# KM Hasan new CJ

and for the chief justice's position,

June 18, 2002

we will felicitate the new chief jus-Meanwhile, officials and lawyers of the Supreme Court bade a farewell to Mainur Reza Chowdhury, who was appointed chief justice on

Justice Chowdhury, who turns 65 today, urged all judges and lawyers to keep up public confidence through efficient dispensation of justice. He hoped that separation of the judiciary would take place soon.

Attorney General AF Hasan Ariff praised the outgoing chief justice's role in strengthening the judiciary while Rokanuddin said the appointment of judges, including the chief iustice, had become highly politicised after introduction of the caretaker government.

Profile of Justice Hasan

The newly appointed Chief Justice Khandaker Mahmud-ul-Hasan, known as KM Hasan, was born on January 27, 1939. His father late justice Khandaker Mohammed Hasan came from Munshiganj.

Enrolled as a Supreme Court advocate in 1963, Justice Hasan

#### RCC telephones

The remaining outstanding bills should not exceed Tk 6.5 lakh that

would be paid shortly, he said. The BTTB authorities also disconnected a number of telephone lines of government, semi-government, autonomous offices, and private users.

The list of defaulters also includes the Bangladesh Power Development Board, Bangladesh Railway Western Zone and Rajshahi Development Authority.

was elevated as a judge to the High Court in 1999 and the Appellate Division on January 20, 2002. He served as ambassador to Iraq from

He did his BA (Honours), MA and LLB in Dhaka, LLM in London and is a rrister-at-Law from Lincoln's Inn.

with different organisations, including Bangladesh Institute of Law and International Affairs and American BarAssociation.

He took part in law-related international conferences in Malaysia, Singapore, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, India, Austria and Australia.

The convoy was struck near the Iraqi border town of Qaim, while the operation involved the US air force and ground troops of the Third Armoured alry Regiment, it added.

US forces were buoyed last week by the capture of Saddam's closest aide. Abid Hamid Mahmud. the number four on the American most wanted list of former officials in the Iraqi government and military establishment.

## Siamese twins

FROM PAGE 1

Dhaka after the other boy recovers

Jesmin Begum, 24, wife of rickshaw-van puller Abdul Halim of Hasanpur village in Dumuria Khulna, gave birth to the twins on April 28 and was admitted to the Khulna IBH on May 20.

surgery, estimated at Tk 3 lakh, said the hospital superintendent, Dr

# Drugs price

keting a similar product for Tk 40.

companies are setting prices too high. All over the world manufacturers argue that high prices are needed to generate revenue to finance research for new drugs. But Dr Saidur Rahman, a professor of pharmacology at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibar Rahman Medical University, said that "Bangladeshi companies do not spend money on research. They import the raw materials and make the drugs based on formulas copied from foreign companies. So why should our poor patients pay a higher price?

Dr Zafarullah Chowdhury of Gonoshasthya Kendra pointed out that almost all new drugs on the market were "new" only in name, not in content. They were old drugs in new packages "So what is the justification of more expensive

Critics also say the prices of locally-made medicines have not fallen even though the prices of many raw materials -- mostly from India and China -- have dropped.

The President of the Bangladesh Association of Pharmaceuticals Industries. S M Shafiuzzaman.

claimed that differences in price between drugs sold in Bangladesh and those sold in India were not great, even though prices in India were government-controlled.But Diclofenac produced in India costs Tk 20 for 100 tablets compared with Tk 60 for locally produced tablets.

An Indian-made injectable Diclofenac costs Tk 2: the made-in-Bangladesh version costs Tk 5.

An Indian-made Phonoperviton injection costs Tk 12. the local one Tk 50. Indian Omiflazol tablets cost Tk 0.75 per piece: the price of a loca Omiflazol is Tk 3.75.

A pharmacy department teacher Dhaka University noted that Zantac cost 33 US cents in Bangladesh, and only 3 US cents in India and Nepal.

