Crime investigations | Biman staff

said the official who preferred not to

For other agencies, the situation is quite pitiful. Most police stations in the country do have fingerprinting kits, but they are hardly used, a top police official said.

"Besides, only one per cent of policemen know how to collect fingerprints or footprints," he said, requesting anonymity.

"It is crucial that the first officer on the crime scene properly protect the area to restrict access and prevent evidence destruction. The entire investigation hinges on that first person being able to properly identify, isolate and secure the scene by establishing a restricted perimeter, mainly with rope, tape or barriers."

"But most of our policemen do not even know how to secure a scene to prevent evidence from being tampered with or destroyed inadvertently," said the official.

As a result, investigations are often stalled halfway through the process for want of such concrete evidence. In cases where direct evidence like witness testimony is unavailable or hard to get, investigation officers are forced to press charges based largely on circumstantial evidence, which in many cases is not enough to plug the legal loopholes

In the absence of forensic evidence, prosecutors are unable to make a strong case and rapists. murderers, arsonists -- many of whom are repeat offenders -- walk

"Even in neighbouring India, police at all levels know how to protect a crime scene or collect fingerprints and footprints," he said.

The government has reportedly undertaken a project to set up a DNA laboratory under the Forensic Department of Dhaka Medical College Hospital, which is expected to be complete by December this

The police official also told this correspondent that Bangladesh had no expert to investigate arson or motor vehicle accidents

Another major problem in crime investigation is lack of a comprehensive criminal database, said an official of the Detective Branch (DB)

Criminal database has become an indispensable part of modern crime investigation and contains a vast array of information needed to successfully hunt down criminals or keep track of suspects. Criminal conviction records, information on fugitives, prisoners including those released on parole, their family members, neighbours, and a lot of other helpful things are available on such a database. They may also

give access to court records.

But in the absence of any such database in Bangladesh, information is written down in record books, which is very inefficient and presents a numerous pitfalls, said the DB official. For example, lack of comprehensive information can lead to cases of mistaken identity. Also, it is entirely possible that no one will recognise a criminal walking down a police station hall since photographs are usually unavailable, he added.

He said investigators on the field also have to frequently rely on memory for various other related data, which cannot be readily crosschecked in the absence of a comnuter database

guidelines instead of the exact

number of rules, formulated by a

committee and approved by the

mayor to check the quality of 150

and Sattar with Ramna Police

Station on September 30, but the

DCC did not take any departmental

action against the engineers who

said. "It is a criminal offence and we

filed a case. Police will deal with the

Secretary Ruhul Amin (on deputa-

tion) has been withdrawn from the

post for his alleged involvement in

doctoring and Chief Estate Officer

AKM Fazluzzoha (on deputation)

ties and graft against the two engi-

neers, AFM Solaiman Chowdhury,

the DCC chief executive officer,

said, "We are trying to find out the

documents to confirm their corrup-

considered whether or not to carry

out its threat to "remove" the 74-

year-old Palestinian leader, who

nature were to take its course," an

Israeli foreign ministry official,

"It would be very convenient if

has appeared pale in recent days.

Arafat

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On other allegations of irregulari-

has been appointed in his place.

Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka

However, the mayor's Personal

A case was filed against Sujat

waste containers

are still attending office.

case in line with the law.'

3 killed, 5 hurt DCC staff in Sitakunda engineer of the same department, are accused of selecting only 19

BSS, Chittagong

Three people were killed and five others injured in a road accident at Fakirhat under Sitakunda upazila on the Dhaka-Chittagong Highway yesterday morning

The accident took place at around 9:00am when a Chittagong bound fish-laden truck from Bhola overturned and fell into a roadside ditch, leaving one person dead on

Two of the injured were admitted to Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) where they died at

The dead were identified as Syedul Islam, 28, Habib Ahmed, 44,

Mohammad Yunus, Mohammad Aziz, Saiful Islam and Ruhul Amin. They were admitted to the hospital.

Sitakunda police rushed to the spot and seized the truck.

respectively, are supposed to sit on the commission.

Even the Bureau of Anticorruption (Bac), to be abolished after the creation of the commission.

