said in his argument before the HC

"Accused Hasan did not have any conflict with his nephew Atiqur Rahman Masum. Masum was surprised at Hasan's activities since the night of Shazneen's murder although he had never suspected his activities earlier," the DAG said.

Reference Bench comprising Justice Ali Asgar Khan and Justice Emdadul

Shazneen Tasnim Rahman, youngest daughter of leading busi-nessman Latifur Rahman and a class IX student of Scholastica, was raped and killed at her Gulshan residence on April 23, 1998.

the Gulshan Police Station the same night and the police filed another case during investigation under the Women and Children Repression

Masum, also an uncle of Shazneen, introduced Syed Sajjad Mainuddin Hasan alias Azad to Shazneen's father Latifur Rahman and got him the repair work at Latifur's house two and a half years before the murder.

house several times informing about Shazneen's killing, Hasan's wife told him that he was sleeping. Masum wondered how Hasan could sleep even after learning about such an incident at Latifur Rahman's house, pointed out the DAG

saidWaliur. When Masum later asked Hasan why he did not go to Latifur's house on April 23 night, he told him that his

The prosecution pointed out how the statements of witnesses

Demand for EPZ in Sylhet

convicts Minu and Parvin gave

contradictory statements. "Minu

and Parvin's statements gave rise to the suspicion about their role,"

It was learnt from witnesses Akku Chowdhury and Mahbubur Rahman's statement that a chisel

was recovered from the roof of

accused Humayun's servant quarter. The prosecution told the court

that accused Shahid and Humayur

(who was acquitted for his death) gave detailed description during

extra-judicial confession about how

Shazneen was raped and killed. They

also recovered some evidence. The

made the confession spontaneously

and the confessions need to be taken into consideration while taking

decision in the higher courts, said the

prosecution.
The DAG said witness of convict

Hasan's conspiracy, Sufia who is a domestic help at Shazneen's sister's

house, also gave confessional state-ment spontaneously. Convicts Minu

and Parvin told her on April 23 that Hasan had planned to kill Shazneen. Sufia also saw Hasan talking to them. But Hasan and convict Badal threat-

ened her with death if she discloses

the statements of Shazneen's domestic help Moslem Hawlader

and Metropolitan Magistrate Narayan Chandra Das.

Prevention of Women and Children Repression, Dhaka on September 2,

2003 convicted six accused and

ordered to hang them until death. The convicts are Hasan, domestic

help Shahidul Islam alias Shahid, his

assistant Badal, carpenter Shaniram

Mandal and housemaids Estema

Razzak Khan, Assistant Attorney

General Zinat Akhtar Nazli Begum

and advocates Mohammad Nazmu

Haq and Sahara Parvin moved the

case for the prosecution. Advocate

Mosharraf Hossain Kajal moved for

Additional Attorney General

Khatun Minu and Parvin.

The Second Special Tribunal for

The prosecution also mentioned

percent of the nation's remittances from abroad, come from the expatri-

An EPZ in the Sylhet region would have a huge potential, Prof Kamal said, but no government so far took the initiative although the necessity for such a venture had been felt for long in the context of the region's age old link with the UK and other foreign countries.

are still absent in the country, he said, but despite facing serious obstacles, some private initiatives achieved well in the region during the last decade. He stressed on the need for opening new avenues for productive investments in the country.

MA Razzaque Chowdhury, former president of Sylhet Chamber of Commerce and Industries (SCCI) also a director of the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) said no step has yet been taken to make viable the 30 textile mills set up in the region in the eighties. The mills have become sick due to absence of government assistance, he claimed. Young entrepreneurs of the new age need technical assistance, he said stressing the need for establishing gas and agrobased industries in the region.

