Blast near US Afghan Talks: Job quota base kills 8

Factional clashes claim 13

REUTERS, Bagram

A powerful explosion at the house of a gunpowder salesman outside the US military headquarters in Afghanistan killed up to eight people yesterday, residents and witnesses

All of the victims were believed to be local people and the blast appeared to have been accidental, they said.

The blast occurred in a residential area about one km (half a mile) from the main gate of Bagram Air Base just north of Kabul.

Residents said they had recovered six bodies from a mud-walled compound and witnesses said at least two more people had died. There was no official confirmation of the death toll.

Residents said they believed that a man, his wife and three children had died. Neighbors said the family sold gunpowder collected from leftover war munitions to emerald

Shopkeeper Mayel said his nephew was the father.

"He was just taking out the gunpowder in order to sell it," he said.

US firefighters and medics were at the scene. Afghan soldiers cordoned off the area, saving there was a danger of secondary blasts, and a US soldier said there appeared to be ammunition stored in the build-An initial large blast was followed

by a series of smaller explosions and smoke was seen rising from the compound.

US military spokesman Major Ralph Marino said the incident was under investigation and could not say if there were any suspicious

"Right now all we know is that there was an explosion outside the

Bagram is the main base for a 12,500-strong force of US-led soldiers hunting remnants of the ousted Taliban regime and the al-Qaeda network of Osama bin Laden

The area around Bagram was once part of the front line in the war between the former Taliban regime and the Northern Alliance of opposition factions that ousted the hardline militia with US help in late 2001.

Many families have moved back to the area since the United States chose Bagram as its base and their small businesses have thrived.

Most of the rooms of the house were burned by the blasts.

Elsewhere in Afghanistan on Friday, police said a group of Taliban guerrillas who had taken refuge in a eligious school in Paktika province had managed to flee despite being besieged by government forces from Wednesday night.

Locals had appealed to authorities not to launch an attack on the group in Waza district near the akistani border.

Paktika police chief Dawlat Khan said he did not know how the guerrillas managed to escape, but the incident underlined the difficulties faced by US and allied forces chasing the Taliban.

In another incident in the southeast on Friday, a government soldier was killed and an officer severely wounded when they tried to defuse a rocket aimed at the town f Khost.

Military official Khan Padshah said the old Russian made rocket was thought to have been primed by Taliban guerrillas or allied fighters loyal to renegade warlord Sulbuddin Hekmatyar.

Meanwhile, the private armies of two factional leaders in Afghanistan have clashed repeatedly near the capital Kabul in the past week and at least 13 people have been killed, residents said on Friday.

It was the latest in a spate of violence across the country, where a US-led multinational force is still searching for remnants of the Taliban regime and the al-Qaeda network. The other violence is mostly the playing out of old tribal and clan rivalries.

A delegation sent to the scene of the latest fighting in the Kohband

and Nazim The men, who both owe allegiance to President Hamid Karzai's government, have resumed an old vendetta, the residents said.

of Kabul has failed to broker a truce

between commanders Assadullah

"As far as we know and heard, at least 13 people have lost their lives and 16 have been wounded since the start of the fighting three days ago," said 48 year-old Hayatullah, a villager of Kohband, speaking in Kabul after arriving from the area.

"The delegation was sent two days ago for mediation. It came back without any success and yesterday evening the fighting was continuing," Rahmatullah, another resident, told Reuters.

Several civilians were among the 13 dead, villagers said.

Assadullah and Nazim are believed to command about 6.000 armed men.

Both serve as military officials of President Hamid Karzai's government in the area.

The clashes came days after dozens of people died during fighting between two tribes over a dispute to the southeast of the capital.

A top government delegation sent from the capital managed to secure a truce there, but officials could not immediately say if there was a plan to send a similar mission to Kohband.

