2 RMG units

Demonstrating workers became violent as a rumour spread that at least one worker in the EPZ was killed as law enforcers opened fire.

A witness said the incident started as workers of Universe Knitting Factory in the EPZ called a strike yesterday morning for fair 'piece rate' rate of wages per piece of ready made garment)

Workers of the production unit, who do not get basic wages, demanded

basic and overtime wages.
"Employees loyal to the owner keep three percent from our salaries for an unknown reason. They have been doing it for years making the workers angry," said Ashiq, a worker

from Universe Following an altercation with the management regarding yesterday's strike and their demands, the workers of Universe got locked in a battle with employees loyal to the owner. Some workers vandalized some cars inside the EPZ. The Ansars opened a few rounds of fire to control the mob, which made the workers more violent and they started damaging factories sources said.

The demonstrating workers went to other factories and asked the workers there to join them. Hundreds of workers stepped out on the street and started damaging vehicles and throwing brickbats at windowpanes of garment factories and the EPZ branch

of Shahialal Bank. Within an hour several thousand workers with iron rods, bamboos, and wooden planks in hands blocked the Savar-Ashulia road and started attacking all garment factories around.

"They do not pay us wages regularly. So we are on the street and damaging factories," said a garment

They put up barricades on the Ashulia-Tongi road, forcing several hundred vehicles on the busy route to halt in long queues till 5:00pm. Hundreds of workers were seen walking all the way from Savar EPZ to Tongi Bridge as no vehicle was plying

Rainbow owner

"Later, I smuggled 100kg more of heroin to the same country before March 2004 and finally trafficked another 54kg of the same illicit drug to the same destination," he told the

Abul Bashar, owner of Green Haven Enterprise, confessed to the same magistrate on Sunday that he smuggled 54kg of heroin to the UK at

the directive of Zafar. As part of an investigation, police arrested Zafar and Bashar a few weeks ago and filed a case with Sutrapur police station accusing them of smuggling 54kg of heroin to Britain.

Zafar also confessed that Taijuddin financed his heroin smuggling. He said despite his ownership of

Rainbow Enterprise, he used to send the heroin under the names of Green Haven on 29, Distillery Road in Sutrapur and Messrs MM Enterprise in Chittagong.

He said he received Tk 50,000 and Bashar Tk 20,000 as commissions for

each kilogram of heroin smuggled. He said they collected the 54kg of heroin from three spots -- Hotel Pritom at Paltan, Cafe Jheel at Dainik Bangla Crossing and a place in front of Shapla

Chattar, all in the capital. The heroin was supplied from Pakistan in toothpaste and shampoo

He also said he started his own smuggling operation after he and

Bashar got into a dispute over payment of commission **BADRUDDOZA'S BAIL**

PETITION REJECTED Meanwhile, a Dhaka court vesterday

rejected a petition for an ad-interim bail for detained BD Foods Chairman Badruddoza. Judge Mohammad Momin Ullah

rejected the petition saying that Badruddoza is now on remand. So, there is no scope for granting him bail.

The court fixed June 6 for the next hearing of the bail petition.

80 Taliban

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Mohammad, told an AFP correspondent at the hospital that 24 members of aged to escape leaving behind a his family, including some children, foreign-made revolver and sever were killed in the bombing.

"They started to bomb our village at Khalifa of Tikkamore area, was midnight and continued up to this accused in several cases including

morning," he said. A doctor said security forces had not allowed ambulances into the sealed-off area to fetch the wounded. An 18-year-old with wounds to his face and chest said there had been

Taliban in the village but they disappeared when the bombs started to fall. 'One hit my house. I was wounded and my two brothers were killed," said

the teenager named Azizullah, adding he had seen scores of dead and wounded on his way to the hospital. A 45-year-old man named Nasratullah said he had been having dinner with his in-laws. "Suddenly the

also a close associate of Ahle bombardment started -- there was big Hadith leader Dr Asadullah Galib. fire in our place. I managed to escape Earlier, the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) of but I don't know what happened to my in-laws," he said. police had submitted two separate There have been several major petitions for showing them arrested in the case and prayed for a seven-

battles with insurgents during the past week, including a clash in Panjwayi last Wednesday and Thursday, which Khalid said left 100 Taliban dead Insurgents also carried out three suicide bombings.

