EC officials

FROM PAGE 1 official complaints for deletion of

names of fake voters or of persons

Acting Secretary to the EC Secretariat Mohammad Zakoria,

who was assigned by the EC to brief

the media about the decision yester-

day, however said they will abide by

the provisions in the electoral ordi-

nance for the task of inclusion, dele-

tion and correction of names on the

sions of going from door to door for the task," he claimed. He also said

they will not publish any draft list

rather a supplementary voter list will be published.

information about voters collected

during the preparation of the fresh

voter list in the current task of revis-

According to the SC verdict, the Electoral Rolls Ordinance 1982 does

not allow the EC to prepare a fresh

defended the decision to use infor-

mation collected during the prepara-

tion of the controversial fresh list in

the revision of the existing list.

"After the court's verdict the preparation of the fresh voter list has

been illegal, but the entire task is not

illegal. So, we can use the informa-tion on form no 2 for the new task, if

necessary," he told reporters. But, Justice Naimuddin Ahmed, a

former election commissioner, yesterday said it is illegal to use any information that was gathered dur-ing the preparation of the fresh voter

list, in the revision of the existing list

since the preparation of the fresh list

has been declared illegal by the court.

The EC directed its field level officials to begin the task of inclusion,

deletion and correction from July 1

and to continue it till July 31. Then the

EC will prepare a supplementary voter list, said the EC decision.

and correction of one's name on the

existing voter list will be available at the offices of district election officers

and assistant registration officers at

thana and upazila headquarters,

Election experts however fear many people eligible for being regis-

tered as voters are likely to remain

out of the list because of the new EC

decision, as people are not accus-

tomed to go to election offices to

register their names. Similarly,

names of fake voters and names of

people who died since 2000 are likely

to remain on the list as the EC will not

delete their names unless it receives

official objections regarding those

But the acting secretary to EC Secretariat said they will launch a

massive campaign urging people to

He claimed that the EC took the

decision to implement the verdict of

for poverty reduction and develop-

ment of Chittagong Hill Tracts. Of the Tk 3,024 crore, agricul-ture ministry is to get the highest Tk

741 crore, education and religious

affairs ministries Tk 537 crore.

communications ministry Tk 292

crore, power Tk 405 crore, oil, gas

and natural resources Tk 295 crore

and rural development ministry Tk

Rahman at his post-budget press

briefing on Friday said many new

projects were yet to get allocation and that they would be provided with funds from block allocation.

government has just over four

months of its tenure and it will not

be possible to release the block

allocation during this period

because of the lengthy procedure needed for this.

He mentioned that the present

Finance Minister Saifur

Block allocation

Zakoria said.

Forms for inclusion, deletion

But the acting secretary to the EC

The EChas also decided to use the

'The laws do not have such provi-

who died.

existing voter list.

ing the existing list.

Bepza. I will inform the owner of the

factory about your (workers') alle

gations against Azgar and other officials. If Bepza rules are imple-

mented you will have more facilities

that you do not even know about and no worker will be sacked with-

out investigation," he added blast-

ing the factory management for the

day, called upon the workers of EPZ to keep peaceful, productive,

nvestment friendly working envi-

Rokeya, Rekha, Shamima,

Khorsheda, Monju, Mousami, Farida, Amiron, Nasrin, Lipi, Alekjan, Rosely, Shikha, Asma,

Sultana, Nizam, a police constable, and Shahjahan, quality supervisor.

garment factories left after signing

n while workers in two factories at

Mirpur and Tongi clashed over the workers' strike. Furniture and win-dowpanes of EU Sweater industries

at Mirpur and Chic Knitwear were

damaged during the clashes. Timekeeper Bahar and Supervisor Fakhrul were injured in

the clash at EU factories while there

were no reports of injuries in the

clash at the Tongi factory. The work

ers in Games Factory in Postagola left the factory in large numbers

immediate after signing in. The

refrained from work even though

ment factories said as precautionary

measure they kept the factories

closed while some others were obliv ious about the withdrawal of strike.