The disputes are the bloodiest tribal or factional clashes for many months in Afghanistan and coincide with a wave of violence in several regions that has claimed over 280 lives and many more injuries in just

The casualties include government police and soldiers, civilians, local aid workers and remnants of the radical Taliban regime which was ousted from power in 2001. The Afghan government blames

a resurgent Taliban for much of the violence, the worst since the US-led military backed by local opposition forces toppled the Islamic militia in

FROM PAGE 1 said a Bangladesh delegate. The Korean side was led by its visiting vice-minister for foreign affairs and trade Kim Jae-sup and the Bangladesh side by State Minister for Expatriates Welfare and Overseas Employment Mohammad Quamrul

Expatriates Welfare Secretary Dalil Uddin Mondal and Director General of Fareast Desk at the foreign ministry M Khairuzzaman were present, while the Korean minister was assisted by the Korean ambassador in Dhaka and other embassy high officials.

Dhaka requested Seoul to recruit new workers as shipbuilder, naval crew and engineer, waiter, medical assistant, nurse, constructor and cleaner, and the Korean minister told Bangladesh delegates that Seoul would consider hiring workers for the new sectors as the demand for them is

Dhaka also called for reducing a huge trade gap between the two countries tilting to Korea.

Quamrul Islam told The Daily Star that Korea showed a positive attitude, adding, "They want to recruit foreign workers but in a systematic way."

About the return of Bangladeshi illegals from Korea, the minister said

Hasina FROM PAGE 12

Hasina blamed 'BNP-linked' criminals for the gruesome murder of Dr S K Mukharjee in Jhenaidha on Thursday. She mentioned that Mukherjee was a former president of Jhenaidah unit of Bangladesh Medical Association, a veteran Al leader and a member of the central Presidium of Bangladesh Hindu-Bouddha-Christian Ökya Parishad. Chaired by Khulna district AL

President Shaikh Haroon-ur-Rashid, the meeting was also addressed by party general secretary M A Jalil, Abdus Samad Azad, Motia Chowdhury, Mohammod Nasim, Abdul Mannan, Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir, Obaidul Kader, Major General (Retd) Subid Ali Bhuivan and slain city AL president Manjurul

and Khanduri and a select group of

journalists and other professionals

inaugural event of the transborder bus

service at Tripura Road Transport

Corporation (TRTC) office in Agartala

ters, eight lawmakers, litterateurs,

journalists and cultural activists of

Tripura was scheduled to reach the

International Bus Terminal at

Kamalapur in Dhaka at around

Dhaka, Morshed Khan said the open-

ing of direct bus service would create

more opportunities for expediting

open a new chapter by promoting

cooperation and bilateral relations, to

the communications between

service would strengthen friendship

between the two countries on hopes

that the transport links would lead to

easier cross-border movement of

Khanduri said the launch of the bus

trade between the two countries.

Huda said the bus

Bangladesh and India.

At the inaugural ceremony in

Another bus carrying three minis-

at 3:00pm.

They were to attend the second

people, including cultural activists,

illegal stay there.

Teacher

mugged

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Muggers took away in cash and

kinds reportedly worth about Tk 1

lakh from a university teacher at

Iqbal Road in Mohammadpur

private car held up Mohammad

Abdul Hve. also a researcher, in

front of the north gate of Preparatory

took away his shoulder bag, con-

taining Tk 10,000, a Dhaka-New

York-Dhaka airline ticket, a cellular

phone, two diaries, an invitation

letter from Chicago University and

World Religions of Charity

University, Dhaka, Hye filed a case

Arms cache seized

hemmed in a gang, led allegedly by

its boss Kiron Joy Chakma, who were

lying in wait for tolls from traders at

Battoli, four kilometres off the district

army men overpowered the gang and

arrested Kiron and seized four bullets

In a gunfight that ensued, the

Other operatives managed to

Claiming Kiron as their man, the

anti-CHT peace treaty group, United

People's Democratic Front issued a

press release alleging that army

arrested him while he was meeting

Locals said traders were waiting

headquarter yesterday.

with Mohammadpur Police Station.

Chairman of the Department of

some important documents.

School at about 7:30pm.