Separately Afghan and coalition forces said Monday they had arrested a mid-level Taliban leader who was a rebe commander for Helmand province during an operation on Friday in neigh-

bouring Uruzgan province.

Mullah Mohibullah was responsible for a Taliban ambush on Friday that killed one US soldier and wounded several others, it said.

Police reported that a former overnor of Paktika province was found dead after being kidnapped on Sunday. Previous such killings have been claimed by Taliban insurgents.

Janata Bank FROM PAGE 16

Fire brigade sources said the workers set fire to the factory of Bando

Fantasy Kingdom and to A-1 Garments Factory inside the EPZ.

throwing brickbats at my factory.

Cloths worth at least Tk 15 crore were

damaged as they set my factory on

fire. They also burned five buses of my

Bandladesh Export Processing Zone

Authority (BEPZA) said agitators from

outside incited the workers, forced into

the EPZ and ransacked garment

factories there. It said there are several

Chinese, Korean and Malaysian

Saiful Islam Kallol, a photojournalist of

the daily Prothom Alo was assaulted

by some employees loyal to the

management of a garment factory

nside the EPZ while discharging his

duties there. He was assaulted as he

went inside a factory to take photo-

graph of a scene where some employ-

ees were beating some workers. The

employees of the factory beat Saiful up

As the workers became furious, the

law enforcers allegedly took a passive

posture at one stage. Later large

contingents of armed police and RAB

went to the scene at 2:00pm. A bullhorn in hand, a RAB officer

reached the EPZ gate and told the

workers that persons responsible for

opening fire on them will be punished.

slowly calmed down. However, they

continued damaging factories at different places outside the EPZ.

While throwing brickbats at a glass façade of Irish Knitwear Ltd, one of the

workers said the owner of Irish

Knitwear has not been paying workers'

and RAB personnel took control of the

area while hundreds of workers were

'Since then the chairman has been

trying to harm us. This time he used

police to kill my brother," Shah Alam

told reporters at Sir Salimullah Medica

College morgue where the body was

15 bullets and it was delivered to them

accused in 12 cases including five for

murder, on April 18 in Munshiganj and

he was placed on a two-day remand in

Mahbubul Alam and Nazrul Islam --

sustained critical injuries during the

encounter. Police also said they fired

aged to flee the scene but police

recovered two pistols, one magazine

Police claim Sumon, 28, also known

as Phensy Sumon, was killed in

'crossfire' when police and his accom-

plices exchanged fire in Madanganj

area of Narayanganj yesterday, ou

Sumon with 48 Phensidyl bottles on

information a police team along with

Sumon tried to raid their den in

Madangani area to arrest his accom-

plices and recover firearms. But hardly

had they reached Madangani wher

Sumon's cohorts opened fire on them

from their hideout forcing the police to

Sumon tried to escape but he was

bullet hit and died on the way to

Narayanganj Upazila Health

The accomplices of Sumon man-

Police said Sumon, son of Hossain

Rahman, Sunny

not held yesterday as they are now

at Jhalakathi Sub-Jail in connection

Shafique Anwar granted a four-day

remand to interrogate Shafique

Ullah alias Shad of Bandar ir

Naravangani district when the CID

produced him before the court. He is

day remand for each of them. The

court then granted the petitions and

fixed yesterday for hearing on the

remand prayers in presence of the

In the forwarding report, the

investigating officer (İO) CID

Inspector Kazi Abdul Malek men-

tioned that being directed by

Rahman, Shad along with Sunny

and other JMB men attacked Azad

Metropolitan Magistrate

with the two judges' killing case

Complex.

one murder case.

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accused.

different dates

Police claimed during the shootout

Police said they had arrested

They said following Sumon's

Narayanganj correspondent reports.

The accomplices of Ismail man-

44 bullets during the shootout.

and 16 bullets from the spot.

NARAYANGANJ

Police said two police constables -

Morgue sources said the bore had

Police said they arrested Ismail, an

still demonstrating at the EPZ gate.

Crossfire

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sent for an autopsy.

with the fetters on

an arms case.

As this report was being filed

sterday evening hundreds of police

ages for the last two months.

Getting the assurance the workers

RAB TOOK CONTROL

factories in Savar EPZ

ASSAULTED

PHOTOJOURNALIST

BDNEWS reported that

said Siddiqur Rahman

esign Ltd in Jamgara area near

"Suddenly they came and started

executive officer (CEO).

