## **Environment factors behind** diseases that kill 13m a year

Almost a quarter of global disease is caused by avoidable environmental factors, with a toll of 13 million lives a year, the World Health Organisation said in a new report Friday.

Such hazards, which include polluted water, unsafe fuel, rickety buildings and dangerous traffic, are to blame for one-third of deaths in developing countries, said the

Preventing environmental risk could save as many as four million lives a year, mostly in developing countries, said the UN health

The WHO said that its study was the most comprehensive and systematic vet undertaken on how preventable environmental hazards contribute to a wide range of the two other main health prob-

FROM PAGE 1 share of the TV channel to them for

Right after he had filed the case,

two cases were filed against him

within a span of five minutes on

Juma prayers yesterday, Bulu went

straight to his Gulshan residence

where his personal physician

Bulu told The Daily Star that he

does not understand how two

cases could be filed against him

He also expressed his astonish-

ment over the statement of KM

Shahidullah, in which he said Bulu

is not a director of Boishakhi

Limited and never was. The state-

ment was published in different

Limited. As a director of the com-

pany I took a loan worth Tk 13 crore

from the Banani branch of Prime

Bank," Bulu said adding that the

cases against him are part of a

tered accounting firm, Kazi Zahir

Khan and Co, was sent to The Daily

Star which shows that MNH Bulu

holds 4,80,000 shares worth Tk 4.8

crore of the total paid up capital of

programme organised by

Boishakhi Media Limited and

handed over receivers to cable

operators as the vice-chairman of

the company and the entire

programme was telecast on

Criminal case

Repression Prevention Act with

Badda police station on Thursday,

which was recorded as a case yes-

his wife Anwara Rahman to a medi-cal lab for a DNA test.

A Dhaka magistrate's court on

June 8 issued an order for a DNA

test to determine whether the

septuplets are indeed the couple's

biological children, following a

controversy triggered by newspa-

per reports that the couple are

maintaining a household with 14

children, seven of whom are seem-

ingly of the same age. Since the

emergence of the controversy the

couple has been claiming that the

seven children were born to them

the former police official and the so called septuplets to Dhaka Medical College for a DNA test but Anisur

Rahman declined to have the test

done saying that nobody else

claimed parenthood over the children which proves that the

children are his and his wife's.

Badda police on Thursday took

Bulu also said he attended a

A document signed by char-

conspiracy to destroy him.

Boishakhi Media Limited.

"I am a director of Boishakhi

within a span of five minutes.

examined his health.

newspapers on June 1.

After his release just before the

"We have always known that the environment influences health very profoundly, but these estimates are the best to date," said Dr. Anders Nordstrom, acting head of

"This will help us to demonstrate that wise investment to create a supportive environment can be a successful strategy in improving health and achieving development that is sustain-

Over 40 percent of deaths from malaria and an estimated 94 percent of deaths from diarrhoeal diseases, two of the world's biggest childhood killers, could be prevented through better environmental management, according to

Besides diarrhoea and malaria,

lems influenced by a poor environment are lower respiratory infections and various forms of accidental injuries.

Pointing to potential measures to reduce the burden, the WHO cited safer household water storage and better hygienic measures, as well as better overall management of water resources.

Also crucial, it said, are the use of cleaner and safer fuels, increased safety of the built environment and more judicious use and management of toxic substances in the home and work-

The report said that one way or another, the environment significantly affects more than 80 percent of a host of other major diseases, including cancer and heart condi-

### Bulu freed on bail

allowed to attend a programme as the vice-chairman," he ques-

Asked if he was tortured during police remand, Bulu declined to comment instantly saying he is seriously ill. He however said after recovery he will organise a news conference and disclose every-

At one point of his brief conversation with The Daily Star he started coughing and felt short of breath. Asked about his health, he said, "My hands and my body shake when I cough.

