to play at the World them a close match before their final Cup and would inspire the smaller teams to try and pull off their own "Obviously New Zealand are upset in the final days of the compeunder a bit of pressure because they tition

"It's given us a boost because we know we can play good cricket as well," said Kamal, a former Pakistan Test bowler

"It has actually inspired us a lot rather than confuse us. It has given us the courage to play well against New Zealand.

Asked whether Kenya deserved

# Wasim's 500th wicket

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Pakistan's struggling batsmen failed to take full advantage of batting first on an easy-paced pitch, with only Yousuf Youhana making a halfcentury in a total of 253 for nine after Pakistan were surprisingly asked to bat on a hot day.

recovery with Tim de Leede and topscorer Daan van Bunge putting on 35 for the fifth wicket but never

looked likely to get close to the Pakistan total. Van Bunge, who made 62 on the same ground against India in their scored 31 before h was caught behind off Razzaq.

survey, the flow of water into the Buriganga is hampered at an upstream point in the Jamuna near

# Terror-risk list

from the registration The Bangladesh embassy in

Washington and its consular offices in

different US cities have made elabo-

Bangladesh consulate in New York

The special aid cell opened up at

he Bangladesh consulate in New York

nas already provided counsel to over

The consulate has also requisi-

Five immigration lawyers will work

The Los Angeles consular office

1.000 persons preparing for registra-

tioned the services of two lawyers to

be present and help people during

at the consulate to help people and

and Bangladesh embassy in

Washington have also made similar

arrangements to help Bangladeshis

3 members of

for the registration.

registration.

with registration.

monitor developments.

support allegations in the article that Bangladesh "a heaven for hundreds of Jihadis on the lam". They said Ambassdor Mary Ann

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rate arrangements to extend help to Peters continued by stating that the the relevant people. embassy is not aware of any basis for the story that a ship called the M.V. has already held a number of semi-Mecca dropped off a large al-Qaeda nars in some cities conducted by group in Chittagong last year. immigration lawyers to prepare people

"The article appeared to contain numerous unsubstantiated allegations," they said quoting Ambassador Peters

The Congressmen said according to Peters the Bangladesh government has been a staunch member of the international coalition against terrorism. While international terrorists can be found anywhere -- as they have been in the US itself and in dozens of countries from Spain to Singapore --Bangladesh is certainly not "a hotbed of radical Islam.

The Congressmen supported the views of the US ambassador in Dhaka and expressed their willingness to produce a detailed explanation behind the decision of the DOJ.

BSS adds: US Immigration and Naturalisation Service (INS) authorities have started registering male non-immigrant Bangladeshis above 16 years now placed under special category.

PHOTO: STAR

The registration will continue until April 25 and be carried out under the US Homeland Security Act to identify people living in the US without valid papers

Male non-immigrant Bangladeshis born on or before February 14, 1987 Test status. Kamal said it was matter who entered the US before to be discussed by the governing September 30, 2002 with I-94 cards and will continue to stav there after March 28, 2003 must register with the 'If you ask me I'm not in a posi-

INS. tion to make an opening and we Female Bangladeshis, Bangladeshis who obtained green If Bangladesh were going to win cards or political asylum, whose applithe March 1 battle against Kenva at cation for political asylum before the Wanderers Kamal replied: "Did January 16, 2003 are still being prothe Kenyans say they would win the cessed, who were granted refugee status in the US and who entered the US without a visa have been exempted

# Moudud

FROM PAGE 12 although it was not written in the constitution, the chief justice's recommendation should be considered part of law.

"It is the chief justice who knows the performance of the additional judges much better than the government," Ozaer Faruk told The Daily Star last night. "We will go as far as necessarv to make the government accept the chief justice's recommendations

The meeting was attended by former Bar Association president Shawkat Ali Khan, Sudhangshu Shekhar Halder, Rabiya Bhuiyan and Rokonuddin Mahmud among others

The Bar Association will stage a hunger strike and boycott the Supreme Court on March 1 if the government does not confirm the services of the judges by tomorrow.

### 2 bills passed FROM PAGE 12

advised them to notify the Spanish Tk 10,000 on any one travelling to any embassy so that it can properly assess country from Bangladesh by land, air the matter.' or waterways. And the government

