Hasina places reform proposals | Govt ready

held in a more free and fair manner. "We are ready for discussion on

any constructive suggestions as we too believe in striving for elections free from influence of black money and muscle power," he observed.

Mohammad Nasim on a point of order said the opposition expected a response from the prime minister, not from Mannan Bhuiyan.

Earlier at 4:50pm, as the AL lawmakers entered the House during the question-answer session, the ruling alliance lawmakers welcomed them by thumping the desks. Hasina, who last joined the parliamentary proceedings on July 14, 2004, entered the House at

Deputy Speaker Akhtar Hamid Siddiqui, who was presiding over the sitting, said the main opposition's return would definitely strengthen the parliamentary democracy in the country.

answer session, the AL lawmakers raised a number of supplementary questions, criticising the government's failure to run the state. But the two state ministers, who were replying to the lawmakers' queries, refrained from countering the opposition lawmakers scathing about the ruling alliance's performance.

Diplomats from the UK, US, EU, Germany, India, the Netherlands, Canada, Australia and Japan were in the VVIP gallery to witness the

diplomats, the AL chief said, "This time, we are getting some time may be thanks to presence of some [foreign] guests.

Ruling alliance lawmakers greeted her comment with shouts of

protest. Before joining the House, an AL Parliamentary Party meeting with Hasina in the chair decided to project in parliament the failures of the government. The former prime minister asked her deputies to raise the burning issues such as price hike of essentials, deteriorating law and order situation, and crises of

She also asked her colleagues to bring forward the issues of militancy, bomb attacks and persecution of the opposition activists.

The AL also decided to demand the Business Advisory Committee extend the current session, which has been scheduled to end on February 16, Chief Whip of the Opposition Abdus Shahid told reporters after the meeting.

On the first day of the opposiment came in for a fierce criticism from the AL lawmakers during the question-answer session

REFORMS IN CARETAKER

The five-point proposal of the

The president in consultation with all political parties will appoint acceptable and trusted persons as the chief adviser and advisers of

the caretaker government. During the tenure of the caretaker government, the president

will act on all matters relating to state on advice of the chief adviser. taking the parliamentary democracy into consideration. During its term, the caretaker

government will run the defence And, jurisdiction of the care-

taker government will be confined general elections

the chief election commissioner (CEC) and other election commissioners in consultation with political parties. The number of election commissioners will also be determined through consultation. In case of any difference in opinion, the decision on the EC will follow

expand its organisational framework down to upazila level and appoint and control its entire staff.

During the election period, the government will arrange for adequate manpower as required by the

appoint the returning officers, presiding officers and the law enforcement agencies to ensure security during the elections, and the government will be bound to take necessary actions as per the EC demands. The law enforcement agencies will be under the EC

during the election period. The persons involved in conducting elections will be under the EC for a certain period before and after the have the authority to take immediate disciplinary actions against them for any offence and negligence of duty, and the government will have to act

The EC will be fully independent announcing election schedule and preparing election rules. The EC will be able to postpone

or cancel elections for violation of electoral laws and rules, issue arrest orders and punish the violators. During the election period, it will have judicial power.

The voter list will be prepared maintaining complete transparency. The voter list preparation and issuance of voter identity (ID) cards will have to be computerised and electronic voting has to be

As per the CHT peace accord, a new voter list of the permanent residents of the hill tracts will have to be prepared and their voting right has to be ensured. Expatriates will have to be included in the voter list and arrangement has to be made for their vote cast-

The EC will constitute an allparty observer team at local level during elections. At national level, the members of the election observation team will have to be enlisted six months ahead of the election and the list of observers will have to be supplied to the contesting political parties and candidates with the announcement of the election schedule. The observers will never enter the polling booths.

The matters relating to international election observers will have to be published one month before the election and their activities will have to be specified.