Jonathan Peled, told the paper. "But Mr Arafat is a cat with nine lives and we do not believe he has used all of them yet."

If Arafat needs medical treatment not available in Ramallah, where he has his headquarters, he would be Saifur yesterday said that if the likely to travel to Egypt or Jordan, parliamentary standing committee backed the idea of not including

but only if the Israelis guaranteed his return to the West Bank, the Guardian said.

Ecnec rejects

FROM PAGE 12 Enayetpur areas from erosion of the

Jamuna river. Later, the allocation was increased several times to Tk 43 crore without Ecnec approval.

Similarly, against an approved allocation of Tk 5.17 crore, the Bhuapur Embankment Rehabilitation Project implementers spent over Tk 16 crore. In another project to protect Bhairab Bazar town from river erosion, Tk 23 crore was spent against an approved

allocation of Tk 6.23 crore. Yesterday, these project implementers sought approval of their extra spending,

but after reviewing the past records of the projects, the finance minister suspected corruption and rejected them.

The 17 other suspected projects are: Coastal Embankment Rehabilitation (Second part) Command Area Development Chandpur Town Protection. Ramshil-Kafulabari Flood Protection. Bhola Town Protection. Shikalbaha Canal Bank Protection Cross Dam Building, Conserving Mymensingh Town Riverbank, three projects on river conservation and development, protection of bordering rivers, 93 pilot schemes under small scale flood protection measures, crash programmes to rehabilitate damages caused by the 1998 flood, rehabilitation programmes of the Water Development Board (WDB) projects

damaged by the 1998 flood and

rehabilitation of the WDB's infra-

structure damaged in 37 districts in

the 1995 cyclone.

of the meeting resolutions, they

Assistant District Manager Sirajul Alam, Finance Manager Rafiqul Alam, Commercial Officer MA Sadeq, Station Manager SR Khan, Employees Union (CBA) President Jamal Uddin and General Secretary Monwarul Islam attended

In the past few months, Biman officials and staff members in its Chittagong office have come under a series of physical assaults by former assistant cultural secretary of the JCD city unit, Ali Akbar.

"Everyone present in the meetng spoke in favour of tough action against the criminal activities of Akbar," said CBA president Jamal

Another union leader said. "We have requested the officials to

assaulted security in-charge Iqbal Hossain on October 1 and electrician Mansur Ahmad on October 3. Earlier, he beat up junior supply officer Farid Ahmed, damaging

organisation to further enhance cooperation amongst Islamic nations in a wide range of political, social, economical, cultural and Muslim ummah.'

and Malaysia along with other Muslim countries would work together to play an effective role in the ensuing OIC Summit for upholding the interests of the Muslim ummah and its development.

She further hoped that the OIC would emerge from the coming summit as a stronger organisation and praised the commitment and role of Dr. Mahathir for the Muslim

Saudi Arabia, Indonesia, Brunei and other OIC countries to Bangladesh's candidate for the next OIC secretary general, the prime minister hoped that Malaysia would extend full support to Bangladesh's candidate. Khaleda hoped that the existing

between Bangladesh and Malaysia would intensify further in the days to She hoped that Malaysia would

mport more goods and avail itself of the friendly investment climate by increasing its investment in Bangladesh.

Khaleda Zia conveyed her best wishes to the Malaysian Prime Minister Dr Mahathir through the high commissioner.

Commonwealth

FROM PAGE 1 dampen the mood of the holidavmakers.

Singing, dancing, gossiping in an atmosphere of joy and happiness and eating food together, they tore down the barriers of cultures and geographical boundaries to fashion Since the CPA conference began

in the city on October 4, the participants have been busy holding a series of meetings -- of the working party, executive committee, small countries and women parliamentarians. On October 7, they attended the official launch. Yesterday's river cruise was a

real energizer before the delegates from the 46 Commonwealth countries enter the main plenary sessions, workshops and seminars from today.

Braving the morning showers, CPA conference President Jamir Uddin Sircar, Executive Committee Chairman Bob Speller and Secretary General Denis Marshall and other delegates, observers and their spouses came out of their hotels, boarded cars and buses to reach Pagla Ghat from where the cruisers set off

Shipping Minister Akbar Hossain, the host of the river cruise, welcomed all.