SCCI President Faruque Ahmed Misbah said, with a better road and rail link with the capital now, Sylhet has better communication with the rest of the country. For enhancing trade facilities with the north-eastern region of India, the government should immediately think about setting up an EPZ in the Sylhet

SCCI has already started preparing a model study and feasibility study on setting up an EPZ or industrial park in Sylhet with assistance from a foreign firm as well as from Shahjalal University of Science &

"Very soon the studies will be ready and then we will submit those to the government for early implementation," he added. He stressed the need for creating scopes for nonresident Bangladeshis (NRBs) for development of our national econ-

to collect data on senior citizens in

provide the pension to the poor

correctly identify the poor through

the survey, the government can start this scheme within the next two

months," the finance minister told

the press following the cabinet committeemeeting. "Conducting the survey will be a

difficult task as the social welfare ministry has to accurately catego-

rise the floating people scattered all

In the current budget, the gov-

for its social safety net scheme for

the senior citizensincreasing both

the number of beneficiaries and the

With a budget of around Tk 700

About complaints that a part of

crore, the scheme is now benefiting

around 30 lakh marginalised peo-

this sum leaks out to wrong hands,

Saifur said, "When the country's rich people have swindled over Tk

30,000 crore from different banks, if

some poor people have swindled

some money from this scheme -- it's

not that bad. Even if they have

siphoned off Tk 50 crore from this scheme -- it's still better, because

this has gone to some poor people.

Blasting the country's econo-mists who criticised the small incre-

ment of the pension during the

have tons of useless brain -- but not

even an ounce of practical knowl-

Nicholas Burns

Burn's meeting with Bangladesh State Minister for Home Affairs Lutfozzaman Babar, who is now in the US on an official visit, in

Washington on Tuesday.

Terming the US-Bangladesh relation excellent and stressing the

need for strengthening it, Babar

thanked the US President George W Bush and US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice for their letter to

Bangladesh Prime Minister Khaleda

The Bangladesh minister

Zia, said the home ministry release.

thanked Burns for US cooperation for Bangladeshi law enforcers

capacity building while Burns thanked him for taking adequate

security measures for the US

Embassy in Dhaka and other US

Babar also attended a luncheon meeting in the Capitol building where Chief Deputy Whip and the Co-chair of Bangladesh caucus Joseph Crowley (D-NY), and former

Congressman Benjamin Gilman

attended. Crowley lauded Bangladesh's role as an ally of US in

Coordinator for Counter Terrorism

in the State Department

where they discussed how to increase US cooperation for ensur-

ing Bangladesh internal security

and improvement of law and order

Akhtar Ahmed and other senior

meeting and luncheon.

Bangladesh Ambassador to the

Ambassador Henry Crumpton

Babar also had a meeting with

the fight against terrorism.

current fiscal year, Saifur said,

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establishments.

situation.

amount of the pension.

ple, Saifur pointed out.

around the urban areas," he noted.

'If the social welfare ministry can

Pension

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among them.

omy.

The chamber leader also urged stones from government lands. the government to prepare a legal framework to allow gas based power

plants in the private sector. Vice-chairman of Chittagong Stock Exchange Fokhor Uddin Ali Ahmed suggested that the government should take immediate and effective legal steps to stop indiscriminate cutting of hills and extrac-tion of stones in the Sylhet region. He also suggested that the government should lease out the management of Sylhet Osmani International Airport to the private sector as soon as possible. The airport should be made an international one in real sense, he

Executive Officer of Overseas Centre Shamsul Alam stressed the need for immediate inclusion of

Chairman of Zakaria City Holiday Resort Dr Zakaria Hossain said adequate security should be provided to genuine investors for the sake of the national economy. He also said infrastructural facilities should be provided by the government to ensure proper investment friendly atmosphere.

identified corruption by government officials and political unrest as obstacles to industrialisation in the region.

ruption by the officials should be brought under control immediately for attracting our expatriates to

Director of British-Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce and Industries Hiikil Gulzar said road communication between Sylhet and Chittagong should be improved immediately for ensuring easy transportation of exportable goods from

Sylhet Press Club President Muktabis Un Noor said, "We will lose our next generation of NRBs if we fail to get them involved now. They are fast getting detached from their parental homeland."

Companiganj, Taiyabur Rahman said corruption at all levels of bureaucracy is the main obstacle to development activities.