Transparent ballot boxes with serial numbers will have to be arranged. Vote counting will be made in presence of all and the signed copy of the results will have to be given to every candidate or his nominee and designated observer. The returning officer will send the consolidated statement of the election results to the EC secretariat and only the EC will

The election tribunals will dispose of any case of election results within two months and any appeal will have to be disposed of by the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court within three months

REFORMS IN ELECTORAL

The opposition's proposals for reforms of electoral rules and regulations says in order to protect the election process from the destructive impact of black money, the candidates must make public declaration of their assets and dependants.

An election officer will monitor electoral expenses of the candidates in every constituency and send reports to the EC secretariat.

All candidates must submit statements of their election expenses within one month of the

All candidates have to provide the EC with personal information. including their academic qualifications, source of income, and description of assets and liabilities.

It will also be compulsory for all political parties to submit their financial reports to the EC.

Owners of black money, loan defaulters and relatives of loan defaulters, and persons who opposed the Liberation War and were war criminals will be ineligible to contest the elections. No political party will nominate any criminal and owner of black money to contest the elections.

The proposals include imposing ban on "religion-based politics' and using religion for seeking vote. The opposition camp also wants a ban on electioneering at religious places like mosques, temples and

The political parties have to strictly control their expenses for rallies and processions, after declaration of the election sched-

The lists of presiding officers. assistant presiding officers and polling officers will have to be delivered to the candidates while the lists of polling centres will have to be made public at least 15 days ahead of the polls.

Apart from the above, the reform agenda also proposed to increase the number of women's reserved seats in parliament and direct election to them.

HASINA'S SPEECH The opposition leader during her 54-minute speech depicted the alleged government conspiracy to rig the next election: appointment of the CEC and two more election commissioners, preparing a fresh voter list and extension of retirement age for judges in a bid to get a loyal person as chief of the care-

taker government. "The BNP-Jamaat-led coalition conspiring to snatch people's right to vote once again as they did in the election of 2001," Hasina said. "We are proposing reforms in the caretaker government, Election Commission and electoral rules to establish people's right to

vote...not to go to power," she said. Presenting the proposal, Hasina said the provision of a neutral caretaker government has been incorporated in the constitution in order to protect people's voting rights.

"Now reforms in the caretaker government are necessary as it has been made controversial by misuses of the existing caretaker government system," she pointed

The AL-led 14-paty combine announced the reform proposals first on July 15 last year from a press conference. From a huge grand rally on February 5 ending a nationwide long march this year, Hasina announced to join parliament to place the reform proposals. She also threatened to resign with her lawmakers if the proposals are not considered.

The AL chief began her speech by recalling the memories of her party's two lawmakers Shah AMS Kibria and Ahsanullah Master, who were killed in terrorist attacks.

"It is a matter of great regret that this parliament has failed to hold discussion on adjournment notices despite killing of two lawmakers," she said. "But, the British parliament held discussion on the matter." she added

The treasury bench lawmakers listened to Hasina's speech quietly despite her categorical allegations against them of failure to govern, of corruption and patronising terror-

Apart from placing the reform agenda. Hasina touched on the issues of price spiral of essentials. unabated corruption, rise of militancy under alleged government patronisation, crisis of fuel, power and fertiliser. She also pointed out failures of the government in different other sectors.

She categorically accused "the Hawa Bhaban men" and other government loyalists for the price hike of essentials and said, "The government has been making huge money capitalising public sufferings."

Amid huge desk thumping by party deputies, the AL chief said, People want a change and for the change a free and fair election is a

Before placing the proposals, she said her party wants a parliament of the people, for which she said voting rights must be ensured.

Hasina accused the BNP-Jamaat coalition government of patronising militants and blasting bombs across the country. "The alliance plans using the militants so that people cannot cast their votes in the next general elections," she said, adding that bomb attacks in the name of sacred religion Islam will not be allowed.

Aug 17 blasts

case against JMB members.

The judge said he also felt insecure while staying at home or moving without security guards.

The first trial of an Augustian bomb blast case filed against JMB members with the Airport Police Station began yesterday at the same court with deposition of the complainant in the case.