A gang of four on board a blue

They hit Hye in the hand and

in city

Thursday.

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Korea apprised Bangladesh of the new law that states all foreign workers who have completed five years would be deported. On the other hand, the workers who spent less than three years would be given a chance to get worker's certificate to stay another two years. The foreign workers would be given equal benefits of local labour under the new law.

Around 2,500 Bangladeshi workers, recruited in 1996-97, have outstayed their five-year term, according to sources.

Korea has increased the job quota for Bangladeshis to 8,800 last year from 5,500 earlier. It had stopped large-scale employment of Bangladeshis in 1998 following a huge inflow of illegal workers.

Korea recruits workers from 18 countries, mainly developing and least developed.

China and the Philippines have brought back their illegal workers from

2 cops killed in Narsingdi road mishap

BSS, Narsingdi

Bus service begins

three others injured in a road accident at Palanpur on the Dhaka-Sylhet Highway Thursday night.

when a police van was rammed from behind by a Narsingdi-bound bus coming from Dhaka

the spot, while constable Fonindra Sutradar on way to hospital.

Of the injured, assistant Sub-Inspector Kohinar and driver of the police van Morshed were admitted Narsingdi Prime Hospital. Constable Shahadat was sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

A case was filed with sadar thana

trade have already been fashioned

with Myanmar and China through

and benefit from this process of

regional integration by developing

itself as a regional hub for the eastern

part of the sub-continent," said the

Chittagong Port as the gateway to the

region should be viewed as a commer

cial proposition, he said.

other activities, he said.

addressed the function.

cially of Tripura.

The issues like transit and use of

Describing the event as historic,

The relations between Bangladesh

Chairman of Bangladesh Road

The two-way bus fare on Dhaka-

The BRTC will operate two aircon-

Agartala route has been fixed at \$10

and India will be strengthened through

exchanges of education, sports and

Transport Corporation (BRTC) Taimur

Alam Khandakar, among others,

the Tripura chief minister said the new

bus route is a pathway to prosperity for

the people of the two countries espe-

"Bangladesh can also participate in

Manipur and Sikkim," he said.

Two policemen were killed and

Police said the accident occurred

Constable Asgar Ali, 45, died on

with tolls to meet the gang's demand. The joint forces of army, police and BDR have been carrying out operations in the CHT highlands since September 7 to arrest terrorist and criminal gangs operating in the region, local sources said.

locals there

escape

The 21st battalion of the BDR also made several raids in Naikkhyongchhari on Wednesday.

Talking to newsmen at Bandarban Brigade Headquarters yesterday, army officers declined to comment on the men behind the Naikkhyongchhari arms buildup.

Saddam's minister FROM PAGE 12

by the US government."

"We do not sell people like Sultan

Hashim. It is true he served the Iraqi government but he is an innocent man and we want you (the US) to treat him honestly," he added. Mosul is where Saddam's sons,

Uday and Qusay, were killed in a gunbattle with US forces in July and Ahmed's surrender may fuel speculation that US troops could be closing in on other top fugitives, perhaps even Saddam himself.

Ahmed was seen by Saddam's side in video footage, said to have been shot in Baghdad on April 9, of the Iraqi leader waving to cheering crowds in a northern suburb of the capital as the city was being overrun by US forces.

In the 1991 Gulf War, Saddam chose Ahmed to head the Iragi delegation at cease-fire talks near the border with Kuwait. However, he was regarded largely as a figurehead in the Iraqi armed forces with real control resting with Saddam.

Ahmed is the eight of hearts in a pack of playing cards issued to US troops to help them identify fugitive Iragi leaders. Saddam himself is the ace of spades.

