# NEWS

Earlier, a two-member inquiry

Rajshahi and talked to a cross section of

Bagmara upazila including the family of

Abdul Bari, a businessman, who were

fleeing their houses allegedly following

Nahar told journalists that Bangla Bhai

and the SP (Masud), influenced by

JMJB leader Mahtab Ali Khamaru

According to the probe report,

officer-in-charge of Bagmara police

station Golam Kibria said Masud

demanded Tk 50.000 from him and as

he refused, he (Masud) illegally ordered

Three others at the police station -

Inspector Yusuf Ali told the probe

The probe report also said the SP

Moscow wants time to find a com-

US President George W. Bush said

Rashedul, Nuru and Israfil-complained

that they were suspended for their

him to be 'closed' in the police lines.

refusal to pay money to the SP.

Abdul Bari and his wife Shafinun

The committee heard villagers of

people and police officials.

police threats of 'crossfire'.

chased and harassed them.

## Opposition long march

Daily Star correspondents, the number of arrests in Bogra was at least 29, Natore 16, Jessore 100, Jhenidah 82, Rajshahi 50, Manikganj 88, Magura 45. Naogaon 92. Ashugani five. Keshabpur 10, Gurudaspur two, Koira 12, Shibganj one, Joypurhat 17, Shariatpur three, Companyganj four, Noakhali 29 and Sharonkhola 10. **ARRESTS IN DHAKA** 

The police arrested at least 500 leaders and workers, mostly of the AL and its front organisations, at various ward unit offices. Kamalapur Railway Station. Sadarghat launch terminal Gabtali, Sayedabad and Mohakhali bus terminals and other places in the

city. As of filing this report at 9:00pm, the police were still conducting a massive manhunt raiding the houses of leaders of the AL and its front organisations across the city.

The police arrested at least 50 leaders and workers in Lalbagh area until 8:30 last night, Dhaka City AL Joint Secretary Hazi Selim told The Daily Star. The AL leaders and workers in the area have fled their homes fearing arrests and harassment, he said, adding the police have also been doing excesses in the name of raids.

A police official told The Daily Star they have received government directives to arrest thana- and wardlevel organisers and leaders of the opposition combine and also those who "pose threat to the law and order' so as to hinder as many people as possible from joining the Paltan Maidan rally.

The raids will continue until the march ends on February 5, he said. Additional police have been kept on alert at the bus and railway stations and launch terminals. They have been asked to arrest anyone who would fail to give appropriate reasons for coming

#### to the capital he added **RAJSHAHI, NATORE, BOGRA**

Our staff correspondent from Rajshah reports: The police arrested over 50 AL leaders in Rajshahi and 16 in Natore.

The arrestees include Meherchandi Ward Awami Jubo League (AJL) President Anu, Meherchandi Ward Awami Swechchhasebak League (ASL) Vice President Ashraf and AJL leader Shahidul Islam in Rajshahi. Naldanga Thana AL Vice President Abdus Salam, Shingra Sramik League (SL) Publicity Secretary Abdul Halim Gurudaspur Municipality AJL Joint Secretary Labu and Publicity Secretary Jahrool Islam, and ASL President Masud are also among

them. A 'fuel crisis' has suddenly sprung up in the region, while transport worker leaders alleged certain political quarters asked them not to provide any

truck or bus for the long march. From Wednesday evening, all the filling stations in Rajshahi City as well as the district have stopped selling petrol and octane. The condition in Natore and Chapainawabganj was almost the same

Some 14-party leaders alleged the fuel crisis was an artificial one, created to bar the long march.

AL leader AHM Khairuzzaman Liton and Workers Party Politburo Member Fazle Hossain Badsha said dealers have stopped supplying oil to pumps following directions from the government high-ups.