Having recorded the statement of Sub-Inspector (SI) Nazmul Haq Bhuiyan, also the complainant of the case, the court asked accused Rezaul Haq Reza whether he would appoint a lawyer to defend himself.

As he refused to appoint a lawyer, the court appointed APP Mohammad Abdul Hannan to defend Reza and three absconding

accused, Habib, Musa and Sagir. APP Mohammad Shahidul Islam Sardar conducted the case on behalf of the state while PP Abdullah Mahmud Hassan supervised the

Two more cases against JMB military commander Ataur Rahman Sunny, JMB chief Shaikh Abdur Rahman's son Navil Bin Abdur Rahman and eight others are also pending with the same court.

If the government takes sufficient security measures, he would proceed with the cases, the judge told

Dutch minister FROM PAGE 20

with the government of Bangladesh and other development partners, a Netherlands embassy press release said.

Van Ardenne will have meetings with Prime Minister Khaleda Zia and Leader of the Opposition Sheikh Hasina. She will also meet the finance minister, foreign minister and water resources minister.

The Dutch minister will meet representatives of the civil society. business community and diplomatic community in Dhaka During her visit, Van Ardenne will

sign a Twinning Arrangement between the Ministry of Water Resources and Dutch Ministry of Transport and Water Management as well as give additional commitment to the Brac education programme. The minister's programme also

includes a field visit to Dutch supported water, health and education programmes in the southeast of the

Prior to leaving Dhaka, Van Ardenne will hold a press conference at 5:30pm on February 16 at the Lake Shore Hotel at Gulshan.

did not activate the Election Commission," he said.

The government had earlier rejected outright the main opposition party's demand for reforms in the caretaker government and said it would not bring any reform in the electoral rules, if necessary the caretaker government will do

Bhuiyan said, "The 54 minutes speech by the opposition leader has proved that they can speak if

price spiral of essentials, corruption, rise of militancy under alleged government patronisation, and the crises of fuel, power and fertiliser. But the ruling alliance lawmakers remained quiet during the

opposition leader's speech. Even the two state ministers, Ziaul Hague Zia and Fazlur Rahman. who faced a volley of attacking questions from the AL lawmakers did not counter the attacks.

Most of the AL lawmakers attacked the ministers with allegations of corruption in different development projects and patronising terrorism.

"We have something to say about your allegations. We will give reply in time," State Minister for Youth and Sports told the AL lawmakers.

The ruling alliance lawmakers who participated in the questionanswer session did not counter the opposition lawmakers' allega-

Observing the situation,

Krishak Sramik Janata League lawmaker Abdul Kader Siddiqui pointing to the treasury bench said, "You are trying to keep the main opposition in the House with cordiality. I appreciate the manner. But it is unfortunate that the leader of the House is absent." Responding to the comment,

State Minister for LGRD Ziaul Haque Zia said the prime minister would have changed the schedule of her foreign trip had she been informed that the leader of the opposition would join the House The deputy speaker who was

in the chair allowed the AL lawmakers to raise a number of supplementary questions during the question-answer session. Even he postponed disposal of the call attention notices to allow the main opposition more time

JS okays tele-tapping

December. But, the motion was rejected in a voice vote. On the other hand, Post and

Telecommunications Minister Aminul Haque, who proposed the passage of the Bangladesh Telecommunications (Amendment) Bill 2006, assured the opposition members that there would be no abuse of the law, rather it will help tackle criminal activities Senior Al lawmaker Sheikh

Fazlul Karim Selim termed it 'a black law' and apprehended abuse of it. He asked the government to withdraw the bill. Another AL lawmaker and former

home minister Mohammad Nasim said the law would be a weapon for the government to harass opposition leaders. "Besides, the officials, who will be in-charge of tapping telephonic

authority and become involved in blackmailing," he said. Krishak Sramik Janata League lawmaker Abdul Kader Siddiqui joined the protest and asked for

conversations will abuse the

taking public opinion on the bill. He rejected the government's claim that the law would help tackle criminal activities including militancy and said. "Militant activities are under the control of the government, and the government can stop

"Militant attacks have virtually stopped after the prime minister's dialogue with some political parties

US drawing

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standard military contingency assessment," the Sunday Telegraph quoted a senior Pentagon adviser as saying. "This has taken on much greater urgency in recent months.'

