Hospital.

professional duties.

and held a rally in front of the library

Aug 17 blasts

FROM PAGE 1 Khetlal union Montezar Rahman

Azizul Bari Mintu, madrasa teachei

Mehdi Hasan. Mainu Mia. rickshaw

puller Atoar Rahman, Dulal alias

Hares, Shariful Islam, Nazmul Hossain, Abdur Rouf, Mansur

Rahman, Rabiul Islam, Zahangir Alam

Among the convicted Montezar

Mehdi Hasan, Mansur and Shariful

The judge however acquitted 14 accused people including a few who

gave confessional statements before

magistrates as the prosecution failed

Gosthi Chief Shafikul Islam Bazla

Ahab mosque imam Hafez Shafiku

Islam, Dulal Hossain, Mozammel Hague, Idris Ali, Abdul Jabbar, Aminul

Islam Zahed, Ziaur Rahman, Redwan

Bari Akhand, Mustafizur Rahman, Afaz Uddin Poheli, Habibur Rahman,

Among the acquitted, Habibur Rahman and Afaz Uddin Poheli

confessed their involvement in testing

Rickshaw-puller Atoar Rahman,

Azizul Bari Mintu in his confes-

Among the 29 charge-sheeted

Dulal, Ahab adherents Azizul Bar

Mintu, Jahangir Alam, Rabiul Islam gave confessional statements.

sional statement said the bombs were

distributed from Bazla Ahab mosque.

accused in the case, Hafizar Rahman, finance secretary of militant kingpin

Asadullah Al Galib's Ahab and Sultan

were exempted from the case as they

moved for the state while Muiibor

Rahman Chowdhury, Ekramur Rásul,

Saiful Alam Shelly, Zahrool Islam and

Sarwar Jahan Tuhin pleaded for the

Public Prosecutor Ketab Uddin

Abdul Ma'bud and Selim.

the bombs before blasts.

The acquitted are: Al Hera Shilpi

and Golam Mostafa.

are absconding.

to prove their guilt.

# Govt asked

of the proposed reforms in the caretaker government, electoral systems and immediate cancellation of the 'fake' voter list.

They also urged the party workers to make the Dhaka siege programme on June 5 a success to topple the alliance government.

Addressing a rally at Chawk Bazar intersection in Lalbagh in the capital, they said the Khaleda-Nizami government would have to resign for failing to solve the ongoing crisis and for their large scale corruption and misrule.

After the rally, the Dhaka City Coordinator Mofazzel Hossain Chowdhury Maya submitted a memorandum to the Assistant Commissioner (AC) of Police and Officer-in-charge (OC) of Lalbagh Police Station. The memo urged them not to harass and arrest the opposition leaders and workers and take necessary measurers for an end to the ongoing crises.

Earlier, ward unit leaders of the opposition alliance brought out processions that paraded the streets of Old Dhaka. AL Senior Vice-president of Ward No 60 SM Billal alleged local Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) and Jubo Dal attacked their procession at Shaheed Nagar area as they were marching towards Chawk Bazar. The attack left at least four AL activists -- Kamal Khokon Munir and Salam -- injured, he claimed.

Addressing the rally, AL Presidium Member Abdur Razzak said the alliance government could not ensure water in the capital even though they deployed army personnel for that. "The prime minister is conspiring to kill the entire city people by forcing them to drink polluted water." Razzak alleged.

Due to severe power crisis, the HSC examinees cannot study, mills and factories are shutting down and people's lives have become miserable. Razzak said adding that if this government clings on to power for one more day the crisis would take a turn for the worse.

AL Presidium Member Tofail Ahmed said no election would be allowed in the country before implementation of the proposed reforms in the caretaker government. Tofail said the US and the EU have also expressed similar views over the reforms.