Moon Printing, Classic Fashions, Giant Textiles Ltd, Mum Printing, Masco Industries Ltd, and Ring Sign

Sweater of Shataish area, Uniliver

Cotton Mill Ltd, Lease Apparels, and Oishi Fashion of Barabari area, Global Ltd, Dorin Textile, ARC,

Sathi, Anupam and Oriental

Garments of Chholdana area, Mandal Group, NK Fashion and Pan

Win Design of Bagher Bazar area

remained closed vesterday.

Govt, RMG workers,

Authorities of a number of gar

the strike was called off later.

Meanwhile, Workers of several

The injured include Lota,

Bepza, in a press release yester-

situation.

ronment in the zones

The demands included wages at the current exchange rate of US dollar and transport arrangement for female workers

Workers of the factory refrained from work as the factory officials hung a notice on factory gate saying no demands of the workers will be

met.
The factory authorities also served warning notices to 15 factory representatives of Workers Representative Welfare Committee (WRWC) on Saturday, restricted their movement inside the factory and stopped allowing them to talk to each other.

"I got Tk 3,050 as salary of last month while my salary is Tk 4,000," said Sufia, a second floor worker of the factory. Rasheda and Shazeda also got Tk150 less in their last month's salary. On the other hand, staffs above the post of supervisor got their full salaries of the last

"Verbal abuse by staffs has taken the worst turn after resumption of operations following the workers' unrest," said Razia adding she earns Tk 2,900 per month after working in the factory for seven years.

The authorities increased the salary by 30 per cent for workers who are fair and beautiful while our salary increased only by 10 per cent as we are not beautiful," alleged Runa who works on the third floor in

the factory.

The male officers intimidate or force female workers to take rides with them and if they protested or refused they are threatened with expulsion or are expelled, alleged Sufia, Dalia and Hena, sewing section workers.

Chairman of Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (Bepza) Brigadier General Ashraf Abdullah Yussuf managed to ease the situation around 3:00pm after discussions with the workers.

In the meeting with the workers he said, "Action will be taken against the people responsible as per law of

The government also formed 15 inspection teams for monitoring

workers' condition in the factories.

Ten teams will work in Dhaka and

five in Chittagong. A team will visit 15-20 factories in a week and submit

weekly reports to the labour ministry,

Sourcessaid.

The representatives from the government, Bangladesh Garment

Association (BGMEA), Bangladesh

Knitwear Manufacturers and

Exporters Association (BKMEA) and trade union leaders singed the MoU following a final round of discussion

with the State Minister for Labour

and Employment Aman Ullah Aman

give a permanent shape to the understandings on various issues reached during the previous discus-sions," BGMEA President Tipu

Munshisaid last night. State Minister for Employment

Aman ullah Aman signed the MOU

on behalf of the government while

BGMEA President Tipu Munhsi, BKMEA President Fazlul Hoque,

former BGMEA president Annisul

Rahman Majumder, Dr Wazedul

Islam signed the agreement on

labour organisations were present

ment holidays according to the

work more than eight hours a day,

The wage board will hopefully

The MoU signing meeting pre-

submit its report before the end of

the present government's tenure, government officials said.

Representatives from other 39

As per the agreement, garment

The female workers will also get

signed from owners side

behalf of the workers.

existing labour laws.

according to the MoU.

during the signing of MoU.

The agreement was signed to

athis ministry.

Experts slam

many fake voters will not be deleted from the list due to the decision, they "It is an unrealistic and wrong idea

from door to door. People have been accustomed for decades to register their names to election officials when they come to them. But the Election Commission for the first time is asking people to go to election offices to register their names," former adviser to a caretaker government, M Hafizuddin Khan told The Daily Star

Echoing the same view, former election commissioner M Munsef Ali said a dangerous situation will be created if election officials do not go from door to door to prepare the voter list, and many eligible people will remain out of the list. "Voters are not accustomed to the new practice," he

Another former election commissioner Justice Naimuddin said, "Enu-merators should go from door to door to register eligible people as voters. No voter has any business going to elec-tion offices to register his or her name on the voter list." He termed the EC's

"The procedures for revising the existing voter list and for preparing a fresh voter list is the same, Justice

M Munsef Ali said the EC had a chance to prepare a flawless voter list after the Supreme Court verdict. "But it will not be possible to prepare a fair voter list without going from door to door," he said.

a flawless voter list and it should follow proper procedures so the voter list is flawless, the former election

such a controversial method to revise the existing voter list.

