**US forces kill 97** 

during the war launched on March

Baiji, close to the main highway

between Baghdad and the north-

US military helicopters hovered

Residents questioned by the

news agency at the nearby Al-Amin

coffee shop said the pipeline had

been attacked by Iragis using

explosives around 8:45 pm

localtime Thursday, the same day

Iraq awarded its first post-war oil

"We heard two explosions and

ran," said the coffee shop's owner,

Abu Ala. "We saw fire shooting out

of the pipeline in two places.

Shortly afterwards two American

Customers said it had been a

"Some Iragis came and blew it

"It's to stop the Americans

taking the oil out to Turkey," said

Some 225 km north of Baghdad,

Baiji is home to a major refinery

and power station, processing fuel

from the oilfields around the north-

Less than an hour's drive north

of Saddam Hussein's native city of

Tikrit, the mainly Sunni Arab region

around Baiii was considered a

stronghold of his Sunni-dominated

regime and several residents

expressed hostility to the US-led

Saddam disappears, there will be

On Thursday, Iraq's US-led

administration awarded a raft of

contracts to international oil com-

panies to lift crude, the first since

A coalition spokesman said the

20 others emerging every day,"

"The Iraqis won't change. If

ern regional capital of Mosul.

overhead.

export contracts.

helicopters arrived.'

Khidr Aziz.

ern city of Kirkuk.

occupation.

said Hussein Abu Ali.

deliberate act of sabotage.

up," said Kazem Ibrahim.

exports through Turkey.

## **Explosives found** on Italian plane

REUTERS, Rome

Italian police discovered and safely removed explosives abroad ar Alitalia passenger plane at an airport in eastern Italy after receiving an anonymous tip-off, a police

sives, which had been tucked under one of the seats, was destroyed in a controlled blast after it was found abroad the aircraft at Ancona airport on Thursday afternoon.

Police were examining passenger lists on Friday while forensic experts were trying to determine the exact nature of the explosives.

Italian news agency AGI said there was no fuse or detonator in the package and that it could not have exploded no matter what type of material it contained. AGI did not give a source for the report.

"This is an extremely serious and worrying incident which shows there are gaps in the security system, Andrea Tarroni, head of Italy's main pilots' union, told AGI.

"The level of protection of the air

transport system is not sufficient,

The 42-seater plane had been due to fly to the Italian capital Rome on a scheduled domestic flight from Ancona at 3 pm local time and passengers had not yet boarded the plane when the alarm was raised.

An airport source said the device was believed to have contained some 200 grams (seven ounces) of explosives which caused a large blast when detonated at a remote part of the airport.

Security services rushed to the airport following an anonymous warning to an Ancona police station. It was not clear who the caller was or why explosives were planted on the

Italian media said the explosives were hidden inside a small box

#### Amnesty FROM PAGE 1

"In yet another attack on press freedom in Bangladesh, warrants of arrests were issued on 11 June against Mahfuz Anam, the editor and publisher of The Daily Star, Motiur Rahman, the editor of the Prothom Alo. and Abdul Jalil. the General Secretary of the main opposition party, the Awami League," Amnesty said.

'This followed the publication, on 3 June, of a letter written by Abdul Jalil expressing his opinion about the candidacy of a Bangladeshi nominee for an executive position in an international organisation. The letter contained opinion critical of the nominee, a senior government official, who in turn filed a complaint before Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate Court under sections of the Bangladesh Penal Code which provide for up to two years imprisonment for defamation," the Amnesty statement said.

It went on, Amnesty International would consider anyone detained in connection with the writing or publication of this letter as a prisoner of "The ( Bangladesh must act now to stop the detention from happening.

The statement further said harassment of the two leading editors is in sharp contrast to a recent plea by Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at a meeting of the South Asian Free Media Association that journalists should sharpen their pens "to write against narrowness, limited vision, conflict and disputes (to) build up powerful public opinion in South Asia in favour of peace, friendship, humanism and cooperation."

which had been fixed with adhesive tape to a life jacket under a passen-

Italy has been on high alert for terror attacks since the September 2001 strikes on the United States and authorities have arrested several Islamic militants accused of planning hits against high-profile targets around the

lence from homegrown extremists

that police discovered a small package of explosives abandoned n a passenger's suitcase at Ancona airport last December.

