Iraq rides over violence

Global warming gas emissions on dramatic rise

Worldwide emissions of carbon dioxide, considered a culprit in global warming, tonnes, or 50 percent, annually by the year 2020, an executive for ExxonMobil Corp said on Wednesday.

At the same time, global demand for energy will rise by 40 percent as the world population increases and economies grow, said Randy Broiles, global planning manager for Exxon's oil and gas production unit

"Between now and 2020 we estimate increases of some 3.5 billion tonnes per vear of additional carbon emissions, so it's definitely increasing," Broiles said at an energy conference sponsored by accounting and consulting firm

He said about 7 billion tonnes of carbon dioxide, which is a byproduct of burning fossil fuels, go into the earth's atmosphere each year from power plants, cars and other sources.

Experts say the United States, which has the world's largest economy and 4 percent of its population, is responsible for about 25 percent of so-called "greenhouse" gases now produced, but Broiles said most future growth in output will come from developing countries.

"Eighty percent of that number, 80 percent of 3.5 billion tonnes, is going to be driven by those developing countries, those economies that are growing at the 4 to 5 percent range, so that's where it's coming from," he said.

A huge increase in the number of cars will cause part of the pollution

Judicial probe ordered into fraud charge against four scouts officials

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday ordered a judicial inquiry into a fraud case against four senior officials of Bangladesh Scouts.

Mohammad Emdadul Haq, magistrate of the Court of Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, issued the order upon a case filed by Meshbauddin Ahmed Murad, ex-national deputy commis-The accused are Mohammed Fazlur

Rahman, chief national commissioner of Bangladesh Scouts, Mihir Kanti Majumder, national commissioner, Aminul Kauser Dipu, national deputy commissioner (special events) and Abul Hossain Sikder, executive secre-

In his complaint, Murad said the accused in collusion with others misappropriated Tk 2 lakh, which was received from the Dhaka Jute Mills in donation for participation of the scouts in a Global Development Village in Thailand held on January 8, 2003.

Broiles said there are now 15 cars for every 1,000 people in the world, but ExxonMobil expects that number to rise to 50 cars per 1,000 by 2020.

He said ExxonMobil foresees a 40 percent increase in energy demand even though humans are boosting their energy efficiency by about 1 percent a year. Despite advances in technology most energy will still come from fossil fuels, and in particular oil and gas, of which there remain very large reserves,

"The oil resource base is huge -- it's huge -- and we expect it to satisfy world nand growth well beyond 2020," he

Shattered bodies, buildings strewn on Turk streets

Shattered bodies and rubble were strewn across the streets of Turkey's commercial capital Istanbul once more vesterday as the second pair of hombs in less than a week sent the city into a state of shock

'We knew it was a bomb when an arm came flying through the window," said a doctor at a nearby clinic. The remains of a human torso lay

in the road some 250 yards away from HSBC headquarters, the centre of one blast in Istanbul's financial hub. The blast blew out windows for blocks around in the plush area of offices and Another bomb blew a large crater

in the road and sent a thick plume of smoke into the air above the British consulate demolishing the perimeter wall and entrance of the 19th century Georgian building in the city's shopping and nightlife hub. At least 26 people were killed in the

attacks, adding to the grief of a city still in mourning for the 25 people dead from apparently identical suicide attacks on two synagogues in the city on Saturday.

As with the synagogue bombs, officials believe the latest attacks bore the hallmarks of Osama bin Laden's al Qaeda network -- carefully coordinated and targeted suicide attacks.

Banshkhali

upazila of Banshkhali is a safe den of robbers operating in 12 groups, locals

Banshkhali Police Station recorded 15 robberies in 2002 and nine until November 19 this year.

State Minister for Environment and Forest Jafrul Islam Chowdhury said the government had sincere efforts to free Banshkhali of robbers

"We have already taken measures to arrest and punish the killers of the Shushil family," said the minister,

Armed Forces Day

Chief of Army Staff Lieutenant General Hasan Mashhud Chowdhury, Chief of

Juma prayers at all mosques, army garrisons and naval and airforce bases throughout the country, seeking divine blessings for the wellbeing and prosperity of the nation and progress and unity of the Armed Forces

messages greeted the members of the Armed Forces.

courtesy call on President Iajuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban, an ISPR release said.

