## Businessmen shot dead | AL demands

9:00am floating just 100 yards away from where Šhahidul's body was found at 6:30am.

Police said conflict between friends might have led to the killings, but

In the other incident Mirpur, a gang of three shot garment waste trade Shaikh Shahid. 40. in front of his

Three young men ran towards

and shot once in the forehead point blank," said Liton, a hired hand at the

Police, quoting witnesses, said a group of extortionists demanded Tk 50,000 as toll from Mujibur two months

## Trial of Nurul Islam murder adjourned

The trial of the Laxmipur BNP leader Nurul Islam murder case has been adjourned till October 7 following a Naraji petition filed by the defen-

Speedy Trial Tribunal, Chittagong adjourned the trial as the defendant's lawyer Advocate Ranangan Das submitted a Naraji petition under CrPC 526 and expressed doubt about the fair trial in the tribunal.

The advocate also informed the court that the defendant would file a fresh petition before the High Court Division to transfer the case from the tribunal.

On hearing the petition, the tribunal adjourned the hearing of the prosecution witnesses for next 15 days and fixed October 7 for next hearing in case of failure in obtaining the High Court order within the time.

held on September 15 and 20.

Meanwhile, prosecution lawyer also Special Public Prosecutor and the murdered BNP leader's brother Taiul Islam said the postponement was to delay the case further. Such postponement had already delayed

## Grenade found at orphanage

Sonadanga yesterday morning.

Blessings, an orphanage aided by Christian Service Society (CSS), a non-government organisation.

on Sylhet-Tamabil highway within a Police recovered the grenade from near the administrative building of the orphanage that hosts 800 orphans. Fortunately, it did not explode, said the officer in-charge of

> activists of an unidentified Islamic militant group had threatened to

blow up the orphanage. Panic gripped the residents of the orphanage. A general diary (GD)

power to strengthen the force. has been filed with Sonadanga Police Station.

The report suggested undertaking

adequate measures to address the

possible setback of the readymade

garment (RMG) with the full PRSP, as

the sector could face a stiff global

competition with the elimination of the

multi-fibre arrangement (MFA) after

rural development strategy and land

reforms plan with the full PRSP, which

are absent from the I-PRSP.

Ansar kills

himself in

area yesterday.

proper use of a rifle

accidental fire

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

An ansar killed himself by acciden-

tally firing his rifle into his chest in

Sylhet Osmani International Airport

was on duty in the car parking area

at about 1:30pm and was giving

instructions to his colleagues on

Medical College Hospital, where the

physicians declared him dead.

under Golapganj upazila of Sylhet.

to his village today after autopsy.

He was rushed to MAG Osmani

Afsar hailed from Moskapur village

Officials said his body will be sent

Airport sources said Afsar Ali, 22,

It also recommended adopting a

## WB, IMF ask govt

Relations Division (ERD) said.

attended the meeting.

"An integral element of the poverty The General Economic Division reduction strategy would include (GED) of the Planning Commission development of detailed strategies on has already initiated the preparation of political governance issues, such as the full PRSP. It has already estabthe reform of the present election lished a Poverty Focal Point as part of system that condones excessive the preparation of the document as campaign expenditures, which are suggested by the IMF, sources said. then recouped by dispensing favours The main purpose of the full PRSP and engaging in corruption.

is to alleviate poverty, attain rural development, spur GDP growth, empower women, broaden health facilities and enhance literacy rate, according to the sources.

The I-PRSP set the GDP growth at 6.5 per cent by 2006-2007 and halving the poverty by 2015.

The I-PRSP also lavs out a broader vision for the future along with a medium term economic strategy like achieving growth with a poverty focus by building on macro-economic stability, implementing a set of long overdue structural reforms in the banking and energy sectors, investing in human development and improving quality and access to education and health services, especially for poor

and women. "Bangladesh's I-PRSP constitutes a cohesive policy framework to increase growth and reduce poverty. However, some weaknesses remain to be addressed in the transition to the full PRSP," the report observed.