Ahmed's surrender means 40 out of the 55 former top Iragis wanted by Washington have now turned themselves in or have been arrested or killed.

business with any government or

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for employing foreign maids. They will also have to pay for the return air ticket on expiry of a worker's contract.

a worker for services like passport The workers must be above 35, preferably married and accompanied

food and accommodation. The government hopes around

Lanka, India and Indonesia, work in the Middle East currently

Sources said demand for Bangladeshi women workers for household jobs were always high in those countries because of social

domestic helps, sources said, adding on many occasions, ambassadors of some of the countries in Dhaka requested the government to allow women workers to their countries

UNGA weighs Arab bid to pressure Israel

REUTERS, *United Nations*

The UN General Assembly was set to take up a bid yesterday by Arab nations to get around this week's US veto of a Security Council resolution aimed at pressuring Israel to drop a threat to "remove" Palestinian President Yasser Arafat. The 191nation assembly, where Washington has no veto, was due to meet in emergency session to weigh a resolution just like the one blocked by the United States on Tuesday.

A vote is expected by the end of the day and is likely to reveal deep divisions in the quartet of international mediators -- the United States, Russia, the European Union and the United Nations -- responsible for the road map intended to guide Israelis and Palestinians to lasting peace.

vote against any Arab-backed resolution, Russia is likely to vote in favour and the 15 European Union states are divided after failing on Thursday to agree on a common position. Turning to the General Assembly

the Arab bloc as it traditionally enjoys strong support there.

But the measure will not carry the same weight.

peace and security matters can be binding on world governments. assembly measures merely reflect the will of governments around the world, each of which has one vote in The United States infuriated the

Arab world by using its veto to kill a resolution drafted by Palestinian UN

endorsed by Arab and Non-Aligned The measure demanded that

"Israel, the occupying power, desist from any act of deportation and cease any threat to the safety of the elected president of the Palestinian

It also called for an end to all acts of violence and increased efforts to implement the international road

Eleven council members voted in favour of the draft while Britain, Germany and Bulgaria abstained.

US Ambassador John Negroponte said he vetoed the measure because it failed to explicitly condemn Hamas, Islamic Jihad and the al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade --Palestinian groups blamed for

Robbery at **Mirpur**

A gang of seven went to the

house of Jahidul Islam, a businessman, and pressed calling bell at about 11:00am. They confined the residents at gunpoint as soon as the

almirah and took away cash, gold ornaments and others valuables.

13 working groups

is expected to hold a meeting in November with all secretaries and direct them on how the programme will be implemented. The government will prepare the first IPRSP implementation evaluation report by June 2004.

On the other front, the Public Expenditure Review Commission (PERC) suggests the setting-up of at least 11 permanent taskforces for implementation of the IPRSP and design and implementation of the full-fledged Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (PRSP).

nue, banking, city development, government.

submitted to the finance ministry, the PERC says the taskforces to be formed with representations of the ministries concerned, private sector representatives and academicians will strengthen and modernise the decision-making process to make economic activities

government began implementing the three-vear programme under the IPRSP since July for speedy

hand, the government plans to frame the final PRSP by December 2004. It will help the government get donor credit. But I think the conventional structure of the government will not help eradicate poverty under the plan. A coordination body, National

Poverty Reduction Council, envisaged in the IPRSP, is in the process of formation, with the prime minister heading it, to make sure the

Commission and other high officials will be members of the com-

The committee, assisted by the taskforces, will do what is necessary to ensure inter-ministerial coordination and implementation structure to ensure economic

role in stopping wasteful projects in the annual development programme. "A project should first be cleared by a relevant taskforce before putting it under the ADP," the

ing road traffic including an

unchecked proliferation of rick-

shaws -- all jostling for space on the

roads. Under the circumstances

ensuring road safety has indeed

Airport Road leading to Tongi and beyond and the road to Aricha at breakneck speed without any care about what they leave behind in

no visible measure on the part of the government to check such wanton driving practices, which have given rise to some tragic road accidents in the past exacting heavy casualties in terms of both life and property.

importance. Expansion of the city's existing become a difficult proposition. And it has become more so at night since there is none to control

the nocturnal traffic. The situation can no longer be ignored and effective road safety mechanisms should be put in place before more precious lives are lost.

where he was believably brought back resulted in a failure because of leakage of the operation information by elements in the police.