However, the reception to the gallantry award-winner freedom fighters and members of the Shaheed families at Armed Forces Division and at Senakunja, to be hosted by the prime minister, will be held on December 1 instead of today, it said.

Elaborate programmes have also been chalked out to observe the day at all other army garrisons, naval ships and establishments and airforce bases across the country.

Navy ships will remain open to visitors from 9:00am to 2:00pm in Dhaka (Sadarghat), Chittagong and Khulna.

Bangladesh Television will air a special "Anirban" programme highlighting the significance of the day at

Wednesday's bloodbath recalls other macabre incident in which Arati

Bala Nath, her daughter and mother were burnt alive at Nath Para in Chambol Union of the upazila on May 8 after their house was set ablaze by a gang in a bid to

7:30pm today. National dailies will

up more "practical" laws to govern

the activities of the kilns -- based on

proposals by the Brick Kiln Owners

Brick-kilns

Association.

Bangladesh Betar will also broadcas special "Durbar" programme at

publish special supplements marking

Naval Staff Rear Admiral Shah Igbal Mujtaba and Chief of Air Staff Air Vice-Marshal Fakhrul Azam will also place wreaths at Shikha Anirban on behalf of their respective services. Special munajat will be offered after

The country has at least 8,000 kilns, say sources in the association. President Iajuddin Ahmed, Prime Most operate without a valid Minister Khaleda Zia and Awami League licence and violate the laws. More chief and Leader of the Opposition in than 2,000 kilns circle Dhaka, and are parliament Sheikh Hasina in separate believed to be major contributors to

air pollution in the city. Existing brick kiln laws are not Chiefs of the three services will pay realistic. We are trying to make realistic

laws that the brick kiln owners really can follow," said Emdadul Huq of the Bangladesh Environment Management Project (BEMP), who is preparing the draft law. The legislation will allow kilns to be sited one kilometre from a city, town or

important establishment such as a school, college or hospital: the current limit is three kilometres from any human habitat (a minimum of 50 households) or forest area (50 trees). The one kilometre requirement may be less in the hilly area.

'It is not possible to find any place in the country where there are not 50 houses or 50 trees within three kilometres," said Afazul Islam Afaz, president of the owners association 'So it is not possible to obey that law."

Burning wood logs will continue to be prohibited, according to ministry officials.



"The drama shows that a daughter of

an Imam of a mosque is in love with a

man who is the caretaker of that

mosque. "The BTV men told me that

such a plot might hurt people's religious

sentiment." he said. "Do the daughters

 $of Imams\,not\,fall\,in\,love?"\,Mahi\,asked.$

objection to a dialogue of the Imam

which says that our prophet had deep

"The BTV authorities also raised

The ruling lawmaker also criticised

'the black list culture of the BTV' which

prohibits cultural activists from working

for the national television channel on

affiliations cultural activists should

form a greater alliance for their own

confinement in custody and young

a resident of Dhakkhin Kajla under

Demra Police Station, was beaten to

death by a gang of local hoodlums on

On the day of the incident, Sikander

had an altercation with three local

hoodlums found gossiping in front of

his house in the evening. At one stage,

he slapped one of them. The hoodlums

then left the place only to return

shortly afterwards with iron rods and

sharp weapons. They beat the old man

Medical College Hospital only to be

declared dead on arrival.

January 14 last year.

Sikander was rushed to Dhaka

The victim's son filed a murder case

The investigation officer of the case

with Demra Police Station accusing six

pressed charges against Nasir, Gaffar

and Shafiqur on October 19, 2000. The

court framed charges against the three

on June 16, 2001 and trial began on

Fifteen prosecution witnesses were

cross-examined during the trial.

The prosecution said Sikander Ali

"Notwithstanding their political

the ground of their political identity.

Three get life

interest," he said.

Demonstrators protesting the visit of US President George W Bush to Britain display the US flag upside down near Trafalgar Square in London yesterday and declare the president a war criminal.