### in gas cylinder blast in Khulna

The dead was identified as Saira Beaum, 60.

Of the injured, five were admitted to general hospital with severe burn injuries. They are Moiful Bibi, 70, Abul Kalam, 40, Mithu, 10, Rakhi, 8 and Matiar Rahman 38.

### **Huge Indian** goods seized in Khulna

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Taskforce on Thursday seized Indian goods worth about Tk 10 crore from five godowns at Daulatpur for evading customs duty.

the Taskforce raided the godowns of Punom Enterprise in the afternoon and seized crockeries and other electronic goods. Taskforce sources said the

importer took delivery of the consignment without paying customs

The importer refuted the allegation saying that he got clearance from the customs only after paying duty and VAT.

sion was participated by economists Dr. Kazi Kholiquzzaman Ahmed, Dr Atiur Rahman, Prof Shafiquzzaman and Prof. M M

Atiur Rahman said the proposed taxes would hit hard the lower middle class and it would be impossible for them to pay those

have given adequate support to the poor people's economy for the development of the country, he thought.

would simply destroy those. Shafiquzzaman said

Bangladesh has enormous potentials but those are not being utilised properly. He blamed certain quar-

look for them, then they will be

and he is still inside Iraq working and

I think, again, if we look for him in an

intelligent way ... he will be found,"

"He has put a bounty ... on the

killing of American soldiers,

### **WMD** hunt failures

"One of them was an engineer,"

Chalabi said. "We believe that he had valuable information about sites. He did not have any operational information because he was not a military man, he was an engineer who built sites for the weapons storage areas," Chalabi said.

Iraq's weapons program.

After meeting the third individual. US officials decided not to pursue contacts. Chalabi said.

any of his contacts exaggerated claims of Irag's weapons program.

tion. There was no information that was given that was not substantiated," he said.

Chalabi said he is certain that US forces will ultimately succeed in their efforts to find deposed Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein's alleged weapons of mass destruction.

She said the alliance government has increased duty and taxes on essentials, but reduced the duty on luxury items

Hasina: Budget

"This government, which claims itself as protectors of Islam, has reduced duty on liquors thereby exposing its true face," she said.

The Awami League chief blasted the alliance government for nominating Salahuddin Quader Chowdhury for the post of OIC Secretary General. Criticising the government for the

deteriorating law and order situation, she said the BNP-Jamaat government has presented the nation with dead bodies during its 19-month rule. Chaired by outgoing president of

JK Jubo League Harmuj Ali, the function was also addressed, among others, by AL Presidium member Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim MP and columnist Abdul Gaffar Chowdhury.

Hasina's younger sister Sheikh Rehana, Jubo League president Jahangir Kabir Nanak and general secretary Mirza Azam MP were

The new committee of UK unit Jubo League was formed recently with Anwaruzzaman Chowdhury as president and Tariq Ahmed as general secretary.

Hasina, who arrived in London from USA on Wednesday, left for Dhaka vesterday

#### AL rallv FROM PAGE 1

Abdur Razzak, another AL

presidium member, said the government was encouraging anti-Bangladesh forces and the nomination of Chowdhury was part of it. Amir Hossain Amu of the AL said

Chowdhury alone did not decide on the case. Some BNP lawmakers influenced him to frighten the AL away from the movement, he said. Al lawmaker Suranjit Sengupta

said he had been calling Chowdhury 'razakar' since the end of the Liberation War, but he did not mind. Tofail Ahmed said Chowdhury killed people during the war and now filed the case only to show his vindictive attitude towards the pro-liberation

Motia Chowdhury chimed in, saying there is nothing wrong with calling a collaborator 'razakar'. AL Organising Secretary Abdul

Mannan and General Secretary of City AL Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya addressed the rally, among others. Mohammed Hanif, president of city AL, presided

Some other organisations also protested the case against the

The Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal said that harassment of journalists amounted to suppressing press freedom and demanded scrapping of the law under which the case was

The Computer Workers Association of Bangladesh demanded withdrawal of the case against the editors.