Since then whereabouts of Jamal could not be known, police and intelligence sources said

department were abducted from Fatikchhari on Sunday and they were rescued after five hours of search in the deep forest, but the abductors escaped.

also from Fatikchhari, but she was yet to be rescued, police said. A school and a madrasha stu-

dents who were abducted from Raozan last week managed to flee

tage-takers' Fatikchhari and Raozan hideouts.

that the Koch will not be evicted. fresh allocations of their land. The Modhupur Afforestation "The forest beat officer has been Programme was launched years ago

threatening to evict us. He also asked money from me. If people protest, they are accused of stealing logs. Now we don't know what to do," said Shafiqul Islam, a farmer of Mohammad Amir Hossain, range

officer of the Aronkhola forest beat nowever denied the allegation. He said the villagers are partners in the social forestry project of the 1993 phase and the trees in their land were sold as per contract of the project.

"That is why foresters went to cut down the trees. But we don't want to knock down their houses." he added.

According to forest officials, the villagers were allocated the land in 1993 under the project to plant acacia trees for rapid afforestation. But instead, they planted different fruit trees and bamboos. Now, foresters want them to cut down the trees or

face lawsuit. The villagers were supposed to plant only acacia trees under the contract under which they were allocated the land. But they violated the contract and planted bamboo, jackfruit, banana and mango trees That is why the notice was issued." said Divisional Forest Officer Abu Hanif Patowari of Tangail forest beat when asked about the eviction notice. He however gave assurance

Joshi quits

FROM PAGE 12 dent M Venkaiah Naidu before sending his resignation, the sources said, adding the party told him there was no need for resignation.

Joshi had on Thursday said he would resign if charges were framed against him.

The Prime Minister is away on a

The court yesterday discharged Deputy Prime Minister LK Advani. Special judge VK Singh, giving his ruling directed all the accused against whom charges were being

framed to appear before court on October 10. He quashed the chargesheet against Advani.

Singhal, Acharya Giriraj Kishore Vishnu Hari Dalmiya, Sadhvi Ritambhara.

Mridul Rakesh, counsel for all the accused, said he would challenge the verdict if his clients wanted such a line of action. He would have to CBI counsel RK Saini said the

To a question whether it showed there was a lacuna in the chargesheet, he said he could not comment as he was yet to go

through the judgment. He was also not aware how the court had appreciated the evidence.

Mukherjee murder

to the programme. demanded immediate arrest of and

punishment to the killers. Ship-breaking

environmental aspects than on

industry," one speaker said. was affected as toxic gas spewing respiratory problems and burning

sensation in skin and eyes of people and harmed trees and animals. The rally was addressed by BAPA secretary general Abu Naser Khan, Dr. Mahbub Hossain, Dr.

Bank guard kills

FROM PAGE 1 meal as the bank was closed on the

weekly holiday. Javed told the guard the owner of the building had asked him to do some electrical work and he (Javed) needed to enter the bank as the main electric line of the building passed through it.

"Taleb opened the bank gate in good faith, allowed Javed to enter the bank and locked the gate. As the electrician started work, the guard again started preparing his meal.' manager of the bank KM Wahidul

Taleb with a sharp knife and started stabbing him indiscriminately," the manager added. Taleb somehow managed to stand up and chopped Javed with a 'hoti' ((kitchen knife). As Javed

Local people rushed to the spot

collapsed on the ground, Taleb

The manager said he went to the bank on receipt of a telephone call from owner of the building Humayun Kabir and found that nothing was taken away. Humayun said he did not ask

some gang members for robbery in the bank, some bank officials sus-One official said the electrician did some work when the bank

Police said they were trying to ascertain whether the incident was a robbery attempt or it concerned enmity with the bank guard. No case was filed till yesterday evening.