FAKE CASE AND ARREST WARRANT

Abdul Hannan Biswas, additional district magistrate of Barisal, checking the general record register of the cognisance court of Gournadi upazila found that this year 39 trial general record cases were filed with the police station until his investigation. Nine of those cases were filed in March,

Bulu was implicated in a case that is shown to be filed on March 4 and the case number is 13, which cannot be, since the records show that only nine cases were filed in

The additional district magistrate in his letter also mentioned that the signature on the interim arrest warrant against Bulu is not of any magistrate and the warrant was not issued by the cognisance court of Gournadi either.

#### Argentines warn FROM PAGE 1.

Boishakhi television. "If I am not a laid to rest after striker Mateia director then how could I be Kezman was sent off for a high tackle after 65 minutes.

Crespo got his second goal in the tournament in the 78th minute and substitute Carlos Tevez dribbled past two defenders to shot past Jevric six minutes later. The The complaint says that Anisur Rahman, former DIG of police, 18-year-old debutant Lionel Messi, hailed as Maradona's heir, marked defied a court order by not taking his return from injury with his first World Cup goal in only 15 minutes on the pitch.

Substitute Cambiasso said that Argentina were not going to get carried away but admitted confidence was sky-high.

We are very happy with the way we played as this was a very important game. We looked very solid and we are very confident," the Real Madrid defender said.

Pekerman was till taking a typically cautious approach for the final group match against the

Netherlands on June 21. "The quick goals we scored made this look easy, but I still believe this group is difficult," he

"We have a great team, a large number of good players, we feel

# **Prof Muzaffer**

as septuplets.

fundamental rights of the common people, they said.

The signatories of the statement are professors Salahuddin Ahmad, Khan Sarwar Murshid, Zillur Rahman Siddique, Mosharraf Hossain, Rehman Sobhan, Serajul Islam Choudhury, Anisuzzaman, Sanat Kumar Saha and Moinul

"He [Prof Muzaffer] had to pay a high personal price for his daunting courage, but that did not dissuade him from being in the forefront," they said, adding that deteriorating health has not deterred him from relentless activism and in fighting against corruption and for sustainable environment and for good governance.

"It is natural that those whose interests are harmed by his tenacious activism will resent him," the signatories said.

"But it is most regrettable that the media published a misleading story about him without checking their facts and attempted to malign the reputation of this highly revered individual," they observed.

It is clear from the clarifications issued by Prof Muzaffer Ahmed that he returned the remuneration paid to him for the first few months of the Tayub Hossain professorship because of delays in creating an environment for him to work in, and the university subsequently rescheduled his tenure of appointment, they said.

"A great deal of misinformation has been spread by television and newspaper stories, and it is surprising that this exemplary act of his returning money was not even

mentioned," they added. They regretted that the university has decided to discontinue the Tayub Hossain Chair because of the insistent pressure from the donor. "We are of the view that this sort of Chair is created more to

output," they said. They expressed hope that in the future donors will remember this and the media will be more responsible in publishing such baseless

keep a scholar associated with the

university than for instant research

Babar believes FROM PAGE 16 any criminal activities on our territory and we are maintaining

He said two of those who were killed admitted they were involved in the kidnapping and that the rest eight are members of their gang. "This is all what we know, we do not have details about them," Babar added.

that," Babar told the BBC.

When the BBC asked Babar about reports on Indian media on the use of Bangladesh territory by Indian insurgents, he said, "We are not aware of such criminal activities, India has told us about it many times earlier, but this is not logical and rightful," he said.

Babar said the raid was not conducted only on India's request, Bangladesh also had its own interest. "This is not the first time, whenever we get information we conducted raids and that is for our own interest," BBC quoted Babar as saying. He said they have already conducted eight to 10 such operation following intelligence collected by different Bangladeshi agencies.

Babar said many criminals from Bangladesh take screber in India and Bangladesh government has requested Indian government formally to take step regarding the matter.