A degree of relief for patients will come if, as Dr Gani says will happen, the proposed changes in drug policy extend the number of "essential drugs" -- whose prices are controlled -- from the present 117 to

Academy Bhaban, Mohakhali.

The award giving ceremony of Euro-CJFB Performance Award

Mahmud Chowdhury as chief guest. Venue: Hotel Sheraton.

Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy

2002 will be held with Commerce Minister Amir Khasru

Award giving

ceremony

ľime: 5.00pm.

Recitation



Bangladesh Awami League, on the occasion of its 54th founding anniversary, organises a discussion with party chief Sheikh Hasina as chief guest. Venue: Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh. Time: 3.00pm.

Academy Film Society will screen an American film titled 'For whom the bell tolls'. Venue: 21/C, Jigatola. Time: 6.30pm.

A seminar on 'Poverty alleviation and Budget 2003-04', organised by Manusher Jonnya and Samonnoy, will be held. Venue: CIRDAP auditorium. Time: 10.00am. Roundtable

Nari Uddug Kendra organises a roundtable titled Impact assessment of female education stipend project with Education Minister Dr Osman Farruk as auditorium, Agargaon. Time: 10.00am. chief gust. Venue: LGED Bhaban

#### **SOS** programme

SOS Children's Village will hold a discussion session, prize giving ceremony and cultural function on the occasion of International SOS Children's Village Day. Venue: SOS auditorium, Shamoli. Time: 4.30pm.

#### Launching

ceremony The launching ceremony of a fortnightly magazine titled 'Energy and Power' will be held with State Minister for Energy and Mineral Resources AKM Mosharraf Hossain as chief guest. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 11.00am.

Workshop Bangladesh Insurance Academy in collaboration with Risk Survey Services Ltd of New Zealand organises a workshop on 'Practice of Survey Management'. Venue:

Justice Hasan had been involved

#### Saddam

ated upon at the central IBH in from fever, said the doctors.

The IBH will bear the cost of the

company, Acme, had started mar-

Many critics believe that the

The prices of products made by different manufacturers in Bangladesh also vary. The wholesale price of 100 Renitidin tablets is Tk 180 from Beximco, Square and Opsonin Pharmaceuticals. Zisca and Al-Amin sell the same products to the wholesaler for Tk 60-Tk 65.

#### AL discussion

Film show

organises a session of recitation by children artistes of Kendrio Kachi-Kanchar Mela. Venue: Seminar Kendrio Kachi-Kancha auditorium, Segun Bagicha Time: 6.30pm

## Seminar

Jatiya Lekhok Forum organises a seminar on 'Plassey in the present perspective'. Venue: National Press Club. Time: 4.00



#### Seminar

Bangladesh Institute of International Strategic Studies (BIISS) organises a regional seminar on 'Security of South Asia and Future of SAARC with Prime Minister Khaleda Zia as chief quest Venue: BIISS chief guest. Venue: BIISS auditorium, Old Elephant Road. Time: 11.30am.

#### Closing ceremony

The closing ceremony of a judicial The closing ceremony of a Judicial training workshop, organised by Bangladesh Institute of Law and International Affairs (BILIA), will be held with State Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Muhammad Shahiahan Omar as chief guest. Venue: BILIA auditorium, Dhanmondi. Time: 5.00pm.

### Film show

Academy Film Society will screen a feature film titled 'Mad Love'. Venue: 21/C, Jigatola. Time:

## Flag rule

cargoes at Bangladesh ports without taking waiver certificates for two

When the bill was being tabled, Awami League lawmaker Suranjit Sengupta stood up and said it would favour some particular persons and go against the country's interest. He said the bill was brought to

serve the interest of some people representing the foreign shipping If the bill were passed it would

hinder the business prospect of local ship operators, giving the foreign operators an edge over them, Suranjit said. The law is being enacted so that Bangladeshi ships would not be able

to carry local goods, observed Suranjit, requesting the minister to take back the bill. In response, the shipping minister

said the flag protection rule cannot be mplemented, as it is the foreign buyers who are to choose which shipping lines they would use for carrying goods