FROM PAGE 1 Sarkar confirmed last night that the army and Rab launched the joint drive about 20 to 25 kilometres

north of Baghaichhari upazila. "An operation was conducted by the army and Rab in the morning, but we are yet to get any confirmed report about how many people are dead or how many weapons were recovered," Aziz told

Huq and four other BGMEA directors Seventeen workers' leaders including Roy Romesh Chandra, Zafrul Hasan, Nurul Islam, Shafiqur upazila sadar and the communication network."

Talking with this correspondent at 1:00am today, Rab media wing chief Commander Mashuk Hassan said members of 24 infantry divi-

workers will get one day weekly holiday and enjoy the other governunit took part in the operation. Chittagong-based Rab-7 commanding officer Lt Col Hasinur

maternity leave with regular salary. Mujibur Rahman of Bangladesh The workers will get overtime if they Armyled the operation. According to an intelligence The labour leaders said all their source, a gunfight between the demands except the minimum wage have been fulfilled by the MoU.

insurgents and the joint force continued for a long time. The joint force recovered arms

gun battle," said the source without elaborating.

General Secretary and Coordinator of the combine Abdul

36-hr hartal

FROM PAGE 1 Meanwhile, the government has taken adequate measures to maintain law and order during the hartal period. Around 7,000 police, BDR and Ansar personnel will be deployed in the capital to avert any untoward incidents.

Protesting the police atrocities, the opposition line-up yesterday staged demonstrations across the

The AL and its allies and their front organisations also brought out processions in the city under tight police vigilance and elsewhere in the country to drum up support for the shutdown.

They demanded immediate unconditional release of their leaders and activists arrested in connection with the Dhaka siege and withdrawal of 'false' cases filed

Leaders of the 14-party at a rally in front of the AL central office on Bangabandhu Avenue yesterday urged the people to make the hartal a success. They also threatened to go for up to a weeklong hartal across the country if the government uses law enforcers against

opposition men during the hartal. Left-leaning 11-party, a compo-nent of the AL-led combine, at an emergency meeting at the Workers' Party office called upon all to make

the hartal a success. Addressing the 14-party rally, AL and Advocate Ismail.

sided over by State Minister for Labour and Employment Aman Ullah Aman regretted the loss of property during the labour unrest since May21 and reached a consensus on immediate end to the unrest.

The garment owners also com mitted to implement the agreement in all the factories as soon as possible

The government is very sincere in protecting the interest of all the parties involved in the garment industries, the minister said, expressing optimism that all the parties will implement the MoU.

Army, Rab raid

The Daily Star at 9:45pm. We have no contact with the raiding forces as the area is very remote," said Aziz. "It will take at least two and a half hours for the forces to reach Baghaichhari

sion of Chittagong, Rab intelli-gence wing and Rab's Chittagong

Reza, Rab intelligence wing Director-Lt. Col Gulzar and Major

and ammunition from the insurgents' camp destroyed during the

Jalil said, " CEC MA Aziz and two election commissioners must quit office. There will be no updating of voter list, and no election in the country unless they quit." Jalil urged the government to form a supreme judicial council to

'fire' them and to appoint persons acceptable to all the parties as CEC and election commissioners.

He reminded the BNP-Jamaat coalition government that still there is time to implement the reform proposals.

Referring to BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan's claim on the possibility of a dia logue, AL stalwart Tofail Ahmed ruled out any discussion if the government side includes persons who opposed the Liberation War and are 'patrons' of militants.

Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) chief Hasanul Haque Inu asked opposition workers to resist use of police force for political ends of the government.