#### DMC teacher FROM PAGE 16 retire after six months, his family

The body was sent to the DMCH morgue for autopsy. Prof Akteruzzaman was heading

the four-member medical board for DNA test of a former police official who claimed the parent-

#### **UNDP** team

the UN observers and other organisations like European Union (EU) if they seek the sup-In 2001 general election, the

UN sent 40 election observers. The official could not say the number of observers this time, which he said would depend on the report of the appraisal mission. The EU, which is planning a

large number of election observers, likely to be around 150, will send its exploratory mission to Dhaka in September. They were earlier scheduled to be here this month, but they deferred the schedule to accommodate operationally all EU election observation priorities for 2006.

The mission in September would arrive in good time to take stock of progress on electionrelated issues, including the preparation of the voter list and the development of the debate on electoral reform, said an EU offi-

He said the EU mission would be well placed to take account of the preceding missions by other organisations, including the UN. The EC delegation in Dhaka continues to follow election-related developments closely, he added.

#### 2 top outlaws FROM PAGE 1

for Singchhara in Atrai upazila at about 4:15am to recover hidden firearms and arrest their accompli-

When they reached the village, the accomplices of the PBCP leaders opened fire on the law enforcers, prompting them to retaliate.

Rab sources said Fazal and Muktar received bullets during the 'shootout". They were taken to Naogaon Hospital where the doctors declared them dead.

Fazal, son of Abdur Rahim of Damdama village, and Miuktar, son of Abdul Gafur of Bhar Tetulia village in Atrai upazila, were wanted in 30 cases including six for murder and 14 for extortion.

RAB recovered a rifle and a revolver from the scene.

## Hasina: Conspiracy

FROM PAGE 16 "People are facing acute hardship their 'partisan role and preparing for unbridled price-hike, shortage of

The AL chief said the Election Commission must answer to the people for spending Tk 64 crore in oreparing a 'false voter list' ignoring the High Court's order.

"People will not allow playing ducks and drakes with the voter list...it must be updated based on the existing list and made flawless for fair

"Since the massacre of August 15, 1975 a conspiracy is on to eliminate Awami League by killing its potential leaders and organisers, but the conspirators failed in their bid," she The grenade attacks on August 21

AMS Kibria and Ahsanullah Master, were designed to destroy her party, Hasina said, adding, "But Awami League cannot be eliminated." The Awami League president

and killings including those of Shah

strongly criticised the government for what she said was unleashing repression during the June 11 'Dhaka siege' and subsequent hartal when hundreds of her party leaders and workers, including former army chief Maj Gen (rtd) KM Shafiullah, were injured.

She said the BNP-Jamaat government had to arrest the JMB leaders under national and international pressure and but is treating them with special hospitality because all these militants were the creation of the alliance regime.

Reiterating her demand for international investigation, Hasina said the 'Pandora's Box' would have been opened if the international investigation were allowed into the August 21 grenade attacks, August 17 serial bombings and JMB militancy.

She blamed the government for 'tarnishing' the image of the country and 'appointing American lobbyists' to redeem the image by spending millions of dollars from the national exchequer.

After assuming power, the alliance government could not fulfil any of its election pledges; rather it indulged in corruption, loot and terrorism, keeping the people starved, Hasina said.

### Dialogue

society representatives will speak at the dialogue, a CPD press release said, adding that distinguished members of 'Nagorik Committee 2006' who are preparing a Vision Paper for Bangladesh will also be present to receive public feedback. public feedback.

power and electricity," she said, adding, "We will have to protect the people and the country from the hands of the corrupt and cruel government

Awami League leaders Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim MP, Kazi Zafrullah MP, Ataur Rahman Khan Kaiser Chittagong City unit President Abdul Mannan, Chittagong (North) President Mosharraf Hossain and Chittagong (South) President Akhtaruzzaman Chowdhury Babu were, among others, present at the

#### 14-party vows

FROM PAGE 16 money, torturing the opposition men, minorities and journalists

immediately after taking charge. AL presidium member Abdur Razzak also said that Khaleda Nizami government is now conspiring to rig the next elections as they now know that people will not vote for them.

Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal President Hasanul Haq Inu said four-party alliance government has failed in all sectors.

Workers Party President Rashed Khan Menon alleged said the alliance government has hiked prices of everyday essentials through a syndicate of Hawa Bhaban.