FROM PAGE 1 Bangladesh Hindu-Bouddha-Christian Oikya Parishad announced a three-day mourning programme in Jhenidah from today. All political parties, including the ruling BNP, extended their support

BMA's Jhenidah unit and the owners of diagnostic centres took out a mourning procession in the town yesterday protesting the killing of Dr SK Mukherjee. They

FROM PAGE 12
"We should give more emphasis on

economic aspects of ship breaking Earlier on Tuesday, a big area in Sitakunda under Chittagong district from ship breaking yard caused

people and goods and shore up trade and economic exchanges. Nuruddin and Golam Kibria.

Khanduri also said he looked forward to the commissioning of Shialdah-Dhaka passenger train service at the earliest. "Over the last few years, we have made continuous efforts to tap the potential of our northeastern region as a bridge to expand India's trade relations with contiguous

ditioned buses from Dhaka at 7:00am and 2:00pm every day and the TRTC will run a bus from Agartala six days a week except Sunday.

(about Tk 590).

Passengers have to travel four hours from Dhaka to Bhairab Bazar to Brahmanbaria to Akhaura to Agartala. said BRTC sources.

Billing scam in BTTB "We don't have that office anymore since we have no licence to

> of the "systematic and deliberate fraud" made DNS management to own up the wrongdoing. DNS Managing Director Rafel Kabir officially accepted "the liability of the lost revenue" as well as confessed

phone bills" to the BTTB. In a letter on May 7, Kabir agreed to pay the entire "unaccounted amount of Tk 19,90,036.41" to the BTTB. He sought the BTTB's "kind cooperation for a favourable conclusion" of its investigation, which would enable DNS "to render better services in future"

But the BTTB inquiry committee

has proposed to cancel the bill

to "submission of incorrect tele-

processing contract with DNS and forfeit its bank guarantee of Tk 6 lakh in security deposit. The BTTB had already paid Tk

tee observed the telephones were In its official report on July 21, the used for making illegal international BTTB's investigation committee "strongly recommended" blacklisting DNS to prevent it from doing semi-government organisation.

But the government early this month gave a contract to DNS to provide high-speed data service for the Prime Minister's Office

S Arabia

and visa processing. by husbands. Their salaries must be over 400 Saudi riyal a month with free

two lakh women workers can be employed in Saudi Arabia soon. Remittances sent by them will be about Tk 1,500 crore a year, sources

and religious factors.

Employers there prefer Muslim

their wake. It is quite regrettable that there is

Observers say road hazards are

oad network in order to ease traffic iams would require major overhaul in the city's traffic system. It presents a daunting prospect as the city has been allowed to grow in an unplanned way. With the current spree of construction of high-rise buildings and numerous commercial centres on every available space, there is very little room to left to make way for new roads or expansion of existing roads in order to channel the incessant flow of city traffic. On top of that, the continuous increase in city population entails an ever-increasing demand for public transports, evident by the burgeon-

suicide bombings in Israel

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Robbers looted cash, gold ornaments and other valuables reportedly worth about Tk 23 lakh from a residence at Mirpur-10 yesterday

door was opened The gang seized the keys of the

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman

The PERC recommends that

the taskforces deal with reviewing the status of expenditure, poverty, macroeconomy, industries, reveagriculture and rural economy, international trading and foreign investment, environment and local In a report that has not vet been

more transparent. A PERC official said. "The

official said.

Traffic hazards

compounded by vehicles of varying speeds plying the same roads at the same time. Some observers also point to the lack of coordination between authorities responsible for road traffic control. Particularly. there have been allegations that the Road and Highways Department and the Dhaka City Corporation hardly agree over any issue of

Ctg crime FROM PAGE 1

Meanwhile, four staff of the forest

A schoolteacher was abducted

from captivity. Non-Bangalee businessman Taher Ali Fakri was abducted in 1995 and held hostage in the hos-

He was released long after his

Hizbut Towhid and recovered a large number of leaflets from their

Apart from Joshi, those against whom charges would be framed are BJP leaders Uma Bharti and Vinay Katiyar, VHP leaders Ashok

talk to them, he said judgment would be examined by the agency before it decides whether to appeal against the discharge of

Forestry project

massive afforestation to attain a 20 per cent tree cover of the total land area by reforesting the previously recorded forest lands. But the indigenous peoples were neither consulted nor taken into account during implementation of the

which calls for taking into consider-

ation of the sensitivities of indigenous

as part of the government's plan for

Housewife FROM PAGE 1 the victim's body from her tin-shed

Police sent the body to Mitford

Hospital for autopsy after recording

an unnatural death case.