City 14-party coordinator Mofazzel Hossain Chowdhury

Maya chaired the rally.
Other speakers at the rally included Motia Chowdhury, Obaidul Quader, Mukul Bose, Abdul Mannan, Akhteruzzaman, Subed Ali Bhuiyan, Hazera Khatun

FROM PAGE 1
of preparing a flawless voter list has been diminished and the EC has stepped into a fresh controversy

regarding preparation of the voter list for the next parliamentary election. Names of many eligible people will remain out of the list and names of

to revise the voter list without going

Usually, to prepare a fresh voter list, enumerators collect information about prospective voters by going from door to door. Then the EC publishes a draft voter list inviting claims and objections about it and after settling the claims and objections the EC publishes the final list.

The EC followed this procedure during preparation of the now defunct fresh voter list ignoring the High Court directives, which had asked it to revise the existing list and which were upheld by the May 23 Supreme Court verdict.

But this time around, the EC will not follow this procedure in revising the existing voter list.

Naimuddinsaid.

The court asked the EC to prepare

commissionersaid. Hafizuddin Khan said it will not be possible to hold a fair election using

Israel

FROM PAGE 16 in Israeli missile strikes in Gaza in

Hamas, which formed the Palestinian government in March after winning a January election, is sworn to Israel's destruction.

Speaking to reporters in Gaza, Haniyeh shrugged off Hanegbi's threat as indicative of "a type of political madness from some Israeli

Hamas carried out nearly 60 suicide bombings in Israel after the start of a Palestinian uprising in 2000 but halted such attacks in mid-2004 and largely abided by a ceasefire reached in early 2005.

Rosicky

FROM PAGE 1 suffered a painful end when he was stretchered off injured on the stroke of half-time.

Koller found the net in the fifth minute and new Arsenal signing Rosicky was on target in the 36th and 76th minutes in the crucial Group Ematch.

American skipper Claudio Reyna said the early strike had put his men on the backfoot. Their first goal put us back on

our heels," he said. "We played well and hit the post but we then made some tactical changes which didn't work. We

needed some width and couldn't Revna is convinced that the team's young players need to use the experience of the match when

they face mighty Italy on Saturday.

They will be tough to beat but we have to bounce back and learn

from this. Some of the guys in the team are new to the World Cup and

see what we are made of. We will

have to be aggressive and not hesi-

right wing cross from Zdenek Grygera that eluded two defenders. The 2.01m attacker's 43rd goal in

69 matches came from point-blank

36th minute, blasting a right-

footed 25-metre shot past goal-keeper Kasey Keller, who dived to

Rosicky struck again in the second half to seal the triumph,

flicking a left-foot shot past Keller

eight minutes after smashing a shot off the crossbar.

Ghana on Saturday, the same day the US team faces Italy.

When they reached the area at about 3:20am, Rafiq's men opened fore on the law enforcers, forcing

them to retaliate. According to a

bullets during the "shootout" and

died on the spot, while his accom-

number of several criminal cases

including five for murder recorded

with Rampal and Mongla police stations, the press release added.

One pipe gun and six bullets were recovered from the scene.

The outlaw was wanted in a

Rab press release, Rafiq received

Outlaw killed

FROM PAGE '16 recover the hidden firearms.

plices managed to flee.

Next for the Czechs will be

his left in vain.

Midfielder Rosicky struck in the

Now we must look forward and

Koller scored when he met a

But Awami League leader and former state minister for planning Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir refuted Saifur's claim regarding block

> Harbin gets project The Tongi plant tripped more than

power to inquire into how the EGCB is handling the project, which is being financed by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and implemented under its strict guideline. The Daily Star report said the EGCB might violate the ADB guideline if it approves the

The EGCB in a letter to the state minister said that though Harbin hid prices of various equipment, the weighted average cost of per kilowatt power is in favour of Harbin. Bhel quoted Tk 41,337 per kilowatt while Harbin quoted Tk

The letter added that Kema rejected Harbin's bid as nonresponsive on the basis of the ADB guideline on bid evaluation, 2000. The Tec claimed that the tender document did not incorporate the particular clause of ADB guide-

cannot be considered in evaluation. "This is a lame excuse. There are innumerable documents showing that this tender is being implemented under the ADB guideline,"

said a source.

line and therefore this criterion

Besides, Harbin's act of hiding 17.5 per cent of the project cost itself should be a good enough reason to disqualify its bid, with or without the ADB guideline, the source said, adding, "It has done the same with the Tongi project, Chandpur project and the Fenchuganj project. We have seen the Tongi plant's performance." 75 times within one year of its operation.