He also blamed elected representatives and the local administration for fast destruction of hills and forests through indiscriminate felling of

trees and random extraction of

President of Bangladesh Association, UK Shafiqur Rahman Chowdhury said the expatriates want one stop service for quick investment in the country. There are scopes for attracting good number of NRBs to invest in the country, he said adding that joint venture investments can also be launched. But law and order and other facilities should be ensured immediately, he pointed

Deputy Director of Board of Investment of Sylhet Emdadul Haque said SME Banking is the need of the hour on regional basis for speedy investment in new sectors. He also stressed the need for an interministerial body to facilitate quicker investment on regional basis.

Central Vice-president of Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA) Dr Shamimur Rahman said the government should play the role of a facilitator in the matters of investment. There is a great demand for investment in the medical sector, he said. He also urged the government to create legal provisions to allow NRBs to set up small scale and gas-based power plants in the Sylhet region, where there is a huge reserve of natural resources.

Prof MA Aziz said corruption has been eating up most of the country's development ventures. It should be stopped at any cost, he asserted. The new generation of NRBs are losing their interest in Bangladesh, due to our negligence. We must think about the crisis," he said adding, "we should create specific opportunities for ensuring investment from them immediately." He also emphasised the need for improving the law and order situation in the country.

The Daily Star Editor Mahfuz Anam urged the business leaders, educationists and other intellectuals of Sylhet to form a caucus with representatives from different quarters to work as a pressure group with a view to utilising the investment opportunities in the region as well as for promoting business in greater Sylhet. "We must involve the NRBs with the process of devel-

Outlaws kill

FROM PAGE 16 Alamdanga upazila in Chuadanga. Police said that the dead were

involved with the ML faction of the

Quoting the victims' family members, police said that the cadres of Communist War went to the house of Abul at Kastdah village around 1:00am and took him hostage at gunpoint when he came out

The gang then went to adjacent Dukhu's house and also held him

Earlier the outlaws picked up Raju from his house at Uzirpur of adjacent Alamdanga upazila. The gang then took all three to Padma beel (a water body) and

slaughtered them. Locals found the bodies and informed police yesterday morn-

Police recovered and sent the bodies to Meherpur General Hospital for autopsy.

Later, a person identifying himself as Raj and a leader of Communist War, called the local journalists and claimed the responsibility for the incident.

On June 15-16, the outlawed cadres killed three people in Chuadanga and Kushtia including two farmers and a rival cadre.

Ahmadiyyas FROM PAGE 16 "Such a declaration of terrorism

and their activities in the name of Islam are enough to ban the organisations. It is also tarnishing the image of the country in the abroad," the letters read.

Zealots conducted hate campaign yesterday from two trucks in front of the Ashkona Ahmadiyya Jame Mosque, vowing to oust Ahmadiyyas form the area after capturing their mosque. The zealots took shelter at the Northapara Babus Salam Kowmi Madrasa, Dakkhinkhan Bazaar Al Arabi Kowmi Madrasa, Falan Kowmi Madrasa, Moktarbari Kowmi Madrasa and Askona Bazar Boro Mosque Kowmi Madrasa.

"Encouraged apparently by the government's policy, the funda-mentalists dared to attack our men and capture our mosques across the country again and again," Central Ahmadiyya Missionary Abdul Awal Khan told The Daily

Rights organisations -- the Ain O Salish Kendra, Bangladesh Mahila Parishad, Bangladesh Coalition for Child Rights, Bangladesh Development Partnership, Nari O Manobadhikar Foundation, Nari Pokkho and Durbar Network-yesterday announced at a press conference that they would go to Ashkona to resist the fanatics.

RU ready

FROM PAGE 16 will end up like the controversial appointments of 546 employees in 2004. This illegal recruitment may also create unrest on the campus.

joint convener of '546 employee association' told the newsmen that the university authorities assured them of legalising their jobs and shift them to the newly vacant posts. Otherwise, they threatened to go for agitation.

committee member of the university, told the reporters that RU management cannot ignore the local political pressure in the new

When asked over the 'recruit-ment business' and illegal dealings, the RU Vice-chancellor Prof Altaf Hossain said that they have heard the allegations. "We will strictly resist any element trying to create unrest in the campus over recruitment like previous years, the VC said.

