# The Baily Star



#### APP, Islamabad

Election Commission of Pakistan has asked the members of the Parliament and provincial assemblies to submit statements of assets and liabilities with the Commission by September 30.

According to Election Commission sources, it is mandatory for every member of the parliament as well as members of provincial assemblies to submit their yearly statements of assets and liabilities of their own, their spouses and dependents under section 42A of the Representation of the People Act, 1976 and section 25A of the Senate (Election)Act 1975.

Section 42A provides that the Chief Election Commissioner shall notify the names of those members by October 15 who fail to file statements of assets and liabilities within the period specified in sub-section (I) and by an order, direct that such member shall cease to function till

hits rickshaw-

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A rickshaw-puller was shot and

puller

Moreover, any member who submits the statement of assets and liabilities under sub-section (I) which is found to be false in material particulars, may be proceeded against under section 82 for committing the

such statement is submitted.

ffence of corrupt practice. Section 42A for yearly submission of statements of assets and liabilities also provides that every member shall, on a form prescribed under clause (f) of sub-section (2) of section 12. submit a statement of assets and liabilities of his own, his spouse and dependents annually to the Commission by September 30 each

The statements of assets and liabilities submitted under subsection (I) shall be published in the official gazette Section 25A also provides that if a

member submits the statement of assets and liabilities under subsection (I) that is found to be false in material particulars, he may be

proceeded under section 62 for committing the offence of corrupt

practice As laid down in sub-section (2) of Sections 42A and 25A of the Acts. on receipt, the statements shall be published in the official gazette.

Moreover, any member whose statements of assets are found false in material particulars, he may be proceeded against, as well, under Sections 82 and 62 respectively of the said Acts as these fall under the offenses of corrupt practices.

The sources said, in terms of subsection (3) of Sections 42A and 25A of the Acts, the members of the Parliament or Provincial Assemblies, who fail to file to the statements of assets and liabilities within the specified period shall cease to function as members till the submission of such statement.

The Election Commission has asked the members to submit the statement of their assets and liabilities within due date to avoid legal

plus for export, we don't have any

Hasina

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objection."

those.

# Border trade with Myanmar halts on trader strike

#### UNB, Cox's Bazar

Border trade between Bangladesh and Myanmar came to a halt yesterday as traders at the frontier went on an indefinite strike to protest harassment by law enforcers while transporting goods through the Teknaf Highway.

Importers, C&F agents and Transport Owners-Employees' Unity enforced the strike as authorities failed to meet their 10-point demand by the deadline on Sunday.

Their demands include stoppage of BDR activities in the government declared customs area, shifting of trading points to specified places and reestablishing the supremacy of the Customs along the border belt.

Trade between Bangladesh and Myanmar across the river Naf in Teknaf yields a daily revenue of about Tk 10 lakh. In July, the government earned Tk three crore

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politicisation vortex.

Appointments on contract also The ambassador told reporters create similar problems they pledged to work together "to find Establishment Secretary of Pakistan government Javed Hasan Aly told The Daily Star on the sidelines of the workshop.

Aly, presenting a paper, "Civil service reform agenda", discussed various aspects of civil service in South Asian countries and sugdested a long-term policy to bring reforms to civil service.

"This plan will not yield results overnight but will bring changes in the long run. The decision has to be taken now, though," he added.

Aly said an attractive compensation package should be offered on the basis of job description and responsibility, otherwise there is no chance to reduce corruption in civil service.

He said no motorway police inspectors in Pakistan are involved in corruption, as they draw more salary than a government secretary.

Presided over by former adviser to caretaker government M Hafizuddin Khan, the workshop was attended by, among others, Chairman of Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) Professor Rehman Sobhan, former finance minister

AMA Muhith, former secretary Dr Masihur Rahman, BEI President and former secretary Farooq Sobhan The speakers sought a review

and revision of the government's Official Secrets Act and underscored appointment of a spokesperson to disseminate information, if need be.