When the rule was enacted, there was no system of carrying goods in containers, he argued. "If we do not bring this amend-

ment, our export will face setback. he said. Akbar also assured that both local and foreign ship operators would

promised to ensure better berthing facilities for the local cargo vessels. Suranjit's objection was rejected

enjoy equal privileges. He then

#### Interns

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to die untreated at the hospital, the condition of general patients would then be unthinkable

However, Nurul Islam, director of the RMCH. said the strike was 'totally unreasonable'

Islam also claimed Dr. Sujit had died of a disease that usually kills 90

#### Toxic fertiliser

of potash (MoP) made ways into Bangladesh from the US late last year after Australia and India had refused to accept the fertilisers.

Alamgir said tipped off on possible dump of 12.000 tonnes of TSP and 18.000 tonnes of MoP. the agriculture ministry cautioned the Bangladesh Bank, National Board of Revenue, Ministry of Shipping and Chittagong Port Authority about it in May last year.

Yet after the alert, M/s Bulk Trade nternational brought 13,457 tonnes of toxic TSP at Chittagong Port on June 2. the minister said.

But after series of legal battles in the High Court and Supreme Court, unload of the cargo was rejected on February 18 this year.

On import and marketing of ndian industrial waste in the name of fertiliser, Alamgir said the agriculture ministry was putting in all efforts to check such attempts by unscrupulous traders.

#### Newsmen slam

FROM PAGE 12 The RUJ members called upon all

journalists to unite against any threat to press freedom, saying the repression of journalists is on the RUJ President Mustafizur

Rahman Khan who chaired the meeting blamed the rise in repression on journalists on the govern-President of the Rajshahi Metropolitan Press Club Dr Dayem

Uddin asked the journalists to develop professionalism in line with journalistic ethics. The Prothom Alo Rajshahi bureau chief Anu Mustafa cautioned

that a group linked to anti-Bangladesh forces was working against the press. News Editor of the local daily

Upochar Hasan Millat emphasised that any move against Bangladesh should be dealt with professional skills rather than malice. The meeting was also addressed

by, among others, Bangladesh Press Club Federation Vice-President Alamgir Kabir, Rajshahi Photojournalist Association President Shahadat Hossain Badsha, Jugantor Correspondent Samir Kumar Dey, Janakantha Correspondent Zamiul Ahsan Shipon, New Age Correspondent Humayun Kabir, Sangbad Staff Correspondent Zahangir Alam Akas, NGO activist Sarwar-e Kamal, and Anwar Ali and Abu Kalam of The Daily Star.

#### Robberies

FROM PAGE 1 often do not file cases for fear of

harassment. All the bank robberies still remain unsolved and the gangs, apparently

well-organised, remain at large. Police failed to arrest the gang members involved in the robbery of Pubali Bank branch at Rampura Razar even after the expiry of the home ministry's 48-hour deadline to

nab the criminals. Police also failed to nab the guard who robbed the same bank's

Bangabandhu Avenue branch. Holding guests hostage, robbers looted gold ornaments, jewellery and other valuables worth over Tk 27.54.500 from the house of a close relative of a former minister at Indira Road in the early hours of Saturday.



UNFPA Bangladesh Representative Suneeta Mukherjee hands the key of an ambulance at a ceremony at the IDB Bhaban in the city yesterday. The UNFPA, Bangladesh distributed four ambulances for the patients of Mother and Child

## Posh eatery gutted in Sylhet

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet** 

Fire gutted a posh restaurant in the city on Saturday midnight. Hamadan Restaurant, located in

the city's posh Al-Hamra Shopping City, was completely gutted in the fire. It started at 12:30am and continued for two hours and gutted electronic appliances including eight air-

conditioners, four fridges, one com-

puter, one colour TV and furniture and

other materials. Fire Brigade personnel in four units rushed to the spot immediately. The situation was brought under control in one and a half hours. The restaurant owners claimed the loss would be about Tk 60 to 70 lakh.