It had first proposed the name of the City Bank MD for the post, but the finance ministry asked it to send a few more names.

Sources said if the government chooses the present MD of the hank he will have to first resign from his post and then he will be appointed freshly under new terms and conditions.

The changes are thought to be brought in by next month.

Earlier, the management of Agrani Bank was also given to private company PricewaterhouseCoopers and Sved Naser Bakhtiar has been working as the CEO of the bank.

Under the Enterprise Growth and Bank Modernisation Project of the World Bank the government is going to privatise all state-run banks except Sonali Bank.

SC judgment

new voter list as per a unanimous decision of the EC but two of the election commissioners later told the press that they didn't know anything about it, the counsel said.

On the HC directives, Khan said on the one hand it (HC) said a voter list should be prepared on the basis of the existing one and on other hand it said a fresh voter list should be prepared

He prayed for cancellation of the HC directives.

Counsel for the writ petitioners Barrister M Amir-ul Islam submitted that there is no law in any country in the world that provides for making fresh voter list.

"Voter list of any specific area or constituency of the country can be made fresh if any serious fault is found." he said.

The HC gave some directives and made some observations on January 4 following two writ petitions filed by Awami League leaders and lawmakers Abdul Jalil. Rahmat Ali and Asaduzzaman Noor on December 12 last year

challenging the CEC's 'unilateral decision' of preparing a fresh electoral roll.

The CEC on February 1 filed a leave to appeal with the SC against two points of the directives in the HC judgement that the EC should prepare a voter list for the next general elections on the basis of the existing electoral roll prepared in 2000, and that the EC should publish some of its (HC) observations in

The SC on April 17 granted the eave to appeal but did not stay the operation of the HC judgement. The hearing on the appeal

started on May 14 and concluded

Igbal denies

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Dhaka Electric Supply Company (Desco) and Power Grid Company of Bangladesh (PGCB) to profitmaking entities. It was very hard," he added.

labal was removed from the power ministry amid widespread public protest against severe power crisis caused by corruption, lack of proper leadership and necessary steps or wrong steps of the government.Prime Minister Khaleda Zia holds charge of the power and energy ministry that has faced pressure from various vested interest groups, including the 'alternative centre of power' of the government, over different power projects. Consequently, very little

nas been achieved. Though Iqbal was the state minister for power, the Prime Minister's Office early last year empowered a committee headed by the principal secretary to the prime minister to take executive decisions on power sector.

Iqbal recently said the on-going ower crisis, which soars up to 2.000 MW, will not end in the next two years.

JMB man

alias Uday, 21, of Hathazari in Chittagong.

Earlier on April 20. another Dhaka court sentenced JMB military commander Ataur Rahman Sunny to 40 years RI, as he pleaded guilty for possessing illegal firearms and ammunition.

In yesterday's verdict, the court acquitted another accused Sheikh Arif Uddin, 30, as the charge brought against him was not proved. Following a case under the Explosive Substances Act filed with

Ramna Police Station against the two JMB members, the court recorded statements of 14 out of 22 prosecution witnesses in three workdays.

On information that a suicide bomber of JMB had reached the capital, the Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested Uday, a madrasa student, while he was getting into a taxicab at Maghbazar with the bomb hidden in a sweetmeat packet on December 31 last year.

Following leads from Uday, Rab men arrested the other JMB member Arif at Eastern Plaza in Hatirpool.

Assistant Public Prosecutor lawyer stood on behalf of the accused.

Police reforms

and only one additional DIG (deputy inspector general) in each of the divisional ranges. We also need to increase the number of additional SP immediately," IGP Abdul Quayyum told The Daily Star yester-

SEPARATE INVESTIGATION AND LAW AND ORDER UNIT In the wake of filing cases in huge numbers, separate units will be set

up at each PS to expedite investigation and improve law and order. Noting that the investigation officers have to spend a lot of time in controlling law and order, the meet-

investigation unit will not have to be involved with other tasks from now There will be two SIs in each investigation unit. Appointment of SIs is about to be completed and many have joined different police

ing decided that those working in the

stations, the meeting was told. **ASP TO HEAD SOME** POLICE STATIONS

The committee backtracked on its previous decision to appoint an ASP instead of officer-in-charge (OC) at

The participants, however, decided that an ASP will be appointed at the PSs in metropolitan areas, district headquarters and areas with industrial and economic importance. Two inspectors will

work under the ASPs at those PSs. **APPOINTMENT OF**

UPAZILA POLICE OFFICER The committee is considering introduction of Upazila Police Officer (UPO) at the upazila-level to supervise work of PSs under the upazila.

