Fakers take gloss One killed FROM PAGE 1 off FBCCI polls

M SHAMSUR RAHMAN

Like in the previous years, voters belonging to fake trade bodies with dubious records and even nonbusinessmen participated in Monday's elections to the apex trade body.

As many as 30 votes were cancelled in the election of the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) this time.

These votes were cancelled on a number of grounds including weird signs and initials of voters on ballot papers, instead of simple cross marks against the names of candidates

Of the votes cancelled, seven were from the Chamber group and 23 from the Association group.

Every A-class chamber has six votes and B-class four, while an Aclass association has five votes and a B-class three.

Business sources said the trade bodies whose votes were cancelled are mostly fake ones having no links with any sort of business and are registered with false identity and addresses.

These votes are usually sold ahead of the election to candidates paying maximum amounts.

Talking to The Daily Star, FBCCI Election Board Chairman Anisuzzaman said this time they tried to make the polls easier for the voters and he did not find any

in casting votes.

"This year the ballot papers bore photos of candidates with clear instructions on how to cast a vote," he pointed out.

Anisuzzaman said it was surprising to see the standard of voters. "These voters do not have the minimum qualification to vote in the election of the apex trade body."

Some business leaders found it difficult to understand how the businessmen could make such mistakes while casting votes.

Election sources said the ballot papers bearing weird signs and marking led many to believe that those who cast these votes were not businessmen but drivers or servants who were told to cast vote for a person having a ballot number or

"But the poor fellows forgo whether to cross or tick the ballot papers and made a mess by giving their initials," was how a businessman interpreted the strange marks on the ballot papers.

The Election Board chairman said the election body only checks the papers and allows publication of the voter list, which complies with relevant rules. "We really cannot stop a voter, even if we have doubts about his authenticity, as long as he has his papers right," he added.

Held outlaw man

killing squad had six members who were present at the spot in two groups

The other arrestees are Ripon Sheikh, Shaheen Molla, Mahmudur Rahman Suman, Rezwan Molla, Abdur Razzak and Rajib Sarder. Of them, three were placed on a threeday remand.

Police said three out of the seven arrestees are members of outlawed groups. "We are questioning them," the OC said. He replied in the negative when asked whether the ruling BNP could be involved in the killing.

A sawn-off gun, four live cartridges and ingredients for making bombs and leaflets of the Purbo Banglar Communist Party (PBCP-Janajuddha) have also been recov-

In another development, Joint Secretary of Khulna district Awami League Ashrafuzzaman Babul survived an attempt on his life by outlaws at noon on Monday while he was returning home at Icegati union of Rupsha upazila.

According to eyewitnesses and sources, a group of 10 armed cadres of the PBCP-Tapan hurled a powerful bomb at him. But the bomb missed him by a few inches as he quickly took cover at Jahanabad Salt Industry. Two roadside shops were blown up in the explosion that rocked the entire area. The Al leader filed a general diary with the Rupsha Police Station.

Meanwhile. AL chief Sheikh Hasina went to Khulna Medical College Hospital (KMCH) yesterday to see Bijon Bihari who was seriously injured in the bomb blasts while accompanying the slain leader in a rickshaw. Hasina enquired about his condition from the attending doctors. The doctors told her that the injured advocate was still not out of danger.

Abdullah Al Mamun Jami, 28, the youngest son of the slain AL leader,

filed a case at 12:30am on Monday with the Kotwali Police Station accusing no one

"I won't allow anyone to politicise the killing of my father, though pressure is there to do so," Jami told

His elder brother Rumi, 30, attended a condolence meeting at Shahid Hadi Park vesterday morning. Rumi also refused to blame any political party for the murder. Rather. he urged people to pray for the peace of the departed soul. "I appeal to you to offer special prayers seeking the mercy of the Almighty so that the soul of my father may rest in peace," Rumi

Meherunnessa Begum, wife of Imam, also requested the Al leaders not to make the murder a politi-

Khulna district and city units of the Awami League have announced a 20-day programme to protest the murder. The programme includes hoisting of black flags, wearing of black badges, Milad Mehfil, protest rallies in the city and all upazila, and prayers at all mosques, temples and churches. The Al has already called a davlong hartal in the city on Augus 30 and will also submit a memorandum to the deputy commissioner (DC) and the police commissioner. The 20-day condolence programme ends on September 12.