Mobile courts realise Tk 2.28 lakh in fines

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Mobile courts formed to combat crimes in the capital realised Tk 2.28 lakh in fines yesterday for sale of adulterated food, manipulation of measurement, violation of traffic rules and plying of vehicles without proper documents.

Three hundred and twenty-four cases were filed vesterday with 22 of the 25 mobile courts. The courts realised over Tk 42 lakh in fines in 6,000 cases filed with them during Ramadan. Twenty-nine people were arrested and 13 of them jailed for failing to pay fine.

The courts also seized 42 vehicles for breaching traffic rules and closed down two factories for producing adulterated

A court at Demra yesterday realised Γk 27,500 in fines in 23 cases and a court at Dhanmondi Tk 21,800 in eight cases. Moreover, a court at Lalbagh fined Tk 19,800 in 13 cases, a court at Kotwali

Tk 14.600 in 40 cases and a court at Mohammadpur Tk 12,100 in 23 cases Six illegal shops were removed from

for piling up bricks and iron rods on the

Derailment: Rail

links with Ctg,

Sylhet snapped

Train service on Dhaka-Chittagong

and Dhaka-Sylhet routes remained

suspended for over nine hours as five

bogies of a goods train derailed at

Kaliganj in Gazipur in the early hours

The bogies of the Chittagong-

A local railway official said train

communication on the routes

resumed at 1:30pm as a relief train

of deans have taken the election seri-

ously. On the other hand, teachers

belonging to the Blue panel are

approaching pro-liberation teachers for

support. The Blue panellists have also

struck a deal with the left-leaning teach-

their candidates and submitted nomina-

tions on Tuesday. Today is the last date

Pro-BNP and Jamaat teachers are

ousy with door-to-door canvassing

among their supporters separately, while

the Blue panel teachers have been mend-

east three dean posts.

Pharmacy faculty.

date," he added.

ng fences among themselves to snatch at

Left-leaning Pink panellists at the

three faculties are Prof. Mohammad Abu

Zafar, convener of Pink panel, for Arts

faculty, Prof. Nehal Karim for Social

Science faculty and ABM Farook for

Meanwhile, the Pink and Blue panels

have been trying to build a consensus to

stop the White panel from securing all the

Prof. Zafar told The Daily Star that

there was a scope to work together with

the Blue Panel. "Discussion with the Blue

Panel has been on and we have mutually

nominated our Pharmacy faculty candi-

The DU authorities announced the

election schedule on Saturday. DU

Treasurer Prof. Syed Rashidul Hasan will

conduct the election to be held at the

Teacher and Student Centre (TSC) from

9:00am to 1:00pm without break.

Both panels have finalised the list of

ers to face the White panel in the race.

for withdrawal of nomination papers.

from Dhaka salvaged the bogies.

DU dean polls

bound goods train from Tejgaon went

off the track at about 3:30am.

roads yesterday.

for 9 hrs

UNB, Narsingdi

of yesterday.

FROM PAGE 12

footpaths at Pallabi by a court and hawkers were evicted from pavements at Uttara by another court.

letter notifying me that no more epi-A court at Mirpur fined five people

Mahi decries BTV attitude

Republic. A large number of cultural

activists, producers and directors were also present at the Iftar at a city restau-"Whatever my political ideology is, it

Mahi said in an emotion-choked voice, "Hundreds of cultural activists live without working for the BTV and Mahi B Chowdhury will also survive. We

never influences my cultural activities,

will move ahead despite all odds." He said he would continue to make programmes, banned by the BTV, for the satellite channels.