To be based at upazila headquarters, a UPO will be of the rank of Besides establishing Sylhet and

Barisal Metropolitan Police, the meeting agreed in principle to introduce marine police. Noting the demand of drivers in police department and in the UN Peacekeeping Missions, the com-

mittee proposed to set up traffic

driving and peacekeeping training Besides meeting local demands, it will help earn a large amount of foreign exchange, the participants

To ensure accountability of the policemen, there will be surveillance units at the police headquarters and metropolitan cities

The new organogram aims at better supervision, increase in force, ensuring quality service and accountability of policemen and community policing, IGP Abdul Quayyum said.

PM flies to UAE today

the entire range of our bilateral relations freely and frankly to further strengthen the ties," Foreign Secretary Hemayetuddin told a press briefing yesterday.

Khaleda Zia, who will hold official talks with President Nahyan in Abu Dhabi this afternoon, will seek more recruitment of manpower from Bangladesh, UAE investments and supply of oil at reduced rates.

The foreign secretary said the prime minister will also lay emphasis on increased bilateral trade and request for buying Bangladeshi products including pharmaceuticals, knitwear, readymade garments, ceramics, jute and jute goods, leather and leather products and cement.

Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi General Shaikh Mohammad bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Vice-president, premier and ruler of Abu Dhabi Shaikh Mohammad bin Rashid Al Maktoum and other UAE officials will be present at the official talks at the Morshed Palace.

Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan, Foreign Secretary Hemayetuddin and other high officials will accompany the prime minister.

Currently more than four lakh Bangladeshis are employed in UAE. The prime minister will request the UAE authorities to recruit more Bangladeshis -- not only non-skilled but skilled and professional workforce -- so they could take part i the modernisation of the UAE.

On UAE investment in the country, Hemayetuddin said already several companies from UAE have invested in Bangladesh. She will seek more investments from UAE during the talks.

The Abu Dhabi group earlier proposed to invest \$1 billion in different sectors, of which \$50 million has been invested in telecommunications and \$20 million in the banking sector.

Talking about trade Hemayetuddin said the prime minister would stress the importance of increasing the volume of trade by exporting pharmaceuticals, knitwear, ceramic, cement, jute etc. In 2004-05 Bangladesh exported to Abu Dhabi goods worth \$23 million against its import of \$148 million.

Asked about the purchase of oil at reduced rates from UAE, the foreign secretary said, "I expect this will come up during the talks. Of course, we will exchange views on how we could get oil at a reduced rate and on easy terms in view of soaring oil prices in the world mar-

During her stay, the prime minister will meet late UAE President Al Nahvan's wife Sheikha Fatima in Abu Dhabi. From Abu Dhabi she will visit Dubai on May 24 and address a reception by the Bangladeshi com-

In reply to a query about the significance of Khaleda's visit to a number of Middle East countries, he said traditionally Bangladesh has deep relations with the countries of the Middle East.

He disagreed with the notion that the prime minister's prime mission is to procure oil at favourable price. saying, "our relation is beyond oil."

Asked if these visits have any links with upcoming general elections in Bangladesh, Hemayet said the election is internal matter while these visits are based on state relationship.

Earlier, the prime minister visited Turkey in April and Kuwait on May 7-8. After her UAE visit, she may visit Saudi Arabia. She returns home on

BTTB given unlawful

sectors, sources said. Otherwise, the government remains vulnerable to legal actions for such a gross non-

compliance with the law, which might even temporarily stall the cable's commercial operations causing a great deal of trouble for the undersea cable users of Bangladesh.

BTTB's undisputed control over the SEA-ME-WE4 provides free bandwidth to its stateowned Internet service. It allows BTTB to maintain an artificially lower tariff for its Internet services while private Internet service providers (ISPs) have to buy the same bandwidth, which compels them to impose higher tariff on their services, putting them in disadvantage in competition with BTTB.

Moreover, monopoly earnings from the SEA-ME-WE4 cable ensures BTTB's extremely unnatural competitive edge over private fixed and mobile phone operators, who are now forced to use BTTB's cable landing station to process overseas calls.