Lawyers of Satkhira Bar Association skipped courts yesterday to protest the murder. The lawyers also took out a big procession in the town.

Meanwhile, Imam was laid to rest yesterday at his family graveyard at Bovra, Khulna, Thousands of people attended his burial.

Normalcy was returning to the city a day after life was disrupted by an outbreak of violence following

Simon, friend freed

tenant of a mess owned by Simon's family, and Helal had their active role in the abduction

down Joynal, a supplier of electric equipment in Pahartali, who is accused of hiring yesterday's arrestees for keeping watch on Simon and Sanjoy in hostage. A team from Double Mooring

Police are now trying to track

Police Station raided the Biswa Colony area in Khulshi upazila, close to the border of Sitakunda and seven to eight kilometres off Dhaka-Chittagong Highway. The team rescued Simon and

Sanjoy, both 17, unhurt from a thatched house at 5:30am and nabbed the five abductors with a gun and two knives.

The arrestees are Naushad alias Rubel, 24, son of Abdul Mannan of Musapur in Sandwip; Jalaluddin, 22, son of Jamaluddin of Daudkandi in Comilla; Mizanur Rahman, 18, son of late Ali Haider of Sripur in Magura; Nazrul Islam, 23, son of late Nabalak Miah of

son of late Shukkur Miah of Ulchapara in Brahmanbaria. Police arrived with Simon and Sanjoy at their residences in the city's Moulvipara area in Agrabad

Khulshi in Chittagong and Kalu. 25.

at 6:30am. Simon's father Rafiq Miah and mother Nasima Begum, and Sanjoy's father Tapan Kumar Dev and mother Laxmi Rani Dev

sobbed out their emotions to jour-

nalists

"I feel relieved...thank God," said Rafiq. Sanjoy's parents had similar expressions.

The five kidnappers claimed to be innocent and disclosed the names of the masterminds behind the abduction, while speaking to The Daily Star.

According to their claims, Rubel is a transport worker, Kalu a rickshaw-puller, Nazrul a shoe-shop employee, Mizan a night guard and Jalal a garment worker.

They alleged Joynal employed them to guard the two students in captivity and Mostaq and Helal, now in Bandar police custody, worked as mediators in the abduction to extract a ransom on behalf of Joynal

"Joynal told us his relationship with one of his cousins got strained and he wanted to punish him by kidnapping. He requested us to guard Simon and Sanjoy and gave us Tk 500 each a day for working for him." said one of the arrestees.

Mostag and Helal admitted that they were Shibir activists in the past and still have links with the Islamic student organisation, but denied their involvement in the abduction.

Mostaq, 24, is a student of economics in Chittagong College and Helal a third year student of West Chal Madrassah in Chatari in wara upazila.

Simon and Sanjoy set out to attend a wedding party last Wednesday and slipped into the hands of the abductors.

They said four armed indigenous youths attacked the rally, leaving four seriously injured. Angry protesters chased the attackers. The incident was followed by torching of 54 houses in nearby areas like Babu Para, Tila Para and Shamil Para.

A mob later attacked Lamuchhar village, two kilometres from the place of the occurrence.

An elderly villager, Binod Bihari Kkisha, who tried to pacify the feuding groups, was beaten up by the mob. He died from injuries on way to hospital. Some 60 houses were set afire during the attack on Lamuchhari village.

Mumbai cops

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December 2001 which left 15 people dead and brought India and Pakistan close to war.

Deputy Prime Minister Lal Krishna Advani said Monday the banned Students Islamic Movement of India (SIMI) working with Laskar could be behind the blasts.

The Islamic group is a shadowy network of Muslim youth fanatically opposed to India's official secularism, according to officials.

Cancun meet FROM PAGE 12

Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury at his secretariat office yesterday

Executive Director of the Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) Dr Debapriva Bhattacharva handed over the letter that underscored the need for a collective stand by all to face challenges and overcome Representatives from Oxfam

Consumers International, EU-LDC Network, Switzerland-based SEATINI, SAWTEE and CPD sianed the letter.

