discuss possibilities of cooperation between the two left parties.

US draft on Iraq

"Now is the time to look forward,

Schroeder and Chirac were both

and that can only happen if the United

Nations can take responsibility for the

ardent opponents of the war in Iraq.

and both are particularly adamant

that the United States cede control of

the political process there. They said

they would coordinate their positions

on the U.S. draft resolution and that

they hoped that the United States

the proposed U.S. resolution. France

is one of five permanent members of

the UN Security Council, a position

that gives it veto power over Council

in the most positive manner," Chirac

said of the U.S. draft. "But we are

guite far removed from what we

believe is the priority objective, which

is the transfer of political responsibil-

ity to an Iraqi government as quickly

"We are naturally ready to study it

Their statements dealt a blow to

would be open to changes

political process," Schroeder said.

Dossier exaggerated the case for Iraq war

UK WMD intelligence chief tells Hutton enquiry

THE INDEPENDENT, London

Tony Blair's case for invading Irag was in tatters Wednesday night after damning public criticism by two senior intelligence officials of the way the September weapons dossier was manipulated by government "spin merchants"

Brian Jones, who headed the intelligence department dedicated to investigating Irag's weapons of mass destruction (WMD) programme, told the Hutton inquiry there was deep disquiet among his colleagues about the way significant evidence they had supplied for the dossier was altered. He said evidence in the dossier was "overegged", the language was too strong and there were misgivings over the now-infamous claim that Iraq could launch weapons of mass destruction in 45 minutes.

The other official, identified to the Hutton inquiry as "Mr A" and described as the country's foremost authority on chemical warfare, disclosed how a claim in the dossier about chemical weapons was inserted despite protests from him and other experts. He wrote in an email to David Kelly, whose apparent suicide is being examined at the inquiry, that the dossier would become "tomorrow's chip wrappers". Mr A told the inquiry: "The perception was that the dossier had been round the houses several times in order to find a form of words that would strengthen certain political objectives.

The inquiry was told that the Joint Intelligence Committee (JIC), which compiled the dossier, did not even meet to discuss the final draft of the document before John Scarlett, the committee's chairman, signed it off. Such was the level of unhappiness about alleged political interference that Dr Jones wrote a memo to his superiors in the Defence

flow, destroy environment, increase

arsenic contamination and push

detail, the meeting resolved to take

views of local and foreign experts on

its consequences and

Bangladesh's future course of

struct 'a hard point' on the Jamuna

near the Bangalee river at Sirajganj

to restrict Jamuna's flow into the

river as part of internal water man-

on a priority basis to save the

Jamuna Multi-purpose Bridge from

ministry to give priority to irrigation

activities and water management in

hydrological surveys as well as

major studies prior to taking up

steps to stem the tide of river ero-

sion, enhance food production and

major irrigation projects each year

to enhance food production as well

as reduce dependency on food

reclaim land in coastal areas.

It instructed the water resources

The meeting decided to conduct

It also took up some important

It resolved to take at least two

The meeting decided to con-

Discussing the Indian plan in

down groundwater level.

agement

its budgets.

important projects

The 'hard

threat, the meeting said.

Intelligence Staff listing his concerns a few days before the dossier was published on September 24.

Dr Jones, who recently retired. told the inquiry: "The impression I had was that on September 19 the shutters were coming down on this particular paper. The discussion and argument had been concluded. It was an impression I had at the time that our reservations about the dossier were not being reflected in the final version. Some of his staff were "con-

cerned and unhappy" about "all aspects" of the dossier, Dr Jones said. The chief chemical authority on the team -- not Mr A -- had particularly strong reservations. "They were really about the tendency in certain areas, from his point of view, to, shall we say, over-egg certain assessments, particularly in relation to the production of chemical weapons," he said. Describing himself as "probably the most senior and experienced intelligence official working on WMD" -- a claim not challenged by the Ministry of Defence -- he stressed the disquiet felt about the way information supplied by his department had been used for the sake of political expediency. Dr Jones's use of the phrase

"over-egg" was yet another addition to the ever-growing lexicon of the inquiry, prompting comparisons with the expression that has dominated proceedings so far: "sexed-up"

Wednesday's criticism from the intelligence community reinforced the impression that the Hutton inquiry has turned into quicksand for Downing Street. It also backed the BBC's original story about disquiet in the intelligence community about the dossier.