"We had to hire a large number of cars and microbuses as we could not manage more than 50 buses from the three districts -- Chapainawabgani Rajshahi and Natore," Liton said. He said local bus owners refused to rent out vehicles to them, mentioning a directive from the police administra-In Bogra Sadar Upazila the police arrested 20 AJL and Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) workers Wednesday night on charge of planning sabotage. The arrestees were sent to a court yesterday under Section 151 of the CrPC (Criminal Procedure Code). The police said the arrested AJL and BCL workers were planning to carry out sabotage at Satmatha in the town. Tipped off, the police detained and interrogated them. "Since they could not give satisfactory answers they were arrested," said a police official requesting for anonymity. The arrestees are Shahidul Islam, Raihan, Bulbul Mandal, Rafiqul Islam, Khokon Mia, Mosharraf Hossain Rezaul Haque, Shahiada, Raia Mia Jahidul, Raja Sheikh, Badal, Shuvra Ghosh, Wahiduzzaman, Milon Sardar, Liton, Shamsul Haque, Nur Mohammad Ranu and Ashraful MAGURA

arrested 25 leaders and workers of the 14-party opposition alliance in different

areas of the district. Of them, five were held in Sudharam, three in Begumganj, two in Sonaimuri, six in Senbagh, five in Char Jabbar, three in Companyganj, and one in Chatkhil. They were produced

However, vessels present at before a court vesterday showing arrested under Section 54 of the CrPC berths will complete their works and and the court sent them to jail refusing sail out towards respective destinations, the meeting said. BARISAL DIVISION BIWTA fails

Ctg port

vesterday morning.

on February 06.

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The BSAA leaders also decided

to stop operation of all feeder ves-

width to 37 metres, and was sched-

uled to be completed by January 18,

said Joint Director of the Marine

speed is four nautical miles at

The authorities also said differ-

ent points of the 10 kilometre long

waterway from Mohanganj to

Charsafulla have already lost navi-

gability for heavy currents during the

tides and sharp decline of the water

level during the ebbs in addition to

No large cargo vessel will be able

They also said the situation may

worsen during the period between

the middle of this month and April,

as the water level will start to fall

down making it impossible even for

small vessels to ply the route, which

will leave almost two thousand

workers unemployed at the

The workers at the sites however

denied the allegation and said they

have been working eight hours a

Shahadat Chowdhury, and manag-

ing director and chief editor of the

state-run news agency Bangladesh

Sangbad Sangstha Gaziul Hasan

Khan were proposed for consider-

ation for the nomination in the field

The shortlist of the fifteen people

day for the last one-month.

5 ministers

Baghabari port alone.

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FROM PAGE 1

Barisal correspondent reports: The police on Wednesday started raiding different areas along the routes of the long march in the southern region in search of opposition leaders and activists

Barisal City AL Convener and 14party combine divisional coordinator Shawkat Hossain Hiron alleged eight opposition leaders and activists had en arrested in Baufal and 10 others in Patuakhali town on Monday and

Tuesday. ASL Organising Secretary Harunur Rashid was arrested in Banaripara upazila on Tuesday. Three AJL activists were arrested in Jhalakati on the same day. Police sources said most of the

rests were made under the Section 54 for suspicious activities, as there was no specified case against the arrestees Barisal Range Deputy Inspector

General (in-charge) Hemayet Hossain denied the existence of any bid to foil the long march and claimed the police would rather try their best to ensure safety and security of the participants. NARAYANGANJ

Our Narayanganj correspondent reports: The police held five Fatullah thana unit AL activists during a meeting at the Fatullah Reporter's Club on ednesday night. The arrestees are Ujjal, Zakir,

Rony, Babul and Mojibur. Angry AL leaders and activists

staged demonstration in front of Fatullah Police Station following the arrests. Later, the police released Mojibur and Rony. Our Rangpur correspondent adds

### that three AJL leaders were arrested

LONG MARCH STARTS Streams of the long march started yesterday from Tentulia in Panchagarh, Mongla in Khulna, Meherpur and Barguna to press resignation of the BNP-Jamaat-led alliance government and holding of parliamentary polls under reformed caretaker government and Election Commission.