Elaborating, the report said it will be important to sharply prioritise nearterm policies in key sectors and antipoverty programmes, and incorporate their full cost into the medium term budget framework

There is a need to meaningfully address capacity constraints for effective implementation and monitoring of the strategy. It will also be crucial to design a more cohesive strategy for

On political governance, the latest joint report said greater emphasis is needed to be given on political gover-

So far, only two hearings were

A powerful hand grenade was recovered from an orphanage at

claimed several lives at the Home of

Sonadanga Police Station.

## 303

in place of dropped fast bowler Junaid Zia and opener Imran Nazir, while Bangladesh retained the same team which lost the fourth match by five wickets at Rawalpindi. Inzamam gave the final touches

with a 54-ball 52 that included three boundaries and a six to help Pakistan add 87 runs in the last 10

toss, Pakistan were given a sound start of 95 by Hameed and Mohammad Hafeez by the 23rd over as both handled Bangladesh powling with ease.

Left-arm spinner Mohammad Rafigue's introduction provided the tourists with the first breakthrough when Hafeez was stumped for 44, studded with seven boundaries.

Youhana continued his good form with a whirlwind 52 off just 32 balls spiced with three towering sixes and six boundaries. He helped Hameed add 74 runs for the second wicket off just 66 balls to lift home team's run rate.

Bangladesh pacer Mashrafee-bin-Mortuza helped his team by striking twice, trapping Youhana leg before wicket in the 34th over and then dismissing Younis Khan for nine

## 3 US soldiers

FROM PAGE 12 wounded by mortars

US Brigadier General Janis Karpinski told reporters on a tour of the facility last week that "four nights out of seven we get attacked with mortars, rocket or AK-47s".

Military police patrolled the streets of the nearby town of Abu Gharib as several helicopters flew ow over main highways and deserted industrial sites.

Barely a half hour before the mortars fell, a soldier of the US 3rd Armored Cavalry died after an attack by an improvised explosive device in Ramadi, 110 kilometres from the capital.

## **CPA** conference

cancellation of

Bar council act

The main opposition Awami League

(AL) yesterday protested enactment

Practitioners and Bar Council

(Amendment) Act, 2003 and

demanded its cancellation saying the

amendment was made to politicise

September 17 incorporating some

reforms and including certain

changes in election procedures of

design to cripple the judiciary sys-

Abdul Jalil at a press conference at

debarring candidates from being

elected for three terms on a trot was

made as the pro-government aspirants had been defeated by rivals in

Procedure Code (Amendment) Act,

passed on July 19 in the Jatiya Sangsad, was introduced by the

government to make justice costly for

said, anyone seeking time extension will now have to pay Tk 5,000. Poor

people do not get benefit of justice

because they can not pay for legal

brought about in the Bar Council

election process, under which seven

regional representatives would be

elected through the franchise of the

voters from their respective constitu-

ency instead of voters from across

on the new rules for constituting

enrolment committee of advocates.

South Talpatty

on high or low tides, the total land

area of the island varies between

the island falls within Bangladesh's

maritime boundary, according to a

study by Dr Mohammad Abdur Rab,

a professor of geography at Dhaka

destructive cyclone that ravaged

the southern Bangladesh in 1970.

then East Pakistan. But the then

government and also the govern-

Bangladesh did not take any con-

crete steps to control the land

which was later annexed by India.

President Ziaur Rahman took

the initiative to recover the land

from India, but with his death the

observed that Bangladesh Navy is currently short-staffed and lacks

necessary arms and logistic support

n the context of modern-day war-

fare, and emphasised the need to

equip the navy to ensure sover-

eignty of the country's maritime

labal Muitaba informed the meet-

ing that most of the ships of the

navy are 20 years or older, meeting

Navy officials also told the meet-

ng that the navy is facing difficulty in

discharging its duties due to insuffi-

cient manpower and logistic support,

and recommended sanction of

modern equipment and more man-

Navy Chief Rear Admiral Shah

The standing committee

ment of the newly liberated

The island emerged during the

The AL also came down heavily

The AL also criticised the change

Referring to the amendment, he

The AL leader also said the Civil

the party's central office.

the Bar Council polls

battles, he observed.

he country.

