Two bombings in AL anniversary FROM PAGE 1 OUSTING the autocratic alliance

authorities imposed a sudden curfewin Baghdad.

At least 12 people were killed and 20 others wounded when the bomb went off outside the Hibhib Al-Kabir mosque in the village of Hibhib, north of Baghdad, as wor-

the rear door of the mosque, police said, adding that the front gate of the shrine was closed for security

Hibbib, close to the restive city of Baquba, hit world headlines after US forces killed Al-Qaeda in Iraq leader Abu Musab al-Zarqawi in the village on June 7.

Baquba and its surroundings have seen widespread violence in the past few months given the city's mixed ethnic background, with US forces also carrying out extensive raids in the area since Zarqawi's

the country's south, at least 10 people were killed in a suicide car bombing in Basra, Iraq's second largest city.

Basra police said 18 others were wounded when the car exploded near a service station in the center of Basra city at about 12:00 noon

4 Bangladeshis

FROM PAGE 1 Tariqul, 20, Khokon, 24, Jamal Hossain, 18, and Golam Hossain, 18, residents of Sarsha upazila.

Witnesses said the Indian border guards opened fire on the youths while they were working on a paddy field at Panchbhulot village.

Later, the BSF troops walked into Bangladesh territory and dragged away two of the injured -Khokon and Jamal.

The two other injured -- Golam Hossain and Tariqul -- were admitted to Bagachhara health complex.

When contacted, BDR officials confirmed the incident. Meanwhile, local BDR sent a letter to BSF protesting the firing.

Zealots call for hartal

blood, as much as the government wants, and if necessary to sacrifice our lives to realise our demands," he

Several thousand Khatme Nabuwat activists armed with sticks and wearing headbands with KNAB inscribed on them in red and yellow gathered yesterday at the north gate of the Haji Camp at Ashkona of

demanded that the government declares the Ahmadiyyas non-Muslims, forms a foundation after the name of Prophet Mohammad, and that it recovers an Ahmadiyya mosque in Satkhira to hand it over to

has been vowing to do whatever necessary to realise its demand.

After the rally, its followers marched towards Naddapara mosque at 4:00pm in an attempt to replace the signboard on the Alimadiyya mosque, but they were intercepted by police in front of Ashkona Community Centre.

Although the fanatic leader had hoped that over one lakh Khatme Nabuwat activists and a thousand security volunteers would take part in the programme, only several

campaigns in Uttara area for the last few days and held processions asking people to join in the attack. tration is good en religious fanatics

law enforcers were deployed around the Ahmadiyya mosque to ensure security of the minority community. Barricades had been set up on every road to resist the bigots' attack on the mosque.

Meanwhile, the Ahmadiyya community at Uttara, who has been in panic for days after the announcement of the siege programme, yesterday passed the day amid tension and uncertainty.

Different civil society and rights organisations yesterday went to the Ahmadiyya mosque to resist the

KNAB earlier foiled a religious programme of the Ahmadiyyas in Sarishabari of Jamalpur on June 16.

Nurul Huda Abedi, principal of Jamalpur Aramnagar Alia Madrasa also brother-in-law of captured fama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) chief Abdur Rahman, led the

AHMADIYYAS THANK THE GOVT

Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat, Bangladesh yesterday in a news release thanked the government for its 'stern' and 'positive' role in resisting the programme of the religious

The release said the Ahmadiyyas expect that the government will continue discharging its constitutional duties neutrally in the future Also thanking the media, civil

society, rights activists, the Ahmadiyya Jamaat said 'honest will' of the government and the administration is good enough to resist the

Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury warned those who are 'trying to change the country's flag and national anthem will be tried at this historic Suhrawardy Uddyan." Amir Hossain Amu accused the BNP-Jamaat alliance government of conspiring to return to power by

illegal means. He urged the people to unite and strengthen the current anti-government movement. Lawmaker Abdur Razzaq illeged the alliance government is hatching conspiracy against the country, its people and democracy. "We have to save the country by outling the government," he

Aftertherally, Zillurinaugurated the

processionaround5:15pm.
Senior AL leaders Zillur Rahman,
Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury, Amir
HossainAmu, Abdur Razzak MP, Mota Chowdhury, Obaidul Kader, Mukul Bose, Abdul Mannan, Mahmudur Rahman Manna and Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya led the procession on board a truck.

Thousands of people, leaders, workers and supporters of AL joined the procession that paraded the main thoroughfares of the city amid tight policesecurity.