Dr Jones maintained that important claims made in the document. and repeated by Blair and his ministers, were fundamentally flawed.

erosion of Bangladesh land by

service charge to all irrigation pro-

jects, including the Teesta Dam

dams in the coastal areas, espe-

It planned to construct cross-

The meeting asked the dredger

department of the Water

Development Board to give five of

its 20 dredgers to the shipping

ministry to dig rivers, especially in

the confluence of the Meghna,

transport and stop whirlpools in the

Tigers sniff a kill

He bowled Yasir Hameed (39).

Saglain Mushtag (9) and Umar Gul

(5) and trapped Farhan Adil (25) and

Shabbir Ahmed (4) leg before to

Bangladesh coach Dav

"We need at least another 120 to

Whatmore believes another 120

runs would definitely put his side in a

150 to beat Pakistan and I hope we

can do that if we bat sensibly tomor-

row," said Whatmore after the day's

become Bangladesh's only bowler

to have three five-wicket hauls.

It would ensure smooth river

itia and Padma at 0

rivers near Chandpur.

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winning position.

The meeting wanted to introduce

bordering rivers.

Indian river-linking

He pointed out the weaknesses in the claim that Saddam Hussein could launch chemical and biological attacks within 45 minutes. He said that while the JIC insisted that the 45-minutes claim came from a reliable agent, he had only obtained the information from a second-hand source in Iraq. He said the source did not appear to "know very much about it" and may have been "trying to influence and not inform" the British officials

Reservations and proposed amendments were discussed at a meeting in the department on September 19, which Dr Kelly had attended along with MrA.

Giving evidence by audio-link, Mr A, who is attached to the counterproliferation and arms control department at the MoD, said there had been unhappiness at the meeting that the government had claimed in a draft of the dossier that there was great concern that Iraq was manufacturing phosgene for chemical weapons at a compound. The allegation was false and he advised that it should be changed. But his recommendation was ignored and he said that he was not surprised when Iraqi authorities took journalists to visit the compound after the dossier's publica-

That day, Mr A sent an e-mail to Dr Kelly saying he agreed with the plant manager, who was reported as saying it was "a pretty stupid mistake by the British". He added: "They [the government] were grasping at straws ... Another example .. that you and I should have been more involved in this than the spin merchants ... Let's hope it turns into tomorrow's chip wrappers.

The draft resolution, obtained by The Associated Press, would transform the U.S.-led military force in Iraq into a U.N.-authorized multinational force under a unified command. It would also ask the Iraqi Governing Council to cooperate with the United Nations and U.S. officials in Baghdad to produce a timetable and program for drafting a new constitution and holding democratic elections Key provisions in the US draft

would Call on U.N. member states to help train and equip an Iraqi police

Invite the U.S.-appointed Iraqi Governing Council to cooperate with

comes as Kurdish security forces found 1.2 tonnes of explosives intended for three major bombings in Iraq's northern oil capital Kirkuk.

criminal offence," Manju added

With the act amended, the

Study shows protein injection sharply cuts appetite

REUTERS, Boston

A protein found naturally in the body could bring scientists a step closer to developing a natural and effective diet pill, a new British study said on

Volunteers injected with the protein PYY two hours before mealtime consumed 30 percent fewer calories when they sat down to eat, without experiencing any difference in the taste of the food or other apparent side effects. Injections of PYY two hours

before mealtime cut the appetite of fat and skinny people, and did so without affecting the taste of the food or causing other apparent side The Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) and Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal leaders meet at the CPB office yesterday to "PYY appears to be a major factor

limiting appetite after meals. researchers from Hammersmith Hospital in London said in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine, where their study was published.

But it could be a while before the The secretary said he was seeklatest PYY research benefits consumers who are overweight -- like the ing an assessment of the situation in 59 million obese people in the United Iraq which has been under US occu-States alone. pation since the March invasion to

Long-term tests have not been done, and the protein, also known as peptide YY3-36, cannot be taken in pill form because it is quickly broken down by the stomach.

Scientists would have to develop

a more resilient form or discover a chemical that mimics PYY, which is released by the cells lining the intestine, travels through the blood and fools the brain into thinking that the body has been fed.