The president of Jatiya Olama Mashaikh Oikya Jote, Moulana Shaokh Khandakar Golam Maola and its General Secretary Mufti Moulana Abdul Halim Siraji also demanded withdrawal of the case. They said Chowdhury was unfit

for the nomination and called upon the government to drop him from the

### Kashmir blast

FROM PAGE 12 In the same district, Indian troops

killed two militants, one of them a Pakistani national, in two separate encounters, police said. A mother and her son were

injured during one of the gun battles. Police said suspected rebels shot dead two Muslims in the southern district of Doda overnight after barging into their houses. In the same district security

forces recovered 33 kilograms of deadly Research Developed Explosives, or RDX, eight grenades and other arms, a police spokesman

#### Hasina returns

FROM PAGE 12 today, said a party press release.

During her month-long trip, she

attended a socialist party congress in France, visited her son and daughter in Florida, USA, and then spent a few days with her sister Sheikh Rehana in the UK. She also attended the council of UK unit of Jubo League.

Her stay in the USA was prolonged due to the death of USA unit president of AL Dr Enayetur Rahim.

During her absence, AL lawmakers abstained from the budget session of the parliament. Hasina is scheduled to chair a meeting of the AL Parliamentary Party (ALPP) at Sangsad Bhavan tomorrow.

"The ALPP meeting will decide whether we should or shouldn't join the rest of the sittings of the budget session," said AL general secretary Abdul Jalil.

#### Moulvibazar

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BSS adds: The low-lying areas in Rangpur, Nilphamari, Lalmonirhat, Gaibandha and Kurigram districts have been inundated due to sharp rise of water levels in the rivers.

Nearly 30,000 people have so far been marooned in several



Local traders protest the killing of businessman Ajit Talukdar burning tyre and putting up a barricade on Hathazari-

# **Anti-poverty vision missing**

ment of the budget.

Presented by Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman, the budget is mainly based on a high foreign aid flow and an ambitious target of revenue collection, said Debapriya.

He fears if the government fails to fulfil the conditions set by multilateral agencies, they may stop providing further assistance. "Increased foreign aid may also hamper the government's revenue earning process," he said.

About the proposed annual development programme (ADP) of Tk 20,300 crore, he said the budget dose not provide any significant formula for implementation of the ever-large ADP. Only 50.7 per cent of the ADP for

FY2002-03, with its revised figure of Tk 17,100 crore, has been implemented until March, Debapriya quoted from an IMED (Implementation Monitoring and Evaluation Division) report. Saifur did not present any specific measure to ensure the account-

ability of ministers in implementa-

tion, nor did he mention the law and

order slide in his budget speech, which has a negative impact on business. Debapriva said. Inefficiency in the utility sector, port problems, delay in separation of the judiciary, lax decentralisation of the local government, nonformation of an independent anticorruption commission and slow privatisation are among the topics

The minister did not reveal the reform plan agreed by the government with development partners

noise frequently reached in Dhaka.

In addition to the loss of hearing.

there is also evidence that noise

pollution can produce other deleteri-

ous effects on human health and

drilling and other noisy equipment is

legally prohibited during evening

hours. Also heavy industries are

located away from the main city to

save its residents from the intense

noise produced from heavy-duty

machinery like pneumatic drills.

backhoes and other industrial

had no such foresight and succes-

sive governments have also done

very little to ameliorate the situation

such that the intolerable cacophony

of blaring horns and harsh rattle of

running engines has engulfed the

is expressly forbidden to honk and

the sound level is legally required to

Even in a few city areas where it

But the planners of Dhaka City

In many countries, operation of

will most likely damage the ear.

lower work performance.

vehicles and equipment

the finance minister ignored, he

said. "These are extremely needed

for investment to rally.

during the recent Bangladesh Development Forum meeting, he Saifur attempted to change the

format of restructuring the economy but never mentioned the way, he However, Debapriya applauded

the budget for providing discreet support for agro-based industries textiles and readymade garment Saifur proposed an allocation of Tk 50 crore for agro-based indus-

only Tk 31.5 crore of Tk 100 crore allocated in the outgoing fiscal Reduction in corporate tax from 30 per cent to 10 per cent up to June 2006 will provide the sector with a breathing space, said Debapriya.