Tofail said the prime minister has locked the doors for dialogues, needed for a free, fair and neutral election, by including war criminals and patrons of the militants in its

Senior leaders of the 14-party including Motia Chowdhury,

The Bangladesh Bureau of

Statistics (BBS) report shows the

number of people aged 18 years

and above, the age at which a

person becomes eligible to vote,

should not exceed 8.02 crore if no

Besides, media reports revealed

deaths occur by this time and if

that a good number of Indians,

stranded Pakistanis and Myanmar

nationals and untraceable people

were included in the list. But the EC

has made no move to probe the

unusual rise. Over 15,000 people of

17 villages long devoured by the

Jamuna also found their way into

indifference to the allegations,

election officials said for the first

time the EC has kept silent over the

issues. It had always formed probe

bodies to enquire into such allega-

The election officers have been

receiving claims, objections and

applications since publication of the

draft list. All this is scheduled to go

could not say how many people

have applied so far for inclusion of

The election officials however

In 2000, the EC published the

Referring to the commission's

the draft list

on till May 21.

their names in the list.

every eligible person is listed.

the accuracy of the list.

Obaidul Quader, Mainuddin Khan Badal, Mostafa Jalal Mohiuddin, MA Gani, also spoke at the rally.

The opposition alliance will hold demonstrations at Shanir Akhra on May 19 to press home their demand uninterrupted supply of power

## Akbar seeks

The newly installed gantry cranes now handle only 10-12 containers per hour against the international standard of handling 30 containers

The minister told the press that New Mooring container terminal is expected to commission from October this year and it is not possible for the government to buy operational equipment by this

The government brought down the project cost of the container terminal to Tk 450 crore from Tk 770 crore earlier.

It will take at least three years to buy that equipment after completing all the formalities and as a result, the government will lose around Tk 20 crore per month as income from container handling, the minister said.

The government already took an initiative to divert some of the containers to Mongla port for easing pressure of goods at Chittagong port, he said, adding that the Chittagong port functioned well in the last four years, as there was no strike or work stoppage programme by the dockworkers. PORT SITUATION

Our staff correspondent at Chittagong reports: A tense situation is prevailing in the Chittagong Port following the mayor's threat to paralyse it from May 18.

The government as well as the business leaders and different workers' organisations of the port vowed to keep the port operational despite the threat.

Exporters and importers are concerned since the port is already facing a serious congestion of vessels with 15,773 TEUs (twenty equivalent unit) of containers stockpiled in port yards. The yards have the capacity to keep 13,000 TEUs of containers.

Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) leaders are scheduled to meet the mayor today to request him to postpone

used as Dhanmondi Police Station. Following the application of Justice KM Hasan, the ministry immediately assigned Public Works Department (PWD) for reviewing the request and submitting a report. The Dhanmondi sub-division of PWD submitted its report on

allocation is lying with the ministry, said Rezaul Islam, sub-divisional engineer of PWD.

When contacted, Mahfuzur Rahman, senior assistant secretary of the housing and public works ministry, said the land has already been allocated to Justice KM

land was allocated to him. The then government allocated the house number 21 to Rehana on July 21, 2001. But the present

government took over the house and set up police station there in

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But Bangladesh, according to sources, has not yet raised any

energy ministry will provide all ary support to the foreign ministry to establish Bangladesh's legitimate right on its deep-sea He also said the energy ministry

will initiate a move to go for a third round bidding for awarding the country's deep-sea blocks to the foreign oil companies. In that case, the number of the

country's hydrocarbon blocks will be raised to 43 from existing 23 through creating 20 new blocks in the deepsea area. he added

# Sheikh Rehana | VC resigns

to the Combined Medical Hospital in

Dhaka Saturday afternoon, succumbed to his injuries at 4:00am The condition of one of two other

students undergoing treatment at Dhaka Medical College and Hospital was said to be critical. Seven students sustained bullet

wounds as police opened fire on SUST students demonstrating on the Sylhet-Sunamganj Road on Friday night following a series of clashes with the students of Jalalabad Ragib-Raheva Medical College Hospital.