PYY is one of more than two dozen hormones known to regulate appetite and energy. Among those are ghrelin, which is released by the the international side more than the stomach and upper intestine and causes feelings of hunger. 'MAGIC BULLET?'

Researchers had hoped that

leptin, a hormone found in body fat,

would help with weight loss after tests

showed it helped limit hunger. But

experiments showed that obese

led by Rachel Batterham, found that

PYY did not have the same limitation.

intravenously, the 12 obese patients

Shell seeks work

The production sharing contracts

(PSCs) for the blocks allow three

vears' time from the effective date to

complete the specific work

programme i.e. the geological work

programme including geochemical soil sampling in the blocks 5 and 10.

the same period for 6,500-km of

aeromagnetic survey in block 5 and

1,200-km of multifold seismic survey

changes in the work programme, the

Shell's letter said they had conducted

detailed scouting trips in both blocks

and found the unexpected presence

of dense commercial forests over

substantial areas in the blocks.

Seeking the time extension and

The PSCs provisions also allow

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Director Zaffar Chida

The New England Journal study.

Two hours after PYY was given

people have a resistance to leptin.

Asked how many international troops were needed he said: "I don't know, maybe another division."

Rumsfeld, speaking to reporters

en route to the region, gave no details

of his itinerary but said he would

make "multiple stops" in the US

central command area of operations.

which includes Iraq and Afghanistan.

believe that the estimated 140,000

US troops now in Iraq were sufficient.

security? Yes. I think so, but I think it's

going to be on the Iraqi side and on

He insisted US commanders

"Should the total number go up for

He said most of the security requirements would have to come from increasing the size of the Iraqi army and police

oust Saddam Hussein.

US side." he said

The trip came as the United States said it would seek a UN mandate for an US-led multinational force

in Iraq and encourage more countries to provide troops and assistance.

Paving the way for an international force, a Polish-led division assumed responsibility from US marines on Wednesday for an area of southern Iraq that includes Najaf, where Shiite leader Mohammad Baqer al-Hakim was blown to bits Friday in a car bombing that also killed 82 others.

ate 30 percent fewer calories from an all-you-could-eat buffet than they did after a salt water injection. Twelve lean volunteers ate 31 percent fewer

> The effect persisted for at least another 10 hours, and even after 24 hours, people in the obese group had eaten 17 percent fewer calories

"We found that obese subjects were not resistant to the anorectic effects of PYY," the researchers

They also found that PYY levels were naturally low in obese volunteers, which may be a reason why they were overweight.

Hasina for pro-liberation political alliance

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Awami League (AL) chief and Opposition Leader Sheikh Hasina vesterday called for a pro-liberation political alliance to oust the Bangladesh Nationalist Party led coalition government.

'Through a fresh united move, we, the pro-liberation forces, have to root out all militant groups of the country," she said while addressing a seminar in the city.

Bangabandhu Prokoushali Parishad organised the seminar titled 'Development Policy of Bangabandhu and Present Reality' to observe the 28th death anniversary of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

She also urged all to establish secular democracy in the country and denounced the present rulers as 'anti-independence forces'.

The Jamaat-e-Islami, a partner of the coalition government, is expanding its 'terror network' across the country under the umbrella of alliance government, Hasina

The AL chief urged like-minded political parties, social and professional bodies to find ways to build greater unity among people with the spirit and ideology of the liberation

"Political vengeance of the present government is hindering country's development," she said.

Referring to the spate in criminal activities in Khagrachhari, the opposition leader said the BNP-Jamaat alliance does not believe in the peace accord and is creating unrest at Chittagong Hill Tracts

Dr Golam Mostafa presided over the seminar while Mazharul Islam,

director (finance) and general manager (operations), tried to make the union leaders understand that the US company legally and ethi-

"The progress in such areas will be much slower than that in the open rice field terrain. Our approach to seismic acquisition will have to change to firstly recording and evaluating a somewhat broader regional grid followed by detailed seismic over the detected leads." it said.

As the Shell sought an early consideration of its prayer for extension State Minister for Energy AKM Mosharraf Hossain yesterday told UNB that the government would follow the relevant provisions of the PSCs.