Rajuk

The Rajuk officials said the structures were illegal while the locals claimed that those were on private It is possible for the BNP-led four-

land. party alliance government to realise "We are to remove the illegal structures as per direction of our higher authorities," said Shamsur Rahman, who introduced himself as the authorised officer of the

> The occupiers of the land, on the other hand, claimed that there was a court injunction upon the land and the Rajuk authorities conducted the eviction drive in

"Even our lawyers came and showed them the court order but they did not listen," said Naminuddin alias Bhasani who claimed to inherit the land from his

father. The agitated occupiers of the land also alleged that the Rajuk authorities did not serve any notice to them for removing their stuff

from there. "They just came and started knocking down the things. Even they did not give us any chance to remove our belongings from there," a Lal Sabuz staff said, add-

ing, "They even took off the signboard of the newspaper." However, people who claimed ownership of the land admitted

that there was dispute regarding the land with the Rajuk authorities.

the Rajuk authorities acquired in 1958 but they did not do anything with it. So I filed a case in 1987 to get back the land and the case is going on in the High Court," said Naminuddin who claimed the quantity of land would not be less

and his brothers sold out the disputed land to different people including some real estate housing companies though the legal battle is going on in the court regarding

Oriental Bank

Ordinance, 1969.

Although the shares of Oriental Bank are not enlisted with the Chittagong Stock Exchange (CSE), the SEC informed CSE about its decision.

Sources said, the suspicious rise in the share price of Oriental Bank also prompted Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman to call up the BB governor and the SEC chairman and to instruct them about particular measures to be taken. 'We have already started a spe-

cial investigation into the Oriental Bank issue," Saifur told the media at the Secretariat yesterday adding, 'after I woke up in the morning, talked to the finance secretary, governor of BB, and the people of stock exchange and told them what we should do about it.'

The central bank in its letter to the SEC said it is necessary to stop transfer of Oriental Bank's owner ship for properly determining the asset-liabilities of the financial institution. The letter also said the Bangladesh Bank believes that all transfers and transactions of the shares of Oriental Bank should be suspended.

The letter added that the problem bank is suffering from a massive shortfall of capital and provision. It s deeply troubled by a huge accumulation of classified loans, income shortage, ineffective management, severe liquidity crisis and above all, a financial crisis. In this situation, to protect the interest of the depositors and to maintain public confidence on the banking system, the Bangladesh Bank dissolved the board of directors of Oriental Bank, removed its chief executive, and appointed an administrator, said theletter. SEC Chairman Faruk Ahmed

Siddique told journalist, "We have taken this measure to protect the interest of the general shareholders of Oriental Bank, so that they are not affected by unusual trading.

Upon completion of the ongoing BB investigation and filing of the report on the financial health of Oriental Bank, the SEC in consultation with the central bank will take

Hasina

FROM PAGE 16 hours behind schedule.

Her delayed arrival is understood to have caused the postponement of the meeting with Singh this evening. Hasina will visit Ajmer and offer orayers at the shrine of Khwaja

Moninuddin Chisti tomorrow before her return to Delhi for the meeting with the Indian PM. Hasina is expected to meet Sonia, Defence Minister Pranab Mukherjee

and Leader of the Opposition LK She will then fly to Kolkata where

she will be given the Mother Teresa Lifetime Achievement Award at a unction on June 25, a member of the award committee said. "Hasina will be given the Mother Teresa Lifetime Achievement Award

on June 25. She has confirmed particpation at the function," Chairman of the Mother Teresa International and Millennium Award Committee (MTIMAC) Arun Biswas said yester-The Bangladesh Deputy High

Commissioner's office said Hasina will arrive in Kolkata on June 24. After receiving the award on June 25, she will leave the metropolis on June 26. Veteran filmstar Dev Anand, also

being given the Mother Teresa Lifetime Achievement Award, is likely to attend the function, Biswas

Denying reports that the awards will be given away by Sonia Gandhi, he said it would be given either by the Church of North India's Bishop of Kolkata Rev PSP Raju or the Roman Catholic Church's Vicar-General of the Kolkata Archdiocese Michael Baaju, both of whom would be presentatthefunction.