The cause of the incident could not be ascertained immediately. It might be originated from electric short circuit, Fire Brigade officials apprehended.

The prime minister described the

be passed after discussion in parlia-

ment, keeping in mind the interests

of people and the country. She said

the decision on the proposed duties

on clothes would be taken to protect

the interests of the clothes mer-

ministers and leaders of the ruling

party castigated opposition leader

Speaking on the occasion, other

Blaming the Awami League and

its leader Sheikh Hasina for the

# Khaleda goes tough

had started a vilification campaign against the government besides hatching conspiracies.

The major opposition, the prime minister said, played the role of opposition even when it was in power and that is why this party should be dubbed as a "permanent opposition'

She said the past Awami League government had spent a huge amount of money in unproductive sectors taking loans from abroad at a high rate of interest. She was also critical of spending nearly Taka 700 crore in Tungipara instead of spending the money for any other development work.

Criticising the opposition for calling frequent hartals without any issue or reason and also in violation of its earlier promise, Khaleda Zia said the recent hartal called by the opposition during the visit of Indonesian President Megawati and US Secretary of State Colin Powell was designed to create an adverse impression about Bangladesh. But the foreign dignitaries, she

said, visited Bangladesh and

returned with the impression that

Bangladesh is a liberal democratic country. The function was addressed among others by Minister for Public Works and Housing Mirza Abbas, Mayor of Dhaka City Corporation Sadeque Hossain Khoka, State

Minister for Labour and

cop killers

district on Friday night.

police returned fire.

scene of the shootout.

operatives of the gang.

hospital.

Saturday.

Moudud.

quipped Razzak.

OUR CORRESPONDENT.

Brahmanbaria police are yet to

arrest the operatives of the Jamal

Molla gang who allegedly shot dead

police havilder Mutahar Hussain

Hawlader, 50, in a firefight in the

The robbers opened fire when an

18-member police team led by

Officer-in-Charge (OC) of the Sadar

Police Station Mia Kutubur Rahman

Chowdhury hemmed in the resi-

dence of Jamal at Ghatura Purba

A member of the gang, which

The body of Mutahar was buried

The unknown robber's body was

Additional Deputy Inspector

The Superintendent of Police of

**Quorum crisis** 

General Naeem Ahmed visited the

Brahmanbaria, Abul Kalam Azad,

said police were trying to net the

sury bench for the unprecedented

delay in beginning the sitting on

because of quorum crises. The

leader of the house does not join the

session and ministers remain absent.

How will the parliament be effective?

bench alone is not responsible for

quorum crises and the opposition

should be equally blamed for it.

In reply, Moudud said the treasury

"Awami League lawmakers were

inside the parliament building on

Saturday. But they did not join the

session in time. The leader of the

opposition was also absent," said

Taking floor, Samad Azad criti-

"Moudud is an expert in speaking

Chief Whip Delwar Hossain in an

attempt to pacify the debate said

sessions are usually not held on

Saturdays. But the parliament was in

session last Saturday because of a

decision by the business advisory

cised Moudud's statement and

demanded the comments on the

on the wrong point and he does not

go by the rules of procedure,

observed Samad Azad.

opposition leader to be expunged.

"Crores of taka are being lost

kept at the morgue of the Sadar

was preparing for a raid in the neigh-

bourhood, was also killed when

at his Char Laksmipur village in

Bhola district yesterday morning.

State Minister for Health and Family Welfare Mizanur Rahman Sinha. Advisor to the Ministry of Commerce Barkatullah Bulu, and members of parliament--Salahuddin Ahmed. Nasiruddin Ahmed Pintoo and Mahi B. Chowdhury

Organised by the Islampur Clothes Merchants Association in observance of the 22nd death anniversary of the late President Ziaur Rahman, the function was presided over by Hasanuddin

A Milad Mahfil was held on the occasion and a special prayer was offered seeking divine blessings for eternal peace of Shaheed Zia's soul and for peace, progress and prosperity of the country. Begum Zia attended the special prayer. The clothes merchants of

programme every year on the occasion of the death anniversary of Ziaur Rahman. The old parts of Dhaka city were packed with people braving drizzles