The streams from across the country are scheduled to assemble in Paltan Maidan in Dhaka, where Hasina will announce the next programme of the opposition com-

Long march streams will begin from nine other points across the country today. AL Presidium Member Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir inaugurated one of the

streams of some 5,000 activists at Tentulia Chowrasta intersection at about 11:00am yesterday. Workers Party Politburo Member

Fazle Hossain Badsha, Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) Central Committee Joint Secretary Nazmul Haque Pradhan, Gono Forum leader Pankanj Bhattacharya, Gonotantri Party Presidium Member M Afzal Hossain, Workers Party Presidium Member Aminul Islam Gopal and

and five ministers was prepared at a cabinet committee meeting on Wednesday. district AL President Nurul Islam Sujan Introduced in 1976, the Ekushev spoke before the marchers started

of journalism.

### Mizan Chy passes away

In 1966, Mizan Chowdhury

He discharged the responsibil-

ity of acting general secretary of

the party in 1966-67 after the

arrest of Bangabandhu Sheikh

Mujibur Rahman, Tajuddin Ahmed

In 1967, he was also arrested.

information minister in the

Bangabandhu's cabinet in 1973.

He led a faction of the AL, after

In 1984, he joined the Jana Dal

He was elected to the Jatiya

Mizan Chowdhury joined the

President lajuddin Ahmed in a

condolence message recalled the

in democratic movement for

giving parliamentary democracy

respect towards the opinions of

In a condolence message

contributions towards promoting

Hasina recalled that Mizan

series of movements starting from

securing the rights of the

others.

Bangabandhu.'

Bangalees.

The president also noted the

AL again on August 27, 2001. He

was a member of the party's

advisory committee till his death.

CONDOLENCES:

and later Jatiya Party of HM

Ershad and became the prime

Sangsad in 1973, 1979, 1986,

Mizan Chowdhury served as

and other top party leaders.

Banbandhu's killing in 1975.

minister in 1986.

1988 and 1991.

was elected as the organising

secretary of the AL.

#### Association (BSAA) at a meeting FROM PAGE 1

Siddiqui also visited Mizan Chowdhury's house and placed wreaths at his coffin. sels to and from Chittagong Port The first namaz-e-janaza of

from 8:00pm on February 05 and late Chowdhury was held at general cargo vessels from 8:00pm Gulshan Azad Mosque. His body was later taken to the Central Shaheed Minar where people from all walks of life paid

homage to him. Dhaka University Teachers Association (Duta), Supreme Court Bar Association, Dhaka Bar Association, Awami Ainjibi Parishad, Muktijoddha Sanosad Central Command and different socio-cultural organisations paid tribute to the former prime minis-

ter. The BIWTA authorities said the Afterwards, the body was dredging process is being disrupted taken to the central office of the AL at different points from Baghabari on Bangabandhu Avenue where river port to Pechakhola due to 14-party opposition combine, 11increasing speed of current at the party, Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal, 5confluence of the Hura Shagar and left leaning party, Communist Jamuna rivers and decreasing Party of Bangladesh, Gono Forum, Samyabadi Dal, The authorities claimed that the Ganotantri Party and different dredgers are capable of dredging political parties showed respect to against a maximum speed of curthe veteran politician. rent of two nautical miles but the

After Asr prayers, a second namaz-e-janaza was held at the main gate of the Baitul Mukarram National Mosque attended by senior leaders of different political parties

an institutional shape. On behalf of the prime minister. Forest and Environment Minister significant role played by Torikul Islam placed floral wreath Chowdhury in parliamentary at the coffin of the veteran politipolitics and said. "his death cian before the janaza. After the janaza, the coffin was caused an irrecoverable loss to

taken to Birdem hospital. The body will be taken to the

several points on the route is not leader's village homes Shahrasti dredged immediately and the Baghabari Milk Vita Company will and Hajiganj in Chandpur today where janazas will take place. suffer the most in that case, they After another janaza at Chandpur said adding that silt should be Government College ground, he removed from at least 1500 metres will be buried at his family graveyard with state honour.