Mofazzel Chowdhury Maya, general secretary of Dhaka City AL, presided over the meeting where amyabadi Dal General Secretary Dilip Barua, Al. leaders Kamal Ahmed and Advocate Sahara Khatun and Gonotrantrik Party leader Asit Baran Das also spoke.

A protest procession was also brought out following the rally which paraded a number of city

After four days' antigovernment programmes, including Dhaka siege programme and 36-hour countrywide shutdown, AL led 14-party coalition announced that leaders and activists of their parties will lay siege to EC Secretariat in capital and district election offices across the country from 11:00am to 1:00pm on June 20.

The opposition combine and other political parties concerned will conduct mass communication across the country during June 22-30 to inform people about the misrule of the BNP-Jamaat alliance government and mobilise them in favour of their demands.

They will put blockades on highways and rail tracks and July 2 from 9:00am to 3:00pm.

# Senior-junior feuds

KM Obaidur Rahman, Chowdhury Tanveer Ahmed Siddique, Sheikh-Razzak Ali and Joint Secretary

BNP Joint Secretary General Abdullah Al Noman, however, denied all allegations of internal conflicts. Talking to The Daily Star, he brushed aside the senior leaders' comments, saying, "It is normal for a big party like BNP...All conflicts will be solved before the next general elections,"

A group of mid-level leaders want to keep pressure on the party high-ups to take action against some senior leaders who commented against Tarique on disciplinary grounds, sources said.

'Apart from the feuds at the top level, the party has also been suffering from conflicts at the grassroots level," said a district level leader of BNP. "The division is clear--one group has made money while depriving the other," he said, requesting anonymity.

The grassroots level leaders alleged at several programmes even in presence of Tarique that a section of party leaders has made illegal money since the four-party alliance government assumed office. They suggested that the government take actions against the corrupt ministers.

The grassroots level leaders are now worried about the comments and allegations made by senior leaders.

"I can't work in the party at the direction of Tarique Rahman--who is a joint secretary general--and even the secretary general. As a member of the standing committee, I will follow only the directions the party chairperson." Of Ahmed was recently quoted in newspaper.

In an interview with a daily, KM Obaidur Rahman said the senior leaders will welcome the junior leaders when they deserve.

"Those who are now enjoying all benefits will leave the country by the first available flight if the party fails to win the next elections, but the workers who served the party at bad times will stay and face the adverse situation," Chowdhury Tanveer said in a TV interview.

Former speaker Sheikh Razzak Ali blamed Jamaat for the present crisis in different sectors. "Jamaat has utilised government machinery to strengthen itself. It has not done anything for the country in the last four and a half years," he said. "If the Jamaat lawmakers are re-elected under the banner of the coalition, they will destroy the BNP in their areas," he added.

## Number of landless

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reluctance to distribute khas lands. In the last 10 years, the government has distributed almost no khas land among the landless people.

The land office sources said the national committee on khas land distribution has become almost defunct as it does not meet regu-"Most of the distributed khas

lands were delivered between 1981 and 1996," said a government official of the land office requesting anonymity. Government statistics say that since the independence of the country the government has so far distributed 44 percent of the 12 lakh acres of cultivable khas land.

But, Barakat's study shows that 88 percent of those lands have been occupied by wealthy and influential people. Only 12 percent landless people who received khas lands from the government are still owning those lands, and 46 percent of them could improve their economic conditions.

"In the last 10 years the government allocated almost no khas land," said the official from the land office. According to different sources, a

emerged chars have not been marked as khas land. "When a new char emerges,

land officials don't make entry of it as khas land and influential people grab it by making fake documents, said Raoshan Jahan Moni, programme officer of the Association for Land Reform and Development (ALRD).

She gave an example of Boyar Char in Noakhali. "People started living on Boyar Char no less than 10 years ago. But land officials have yet to mark it as khas land. So influential people made fake documents and grabbed the entire char," she said.