FROM PAGE 1

University.

process stalled

sources said.

"The act has been passed with a

He claimed that the provision of

said AL General Secretary

The bill was passed on

the Bangladesh Legal

amendment

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

the judiciary.

Bar Council.

tively to the reasonable demands of the opposition in time," Hasina's political secretary, Saber Hossain Chowdhury, told The Daily Star by phone last night.

"We gave the government the benefits of time and doubt, but unfortunately they chose not to respond to us appropriately."

"We made it clear to the Commonwealth envoys that the Awami League wanted the event a complete success. We had thought the forum would present an excellent platform for the government and the opposition to work together."

Deputy Leader of the Opposition Abdul Hamid told the envoys that Speaker Jamir Uddin Sircar informed nim earlier on the day that the CPA conference steering committee would retain Harris Čhowdhury and Mosaddek Ali, the two nonparliamentarian political secretaries of the prime minister, as members.

Saber said it was not just a question of retaining the pair on the committee, but a mirror to the government's mindset of acting on its own, unmindful of the opposition role.

Amid growing concerns of the Commonwealth, including its member nations Britain and Australia and the CPA secretariat, over boycott threat of the conference by the opposition, the government offered to allow Hasina's speech in the launch or close of the

It also agreed to co-opt more opposition deputies in the steering and other sub-committees. The government, however, dug its

neels on the Harris-Mosaddek case, an option totally unacceptable to the AL that even disregarded the speaker's proposal that they would not join any meetings of the steering The AL also raised questions about

transparency in the expenditure of Tk 5 crore allocated to host the confer-

ceremonial presence in the confer-

On the government overtures, he said it was too late to invite the opposition. "Can you get back the meetings of the steering committee which were held without our representation?" he

Commonwealth envoys asked the AL to join the programme, Jalil said, "We have taken the final decision and there is no scope to change it." Earlier on September 14, coming out of an AL Parliamentary Party

skip the conference. Hasina is likely to undertake a US

visit when Dhaka will host the confer-

### 2 vessels collide

The accident occurred when an HRC ship MV Bangabiraj and a Panama flag carrier MV Eagle Strength collided head-on at the Randar Channel near BNS Flotilla at around 6:30pm. MV Bangabiraj was leaving the port with some 300 containers, while MV Eagle Strength was entering the port from the outer anchorage with around 750 containers.

the naval ships, causing huge damage.

Jamuna, Surabhi, Shagor, Shapla Barkat, Anirban and two other ships sources said.

## JCD men threaten

13,000 and 30,000 square kiloseven medical officers in the emergency ward -- to pay the JCD cad-Oceanographic, geographic and hydrological data clearly prove that

"As I refused to pay the money Dr Jahangir threatened me with dire consequences during an altercation. Later, two JCD activists came to the emergency ward on Saturday morning and threatened to kill me when I refused to pay them tolls."

"They also declared me unwanted and asked me to guit the hospital immediately," Dr Farhad

"The JCD activists left the scene when policemen came. Later, I filed a general diary (GD) with Panchlaish Police Station and sought the help of police to ensure my safety and security," Farhad added He said a written complaint was

also submitted to the director of the CMCH in this connection. "But hospital authorities are yet to take any action," he added.

Sources said a number of complaints of irregularities were submitted to the hospital authorities earlier against the resident surgeon (general). But no action was taken on the basis of complaints.

The director of the CMCH was unavailable for comments.

Dr Md Jahangir however said, The allegation raised against me by Dr Farhad Hossain is totally false. was never involved in collection of tolls for the JCD cadres, as I don't belong to them. I belong to Bangladesh Medical Association." "Dr Farhad cooked up a story

when as his superior I put pressure on him to settle a dispute over fake certificate he had issued as an emergency medical officer to an outsider," Dr Jahangir said.