Shamim's body was sent to Dhaka Medical College morgue and then handed over to his uncle at 1:00pm. The SUST students had been

agitating since Saturday demanding

the VC's resignation for not taking steps regarding Friday night's incident. The students other demands include punitive measures against Assistant Superintendent of Police Giasuddin Ahmed, who had ordered the firing on them, and ensuring proper reatment of the injured students.

Meanwhile, all students left their dormitories yesterday.

Contingents of police and

Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) personnel were deployed at the university main **STUDENTS DAMAGE** 

### VC RESIDENCE Hearing the death news of Shamim,

some 300 students went to the VC's residence and drove away the two guards before disconnecting the electricity, water, telephone and gas lines at 10:00am.

They broke into the house around 11:30pm and confined the VC along with his family including two children

They set fire to all furniture and other valuables in the two-storey building, the worth of which was estimated around Tk 50 lakh, according to an SUST official. They also burnt microbus and the VC's official car.

Some leaders of Sylhet city BNP and Jamaat-e-Islami went to the spot at noon but failed to bring the students under control. In the afternoon, the VC told news-

men that some misguided students instigated by a third guarter and evil force within the varsity" vandalised and damaged valuable property of the The students also swooped on

some photoiournalists and reporters of the local and national newspapers and satellite television channels. They beat photographer Md Aftabuddin of the daily Naya Diganta badly and

FROM PAGE 16 Bahalul Haq Chowdhury, who was

then the acting controller of exami-

nations as Controller of

Examinations Abdul Latif was

abroad, told the probe committee.

He further stated that Abdul Latif

verbally permitted Prof Ataur to

Prof Ataur also admitted that all

A Bangla daily ran news about

the question papers of nine courses

the leakage of question paper of

course No 405 on the day the exam-

course was also kept with Prof

phoned Prof Ataur Rahman inform-

ing him about the leak of question

paper of course No 405 a quarter of

an hour before the examination

began but the latter did not post-

asking the students after getting the

But as he found no problem, he

After the news of question-paper

deposited the question papers of

the controller of examinations was

Prof Ataur, however, denied the

processing the tabulation sheets.

allegation.
Bahalul also said some high

officials of the controller of examina-

tions' office had connection with the

formed the probe committee with

Prof AFM Yusuf Haider as convenor

TV reporters and cameramen go to

the SC almost every day to cover

court news and they often take

shots of the court area for profes-

of the court premises in his car at

Kalam Azad Litu was filming the

The chief justice was coming out

ATN Bangla cameraman Abul

At the sight of the shooting, he

(chief justice) stopped his car and

the policemen escorting him went

over to Litu and enquired what he

was trying to explain to them what

he was in fact doing, they asked him

Litu told The Daily Star that as he

ATN Bangla

DU Syndicate on February 28

vice chancellor's phone call.

let the examination be held

the three courses.

sources said.

disputed results.

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sional purposes.

was doing.

around 2:40pm when

exterior of the SC building.

Vice-Chancellor Prof SMA Faiz

were kept with him.

ination was to be held.

The question

pone the examination.

keep the question papers with him.

Alleged question

### Kibria killing FROM PAGE 1

Aftabuddin was admitted to Sylhet

MAG Osmani Medical College The HC bench also ordered the government to explain within two weeks as to why the ruling of the Sylhet Press Club President Speedy Trial Tribunal, Sylhet should Muktabis Un Noor and General Secretary Ahmed Noor in a joint not be declared illegal and without lawful authority. statement strongly condemned the Proceedings of the case will attack on the newsmen during their

remain stayed until the rule is disposed of. SUST students brought out a Our staff correspondent from procession on the campus yesterday Sylhet adds: Trial Judge Biplob afternoon, mourning Shamim's death,

Goswami yesterday fixed May 16 as the date for beginning the trial of Kibria killing case. Earlier on May 4, the tribunal judge 'adjourned' the trial of the case for 10 days as the complainant

prayed for four weeks' time to appeal the rejection of his prayer seeking further investigation. The court the same day also

rejected the complainant's prayer for further investigation that was filed on May 3. Former finance minister and AL

leader SAMS Kibria was killed in a grenade attack at Baidderbazar in Habiganj after a party rally on January 27, 2005. Habiganj AL leader Majid Khan

filed two cases--one for the killing and the other one under explosives substances act. Criminal Investigation

Department (CID) submitted a charge sheet in the murder case on March 20, 2005. Since then, members of Kibria family as well as complainant of the case have been calling for further investigation.