They also recommended establishment of an independent recruiting commission having constitu-

#### 4 DMCH docs, Ramna PM: Keep vigil OC showcaused FROM PAGE 1 Earlier, the BNP chairperson a fundamentalist and communal inaugurated the silver jubilee celebrations by releasing colourful

the man to the DMCH emergency.

he was compelled to leave the

The patient died the following

Reading the sad story in news-

The High Court then issued

papers, Zakir Hossain Munshi, a

lawyer, filed a public interest litiga-

Pakistan way

Whatmore was most vocal in

"This is not a good gesture. If

omy class and offered the execu-

tive class to the Bangladesh

team. I have never seen anything

Lahore Airport asked Bangladesh

captain Khaled Mahmud and his

deputy Habibul Bashar to take his

"If required I will sit in the econ-

omy class and leave my seat to

my captain. It's a matter of pres-

tige. You should learn from this,'

an angry Whatmore told the visi-

politely refused Whatmore's offer.

Latif was also unhappy with the

PCB for their indifferent attitude in

making the seating arrangement.

"We can't even think of a situa-

tion like this when a team is tour-

ing Bangladesh. Guests always

get the priority. It's a normal cour-

Mahmud and Bashar, however,

Bangladesh team Manager MA

and Woodford's seats.

bly rattled liaison officer.

tion with the High Court.

Police Station.

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Bangladesh team.

day and the OC, Ramna, handed

Islam for burial "without autopsy".

was told.

#### UNB, Dhaka

NEWS

The High Court Division yesterday asked the director and three doctors of Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) and the officer-in-charge (OC) of Ramna Police Station to explain why they should not be removed from their responsibilities for their alleged failure in providing medical services to a dying patient.

On August 18, an unidentified man, aged about 40, was brought to the DMCH in critical condition for treatment. He reportedly died in front of the emergency "without treatment despite repeated requests"

Rounauk, a BBA student of North South University, found the unknown man seriously ill and lying on the road in front of the radio station at Agargaon. He brought the man to

Suhrawardy Hospital where the Court comprising Justice Amirul doctors refused to attend to him Kabir Chowdhury and Justice Syed and advised the student to take the AB Mahmudul Hug issued the rule. patient to the DMCH. returnable in four weeks. Accordingly, Rounauk rushed

# Land dispute 4 killed, 10 hurt

# in Naogaon

BSS, Naogaon Four of a family were killed and ten others injured when their rivals launched attack on them over a land dispute in Kalaibari village under Porsha upazila of the district on

had the decency to do the same," Saturday. said a dejected Bangladesh crick-The victims were identified as eter, asking anonymity. Shafiqul Islam, 45, Nargis, 27, Sherina, 35. and Mizanur Rahman. 10. expressing his displeasure over Police sources said the incident

the incident. took place when one Abdus Samad launched the attack on the family living on three Bighas of "Khas" land at the there was any problem, the home village on Saturday in a bid to evict team should have taken the econ-

them from the government land. The family has been living on the land for the last six years after taking lease from the government, police

like this in my life," said the Bangladesh coach, who at one Samad was claiming ownership stage of the half-an-hour transit at of the land and tried to evict the family members.

The injured were later admitted to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital. Shafigul Islam succumbed to his injuries at the hospital the same day

while Nargis and Sherina the following day. Mizanur Rahman succumbed to his injuries at the hospital yesterday. Police arrested two accused in

the murder case from the Dighirpar area of Sapahar. They are Hazi Khalilur Rahman and Shamsul Hug. Senior police officials of the district visited the village.

#### country and minorities are being repressed here. But neither the "The doctors on duty there didn't people of Bangladesh nor the pay heed to Rownauk's request for foreigners believe those false treating the critical patient. At last statements.

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balloons to the tune of "Prothom

Bangladesh, Amar Shesh

that paraded different city streets.

Thousands of people joined it

carrying banners and portraits of Zia

and Khaleda and sheaf of paddy.