The participants carried national and party flags, banners, festoons, and portraits of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and AL President

Many in the procession sang patriotic and songs. The historic seventh March speech of Bangabandhu was played over loudspeakers from different trucks in the procession. Awami League's election symbol, the 'boat', was displayed on the trucks.

The procession went from Suhrawardy Uddyan to Bangabandhu Bhaban at Dhanmondi 32 going through Shahbagh, Elephant Road, Science Laboratory, Mirpur Road, Kalabagan and Russell Square. The precisionists shouted slogans

calling for upholding the spirit of the LiberationWarandoustingthealliance government. They also chanted, Today is a happy day -- the birth day of Awami League. The procession however caused

heavytrafficjamonmanycitystreets. Earlier, in the morning AL leaders placed wreaths at the portrait of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at Bangabandhu Bhaban.

2 Africans held FROM PAGE 1

with two women came to his fast food shop Yummy Yummy at

At one stage of conversation, the foreigner proposed to run a joint business and collected his visiting card for further contact, Abdul Mujib

Later, the Ghanaian and Cameroon citizens came to his shop at Pallabi on Thursday evening and had a detailed discussion on the business. "At one stage, they showed me two 10-dollar notes and said they had made the notes," Mujib men-

They also tried to tempt him to do a 'brisk business' by selling dollars.

As Mujib asked them to make dollars in front of him, they manufactured two 100-dollar notes, Mujib said, adding that he promptly caught the two foreigners with the help of staff and informed Detective Branch of police of the matter.

At around 2:00am police reached the spot and arrested the two foreigners with the fake notes and dollar-making materials.

The two foreigners had stayed at a hotel on Topkhana road in the city, police said, adding that they are investigating whether 'Yummy Yummy' owner Abdul Majid Chowdhury has any link to the illegal

Matiur's remains

FROM PAGE 1 Ministry of Liberation War Affairs

said all the three wings of the defence forces, the Army, the Navy and the Air force have taken their preparation to pay homage to the

Namaz-e-Janaza of Matiur Rahaman and a special prayer will be held at the National Parade Square tomorrow at 10:00am. The coffin will be kept at the parade square for people from all walks of life to show their respect to him.

Afterwards the remains will be buried at the Martyred Intellectuals' Graveyard in Mirpur with state honour.

On August 20, 1971 Matiur Rahman attempted to pilot a T-33 trainer aircraft from Karachi, Pakistan to India in an effort to defect from the Pakistan Air Force and join the liberation war of Bangladesh. He couldn't complete his desired mission, as the other pilot on the aircraft, Rashid Minhas, forced the plane to crash.

For his attempt, Matiur Rahman was awarded the title Bir Sreshtho, the highest honour given by the Bangladesh government. An air base in Jessore is also named after

lax evasion

system of collecting information

from the customs offices in different countries.

Contacted, a high official of the NBR said the government has no immediate plan to discontinue the existing system.

The official however said the government is considering introduction of collecting dedicated and instant information from the customs houses at all the major

trading ports around the globe to stop tax evasion. Sharing information will take some more time to replace the system as it needs signing bilateral agreements with a number of countries, the official added.

any bypass or alternative facility for the drivers not interested in using

flyover, said an expert. Everywhere toll plazas are built on flyovers but there is no example of building it

et the maximum benefit out of uch a massive investment instead becoming hostage to a particular ompany, he said.

When contacted, Ashiqur Rahman, project director of Jatrabari flyover, found the clause in the agreement logical as con-struction of any infrastructure parallel to the flyover will not be without examining all the descrip-

cople make comments without knowing about the investment project. He said this is a new concept in constructing mega projects with private investments and people should know about it first. The construction work of the

project already started and everything is progressing smoothly without any problem, he told The Daily Star.

company will construct the flyover on built, own, operate and transfer Boot) basis spending Tk 700 crore. The construction is scheduled to be completed in three years time. After commissioning of the flyover,

the company will operate it for 24 years to get return on the invest-

ment by collecting toll.

Experts said while constructing a flyover, the government should take measures so that the existing facilities are not curtailed. They said such high capacity facilities should not end at a junction like Gulistan as mentioned in the exist-

Gulistan is a very busy con-gested area having a number of connecting roads, so the flyover should not end at that place rather it should have options of diverting vehicles to other places for easing the congestion, they pointed out.