A LONG POLITICAL CAREER A close associate of

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, Mizan Chowdhury was born on October 19, 1928 in Chandpur. His long vibrant political life started in 1945 when he was bereaved family.

elected Comilla unit vice presi-A resident of Nakalia area dent of Nikhil Bharat Muslim alleged that the dredging work was Chhatra League (All India Muslim being carried out only for three Students League). hours at a stretch and with many In 1950, he became the gen-

eral secretary of Feni College Students' Union and played active role in the 1952 Language Movement.

In 1962 he was elected an independent member of the then Pakistan National Assembly. The same year he joined the Awami League (AL). He was also elected to the Pakistan National Assembly for next two consecutive terms in 1965 and 1970.

### New internet worm set

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"The reason why experts at spreads primarily by copying itself to Sophos believe the worm is likely to shared network locations and then have been written by an old-school

Mirza Abbas files defamation case against Prothom Alo editor, publisher

### **COURT CORRESPONDENT**

Public Works Minister Mirza Abbas yesterday filed a defamation case against the editor and publisher of Prothom Alo for running a news item on January 5.

Abbas along with his counsel appeared before the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court, Dhaka at about 12:30pm and filed the case.

After hearing, Metropolitan Magistrate Syed Mohammad Mujibul Haq recorded his (Abbas) statements, took the case into cognisance and issued summons against the daily's Editor Motiur Rahman and Publisher Mahfuz Anam to appear before the court on February 16.

In his plaint, Abbas said the news item headlined "Public works minister has objection to a police complex being built at Razarbagh" and run by the national daily is false, baseless and concocted.

contribution of Mizan Chowdhury The news has tarnished the minister's image and status in the society. Moreover, it created a bad impression of him among the people of the country as well as of his constituency. The news also led to a misunderstanding between him and the police department, Abbas added.

Besides, the daily did not publish maintaining political restraint and properly the rejoinder sent by the complainant. The defendants appear to have connived to publish the report with an intention of bring-Prime Minister Khaleda Zia ing him into disrepute, Abbas said. recalled Chowdhury's valuable

#### democracy and said a big vacuum has been created in the country's EC files appeal political arena with the demise of

Abdul Jalil, Asaduzzaman Noor had filed the writ petitions with the HC, questioning the validity of the chief election commissioner's (CEC) "unilateral" decision to have a new Hasina in a condolence message

Rokanuddin Mahmud, the counsels for the writ petitioners, yesterday opposed the EC's prayer at the Chamber Judge's Court.

Amir observed that a Chamber Judge's Court usually does not allow a hearing on Thursday, but Judge Amirul Kabir Chowdhury yesterday sat just to hear this particular prayer.

been filed by anyone of the ordinary people, he [the judge] would not have entertained it. Therefore. he cannot allow this hearing to take place today and fix a date for further hearing

Mentioning CEC MA Aziz's holding two constitutional posts, one as a CEC and the other one as a judge of the Supreme Court's

SP Masud Miah FROM PAGE 1 May 23 in 2004, Masud told Prof Lutfa Rahman, now an arrestee, "I (SP) will

media in Rajshahi while he was SP, he said he was not doing any wrong by always be with your (JMJB) movement helping the militant outfit Jagrata Muslim as I am doing now." Janata Bangladesh (JMJB) because he was acting under the guidance of higher committee headed by home ministry officials. deputy secretary Abdur Rouf visited

The victims of torture by Bangla Bhai's group at Hamirkutsa, Goalkandi, Jugipara, Bhabaniganj and Palashi in Bagmara upazila expressed their joy at the dismissal of Masud.

They demanded his arrest on charge of backing the JMJB activists and action against the home ministry officials and local BNP leaders for auidina him.

Masud was dismissed on Tuesday for lapses in his duty, official sources said on Wednesday.

Masud was 'stand released' as SP on March 5 last year. The Daily Star ran a report on March 1 revealing documentary evidence of his supporting Bangla Bhai's activities.

In February last yea, a special police eport to the high-ups in Dhaka and the ministry concerned said Masud Mia is the man behind police failure to nab Bangla Bhai.