Being the monopoly international voice gateway operator BTTB dictates the international call tariff and charges its private sector competitors accordingly. Exclusive ownership to the submarine cable's landing station has now extended BTTB's

said a regulatory official

requesting not to be named. He also said BTTB also has to split its ISP unit in order to cease

further cross-subsidisation. Last week Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC) approved BTTB's proposed tariff on the newly commissioned SEA-ME-WE4 submarine cable's band-

Instead of taking any punitive measure against violating the law, the regulator has rather fast approved BTTB's tariff to expedite the inauguration of the submarine cable system by the prime minister last Sunday. Sources said the regulator's concession to BTTB's noncompliance undermines the law, disrupts level playing field and impedes the country's ICT sector growth.

It might trigger lawsuits against BTTB's ownership over the SEA-ME-WE4 submarine cable in Bangladesh, which also jeopardises the country's smooth commencement of journey through the information superhighway.

Nagorik Committee FROM PAGE 1 Syduzzaman, former president of

Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI) Laila Rahman

Golam Rasul

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He left behind his wife, two sons, a daughter and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his death.

Namaj-e-Janaza of Rasul was held at National Press Club after Zohr pravers. Another ianaza was held at Pilkhana in the city before his burial at Azimpur new graveyard.

Golam Rasul founded ENA, the first private news agency in erstwhile East Pakistan, in 1969. The agency contributed a lot to advance the cause of the Bangalees and the Liberation War in 1971. In his long journalistic career, Rasul worked in different dailies and

news agencies since 1959. Before

establishing ENA, he was the chief reporter of Pakistan Press nternational (PPI). President lajuddin Ahmed, Prime Minister Khaleda Zia and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh

Hasina have expressed deep shock at the death of Golam Rasul Mallick. Recalling his colourful life, the president said the country has lost a dedicated journalist at the death of

He prayed for the salvation of the departed soul and conveyed deep sympathy to the members of the bereaved family. The prime minister, in her condo-

lence message, recalled the contribution of Golam Rasul Mallick in the field of journalism. She prayed for the eternal peace of the departed soul and expressed

deep sympathy for the bereaved In a condolence message, Sheikh Hasina said. "The death of Golam Rasul Mallick is an irreparable loss to the arena of journalism "

She prayed for the eternal peace of the departed soul and conveyed her sympathy to the bereaved family. Bangladesh Federal Union of

Journalists (BFUJ) and Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ), in a joint statement yesterday, condoled the death of Golam Rasul Mallick.

Tele-tapping

the Prothom Alo, and Abu Saeed Khan, a freelance journalist, as public interest litigation (PIL).

Respondets of the rule are secretaries of the ministries of post and telecommunications, law, justice and parliamentary affairs, and home, and chairman of the BTRC. The BTTB and mobile companies are pro forma respondents. Former attorney general

Mahmudul Islam, who moved for the

petitioners, submitted that as the

BTRC is a statutory body of the repub-

lic, it has no jurisdiction to order the telephone companies to record conversations of people. The writ petition said the amended law will damage the right of privacy of the general people and it will cause violation of the constitutional provi-

sions guaranteeing freedom of speech and people's right of privacy Earlier on May 18, the HC bench issued a rule on the government to explain why the provisions of teletapping in the Act should not be

declared unconstitutional. The rule followed a similar PIL filed by Dr Tasneem Siddiqui, treasurer of human rights organisation Odhikar, and acting editor of The New Age The government in a gazette

notification on February 16 made the

Telecommunication (Amendment) Act, 2006 effective, empowering any of its agencies to record, prevent and collect information regarding communication made by any person through telephone for what it said was security of the state and public tranquillity On March 16, the BTRC authorities issued a guideline ordering the telephone companies to tap telephonic conversations of telephone users so

information from the companies when Barrister Nihad Kabir and Advocate Mohammad Asaduzzaman

that the government agencies can get

assisted Mahmudul Islam.

Diarrhoea FROM PAGE 16

season the number of the patients becomes double." he said adding that it is a matter of relief that people are much aware about health regulations nowadays and take oral saline at home in these cases.