The experts said according to the existing layout the flyover will also not have any scope to integrate with other flyovers or elevated expressways. They further said the flyover built at Mohakhali will also face similar problems as it also lacks the scope of integration with future elevated expressways or flyovers.
"We should not go for any

expensive infrastructure which would make expansion or integra-tion difficult in the future", com-

The experts also observed that the estimated cost of the project for Jatrabari--Gulistan flyover is much higher than the actual expenditure. They alleged that the estimation is high because the company wants to extend the time of concession for managing the flyover to realise the return on its investment.

Blast hurts JCD cadre

Akram--went into hiding following the explosion, sources said.

Meanwhile, Islami Chhatra Shibir, student wing of ruling coalition partner Jamaat-e-Islami, took control over the hall after the inci-

Residential students of the hall aid they woke up after a huge explosion rocked the hall comoound around 4:45am. They ushed to the spot and found Shafin's room filled with thick smoke. They found the JCD cadre's bloodstained body lying on the

Some of Shafin's close aides admitted him to RMCH where doctors said splinters pierced deep into different parts of his body ncluding the face. Students and the hall security

informed the provost and univerity authorities of the incident. Assistant Commissioner Rezaul

Hasan told The Daily Star that they are yet to get permission from the university authority to raid other rooms of the hall. "More firearms and explosives might be found if a search is allowed," he said. Hall Provost Dr Aslam Hossain

said, "We will investigate how a bomb maker terrorist can become has created panic among the stu-

RU Proctor Prof Enamul Haque told newsmen, "We are not yet allowing the police to raid the hall as it may ignite violence." He, however, did not make any comment about taking any punitive

Police Station Ramzan Ali said the police will lodge an explosion case. Additional police forces were deployed on RU campus and the

WHYSTORING EXPLOSIVES Sources said the ICD and Shibir leaders met the university authori-

Shafin allegedly took bribes

dates that he will create unrest on the campus if they are not recruited, sources said, adding that the JCD has been storing explosives to create anarchy on the campus next week.

Shafin reportedly exploded three said Shafin was later expelled from

Emerging from meeting, State for External Affairs E. Ahamed told eporters "we talked about bilateral relations. Prime Minister Khaleda Zia recently visited India and now Leader of the Opposition is visiting. We have very good relations with the government of Bangladesh.

Briefing the media after Hasina's meetings, her Political Secretary Saber Hossain Chowdhury said she had 'substantive' discussions with Sonia Gandhi and Pranab Mukherjee n a 'cordial and friendly atmo-

Saber said regional security, cross-border crime and economic cooperation both at bilateral level and within Saarc came up during the discussion between Hasina and the Indian leaders.

Measures to promote people-topeople contacts were also in focus as Hasina has always put forward measures to free South Asia from the shackles of poverty with great importance.

During her interaction with Sonia Gandhi, old relations between the families of Gandhis and Hasina, traditional ties between AL and Congress and Indo-Bangladesh relationship dominated the discussions.

The two leaders also talked about democracy in countries of the region and agreed that democracy is the best counter to all forms of extremism. "We need a democratic, secular

and liberal society in Bangladesh to tampout extremism," Saber said. He said, "We believe relations between countries should not be brought into domestic politics.

It was emphasised that there annot be economic imbalance in the region and there has to be a minimum threshold of economic development in each country, he added.

Senior Congress leader Karan Singh was also present at the meeting Hasina had with Gandhi. Meanwhile, Hasina has decided to skip her Kolkata visit tomorrow to

eceive the Mother Teresa Lifetime Achievement Award. Saber said Hasina would instead extend her stay in New Delhi by a day and hold talks with two former Indian prime ministers Atal Bihari

Vajpayee and Inder Kumar Gujaral today. She may also meet Leader of the Opposition LK Advani.

It is not that we have rejected

Hasina, during her trip to New Delhi, utilises the opportunity to talk to the entire spectrum of Indian leadership.

New Delhi tomorrow morning.

The Daily Star in its report published Friday quoting Saber Hossain Chowdhury said "We appeal to BNP that India should not be made an issue in the general elections in Bangladesh.'

However, Saber Chowdhury yesterday said he was misquoted and did not say so. In fact, he said, Bilateral relations should not be brought in domestic politics."