College (CMC) for long, college A senior official of the CMC seeking anonymity said, "A decision was taken at the academic council meeting to vacate the Lutfus Salam

"But it was not vacated as the JCD cadres along with outsiders forcibly occupied the hostel," he

Senior Vice-president of the JCD's CMC unit Shah Mohammad

involved in extortion of money," Sumon said, adding "nor did the JCD supporters forcibly occupy any dormitory at the CMC. "The Lutfus Salam Hostel seems

not secured for a ladies' hostel, as it is located beside the main road. Food Minister Abdullah Al Noman dents.

vertical extension of the dormitory for female students," the JCD leader

## Block 9 sellout

oil companies during the second round block bidding, the sources claimed.

"But everyone excepting Niko refused," said an industry insider. According to him. Chevron-Texaco did not ask the block's operator Tullow whether it wanted to buy the stakes although the Irish company reserves the first right to buy the share if the deal was transparent. Uncomfortable with Tullow as a

partner. Chevron-Texaco believed that Tullow alone could not carry out all the responsibilities of block 9 due to its financial constraints, the source said.

Niko, on the other hand, is even weaker than Tullow in financial and technical terms. But a very powerful political lobby promised Chevron-Texaco of a "smooth transition" of the deal should one be struck with

Another industry insider observes, "When Cairn sold its shares in blocks 15 and 16 to Shell, it brought in a big company. When Occidental sold its concerns to Unocal, it was also a competent swap. Again, when Shell sold its shares back to Cairn last month, we could accept it because Cairn is the original owner of the shares," said the source.

"But Niko taking place of Chevron-Texaco does not fit any rationality. Niko was disqualified in the second round bidding and it's not even half the strength of Tullow," the source notes. "And the PSC does not allow such sale of shares." The PSC's section 31.3 that

allows the PSC partners to assign

any part or all of its rights, interests

and obligations to a non-affiliated

third party clearly demands prior

"The proposed assignee or assignees must produce reasonable evidence to Government of its or their financial and technical compe-

The PSC points out, "Petrobangla shall have the right to assign any or all of its rights, interests and obligations under the Contract to any company or enter-

Even the lone clause that allows transfer of interest to any party seeks government approval. any transfer of all or any part of a Party's interest in the PSC... shall not be subject to any preferential rights by the other Parties. The Party transferring its interest at its sole discretion may elect to assign all or any part of its interest to any party of its choosing. Approval of the Government will be needed for any such transfer."

But the Chevron-Texaco's Wednesday's letter to Petrobangla states that the sale of its shares to the Irish company.

right to transfer their interest in this manner and at this time and we would request the full support of the Ministry and the Government in preventing the implementation of

Chevron-Texaco letter.

## Caretaker govt

recommendations on how the caretaker government can run

impartially. The AL general secretary alleged that in the last general elections, three persons -- president Shahabuddin Ahmed, chief adviser of the caretaker government Latifur Rahman and Chief Election Commissioner MA Sayeed -- failed to play an impartial role. "These three persons were purchased and they betrayed the people." he added.

He said the AL introduced the concept of caretaker government to establish people's voting right but it failed to fulfil people's expectations during the last general elections.

Yesterday's meeting formed three wings of the AL advisory committee -- political wing with Shamsul Huda Harun as its chairman, economic wing headed by former finance minister SAMS Kibria and the social wing with former education minister ASHK Sadique as the chairman.

The meeting also reviewed in detail the latest political develop-

Former finance minister AMA Muhit, Mazharul Islam, Amir-Ul Islam, former vice-chancellor of Dhaka University AK Azad Chowdhury, Krishak League President Mirza Jalil. Mustafizur Rahman, Shafiullah, Golam Maola and former secretary to the government Mohammad Ali also attended the meeting.

#### N'ganj fire FROM PAGE 1

chairman and other high officials, Post and Telecommunications Minister Aminul Hag ordered the formation of the inquiry committee with a three-day deadline for submission of its report. BTTB sources hinted that the

short-circuit, the fire is generated in the battery section and spreads, but yesterday's flame started in the MDF room. The sources added: The fire originated at about 5:30am but

fire could be sabotage: in case of

The MDF room is a restricted area, but a set of "middlemen has an easy access there", one of the sources said.