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad warned Saturday that Tehran could quit the Non-Proliferation Treaty if it is forced by the West to limit its disputed nuclear programme which it insists is for civilian purposes.

Earlier this month, the International Atomic Energy Agency referred Iran to the UN Security Council after the oilrich nation resumed its uranium enrichment programme. Farlier Iran's Islamic regime

argued Sunday that the plight of Palestinians under Israeli occupation is far worse than what Jews ever suffered under Nazi Germany. "The repressive actions of the Zionist regime against the

Holocaust," foreign ministry spokesman Hamid Reza Asefi told reporters. "What is happening on occupied Palestinian land is far more painful than the Holocaust," he added, accusing Israel of "using the Holocaust as

Palestinians are worse than the

blackmail" in order to justify its actions. The comments came the day after Iran's hardline President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad repeated his view that Nazi Germany's mass killing of Jews was a "myth" and that Palestinians and Iraqis were suffering a "real

Asefi said it was "necessary to determine the scale" of the Nazi Holocaust.

2 Shibir men

Masum confessed to his involvement in the August 17 blasts and gave significant information including JMB activities in the region and the identities of participants in JMB meetings held in Patharghata and Barguna.

Acting on the information, members of Rab-8 raided a house at Patharghata Bazar early yesterday and arrested Shohag and Marfat. The leaders of ICS, student wind

of the Jamaat-e-Islami, claimed that they had left JMB's path after realisng their 'mistake'.

and professional bodies. This has proved that the militancy is under the government's control." he said. "To stop militancy and criminal activities, tele-tapping is not neces-

Jatiya Party (Ershad) lawmaker Moshiur Rahman Ranga also apprehended abuse of the law and asked the government to withdraw

Minister Moudud Ahmed argued militants use the mobile phone facilities in their activities and so the law is necessary to tackle the situa-"This is an emergency matter

and the government is going to enact the law for the interest of the country and its people," he said. According to Moudud, there is

Earlier, during a scrutiny by the parliamentary standing committee on law ministry, AL lawmakers Abdul Hye and Panchanan Biswas gave notes of dissent against the bill, saying it would curb people's freedom of speech.

Power crisis

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"Lack of transparency was evident in the proposed 10--30MW small power projects as well as in the 450MW Sirajganj power plant that delayed their implementation... This has led to the present power crisis," said World Bank

. Country Director Cristina Wallich. She publicly brought this alle-

As per the decision of the meeting, IFC, the private-sector finance arm of World Bank Group, will now directly get involved in the tender process to ensure transparency.

Admitting to the World Bank's allegation, Mahmood said the government agreed with the the tender process of the pro-

each with capacity between 10MW and 30MW, at different locations across the country and a 450MW large power plant in Sirajganj. The initiative to set up the

proposed 10--30MW power plants proposed 450MW Sirajganj power

plant was cancelled twice on charge of lack of transparency. Facing relentless pressure

from donor agencies, the governdirector (Planing and Development)

wing in the tender process. Cristina Wallich said the World Bank would provide US\$ 150 million for implementing a 240MW peaking plant at Siddhirganj.

Transport strike

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12:30pm after Deputy Divisional Commissioner Amir Hossain, at a meeting with the federation leaders, assured them of taking steps to meet their demands. The strike caused serious sufferings to the dwellers and commuters of the port

BRTWF President Chittagong unit Azizul Haque said the deputy divisional commissioner assured them of taking care of the luxury coaches plving the Chittagong-Cox's Bazar and Teknaf routes.

Some 42 out of 48 coaches could not ply these routes despite having

FROM PAGE 20 come into effect "immediately and will be applicable irrespective of imported new and reconditioned, inuse and locally produced vehicles running on petrol, diesel and comofficial announcement yesterday.