Besides, the militant kingpin himself came to Rajshahi along with his militant group and met the then SP Masud at his office on April 24 in 2004.

body that he was kept 'closed' in the The report said despite the prime police lines for two months and was minister's order to arrest Bangla Bhai, . denied fresh posting as he could not pay Masud allowed him to flee. money to Masud. Talking to The Daily Star on

February 27 last year at his office, collected huge amounts of money from Masud denied most of the allegations. police men through brokers for their While receiving a JMJB memorandum during their Rajshahi march on transfer and fresh posting.

### IAEA set to take Iran

FROM PAGE 20 March World powers including Russia had agreed Wednesday on the draft promise solution. resolution.

The United States has sought for two years to win support for taking Iran to the Council, which unlike the IAEA has enforcement powers and can impose sanctions.

but also bomb material. investigating Iran for three years, and in September found the Islamic Republic in non-compliance with the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) for hiding sensitive nuclear activities for

off on this to give Iran time to cooperate with a three-year-old agency investigation and stop nuclear fuel work. Instead. Iran moved on January 10

o start uranium enrichment and has not fully cooperated with IAEA inspectors, according to an agency report. Moving the dossier to the Security Council in New York is a "momentous

moment," non-proliferation analyst Mark Fitzpatrick told AFP. "For the first time the Security

Council will be able to consider enforcement measures and Iran for the first time will have to face the prospect of paying the cost for the path t is on." said Fitzpatrick, who is from London's International Institute for of over Tk 8.99 crore and supply Strategic Studies think tank. hose to BRTA.

But a diplomat close to the IAEA BRTA's genuine laminated driving licences being used by warned that referral could provoke Iran drivers, however, will remain valid, to push ahead with a program it insists s peaceful and reduce cooperation said an official handout. But BRTA will stop issuing new

with the atomic agency. The five permanent UN Security laminated driving licences, which were introduced earlier and instead Council members (P-5) plus Germany issue the new high security driving agreed in London on Tuesday to bring Iran before the Council, but in a compromise with Russia put off UN action until at least the next IAEA meeting in

Rahmat Ali and 18 years. Such a finding requires a report to the Security Council but the IAEA held

an experienced leader like him. FROM PAGE 1 Khaleda Zia praved for the eternal peace of the departed soul and conveyed her sympathy to the Opposition Leader Sheikh

said, "The nation will remember Barrister Amir-UI Islam and him for his outstanding role in stimulating the nation for the freedom under the leadership of

Chowdhury, led by Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, had played a glorious role in each of a the '52 Language Movement for

He argued that had the prayer

Wednesday that he backs a Russian plan to have Iran enrich uranium in Russia in order to avoid Tehran masering this crucial technology, which makes fuel for nuclear power reactors The Vienna-based IAEA has been

The United States, which backed off from calling for immediate Security Council action in order to win a consensus from the P-5, stressed that it was seeking a diplomatic solution.

> Pak company FROM PAGE 20

of Communications yesterday. BRTA Chairman MA Momen and PNDRA Chairman Brig. (Retd) Salem Ahmed Moveen signed the agreement on behalf of their respecive sides.

Communications Minister Nazmul Huda and high officials of the ministry and Pakistan embassy in Dhaka were present. As per the agreement, PNDRA will make 7,50,000 licences at a cost

Our Magura correspondent reports: At least 45 people including BCL and AJL leaders and workers were arrested in four upazilas of the district.

The arrestees were produced before a court yesterday under Section 54 of the CrPC. Of them, 23 were arrested in Magura Sadar Upazila, 11 in Shalikha, six in Mohammadpur and five in Sreepur, the police said.

Magura District AL President Altaf Hossain alleged the arrests were made to foil the long march, but the police claimed they arrested the people for their suspicious movements on Wednesday night. MANIKGANJ

Our Manikganj correspondent reports: The police arrested 45 people at different places in the district on what they said were previous complaints against them. But, local leaders of the 14-party line-up alleged the arrestees were opposition workers and they were held to hinder the February 5 long march

### NOAKHALI

Our Noakhali correspondent reports: The police on Wednesday night

### Gunrunner dies

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Rajshahi Medical College and Hospital in a critical condition.