Islampur organise a similar

The prime minister also criticised the immediate past mayor of Dhaka for not functioning properly. Begum Zia said the present

mayor had to bear the burden of

and inclement weather.

debt taken from the banks by his predecessor. She said the trials of all killings including the killing of Sohel would be held. Begum Zia said speedy trial courts were set up for speedy disposal of sensational cases to

Sheikh Hasina for creating law and order situation by directing her party leaders and workers to resort to destructive activities

ensure justice.

chants.

killing of Sohel and for other murders, they said the politics of Awami League was not aimed at protecting the interests of the people In his speech, Mirza Abbas said

the Awami League was spreading

terrorism throughout the country in a

planned way and campaigning to malign the country Mayor of Dhaka Sadeque Hossain Khoka said the alliance government would not relinguish power even five minutes before the expiry of its tenure. He asked the opposition leader to refrain from issuing threats to the government

and claimed that the AL was not

#### Employment Amanullah Aman, Police yet to net DB men murder: Brahmanbaria Two placed on fresh remand

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two persons, arrested in connection with the killing of two Detective Branch (DB) officials at Malibagh last month, were placed on a fresh two-day police remand vesterday. Istiaque Ahmed alias Jitu and

Khwaja Mohammad Tahsin were produced before the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court, Dhaka, after completion of a threeday remand. The two, close associates of

notorious criminal Pichchi Shamim. are also accused in a murder case filed with the Ramna Police Station. Earlier, police arrested Habibur Rahman, Abdul Alim Shahin, Saidur Rahman Bachchu, Billal Hossain and Mosharraf Hossain in connec-

tion with the murder. They are all

now in iail. But main accused Jishan

and Iftekhar are still absconding

since the killing. DB Inspector Noor-e-Alam and Sub-Inspector Mohammad Alamgir were killed in a gunfight with criminals at Hotel Sunrise in Malibagh Chowdhuripara on May 14. Safayet Hossain Upal, an alleged criminal, also died in the gunfight.

committee. So, many lawmakers

were not aware of the decision and

went to their constituency, he added.

also responsible for crises as they

wait outside the House till the quorum

is formed. It is not a good practice,"

Opposition Chief Whip Abdus

Shahid rejected the explanation and

said the parliament has become

nonfunctional because of quorum

crises. "The government is solely

responsible for it. They are covering

up their own failure by putting the

onus on the opposition," said Shahid.

Green budget

Poverty Reduce Strategy Paper

Chowdhury said brick burning

should be banned because of the

immense pollution it causes.

Professor Jamilur Reza

Abdullah Abu Syaeed of Bishwa

Sahitya Kendra, BAPA General

Secretary Abu Naser Khan.

Professor Shahidul Islam, Faruque

Khan, MP, and Ferdous Ahmed

Koreshi also spoke at the seminar.

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(PRSP)

"The opposition lawmakers are

## capable of facing the BNP in the Judgement in Fahima rape, suicide case

today BSS, Dhaka

The Speedy Trial Tribunal-3 will teenage girl Fahima rape and suicide case today.

Judge Jahangir Alam Mollah will

deliver the verdict at about 12 pm in

presence of the accused Suman, Nasir and Halim who are now in jail custody. Fahima, 13, committed suicide at her Tolarbagh residence in Mirpur on March 3, 2003 after she was raped by

the accused. Suman, one of the accused, called Fahima out of her residence on the day and took her to an underconstruction building of one Sardar Keramat at Tolarbagh where she was

After returning home she committed suicide by hanging herself with a ceiling fan. Abdul Jabbar, father of the victim filed a case under Women and Children Repression and Prevention

Act, a day after the suicide accusing Suman, Nasir and Halim with Mirpur police station on March 4 2002 Police submitted charge sheet to Chief Metropolitan Magistrate