Hasina: Award FROM PAGE 1 ing the award," Saber said. Hasina

will return to Bangladesh on Indian foreign ministry sources, however, said Hasina cancelled her

decision to visit Kolkata after a meeting with Indian state minister for external affairs yesterday. Meanwhile, sources said Hasina will not receive the award as questions arose in the Indian foreign ministry over the credibility of the organisation that nominated Hasina

parliamentary democracy. A high official of Kolkata police said the question of credibility of the organisation has existed all along and it was informed to the government.

for the award for her contribution to

The organisation had nomi-nated a few other celebrities, including Nelson Mandela, for the award in the last four years, but nobody went to receive it. The other recipients of the award for this year--former Indian cricket team captain Sourav Ganguly, noted singer Lata

Mangeshkar and actor Dev Anand--are also not going to receive the for fighting with him, "he added.

to monitor Bangladesh polls

CPI (M) proposes

int'l observers

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

Senior CPI (M) leader Sitaram Yechury yesterday met Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina and proposed appointment of international observers to monitor the upcoming polls in the neighbouring country. "International observers should

be there in Bangladesh to monitor the polls. Hasina also shares the same view," the CPI (M) Polit Bureau member told reporters after the meeting. During the interaction, Hasina also briefed the CPI (M) leader

about the ongoing agitation being carried out by the 14-party alliance seeking sweeping electoral reforms before the January 2007 polls. "We are concerned over the

situation in Bangladesh. India cannot afford a failed state as its neighbour. We cannot afford the exodus from that country if the experiment fails, "Yechury, who played a key role in forging an accord between the Seven Party Alliance and Maoists in Nepal, said. He said Left-ruled West Bengal

and Tripura will be worst-affected if there is a breakdown in Bangladesh. "We cannot afford a fragile Bangladesh as our neighbour," he said.

BNP looking for

President Iajuddin Ahmed underwent a bypass at Mount Elizabeth Hospital in Singapore on May 26 and returned home on June 20. Arriving at Dhaka airport the president walked down the stairs and exchanged greetings with Speaker Jamiruddin Sircar. Following the return of the

president, the opposition questioned how Jamiruddin Sircar would continue his responsibilities as acting president while the president is in the country. In a reply, Minister for Law and

Parliamentary Affairs Moudud Ahmed said that the president would perform his duty whenever he feels well enough to continue.

Nazmul Huda FROM PAGE 1

About the CEC's gestures and decisions regarding the voter list, the communications minister said there might be two reasons behind it First of all, the CEC might be

bility the nation bestowed him for holding a free and fair election, and he will perform the assigned responsibility.

Secondly, he might have developed an intransigent attitude to foil fair elections the people are look-'I don't know which decision

the CEChas taken." Fast-unto-death FROM PAGE 1

hunger strike until death at the Central Shaheed Minar demanding Teachers who have been observ-

ing the hunger strike since last

Sunday will not return home without realising their demands, Secretary General of Bangladesh Community Primary Teachers Association M Hafizur Rahman said. "Most of the teachers observing hunger strike at the Shaheed Minar have become sick and we will soon

decide to lie on streets if our demands are not met immediately," he added. Five teachers from each government primary school across the country will gather at Muktangon to

begin fast-unto-death programme at

2:00pm today. We have decided to go for indefinite hunger strike as no representatives of the government had a word with me even after the schools remained closed for one week," said AK Fazlul Haq, general secretary of Bangladesh Primary Teachers

He said a procession from Muktangon will march different streets in the capital in the support of their demands today.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh Graduate Primary Teachers Association will also start hunger strike till death from 11:00am at Muktangon demanding elimination of wage discrimination and 100 per cent departmental promotion. Graduate teachers working in the

and submit memorandum to the

authorities concerned, a press

release of the association said vester-Additional Secretary of the Directorate of Primary and Mass Education Directorate Rejaul Kabir told The Daily Star that he does not know what the government's stand is on the teachers strike because Prime Minister's Political Secretary Haris

Moni Swapan FROM PAGE 16 ter to my senior colleagues LGRD

and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Barrister Moudud Ahmed and Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan, but the problems were not solved," hesaid. Dewan said two secretaries had

worked under him in the past but he had no problem with them. "I do not know how this secretary got the audacity to overrule my instructions.

terrorism as a major challenge

Vieira inspires France

FROM PAGE 1 ing up for the first time in the competition with Henry in attack, had the ball in the back of Agassa's net in the 14th minute after some neat work between Frank Ribery and Henry only for the effort to be ruled

full cap, then shot into the stands from the left of the box on the half hour mark, causing Henry to hit the turf in frustration Close to the break Agassa performed a near miracle to first block Florent Malouda's shot then

Ribery, winning only his second

scrambling around like a demon to keep out Trezeguet's attempt to knock in the rebound inches from But while France will have felt aggrieved not to be ahead at the break already knocked out Togo

were fulfilling their promise not to make up the numbers, the African debutants looking dangerous on the counter attack with Fabian Barthez having to move smartly to punch clear a shot from Mohamed With France's record goalscorer Michel Platini watching on Togo

went close shortly after the break when Emmaneul Adebayor picked up Kader's lob into the box but the on-rushing Barthez smothered the Down at the other end Ribery

from in front of goal went sailing into the Cologne night. But the young Marseille tyro made amends in no uncertain fashion in the 55th minute when

beating off the Togo defence to find

was at fault again when his effort

Vieira who sent French fans wild when flashing the ball into the top

right hand corner of Agassa's net. Henry made a point of going over to hug the one they call the new Zidane.