Actors Madhavi Chakraborty and Sabitri Chatterjee, singers Arati Mukherjee and Haimanti Shukla, Vice-Chancellor of Calcutta University Ashish Banerjee and former Indian cricket team captain

Souray Ganguly will also be given the

award.

The MTIMAC is part of the West Bengal Minority and Weaker Sections Council, a secular forum established in 1986 by, among others, former West Bengal chief minister Prafulla Chandra Sen and Roman Catholic Bishop Lineus Gomes.

its next step regarding share transaction of the troubled bank, he said.

The BB meanwhile started a detailed investigation into Oriental Bank's history of activities to find out which persons using their own

names or pseudonyms tookloans. Oriental Bank has an accumu-lated loss of Tk 450 crore. Banking sources said the loss was caused by unscrupulous borrowing by the owners of the bank using false names, which have never been returned. Many of the owners also bought their shares of the bank

using fictitious names. The sources point out that the loans taken by the owners are much bigger than the value of their shares. That is why, they are desperate to sell out their shares in the market and get away, the sources claim. They said a number of 'extremely powerful people' are behind the

fictitious names. While the central bank was in the process of deciding to takeover Oriental Bank, the influential owners of the problem bank were alleg-edly lobbying the government to delay the takeover by six months so they could evade the scrutiny.

Ivory Coast FROM PAGE 1

Zigic and Ilich gave Serbia & Montenegro a 2-0 lead inside 20 minutes before Dindane struck twice in either half.

The theoretically meaningless game was played in continual rain. torrential at first, but there was nothing damp about the action on the pitch which was an exciting spectacle.

The crunching tackles and repeated yellow cards, seven in the first half alone, showed neither side wanted to end fourth in a group generally regarded as the toughest at this World Cup.

The result left Serbia & Montenegro, playing in their last match as one team after Montenegro's vote for independence, without a point. Both sides had already lost to Argentina and Netherlands and had no chance to qualify for the last 16.

The West Africans followed their now familiar pattern of letting in two early goals, before halving the advantage -- they lost 2-1 to Argentina and Netherlands -showing they continue to suffer defensive lapses despite their efforts to solve them.

The Serbs, seeking self-respect after a 6-0 drubbing by Argentina in their last game, again had a man sent off as substitute stand-in left back Albert Nadj was shown a second yellow just before the-

lajuddin

Combined Military Hospital (CMH) in Dhaka under the supervision of a medical board, the president will be discharged from the hospital on June 24 'if everything goes smooth' and will go to his Bangabhaban resi-

When Iajuddin will resume his office totally depends on the decision of the medical board that is examininghim, sources said.

"A seven-member medical board headed by National Professor Brigadier General (Rtd) MA Malik has examined his health condition at the CMH today and said the president will return to his official residence on June 24 for rest and further treatment," said M Mukhlesur Rahman Chowdhury, press secretary to the president.

The medical board will review his health condition in one or two weeks, hesaid.

"The president will be able to take the charge when the board says he is fit for it," said the source, adding that till then Speaker Jamiruddin Sircar will continue as acting president.

The 75-year-old president was flown to Singapore on May 24 for treatment of his cardiac complications a day after he was admitted to Dhaka CMH following his chest pain.

He came back to the country on Tuesday after having bypass surgery at Mount Elizabeth Hospital in Singapore and was admitted to Dhaka CMH again.

Saddam lawyer killed

and busy clothing markets. In the latest attack, two people were killed and four wounded in a

bombing outside a busy restaurant in Sadr City, according to an interior ministry official. Another seven people were killed

by gunmen in a string of attacks on Tuesday and Wednesday in and around the restive city of Baquba northeast of Baghdad where insurgent attacks have surged in Baquba in the past few months.