Many were on horse-drawn car-

Ministers, MPs, BNP Standing

Juba Dal President Barkatullah

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Police arrested an arms dealer with a

modern Italian 9mm pistol and two

bullets from Charghat upazila in the

English inscription that reads 'use

cials to Sumon Sarkar, son of Late

Abdul Wahab of Miapur in Charghat,

for buying the pistol. Police arrested

him when he agreed to sell it with two

Suman has been an arms dealer

Police placed him before a mag-

for long, police said. Police believe

The recovered pistol bore an

Tipped off, police sent two offi-

early hours yesterday

bullets for Tk 17,000.

only for army'.

She later led a big procession

Bangladesh"

The prime minister said the world hospital premises keeping the community now portray Bangladesh as a moderate Muslim democratic patient on the pavement," the court country and that its image has brightened despite those evil campaigns over the body to Anjuman Mofidul

riages and in colourful dresses. Khaleda said the then president Ziaur Rahman founded the party Committee members and senior when democracy and rule of law leaders of the party and its front were trampled and fundamental organisations also took part in the human rights, freedom of press and procession. freedom of speech were denied by the government immediately after Bhulu and General Secretary Moazzem Hossain Alal came to the

showcause notices upon the directhe independence. tor, a senior consultant, the resident Ziaur Rahman restored multirally venue on an elephant. party democracy, rule of law, freemedical officer and an emergency medical officer of the DMCH, and dom of press and independence of the officer-in-charge of Ramna the judiciary and devoted himself to Dealer held with the welfare of people and develop-A vacation bench of the High ment of the country, she recalled, Italian pistol

The prime minister said BNP has earned love of the people and a permanent place in their hearts. That is why the party was elected and re-elected to serve the nation and the country, she added.

Khaleda recalled that Ziaur Rahman had implemented massive development programmes within a short time and gained popularity and credibility both at home and abroad. The people had accepted "We have never heard of such his 19-point programme because it silly excuses. Whenever any foreign ensured their development and team tours Bangladesh, we book welfare, she added.

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police officer said yesterday.

of CID Akhter Ali completed their

first round mission in Joypurhat

yesterday and left for Dinajpur in the

afternoon for investigating the case.

Astanga-e-Chistia at village

Begungram under Kalai upazila of

Joypurhat where five people were killed

parliament from Joypurhat-1 and

Jovpurhat-2 constituencies Alhai

Abdul Alim and Alhaj AUM Khalilur

Rahman held a meeting with Police

took part in the rally and procession.

the Operation Clean Heart and

Operation Spider Web by virtue of

The presence of the criminals in

Both the mayor and Lobi denied

having any connection with the

criminals. The mayor, however, said

he did not guite understand how a

politician avowedly opposed to

terrorism and lawlessness could

maintain links with criminals, appar-

ently finger-pointing at one of his

BNP chief Khaleda Zia was

the procession also created panic

their political clout, sources said.

among the local people.

rivals.

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The six managed to survive both

They along with the members of

on the night of January 20 this year.

The team also visited the shrine of

the best hotel for them. We even "We are following the path of Zia and compromise with our comfort by mplementing his 19-point programme," Khaleda said. She narrated her governmoving to a cheaper hotel to ment's achievements accommodate the quests. The Pakistani authorities should have

he will give them all about arms Khaleda said BNP is a party of the people and only this party can business in the area. save them against all odds. "The country needs BNP and I strongly believe it has come to stay permanently."

### istrate's court yesterday and sought a five-day remand. The court fixed hearing for him today.

# **Joypurhat case**

Superintendent of Joypurhat Abdul Jalil Mandol yesterday.

fer the case to CID from the Detective Branch (DB) of police Jama'atul Mujahidin militants are due to inter-district and intersuspected to be involved in the regional nature of the case, a senior incident and one of the top leaders of the outlawed outfit. Anwar Sahadat Meanwhile, a two-member CID the prime accused in the case, was team comprising DIG of CID Abdul arrested from Uttar Moheshpur in Mannan and special superintendent

> Joypurhat after the gunfight. CID sources said that involvement of the Jama'atul militants in the killing of five at Astana-e-Chistia has become clear and steps will be taken against the criminals soon.