The WTO ministerial conference s going to be held in the Mexican city of Cancun from September 10

The letter referred to the LDC trade ministers' Dhaka declaration and the international civil society forum declaration of six nongovernment organisations that preceded the trade ministers' meetng here on May 29-30. Terming the Dhaka declaration

excellent, powerful and comprehensive', the civil society organisations urged the LDC ministers "to stay on course and not abandon the united position." They also urged the trade minis-

ters to work with civil society groups n their respective countries in facing the WTO-related challenges. The letter also called upon the ministers to incorporate the con-

cerns in the Dhaka declaration of the international civil society forum in the LDCs' official position at the Cancun conference.

It referred to the obstacles that the developed countries are creating to frustrate the positive achievements of the earlier Doha declaration and said only a united stand will

Peshawar Test

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show than what they did in Karachi Pakistan coach Javed Miandad also brushed aside the weather factor saying that his boys have been brought up in these conditions.

The champion batsman of vestervears said that the Karachi pitch equally helped Bangladesh and Pakistan and that was why the game lasted five days. But he was looking forward to a clinical performance from his charges and a finish nside four days in Peshwar.

"I expect the boys to be more serious than they were in Karachi

Bangladesh have made two changes in the team. Middle-order Sanwar Hossain and right arm medium pacer Tapas Baishya have been dropped from the squad that played in Karachi. Mohammad Ashraful, the 19-year old middle order batsman, and 22-vear-old pace bowler Alamgir Kabir have been included in the playing eleven in their places.

squad that played in the first Test. The home side is looking to

mprove their record in Peshawar where they lost their previous two Test matches against Zimbabwe and Sri Lanka. Zimbabwe beat Pakistan by

seven wickets in November 1998 while Sri Lanka handed them a 57run defeat when Test cricket was last played here in March 2000. The match will be televised live

on TEN Sports starting from 11am Bangladesh Standard time. TEAMS

Bangladesh: Khaled Mahmud (captain), Javed Omar, Hannan Sarkar, Habibul Bashar Mohammad Ashraful, Rajin Saleh Khaled Mashud, Alok Kapali, Mohammad Rafique, Mashrafeebin-Mortuza and Alamgir Kabir. Pakistan: Rashid Latif (captain),

Taufeeq Umar, Mohammad Hafeez, Yasir Hameed, Inzamamul Haque, Yousuf Youhana, Misbahul Haque, Danish Kaneria, Shoaib Akhter, Shabbir Ahmed and Umar

Umpires: Steve Bucknor (West Indies) and Russell Tiffin (ZimbaJoypurhat gunfight

3 cops suspended, 14 showcaused

Three policemen were suspended and 14 others served with showcause notices in Joypurhat vesterday for negligence duty during the August 15 gunfight between police and extremists at Uttar Moheshpur village.

Officials said the three suspended policemen are those who lost their weapons to the militants of the outlawed Jama'atul Mujahidin in the pre-dawn gun battle. The 14 others including a senior

police official were asked to explain n seven days why tough action would not be taken against them for failure to discharge their duties

investigation report by a five-member committee headed by Additional Police Superintendent ABM Shawkat Ali, police sources said.

. Two other officials, the officer-incharge (OC) of Khetlal Police Station -- which covers the scene of the gun battle -- and the OC of Joypurhat Sadar Police Station were served with similar notices and both submitted their statements pending actions by authorities.

The OC of the Sadar Police Station led the police raid, when he was injured along with five other policemen, while the OC of Khetlal refrained from taking part in the operation defying an order of the district police chief.

Robbery bid

single-barrel breach-loading (SBBL) gun from the guards and confined the 22 officials and 15 clients to a small dining space

But, as they were herding the officials and clients into the dining space, Branch Manager Anwar Hossain pressed the alarm. The robbers, unaware of the alarm fronting the road, chopped guard Abdur Rahim in the left hand and shoulder with sharp weapons and hit Shahabuddin, the other guard, in the head with a

Hearing the alarm, several businessmen and locals rushed to the bank. But the gang got down fast and left in the microbus parked in front of

The gang also broke the glass door of the cash counter. "But no money is missing," one bank official said.