US forces-in Iraq, General George Casey, was scheduled to hold talks with US Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld in Washington expected to review the prospects for a US troop reduction.

two US soldiers were found south of Baghdad following their abduction

by insurgents Friday.

disappeared in the vicinity of Yusifiyah." He said the bodies of Kristian Menchaca, 23, and Thomas Tucker,

25, were being flown home for an autopsy and formal identification. Caldwell refused to confirm that they had been brutally tortured and viciously killed" as indicated by an

Iraqi armygeneral. An Al-Qaeda in Iraq-led coalition claimed responsibility for the soldiers' killing in an Internet statement. following several warnings by the group to avenge the death of its

former leader Jordanian-born Abu Musab al-Zarqawi in a US air strike A US soldier was killed when his comrades were abducted and another died in the 8,000-strong hunt for the missing soldiers, the

military said. "It is a reminder that this is a brutal enemy that does not follow any of the rules," White House

national security adviser Stephen Hadleysaid. The mounting US casualties, which have surpassed 2,500 since the US-led invasion in 2003, come amid

a heated debate between President George W. Bush's Republican party and Democrats in Congress, who have demanded a timetable for a drawdown of the some 130,000 US troops in the country.

Anisuzzaman Khan and Ahmed Shafi Chowdhury made it clear that

FROM PAGE 16 against him," Deputy Attorney General (DAG) ABM Waliur Rahman Death Reference Bench.

Yesterday's hearing on the trial court's order at the HC Death

Prevention Act. Scrutinising Masum's statement yesterday, Waliur pointed out that

motorbike was out of order.

Dutch hold Argentina

winners Portugal on Monday.

thank for a clean sheet. Argentine strikers Lionel Messi

the Dutch defence early on with their tight combinations of fast, accurate passing and blistering counter-attacking speed. in the eighth minute, playing a dangerous through ball into the area, which Boulahrouz just man-

aged to get his foot to ahead of the onrushing Esteban Cambiasso and Nicolas Burdisso.

Man-of-the-match Tevez had a

FROM PAGE 1 room to listen to music at about 2:15pm and locked the door.

went out for a bath. Emon then told her that Ashim kicked him in the belly and struck his head against house and went out to work at

informed her that Emon was taken to a local hospital after he fell sick. The child was later taken to the Dhaka Medical College and

and blood was clogged inside the body, adding that the body also bore injuries in the head. Ashim, however, told The Daily

Star that he only slapped the boy while he was teaching him, but Anwara said that Ashim never taughtherson. Meanwhile, Shyampur police

factory at Kadamtali Industrial area yesterday morning. The dead were identified as a great strike by Tevez in the 73rd Abul Bashar, 25, and Helal Uddin,

Salimullah Medical College morgue. He claimed that the dead were missing since Tuesday eve-

morgue sources said

logged plot at Azampur yesterday Police said the body was dumped several days ago and was

aged around 25, from a water-

night and sent it for autopsy The daughter of the deceased later identified him at the Kamalapur Rallway Station as

police sources said. train to mughim before killing him.

chance just after the quarter-hour, turning inside Phillip Cocu and unleashing a powerful left-footed shot just past the outside post of captain van der Sar, who was winning his 112th cap to draw level on all-time appearances for the Oranje with Frank de Boer.

The Netherlands' best chance

came a minute later, but Dirk Kuyt

illed a shot just wide. Van der Sar was then called into midfield duo Maxi Rodriguez and action in the 27th minute to punch Juan Riquelme, caused havoc in away a swerving Riquelme corner. From the ensuing corner Kuyt brought down Tevez on the edge of the box and the Dutch fans had the imposing 1.91m frame of

> lunged to fend off the free-kick from Tevez's feet onto the post and Rodriguez then watched in agony as his blistering half-volley

Boulahrouz to thank again as he

beat van der Sar but drifted late and shaved off the post. On the stroke of half-time, van der Sar saved a Messi shot after the Barcelona striker was allowed far

too much time in front of goal. The second-half started with Riquleme taking advantage of the Dutch defence standing off to fire a shot that narrowly missed goal, and Rodriguez following up shortly after with a shot that flew high.

clamp down the Argentinians, Wesley Sneijder and Cocu - winning his 100th cap - dropping into deeper positions to nullify the threat of the free-running Tevez. But the Netherlands were

obviously lacking the creative

But the Dutch did manage to

spark provided by the rested Arjen Robben, Giovanni van Bronkhorst and Mark Van Bommel. That said, the Dutch pressure almost paid off in the 67th minute,

Cocu going close after good work by Rafael van der Vart. With Messi and Riquelme both replaced by coach Jose Pekerman, the game fizzled out somewhat and swung towards the Dutch.