"We have now decided to take necessary steps to hand over the case to CID for getting better results. We are still trying our best to recover the looted arms and ammunition and wireless set as also to nab the militants," police said

# Toll-takers

the city terminal: he just drops the

### another killed in city road accidents STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Golam Mostafa, 45, a guard at

A fatally injured Mostafa was

Mostafa was going to work after

drawing his salary from the DMCH,

said Pannu Howladar who was with

the victim at the time of the accident.

driver managed to flee. No case was

jeans and a white full-sleeve shirt.

the body and sent it to the DMCH for

In another incident, a man of

wounded at the southwest gate of the Bangabandhu National Stadium An employee of the Dhaka Medical yesterday when a bullet fired 'acci-College Hospital (DMCH) died after dentally from the rifle of a bodyguard being run over by a pick-up at of a ward commissioner of Dhaka Satrasta in the city's Tejgaon area City Corporation (DCC)' hit in the yesterday.

Accidental shot DMCH staff,

lea. Komol, 25, the rickshaw-puller, the Tejgaon government laundry of was heading for Paltan Maidan at the DMCH was hit by the pick-up around 4:00pm to attend the ruling while he was crossing the road at BNP's silver jubilee celebrations about 4:30pm. when the bodyguard of Motahar Hossain Jahangir, commissioner of rushed to the DMCH where he died. DCC ward No. 52, accidentally The body was kept for autopsy. pulled the trigger, police sources

said. Komol was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where he underwent an operation. Komol hails from Shimpur village of Nikali, Kishoreganj.

filed till last evening, police said. However, the ward commissioner denied his bodyguard acciabout 25 was crushed under a dentally firing from his rifle, sources speeding truck in the early hours of said, adding that police officials are looking into the incident. esterday in front of Shishumela in

The gunshot caused panic among the BNP activists who were going to Paltan Maidan to take part in the rally to be presided over by BNP chief and Prime Minister Khaleda Zia

### ent points across the country. They Mintu said he now does not enter charge Tk 160 from each inter-

autopsy. A case was filed.

the city's Shyamoli

district bus in Barisal and Tk 40 fo every trip over Faridpur. Any bus plying between Dhaka and Barisal has to pay a total of Tk 450. If the trip is from Dhaka to Jhalakathi, the toll reaches up to Tk 710. The amount of total toll for a Dhaka-Khulna trip is Tk 225 But some bus drivers said toll collection is not so high, rather controlled, in northern districts at the moment. Khwaja Golam Murshed Pintu, assistant general secretary of the Bangladesh Bus Truck Owners Association, said the government has to act decisively to curb illegal toll collections in the country. "Curbing toll collection at just three terminals would not stop toll collection across the country. Steps are needed to stop toll collections at all the terminals and stands. Otherwise, everything will get back to square one after a few days," he warned. Pintu suggested that the government fix a rate for tolls and designate selective owners' and workers' associations to collect them. It could also form a committee comprising representatives from the relevant sectors to oversee whether things were being followed.

in a non-violent way to solution of problems that the United States and Bangladesh face.' In reply to a question he said, "We discussed all the issues and I think my views on gas have already been made public and I don't need to repeat Abdul Jalil said the envoy

expressed 'concern' at the slide in law and order Thomas expressed his condo-

ences for the loss of the AL workers in recent days, he said

"Awami League expressed great concern about the recent rise of communal militants in the country and government-sponsored oppression on opposition forces. We told the envoy that the opposition forces were deprived of their constitutional rights to protest misrule of the government",

Jalil added Talking on good governance, the Police seized the pick-up but its AL leaders were critical of the role of

Hawa Bhaban which, they said, has emerged as a 'parallel' government.

AL presidium member Kazi Jafrullah and senior US embassy officials Judith Chammas and Dudas Mccullough were also present at the meeting.

#### The victim was wearing a pair of Kelly Mohammadpur Police recovered

name in July.

weretrue

FROM PAGE 12 ahead of their daughter's wedding.

defence ministry, for whom Kelly

worked as a consultant, did not identify

publicly identified as the source.