"However, giving the misleading arguments, the Tec is once again trying to convince the EGCB board to approve Harbin's bid," he

The Harbin, in line with its previous bidding techniques, came up with a so-called low price offer of US\$90 million, while Bhel's offer was US\$110 million. But after three months of scrutiny, Kema found out that Harbin's actual price offer is \$114 million and Bhel's \$113 million.

Harbin initially showed its low price by hiding costs of spares and other machinerythe same technique it used to become the lowest bidder in Tongi power project, Chandpur power project and Fenchuganj power project. Except for the case of Tongi project, there had been allegation of corruption and favouritism in awarding both the Chandpur and Fenchuganj projects to Harbin.

As per the ADB guideline for the tender, Kema calculated the total value of Harbin's bid by taking price reference of Bhel for spares, which the Chinese company did not mention. The ADB guideline, however, says that if the final price becomes more than 15 per cent higher than the initial quoted bid upon adding the missing prices, that bid should be considered nonresponsive.

Dhaka siege

FROM PAGE 1 cases were filed with Dhanmondi Police Station where 12 people were named as accused and 400-500 others mentioned as unidentified

Similar cases were also filed with Sonargaon, Savar and Tongi police stations accusing several hundred

preparation of the fresh voter list ignoring the HC directives and published a draft voter list on May 3 finally suspended that activity on June 7 but did not cancel it. Its appeal against the HC directives however was rejected by the Supreme Court. "The election commission should have canceled the whole procedure

initiated for the fresh voter list before Very few of them were also shown taking the decision to revise the arrested in the cases filed earlier with existing list," immediate past elecdifferent police stations. When the defence lawyers sought

tion commissioner M Munsef Ali told The Daily Staryesterday.

The unilateral decision by CEC MA Aziz to continue preparing the fresh voter list cost the EC at least Tk

The CEC and two election commissioners, Justice Mahfuzur Rahman and SM Zakaria did not talk to the media and rather assigned the acting secretary to brief the journaltheirnear and dear ones.

ists waiting at the ECS ecretariat CHT accord

Referring to the EC's decision its

acting secretary also said a massive

campaign will be launched to create

awareness among the people about

the legal provisions to prevent inclu-

sion of fake voters on the list.

The EC that had continued the

Morshed Khan, the association also said "the EU has emphasised its strong concern at the need to ensure that the human rights and legitimate expectations of the indigenous people in the CHT are fully safeguard, in line with Bangladesh's international obligations under ILO Convention 107 and other instru-

While acknowledging the com-plexity of the legal and institutional regimes, which covers the CHT Peace Accord, the EU noted that only by implementing the accord fully, longterm peace and prosperity could be secured for all Bangladeshi citizens

in the hill tracts. Key issues in the accord include the establishment of land rights through the effective operationalisation of the Land Dispute Resolution Commission and the conduct of free and fair elections to the Hill District Councils.

As the next parliamentary elections draw near, the EU said it is also imperative that citizens from the indigenous communities are registered and their voice heard at the

According to a EU release, the union's commitment to the region is reflected in the financial assistance, which it is providing to the UN CHT Development Facility, with a contribution to the second phase of the programme, which runs until 2009, of 16 million euros. This is in addition to bilateral

development projects supported by EU member states, for example in the fields of water and sanitation,

ment will not be able to spend block allocation funds for develop-

ment expenditure but it will be very

much able to spend money from

block allocation for revenue expen-

journalists at a city hotel yesterday, he said the budget has not men-

tioned where the block allocation

will be used, and that it goes against

on Friday said, "This block alloca-

tion is beyond accountability and it

needs to be looked at if it contra-

dicts the constitutional provisions.