Eight of the 10 charge-sheeted accused are behind bars now. They are Habiganj district BNP Vice-President AKM Abdul Quayyum, Joynal Abedin Jalal, Jamir Ali, Joynal Abedin Momin, Tajul Islam, Shahed Ali, Selim Ahmed and Ayat Ali. The other two--Muhibur Rahman and Kajal Miah--have been on the run since the gruesome Dr Kamal, counsel for the peti-

tioner, was assisted by Advocate Mahbubey Alam and Advocate Sahmsuddin Ahmed Chowdhury

# Chakma royal

Every day, a large number of curious people are gathering at the site to see the historical palace while many are taking photographs and videos.

lous people are reported to have been stealing from the sunken palace by The construction of the two-storey

royal palace building under then Rangamati mouza no 116 was completed in 1914 after 12 years' work. It gradually turned into the centre of

traditional cultural activities of the 13 indigenous ethnic groups who have been living in the Chittagong Hill Tracts from time immemorial.

water level this summer, many big and small islands along with the historic royal palace resurfaced in the lake Every year, the water level of the lake falls down drastically in the begin-

resurfaced, others say that the building was situated around 1,600 feet away.

At the site of the surfaced remains,

there was a Buddhist temple that was much smaller than the 100 feet X 50 feet two-storey royal palace, said Nirmolendu Tripura.

Besides, the temple had no tiles, he said, adding that if tiles are found

Roy (present king), however, told The Daily Star over phone that he had no doubt that it was the royal palace. The mansion was situated on the top of a hillock while the temple, about 1.600 feet away from the mansion, was on a

which no longer belongs to the royal family or Rangamati people, are a national asset, he said, adding that the government as well as people should come forward to protect and preserve the national heritage.

Preservation of the underwater palace requires expertise, and concerted efforts are needed to find out ways for its protection, Nandit said.

The remains of an earlier Chakma royal palace built by King Bhuban Mohon Roy are also seen in Rangunia in Chittagong district.

# 22 injured

shops were damaged during the clash.

According to police and locals, a few identified extortionists led by Arman demanded a large sum of money from Jhilon, an electronic goods trader, at Songachha Bazar in the Sader upazila. Jhilon refused

the spot and retaliated leading to a two-hour clash between the two On information, police rushed to

easing visa regime for Bangladeshi people are expected to come up in the talks during the visit, foreign

# **Extortionists**

akh a month ago and increased the toll to Tk 5 crore after we refused," he said, adding that his office filed a general diary (GD) with the Ramna Police Station in this connection.

Witnesses said the extortionists stormed into the around floor office of the Turki Associate at about 6:15pm and looked for its owner Mohammad Salauddin.

The agency's flight section staff Manzurul Alam was attending the clients at his desk while four other staffs were in their rooms on the ground and first floors of the office. "Some six men stormed into the

office yelling at us for making space for them," said Abul Kalam who went to the office at 5:00pm regarding his flight to Saudi Arabia.

wielding arms in their hands, the witnesses said.

about the owner of the agency. Manzurul told him that his employer was out of country. Manzurul said the miscreant at

this point yelled at him asking him to tell the agency's owner to meet Joy. 'He then fired at me but I narrowly escaped as I threw myself on the floor," he said.

The other gang members also indiscriminately fired at the clients and their relatives present inside the office. Witnesses said they heard at

least 12 gunshots.
"Hearing the gunshots, we all ran to the adjacent toilet for cover," said Alauddin who is supposed to fly for Saudi Arabia this morning.