Testifying on August 28. Blair took

ultimate responsibility for Kelly's outing

but denied that the September dossier

was "sexed up" as the BBC alleged

saying he would have resigned if that

The inquiry is hearing this week

Hutton's findings are not due out

from Kelly's family and friends and

from police who found his body in

Ration stopped

crossed into Tripura at the heights of

conflicts in the highlands of

Rangamati, Khagrachhari and

According to official statistics,

3,055 families out of the 12,222 are yet

to get back their homesteads. The

process to rehabilitate them was

gees would land them in utter misery.

taking office," Shantu told The Daily

gee task force, formed by the land-

mark peace pact, stands vacant.

We're repeatedly asking the govern-

Khisa threatened to launch a move-

ment against the 'discriminatory

settlement of all tribal refugees in their

"We have long been demanding

"The top post of the internal refu-

woodlands near his home

before late October.

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Bandarban.

government took office.

Star yesterday.

accord, he added.

aovernment move'.

said.

programme

But she added: "There was some trepidation for the war. He believed in it but was sad that we seemed to be moving towards that position." Mrs Kelly said her husband was

well used to briefing reporters and that she had overheard him talking to them from time to time from home, although erv long on the r obligation to these journalists" bureaucrats, parliamentarians and Earlier testimony at the inquiry judges.

from border trade in Teknaf area. Politicisation

passengers on the main road and drives towards Sherpur to avoid the serial problem.

A Dhaka-Ramganj route bus driver said at Sayedabad terminal yesterday: "Toll collection has not stopped but definitely reduced. We used to give them Tk 300 every day, but now they are taking Tk 160 for each bus to maintain the serial."

But another driver at the terminal said: "We have to pay tolls at every district bus terminals and on every highway. The government should take a strict decision to curb this."

Apart from the bus terminals, toll collection at different tempo stands in the citv is going on as usual

Some tempo drivers of Mirpur told The Daily Star the toll collectors draw Tk 90 for each vehicle at Amin Bazar tempo stand, Mirpur Section-1 and Section-10 roundabouts and at Mirpur Section-14.

The ruling BNP backed toll collectors are extracting tolls in broad daylight, the drivers alleged.

"Police also get shares from them and so the law enforcers do not challenge them," said a driver yesterday at Mirpur Section-10.

Different bus and truck owners' associations and workers' associations regularly collect tolls at differ-

# Nurjahan Murshid

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Nuriahan Murshid had schooling in Barisal and Calcutta before she did her master's from Calcutta University.

Her appointment as headmistress of Syedunnessa Girls' High School in Barisal in 1946 marked the beginning of a distinguished career in women's education that took her to different educational institutions including Kamrunnessa School, Vigarunnisa Noon School, Holy Cross College and Dhaka University.

Before partition of the subcontinent, she joined All India Radio as a broadcaster and the first female officer, and continued in the same post in Radio Pakistan following partition

Her active participation in politics saw her elected as a female lawmaker on United Front ticket in the 1954 parliamentary elections in the then Pakistan. In 1970, she was again elected to parliament from Awami League.

### Married to Khan Sarwar Murshid in 1948, Nurjahan Murshid along

with her husband made significant contribution to the cause of Liberation War. She met with the then Indian president VV Giri and prime minister Indira Gandhi for the recognition of Bangladesh. To that

effect, she also delivered a speech in both Houses of the Indian parliament prompting the Pakistan military junta to sentence her to 14 years in prison in absentia and confiscate all her properties.

In 1972, she joined Bangabandhu's cabinet as state minister for health and social welfare and was elected member of the country's first elected parliament in 1973.

### Bin Laden FROM PAGE 1

The report denied that the army service men were arrested in and handed over from Afghanistan by US intelligence agencies.

#### revealed that press officers at the Power cable him by name as the source of the BBC FROM PAGE 12

report but did drop enough clues for the Malibagh level crossing at reporters to accurately guess his

Rampura Road. Underground power lines of the Police found Kelly dead with his wrist slit a few days after he was

sub-station went out of order on August 6, resulting in severe loadshedding. Desa watchmen spotted the problem on August 8, but repair work could not start until August 19 after the arrival of Desaappointed foreign experts.