To this effect, necessary amendments have been made to the relevant schedules of the Bangladesh Environment Conservation Rules 1997 pertaining to motor-vehicle emission that predominately contributes to cities' air pollution.

amendment spells out permissible emission limit and timeframes applicable for diesel and other vehicles registered before and after September 2004.

Trader, guard FROM PAGE 20

Boalkhali, police said.

Some locals found the body of Mozaffar in a pool of blood at his

marks of shots into Mozaffar's ear and Saleh's mouth, adding that the two might have been killed sometime after midnight. Local Union Parishad Chairman

of robbery since the cashbox of the grocery shop was found empty. The police, however, suspect

that the incident is a result of a dispute over land. A case was filed with the

Choudhury was also of Arges A cleaner of Dhaka City Corporation stopped a Rab patrol

Following up the information, a team of Rab-3 rushed to the scene and cordoned off the area. Later the bomb disposal squad of the elite crime busters defused the grenade.

had been lying in adjacent Doctor's Rushing there, the Rab team

found three live grenades dumped by the side of a drain. Somebody has rubbed out name of the country of origin on the gre-

handed those over to Ramna police. The one recovered Friday afternoon was also of Arges model. Being informed by a cleaner, a Rab team recovered the grenade and

Govt school

passed it to Ramna police.

any necessity in this regard," Prof Khorshed Alam, Director (Secondary) of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Directorate,

He questioned the justification of adding to more government schools in Dhaka when 317 government high schools in the country are suffering due to crisis of teachers.

students are generally seen in case of three or four of the 24 government schools in the capital, but the rest do not have to face such pressure, Khorshed Alam said, adding, "The pressure faced by Quamrun Nessa Government School at Sutrapur is not seen in Kamrunnessa Government Girls High School at Dhanmondi. Prof Johura Umme Hasan

schools under a project have already been established in the city and the three others will be operational soon. If these model schools are run with quality teachers and proper

Taher killing planned

Dhaka with documents showing the anomalies to attend the planning committee meeting and representing those before it on February 2.

The sources said pro-Jamaat teacher and RU Teachers' Association President Prof Nazrul Islam had once recommended Mohiuddin's promotion to Taher. However, Prof Nazrul bowed to Taher's logic, they added.

Mohiuddin and RU unit Islami Chhatra Shibir President Shalehi used to visit Taher's house during his absence to persuade his caretaker Jahangir, an SSC examinee, to kill his employer. **ANOTHER CONFESSES**

Another suspected killer, Abdus

Salam, yesterday confessed

before a magistrate to killing

Taher, saving Mohiuddin and Shalehi asked him to commit the murder in exchange of a university job. Salam said he along with his younger brother Jahangir and

Shalehi. The police took him to Metropolitan Magistrate Zobeda Khatun in the afternoon. Statements of Jahangir and his

Nazmul committed the murder in

presence of Mohiuddin and

relative Nazmul were recorded earlier. The police took Jahangir on a fresh remand for two days

The police did not arrest Shalehi, who attended a Jamaat-

PROTESTS ON CAMPUS Students of geology and mining department staged a six-hour symbolic hunger strike in front of the administration building and

of other departments and RU officials wearing black badges

Taher's students have launched a signature campaign for teachers and students, who are signing on a piece of burial

Shibir men also took out a

Bangladeshi

The tragic days of civil war are over. We people want to sleep peacefully after an era of bloodbath," said Christopher, 48, a paint worker in the Buchanon county.

million Liberians," Christopher said. Joshep C N'dower, 21, a student

get a job after completion of stud-Gafce Blahloh, 18, a waitress at a Monrovia sea-beach restaurant, said, "Now-a-days, more people are

student life. Our concern is how to

Monrovia shops shut down before

war-torn West African country, as farmers could not cultivate their lands due to the war.

percent people are now without Braving all these challenges

Lt Gen Issac Obaikor of Nigeria has praised the Bangladesh Battalion (BANBAT) under the UNMIL for their role in maintaining peace and nfrastructure development.

office here.