He, however, referred to Shell's earlier desire of engaging state-run BAPEX for conducting the 2-D seismic survey. He added that if Shell is still willing to do so, it would be beneficial to BAPEX, the exploration wing of Petrobangla

Santosh Gupta, Yeafes Osman and Hasanul Hag Inu spoke Petrobangla FROM PAGE 12

cally was not in a position to make any such "unlawful payment". As the unsatisfied union men showed rough attitude, the sources said, the senior officials of

Petrobangla could manage them. The sources said that the "extortion" bid came after the Unocal had turned down a previous demand for

a handsome amount of money. Senior officials at Petrobangla are upset over such a demand to a major foreign investor, that too at a

negotiation meeting on gas supply from Moulvibazar-2 field. "It'll certainly discourage foreign

investors like an oil giant Unocal from making investment in the energy sector for which the country is trying hard," said a senior Petrobangla official.

It decided to take plans to stop

Top lawyers

FROM PAGE 1 unitedly so that Imam's blood does not go in vain. His killers are enemies of people and there is no reason to feel helpless against wrong-doers, he observed. "We must have to defeat enemies

of peace and stability," Dr. Kamal said. Barrister Amir said he was doubtful if justice would be done in the Imam murder case. He mentioned that the dving statement of Advocate Bijon Bihari Mondol (who also was killed in the attack on Imam) was not recorded although he survived for long 36 hours after the incident.

He called for unity among the lawvers irrespective of their political views to fight violence.

Barrister Amir recalled that during the AL rule, AL-backed lawyers promptly rescued abducted BNP leader Nurul Islam

Rokonuddin said there is no alternative to unity at this stage when murders are going on unabated. He hoped that lawyers of Khulna will lead the united movement to reverse this

He called upon the lawvers across the country to come under the banner of Khulna Bar Association to join the

"We do not want to politicise the murder of Imam, contrary to what was done many times in the past. We want a fair and neutral probe into his murder," Barrister Rokanuddin said.

Earlier in the morning, the three top lawyers along with local colleagues went to the residence of Imam and expressed sympathy for the bereaved family. They also announced a donation of Tk 25.000 for the bereaved family of Bijon Bihari.

More than 30 people were killed

suspects. The BBC's security correspon-

Saudis have been proactive in their efforts, sometimes overreacting.

Criminal shot dead

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bers of a criminal gang and Sujon's killing might have led to Meraj's murder, police suspected.

before the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court in the Sujon murder case, police said.

Rajbari in Mymensingh, lived in Dhanmondi. No case was filed with Dhanmondi Police Station and

Saudis seize

housing Americans and other for-

and nearly 100 injured in the blasts.

dent Frank Gardner says the

are easily available and the presence in Saudi Arabia of extremists

Both Meraj and Sujon were mem-

Meraj, son of Sharif Ali of Char

police could arrest none till filing of this report at 9:30pm yesterday.

3 left parties

Awami League polarisation," Muiahidul Islam Selim, general secretary of the CPB, told The Daily Star after the two meetings.

Earlier, the CPB had a series of meetings with the Workers Party. The CPB leaders were optimistic about holding similar meetings with other left-leaning parties in near cially in Noakhali and Sandwip to

> Asked whether they would go for common political programmes, Selim said, "We'll render support to each other's programmes. We may arrange common programmes too to protect the interests of the people e face of rise in fur and imperialism."

> Selim, Monjurul Ahsan Khan, Shahidullah Chowdhury, MM Akash, Morshed Ali, Ruhin Hossain Prince, Mahbub Alam and Sazzad Zahir represented the CPB at the meetings while Hasanul Hag Inu. Jafar Sazzad, Moinuddin Khan Badal, Mir Hossain Akhter, Robiul Alam, Monsur Ahmed and Azizur Rahman represented the JSD-Inu in the meeting and Ahmedul Kabir led the GP delegation in the other meeting.

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of Bandarban asked all transport operators to take necessary steps. A limited restriction was imposed in Khagrachhari and the deputy commissioner of Rangamati exercised caution.

According to the latest decision. the district administrations will give travel permission to foreigners. The army has asked the administrations to keep the army region informed about such tours.

Toll collection

legal action against the government when it moves to increase the money that the lessees are supposed to pay. This is why revenue income of the government is not increasing proportionately despite the increase in toll rate.

The cabinet also decided to introduce computerised O&M system for roads, bridges and ferries to improve the situation.