# Jamal kidnap

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Contacted, Nizam said he was not called up by his party high command

"I don't have any rivalry or enmity with Jamal. Rather, I have protested the abduction." he said.

### Sundarbans

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evening said, at least 17 criminals including two absconding convicts and eight wanted ones were arrested.

stalled after the four-party coalition command posts set up in the region. Chairman of the Chittagong Hill But police are maintaining strict Tracts Regional Council Jyotirindra secrecy about the drive and officially Bodhipriyo Larma, popularly known as described it as a routine activity to Shantu Larma, said stopping the arrest the criminals involved in the ration without rehabilitating the refurecent Bhandaria Bandar looting and recover the looted items. "The government has not taken

According to sources, gangs of any initiative on the refugees since criminals hiding in the forest abducted more than 150 people including honey collectors, woodcutters, fishermen and visitors to the forest. For the safety and recovery of the abducted people, Tk 5,000 to one lakh per head were paid to the abductors. ment to fill the vacancy as well as

At least five persons were killed implement other provisions of the and six injured in fights between forest guards and the criminals. UPDF Convener Prasit Bikash

The sources said at least 13 gangs of pirates and dacoits have their dens in the Sundarbans. Notorious gangleaders like Master, Razzak, Mannan, Rezaul and Kalu created panic in the region.

own land. But the government did not take any such step and is now stop-The areas with such dens include Supati, Mela, BadamTala, Tiar Char, ping their ration. If the government Jhapa, NandaBala, CharKhali does so, we will fight against it," he Chandeswar, Shapla, KochiKhali, KalamiarVarani, Dasher Varani, Dudh Alonaside the advernment, the Red Crescent Society that used to Mukhi, Sholar Char, Tabul Bunia, provide pulses and edible oil rations to Sindurer Kouta, Har Karia, Dhan Shidhdha, Dhan Shagor, Maitta and the refugees has stopped their Badamtala

### of salary to female officer

### **STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

The High Court (HC) Sunday issued a rule nisi on the Bangladesh Press Institute (PIB) to explain why nonpayment of salary, audit objection and several show-cause notices served on a female officer of the PIB will not be declared to have been

made without any lawful authority. The HC also asked the respondents (PIB authorities) to reply within two weeks why they should not be directed to pay compensation to the petitioner, PIB Assistant Librarian Nomita Akhter Mukti, for

the harassment, humiliation, mental agony and gender discrimination that she was subjected to. Directing the PIB authorities to allow Nomita to continue her work in

the position of assistant librarian (acquisition and processing), the HC asked them to pay her salary with effect from March this year. Nomita, who joined the PIB on

July 7, 1999, received a dismissal order on March 5 this year for conducting a seminar on Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at the Public Library on August 5 last year. PIB Director General (DG) Dr Rezowan Hossain Siddiqi also

asked her not to turn up at office. As she filed a writ against the dismissal order, the HC asked the PIB authorities to reinstate her to the post for three months (effective from March 12). The Supreme Court Appellate Division also upheld the HC order on April 8.

But Nomita told The Daily Star that when she went to join her duty on April 16, the DG and other officials did not let her join and asked her to produce a written order of the Supreme Court. However, she went to join her duty with necessary papers on May 29 and the DG's personal assistant refused to receive the joining letter and she

However, though the authorities allowed her to enter the PIB office she was not given any work and asked to sit idle in another officer's room, Nomita complained.

When she applied on June 22 for her March salary, she was told that an audit objection had been lodged against her, as she did not have the required educational qualification for the job. The PIB authorities also asked her to return the Tk 1.35 lakh that she had received in salary and allowances.

# Investors

tesy," he said.

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#### The stolen materials including steel bars, timber, fuel, batteries cement and cost the company about Tk 25 lakh in losses.

Apart from theft, there are cases of assault on local employees by mafia groups. Sometimes, explosives were also hurled at the construction site to create panic.