In addition, 100 seats have been arranged at the parking lot of the hospital for treating the additional Other public hospitals are serving

these patients at the out-door depart-

ments and have been supplying them

necessary medicines, including oral As the quality of treatment is developed, it is possible to release around 80-90 per cent patients after a treatment of six to 24 hours, whereas ten

per cent have to stay at the hospital for four or five days, Dr Shahadat said. Especially the low-income people who spend much time in the streets and have impure water, sugarcane juice and stale foods from the roadside vendors, suffer from these diseases.

Akhter Hossain, 15, a carpenter passed out at his work place at Ghuntighar at Sutrapur area due to

Jubo Sangram

of the chief election commissioner and two other "politically appointed" election commission-

Hundreds of JSP leaders and workers gathered at Dhanmondi playground and Russell Square in the capital at about 10:30am. They brought out a procession at about 12:00 noon and marched towards the EC Secretariat amid tight police security. The police put up barricades

on the Mirpur Road near Dhanmondi-27, stopping the procession. The JSP men held a rally there, demanding immediate cancellation of what they called the "fake" voter list. At the rally, the JSP leaders

vowed to resist any election in the country under this voter list and demanded immediate implementation of the High Court directives in this regard. Jubo League President

Jahangir Kabir Nanak announced to lay siege to the EC Secretariat on June 11 with hundreds of leaders and workers from across the country. He warned that they will proceed towards the EC Secretariat breaking all police barricades on that day.

The JSP also extended its support to the 14-party opposition alliance in observing "Fake voter list day" on May 25.

JSP leaders Mirza Azam MP, Enamul Haque, Sagir Anwar, Nazma Akther, Shafiqul Islam Babu, Sadaqat Hossain Khan also spoke at the rally.

Meanwhile, Manikganj Awami League (AL) Organising Secretary Haider Ali and Sramik League Vice-President Shajahan Khan were injured as police swooped on a JSP procession when it was trying to enter the

BGMEA terms

'Those who took position against Bangladesh in the last WTO meet in

Hong Kong are involved in the conspiracy," said SM Taiyub, first vice-president of BGMEA. He demanded investigation of the violence at factories at the Savar

FP7 and Ashulia by intelligence

agencies and punishment of the As workers at Savar EPZ went on a rampage reportedly for fair wage, owners of different factories gathered at the BGMEA office at Karwan Bazar since vesterday noon and staged demonstrations holding

rallies and processions. About one hundred owners marched to the Prime Minister's Office at about 4:00pm from the BGMEA office but failed to meet the prime minister for her busy sched-

However, officials at the PMO told the owners that the government has already directed Commerce Minister M Hafizuddin Ahmed and State Minister for Home Lutfozzaman Babar to look into the

recent unrest at garment factories The commerce minister rushed to the BGMEA office in the evening and held a meeting with the factory

Syed Manzur Elahi, president of

the Association of Banks Bangladesh, AK Azad, president of Bangladesh Chamber of Industries and Fazlul Haq, president of Bangladesh Knitwear Manufacturers and Exporters Association were present at the press briefing. Elahi told the journalists that some quarters are trying to tarnish

Bangladesh's image with the for-

eigners through such acts at a time when a German delegation is visiting Bangladesh. Asked if there were any NGO behind the workers' unrest, he said: "It's intelligence agencies' job to

identify the culprits --whoever they

district election office, reports our Manikganj correspondent. Later, the JSP held a rally in

front of the district post office.

In Chittagong, the JSP activists staged a demonstration some 50 yards off the district election office on Jamal Khan Road as police prevented their procession from entering it, reports our correspon-

Earlier, the JSP men started athering in front of the Chittagong Press Club and held a rally there before bringing out the procession towards the election office around 11:15am.

They also submitted a memorandum to district election officers Mahbub Kabir and Mohammad Dulal.

The JSP demonstration and rally created a huge congestion of traffic on the Jamal Khan Road for over an hour.

Our Khulna correspondent reports: The JSP brought out a procession in the city and held a rally in front of the district election office to press home its demands. group of JSP workers pelted brickbats at the election office, panicking the officials. The JSP held a rally at the

Bheripara intersection in Rajshahi before laying siege to the district election office as part of the countrywide programme, reports our Rajshahi correspondent.

Our correspondents report that the district unit of Jubo League in Moulvibazar and district AL in Rangamati also laid seige to the election offices in the districts

BCL leader FROM PAGE 16

report (FIR) filed by Tanvir's father skander Matabbar.

Jatrabari.