But it was fittingly left to the

record-equalling van der Sar to

save the day for the Dutch, defying

his 35 years to superbly palm away minute.

TEAMS NETHERLANDS: Edwin Van der Sar (cap) - Kew Jaliens, Andre Ooijer, Khalid Boulahrouz, Tim de Cler - Rafael Van der Vaart, Wesley Sneijder (Hedwiges Maduro 86), Phillip Cocu - Robin Van Persie (Denny Landzaat 67), Ruud Van Nistelrooy (Ryan Babel

56), Dirk Kuyt Yellow card: Dirk Kuyt (28) Andre Ooijer (42), Tim de Cler

Coach: Marco Van Basten ARGENTINA: Roberto Abbondanzieri - Nicolas Burdisso (Fabricio Coloccini 24), Roberto Ayala (cap), Leandro Cufre, Gabriel Milito - Maxi Rodriguez, Esteban Cambiasso, Javier Alejandro Mascherano - Juan Roman Riquelme (Pablo Aimar

80) - Carlos Tevez, Lionel Messi

(Julio Cruz 70)

Yellow card: Esteban Cambiasso (57), Javier Alejandro USA Shamsher M Chowdhury, Home Ministry Joint Secretary Mascherano (90) Coach: Jose Pekerman Referee: L. Medina Cantalejo officers accompanied Babar in the

expatriates living in the UK, USA and in other foreign countries are from Sylhet and they have been contributing greatly to the country's economy for long. He claimed that at least 50

ates with roots in Sylhet.

Proper investment opportunities

region, he said.

Technology.

NRBs on the voter list.

SCCI Director Md Layes Uddin

Engineer Mohiuddin said, cor-

Former upazila chairman of

submissions on it yesterday. Assistant Public Prosecutor Abdul Hannan appeared for the state while Advocate Sanaullah Miah

defended the accused. A senior lawyer on condition of anonymity told The Daily Star that it was not comprehensible how a bomb blast case was politically motivated and how a court could relieve them of those charges even when they surrendered to a court

after over nine years. Banks, NGO

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ingtherally.

All organisations have informed their respective higher authorities of the threat. Grameen Bank authority of Sadullapur upazila branch filed a general diary with the Sadullapur

would come under bomb attack.

Police Station. Police is investigating the matter.

Govt employees FROM PAGE 16 Harun-ur-Rashid, president of the Bangladesh Sarkari Karmachari Dabi Bastabayan Parishad while address-

their demands within the next three months, he added. M Shahabuddin, secretary general of the Parishad, said that they submitted a petition on May 17 to would also conduct mass campaign the First Additional Metropolitan with the government officers and employees of different departments and sectors at upazila, district and

division levels across the country from June 22 to July 20. "Demonstrations will be staged at upazila, district and division levels from July 21 to August 6 in support of the August 7 grand rally," he said

while reading out the keynote paper.

Leaders of the Parishad urged the government to realise their demands for the greater interest of third and fourth class government employees. Different third and fourth class government employees' associations including Bangladesh Sarkari

Karmachari Sanghati Parishad

Bangladesh Audit Parishad,

Bangladesh Dak Karmachari

Samannay Parishad, Bangladesh Sachibaloy Karmachari Sangjukta Parishad, Bangladesh Sarkari Karmachari Samannay Parishad, BG Press Karmachari Union, BSTI Karmachari Union, Khadya Karmachari Parishad, Government Printing Press Employees Union, Bangladesh Stenographer Association and Income Tax Karmachari Association joined the

Bangladesh Sarkari Karmachari

Sanghati Parishad President Abul Hasem Mian, Bangladesh Audit Parishad President Lokman Ali, Sarak and Janapath President Mahfuzur Rahman, Bangladesh Sarkari Karmachari Samannay Parishad President Abu Saleh Talukdar and Secretary General Rejaul Mostafa and BG Press Karmachari Union President Abdul Azizalsospoke.