The guests were treated to a cornucopia of oriental food, fruit and beverage and music performed by professional artistes.

In a lighter vein. Speaker Sircar chatted with the CPA delegates on board a ship and taking a microphone in hand proposed for visafree entry to all Commonwealth countries.

Cameroon's Vice Speaker Rose Makia termed the river cruise as very interesting and expected many happy returns of the day in the life of Commonwealth parliamentarians.

The morning spell of showers made Speller sceptical about the cruise and he shared his view with colleagues later.

The rhythm of folk songs brought out the artiste in some of the delegates, both local and foreign. BNP awmakers Salahuddin Ahmed and Ali Newaz Mahmud Khaiyam showed their skills to the praise of

Adelegate from Gibraltar danced with the band of Kuddus Boyati.

Toll collectors FROM PAGE 12

9:00am yesterday in the pond of one Alauddin Khan.

Police have sent the body to Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital for autopsy.

As of 8:30 last night, no case has been filed and no-one has been arrested in connection with this crime.

University teacher

committee for public universities and stakeholders with University Grants Commission (UGC) Chairman Prof Mohammad Azaduzzaman in the chair.

The education ministry formed the committee following widespread criticism of appointments made in public universities in the recent past. Leaders of the associations of

university teachers, officers and

employees attended yesterday's meeting, which also discussed new salary structures at public universities. The meeting recommended that a candidate must have at least 15 publications to be eligible for promo-

It said there should be clear cut definitions of national and international

for associate professor.

tion to the post of professor and eight

The committee will sit again on October 19 to have written recommendations from its members, which will be placed before the Vice-Chancellors Council on October 21. Meanwhile, sources said the

government is considering amend-

ments to the University Act of 1973

which is believed to have been hinder-

ing the smooth functioning of the public universities.

It is necessary to evaluate controversial appointments at the Shahjalal Jahangirnagar and Dhaka universities. Education Minister Dr Osman Farruk told The Daily Star recently.

The UGC has asked the public universities to stop fresh appointments for two months in line with the government's decision. During this period, it will examine irregularities in appointments, promotions and upgrading of teachers and submit a report to the education ministry, an official said.

There are allegations that public universities often recruit teachers and other staff in excess of allocated posts on 'political considerations' and press the UGC for additional funds.

Besides, less qualified candidates allegedly get preference over the deserving ones in appointment of teachers due to 'group politics' linked to 'national politics.' nowadays.

There are 21 public universities in the country.

he told a crowd of wildly enthusiastic

supporters. "Shall we rebuild our

state together or shall we fight

among ourselves? ... For the people

to win, politics as usual must lose.

will reach out to Republicans and

Democrats and independents -- to

Schwarzenegger

hardly ever voted, easily won the governorship of California in a recall election that saw voters boil over in anger and throw out Democratic Gov. Gray Davis less than 10 months into his second term.

Political experts said that had the recall process allowed legislators to be thrown out, all 120 members of the California senate and assembly would gone with Davis as well. And instead of years of experi-

ence, they voted to make as their governor a man known by film fans around the world as "The Terminator" and "Conan the Barbarian." Only in America and only in Hollywood could such a scenario come true and no one was more grateful than the jut-jawed Schwarzenegger.

Beaming broadly and surrounded by the extended family of his wife Maria Shriver, a niece of assassinated President John F. Kennedy, Schwarzenegger promised supporters at a Los Angeles hotel to work to end the partisan squabbling that has riven the state.

"I want to be the governor for the people," he insisted. "I want to represent everybody. TOUGH CHOICES AHEAD' "We have tough choices ahead,"

those who supported the recall and those who did not." While Davis was gracious in defeat and offered Schwarzenegge an orderly transition to power, many Democrats warned of problems ahead, predicting that

time promoting his programs. They also questioned his ability to govern or even understand how government works

Schwarzenegger will have a hard

Democratic state Treasurer Phil Angelides said he planned to hold Schwarzenegger to his campaign promises. "He has been less than truthful with the people of California about what it's going to take to restore fiscal integrity and get the economy going," Angelides said.