Two pistols loaded with six bullets and three magazines were seized from the victims.

Major Farooq-e-Azam and another member of Rab received minor injuries

from Tentulia and Panchagarh Gono Forum Presidium Member Ranesh Maitra inaugurated another stream from Meherpur point yesterday

UNB adds: The long march with over 20.000 opposition activists started from Mongla bus stand and reached Katakhali on the Mongla-Rupsa Road at about 12:45pm. It then advanced towards Khulna at about 2:00pm.

**Opposition leaders ASHK Sadek** Mohammad Nasim, Dr Mojammel Hossain, SMA Sabur, Ganotantri Party leader MA Muhit, Sharif Nurul Ambia and others were leading the march to Dhaka.

# doubts Iran has nukes

AP, Washington

US National Intelligence Director John Negroponte told Congress on Thursday that Iran probably does not vet have nuclear weapons. nor has it obtained the material central to producing them.

both major threats to US security. weapon and the ability to integrate it

with the ballistic missile Iran already possesses." Negroponte spoke as US and European diplomats worked behind the scenes to build support for their decision to report Iran to the UN

it seeking nuclear weapons. Agency's 35-nation board of governors began a two-day meeting on a

Tehran to be referred to the Security Council, which can impose sanc-Notwithstanding worries about

prepared testimony. We have eliminated much of the

cadre.

**US intel chief** 

Still, Negroponte called Iran's

nuclear program a matter of "highest concern." In prepared testimony to the Senate Intelligence Committee, he said that Iran and North Korea are Negroponte raised the possibility that Iran "will acquire a North Korea

Security Council over concerns that The International Atomic Energy

European draft resolution calling for

Iran, "Al-Qaida remains our top concern," Negroponte said in his

leadership that presided over al-Qaida in 2001," he said, "and US counterterrorism efforts in 2005 continued to disrupt its operations take out its leaders and deplete its

Padak is awarded for outstanding contribution to the Language Movement of 1952, and in the fields of education. literature. journalism. and culture

Last year, Finance and Planning Vinister M Saifur Rahman and Chief Whip Khandakar Delwar Hossain were awarded the Ekushey Padak for their contribution to the 1952 Language Movement.

Kansat killings FROM PAGE 1 Rabbani and eight others were

arrested on January 22 on charge of instigating people to raise their voice against local Palli Bidyut Samity that led to the January 4 police firing, in which two youths were killed.

The arrests triggered a violent protest, resulting in the killing of another seven people in police firing on January 23.

### Pakistanis clash FROM PAGE 1

Pakistanis from 34 camps in Dhaka started gathering at the Geneva Camp and adjacent area in the early morning to attend the "peaceful" march to the Pakistan High

Commission. As the procession started for the Pakistan High Commission at around 11:15am, the police barred it putting up barricades and asked the stranded Pakistanis over loud speakers to go back to their camps.

At one stage, the stranded Pakistanis broke the barricades and tried to advance, which prompted the police to charge baton on them. The stranded Pakistanis also started pelting brickbats, shoes and sandals at the police force.

The law enforcers fired shotguns and 56 teargas canisters to disperse the demonstrators, the police said. Shop-owners shut down their shops while vehicular traffic remained halted during the chaos.

Police Sub-Inspector Mezbah Uddin filed a case accusing the arrested six and around 1,500 others of attacking the police and creating obstruction to their activiies.

According to a 1992 census. there are 2,38,400 stranded Pakistanis in 66 camps in 13 districts in Bangladesh.

sending itself to e-mail addresses found on afflicted computers. With subject lines that read "the best videoclip ever," "give me a kiss," and "school girl fantasies gone bad," the worm entices computer users to open the attached file.

"This worm feeds on people's willingness to receive salacious content on their desktop computer, but they could be putting their entire company's data at risk," said Graham Cluley, senior technology consultant at Sophos.