Meanwhile, Zahurul Haque, a

Prof Abdus Sobhan, a syndicate

recruitment scheme.

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Rajuk.

violation of the court order.

"My father owned the land that

than five acres. Other sources said Naminuddin

FROM PAGE 16 Despite the massive security opera-

tion in Baghdad launched on June 21, at least 70 people have been killed in a spate of bombings and attacks including strikes against a mosque

In Baghdad, police found the bodies of a man and a woman. Meanwhile, the commander of

The talks come after the bodies of

A spokesman for US-led forces, Major General William Caldwell, announced that coalition forces had recovered Tuesday "what we believe

are the remains of our soldiers, who

Haquewill continue today.

Latifur Rahman filed a case with

When Masum phoned at Hasan's

When Masum took Hasan to Latifur Rahman's house on April 30, 1998 on Shazneen's sister Simin Hossain's request, Hasan was asked when he learnt about the murder but he went out without giving any reply,

Argentina had a raft of chances throughout the match, and Dutch coach Marco van Basten had two fine first-half clearances by defender Khalid Boulahrouz and one outstanding save late in the game by Edwin van der Sar to

Teenager Messi made his mark

Employer beats house, Ashim called her son to his Later, hearing the cries of her

son, she knocked but Ashim did not

open the door till 3:00pm when he

Anwara took Emon back to her another house. Later a neighbour

Hospital (DMCH) where he died at Morgue sources said that Emon's liver was badly damaged

recovered two bodies hanging from the ceiling of an abandoned biscuit

18, truck helpers of south Rasulpur in Fatullah of Narayanganj. Their employer Sharif Mia identified the bodies at Sir

Injury marks in the necks of the victims suggest that they might have been strangled to death, In Uttara, police recovered a decomposed body of a woman,

hidden with weeds. Meanwhile, Kamalapur Railway Police recovered another body from a Jamalpur train Tuesday

Abdus Samad, 45, of Jamalpur. The body bore several injuries, Police suspects that someone might have drugged him inside the

Judge (In-Charge) Mohammad Monzurul Bachhid of the First Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court granted the bail to Khoka and Mainuddin alias Mainu and granted the petition for with-

drawal of the case when they appeared for bail. The case was filed with Ramna Police Station against Khoka and five others on November 5, 1997 on charges of blasting bombs towards the on-duty policemen and common people near BNP office at Purana Paltan that left three cops

and a pedestrian seriously injured.

The investigation officer

pressed charges against Khoka and Mainu while relieving four others from charges on November 16. 2001. The court then issued arrest warrant against them but they did not appear before the court for 26 consecutives dates. The home ministry in a letter on March 7 this year informed the

district magistrate of Dhaka that it

had decided to withdraw charges

against Khoka and Mainu as the

charges were "politically moti-

The ministry asked the district magistrate to hand over the matter to the district public prosecutor (PP), who will arrange withdrawal of the case with permission of an appropriate court. PP Abdullah Mahmud Hassan

Sessions Judge's Court, Dhaka along with a photocopy of the home ministry's letter for revoking the case.

Following the petition, the

prosecution and the defence made CEC rigid FROM PAGE 1 experts, the ruling BNP Secretary

General and also the LGRD

Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan

vesterday said the voter list should

be prepared through door-to-door visits. "The voter list should be prepared by visiting from door to door as many died and many have shifted their addresses in the past years. It will not be possible for many to come to the election offices to get enlisted," Bhuiyan

He said the BNP will request the

But the CEC argued: "There is

EC to prepare the voter list by visit-

told reporters yesterday.

ing from door to door.

no necessity for visiting from door to door for the task." He claimed that the latest Supreme Court verdict also did not leave any scope for such activities. Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Moudud Ahmed on Tuesday also expressed his doubt over the success of the EC in

preparing the voter list and sug-

gested door-to-door visits for the

task. There is no legal bar to such

actions of the EC, he said.

Khoka, BNP leader