The gang then fled the scene. Neighbouring shopkeepers, however, said they did not hear any firing as the door of the agency

Locals and employees of the agency rushed the injured to Dhaka dical College and Hospital.

Doctors declared Ramzan, who came to see off his vounger brother Alauddin, dead. Ramzan received bullets in his chest while others had injuries to hands and legs.

Among the injured, Shah Alam came for an interview with the agency, while Mamun and Joy were to fly Saudi Arabia, and Saddam and Shajahan came to see off their relatives. They all hail from different

places of Comilla The Rapid Action Battalion police and other intelligence agencies visited the spot.

# WB support

Bangladesh has achieved substantial progress under better economic management, he said.

Patel said in many sectors examples for others.

WB vice president also hailed the reform programmes ate the pace of development.

The issue of supplying pure drinking water in Dhaka and Chittagong and development support credit also came up for discus-

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman and WB Country Director

# 35 killed in Iraq

'This was not an attack on the compound. Instead, it targeted

Iraqis congregated in a parking lot," the military said. Earlier, the interior ministry had said mortars fell on the parking lot

Iraqis were killed in a blast on Baghdad's Palestine Street that targeted a passing police patrol,

raqi security officials said. The roadside bombing in the east of the capital missed the police

Three policemen were killed when their patrol was targeted by a bomb in the traditional Sunni neighbourhood of Adhamiyah in north Baghdad. Ten civilians and three other policeman were injured.

n a popular marketplace of Zafaraniyah neighbourhood. Five bullet-riddled corpses were

also found in two southern neighbourhoods of the capital. In the north of Iraq, a roadside bomb in the remote hilly area of

Tikrit hit an eight car convoy of Foreign Minister Hoshyar Zebari's The minister was not with the

In the oil-refining town of Baiii the scene of much recent unrest,

of Waihiva and the Tamim shrine. both in mixed Sunni-Shia areas. No one was hurt in Saturday's

shrine attacks around the small town of Wajihiya. Residents expressed anger and concern that militants were trying to create friction in their mixed Sunni and Shia community, which is typical of the

room buildings attached to the tombs of noted clerics -- honoured relatives of two Shia imams commemorated at the Golden Mosque in Samarra, where a bombing in February sparked weeks of communal bloodshed.

# BD Foods boss held

traffic the heroin.

him. Together they smuggled 22.5kg of the drug in two ship-ments of vegetables and other food items, and tissue papers and

the clearing and forwarding agent of the consignments, they told the court. Two UK buyers financed the

smuggling, a source quoted them

capital for a man and two women. the court source said but declined to disclose the suppliers' names. At Nazmul's instruction

Mokhles rented a warehouse for Tk 3,000 a month at Tongi for packing the drug in cartons of vegetables. Mokhles bought various vegetables including a number of pumpkins from Karwan Bazar kitchen market.

Nazmul received Tk 13 lakh

and Mokhles Tk 25,000 as rewards for the job. The CID-led team started the

probe on a home ministry directive after a National Board of Revenue (NBR) inquiry had found five Bangladeshi business firms' involvement in heroin smuggling to the UK. The NBR took up the inquiry last year as the UK customs in a message through the British mission in Mumbai, India accused BD Foods Ltd, Emdad Traders, Jamil International, MM Enterprise, and Green Heaven Enterprise of trafficking 75.5kg heroin to the UK.

the team so far has arrested seven people for their suspected involvement in the drug running. The other arrestees are Mainuddin and Abu Bakar Siddique Mithu of BD Foods, Mokhlesur Rahman, an associate of Abu Bakar, Nazmul, Kazi Zafar Reza of Rainbow Enterprise, and Abul Bashar of

Green Heaven Enterprise. The CID also found evidence of Zafar's and Abul Bashar's involvement in smuggling 54kg more heroin to the UK hidden in floor tiles. They filed another case against the two with Sutrapur olice Station.