It instructed the communications ministry to take immediate steps to go for computer-based O&M system and to construct modern infrastructure facilities at the toll collection points for all bridges, road and

Sex workers

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Kamal delivered the concluding speech urging all to come forward to make a favourable environment for the sex workers to speak out their Representatives from different

NGOs. Bangladesh Bar Council and journalists, among others, took part in the discussion

Move to tap phones

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punishable offence, as it infringes on civil rights.

Educationist Professor Serajul Islam Chowdhury said the law, if amended, would be the biggestever infringement of civil liberty. "It's unfortunate that we are going to lose our basic civil rights so many years after Bangladesh became independent."

cautioned.

A retired top bureaucrat warned that the amended law could backfire on the government like the Special Powers Act

lems in Bangladesh standing in the

way of welcoming foreign inves-

the World Investment Report 2003

prepared by the United Nations

Conference on Trade and

although FDI flow to South Asia

increased from \$4 billion in 2001 to

\$4.6 billion in 2002, it continued to

decline in Bangladesh. During the

last calendar year, Bangladesh

received \$45 million in FDI, which

was \$79 million in 2001, Unctad

said. Bangladesh witnessed the

highest FDI flow of \$280 million in

But the report included an FDI

census of the Board of Investment

(BoI) which showed FDI inflows in

2002 at \$328.22 million, including

\$179.90 million in equity capital,

\$78.44 million in reinvested earn-

ings and \$69.87 million in intra-

Pointing to debates over FDI

figures between the Bangladesh

Bank and Bol, Lissner said the

government organisations should

be much more responsible in their

services. He said the debate

exposes the quality of service

Recalling his personal experi-

ence, Lissner said his phone con-

nection was snapped several times

available in Bangladesh.

company loans.

The Unctad report showed that

Development (Unctad) in Dhaka.

He was speaking at the launch of

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tors." Lissner said.

the basic civil rights. "If the agencies are given wholesale authority, it can be abused. If needed for the state under special circumstances, the law could be amended in parliament with effect only for a limited period." he said. It should not be allowed for long, as the right to privacy is a basic human right, he

No-one has any right to intercept individual phone calls or emails and the telecoms act does not permit it said Akhteruzzaman Maniu, president of Internet Service Providers Association. Bangladesh (ISPA).

"If necessary, the act may be

evidence The agencies want amendment

legal experts said

Dhaka-Washington

The Article 9 concerns international cooperation and legal assistance and provides that the state parties must cooperate fully with the court, especially with regard to handing over people prosecuted by the tribunal or seeking items of evidence. In order to comply with this, in their national legislation the state parties must provide for procedures enabling these forms of cooperation to be set up. The court may also request the cooperation on an ad hoc basis of states which are not parties to the Statute, or the cooperation of inter-

governmental organisations. However, as the foreign secretary nut it, if Bangladesh wants to try any US military personnel, Dhaka needs to issue prior notification to the US authorities for consent.

applicable for Bangladeshi soldiers. If Bangladeshi military personnel in UN peacekeeping mission commit crimes, the US will help handover of the accused to Bangladesh govern-

implement the project. He said Bangladesh has

expressed concern over the Indian plan and is awaiting reply from Delhi. "After getting reply, we shall take our next steps in this regard", the

foreign secretary said.

Ctg magnate

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questioned for Jamal's where-

Meanwhile, a United People's Democratic Front activist. Kilo Marma, who was arrested two days ago in Lakkhichhari at Khagrachhari, was placed on a five-day remand.

passed Jamal to ethnic gangs in Khagrachhari, police believe. Abductors demanded Tk 1 crore in ransom for Jamal's release,

Despite several joint raids at

different crime-prone hilly regions of Chittagong, law enforcers failed to find the business magnate after 42 days of his abduction.