Schwarzenegger won a commanding victory from voters, who embraced his lack of political experience and outsider status and shrugged off a last-minute blizzard of sexual harassment allegations by

Back to business

Today's workshops are on 1) Parliament and the Executive: Building a More Effective Partnership, 2) Do We have Adequate Peacekeeping Mechanisms for Preserving World Order? 3) Are the Millenium Development Goals Achievable? 4) Reconciling Human Rights with Cultural Diversity, 5) How can the Doha Round Contribute to Increasing Trade and Investment Opportunities for Developing Nations? and 6) Anti-Terrorism Legislation: Have We Achieved any Tangible Results?

Talking to The Daily Star at Sonargaon Hotel last night, CPA Executive Committee Chairman Bob Speller expressed satisfaction at the progress of the conference so far and said, "After the river cruise, we're going to resume hectic business from tomorrow."

Meanwhile, the three-member probe body, which Prime Minister Khaleda Zia constituted to investigate the alleged technical glitch in playing the national anthem on the inaugural day of the conference, had made no headway as of yesterday. It is headed by Chief Whip

Talking to reporters during the river cruise, Delwar said he hopes to begin the probe today. He could not tell the names of the two other members of the probe body.

Commonwealth Secretary General Don McKinnon, who attended the formal inauguration of the CPA conference Tuesday and addressed an open session, left

Rains

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said rainfall recorded there since Monday night totalled 243mm and wind velocity reached 60mph. The

sea was rough but defiant fishermen were still fishing deep into the sea hoping for a big haul at the end of a dull Hilsha season. Erosions in coastal areas of

Bhola, Patuakhali and Barguna districts have reportedly taken a serious turn. River and coastal embankments at Ramnabad, Dhankhali and Lalua of Kalapara, Baufal and Dumki of Patuakhali, Hijla, Muladi, Mehendiganj, Babuganj and Uzirpur of Barisal, and parts of Tazumuddin, Borhanuddin, and Monpura of Bhola district were freshly washed away by heavy rains and erosion.

River ports of the region were advised to show precautionary signal no. 2 and stop operation of river transports less than 60 feet in

no sign that the rain would stop.

policymaker of the BNP said it would not be possible to reorganise the rally within the next couple of days and the prime minister will also be leaving for Malaysia shortly to attend the OIC conference.

On her return, the PM can attend the rally scheduled for the fresh date, he added.

Earlier, the news of the postpone ment of the rally was aired by radio and television and also by microphones across the city. move, a large number of people went

Cops club

Shaheed Minar on assurance from senior police officials that action would be taken against those responsible for the attack on them.

Meanwhile, sufferings of patients at the DMCH and Mitford Hospital

need nursing badly. But no nurse attended me in the last two days," said Abdus Salam, who is undergoing treatment at the DMCH for his broken legs.

FROM PAGE 12 10 million crown (\$1.3 million) prize.

Engle, born in 1942 in Syracuse in the state of New York, teaches at New York University. "His...models have become indispensable tools not only for researchers but also for analysts on financial markets, who use them in asset pricing and in evaluating portfolio risk," the

Granger, born in 1934 in Wales, is a professor of economics at the University of California.

and peace founded by the inventor of dynamite, Alfred Nobel, in his will in 1895. It was instituted by Sweden's

central bank as the "Bank of Sweden Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel" in 1968 and first awarded in Two Americans won the 2003

nicate, achievements that provide glittering insights into the molecular pathways of disease. Biochemists Peter Agre, 54, and Roderick MacKinnon, 47, were lauded for work that will help the search to conquer illnesses that

AL concerned at India's unilateral water diversion plans

Says govt response lukewarm

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The main opposition party Awami League (AL) yesterday expressed concern over the proposed inter-basin water transfer project by India and criticised the government for failing to raise the issue properly at the recent Joint Rivers Commission (JRC) meeting.
"As an upper riparian country, India

cannot take such a decision without consulting lower riparian Bangladesh," AL leader Abdur Razzak said while addressing a press conference at the party's central office Razzak termed the unilateral Indian move unjust and said the country's ecosys-

tems will be endangered if India goes ahead with the project.
"The government needs to lodge vigorous protests against the proposed

project during JRC meetings and also initiate bilateral talks with India on the issue." said the former water resources minister.