Early this month, the BTV halted ransmission of Ananda Ghanta, and on Wednesday, the authorities cancelled airing of one of his drama productions. Mahi briefly explained Ananada

Ghanta and gave a synopsis of the plot of the drama named Uttaradhikar, which was scheduled to go on air as part of BTV's Eid day programmes. He said, "Ananda Ghanta was one of

the most popular programmes of the

BTV and each week about three crore

viewers watched it.' "On November 1, a day before its transmission, the BTV authorities sent a

sodes of Ananda Ghanta will be transmitted on the BTV." He said authorities did not specify any reason for their decision. "Ironically, the preview committee of the BTV had already given permission to air the episode," he

Mahi suspected that inclusion of a special part, Igra, in Ananda Ghanta during Ramadan might have earned the wrath of a certain quarter. "Iqra was an open discussion programme with Islamic thinkers and tried to project Islamic thoughts against religious intolerance and fanaticism.'

He showed certain episodes of Iqra that were not aired on the BTV and said there was nothing contrary to Islam; rather the programme promoted the theme that Bangladesh was a moderate

Regarding Uttaradhikar he said, "On Wednesday, the BTV authorities sent a letter to me notifying that they have decided to halt airing of the drama and gave three reasons for the decision -one of which is that it may hurt the religious sentiment of a section of the

He said, "Before we began the November 27, 1999. They killed him production of the drama its script was

because a woman tenant at Sikander's approved by the BTV. house was asked to quit because of her alleged involvement in anti-social activities. The tenant then threatened

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The leaders of Chittagong city, north and south districts of AL were briefing journalists about the massacre at the local press club yesterday afternoon after visiting the scene in the morning.

AL smells a rat

The leaders said poring over the scene, evidence and relevant information, they found the government's claim of robbery baseless. "Robbers don't use gunpowder

or petrol for committing a crime. In the Banshkhali bloodbath, the killers used all with the intent crystal clear to all," one of them said.

"Had they been robbers, they would have looted some valuables from the victims' house," he said.

The AL leaders said criminals stood guard outside the house while it was on fire to ensure the death of

Robbers usually flee the scene Replying to a question, they said government to hunt down the guilty and punish them. AL Presidium Member Ataui

it was the responsibility of the

Rahman Khan Kaiser, City President MA Mannan, General Secretary and Mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury, North District President Mosharraf Hossain, South District President Akhtaruzzaman Chowdhury and general secretaries of south and north districts Moslemuddin Ahmad and MA Salam spoke at the

The protest programmes include hoisting of black flags in Banshkhali upazila, wearing of black badges in Chittagong on Saturday, submission of memoranda to the local deputy commissioner (DC) and (CMP) commissioner on November 23 and a protest rally on November

agitation, including hartal, if the perpetrators are not held by November 24, they said.

abroad, through misreporting.

In a report submitted to the com-

mittee, the information ministry said

it had a plan to improve the quality of

news. Modern editing machine,

recorder player and other equipment

will be set up soon at a cost of Tk 2.12

The authorities are trying to

The BTV has already gathered

develop a news studio with modern

digital equipment, a drama studio, a

recording studio and procure equip-

equipment for a satellite earth station

and hopes it will telecast news and

other programmes abroad by

The BTV authorities are also

Chaired by Ebadur, the meeting

working on a project to set up a relay

was attended by Information

Minister Tarigul Islam and commit-

tee members Alamgir Kabir and Hafiz

center at Bogra, the report said.

ment for eight editing suits.

Nine killed Chittagong Metropolitan Police FROM PAGE 12 occurred at Satipara in Dhamrai

with the loot immediately after committing a crime, but the gang in Banshkhali got away only after confirming the death of their vic-

at the Sangsad Bhaban where the

lawmakers said a section of the press

was dishing out misleading informa-

The committee expressed dissat-

isfaction at the poor performance of

the media and suggested putting

strong reporting cells in place at the

"We are not satisfied with the

performance of state-run BTV and

Betar. We asked them to improve

committee Chairman Ebadur

Rahman Chowdhury told

Responding to the lawmakers

demand, the information ministry

told the meeting that allout measures

were taken to strengthen the news

service and other programmes of the

The lawmakers said a section of

newspapers was tarnishing the image

of Bangladesh, both at home and

newspersons after the meeting.

state-owned media.

their quality and disseminate facts,'

tion and exaggerating facts.

Info terrorism

crore, it said.