Lessening and re-fixing the

tries, as the government utilised

corporate tax at 20 per cent for textiles for the same period will help the sector sustain in the post multifibre agreement (MFA) reality, He suggested that withdrawal of

value-added tax (VAT) exemption on credit cards should not be applied on customers The withdrawal of VAT on travel agencies will not boost tourism, as the sector's development does not

depend much on it but largely on

infrastructure and law and order, he said in his assessment report. Increase in customs and supplementary duty on sugar will up the price of sugar on the domestic market and encourage smuggling, he said. Upswing in supplementary duty on powdered milk and salt will

commoners. Debapriya criticised the budget for extension of concession on import of reconditioned taxicabs

Dhaka's growing noise pollution

found that these rules are flagrantly

ignored and violations go unpun-

where two big hospitals -- BSMMUH

and BIRDEM -- are located at the

Shahbagh end of the road from

Sonargaon Hotel to the Shahbagh

intersection. Anyone who stayed at

these two hospitals must have

experienced the unbearably noisy

environment that surrounds these

ing in this area and there are con-

spicuous billboards announcing it,

such restrictions are on paper only

as no one ever pays heed to them.

As a result, the patients in those two

hospitals have to go through the

terrible ordeal of putting up with the

noise from the honking vehicles in

their frenzied rush to get out of the

further at night as trucks come out in

their hordes. The earsplitting sound

of horns and screeching brakes

The level of noise rises ever

frequent traffic jam in the area.

Although the law prohibits honk-

two hospitals.

One such example is the area

22.5 per cent from 7.5 per cent. Debapriya identified three major

and said it will deteriorate urban

nollution. Reduction in supplemen-

tary duty on spirit, wine and other

alcoholic drinks has also been

However, he appreciated the

increase in customs duty on rice to

criticised

factors as instrumental in implementation of the budget: flow of private investment, resurgence in exports and implementation of ADP.

CPD research fellows Ananya Raihan, Uttam Deb, Fahmida Akhter Khatun and Head of Dialogue and Communication Anisatul Fatema Yousuf attended the briefing.

### **Gram Sarkar**

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will be pooled from farmers, teachers, freedom fighters, doctors, businessmen, and male and female members of the Village Defence Party and nominated for five years in the presence of at least 10 per cent of listed voters in a ward.

The duties of formation and preliminary supervision of Gram

Functional mandates of a Gram and order situation to the UP.

Gram Sarkars will also play a role in fighting illiteracy and poverty and contribute to social development.

patients to sleep. This is the painful

experience the patients in these

hospitals have to go through on a

Except for occasional messages

about enforcement of anti-noise

pollution laws, the Dhaka

Metropolitan Police have been

virtually ineffective in combating the

menace. Enforcement of laws

regulating noise around the two

hospitals is extremely important for

Although there are legal instru-

ments available, we find authorities

concerned to be generally indiffer-

ent to check the growing menace of

noise situation, the onus of convinc-

ing the people to start a mass move-

ment against the hazards of noise

pollution and for enforcement of

relevant laws lies on the doctors.

scientists, environmentalists and

In view of the ever-worsening

the welfare of patients.

noise pollution.

Sarkars will be carried out by UNOs.

Sarkar include infrastructure development in rural areas, resistance against repression on women and other crimes and reporting the law

#### tion authority decisions granting asylum in questionable circumstances. Immigration Minister Philip

the decision to grant refugee "politically motivated"

officer who made the decision accepted the criminal proceedings were politically motivated, but the decision would be reviewed by senior officials.

immigration.

at least two return visits to Bangladesh and on one of these trips was reported by the Bangladesh media to have resumed leadership of the Jatiya political party. On one trip in 2001 he was

arrested but released on bail after lodging a High Court appeal against his sentence. He was also granted bail on four other corrup-

**Powell arrives** 

US officials have released no other southern oilfields around Basra details on the camp, though one and the lifting of Kirkuk crude said the military believed that some already in storage at the Turkish of those present were not Iraqis. Mediterranean port of Ceyhan at Arab volunteers from several the other end of Irag's northern countries fought with Iraqi forces export pipeline