According to Sophos, on the third of each month, the worm will attempt to disable existing antivirus and firewall software and also will delete specific files, such as Microsoft Office documents

The worm is also known as Blackworm, Nyxem-D, and W32.Blackmail.E, among others. There are disagreements in the security industry about the severity of the worm, with Symantec and F-Secure taking different positions on the issue.

Controversy stems from interpreting one of the worm's most intriguing features: a Web counter. Once the worm infects a new computer, it accesses a Web page on which there is a counter. The counter number increases whenever the Web page is accessed

Andrew Jaquith, a Yankee Group senior analyst, said that most reports indicate that the counter had risen already to 700,000, which could indicate that nearly a million computers are infected.

Much of the speculation in the industry about the potential for damage done by the Kama Sutra worm centers on the counter number -which might represent unique machines or accesses to the counter page by the same machine more than once. One of the things that is "sorely lacking" with mass outbreak malware like the Kama Sutra worm, Jaquith said, is any real sense of how many machines are compromised. "We still don't know, for example

how many machines were really affected by the WMF vulnerability," he explained. "The antivirus vendors don't seem to know either, or are unwilling to divulge much -- possibly because it would expose gaps in their signature coverage." To address what is so far the most

expansive malware attack in 2006, speculation among security vendors and researchers has focused on the destructive nature of the worm. Unlike most viruses currently in the wild, the Kama Sutra code is not intended to reap the code writer a windfall of ill-gotten gains. The hacker designed the worm to create mayhem by destroying documents.

hacker rather than an organized criminal is its destructive payload," Clulev explained. "That kind of destructive behavior is not typical of financially motivated worms because the damage is too obvious to the end user.

Frost & Sullivan analyst Rob Ayoub said he is not convinced that he worm represents the work of an old-school hacker, but did suggest it is unusual. "This is just something we haven't seen in a while. It's not a botnet or a zombie. It's a throwback to malware that only seeks to create

havoc." Of greater concern, said Ayoub, is the worm's ability to deceive Windows into receiving a malicious ActiveX control by providing a phony digital signature. Discovered origi nally by Fortinet. the worm apparently adds some 18 entries to the Windows Registry, allowing it to insert an ActiveX control that can circumvent Windows' defense mech-

anisms. The development is interesting, Ayoub said, because, heretofore, the assumption has been that if a piece of software has a digital signature, then it is safe. Ayoub said Microsoft will need to take a serious look at digitalsignature technologies.

"In the past, it has always been if the company signs it, then it must be authentic," Ayoub said. "Microsoft needs to look at the digital signing process or else we will see more things like this, and that is pretty dangerous because it gets around some of the safeguards that are supposed to keep these things out." Analysts are urging computer

users, especially home users, to make sure that they have up-to-date antivirus software installed on their machines. "There should be no excuse for any data being lost on February 3 by this worm, but there is always the danger that some home users will not have heard that warning," Cluley said.

#### National professors FROM PAGE 20

General of National Heart Foundation Prof Abdul Malik, Prof AKM Nurul Islam of the Botany Department of Dhaka University former vice-chancellor of Bangladesh Agriculture University Prof AKM Aminul Hague and former professor of the Political Science . Department of Dhaka University Talukder Moniruzzaman.

The government in a notification announced the names of the four eminent educationists, who will get Tk 15,000 as honorarium every month with other facilities.

Appellate Division, he said, "One cannot hold two such posts.'

Amir said since Aziz is a member of the Appellate Division, justice cannot be expected from the court in a case dealing with him as the CEC. There would obviously be a conflict of interest.

"If he [CEC] has to be a litigant [in the Appellate Division], he must give up one of the two posts," he pointed out.

He said the HC directives were issued on January 4 and since then there has not been any stay order on those. Yet the CEC did not bother to conform to the directives. "Without complying with the court's order, he cannot appeal against it. If he must, he should first comply with the order." he said.

Referring to Khondker Mahbubuddin Ahmed, Barrister Rokanuddin said he just cannot walk in and make the chamber judge sit for an unscheduled hearina.