Police said Tanvir came under attack in front of Geet Sangit Cinema Hall when he was returning to his Muradpur house by a rickshaw around 12:30am yesterday from

Witnesses said the assailants numbering around four, dragged him down the rickshaw and stabbed him mercilessly leaving him fatally iniured.

Tanvir was rushed to Dhaka

Medical College Hospital but he succumbed to his injuries soon after admission. Locals and relatives say the killing was due to political rivalry with his opponents political parties. Locals

brought out a procession in the area protesting the murder. Five people have been killed in the area over the last three days in

three incidents including one of a double murder. Three people were also killed within four hours in the capital vesterday despite State Minister for Home Luthfozzaman Babar's puting the

police and crime busting Rapid Action Battalion on high alert.

Jalil submits

Secretary Mohammad Zakoria of ignoring the High Court judgment. On December 12, 2005, Abdul Jalil filed a writ petition with the High Court challenging the validity of the unitary decision of Justice MA Aziz

on preparing the fresh electoral roll.

to update the voter list based on the

existing one prepared in 2000. But

"The High Court directed the EC

the respondents of the case did not comply with HC judgment." he submitted. The High Court asked Barrister M Amir UI Islam, counsel for the contempt petitioner, whether the charge of contempt can be brought

against a sitting judge of the

Barrister Amir submitted that nobody is beyond the law.

Supreme Court.

are - NGOs or others." 14-party to defer

for more than a week as the A level exams begin on June 5 and we have already received many phone calls from the parents in this regard," said a senior leader of the opposition alliance.

The opposition alliance had set

the Dhaka siege programme for May 21 but later deferred it to June 5 considering the Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) examinations. Sources said a number of top

leaders of the opposition alliance including 14-party coordinator Abdul Jalil, Abdur Razzak, Rashed Khan Menon, Hasanul Hague Inu, Tofail Ahmed, Suranjeet Sengupta, Bimal Biswas received several phone calls from both the parents and the A level examinees requesting them to defer the siege programme.

"If we observe Dhaka siege programme on June 5 then the A level examinees would have to sit for their examination at 1:00am as requesting anonymity said.

mobilise large number of people for the agitation. The opposition

planned to bring a large number of people from different parts of the country to bring downtown Dhaka to a standstill, he added.

Sources said the opposition would hold showdowns one in the capital and four others at four prime entry points to the capital -- Tongi, Amin Bazar, Keraniganj and Dhaka-Chittagong Highway near Kanchpur Bridge. The today's meeting would finalise the plans and strategies, a source added.

Even though the opposition discussed on deferring the date of the programme at a meeting on Sunday the senior leaders kept mum over the issue. The meeting also urged all the leaders not to disclose the primary decision regarding deferring the date, another source said. They however decided to observe May 25 as 'Fake Voter List Day' and demonstrate across the country demanding

It may be mentioned, a number of worried parents also made phone calls to The Daily Star during the last couple of days and wanted to know whether the siege programme would be held on June 5 or post-

with sharp weapons to kill him at A student of Jamia Ahmedia the law enforcers would keep foolvomiting and diarrhoea. He was taken about 9:30pm on February 27 monopoly over the data connec-Kabir, former members of care taker Sunnia Hefzokhana at Hathazari in to the ICDDRB immediately where the proof security in the capital until cancellation of the draft voter list. 2004. So, they need to be quizzed to tivity and Internet market. government ASM Shajahan, M doctors said it was because of exces-Chittagong, Uday had rented a 12:00am." an opposition leader find out the whereabouts of their "Therefore, BTRC should not Hafizuddin Khan, prominent educasive heat. room of Hotel Sebika in Moghbazar complices. The local drug sellers also tionist Anisuzzaman, former foreign have approved BTTB's submain the morning that day. He also said another reason for Earlier, the CID had arrested secretary Abul Ahsan, executive informed that many people have come rine cable's tariff unless a sepadelaying the programme was due to Khaleq alias Gaba Tiger, Abu Abbas alias Bomb Abbas and Golam to buy pain, cold and fever relieving director of Ain O Salish Kendra rate state-owned company Mahfuzur Rahman Patwary the opposition leaders from the tablets as well as oral saline. Sultana Kamal and executive directakes over the Cox's Bazar appeared for the state while no northern districts was unable to Mostafa in connection with the tor of CPD Debapriya Bhattacharya. landing station's operation," attack and they were granted bail on