Besides, it violets the financial

Rahman said block allocation may

be used for political purposes. On Saifur's claim that the pro-

posed block allocation cannot be

released by the present govern-ment, he said they will be able to

spend such allocation in the cur-

rent revised budget.

Renowned economist Dr Atiur

The Centre for Policy Dialogue

the constitution.

discipline.

At an informal meeting with

people.

Police yesterday produced 286 people, arrested during the siege programme and overnight raids, before the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's court showing them arrested mainly in police assault cases, explosive cases and for damaging government and public prop-

bails, the court fixed the date of hearing on the bail petitions and other issues after the end of 36-hour

This came as a blow to several hundred relatives of the arrestees, who have been waiting on the court premises with hopes for release of

Taking advantage of the situation, many middlemen made brisk Victims alleged that they paid Tk

300 to Tk 500 to these people, who promised them to get the detainees released, but later did nothing. The lawyers said most arrestees are innocent and they have been implicated in false cases.

JAIL GATE . Like other days, several hundred people were seen collecting tickets at he jail gate to meet their detained

Many of them alleged that police picked up their young relatives ahead of the Dhaka-siege programme and implicated them in cases, some of which were filed even a year back.

They were worried that many of

the detainees have been shown arrested in non-bailable cases, like murder, explosives and arms cases, although they are innocent. They also alleged that only those who could bribe the police in time, managed to release their dear ones

before they were implicated in such

"After my son was arrested on June 8 from Ramna area and implicated in an explosives case, I consulted a lawyer and he told me that it will take around Tk 25,000 for my son's release," said father of a detained shopkeeper wishing not to be named.

Shahabuddin have been coming to jail gate almost daily after Pallabi police arrested his son Mohammed ewel, joint convenor of ward 5 unit of the Awami League (AL), on June 5.

He yesterday alleged that Jewel's brother-in-law went to the police tation after his arrest and the subinspector who arrested him demanded Tk 10,000 for his release, threatening to implicate him in

"My son-in-law gave the police officer a sum and they implicated Jewel in a theft and an assault case, "he said.

Nagorik Committee

FROM PAGE 16 length. The committee suggested that the brief on 'Electoral and Political Reforms' should be disseminated through print media. Besides, eight goals were formu-lated and decided upon in the meet-

ing. These are -- to attain true democracy, to be a middle-income country, to be a more equitable society, to have a skilled and a nealthy population, to have a publicly accountable and transparent government, to offer necessary infrastructure to be a regional com-mercial hub, to be environmentally sustainable and to be effectively integrated in regional and global

It may be noted that the vision paper is being prepared keeping the next 15 years in mind, when in 2021 Bangladesh will celebrate its 50 years

of independence. The meeting was chaired by M Syeduzzaman and was attended by Laila Rahman Kabir, Anisuzzaman, Mahmuda Islam, Syed Manzur Elahi, Mahmudul Islam, Sultana Kamal and ASM Shahjahan. Debapriya Bhattacharya facilitated the meeting as the member secretary of the body.

British envoy FROM PAGE 16

"We also express our grave con-cern about the level of politically-motivated violence which risks tarnishing Bangladesh's reputation as a democracy," said Anwar Chowdhury, who himself became victim of a grenade attack in Sylhet

For elections to be free, fair and acceptable, politicians must also be peaceful, he said. "Personal security for genuine protesters, voters, activists, leaders

and the media is a fundamenta

right. The world is watching," said the Bangladesh-born British diplo-He said the British government believes that the coming months are critical to the future of Bangladesh, a country with which the UK has

The British High Commission

intends to continue its discussion on the conduct of the forthcoming elections with all parties, including on the necessity for dialogue on reform and the matter of personal security, he said "Respect for the rule of law means there can be no violence,

intimidation or manipulation. We call on all sides to ensure this, continued the high commissioner. Another issue of concern to the British High Commission is accountability, he said.