The AL leader criticised Water Resources Minister Hafizuddin Ahmed for his recent comment that Bangladesh is not getting enough water due to some lapse in the Ganges water sharing treaty with India signed by the previous AL government

2 Feni Jubo Dal cadres get life in heroin case

A court here yesterday sentenced two Jubo Dal cadres, arrested with heroin two and a half years ago, to

The convicts are Nurul Haq and Kafiluddin of village Pathannagar in Chhagalnaiya upazila. Police said the arrestees are listed criminals in the area. On a secret information, police

nabbed Hag and Kafil at a house of the village and seized 350 grams of heroin, a Pakistani passport and Tk 20 lakh from their possession.

Alliance rally FROM PAGE 12

called off when the organisers saw

Asked why the fresh date that has been set is so far away, a

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The strikers held a rally at the Shaheed Minar, demanding punishment of policemen involved in the attack within 24 hours and steps to ensure proper treatment of the injured.

continued for the second consecutive day yesterday due to the student nurses' indefinite strike from Tuesday. "As an orthopaedic patient,

FTA talks

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concern. India needs to fulfill some prerequisites, including special and preferential treatment of Bangladeshi goods, to obtain positive results in the FTA negotiations, the official added.

India exported goods worth \$1.1

billion to Bangladesh in fiscal year

2001-02 while it imported only \$50 million worth products. Trade deficit between the two countries stood at \$590 million during the first six months of fiscal year 2003 A string of state-mandated nontariff barriers is causing serious problems to Bangladesh's exports

to India. A Dhaka trade delegation recently went to New Delhi to raise the issues at a meeting with AP Singh, chairman of the Central Board of Excise and Customs India, seeking an end to the hurdles.

Syria ready FROM PAGE 1

Israeli jets roared over Lebanon

killed in border flare-ups. Sharon has been buoved by support from President Bush Washington has accused Syria of

Political reaction

On the other hand, Hasina, who also rejected the TI report three years ago when she was the prime minister, for rating Bangladesh as the worst performer, said this time that 'widespread corruption of the BNP-Jamaat-led coalition government is responsible for inclusion of Bangladesh's name as the most corrupt state

"The present BNP-Jamaat alliance government is totally corrupt and the report has projected their character, she told a group of private primary

school teachers yesterday. "How can countrymen expect something good from this government which established a rule of corruption,

violence and nepotism?" she asked. Meantime, after a meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council, Saifur said: "It is not correct to condemn a nation on the basis of some unproven allegations reported by newspapers and the general impressions of some people." Coincidentally, at the meeting, he

rejected three projects about which he suspected corruption. Saifur noted, "We want to curb corruption. Despite many problems, an Anti-Corruption Commission bill

has been placed in parliament, which

the rule of thumb is until you prove an allegation in court, you cannot term it as corruption." "I was an auditor. There are thou-

sands of audit objections. But it does not necessarily mean all the objections are true. Therefore, no-one should use newspaper reports or surveys as the basis of perception to rank a country."

is now being scrutinised by the

Parliamentary Standing Committee

suggested that an Anti-Corruption

Commission should not include any

minister. If the parliamentary standing

committee suggests the same, we will

not include any minister in it," he said.

from civil society to head the commis-

"We might nominate someone

Mentioning the report of TI's

Bangladesh chapter on corruption

published recently, the finance minis-

ter said, "It was prepared on the basis

of some newspaper reports. It is not

He then went on: "The newspapers

report on the basis of allegations. But

"Transparency International has

on the Ministry of Law."

sion," he added.

HC judges

former minister for law and parliamentary affairs Abdul Matin Khosru. "They must resign as we have lost faith in them." Sanctity and image of the judiciary

have been tarnished by the government's appointing corrupt judges to the High Court (HC), he added. Barrister Rafiqul Islam, former minister for public works, said, "The

judiciary is facing a grave threat because of the government's corrupt influence and interference.' "The government wants to destroy democratic values and the rule of law by rewarding those who can create divisions among the lawyers with

posts of HC judge, attorney general,

PP and APP," said Barrister Amir-Ul

The lawvers called upon the government to implement the 12-point Supreme Court directives to ensure independence of the judiciary.