Upazila on the Dhaka-Aricha Highway at about 10:30am when a Paturia

bound coach from Dhaka collided The AL will go for a tougher head-on with a 'Nasimon' (three wheeler), killing five passengers of the three-wheeler on the spot and injuring Four of the dead are Tojammel

Hossain, 50, Firoz, 35, Sukur Ali, 28, and Al-Amin,18. Identity of the other could not be known immediately. The injured were admitted to hospitals at Dhamrai and Savar. The second accident took place at

Paturia under Shibalaya Upazila at about 6:30pm when a Dhaka-bound bus from Khulna skidded off the Dhaka-Aricha Highway into a roadside ditch, leaving two dead and 15 injured. The dead are Smriti, 14, a student of Jessore BM Shaheen School, and

Shariful Islam, 40, principal of Hajipur College in Magura. The injured were admitted to a hospital in Uthuly. In Narsingdi, two persons were killed and five others injured when a bus rammed a maxi at Charnagardi in Palash Upazila at noon, according to

the UNB news agency. The dead are Anwar Hossain, 45, and Halim, 19.

The injured were admitted to Narsingdi Sadar Hospital and later shifted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital as their condition deteriorated, hospital sources said. Police arrested the bus driver and seized the

attack but that could not be confirmed "A car filled with explosives came

fast. The driver blew himself up inside

two people were killed and eleven were

wounded, including the council leader.

Witnesses said it was also a suicide

the car," a resident living nearby said. The attack was one of five to hit the town on Wednesday, just a day after US commander Major General Charles Swannack announced he was so

impressed by the growing calm in the

once flashpoint town that he was

considering pulling his troops out by

IRAOI COP KILLED

An Iraqi policeman was killed yesterday as unknown assailants fired on the Jordanian embassy in Baghdad, Jordan's foreign ministry spokesman

car fired shots at the Jordanian embassy and killed an Iraqi policeman on guard,' Ali al-Ayed told AFP, adding that no diplomats were hurt. Fourteen people were killed and

"Unknown assailants in a passing

more than 40 wounded in a devastating car-bomb attack on Jordan's embassy in the Iraqi capital on August 7. **USTROOPS KILL**

US forces using helicopters and tanks killed 10 people who had attacked a civilian coalition convoy in the northcentral Iragi city of Samarra, a spokesman for the 4th Infantry Division said

Housewife 'strangled'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A housewife was allegedly strangled at her Dhanmondi residence Wednesday night.

Family members claimed the husband, Abul Kalam Azad, was absconding since the death of his wife Tania Akhtar, 21. Tipped off, Dhanmondi police

vent to the residence and found Tania hanging from the ceiling at 12:00 noon vesterday. The couple got married in March 1999. Azad is studying Bachelor of

Business Administration (BBA) in Bangalore, India Azad returned home on the night of the incident but relatives said that he

had come back to the city three days back. The couple stayed together for the night but family members had to open the door from outside the next morning as they failed to get any response after repeatedly knocking at the door. Bilkis Ali, the victim's mother,

ppened the door with a duplicate key and found the body hanging from the ceiling and Azad missing from the A scarf was tied around the neck of

he victim and the body was hanging from the ceiling, tied with another one. There were finger marks in the victim's neck, said the duty officer of Dhanmondi Police Station. She might have been strangulated

and her body hung to give an impression of suicide, he added The duty officer said they are

investigating the death.

Mitchell said.

on a trip to Arkansas and South Carolina.

Baghdad.

Armed with posters, banners and drums, they crowded into Malet Street in Bloomsbury to make a symbolic march past Parliament and along

the areas represented on yesterday's

blown as the crowd chanted anti-war slogans. The atmosphere at the beginning of

the march was light-hearted, with many singing and dancing down the

free nations are united today in our grief and united in our determination to fight and defeat this evil wherever it

begun.