Besides, a primary investigation by the customs intelligence found indication of Rainbow Enterprise, in collusion with two other firms -- Tipu Enterprise and a Kakrail-based company -- smuggling 72kg more of the drug to the UK in October last year.

BADRUDDOZA'S PAST Our Noakhali correspondent adds:

Badruddoza hails from Bashurhat municipality under Companigan upazila of Noakhali. His father, the late Abdul Khaleque, set up a stationery shop in Bashurhat Bazaar in about 1930 and his family runs mainly on the income

from that shop, local sources said. Badruddoza started an importexport business in Dhaka in 1981. He used a rented house at Malibagh as his office-cumresidence. In 1985 he started to export fish and vegetables to some Middle East countries and shifted his office to the present address of BD Foods -- 9 DIT Avenue,

**BD** Foods Managing Director Badrul Haider Chowdhury and daily Naya Diganta Director Hasan Shahriar Chowdhury are his two His village neighbours said

Badruddoza has good ties with local- and national-level leaders of Jamaat-e-Islami Bangladesh. He played a vital role in the recent municipal election, they said, adding he spent a huge sum for the election campaign of Jamaat candidate AKM Mohammad Ali, while his Bashurhat house was used as the campaign base.

# Cabinet body

curriculums of other subjects of Fazil and Kamil, to the secondary and higher secondary levels and introducing unified exam system and question papers for both gen-

eral and madrasa education. The suggestions came at the sixth meeting of the cabinet committee held at the conference room of Local Government Division at the Bangladesh Secretariat.

Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan presided over the meeting attended by Law Minister Moudud Ahmed, Industries Minister Motiur Rahman Nizami. Water Resources Minister Hafizuddin Ahmed and Education Minister M Osman Farruk.

Members of the committee expressed identical views on improving the quality of madrasa education and approved a report of an expert committee formed by the National University in this regard. Under the existing system, the

madrasa education ranging from Ebtedayi to Dakhil, Kamil and Fazil

**Draft voter list** draft list with a total of 7,46,75,549 voters. But the number stood at 7,48,23,855 in the final list.

> The EC Secretariat has at last allocated Tk 27 24 crore in remuner ation of the enumerators and supervisors who worked across the country for preparing the fresh voter

list since January 1 to March 30. It

REMUNERATION

OF MANPOWER

also allocated Tk 90 lakh to meet the cost of photocopying the draft list. The Secretariat has directed the district election officers to give each of the enumerators and supervisors Tk 1,000. A total of 2,16,722 enumerators and 55.684 supervisors

have been appointed for the voterlisting job. It did not say whether the enumerators and supervisors would be

provided with more money in future. The FC had to count over Tk 56 crore in remuneration of the enumerators and supervisors for preparing the existing voter list in 2000. Then, an enumerator earned Tk 6 for listing a voter. But this time, the EC Secretariat has not yet taken any specific approach to splitting the

The expert committee made a number of suggestions for upgrading the madrasa education. The LGRD and Cooperatives

> year Fazil pass course, four-year Fazil honours course and an outline of the subjects of Kamil master's course. It also suggested appointment

> ent madrasa teachers. the education minister to submit a complete report in the light of the expert committee's recommenda-

tions as well as observations of

vesterday's meeting.

Rehana. The house is now being

November 28, 2005.
"Now the matter of the land

However, he declined to say anything about when and how the

Challenging the government decision, Rehana filed a writ petition n the High Court on January 24 this year. The court issued a rule upon the government to show cause as to why the government action will not be declared illegal. The case is now

# Move to look

There has been concerns that Bangladesh could lose its right to explore hydrocarbon in its territorial waters in the deep-sea as India and Myanmar have embarked on seismic surveys overlapping a huge un-

According to official sources. India has overlapped 19,000 sq kms while Myanmar about 18,000 sq kms areas within the Bangladesh territory in the Bay of Bengal.

official objection to the seismic survey activities by the two neighbouring countries.