Since then, Saudi authorities have cracked down on Islamist groups with suspected links to Osama Bin Laden's al-Qaeda network, arresting scores of

They find themselves dealing with a lethal cocktail - the country is near Yemen where weapons who are ready to use them against Western targets, the corres-

On Tuesday, Meraj appeared

support the Iraqi reconstruction effort" and appeal to international financial institutions to take immediate steps to provide a full range of loans and other assistance. Call on countries in the region "to

prevent the transit of terrorists, arms

the United Nations and U.S. officials

and program for the drafting of a new

constitution for Iraq and for the hold-

Iraq to facilitate a "national dialogue

and consensus building" to promote

international and regional organiza-

tions "to accelerate the provision of

substantial financial contributions to

Ask the U.N. representative in

Ask all U.N. member states and

ing of democratic elections."

the political transition.

in Baghdad to produce "a timetable

or terrorists, and financing that would support terrorists. Reaction from Security Council members yesterday was mixed. Hours before Schroeder and Chirac spoke. Russia sent its first signal that t might consider sending peacekeepers to Iraq as part of an interna-

tional force. "It all depends on a specific resolution. I wouldn't exclude it outright,' Defense Minister Sergei Ivanov told the Interfax news agency. Meanwhile, AFP reports from

Baghdad that US Defence Secretary

Donald Rumsfeld flew into the Middle East yesterday, bowing to calls for more troops to tame Iraq, but not Americans, in line with US calls for a multinational peacekeeping force. Rumsfeld's unannounced regional visit to meet US commanders, civilian leaders and troops

Although security agencies cannot legally eavesdrop on telephone conversations, allegations have long been there that they monitor and tap telephone calls illegally. But at present, they cannot use the information derived by such means as evidence in a court

intelligence agencies will be able to manoeuvre freely to listen to individual telephone calls read emails and produce tapped and emailed messages before court as

to three sections of the telecoms act, which will put the independence of telecoms regulator Bangladesh Telecommunications Regulatory Commission at stake.

ment would take in response to the

Japanese investors' allegations, Bol

Executive Chairman Mahmudur

Rahman said the government will

hold an interministerial meeting

said domestic demand and market

competitiveness are the key to

roping in investors. Domestic mar-

ket is growing and if the cost of

production can be kept competitive,

Bangladesh will see an increase in

About the statistical puzzle, he

said the Bangladesh Bank should

follow the Unctad method to calcu-

late FDI flow. Although Lafarge

Cement alone made a \$46 million

equity investment through Credit

Agricole Indosuez on May 18, the

Bangladesh Bank recorded only

\$17.50 million FDI during January-

Foreign Investors' Chamber of

Commerce and Industry President

Wali Bhuiyan, expressing his sar-

casm over the current slide in order.

said: "What better investment

destination a country can be where

a businessman cannot be traced

even after 40 days of his abduc-

fellow of the Bangladesh Institute of

Development Studies, presented

the annual investment report.

Mustafa Kamal Mujeri, visiting

June. 2002. he said

FDI, he said.

About the decline in FDI flow, he

soon to look into the problems.

Economist and civil rights versations between two persons is activist Professor Muzaffar Ahmed said the wider empowerment of intelligence agencies would curtail

"The amended law will be abused not only by the intelligence agencies but by others as well. Worse, it could be used as a weapon to blackmail people." he

A businessman feared. "We will become slaves to the state and Bangladesh will become a police added.

Union and it should be in parliament after debate, otherwise it's a

amended with the consent of the International Telecommunications

Wake up to foreign investors' woes

for no fault of him. The Bol has a one-stop-service desk at Zia International Airport to help foreign investors, but most visiting entrepreneurs are ignorant

about the service as Bol has not

disseminated information about the

"Ignorant about the service, many investors are seen lining up in long queues, waiting for customs and immigration clearance in rooms without air-conditions. Such an experience creates a bad image about the country, which eventually affects FDI flow." Lissner said.

He said maybe one-third of the

bad image is untrue, but it cannot be ruled out that corruption, poor law and order and bureaucracy are breeding image problems, hampering FDI Coming back to the Japanese survey, he said friendly and suggestive complaints should be received

positively to remedy the situation.

He urged the prime minister to direct

agencies concerned to take immediate measures to improve the investment environment. Lissner said political unrest is driving away investors. Terming the tenures of caretaker governments an example of good governance, he expressed his conviction that Bangladesh can improve gover-

Asked what steps the govern-

This provision will equally be

When asked about the Indian

river-linking project, the foreign secretary said the Indian Supreme Court has directed the government to abouts, officials said.

Though police said Kilo was arrested in connection with Jamal's abduction, they remained tightlipped about information gathered from him, sources said. Local criminals might have

family sources said.