Blair said: "Once again we must affirm that in the face of this terrorism there must be no holding back, no

commitment to Irag. On the contrary. it shows how important it is to carry on until terrorism is defeated there as

British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw

and rocket-propelled grenades to ambush the convoy on Wednesday afternoon, said Lieutenant-Colonel Bill US troops responded to the attack,

The attackers had used small arms

using machine-guns, helicopters and tank canons, killing 10 people and

estroying three cars, MacDonald said. US troops meanwhile cordoned off the area around Baghdad's main telecommunications tower vesterday after finding a bomb apparently targeting their efforts to restore Iraq's shattered A US officer at the scene confirmed

that an improvised explosive device of the type favoured by anti-US insurgents had been found at the facility in the capital's posh Mansur residential An AFP correspondent at the scene

heard the boom of what appeared to be a controlled explosion. US officers would not discuss whether it had been carried out without casualties or major

Istanbul blasts

"I walked by the consulate every day

and I've been concerned because traffic has continued to drive by," Kitrinos said 'I was worried about the proximity (to the consulate), I was afraid for myself and now, of course it's happened.' The British consulate was targeted in

April when an explosive device was hurled at the building, the UK's Press Association reported. No one was injured in that incident. The Istanbul stock exchange was

closed following the blasts, Reuters reported. British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw said he had information there were as many as five coordinated explosions

which he described as "a clearly appall

"At this stage we can't say who is esponsible," Straw told reporters in London, but he added the blasts bore "all the hallmarks" of the international terrorism of al-Qaeda and associated

White House

Canadian airspace.

FROM PAGE 12 center for the defense of US and

Shumann said flocks of birds or atmospheric disturbances can cause false radar returns. "It's one of those electronic gremlins that pops up, but there was no aircraft there.

Secret Service spokeswoman Jean Mitchell said there was no official evacuation. But White House staff members did leave the West Wing for a

time Thursday morning An aide to President Bush said that staffers were told to go to a nearby street but were allowed to go back to their

desks a short time later. The president was traveling in Britain at the time. Many of his top aides also were on the trip and not in the

huilding "The threat level was never raised,"

jets scrambled to intercept a private plane that flew too close to the White House. The plane was later determined not to be a threat.

The president was away then, also

Anti-Bush protest

Hussein's statue being pulled down in

There was a carnival atmosphere Wednesday when several hundred demonstrators, some in fancy dress, staged a dress rehearsal

However, the sight of protesters ubilantly burning the American flag near Buckingham Palace underlined feelings of animosity toward the presi-

Whitehall Demonstrators from Bradford, Chester and Bristol were just some of

Foghorns blared and whistles were

More than 5,000 police officers were on duty in London to ensure the march runs smoothly **BUSH, BLAIR VOW**

'Great Britain and America and other

"Our mission in Iraq is noble and it is necessary, and no act of thugs or killers will change our resolve or alter their fate. We will finish the job we have

"It should not lessen in any way our

organisations. A caller to Turkey's Anatolian news agency claimed responsibility for the blasts in the name of al Oaeda and a small Turkish Islamist group, CNN

Turk television said.

said the blasts bore "all the hallmarks of

the international terrorism operations

practised by al Oaeda and associated

TIMING SEEMS NO COINCIDENCE Analysts seized on the timing of strikes on British targets when Blair was at Bush's side. "Someone wants to convey a very

to Britain but to the United States," said Gustav Lindstrom at the Institute of Security Studies in Paris. "Many people will read into this a connection with Britain's effort in Iraq

clear message that will go out not only

and its special relationship to the United States.' But Blair insisted his close alliance

with Bush was not to blame A statement purportedly by a unit of al Qaeda published in a London-based Arabic newspaper on Monday said the organisation planned to target "the criminal Bush and his Arab and Western tails -- especially Britain, Italy, Australia and Japan.'

Bush's entourage was speeding toward London's Westminster Abbey for a solemn wreath-laying ceremony as the first pictures of bodies and mangled wreckage on the streets of Istanbul appeared on television, After the ceremony, he met relatives of some of the 53 British soldiers killed in Iraq.

The attacks overshadowed political talks that left the British prime minister again open to criticism that his unflagging support for Bush has won few enefits for Britain. Blair failed to win breakthroughs on the two most contentious issues -- the

treatment of British detainees at the U.S. prison colony at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and U.S. tariffs on steel that the World Trade Organisation has ruled