Mahmudur Rahman said the

# Rights group

FROM PAGE 16 finance and the chairman of the Power Development Board and

director general of the Power Cell. The notice said the Cadogan Manning Group (CMG) submitted its proposal on 11 August, 2004 and the power division of the Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources formed a 7-member committee to evaluate the proposal on March 28. The ministry also formed a 9-member committee to

prepare the draft of a fuel supply agreement. The CMG proposal is unsolicited the Private Sector Power Generation Policy of Bangladesh claiming that this policy allows unsolicited proposals. But in truth the policy clearly states that bidders pre-qualification shall be made through advertisements in national and international press making it

evidently clear that the policy gives no scope for unsolicited bids. The policy also states that the Power Cell shall facilitate private power and solicit proposals through advertisements in the media. The

cell is also empowered to evaluate bids and finalise contracts. But in practice, instead of the Power Cell the ministry is handling the CMG proposal, which should be stopped within five days of the date of the notice. Otherwise, Engineer SM Shahidullah will be compelled to

# sue the government.

57 expelled

FROM PAGE 16 Board, 98,942 under Rajshahi Board, 43,261 under Comilla Board, 66,649 under Jessore Board, 31,809 under Chittagong Board, 25,674 under Barisal Board and 18,867 under Sylhet Board. Meanwhile, 98,025 examinees

appeared in business management

examinations at 475 centres under the Technical Education Board, A total of 56,932 candidates sat for the Alim examinations under the Madrasa Education Board. The HSC examinations were also held at five overseas centres --Doha in Qatar, Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates, Jeddah and

in Libya --on the same schedule and the guestion papers. Education Minister M Osman Farruk and State Minister for Education ANM Ehsanul Haque visited many examination centres.

Riyadh in Saudi Arabía, and Tripoli

are trying to carry the passengers to New York by another flight. Earlier, the FAA fined Bangladesh Biman for changing its

nternational flights to and from 26 countries of three continents and domestic flights on seven routes.

The chief justice then ordered Litu to hand over the videocassette The fleet of Bangladesh Biman to the police. He left the court preincludes six DC-10. four Airbus and mises soon after the hand-over four F-28 aircraft.

and asked to submit a report on the but no report has been submitted

alies regarding holding of examina-tions and publication of the results in addition to some small mathemati cal faults in the tabulation sheets. Vice-Chancellor Prof Faiz expressed hope that the probe committee will find the facts behind

into every possible aspect for the The committee will hopefully finish its job by the end of the month,

FROM PAGE 1 Bangladesh Bank found that Farid Uddin had an account with the

leak spread, Bahalul asked Ataur to sources, Farid Uddin opened the deposit the question papers of the account when he was one of the remaining three courses at the directors of Islamic Foundation and strong room under the controller of a transaction of around Tk 2 lakh examinations. Accordingly, Ataur took place in the account.

### Bahalul testified to the probe committee that Prof Ataur, who FROM PAGE 16 seemed to be in an unusual hurry, created pressure on him to publish the results fast, while the office of country left at least 19 dead, forcing

the king to end direct rule he seized 14 months ago. Parliament has matched a ceasefire by Maoist rebels and said

Maoist demand. A provisional list of 10 changes drawn up by an alliance task force, and seen by AFP, is to be presented to parliament for approval.

the throne ing the monarch's power to choose the head of the army, taxing the monarch's income and properties, and changing the name of the Royal

Nepalese Army to the Nepal Army.

proclamation will be endorsed by parliament," said Mahat. The proclamation was expected to be put before parliament on

formed a loose alliance with the rebels late last year, and the mass protests that saw him forced to climb down were organised by Maoists rebels and the seven party alliance.

from Bangladesh in honour of the

FROM PAGE 16
Earlier, the remains of the mansion surfaced in 1986.

Meanwhile, a section of unscrupu-

With the serious fall of the lake

ning of summer season. Although most local people are saying that the royal palace has

there, it can be ascertained that it is the roval palace. Nandit Roy, uncle of Devashish

low land he said The remains of the royal palace

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to give them the money. Following the refusal, the gang attacked Jhilon with sharp weapons and tried to take over his shop Traders of the market gathered at

the spot and brought the situation under control. None was arrested.