Researchers say that the economic condition of the ultra poor section of the population could be improved if the government would offer an aid package. "After allocating land the gov-

ernment should assist the poor to earn money through productivity on that land. Otherwise, just a piece of land doesn't mean a thing to an ultra poor person because he or she needs other financial help to grow something on that land," said Altaf Parvez, a researcher who does research on landless women of the good portion of lands and newly country.

#### No trace yet

Begum filed a case with the Mirpur PS early vesterday accusing Jahan and two other unidentified boys.

She told The Daily Star that Jahan had visited her house several times four months back and that she had forbidden her son to mix with Jahan whose behaviour seemed suspicious to her.

#### Nuke incentive

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"Pay attention to the fact that Hiroshima is only a few hundred kilometers away," he said, referring to one of the Japanese cities that was bombed.

"We believe that war-minded and selfish nations must correct their behavior if they want to have a place in the future world."

Iran has previously given mixed signals over whether it will accept the incentive offer, made by the United States, China, Russia, Britain, France and Germany to Tehran on June 6.

Iran's ambassador to the International Atomic Energy Agency, Ali Asghar Soltanieh, said Thursday the international community's "carrot-and-stick" policy over Iran's nuclear program was counterproductive.

"Humiliation and the use of language of threat of referring the nuclear dossier to the UN Security Council... have had a serious impact on mutual trust and confidence on parties involved and thus the process of negotiations," he said.

Ayatollah Ali Khamenei also said Thursday his country would not bow to pressure over its atomic program, implicitly rejecting the calls to suspend enrichment. "The Islamic Republic of Iran will not bend to these pressures. The continuation of this scien-

Iran's supreme leader

tific progress is its fundamental and basic right," Iranian state television quoted Khamenei as saying. The incentives package includes the lifting of some US trade sanctions and international support for the "building of new light water reactors in Iran," according to a copy of the pro-posal shown to AFP.

#### Terrorism

ICFM bears a special significance asit will pave the way for the forthcoming Islamic Summit, scheduled to be held in Senegal later this year with substantial number of issues of great importance on the agenda.

Foreign ministers from Muslim countries attending the meeting are expected to deliberate on recent developments in the Middle East and other issues pertinent to the Muslim Ummah, they said. Issues to be addressed by the

ICFM also include Middle East peace process and the discord petween Iran and International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). According to the programme schedule, opening ceremony of the 33rd session of ICFM will take

place at the Gulustan Palace in the

morning of June 19. President of

the Republic of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev will inaugurate the meet. The inaugural session will also be addressed by Foreign Minister of Yemen also Chairman of the 32nd ICFM Dr Abu Baker Al Qirbi Secretary-General of OIC Dr Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu, Foreign Minister of Malaysia Syed Hamid Albar, and Foreign Minister of Azerbaijan Elmar Mammadyarov.

On the sideline of the 3-day ICFM, Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation will be holding a photo exhibition.

The Islamic Conference Youth Forum for Dialogue and Cooperation, an institution affiliated with OIC has planned a series of presentations with a view to introducing youth issues into the agenda of OIC and to brief the delegations on youth activities. Among the activities at the side

of the conference are the following: presentation of youth activities to the foreign ministers and heads of delegations, presentation of the book series titled 'Humanitarian tragedies in the OIC countries', and presentation of youth activities to OIC and the international media.

Countries having observer status in OIC will also participate in the Baku conference. Russia's Foreign Affairs Minister Sergei Lavrov will also arrive in Baku to attend the 33rd meeting of OIC Foreign Ministers' Board. Russia has been participating in OIC as an observer since June last year. This will be its first participation in a ministerial level OIC meeting.

#### Mass arrest

husband Ruhul Amin, who works at a video shop at Mugda, and implicated him in a theft case as she could not bribe police.

"Police wanted Tk 1,000 from me through a broker for my husband's release from the police station. As I could not arrange the money, my husband was implicated in the theft case," Asma said with tears in her eyes.