"A crucial measure of the fairness and acceptability of this election will be the existence of an accurate and inclusive voter list that achieves consensus; all eligible Bangladeshis deserve the right to vote in this

"We look to the Election Commission to address this in a transparent, independent and competent manner, in accordance with the Supreme Court ruling," the

Chaos in parliament

FROM PAGE 1 between the opposition and trea-sury benches, and shouted at the

BNP lawmakers. Senior ministers including Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan and Khandaker Mosharaf Hossain stopped some junior BNP legislators, who were rushing towards the opposition members.

"You can't dictate me to run the House," Akhter Hamid told the opposition lawmakers.

Amid the noisy scene, Hasina took the floor and reiterated her party lawmakers' demand for expunging Moshiur's 'untrue'

why it instigates the back benchers to use abusive words in every session," Hasina said.
"Not me... It is Khaleda Zia

"The government doesn't want to see us in the House and that is

(leader of the House) who has relations with Golam Azam, and people know this," Hasina said. We don't need Golam Azam,

you (ruing coalition) need them. BNP and Jamaat are now members of one family," she went on. After the AL walkout, LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, took the floor and termed the opposition leader's statement indecent and unparlia-

mentary. "We are worried. It (chaos in he House is an unprecedented incident. They (AL) did it to destroy democracy," he added. The acting Speaker said acts of the opposition go against decency.
What they did is not good for

democracy. If they continue this, it will not be possible to run parlia-ment, he added. At the press briefing, Hasina said BNP engages its 'hooligan' lawmakers to use indecent words against the opposition to keep it away from the House. "They did the same thing in the past and

continues to do so now." "If the opposition stays in the House, their (ruling coalition) corruption and misdeeds would be exposed...But we will not spare them. We will join the House again and expose those," she told jour-

BB terms

FROM PAGE 16 adding that the organisation has already removed many papers and documents from its office.

The BB report said Jubok collected deposit promising benefits like special bonus programme under which a depositor, be he a member of Jubok or not, can immediately draw a profit of Tk 20,000 after depositing Tk 1 lakh while the capital may be refunded after one

On May 24, the BB on the basis of its report issued a show cause notice on Jubok for its alleged involvement in unauthorised banking business, such as collection of deposits and borrowing from the common people offering

In its response on May 31 to the BB show cause notice, Jubok urged the central bank to hold a hearing on its explanation. In the explanation, Jubok said it is doing business like other NGOs.

interests.

Yesterday, Jubok's representatives appeared before a threemember BB committee led by BB Executive Director Murshid Kuli Khan for hearing. Jubo Karmasangsthan Society Chairman Abu Mohammad Syed and its Executive Director Hossain Al Masum and another high official were present on behalf of Jubok. The Jubok representatives in the

hearing repeated what they wrote in the answer to the BB's show cause notice, sources said, adding that after examining Jubok's Kingston. answer to the show cause notice, its replies in the hearing, and the BB's

Hasina said she never allowed her party lawmakers to utter any indecent words. "But from now on, if they (ruling coalition lawmakers)

utter any indecent words, I will not bar our men.' Earlier, both BNP and AL lawmakers participated in an unscheduled debate in the House,

on point of order, on violence during the opposition's Dhaka siege programme on Sunday, AL legislators Abdur Razzak, Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim, Mohammad Nasim, Abdus Shahid and Sohel Taj denounced police atrocities during the siege programme while BNP lawmakers Sardar Sakhawat Hossain Bakul, Nazimuddin Alam, Ilyas Ali and Moshiur Rahman accused the opposition of creating anarchy in

said Monday the watchdog had "not made much progress in resolving outstanding verification issues. I would continue to urge Iran to provide the cooperation needed to resolve these issues.

long meeting of the IAEA's 35-nation board of governors, he welcomed "the recent efforts that aim to reach a comprehensive agreement."

convinced that the way forward lies through dialogue and mutual accommodation among all concerned parties. The United States, European allies Britain, France and Germany,

nuclear weapons. The world powers also threat-

A vigorous debate on the Iran standoff is expected at the IAEA meeting but no resolution is planned

The next decision is to be taken

Italy win

Tehran fails to comply.