All the papers have been sent to would determine the rate by making rules in line with the Act. the Spanish embassy, he said. "The reserve the right to correct any mistake Till the rate is fixed, foreigners travelling by air to North America, in assessment of the bids.' South America, Europe, Africa and Meanwhile, in a rejoinder, the BIWTA claimed the "allegation of Australia and to any Far East countries tampering as mentioned in the headand New Zealand will have to pay Tk 2,500 in travel tax. ine is sheer irrelevant and baseless". Those travelling by air to other The rejoinder, signed by Public countries in the region, excepting the Relations Officer Muhammad Rafiqul SAARC countries, will have to pay levy Islam, says the technical evaluation at a rate of Tk 1.800. For air travel to committee, made of experts from the the SAARC countries. one will have to Bangladesh Navy and the pay a tax of Tk 600. The rates for travel Bangladesh University of Engineering by land routes and waterways are Tk and Technology, "found two of the 500 and 800 respectively. participating parties non-responsive The act also provides for exempdue to major and material deviation". tion of any person or a section of the "The (BIWTA) authority intimated people from paying the levy subject to the total situation to the Ministry of government notification. Shipping and the Spanish Embassy in It also exempted children, cancer New Delhi. On receipt of communicapatients, blind people, the disabled, tion from the Spanish Embassy in New airline crew, foreign diplomats and Delhi quoting the decision of the their family members, pilgrims going to Spanish government, BIWTA submit-Saudi Arabia, transit passengers ted a detailed report along with clarifistaying not more than 72 hours and cations given by the two nonany Bangladeshi national having responsive parties to the Ministry of airline job, who goes abroad without Shipping and also to the Spanish any fare or at a reduced fare. Embassv.



body of cricket.

### Match referee: Mike Procter (RSA)

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"All rivers and canals around the city are extremely contaminated due to the dead slow tides," said a BIWTA official requesting anonym-

BANGLADESH: Khaled

Mashud (captain), Alok Kapali,

Habibul Bashar, Hannan Sarker,

Ehsanul Hague, Khaled Mahmud,

Maniurul Islam, Akram Khan,

Mohammad Ashraful, Mohammad

NEW ZEALAND: (from)

Stephen Fleming (captain), Nathan

Astle, Scott Styris, Chris Cairns, Lou

Vincent, Chris Harris, Brendon

McCullum, Andre Adams, Daniel

Vettori, Jacob Oram, Shane Bond,

Craig McMillan, Kyle Mills, Dary

(England), Darrell Hair (Australia)

Umpires: David Shephered

TV umpire: Brian Jerling (RSA)

Rafique, Tapash Baisva

Fuffey, Mathew Sinclair.

According to a hydrographic the Bangabandhu Bridge The confluence has become blocked due to siltation, it said and recommended immediate dredging to ensure free flow of water into the Buriganga An expert in the BIWTA said the problem of "slow tide" in fact started about two years back, which prompted the authorities to launch the investigation. The channels in the upstream must be cleared so that the Buriganga gets back its original flow, another hydrographer said. The Department of Environment (DoE) in a survey in 1997 found that oxygen in the river was at zero level, for which its marine life depleted. Although the survey report was published in newspapers, the authorities are yet to take any step to check dumping of wastes. Even formal announcement by the government for relocating the tanneries gathered no momentum so far. Moreover, the DoE is learnt to be giving environmental clearance to new industries along the Buriganga. These new industries have no retention points or treatment plants for their wastes.

Three ansar personnel were arrested

morning. The chief metropolitan magis-

remand. The accused allowed the man

Unidentified criminals from home they alleged.

Moksudur Rahman, deputy director of the Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (CAAB). filed a case with the Airport Police Station accusing Zahid and nine others under the Law and Order Disruption Crimes (Speedy

Trial)Act on Monday. Six others accused in the case are

# at ZIA STAFF CORRESPONDENT

yesterday at Zia International Airport (ZIA) for allowing a man inside the airport premises on Thursday. The three -- Mozammel Haq, Asad

ansar held

Miah and Shakhatul Hossain - were picked up by the airport police early

trate's court put them on a one-day Zahidul Islam, to enter a Biman aircraft to "blow it up". His motive was to undermine the image of the ZIA as well

as of the government, police said. Zahidul also tried to damage the

engine of the aircraft, police added. and aboard have links to the accused,

Zahidul was arrested on suspicion after he sneaked into an aircraft on Thursday morning. Initially, police said the man was retarded.

Shift-in-charges of Biman Sekender Ali and Abul Kashem, Senior Operation of Biman Amjad Hossain, Junior Security Officer Abdul Momen. security guard Ismat Ali and Security Officer of the CAAB Khandaker Nuruzzaman.

### Clarification FROM PAGE 1 to me with their complaints and I

provide Iraq with a window of about "two weeks or so" to disarm or face military action

that would extend UN inspections

for at least four months. Russia

backed the French proposal as did

Straw said the resolution would

British Foreign Secretary Jack

China, with some reservations.

No vote is expected until after chief weapons inspector Hans Blix reports to the council again, probably on March 7, in a meeting expected to be attended by foreign ministers

President Bush's national security advisor, Condoleezza Rice, pledged that the United States would attempt to turn around war opponents France, Russia and China.

"We and the British and the Spanish and the others will have an all-out diplomatic effort to talk to various parties about the logic of this resolution and hopefully to bring people around to vote for it," she told reporters in Washington.