# 45 Taliban rebels killed in Paktia bombings

AFP, Kabul

Coalition and Afghan troops continued their push against the Taliban Friday after killing 45 in surgents in an air and ground strike and as NATO warned it would deal "robustly" with

The "enemy fighters" were killed in a strike in a remote, mountainous rebel stronghold in southeastern Paktika province, on the border with Pakistan, the US-led force said late

The strike -- which began

#### Holland

But Ivory Coast pulled one back in the 38th minute through Nice striker Bakary Kone who was allowed to run across the face of the edge of the penalty box before drilling an excellent shot high beyond Dutch goal-keeperEdwin van der Sar.

That crowned a period of good possession for the Africans, who had come within inches of scoring five minutes earlier through Didier Zokora, whose cracking 25-yard shot beat van der Saronly to come back off

Didier Drogba, who was booked for fouling van der Sar and will miss the last match against the Serbs. missed the chance to draw the Ivory Coast level in the 42nd minute, making a hash of a two-on-one with fellow striker Aruna Kone unmarked

and the goalline begging.

Kone then went close in injury time with a shot that rifled over van der Sar's crossbar.

The second-half opened with several shots on target, the best effort coming from a van Nistelrooy pile driver that drifted high at the last Aruna Kone then blasted over the

crossbar as the Dutch defence seemed happy to hang off the dan-gerous midfield thrusts of Ivory Drogba led the charge even though the introduction by van Basten of imposing Hamburg hardman Khalid Boulahrouz did add some steel to the Dutch back four

Robben, whose darting sorties had been well tracked by Emmanuel Eboue in the game, had his first shot on goal in the 70th minute, but Tizie was up to the task. An effort with five minutes to play was blasted high. Van Persie turned saviour in the 77th minute, chesting away a dan-gerous Drogba header that had nutmegged Boulahrouz, beaten van

der Sar and was headed for the back The Africans continued to press and the Dutch captain was forced into a series of smart saves, notably of a Gilles Yapi Yapo shot, in the tense

TEAMS HOLLAND: Edwin Van der Sar, Johnny Heitinga (Khalid Boulahrouz 46), Andre Ooijer, Joris Mathijsen, Giovanni Van Bronckhorst; Mark Van Bommel, Wesley Sneijder (Rafael Van der Vaart 50), Phillip Cocu; Robin Van Landzaat 73), Arjen Robben. Yellow card: Robben, Mathijsen, van

IVORY COAST: Jean-Jacques Tizie; Emmanuel Eboue, Kolo Toure, Abdoulaye Meite, Arthur Boka; Didier Zokora, Yaya Toure, Romaric (Gilles Yapi Yapo 62), Bakary Kone (Aruna Dindane 62); Didier Drogba, Arouna Kone (Kanga Akale 73 Yellowcard: Zokora, Drogba, Boka

#### Nepal govt FROM PAGE 16

Referee: O Ruiz (Colombia)

Attendance:52,000

discussed promptly. "We are pretty optimistic, but arms management has to be raised," the diplomat said on condition of

"They are all pushing for early (constituent assembly) elections and you have to have (arms) decommissioning before the elections, so it's not too early to make a commit-ment to disarmament," the diplomat

Friday's meeting was historic, said Kapil Shrestha, a political science professor at Nepal's Tribhuvan University,
"Now it will be difficult for the

Maoists to return to the jungle as they

have come too far from their earlier position," Shresthasaid. This shows that both the government and the Maoists are sincere and serious enough to establish peace in

the country," he said.

Koirala, 84, was due to fly to Bangkok for medical treatment on Prachanda, whose name means

"the fierce one", disappeared a decade ago to wage a rebellion that has claimed more than 12,500 lives But the rebels, who entered into a loose alliance with the seven-party coalition last year, have observed a ceasefire with the interim govern

Gyanendra to end 14 months of direct rule and reopen parliament. Nepal's newly-reinstated parlia-ment adjourned Thursday for 18 days in an effort to boost the peace

ment that came to power in April

after mass protests forced

process. Parliament reconvened for the first time in four years in April but the rebels have been calling for the dissolution of the house and the establishment of a new interim government in which they too will be

The current peace initiative is the third since Nepal's Maoist insur-gency erupted. Two previous attempts to hammer out a peace deal failed and the impoverished nation was plunged back into conflict.