Nasima's brother-in-law Samiullah and his wife Halima were arrested the same night on suspicion of their involvement in the alleged murder. Shamima's elder brother Mohammad Faiz told journalists yesterday that his sister, married to Salahuddin about three years ago,

wife also tortured my sister," he said. "About two months ago Salauddin demanded Tk 2 lakh for his business and got angry as we did not give him the money. After

that, the torture increased," Faiz

14 Hizbut men

across the country to arrest militants

of the Hizbut Towhid, Islami Biplobi

Parishad and Al Hikma for damag-

ing the country's image through

ask for remand to interrogate them.

Earlier on September 13, the

mother-in-law of a Hizbut Towhid

leader was killed and 25 other

people were injured when a group of

madrassah students at Jugia on the

outskirts of Kushtia town attacked

houses of Hizb leader Abdul

people including two policemen

were injured, 10 of them seriously, in

militants and a group of madrassah

students at Poradah rail station in

Mirpur upazila of the same district.

clash between Hizbut Towhid

Police arrested 13 cadres of the

On September 9, at least 45

lannan and his in-laws.

"My sister is not likely to commit

was often tortured by her husband, a

small trader who was once married

before. "His brother Samiullah and his

suicide. She was killed by Salahuddin." he said. Shamima left behind two sons, Haque Sajal said quoting police. "But Javed suddenly attacked

threw the keys outside and started militant activities in the name of screaming for help. religion, sources said. Police will produce the arrested and called police. militants before the court today and

> anyone to do electrical work. Javed might have been sent by

branch was open in February last year. "Taleb is a very efficient and sincere quard." he said.

exchange. Authorities immediately sought explanation for the inconsistency from DNS and formed a fourmember investigation committee headed by the BTTB's general manager (finance). The committee found a large number of similar malpractices by DNS in processing

case, DNS lodged an "insignificant general diary with Gulshan Police Station" against the two employees for such a serious offence, sources The BTTB investigators, however, found 'inconclusive evidence of forgery' against the management of DNS. They found that it had

activated a special command in its

bill processing computers to favour

This mechanism kept the

the subscribers of 68 telephones.

Initially, DNS in a letter to the

BTTB on April 20, 2003 defended

itself and blamed two of its low-end

employees for tampering with the

billing data. But instead of filing a

monthly billed amount of the telephones limited to 100 units. although unlimited local and long distance calls were made. The investigators also found that most of these 68 telephones were located on the office premises of DNS and adjacent dwellings in

Gulshan. As DNS is also an internet

service provider (ISP), the commit-

phone calls termination business.

an allegation the DNS denies.

operate as an ISP (internet service provider)," Chief Operating Officer of DNS M Atigul Ahsan said. "We also filed a suit against the BTTB for disconnecting all our telephone lines, which we used to run the ISF business.' However, the BTTB's digging up

38 lakh to DNS to print the telephone bills until December 2002. Now DNS owes Tk 22.40 lakh and the committee has recommended adjusting the BTTB's lost revenue of Tk 20 lakh from this outstanding payment to the contractor.

Local recruiting agencies must not charge more than Tk 10.000 from

Several lakh women workers, mainly from the Philippines, Sri

The United States is certain to

after a US veto in the Security Council is a time-honoured tactic for

While council resolutions on

A case was filed with Mirpur

strategies are being implemented. Another coordination body, Implementation Monitoring Committee, suggested by the PERC in its report, is also under formation, headed by prime minister's principal secretary. The BB governor, finance secretary, chairman of the National Board of Review, secretary of the Planning

"This will create an institutional governance," said a PERC official. The taskforces will also play a