Bangladesh will continue to support

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the Bangladesh prime minister's arrival as a tiny tot presented her with a bouquet. A guard of honour

A formal reception will be

accorded to her at the Pakistan

Prime Minister's House today. Khaleda will hold official talks with her Pakistani counterpart on bilateral relations, trade, investment and cooperation in agriculture, tourism, education and cultural

Hossain and Agriculture Minister MK Anwar are in the 43-member entourage of the prime minister. Khaleda, chairperson of the Saarc, will also exchange views with Pakistani leaders on implementa-

The prime minister is scheduled to return home tomorrow night.

Saifur Rahman, LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul at Zia International Airport.

slogans, claiming Shalehi to be

the UN peacekeeping efforts, the Nigerian general said Bangladeshi image in the international community has been boosted further for

their firm commitment to world

Lauding their professional skill

peace.

and discipline, Gen Obaiker said the Bangladeshi peacekeepers proved their worth during the last presidential elections in Liberia, which was billed as a milestone in the peace Following the general elections

disarmament of the rebels bringing an end to the 14-year old civil war, Liberia is almost peaceful now. The war-torn country, however, is yet to re-establish its national electric supply, seaport operation, land telephone system, public bus

October-November 2005 and

enforcement services and other major economic activities. The BANBAT services include technical education, healthcare and computer training for the Liberian people, who in the postwar situation

service, railway service, law

need iobs to earn their bread. Bangladesh contributed the highest 3,118 troops in Liberia under UNMIL, who are discharging duties in the remote areas as well as at key installations like seaport and diplomatic zones in the capital

Monrovia. Troops of some 49 countries, including Pakistan, Nigeria, Senegal, Ghana, Ethiopia, Nepal

opposition.

The PDB believes the level of loadshedding this summer will hit 1,000MW even if the two new coalfired power units (125MW each) in Barapukuria start operation from

However, the 250MW Chinesebuilt and over-priced units are already showing symptoms of

FROM PAGE 20 security. Besides, special security will be arranged for the president, the

prime minister and the leader of the

"We're going to ensure all-out security so that the 21st February is observed with due honour, discipline and peace," State Minister for Home Affairs Lutfozzaman Babar told

Asked whether the government apprehends any subversive act during the Shaheed Day obser-

vance, he answered in the negative. The Shaheed Minar and the adjoining areas will come under the security blanket from the evening of February 20 for a period of 24-hours. Members of police, Rapid Action Battalion (Rab), Ansar and Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) will form the security net around the Shaheed

decision in this regard.

Shaheed Minar and in the adjacent areas, the meeting decided. The police and the Rab members will also take video footages of people where Babar asked the law enforcers to

observance of the Shaheed Day. Vice chancellor and proctor of

ways to ensure the elections are

At this point, AL lawmaker

5:10pm.

Taking part in the question-

proceedings right from the beginning of vesterday's sitting Hinting at the presence of foreign

fertiliser, diesel and power.

tion's return ending a boycott since September 15, 2004, the govern-

opposition to reform the caretaker government system includes the following:

to conducting the day-to-day work and assisting the EC in holding the **FC RFFORMS** The reform proposals regarding the EC include the appointment of

majority views. Being a permanent constitutional body, the EC has to have the ability and status to conduct elections neutrally in an independent atmosphere. It will have an independent secretariat free of control of the executive. The EC will also

The EC will enjoy full financial independence and the finance ministry will have no control over the release of its funds. It will have full authority to

polls. During this period, the EC will

statement in absence of the prime

minister who left for Pakistan yesterday afternoon on a state

The minister however said the opposition leader did not bring the proposals in a proper way and many of the changes she proposed are already in practice. When they were in power, they

About the main opposition Awami League's (AL) allegation of not allowing them adequate time for speaking in the House,

In her speech Hasina made a blistering attack on the government for its failure in checking the

sarv... It's the government's sincer-

ity which matters," he added.