They gave a call to free the judiciary from politicisation and corruption in the process of appointment of judges. "The movement for the implemen-

tation of six-point demands is not for the lawvers alone, it's for establishing the rule of law." said Advocate M.A.

The lawyers expressed grave

the Bar Council Act. Advocate ABM Bayezid said Appointment of corrupt judges to the highest seat of justice amounts to

denial of justice to people.

concern at the lack of clarity in the

process of appointment of HC judges

and the government initiative to

amend the Civil Procedure Code and

"The government has failed miserably to live upto its pre-election pledge of separating the judiciary from the executive," said Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) member Golam Mohammad. By virtue of its absolute majority

Council Act, said Advocate Saikat government has not only ignored the lawyers protest against unfair appointment of judges but also

the government has undemocratically

initiated a move to amend the Bar

response to such activities," Advocate AzharAli said. SCBA President Barrister Rokanuddin Mahmud and Advocate

paid no attention to the media

Suranjit Sen Gupta were present at the meeting. Member Secretary of the Sammilita Ainiibi Samannava Parishad, Subrata Chowdhury, pre-

Private university

Islam.

tioned the government is going to amend the Private University Act of 1992 to include more stringent measures to ensure that private

universities run properly.

Farruk earlier told The Daily Star a decision in this regard will be taken "We have discussed the issues with vice-chancellors and a study is being conducted to know the pre-

Education minister Dr M Osman

authentic and concrete recommendations from the study." he said The proposed amendments concern cancellation of government approval, specific infrastructural facilities, admission and tuition fees, and the number of faculties and

The UGC, the watchdog for higher education, is also considering imposition of a moratorium on approval of new universities in the private sector, UGC sources said. Currently none of Bangladesh's

51 private universities fulfil all the

criteria required for registration

under the Private University Act.

They lack required elements such

permanent faculty members.

bers library and laboratory facilities The education ministry has also outlined a quideline for private universities that specifies rules governing the size of their faculties, their members, infrastructure academic council and mechanism

for supervision and monitoring. Currently, some of the private universities have only two faculties -- business studies and computer

in medical education in violation of rules. According to the proposals, a private university will be permitted to be established on a temporary basis on condition that it will have infra-

Dhaka within 10-year of its approval. The cabinet at a meeting recently discussed various points of the proposals and sought some more

interim annual report and Huawei's own brochure confirm the vendor's six months' experience in the GPRS

could not justify Huawei's claim of 18 months' experience, as stated in A BTTB's technical committee had officially suspected that Huawei's "certificates may be

colleagues' official scepticism. "These allegations are not based on facts and are rather assumptions," he told this reporter. But he

The chairman gave the goahead to the BTTB's procurement department to negotiate with Huawei on contracting half of the 250,000 lines mobile phone deal,

But earlier, when the mobile bids were opened on December 18 last vear, the BTTB's procurement office had cancelled three bids, including the one of Siemens, for not submitting mandatory documents. But the BTTB's chairman overcritical items required to make the BTTB's mobile network functional This committee has also found similar shortfalls with Huawei. Despite such major discrepancies, the BTTB authorities decided

to split the Tk 594.50 crore mobile

deal between Huawei and Siemens.