But an on-duty ansar in

Narayanganj said Kamal Uddin, a

telecoms operator, first found the flame and informed him about it, but they could not douse the fire as the MDF section was locked. Failing to call the fire brigade because of the damage to telephone lines, they informed fire-

men about it reaching their office on foot, another ansar said. Shamim Ahsan, the fire brigade station officer, told The Daily Star that they were informed

this year, with the first blaze having severely damaged the BSCIC telephone exchange at

### BNP team

FROM PAGE 12 the goodwill tour.

gation are BNP Chairperson's Advisory Council Member MM Rezaul Karim, State Minister for Agriculture Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir, State Minister for Home Lutfozzaman Babar, Deputy Minister for Land Ruhul Quddus Talukder Dulu, BNP lawmakers Helaluzzaman Talukder Lalu, Jamal Nizam, BNP's Information and Research Secretary Mofiqul Hasan Tripty, Jatiyatabadi Sechchhashebak Dal President Rezvi Ahmed. Assistant Office Secretary of BNP Syed Emran Saleh Prince, JCD President Shahabuddin Ahmed Laltu, Bogra district BNP leader Atiqur Rahman, and two personal aides of Tareque Rahman -- Ragibul Islam Bakul and Saiiadur Rahman Knight.

Hawa Bhaban sources said most members of the delegation are close associates of Tareque Rahman and are also on good terms

The selection has reportedly annoved several senior leaders based in Hawa Bhaban who were left off the list. They contended that the delegation should have had more important and senior party leaders on it and that more than one people on the delegation are currently not in any position with the BNP, but were chosen only because of their close association with

process. Details of the tour programme in

China including names of Chinese leaders the delegation will call on during the visit has remained a closely guarded secret; even names of the delegates were not disclosed

## **Pro-BNP lawyers** demand new Bar Council polls

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Jatiyatabadi Ainjibi Oikya Parishad (JAOP), a platform of progovernment lawyers, yesterday laid siege to the Bar Council building. demanding fresh election to the

They brought charges of graft and politicisation of the body against the incumbent Bar Council leaders.

Addressing a rally in front of the main gate of the Supreme Court, JAOP leaders alleged that the council leaders were realising a huge amount of money from the new entrants to the Bar across the

"The dignity and position of the council has been lowered due to its politicisation under the present eadership," said JAOP leaders Demanding resignation of the

council leaders, JAOP leaders suggested formation of an interim committee to run the council until a new committee is formed through election JAOP leaders also said they

would declare Barrister Amir-Ul Islam, vice chairman of the Bar Council. 'unwanted in the council' unless the present committee is dissolved immediately. Earlier, nearly one hundred lawyers travelling in buses reached

gate of the Supreme Court. Presided over by Advocate Fazlur Rahman Khan the rally was

'Kadam Foara' yesterday afternoon

and marched towards the council

building in a procession, but police

intercepted them in front of the main

### College students block highway, call strike

STAFF CORRESPONDENT,

Students of Rajshahi Government College yesterday barricaded the Chapainawabganj-Dhaka highway and called an indefinite strike from today to press home a fivepoint demand

Different student organisations including the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, Bangladesh Chhatra League and Samajtantrik Chhatra Front expressed their solidarity with agitating general students.

A new committee -- Sammilito Chhatra Oikya Parishad -- was formed comprising general students and members and leaders of different student organisations to realise their demands regarding faculty members, books, dormitories, classrooms and

Students locked the college's main gate and blocked the highway in front of the college from 12 noon for half an hour. They also held a rally on the campus. Student leaders said the college, established in 1973, has

22.000 students in its 19 depart-

ments. But the number of teach-

ers, classrooms and residential as

well as transport facilities are still

insufficient. The movement began Saturday with laying siege to the principal's office and a boycott of

addressed, among others, by advocates Masud Ahmed Talukder. Mohsin Mia, Sanaullah Mia and Lutfe Alam.

Meanwhile, the Sammilita Ainjib Somonnoy Parishad (SASP) another platform of lawyers, will hold a rally today at the Supreme Court Bar Association demanding cancellation of amendments to the Civil Procedure Code (CPC) and the Bar Council Order.