On the government's part, Law

nothing to be worried about, as there are provisions to stop misuse

gation after a meeting with State Minister for Power Igbal Hassan Mahmood at his Secretariat

donor agency to involve the IFC in posed power-plant projects. Under the projects, the government will allow private sponsors to set up 10 small power plants.

was taken by the government more than two years ago. But the project is yet to be implemented as the World Bank vehemently opposed the move on the plea of unsolicited tendering. The tender process of the

ment recently took up fresh moves to invite open tender on the basis of solicited-process to implement the two projects. At this stage, the World Bank came forward with the proposal for involving its private financing

> governing body, the pressure on the government schools will significantly decrease, she said.

the route permits as the BRTA Cox's Bazar office was creating problems, he alleged while talking to The Daily Euro standard

pressed natural gas (CNG)," said an

The road map coming with

grocery shop at Chairman Ghata Bazaar of the village at around 7:00am. After a while, they discovered the body of night guard Saleh, lying only 300 feet away from Witnesses said there were

Belal Ahmad, who informed the police, suspected that it was a case

Boalkhali Police Station. 4 live grenades FROM PAGE 20 believe the grenade hurled on British High Commissioner Anwar

team near Moghbazar T&T office at around 8:00am yesterday and told them that he had come across a bomb-like object in a dustbin.

A youth, meantime, informed the squad that more bomb-like objects

nades and the serial numbers too are not legible, said Rab sources. After defusing the grenades, Rab

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The main pressure for admitting

of Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Directorate said that two of the five model

Obaid Al-Namlah, Pakistan's Acting High Commissioner in Dhaka Shahid MG Kiani and high civil and military officials were also present.

Shibir rally, apparently due to the pressure by local Jamaat leaders.

demanded punishment of Taher's A number of teachers, students

took part in the hunger strike.

Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, student wing of ruling BNP, brought out a procession and held a rally to protest against the mur-

creating panic among general students. The procession chanted

'Now we need more work and food.

of the University of Liberia, said, 'We are back on the campus now. We have lost valuable time of our

hope for a better future." The entire Liberia, including the capital Monrovia, is without electricity supply and only a few can afford electric generators. Most of the

In the country that is rich in diamond, gold and rubber, about 85

help of the United Nations and the international communities. United Nation's Mission in Liberia (UNMIL) Force Commander

Karim Bhuvan called on him at his

was also presented at the airbase.

Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan, Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Khandaker Mosharraf

tion of the decisions taken at the 13th Saarc Summit. She will call on Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf tomorrow and exchange views on bilateral, regional and international

Earlier, Finance Minister M

Saudi Ambassador Abdullah Al-

large procession on the campus.

"They [Bangladeshi troops] are very sympathetic to our people and they have won the minds of 3.6

coming to the Atlantic beach and we

Thousands of acres of farmland have turned into bushes in the civil

Liberians have started their new journey for development with the

The appreciation came when visiting Bangladesh Army Chief of General Staff (CGS) Maj Gen Iqbal

Expressing the hope that

PM reaches

issues of common concern.

Mannan Bhuivan, Mayor of Dhaka Sadeque Hossain Khoka and Foreign Affairs Adviser Reaz Rahman saw the prime minister off Chiefs of the three armed services, Dean of Diplomatic Corps

Tight security

meeting, which he also chaired.

Minar.

present at the meeting.

and China, are working in the Liberia peacekeeping mission. Power plants FROM PAGE 1

technical glitches with their produc-

noon that they were yet to take a final Sixteen CCTVs of police, and 12 CCTVs and four night vision cameras of Rab will be installed at the

reporters after emerging from the

Asked about the total number of the forces to be deployed, commissioner of Dhaka Metropolitan Police told The Daily Star yesterday after-

the CCTVs will not be installed. remain vigilant for ensuring smooth

Dhaka University, inspector general of police, directors general of BDR and Rab and other senior officials were