The authorities recently asked

these vendors to scale down the cost of their quoted equipment by 35 percent to match the approved cost of the project. "The BTTB's proposal for reduction of 35 percent of the quoted price does not conform to the Public Procurement Regulations 2003, commented Barrister Omar Sadat of the Supreme Court. Referring to Regulation 31.12, he said if the

lowest evaluated tender is signifi-

cantly higher than the prevailing

market price, then either the BTTB has to reduce the scope of its requirements or reject all tenders. Sadat said as per Regulation 33. there is no scope to negotiate with the bidder or ask him to modify the tender price. "As BTTB is negotiating with the bidder instead of rejecting all the tenders, its action shall be

But when contacted, BTTB Chairman SATM Badrul Haque said, "The whole process of GSM bid evaluation was transparent and done according to laid down procedures, rules and regulations of the

group who killed 19 people in a restaurant in the northern city of Haifa.

yesterday, without launching any strike and only breaking the sound barrier, two days after an Israeli

> ruled this discrepancy and instructed the procurement department to forward the bid of Siemens for evaluation. The BTTB's financial evaluation committee found

vailing situation ... We hope to have The amendment proposals say steps will be taken to see that no private university confers a degree

> structure on two acres of land in Dhaka or on five acres outside

amendments to the act to ensure accountability and transparency at the private universities.

Cellphone project

as opposed to the BTTB's one year requirement. When contacted, Jerry Wang

deemed fabricated." But this committee was not allowed to verify Huawei's doubtful documents, reportedly due to external pressure. But BTTB chairman ignored his

did not say why Huawei's claim on GPRS experience has not been verified with China Mobile.

while the rest would go to Siemens.

deemed illegal," added the telecom lawyer.

deployed.

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Shibir, JCD

were filed in that connection.

away with impunity.

road mishap

the spot and seven others injured.

and Gedu Bhuyian, 28. The injured are Abdul Gani.

Anti-graft League and past BNP government

was critical of it. In a report it said although Bac filed 2.632 graft cases in the last three years, the commission would fail to lodge even 86 percent of the figure because of reduction in its

authority in the draft law.

the World Bank.

finalising it.

ministers in the commission, a member of the civil society would head the commission. One of the few measures taken by the government in the last two years to erase corruption is approval of the public procurement policy last week under pressure of

September 13 held its first meeting after the bill on Anti-corruption Commission was sent to it for scrutiny on July 10. The committee decided to seek

expert opinion on the bill before

"If need be, we will hold several

The Parliamentary Standing

Committee on the Ministry of Law,

Justice and Parliamentary Affairs on

meetings with the experts," Khandaker Mahbubuddin Ahmed, chairman of the committee, told newsmen after the meeting. Talking to The Daily Star last night, Mahbubuddin said the committee would take decision on the

bill after consultation with Moudud.

who is now undergoing treatment

abroad. "A meeting of the parliamentary committee will be convened once he returns home." he said.

Himel, both Fazil (degree) students at the madrassah. Madrassah authorities suspended all classes till Sunday. A tense situation prevailed in the area and additional police were

An ICS activist was killed during Monday's JCD-ICS shootout on the polytechnic campus and two cases

added.

the meeting.

Uddin.

ensure our security.' In the last two incidents, Akbar

OIC summit

FROM PAGE 1 together can make the OIC a useful

other issues of interest to the Khaleda hoped that Bangladesh

Referring to the active support of

good and friendly bilateral relations

Khandakar Delwar Hossain.

drizzles continued last night. Reports received from Kuakata

Speaker of the Indian parliament's Lok Sabha, Murli Manohar Joshi, reached Dhaka yesterday. Joshi had separate meetings with Speaker Jamiruddin Sircar and an AL delegation last evening at Hotel Sonargaon and Hotel Sheraton respectively.

The AL delegation, led by Abdus

Samad Azad, conveyed greetings

and presented a gift of opposition

leader Sheikh Hasina to Joshi. The delegation members included Abdul Suranjit Sengupta, Abdur Razzak, Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim and Asaduzzaman Noor. The speaker, deputy speaker and the parliament secretary hosted

separate dinners for three select groups of delegates, observers and officials last night. Forest and Environment Minister Shahjahan Siraj will host a launch for the CPA conference participants at the Banquet Hall of the Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre, while Home Minister Altaf Hossain Chowdhury will invite them to dinner at the

Nobel prizes

Headquarters, Peelkhana,

Darbar Hall of the BDR

Academy said. The economics award was not among the original prizes for chemistry, physics, literature, medicine

Nobel Chemistry Prize for showing how water flows across cellular membranes and how cells commu-

strike the kidneys, heart, muscles and nervous system in particular. being a state sponsor of terrorism.