The National Bar Association of Bangladesh (NBAB) yesterday asked the government to send the amended CPC to the Law Commission for scrutiny.

The NBAB also demanded that the government postpone implementation of the amended CPC, which is to take effect from October 1.

#### Dhaka-Agartala bus Commercial run from today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The commercial bus service between Dhaka and Agartala begins today, raising a little response among the passengers both sides.

The reason behind the minimal response is a fixed two-way fare at \$10 and an added Tk 500 travel tax by the Bangladesh government said the BBC Bangla Service quoting Tripura Road Transport Corporation (TRTC) officials as The passengers' interest will

increase if Bangladesh issues double-entry visa through Dhaka to Kolkata, said the TRTC officials. The TRTC officials said they sold

while the rest were bought by Tripurans, the BBC reported yester

seater bus a day, while the TRTC will run a bus six-day a week with Sunday off.

# found in

rifle at Porabari in Khagrachhar

raided the area between Panchhari and Matiranga in the morning and found a .22 bore rifle wrapped in polybag inside a Joom house, sources said.

Army personnel arrested nine miscreants from different areas of the district and recovered several firearms and 1.500 bullets during the last one and a half months.

## 74pc doctors

Jeffrey Hammer, a lead economist, at Dhaka yesterday.

Shah, sector manager and a member of the report team, and Junaid Kamal Ahmed, lead economist and team leader of South Asian regional water and sanitation programme, were present at the launch. For the countries in South Asia, the report means that the targets

to have their voice heard by policymakers. The report also provides convincing examples of where services do work, showing how governments and citizens can do better. The report says there have been spectacular successes and miserable failures as the developing countries tried to make the

Bangladesh has seen a 10 per cent annual growth in secondary school enrollment, mostly through nongovernment schools. Most of the increase came from enrollments of girls, assisted by the female secondary school programme, which provides stipends to girls attending school

"The challenge is formidable," said Shekhar Shah. "Making services work for poor people involves changing public sector institutions -those that govern the budget, the

increase foreign aid, and poor countries have pledged to improve their policies and institutions, to try to reach the Millennium Development Goals, he mentioned.

Junaid Kamal Ahmed cited the example of the Rural Electrification Board (REB), saying electricity is being delivered in rural areas of Bandladesh through the REB, while the Power Development Board is incurring losses.

#### Defence ministry FROM PAGE 12

Lalmonirhat and even in Dhaka."

"The committee also recommended not to lease out more of such land in future," Mahbubur said. The parliamentary standing

50 lakh acres of land were out of government control across the country. Reviewing the existing man-

power and logistics of the navy, the

committee recommended providing

t with latest arms and equipment. "We've recommended building the navy as a three-dimensional force, bringing air, land and water under its reach," Hafiz Uddin

the activities of the Bangladesh National Cadet Corps (BNCC) and the survey directorate

cials concerned were present.

#### elder brother Farhad Hossain. "Sayem told me that he will be back

within 10 minutes. Body of Savem was seen at

declined to elaborate.

warehouse on the Majar Road at 4:30pm, injuring him fatally. Shahid when he was talking with a man. One of them pulled out a pistol

warehouse. He was rushed to the DMCH where he died from his wounds at 6:00pm. Mannan, the victim's vounger brother, said an unknown caller

phoned Shahid yesterday and asked

him to give some money to a boy he would be sending.

"Afew hours later a boy came to my brother and he gave him only Tk 500 Later, the caller threatened to kill my brother as he was unhappy with such a small amount given as extortion,

nabbed with arms, bullets

Two criminals

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg District police yesterday held two from notorious Didar Bahini with two firearms and 68 bullets in separate

raids in Fatikchhari. A police team arrested Mohammad Sayem Uddin in Yeasin Nagar at around 4:00am and recovered one foreign shotgun and 37 bullets. The same team arrested Jan-e Alam in Azimpur and recovered one DBBL gun and 31 bullets at

around 6:00am, sources said.

with Fatikchhari Police Station. Sylhet transport

strike called off

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

Two separate cases were filed

Sylhet Division Transport Owners and Workers Unity Council (SDTOWUC) called off the indefinite transport strike in Sylhet division Saturday night after a meeting with the divisional administration. The four-hour meeting between the divisional authorities and the

SDTOWUC ended at 11:15pm with

the decision to withdraw the strike

that began from Saturday morning

as the divisional commissioner assured transport owners-workers that proper measures would be taken to meet their demands. The meeting also decided to restrict plying of BRTC buses in the

city and put an end to toll-collection

fortnight, meeting sources said.