She said the United States wanted a decision from the Security Council one way or the other in the days immediately after Blix's March 7 report.

The United States and Britain have an uphill struggle to get the nine minimum votes needed for adoption among the 15 council members and then dare France, Russia and China to use their veto power to kill the draft.

Germany and Syria support France while Spain and Bulgaria have publicly sided with Washington.

The countries whose votes are now crucial are Angola, Cameroon, Guinea, Pakistan, Mexico and Chile. All had favoured the French position of more inspections but now are studiously neutral as US and other officials approach their leaders.

The French proposal, contained in a memorandum that was endorsed by Germany and Russia, calls for the reinforcement of UN inspections. It asks Blix to outline a new work program by March 1 that Irag would be required to fulfil.

The council would meet over four months to assess Irag's cooperation and eventually fix dates for each program of "key remaining disarmament tasks" that Blix defines.

President Jacques Chirac said that France saw no need to abandon "the logic of peace and switch to the logic of war.

On Tuesday, Blix completes two days of talks with his 16-member advisory board, called a College of Commissioners.

He has given them 30 to 40

Blix has also set a key test for Iragi President Saddam Hussein ordering him to begin destroying dozens of Al-Samoud 2 missiles by Saturday

would do so although CBS's Dan Rather, in an interview with Saddam, said the Iraqi leader indicated he would not demolish the missiles. Pakistan, which faces unrest

from Islamic militants if it votes for war against Iraq, may abstain, diplomats said.

Angola's UN ambassador, Ismael Gaspar Matins, whose country last week was visited by US Assistant Secretary of State Walter Kansteiner along with Cameroon and Guinea, said he thought differences could be bridged.

"It's a matter of timing. It's a matter of agreeing, of sending a joint, strong message by the council (to Iraq). That's what we are going to do," he told reporters. To the frustration of US officials. neighbour Mexico is proving the to perform election duty at Alu

Aznar last week yielding no results.

Washington Chile's President. Ricardo

Lagos, whose country sided with Mexico in calling for more inspections, told reporters he would study any resolution "calmly and carefully.

### Bombs found FROM PAGE 1

Police said the bombs were locally made.

athered at the three-day mahfil in Charmonai,16 kilometers from Barisal city. Today is the last day of the mahfil organised by the followers of Moulana Fazlul Karim( Pir of Charmonai)

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become an approver in the case. Swapan Kumar Goswami, a teacher of the Government

Irag has yet to say whether it

Mondav night. place when the Alu Bazar-bound bus from Bhedorgani upazila headquarters plunged into a roadside ditch, killing its driver Mujibur Rahman, 39, on the spot. The officials and employees were going

most difficult, with a visit by Spanish Prime Minister Jose Maria

"I think perhaps Mexico may be at the point where it says, 'We are not going to get what we want out of the United States anyway, so there will not be such a high prices to pay," said Delal Baer of the Centre for Strategic and International Studies in

### the whole area and found 12 more bombs wrapped in polythene.

At least two lakh devotees Shazneen case FROM PAGE 1 Shazneen Tasnim Rahman, 15, the

The SP of Barisal said a police team from the city was on its way to Charmonai to investigate the incithe incident while the rest six are The Netherlands total of 156 was boosted by whopping 40 extras now in jail custody. Rifat has conceded by the Pakistanis.

It was the highest number of extras conceded so far in the tour-Laboratory High School in the city, nament, eclipsing the 31 squandered also by Pakistan against was shot dead on October 26 near Australia.

The bowlers conceded six noballs and 17 wides.

Fast bowler Shoaib Akhtar took three for 26 but ten wides counted against him, including four penalty runs when a wide went down the leg-side to the boundary

Youhana hit 58 off 59 balls with four fours. Recalled opening batsman Taufeeg Umar made a solid 48 before he was run out, while Abdul Razzaq scored 47 after being pushed up the order to number three.

A conspicuous failure for Pakistan was star batsman Inzamamul Haq, who was legbefore to Tim de Leede off the second ball he faced, his second successive duck in the tournament. Inzamam was unlucky to be given out by Indian umpire Srinivas Venkataraghavan because he appeared to get an inside edge as he played around his pad.

Inzamam, Pakistan's main batting hope ahead of the India game, has made only 10 runs in four inninas in the World Cup.

The Dutch medium-pace and slow bowlers proved difficult to score off on a slow pitch, with leftarm spinner Jacob-Jan Esmeijer conceding just 35 runs in an unbroken 10-over spell.

Roland Lefebvre, Holland's 40year-old captain, also bowled steadily, taking one for 39 in his ten overs

The fragile Dutch batting was no match for Pakistan's bowlers and 2000, world leaders agreed to halve Wasim needed just seven balls to become the first man to take 500 wickets in one-day internationals.