Wednesday and ended Thursday was part of Operation Mountain Thrust, the biggest push against militants since the fall of the Taliban

government nearly five years ago, it said in a statement. Involving more than 10,000 Afghan and coalition troops who have been put in place in the south over the past few months, the opera-

tion was launched in mid-May. It is intended to "set the conditions" for NATO's takeover in the coming weeks of command of the volatile south, which is the birthplace

the most insurgency-linked violence, Despite the presence of more than 30,000 troops and the growing capacity of the Afghan security forces, insurgents have been able to launch significant attacks in the past weeks, increasing fears of a Taliban

aimed at people working with for eign companies.

of Kandahar. Five interpreters, a cleaner and a driver were killed on the bus, coalition spokesman Major Quentin Innessaid. The three other dead were

Taliban spokesman Yousuf Ahmadi said the group was targeted because "these people were working Anvone, anywhere in Afghanistan working for US forces will be targeted. They must quit

from a secret location. In a separate attack two men employed by a Turkish road con-struction company were killed when a bomb exploded under their vehicle

in southwestern Nimroz province.

### Suu Kyi's relative files petition with

AFP, Washington A family member of Myanmar's jailed pro-democracy leader Aung

The petition was filed just as the Geneva-based council officially took over at 2200GMT on Thursday from abolished by the world body as part It was filed on the relative's behalf

Now, a US-based group striving to free "prisoners of conscience" across Freedom Now submitted the petition directly to the UN Working Group on Arbitrary detention, a five-

FROM PAGE 1 Earlier, Angola defender Jamba cleared off the line from substitute

coach Ricardo La Volpe's five-man backline struggled to get forward fast enough to trouble an African team who defended deep from the start.

eeper Joao Ricardo from point blankrange. Mexico's captain and Barcelona centre back Rafael Marquez also smacked a free kick off the post in the

right footer from about 20 metres just

over the bar. Lone striker and captain Akwa ueiredo's nicely-curled freekick.

Osorio, Rafael Marquez, Carlos Guillermo Franco (Jose Fonseca 74). ANGOLA: Joao Ricardo; Delgado, (44), Kalanga (50), Ricardo (86).

Attendance: 43,000

of the Taliban movement and sees

The rebel movement, which wants foreign "infidels" to leave Afghanistan, directs most of its attacks at Afghan and coalition troops but also targets people siding with the new government or working on reconstruction projects.
On Thursday 13 Afghans were killed in bomb blasts apparently with for-

Ten people were killed in the deadliest attack on civilians in months when a timebomb exploded on a bus taking workers to a coalition-run air field in the southern city

bystanders. Sixteen people were wounded, he said.

working for Americans or their friends," he told AFP by telephone

# UN HR council

petition with a new UN human rights

by the country's military junta.

Human Rights, which has been of UN reforms. by American lawyer Jared Genser, who is also president of Freedom

member panel of human rights experts led by Algerian Judge Leila Zerrougui which will operate under

## 10-man Angola

Jesus Arellano after Ricardo saved from Mexico striker Guillermo The Mexicans started well but

The first half's best chance fell to Franco, who picked up a loose ball in the box only to hit his shot straight at

13th minute from just outside the Angola again seemed awestruck and their first meaningful attack did not come until the 23rd minute, when Figueiredo fired a powerful

looked an isolated figure up front against Mexico's three central defenders until a switch in the second half. But he also went close after MEXICO: Oswaldo Sanchez; Ricardo

Salcido; Mario Mendez, Gerardo Torrado, Pavel Pardo, Gonzalo ineda (Ramon Morales 79), Zinha Jesus Arellano 52); Omar Bravo, mba, Kali, Loco; Andre, Mateus Mantorras 68), Mendonca, figueiredo (Rui Marques 73), Ze Galanga (Miloy 83); Akwa. ellow card: Delgado (13), Andre Red card: Andre (79)

Referee: Shamsul Maidin (Singa-