"While the robbers were getting in the microbus, I ran into them at the stairs and one of them took away my gold chain," said Mohammad Hossain, a local businessmen and bank client. "The gang took away my mobile

phone and disconnected all telephone ines," the bank manager said. During the 10-minute raid, the gang

also took away five mobile phones from the officials and customers. Amobile police team also rushed to the spot on hearing the alarm. The businessmen who took down the number of the microbus gave it to

Police later seized the microbus and arrested its driver, Abdur Rab, from in front of the BTTB office in

48-hour hartal called in Khulna from today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

The Greater Khulna Development Action Coordination Commit called a 48-hour hartal in Khulna from today to press for its demands.

The demands include reopening of all laid-off jute mills, newsprint and hardboard mills, saving Mongla port and the Sundarbans from being ruined, completion of underconstruction Khulna airport, supply of gas through pipeline and construction of bridge on the Padma at

Meanwhile, the Patkal and Sutakal Sramik Karmachari Sangram Parishad has expressed its solidarity with the programme. All political parties including four-

party alliance have also extended support to the hartal call.

Eskaton, while it was going towards Ramna Police Station. Police also seized the lethal weapons used in the robbery from the microbus.

Police quoting the driver said the gang hired him from Madaripur. "The gang members got down from the microbus at different points of Eskaton." Rab was quoted by police as saying.

Police later found the SBBL gun abandoned in the bank and recovered the shotgun from the guards' changeroom. Guard Rahim was admitted to

Dhaka Medical College Hospital while

Shahabuddin was released after first

"I was in the toilet when I sensed the presence of unwanted people. said Rahim. He saw the gang was beating Shahabuddin, a hired guard of the elite force. Rahim said he was in a position to shoot the robbers from his

shotgun but did not dare. Deputy Commissioner of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, south zone, Khan Sayeed Hasan said the robbers were heading towards the vault after confin ing the officials and customers but locals foiled the attempt.

Police did not let journalists enter the bank for one and a half hours after the incident.

A case was filed with Ramna Police Station, but none of the robbers could be arrested till last evening

NSU student feared drowned in Bay: Search on for body

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Cox's

Police and relatives yesterday were searching for the body of Shawkat an 18-vear-old BBA student of Dhaka's North South University (NSU), feared drowned in the Bay after he was swept away by receding tides while bathing on the beach here on Mondav.

Sources said Shawkat had got stuck into a quicksand at around 2:00pm before being pulled into the deep waters by a strong current.

Rescuers from Yasir Lifeguard managed to save Shawkat's two friends, Himel, 22, and Nipun, 20, who were also bathing on the

The only son of Azizul Akbar, general manager (Operations) of Bangladesh Krishi Bank head office, Shawkat came to Cox's Bazar on an excursion along with several of his NSU classmates.

The victim's body could not be found till 6:00pm yesterday.

Terrorist den

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tion after three indigenous youths were abducted by the Arakan rebels Friday, two of whom were later The troops pinpointed the camp in

the thick forest surrounded by hills at Ruangchhari, some 10km off Bandarban town, and cordoned it off "It was a very risky operation and any mistake would have alerted the terrorists," said a soldier who took

thick that vision could stretch hardly 20 yards. "We were there for four days and very slowly moved deeper and deeper, trying to pin down the camp," said a policeman. "Only Monday night at around 10 could we be 100 per cent sure of their location. And suddenly, the terrorists also sensed

part in the attack. "The foliage was so

The silence of the tar-black night was all of a sudden shattered as the rebels opened fire on the troops. "Suddenly all hell broke loose,"

our presence.

leaves. We also pulled the trigger." After about 35 minutes of engagement, the rebels gave up and started pulling back into the hills. The troops chased them, but found it difficult because of the darkness and forest. "When we suddenly came

Economy FROM PAGE 12

mercial banks for term deposits. An important element, which determines interest rates for term deposits, is the rates of government bonds, which are the highest in South Asia, it said. "The Bangladesh Bank offers 10

per cent interest on treasury bills of a five-year tenure, which is 5.18 per cent in India and 4.29 per cent in Pakistan.' Law and order uncertainty and increased activities of hoodlums