The law-enforcement agencies are not serious to curb such activities of the criminal groups, they observed.

The Japanese investors also found lack of reliability and continuity in national policies, attention to existing foreign investment companies and long-term policies for developing industries.

Although Japanese investors were supposed to get a new work permit within three to four months and its renewal within one to two months, there are several examples where the permits were not issued even in six months because of nonpayment of bribes, they alleged.

The average amount of bribe for a work permit is Tk 9,600 and for a multiple visa Tk 4,300, they alleged, saving the figure was compiled on the basis of complaints made by 22

They also expressed dissatisfaction at frequent changes in polices and at political and social problems like frequent general strikes that act as major barriers to foreign investment.

> The Japanese investors found unbearable traffic jam because of the movement of motor vehicles and rickshaws together on the roads.

Frequent general strikes called by political parties and strikes by labour unions are making the businesses suffer, they added.

The Japanese investors also criticised the role of Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA) and the Board of Investment (BoI) in attracting foreign investment.

Although the agencies were supposed to provide 'One Stop Service', in reality an investor has to approach each and every department to complete the formalities for an investment, the report said.

ROM PAGE 1 to steer clear of the controversy by Rahman, BNP lawmakers Ali Asgar Lobi and Nurul Islam and Mia Golam Parwar. MP of the Jamaat-e-Islami

Khulna city BNP

saying that they had asked police to take drastic action against the criminals.

Khulna Metropolitan Police expressed their ignorance about the presence of the wanted criminals in the rally and the procession.

Saddam is wanted in 11 criminal cases in Khulna and Sonadanga police stations. Farid Molla, who is the general secretary of the BNP unit of ward 21, is known to be an extortionist. He was an accused in CPB leader Ratan Sen murder case. Shagor of West Bania Khamar and Babu of Municipal Tank Road are allegedly linked with outlawed parties. Kakan is president of the BNP unit of ward 19 and is wanted by police for drug trafficking. Moin Jamadder is reportedly

reportedly told on Saturday by her linked with an outlawed party. party men that the six criminals were harboured by Tayebur and Lobi. Moin and Farid Molla, however

denied the charges. Tayebur and Lobi, however, tried

# Shazneen case

Ltd., was raped and killed at their Gulshan residence in the city on April 23, 1998

Rahman filed a murder case with Gulshan Police Station the following day, accusing Shahidul alias Shahid, a domestic help at his house

Mojibur Rahman, assistant superintendent of the Criminal Investigation Department, filed a rape case with Gulshan Police Station on September 4, 1998, accusing Shahid, Hasan, Badal, Shaniram, Humayun (now dead), Minu and Parvin.

Mojibur, who was also investigation officer of the rape case, pressed charges against Shahid and five others on December 12, 1998, showing 74 people as prosecution witnesses.

The tribunal framed charges against the six accused on April 13, 1999.

After the charges were framed defence lawyers filed a criminal appeal with the High Court (HC) Division seeking stay on chargeframina.

After hearing, the HC stayed proceedings of the case on August 25. 1999. Later, the HC vacated the stay on November 1, 1999, and directed the tribunal to frame charges against the accused. Subsequently, charges were

framed on May 28, 2000 The HC also stayed the proceedings of the Shazneen murder case, pending with the First Additiona Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court, Dhaka till disposal of the Shazneen rape case.

The death of Shazneen sent shock waves across the country Various human rights groups and civil society members are waiting for the verdict.

## PMO

FROM PAGE 12 A private farm, DNS, is implement-

ng the project on a turn-key basis. DNS will roll out a high speed internet and data connectivity for the PMO via satellite, said M Atiqui Ahsan, chief operating officer of the company.

Establishment of e-governance will help increase efficiency and transparency in government activities and cut corruption and irregularities, said a top official of the Ministry of Science and Information

Communication Technology He also said a Tk 18.61 crore plan to connect all the 52 ministries and divisions via internet as part of establishing e-governance is now under consideration of the Planning Commission

The ICT has been declared a thrust sector

had to dispatch it.

The operation is being guided from