Meanwhile, US troops detained

74 suspected Al-Qaeda AFP adds from Makhoul: Fires sympathisers in a raid in northern blazed on a major pipeline from Iraq. Central Command said ves-Iraq's northern oilfields vesterday terday in its first explicit claim of after what residents said were twin involvement by Osama bin Laden's bomb attacks aimed at sabotaging slamist militant network in postwar unrest here. An AFP correspondent saw two separate fires on the pipeline, 15 "The 173rd Airborne Brigade km from the key refinery town of

conducted a raid Thursday near (the northern oil capital of) Kirkuk after receiving intelligence information about alleged anti-coalition elements. They apprehended 74 suspected Al-Qaeda sympathisers," Centcom said in a short statement. US commanders have thus far

attacks against coalition troops here on loyalists of the ousted regime of Saddam Hussein although they have acknowledged that foreign "fanatics" might also have had a role Separately, US troops launched

put the main blame for deadly

a massive operation in northwestern Iraq before dawn Thursday against what the coalition said was a "terrorist training camp."

Military spokesmen in Baghdad said they could give no further details on that operation as it was still ongoing yesterday. Reuters adds: The main oil

export pipeline linking Iraq and

Turkey was hit by fire and explosions due to a gas leak, US authorities in Iraq said yesterday. Turkey said investigations were under way to establish whether sabotage was to blame for the blast at the Iraqi section of the

pipeline in northern Iraq late on US military spokesmen said there was no sign that sabotage had caused the explosions, which comes after occupying US forces have blamed saboteurs for undermining their efforts to restore the oil

"There is no evidence that there was any hostile intent. US and Iraqi engineers are assessing the extent of the damage," a spokesman told

## Asylum: Kazi Zafar

industry.

he US-led war.

Ruddock, who was not personally involved in the Ahmed decision, was forced last week to explain to parliament why a migrant was granted a visa after money was donated to the Liberal Party. Ruddock vesterday defended

status to Ahmed, whom he said had disclosed in his application for refuge his criminal conviction. which was found to have been Ruddock said the immigration

Ahmed, a former Maoist report-

edly known in Bangladesh as "Sugar Zafar" because of his alleged role in the hijacking of a multi-million dollar aid shipment of sugar, was granted refugee status by Australia's department of He is said to have since made

tion charges against him involving the sugar shipments He was taken to hospital with a kidney complaint in 2002 and

Sydney to live with a daughter who had settled here. The Herald said it understood he was granted a disability pension because of his kidney condi-

soon afterwards returned to

The Dhaka court was told that as prime minister in 1989. Ahmed had allocated grain for works on a landfill site where his government planned to build a cancer hospital, but the supplies were later sold on

the black market. Ahmed was also reported to have been implicated in the theft and sale of millions of dollars worth of sugar donated for flood and disaster relief in his country.

Howard said the first he heard of the matter was when he read it in the newspaper, and found it puzzling but would investigate why the man was granted refugee "The decision was apparently

taken by the department without, apparently -- as the newspaper report said -- any reference to the minister," he said. "On the face of it, it seems a

puzzling decision, but there may be a proper explanation, to be fair to the people who made it. I don't know anything beyond what is in the papers, but I intend to find out

# Saifur: No growth possible

development funds to poverty reduction, Saifur added. Underscoring the need for huge

investment to achieve 7 per cent

GDP growth in future, he said the nation must enhance both internal and external savings. "The present government is actively considering providing medical voucher for rural women to

help cut maternal mortality rate," he

On reducing duty on alcoholic drinks, Saifur said the measure was brought in to perk up tourism. "Foreigners have to pay exorbitant prices for beer and alcohol here compared to other countries in the region.'

The import duties on alcohol have been slashed to 430.25 per cent in the proposed budget from 592.19 per cent in the current financial year. "The duties on beer and alcohol

are still higher than those under the

past Awami League government,"

he claimed.

were 256 per cent and 248 per cent respectively in fiscal 2001-2002 which were raised to 592.19 per cent and 440 per cent in fiscal 2002-2003. Saifur added. Will the government withdraw