The SDTOWUC called the strike to realise their 20-point demands. All modes of transport remained off the roads during the strike. The divisional commissioner chaired the meeting at the deputy commissioner's office while deputy inspector general of Sylhet police,

deputy commissioner of Sylhet,

additional deputy commissioners,

representatives of political parties

and the SDTOWUC leaders

#### network provider for his refusal to pay Mujibur Rahman, 22, was struck by three bullets in the abdomen and two atment at the DMCH.

in the right leg. He is undergoing Athree-member gang allegedly led

Mannan said. He however did not

might have been killed by extortionists,

who used to collect tolls from garment

resident at Uttar Bisil in Mirpur.

Police also suspected Shahid

Son of Abdul Aziz. Shahid was a

At Shantinagar, extortionists shot

and critically wounded a young cable

mention anyone's name.

by Shamim and Masud shot Mujiibur in front of the White House Hotel at Shantinagar while he was on way to

till October 7 STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Judge M Hasan Imam of the

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

The hand grenade could have

Police and the CSS sources said

Tigers chase FROM PAGE 1 On the field, Pakistan played with Shabbir Ahmed and Yasir Hameed

overs and post a winning total. Opting to bat after winning the

Jalil said: "We find no logic in attending a conference in which the government

totally ignores the main opposition." The government did not want our active participation, it expected our

Replying to a question if the

(ALPP) meeting. Hasina threatened to

FROM PAGE 1

MV Eagle Strength rammed into

The naval ships that were damaged in the collision include BNS

Meanwhile, JCD cadres backed by some outsiders have occupied a dormitory of Chittagong Medical

Hostel to allow the female students to stay there, as they were facing severe seat crisis in the lone female students' dormitory.'

Mahbubur Rahman Sumon brushed aside as baseless all the allegations against his organisation's activists "The JCD activists are not at all

already took steps to resolve the seat crisis facing the female stu-"A project was prepared for

written approval of the government and Petrobangla. One of the conditions for such a deal suggested by the PSC says,

prise under its control."

Niko is effective from that day. The American company also sent a similar letter to Tullow that enraged In a letter to State Minister for Energy and Mineral Resources Mosharraf Hossain, Tullow writes, "We do not accept that they have the

Petrobangla is currently scrutinising the legal aspects of the

firefighters were informed one and a quarter hours later.

about the fire at 6:47am and extinguished it by 7:30am.

The other members of the dele-Zahiruddin Swapan and Sarwar

with Bhuiyan.

Tareque Rahman. Party sources said despite CPC's repeated requests to expedite the tour programme, strong lobbying by ministers. lawmakers and party leaders to include them on the delegation and the SARS scare following outbreak of the epidemic in China delayed the selection

> relations between central and local governments, the civil service, and Rich countries have pledged to

only seven tickets of the 40-seated bus of which four were bought by Bangladeshi iournalists who came on the inaugural bus trip and stayed for their respective news coverage,

> Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation (BRTC) sources echoed the TRTC officials, adding that they will provide more buses if the flow of passengers increases. The BRTC presently runs a 40-

AK-47 rifle

army drive OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

Acting on a tip off, the team

development because more public spending will not do it by itself," said

Christine Wallich, World Bank

country director in Dhaka, Shekhar

set for the poor can be achieved. but will require substantial reforms

in different sectors. The poor need

services work. With a different approach

occupied by encroachers. "We've information that encroachers have occupied many pieces of such land in Comilla,

committee on land ministry at a meeting on September 7 said about

Ahmed, water resource minister and a member of the committee, The committee also discussed

Committee members and offi-