(CMM) Court on March 16, 2002. The tribunal recorded statements of 13 witnesses in the case since May,

## Bangladesh

FROM PAGE 12 Bangladesh, who have lost 18 of

their 19 previous Tests with the other being drawn thanks to rain, will be seeking a morale-boosting performance under Whatmore. The high-performance coach,

who led Sri Lanka to the 1996 World

Cup title, had an extensive 18-day

camp at the Bangladesh Krira Shikkha Protisthan (BKSP) and the Bangabandhu National Stadium. The 49-year-old however cautioned against over-expectation and said that he would be happy to see an improvement in individual skills

rather than thinking of the results in

Australia BANGLADESH SQUAD: Khaled Mahmud (captain), Habibul Bashar, Al-Shahriar, Hannan Sarker, Javed Omar, Mohammad Ashraful, Alok Kapali, Sanwar Hossain, Khaled Mashud (wicketkeeper) Mohammad Rafique, Manjarul Islam, Tapas Baishya, Mashrafeebin Mortaza, Tareq Aziz Khan and

Anwar Hossain. Dav Whatmore (coach), Lt. Col. (retd) MA Latif (manager), John Gloster (physio), Dean Woodford (trainer) and Nasir Ahmed (computer analyst).

# Hired goons killed JCD leader, cop probe says

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Hit men killed Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) leader Imam Hossain Sohel, police said yesterday, quoting the preliminary finds of an investigation without going into details.

But law enforcers are yet to arrest the killers of Sohel, who was shot dead Saturday noon in Paikpara over an apparent rivalry.

Sohel, coming back home from South Korea, secured the position of JCD city (north) unit assistant organising secretary and came into conflict with other party leaders after he was handpicked for the Mirpur thana JCD unit president.

Locals said his rivalry got a sharp edge after he was given several construction permits for Mirpur. Three days before his death, Sohel slapped Jobber, a contractor, they said. proposed budget as a good one and

Sohel sought protection from said the budgetary proposals would police but his request went unheeded complained family members.

His father Ali Mia Talukder filed a case with the Mirpur Police Station on Saturday night, mentioning only that some unidentified men killed his

### AL to observe

FROM PAGE 12 Hasina urged people to launch a movement against the BNP-Jamaat

alliance government. Terming the government "autocratic and fascist" she said her party members would no more tolerate the killings, repression and threat on party workers

AL General Secretary Abdul Jalil, Observer), Mohammad Shahjalal Mia (Ittefaq), Mohammad Enamul in statement yesterday, urged all the leaders and workers of the party to observe the day. (Sangbad), and Tapan Chandra

## Jewllery shop

open it on Saturday as shops in the market remain closed on that day.

Police visited the place yester-

day and detained 12 guards of the

market for interrogation. Police said burglars could have committed the crime in connivance with the guards of the market and

Tajul Islam lodged a case with

the Ramna Police Station in this connection In another incident at Mirpur Majar Road, thieves took away gold ornaments, cash and other valu-

the employees of the shop.

house in the early hours yesterday. Police said six thieves entered the house of one Enamul Haq cutting the grill of the kitchen at around 2:00am.

They took away Tk 20,000, 17

tola of gold and other valuables.

report at 10:00 last night.

A case was filed with Mir

Police Station in this connection but

none was arrested till writing of this

Sultan Mahmud(Ittefaq), Khokan Chandra Das (The Daily Star), Mustafizur Rahman (Sangram), ABM Humayun Kabir (Sangram), ables worth Tk 1.6 lakh from a Mintu Bhushon Roy (Sangbad), Khalilur Rahman (Ittefaq), Abdul

Rob Howladar (Observer).

Mohammad Abu Sufian (Observer)

Mohammad Rahimullah Manik

(Observer), Anwar Hossain

(Sangram) Mohammad Shahidul

Islam Molla (The Daily Star), Sharif

The election was held at the

(Ittefaq) - cultural secretary.

Makhul Hossain (Itte Uddin Khan (Sangbad).