The duties on bear and alcohol

the tax measure on alcoholic drinks? "I always respect the majority

On enhancement of corporate tax from 40 per cent to 45 per cent for the banking sector in the proposed budget, he said the step was

aimed at teaching the banks a

How commercial banks will then be able to respond to the appeal of slashing interest rate? "The tax will be cut once the

banks lower their interest rate." On the question of corruption Saifur said it could not be rooted out overnight. "Efforts are on to establish an anti-corruption commission.' Asked to comment on former

finance minister Shah AMS Kibria's

remark on the proposed budget

comment." Kibria on Thursday termed the budget 'a document of the govern-

ment's failure'. Why the budget speech was steeped in the World Bank and Asian Development Bank (ADB)

observations in a break with the

tradition of quotes from national poets? " Since I have been thinking much about reform, free market economy, free float of exchange rate and a range of steps to restore macroeconomic stability, the poetic quality has left my brain for the time

"Everything is going on accordingly and the poetic feelings will return. inshallah." a cheerful Saifur

Finance Secretary Zakir Ahmad Khan, Bangladesh Bank Governor Dr Fakhruddin Ahmed and National Board of Revenue Chairman Dr Shoaib Ahmed were present

#### Saifur said, "It is not worthy of my discuss various issues, said the

press notice This is the highest level visit of

any US dignitary to Bangladesh since former US president Bill Clinton's visit in 2000, and is considered very important in the backdrop of the fall of Saddam Hossain's regime in Iraq and the current peace process in the Middle East.

Foreign Ministry sources said Powell would hold official talks with Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan where both regional and international issues of common concerns would figure prominently. The US State Department's

press notice praised Bangladesh for making solid progress in building democratic institutions and termed it as a voice of moderation in the Muslim world and a steadfast partner in the war on terrorism. Prior to coming to Bangladesh.

Colin Powell will attend a meeting in Cambodia to be organised by the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) in Phnom Penh

on June 18 and the ASEAN Post-Ministerial Conference on June 19.

In the meetings, he will discuss regional security issues and other international political and economic

After visiting Bangladesh, Powell

will travel to Jordan and attend the

World Economic Forum to discuss

the newly announced Middle East Free Trade Area and the Middle East Partnership Initiative. Powell will also participate in a number of smaller meetings with regional economic and foreign policy leaders to explore US support

ties across the Middle East. He will also meet the officials from the United Nations, European

for their efforts to expand economic

political and educational opportuni-

Union and Russia in Amman on June 22 to discuss ways of assisting Israel and the Palestinians in their efforts to end terror and violence and moving towards the goal of a peaceful two-state solution, the release added.

#### found," he said. "We ... introduced them to three The former Iragi exile renewed defectors on the weapons prohis assertion that deposed Iraqi gram," Chalabi said after a briefing leader Saddam Hussein remains here with about 30 US lawmakers holed up somewhere inside the on a range of postwar issues, "Saddam, I believe, is still alive

Chalabi said. Chalabi also renewed his charge that Saddam is one of the main instigators of continuing attacks against coalition forces in Iraq.

Chalabi said.

"I believe that a US Apache helicopter was shot down by forces who are working under Saddam's control." he said, referring to an incident earlier Thursday in which an Apache helicopter was shot down by hostile fire in western Iraq.

after the crash. "It is not useful to deny that Saddam is coordinating these activities." Chalabi said. There are leaflets in Baghdad

distributed with his picture and with

his name and slogan supporting

him, so he is active," he said.

The US military's Central

Command (Centcom) said the two-

member crew was injured shortly

Chalabi renewed his call for swift US action to establish in Iraq a pluralistic, democratic government "that will be at peace with the Iraqi people and with Iraq neighbors committed to the renunciation of weapons of mass destruction," he

source said yesterday. The small package of explo-Italy also suffers sporadic vio-

such as the Red Brigades.

Italian media reported on Friday

One killed, 8 hurt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT. Khulna

Awoman was killed and eight others were injured when a gas cylinder exploded in front of S MM Enterprise at South Central road under Khulna police station at around 11-30 am

According to police, members of

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The proposed budget should

Prof. Akash said the budget aims to please the donors. He cautioned that deregulation of large enterprises as per the donors' advice

Manzurul Ahsan said the budge has been prepared as desired by

including the pace of Iraqi reconstruction and the prospects finding

"The second one we introduced them to, he told them about the mobile biological labs," Chalabi said, referring to the trucks US officials have pointed to as proof of

The former Iraqi exile denied that "There was no hyping of informa-

There are weapons of mass destruction in Iraq and Saddam had them and he was developing them continuously," Chalabi said after a meeting with congressional leaders

"I think if there is a correct way to