### make investment in the country. Besides, manpower export and

ministry officials said. The prime minister's visit to Kuwait on May 7-8, is considered successful, as the Kuwaiti government agreed to supply oil to Bangladesh on credit at a favour-

FROM PAGE 16 good investment destination.

Bangladesh has achieved notable progress compared to other countries of this region and develop-ments in those fields have set

undertaken by Bangladesh government in different sectors to acceler-

who said the victim may have been

country, in the restive city of Mosul,

clashed with police in the city centre.

leaving one policeman dead and

bomb went after a passing US army

patrol but succeeded only in killing

two civilians and wounding nine,

East of the capital in Balad Ruz,

near the Iranian border, an army

patrol responding to a distress cal

from the home of an army lieutenant

colonel was hit by a roadside bomb.

Baquba, insurgents late Saturday

destroyed at least six small shrines

of local Shia holy figures, the

Abdullah bin Ali shrine in the village

Outside the nearby city of

Later in the day, a suicide car

Insurgents in the far north of the

working for US forces.

including two women.

wounding five soldiers.

three wounded.

## gunmen shot dead a man in front of his home before fleeing, said police,

and a checkpoint at the entrance to the airport, wounding 18 people and temporarily closing the road to the On a day of multiple attacks, five

patrol but killed the bystanders and wounded four others, a defence ministry source said. Al-Kindi hospital said two of the five dead were

Three more people were killed in a bomb attack in southern Baghdad

Hamreen area between Kirkuk and

Two of the shrines -- mostly one-

the probe team was interrogating Badruddoza at the CID office in Malibagh, sources said. According to court sources, in his confession to Metropolitan Magistrate Nani Gopal Biswas.

cosmetics. Trustee Trading Agency was

not disclose the names of the buyers for the sake of investiga-Nazmul collected the drug from Shapla Chattar at Motijheel and Maskat Plaza at Uttara in the

With the arrest of Badruddoza,

levels are being provided from upgrading Bangla, English and single campus, the cabinet committee said. Dakhil and Alim, previous stages of The committee also reviewed a report of the expert committee

> suggestions include bringing the degree level of madrasa education under the authority of National Besides, the expert committee recommended introducing three-

constituted as per its earlier deci-

sion for making the curriculum of

the madrasa education.

of another 1,000 teachers in madrasas to give lessons on general subjects and train up the pres-The cabinet committee asked

US denies

New York route via Brussels without

approval from the FAA. Biman later reverted to its former route. Biman incurs a loss of Tk 73 lakh n every trip to New York. At present, Biman operates

to go near the chief justice's car. "I went to him (chief justice) at once and explained that I was filming because we needed some shots for one of our reports," he matter within next 10 working days after more than two months Terming the progress of the investigation as 'satisfactory', Prof

Haider said, "We found some anom-

the first-class boom, as it will look

Sonali Bank Prof Ataur said he verified the possibility of question-paper leak by

Malibagh branch of Sonali Bank. According to Sonali Bank

Nepal parliament

it will elect a body to redraft the 1990 constitution. The new constitution is expected to cut royal power, a key

monarch and give the government the right to choose a successor to Other proposals include remov-

Among the proposals are plans

to scrap any political role for the

Monday, another senior official said on condition of anonymity. Parties ousted by Gyanendra

At least 12,500 people have been killed since the Maoists began their rebellion.

"As long as we are supported by the people we are confident that the FROM PAGE 16

> able rate. Kuwait also decided to lift all restrictions on manpower export

wounding three, police said.

Nazmul said BD Foods authorities posted him at Chittagong airport to Both of them said Nazmul hired Mokhles, a cargo handler, to assist

as saying. However, the source did

They also packed heroin in cartons of biscuit in Motijheel.

All the gang members were One of them inquired Manzurul

Christine Wallich were present.