National Press Club recently

# ETV licence

FROM PAGE 1 Court order that declared illegal the licence for terrestrial transmission.

cies and issue a licence in favour of the petitioner. The ETV filed an application before the BTRC chairman on June 6 seeking licence to broadcast programmes through satellite transmission. But the BTRC rejected the application saying that

since the Supreme Court dismissed

the ETV's review petition, there is no

However, the court refused a

stay of the BTRC order and directed

the government to grant frequen-

scope to consider the application. Former law minister Advocate Abdul Matin Khasru, on behalf of the petitioner, submitted that the refusal of licence to the ETV was discriminatory and a violation of fundamental rights.

said that there was no bar on issuance of fresh licence. He argued that the ntv, a new

He informed the court that Prime Minister's Political Secretary Mosaddeg Ali and State Minister for Home Lutfuzzaman Babar were the real owners of NTV.

By November 30, the draft will be placed before the health ministry and the donors for approval. The draft framework will explain how performance of the NGOs

Chairman Moniruddin Ahmed,

the market.

Referring to the Poverty Reduction Strategy Programme (PRSP), Saifur said improvements in all sectors are necessary to

paraphernalia to go into immediate operation should be denied when the ntv was granted licence?" the

granted licence and it goes on air or

July 3. "Why the ETV that has all the

Khosru termed the government action 'politically motivated' and said the ntv was floated with the blessings of 'Hawa Bhaban'.

## Health services

FROM PAGE 12

counsel asked.

would be monitored and include details of manpower, equipment and supplies required for service

properly, the loan installments will

the state of share market. The report

noted that barring a few exceptions,

the capital market was behaving

normally. But the market did not pick

up as expected because of several

reasons including the negative

The SEC took a critical view of

The SEC presented a report on

# Capital market

Sonali Bank Managing Director (MD) Rabiul Hossain, Janata Bank MD Murshid Kuli Khan, ICB MD Ziaul Hag Khandker participated. among others, in the discussion.

SEC should be restructured, the audit institutions strengthened and the Company Act amended to spur

#### the companies not giving dividends and not holding annual general meetings. Share prices of cement companies and banks, two most lucrative

sectors, did not live up to the billing. This was because of over-capacity in cement production and the banks increasing capital by issuing right and bonus shares, which reduced the net worth of their shares.

#### He told the court that the Supreme Court had categorically private satellite channel, was delivery.

stop," he said.

### implement the programme "If we failed to implement it

After the meeting, Saifur told journalists that steps should be taken to rejuvenate the share mar-The finance minister said the

He said the SEC should be scrutinised to ascertain whether it was capable of protecting the rights of the shareholders.

international situation.

shootout, is under treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital. Landslide snaps

> Ctg-Rangamati roadlink for 6 hrs

Siraj Biswas, a rickshaw puller

also bullet-injured in Saturday's

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg Landslides caused by torrential rainfall snapped road communication between Chittagong and Rangamati for six hours till 12:00pm

Police informed that landslides had taken place at a number of places beside the highway from Ghagra point. Consequently, it was blocked from 6:00am yesterday

causing traffic disruption, they said. Army personnel were deployed to clear off the mud and communication was partially restored after noon, witnesses said.

# New BNEF

executives STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Matiur Rahman Talukdar (Jalil) of

the Ittefaq and Khairul Islam of the

Sangram were elected president

and secretary general of

Bangladesh Newspaper

Employees Federation (BNEF) for

Das (The Daily Star) were elected

(Ittefaq), and Mohammad Ali (Ob-

server) were elected joint secretary

Devendranath Majumdar

(Sangbad) treasurer, Nazrul Islam

The Daily Star)- organising secre-

tary, Khandaker Mujibur Rahman

(Ittefaq)- office secretary, Tanvir

Hossain (Sangram)- publicity

secretary, and Ziaul Huda Ujja

The executive members are

Mohammad Shahjahan Talukder

The other office bearers are

vice presidents.

Mohammad Salimuddin Selim

(Sangram), Abdul Kadir