Ctq today to buck up rescue

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Shahudul Huq is expected to reach Chittagong today in a bid to speed up the ongoing operation to rescue the Uddin Ahmed Chowdhury. The IGP is scheduled to visit

Fatikchhari where Jamal is believed to be held hostage, official sources said. Meanwhile, the augmentation of

police carrying out a non-stop operation with the assistance of the BDR, 28 district policemen were posted at the camp set up on Friday at Kanchan Nagar of Fatikchhari.

different parts of Fatikchhari and adjoining areas. Jamal was abducted while return-

6-yr-old girl raped in Kushtia

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

A 6-year-old girl was raped at village Chithlia in Mirpur upazila in the district on Monday night.

the Mirpur Health Complex. Police said, one Mafizul Islam alias Bishu, son of Mihir Uddin of the village called the girl, daughter of a poor peasant to his room to give her guava at about 8:30pm. When she went to his room, Bishu raped the

Family members found the girl seriously bleeding while the culprit managed to flee. They rushed the girl to Mirpur Health Complex

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youngest son of businessman Rafiq Miah.

going on until they were confined to a thatched house in the outlying area and pressured for ransom. He accused Kazi Helaluddin, elder brother of Kazi Mostaq, a

tenant of a mess owned by his

"On Wednesday morning, Hela

arrived in a place far from the city and were held hostage. We saw the five arrestees today (Tuesday)." "In daytime, the abductors took us to

"The abductors pressured us to give the ransom they demanded and kept contact with their leaders

bread, rice and vegetables. We were starving," said Sanjoy, with his parents around. "If your father doesn't oblige, we

HC judge

FROM PAGE 1 judge. Fazle Kabir is the only one who has been appointed from judicial cadre. Tafazzul Islam superseded

Justice Syed Amirul Islam to

become an Appellate Division judge. The Appellate Division post became vacant on August 23 with the retirement of Justice Abu Sayeed Ahmmed.

urged the government to ensure that Amirul gets an Appellate Division appointment in the next opportunity. But the government turned a deaf ear to the plea.

the Appellate Division. ance did not confirm services of 15

the High Court level

IGP goes to

Inspector General of Police (IGP)

forces and strengthening of the rescue operation could not free Jamal, also a BNP leader, 33 days into his abduc-In addition to the huge contingent of

The contingent and district police, led by Miah Md Lutfur Rahman, deputy commissioner of Chittagong Metropolitan Police, have been raiding

ing to his city residence at Chandgaon

The girl is now fighting for life at

girl pressing a piece a cloth round

Harrowing

Both were hoodwinked by a gang

(Simon) family, of trapping them

and asked me to see him in the Colonel Hat area for important talks about my admission. I took Sanjoy with me and went there only to be abducted by the gang of 12. Helal was among them.

different places on the hills and allowed

by phone. Sanjoy came up with the same litany of experience. "They gave us meagre breakfast and lunch --

will take kidneys out of your body and sell them for money," an abduc-

The issue became a talk of the town on June 23 when the govern-

additional judges appointed during the Awami League rule on a two-

Hasina in Khulna

Action Coordination Committee to

nals withdrawn

Hasina said.

pay heavily

Mannujan Sufian.

ants in Khulna city on Monday.

But, the execution of the verdict

against the killers of Bangabandhu

Operation Clean Heart and the

Operation Spider Web in the south-

western region were directed

against leaders of the AL and its

front organisations, and not against

failed to achieve 100 per cent suc-

cess in this regard. But there was no

lack of sincerity to curb crimes,'

"While in power, of course we

Referring to the role of law

enforcers, the opposition leader

blamed police for giving protection

to criminals sheltered by the BNP-

Jamaat alliance. "You will have to

Presided over by city AL vice-

president Yunus Ali, the condolence

meeting was also addressed by.

among others, former agriculture

minister Motia Chowdhury, presid-

ium member Abdul Mannan, former

state minister Talukdar Abdul

Khalegue and former lawmaker

observe the countrywide dawn-to-

dusk hartal tomorrow and in Khulna

on August 30 called by her party

mainly to protest the murder of

mam. "I call upon you to dislodge

the BNP-Jamaat government by

intensifying the movement to realise

your legitimate rights and live in

support to the 48-hour hartal in

greater Khulna starting today at the

call of Greater Khulna Development

She also extended her party's

peace and security." she added.