### 3 hill dists

FROM PAGE 20 cials, including secretaries to the Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Ministry, CHT Affairs Ministry and Prime Minister's Office, have been made respondents.

The court in its rule asked the respondents to show cause why they should not be directed to establish judges' courts (civil and criminal) and tribunals in the three districts of CHT to prevent repression against women and children through implementing CHT Regulation (Amendment) Act 2003 and Section 26 of Nari O Shishu Nirjaton Daman Ain-2000.

Counsel for the petitioner Advocate Idrisur Rahman yesterday told the news agency that as per the provisions of CHT Regulation (Amendment) Act 2003 and Section 26 of Nari O Shishu Nirjaton Daman Ain-2000, the government has established judges' courts and tribunals in all districts excepting the three hill districts.

"The writ petition has been filed with the High Court demanding direction to implement the provisions of CHT Regulation (Amendment) Act 2003 and Section 26 of Nari O Shishu Nirjaton Daman Ain-2000 in the three districts." he said

amond the drivers kind of vehicles gradually to curb the use of fake licences.

# **US** forces battle

FROM PAGE 20 patrol when the bomb exploded south of Baghdad.

A fourth soldier died from wounds sustained in a small-arms fire attack in the capital's southwest, the military said. AUS Marine was fatally wounded during combat near the western city of Falluiah

All five US servicemen were killed Wednesday, the military said.

A US military spokesman said fighting began around 1:00 am (2200 GMT Wednesday) when the coalition forces came under attack during a raid A number of bodies were discovin the poor, predominantly Shia ered around the country on Thursday, Baghdad district.

including two in Nabaie north of The coalition forces conducted a Baghdad that were believed to be raid in Sadr City to search for a known among an ill-fated expedition of police terrorist from Ansar al-Sunnah group," hopefuls from Samarra in midthe spokesman told AFP. January. After conducting the raid one of

At least 60 young men had been the helicopters of the coalition forces returning from Baghdad after failing to came under fire from some men on a be accepted by the police academy nearby rooftop following which when their bus was stopped by insuranother helicopter of the coalition gents and they were taken off into the forces returned fire to eliminate the desert threat in which four individuals were

So far. police and medical sources have identified 39 corpses from the group, mostly in the region around Nabaie.

He did not say whether the four were members of the Mehdi Army, though an interior ministry official said The hospital in Samarra also the fight was between US forces and reported receiving the body of a civilian shot in the head, with no information about what happened.

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The official added that a woman was killed in the fighting. Sadr's militia and the US military The body of a policeman kidnapped Wednesday was found in an

have often clashed in the past, most eastern suburb of Baghdad, riddled dramatically in August 2004 when the with bullets, while the interior ministry fiery cleric waged a bloody rebellion in reported another seven bodies found the Shia holy city of Najaf in which at the edge of Sadr City. hundreds of his men were killed.

In other violence, a high-ranking official at the industry ministry, Mary Hamza al-Rubai, was kidnapped on her way to work. Two cars filled with gunmen stopped her car, released her driver and took her away.

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The interior ministry also reported that gunmen in a large SUV, of the kind used by foreign security details, opened fire on a commuter microbus south of Baghdad, killing two and

wounding seven. On Wednesday, two Iraqi journalists were snatched after leaving a press conference at the headquarters of the Sunni Iraqi Islamic Party. Gunmen attempted to assassinate

Advocate ABM Nurul Islam the police intelligence officer responsiassisted by Advocate Giyasuddin ble an area south of Basra, but only Ahmed and Advocate Afifa Khatun succeeded in killing his driver. In a separate incident, insurgents moved for the petitioners.

attacked an oil storage facility near the northern city of Kirkuk setting off a massive blaze, an official with the Northern Oil Company said.

He said the attack occurred at 3:00 am (midnight GMT), adding the blaze was still continuing as the sun rose. The US military said two children

died in the town of Hit during a gunfight between security forces and insurgents on Wednesday. It said insurgents attacked an Iraqi-

US patrol in which one Iraqi soldier and four other civilians were wounded.