Nick Statham failed to get fully behind the line as he prodded halfforward and the ball spun back off his bat to roll into the stumps.

Wasim, playing in his 354th match, added the wicket of Klaas van Noortwijk, who was caught behind as the Dutch crashed to 43 youngest daughter of Latifur for four.

The left-arm seamer finished off the innings when he trapped last man Jeroen Smits leg before. Wasim had figures of three for 24. The World Cup outsiders made a

### SCOREBOARD

Scoreboard of the World Cup Pool A match between Pakistan and the Netherlands at Boland Park on Tuesdav

PAKISTAN Umar run out Anwarc Esmeijer b De Leede Razzag c Smits b Van Bunge

Inzamam Ibw b De Leede 0 Youhana b Lefebvre 58 Elahi c Zuiderent b Van Bunge 5 Latif c Van Bunge b Schiferli 24 Wasim run out

Akhtar not out Wagar c and b Mol Saglain not out Extras: (b-1, lb-8, w-6) 15 Total: (For 9 wkts in 50 overs) 253 Fall of wickets: 1-61, 2-106, 3-108, 4-143, 5-153, 6-192, 7-196, 8-238, 9-245

Bowler 0 Μ RW 48 Schiferli 10 1 10 39 Lefebvre 1 10 0 53 2 De Leede 18 0 Van Troost 2 0 10 0 35 0 Esmeiier 27 0 2 Van Bunge 4 0 24 Mol 4

NETHERLANDS Statham b Wasim

Schiferli c Razzag b Shoaib Zuiderent Ibw b Waqar Noortwijk c Latif b Wasim De Leede c Shoaib b Saqlain Van Bunge c Latif b Razzaq L van Troost c Latif b Shoaib Mol b Shoaib Esmeijer Ibw b Anwar

Lefebvre not out Smits Ibw b Wasim Extras: (b-6, lb-11, w-17, nb-6) 40 Total: (All out in 39.3 overs) 156 Fall of wickets: 1-6, 2-31, 3-35, 4-43, 5-78, 6-108, 7-135, 8-136, 9-138 0 Μ RW Bowler 2 8.3 Wasim 24 - 3 Shoaib 0 26 7 6 19 Wagar 1 Saglain

(Ind) TV umpire: Tyronne Wijewardene

Match referee: Clive Lloyd (WIs)

### 0 Hasina 9

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NAM Summit in Dhaka and said "They (the government) did it to misappropriate the money allotted for the conference.

Hasina said the home minister recently banned activities of a fundamentalist party in Rajshahi although the government has been denying the existence of such groups.

She criticised the Bangladesh mission in Saudi Arabia for not meeting her. "I deserve it as the leader of the opposition and former prime minister." she said.

# N'ganj crime

### FROM PAGE 12 and don't want to file cases against

the extortionists," said a garment factory owner.

Shamim Osman, a former AL lawmaker, and his supporters allegedly extorted crores of taka from business establishments in Narayanganj during the AL rule.

# Khaleda, Musharraf

Bangladesh.

delegations.

FROM PAGE 1 Shahrizat binti Abdul Jalil also called

on her. The meeting between Khaleda and Castro was unscheduled.

During her meetings with leaders of SAARC countries -- Pakistan and Nepal -- Khaleda requested them to try to hold the summit of the regional organisation as early as possible.

At the meeting between the Pakistan president and the Bangladesh prime minister, the Middle-East issues, including those relating to Iraq and Palestine figured prominently, Foreign Minister Morshed Khan told reporters after

the meeting. Referring to the Iraq crisis, the two leaders hoped that as a member of the UN, Iraq would abide by resolution 1441 of the Security Council and cooperate with the UN arms inspection team.

Regional issues including the SAARC-related ones and bilateral cooperation in economic fields were also discussed.

During her meeting with Tran Duc Luong, Khaleda sought cooperation of Vietnam so that Bangladesh can get membership of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN).

The Vietnamese president

also the current Chairman of the SAARC. Khaleda urged him to take measures to hold the SAARC summit as soon as possible. Lukendra said he will arrange a secretary-level meeting for this soon. Activities of different SAARC committees were also evaluated at the meeting.

assured Khaleda of all cooperatior

in this regard. He also said his

country would share its experience

in agriculture sector with

rial level joint committee to enhance

bilateral cooperation in different

sectors. They underscored increas-

ng people to people contact

between the two countries through

exchange of delegations in the

private sector, particularly business

other to visit their countries at a

suitable time. The invitations were

accepted by both the sides. During

her meeting with Lukendra, who is

The two leaders invited each

They decided to form a ministe-

Khaleda told her Nepalese counterpart that she has directed the authorities concerned to improve infrastructural facilities so that Nepal can use Mongla sea port.



Toss: Netherlands. Umpires: Steve Bucknor (WIs) and Srinivas Venkataraghavan

(Sri)