Hasina also urged people to

for this crime," she

and abroad, the AL chief said.

spent his life in austerity.

press home its demands Paying rich tributes to Imam, the Earlier, soon after arriving in AL chief said he was a 'political Khulna from Tungipara, Hasina saint'. His murder will not go unchalwent to the residence of the slain AL lenged since he was a dedicated leader. She saw his body, consoled politician and a pious man who had his bereaved wife, sons and daughters and prayed for salvation of the

Hasina recalled his qualities both departed soul. She also pledged to as a politician and a lawyer.

the family members that Imam's She warned the government not spirit of sacrifice will be upheld in to frame her party men in false politics.

cases to protect the killers of Imam. Hasina was told that The AL chief said 24,000 murrickshawpuller Shaheed, 30, who ders have been committed across was also killed in the bomb blasts by the country in the last 22 months the killers of Imam, had begged and cases against 53,000 workers them with his hands folded not to and leaders of the BNP and crimishoot the AL leader. This had enraged the killers and they hurled a

Sheikh Mujibur Rahman is being delayed 'with an ill motive'. Rather, FBCCI dances Khaleda Zia is rewarding the killers by offering lucrative jobs both home FROM PAGE 12 She thought the countrywide of Bangladesh Textile Mills

> post of president. Under the changed electoral system, 24 directors have been elected, 12 each from chamber and association groups.

Association who had earlier

announced his candidature for the

Mintoo-led panel bagged 11 directors while his key rival panel led by Abdul Matlub Ahmad got only one n the chamber group.

In the association group, Mintoo managed only one director while Matlub bagged nine and A Rouf Chowdhury-led panel got two. Sources said all the elected

panel steals their support. Meanwhile, Matlub, who was actively supported by the high-ups of main opposition Awami League, at a press conference yesterday said there is a possibility for him of not being elected FBCCI president

Bangladesh Cement Manufacturers Association. The Nitol Group Chairman becoming FBCCI president. He,

25 political murders

Communist leader Ratan Sen was stabbed to death in front of the district police superintendent's office at 8.30am on July 31, 1992. On September 20, 1993, Chhatra Shibir cadres Munshi Abdul Hamid, Sheikh Rahman Ali and Amanullah were killed in a gunbattle with the activists of the Jativatabadi Chhatra Dal

was gunned down on February 2. 1995. It was followed by the murder of city JCD secretary Abul Kalam Azad on February 26. BNP leader and former Khulna City Corporation deputy mayor khtiaruddin Bablu and Jatiya Party leader and former president of Khulna

Chamber Sheikh Abul Kashem were gunned down on August 22, 1994 and April 25, 1995 respectively. The driver of Abul Kashem was also shot dead on the same day. Chhatra Shibir leader Abul

Kashem Pathan was gunned down

by JCD activists on the City College

campus on October 23, 1994.

Chhatra League leader Anwar

Hossain Kamal was shot dead at

hacked to death on the night of October 18, 1998 at Sher-e- Bangla Road, while Jubo Dal leader Babul

Hossain and Zahiruddin Panna were gunned down on January 30 and March 26, 1999, respectively Awami League leader FM Siraj and Sramik League leader Manik Mia were beaten to death by angry workers inside People's Jute Mills at halishnur on January 10, 2000, Al mayoral candidate SMA Rob was gunned down at 1.30pm on August

Rashid was gunned down in front of nis residence on April 14, 2001. The vice president of Khulna district AL, Sarder Abdur Razzak

was gunned down in front of his

residence at Roypara on August 4,

2001. AL leader Hasan Tarafder was

killed at Daulatpur on September

Mars encounter

FROM PAGE 12 56 million kilometres (35 million miles) apart -- about the closest they

many weeks. It currently outshines any other celestial body except the moon and venus.

It will be a treat even with the Skywatchers in Bangladesh will

The Deshjure Mangal Utsah Committee has organised a discussion on mars at the Buet (Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology) auditorium at 4:00pm.

