TEACHER KILLING

## DU teachers protest against govt inaction

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka University (DU) teachers yesterday observed a two-hour abstention from work and staged a sit-in programme on the campus, alleging that the government's indifference has encouraged repeated killings of teachers across the country and made the education institutes vulnerable.

The DU teachers at the sit-in programme said vested quarters SEE PAGE 15 COL 3



### Maulana Mannan no more

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Former religious affairs minister Maulana MA Mannan died of old age ailments at his Banani residence in the city yesterday morning. He was 71.

Mannan, also the founder of the Daily Ingilab, will be held after Asr prayers today at Mohakhali SEE PAGE 15 COL 6

IRAN NUKES

# **US** not ruling out use of military action

AFP, Berlin/Tehran

US Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said the United States does not rule out using military force against Iran to prevent it from obtaining nuclear weapons.

"All options, including the military one, are on the table," Rumsfeld said in an interview with Monday's edition of German financial newspaper Handelsblatt.

"Today, biological, chemical and radiological weapons are available which could kill tens of thousands of people," Rumsfeld said, in com-

REUTERS, New Delhi

"There is a genuine possibility that these weapons could fall into the hands of people who behead innocent people and blow up chil-

"The people of the free world must realise that they have been

Rumsfeld said Iran must be prevented from developing a nuclear weapon. "We know that terrorists are

desperately seeking ever more deadly weapons. "Iran is the main sponsor of

them to the north-east (of India).'

course, the decision has been

taken in view of the fact that the

soldiers are based in the

level of violence has come down."

"It is a routine exercise and, of

An estimated half a million

Mukherjee told reporters.

India reduces troops

level in Kashmir

terrorist organisations such as Hezbollah and Hamas," he told Handelsblatt.

The Iranian nuclear crisis escalated on Saturday when the UN's International Atomic Energy Agency, voted to report the Islamic republic to the UN Security Council over its atomic programme.

Iran said on Monday that largescale uranium enrichment work, which is the focus of fears that it is seeking nuclear weapons, would begin in "due course" in response

Analysts said the troop reduc-

tion, although small in number,

would be seen as a gesture

towards the peace process with

Pakistan and towards the

seen as being nudged by Pakistan,

India was coming around to this,"

Uday Bhaskar, deputy director of

the Institute of Defence Studies

convergence of Pakistani demands

and India's internal security

"This step was the result of the

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"While we did not want to be

Kashmiris themselves

and Analyses, said.

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#### Bulu's brother finally gets bail

SHOOTING INCIDENT

**COURT CORRESPONDENT** 

Motiur Rahman Pintu, younger brother of Advisor to the Ministry of Commerce and BNP leader Barkatullah Bulu, finally obtained bail from a Dhaka court yesterday.

He received bail for the case filed in connection with the car showroom shooting on January 26. Meanwhile, arrest warrants against Pintu in two other criminal cases are pending with the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's (CMM)

After hearing from the prosecution and the defence on the January 30 bail petition, the court granted the bail upon a bond of Tk 5,000 with two guarantors.

The court also granted two other accused, Rafigul Islam SEE PAGE 15 COL 8

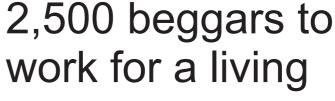
#### Ferry service, air traffic disrupted due to fog

AGENCIES, Dhaka

Ferry service at Maowa remained suspended for four hours from 6:00am yesterday due to dense fog, creating heavy traffic jam on both sides of the river.

Five ferries with over 2,000 passengers aboard were also struck in the mid-river. BIWTC officials said it will take one or two days to clear the 1.5 km long traffic iam at Maowa

Besides, 18 launches and ships SEE PAGE 15 COL 5



immediate trial of Raishahi University teacher S Taher Ahmed murder.

Grameen, Citigroup come up with micro-credit project

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Around 2,500 beggars are expected to live by working within next three years under a microcredit project jointly introduced by the Citigroup Foundation and Grameen Trust.

The philanthropic arm of the Citigroup and the sister concern of the Grameen Bank yesterday

launched the microcredit programme styled "Project Dignity-Honourable Opportunities for the Poorest", offering interest-free loans to the beggars

Dhaka University Teachers Association stages a sit in yesterday in front of the Arts Faculty building demanding

The Citigroup Foundation will give \$250,000 to the Grameen Trust for the three-year project and the latter will implement the project through its partner network in the

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court starts today

KIBRIA KILLING

Trial at fast

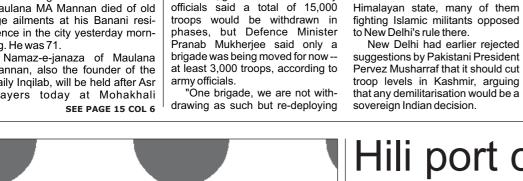
STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet Trial of the former finance minister

SAMS Kibria murder case begins in the Speedy Trial Tribunal of Sylhet In accordance with the order of

High Court (HC), the District and Sessions Judge of Habiganj sent the case documents to the Sylhet court on January 30.

The 49 pieces of evidence recovered from the spot after the brutal killing were also sent to the

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India has withdrawn at least 3,000

troops from Jammu and Kashmir

as the level of violence there falls,

the country's defence minister and

officials said a total of 15,000

Earlier, government and military

army chief said yesterday.

# Hili port closed for 8 days

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Dinaipur

effort to resume international