FROM PAGE 1 the Africans who then produced their best spell of the game, twice

giving the Italians a scare. Asamoah Gyan should have__ done better when he drove wide a after being set up by Matthew

high and wide from a promising position in the 32nd minute. Italy responded with a thunder-

ing drive from 30 metres by Francesco Totti which Kingston tipped over. Five minutes before the break Totti played a quick, short-corner

tled through a crowded penalty area to give Lippi's side the lead. Albertino Gilardino forced Kingston into action again in the 51st minute with a low drive after racing on to a delightful Totti pass but again Ghana replied, Michael Essien's 20-metre drive forcing

to an unmarked Pirlo who had the

space to line up a shot which whis-

Gianluigi Buffon to full stretch. Totti limped off in the 56th minute to be replaced by Mauro Camoranesi and Italy continued to look the more dangerous, Simone Perrotta bringing a good save out of

Ghana had an appeal for a penalty turned down in the 79th minute when Gyan went down under challenge inside the area.

the aggrieved person must come before the court at the earliest oppor-

tunity and the petition will be

rejected according to the law if he

makes unnecessary delay to file it, he said adding, "This has been estab-

lished by series of precedents in

various cases decided by the superior

courts not only in the Indian subcon-

petition filed without any satisfactory cause for delay is liable to be sum-

marily rejected by the bench without

entering into the merit of the case of

the petitioner, said Justice

anything about the legality or other-

wise of the Dhaka siege programme

announced by the opposition parties or the legality or otherwise of the ad-

interim order passed by the HC

Division Bench because the matter is

of rejecting writ petitions due to delay

in filing. "The Appellate Division a

few days ago pronounced if the court

finds that the writ petition has been

filed with some oblique motive, the

petitioner will not be entitled to get

any remedy from the court in its

There are innumerable instances

"However, I do not like to say

According to the convention, the

tinent but all over the world."

Naimuddin.

subjudice."

Justice Naimuddin

In this particular case the opposition announced their Dhaka siege a month ago, they made open announcement and repeated it several times and said they would siege Dhaka on June 11 if their

announcement, the writ was filed only a few hours before beginning of the programme. I am saying only a few hours because June 11 literally begins after 12:00 midnight of June 10. So, filing the writ on June 10 means filing it only a few hours before

One lawyer appeared before the chief justice with a petition and appealed for forming a bench. The HC Division Bench imposed the ban Division Bench imposed the ban just few hours before the siege was scheduled to begin, he added.

The man who filed the petition knew about the programme for a

interim ban is that the writ petition would become in fructuous after June It would not be necessary to continue with the petition anymore, he said.

honest or there is any 'oblique motive' behind it, he said. "My little knowledge about law says there are such instances in the history of onstitutional law and higher judidary over the last few hundred years" he

extraordinary original jurisdiction because it is a basic principle that in a writ petition the petitioner must come with a bona fide motive and with clean hands. In other words, a petition is liable to be summarily rejected if the court finds the objective of filing it is not

the name of anti-government

US calls

Opening what could be a week ElBaradei said he remained

along with Russia and China last week offered Iran a package of

benefits if it suspends uranium enrichment and begins talks on guaranteeing it does not seek ened UN sanctions, however, if

"We are not looking for a deci-sion at this week's board," Schulte

Emmanuel Pappoe then blasted

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findings after the investigation, BB

will take its next course of action.

demands were not met," said Justice Naimuddin. "About a month after the

the programme.

month, he said. "A question will arise obviously in the minds of those who know the law as to why the petitioner did not file the application with a reasonable time in hand and sufficiently ahead of the programme so that the opposition party had the opportunity of being heard by the HC Division Bench and why he applied for an interim prohibitory order only a few hours before it was due to begin," he added. The meaning of imposing an

"I don't know how he explained before the court about the delay in filing the petition," he said. In order to

invoke the writ jurisdiction of the HC.