Association, and National Science

at 6:30pm today at the National

have been kept at a "secured place" to ensure that none from the riva

candidates of Mintoo-led pane

despite getting highest votes. Matlub was elected director with the highest 508 votes in the association group polls as a candidate from

blamed the reformed electoral process for blocking his way to however, said he would work in the new committee for the betterment of the business community, even if he

Central vice president of the JCD Wahiduzzaman Chanchal was

was shot dead on November 3. Jubo League leaders Anwar Awami I eague leader and ward commissioner Moslemuddin Khan

> 11 2000 in front of his residence Jubo League leader Shafiqui Islam Liton was shot dead on February 1, 2001, when he was being taken back to Khulna Central Jail by police from court. Awami League leader Sarder Haroon-ar-

as the brightest object in the sky. orange object in the night sky for

The event will be a feast for astronomers who, with a small telescope, will be able to pick out surface details on the planet such as its southern ice cap.

different organisations have taken preparations to make the best of the spectacular sighting.

Mars will be shown through three elescopes from the Buet ground from 8:00pm. The Bangladesh Astronomical

and Technology Museum will camp at the Agargaon area for skywatchers to A three-day programme including science quiz competition for school children, seminar, film festival begins

28-29 for the mars enthusiasts Looking south at midnight from August 27-30, mars should appear

orbit while mars takes a more elliptical path around the star. This means mars passes closer to earth than usual at various times.

Nazrul became the idol for the poets of the later periods for his enormous contribution to the Bangla literature after Rabindranath Tagore.

yearning for independence among the people during the British rule. Different socio-cultural organisations have taken up programmes with

a view to paying tribute to the National

Bangla Academy will hold a discussion as well as recitation and musical programmes on the occasion at the Nazrul Manch' of the Academy today.

Nazrul Institute has organised a weeklong programme at Kabi Bhaban in Dhanmondi. It will hold discussion and cultural programme at the Institute auditorium at 5:00pm today where State Minister for Cultural Affairs

Nazrul Institute will place wreath today at the Mazar of the National Poet at 7:00am.

and wrap up the match in four days." said Miandad.

Pakistan have retained the same

the army man said of the moment of the attack. "Bullets whistled past us. hitting the trees, shredding down

> bumped into a group of the terrorists, there was no time or room for gunfight. It was too close an encounter to use weapons and we had to use our fists in a hand-to-hand combat, described the policeman.

But all but one of the rebels managed to flee away, taking most of the arms and ammunition with them.

"The operation was a daring one

and a nefarious group of criminals

was busted," Mohammad Nazibur

Rahman, superintendent of police in

Bandarban, told The Daily Star.

Sources said the rebels might once have belonged to the Arakan Liberation Party, Arakan Army and National United Party of Arakan. They recently stationed in Bandarban town and recruited some local youths to create a terrorist cartel to extort tolls on river routes and

roads. The group also abducted six

persons in July and August for ran-Sources said the joint forces are now raiding other areas of the hills, looking for more such terrorist

year term. often in close nexus with politicians also put a brake on economic activities, it noted.

appointments to 27 new judges at

A case has been filed but police could not arrest Bishu till filing of this report yesterday evening.

and did not understand what was

came to my house with one Joynal whom I met for the first time and assured me of admission to the Government Mohsin College. "Later in the day, Helal called me

"The gang tied and blindfolded us and shoved us into a microbus. After a few hours of journey we

us to stay overnight in a house. It continued six days," Simon said.

tor was quoted as saying.

Only on July 12, Amirul Islam was superseded by Justice MM Ruhul Amin in the Appellate Division. That incident touched off widespread resentment among lawyers, who demanded an end to the superseding affair. They also

ment had appointed the chief justice by superseding two senior judges in Coming to power in October 2001, the BNP-led four-party alli-

The government has so far given

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see mars.

Science and Technology Museum at A huge telescope will be readv from 8:00pm to midnight on August

Khalishpur on August 18, 1998. 13, 2001.

Mars has been visible as a bright Earth has a more-or-less circular

naked eye but could provoke a crop of spurious UFO sightings. also share the world enthusiasm as

His poem 'Bidrohi' played a significant role in arousing patriotism and an

Nazrul

Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy will also hold a discussion and cultural programme to mark the day.

Begum Selima Rahman will be present as the chief quest.