Their nerves settled France doubled their lead six minutes later when Vieira, rising to the occasion, headed to Henry who rifled in low and left, the Arsenal striker celebrating by cupping his hand over his ear to savour the cheers from

Vieira's night ended painfully when he came off after a nasty elbow to the face, but the reception he received and the knowledge that France now have a second round date with Spain in Hanover on Tuesday will have eased his evident discomfort.

TEAMS

France: Fabien Barthez; Willy Sagnol, Lilian Thuram, William Gallas, Mikael Silvestre; Franck Ribery (Sidney Govou 77), Patrick Vieira (Alou Diarra 81), Claude Makelele, Florent Malouda (Sylvain Wiltord 74); David Trezeguet, Thierry Henry. Yellow card: Makelele (30)

Togo: Kossi Agassa; Massamasso Tchangai, Jean-Paul Abalo, Dare Nibombe, Richmond Forson; Yao Aziawonou; Yao Junior Senaya, Cherif Toure (Adekanmi Olufade 59), Moustapha Salifou; Emmanuel Adebayor (Thomas Dossevi 75), Mohamed Kader.

Yellow card: Aziawonou (38), Toure (44), Salifou (88) Referee: J Larrionda (Uruguay) Attendance: 45,000

Korea crash

Yakin, a second half substitute in the victory over Togo, on from the

Switzerland cold in the third minute with a sweeping move down the left. Lee Chun-Soo darted into the box but his low cross was just too strong for the onrushing Lee Ho. The Swiss side were surging

lunge from veteran defender Choi Jin-Cheul in the ninth minute. Switzerland's pressure paid off

in the 23rd minute when they went ead from a set piece Vaki in a left-footed free kick to the back post and Arsenal defender

Senderos clashed heads with Choi and blood started to stream down his face but the battling 21-

Korea had their brightest spell in Chun-Soo seeing a snap effort stopped by Swiss 'keeper Pascal Zuberbuhler and Kim Jin-Kyu dragging the ball wide from six

who was injured making a goalmouth clearance and had to go Frei hung his head in anguish in the 63rd minute after his stinging

shot came back into play off the left-hand post. With France leading Togo 2-0 in the other Group G match, Advocaat

TEAMS SWITZERLAND: Pascal Zuberbuhler; Philipp Degen, Patrick Muller, Philippe Senderos (Johan Djourou 53), Christoph Spycher; Raphael Wicky (Valon Behrami 88), Johann Vogel, Ricardo Cabanas, Tranquillo Barnetta; Hakan Yakin (Xavier Margairaz 71);

Yellow card: Senderos (43), Yakin (55), Wicky (69), Spycher (82), Djourou (90).

Choi Jin-cheul, Kim Jin-kyu, Kim Dong-jin; Kim Nam-il, Lee Ho, Park Chu-young (Seol Ki-hyeon 66); Park Ji-sung, Cho Jae-jin; Lee Yellow card: Park Chu-young (23), Kim Jin-kyu (37), Lee Chun-soo

SOUTH KOREA: Lee Woon-jae; Lee

Young-pyo (Ahn Jung-hwan 63),

Referee: H Elizondo (Argerntina) Attendance: 43,000

Saddam FROM PAGE 16 2 morning and midday meals," the spokesman added. The spokesman however did-not reveal the names of the

regime members who had gone Saddam's lead lawyer Khalil al-Dulaimi said Thursday that the former Iraqi ruler and 55 other former regime officials went on hunger strike after they were told about Obeidi's murder, the third defense lawyer to be murdered

since the start of trial in October. Obeidi, 49, was snatched on Wednesday by about 20 men from his home and later shot dead in a Dulaimi said Saddam and the

tional committees to give guarantees "for the security of the other defense lawyers. Dulaimi said the defense team had contacted the "United Nations and the Arab League and other parties concerning the trial

to do everything to protect the lawyers."

Nepal govt FROM PAGE 16 reconvened, the new government placed five former ministers under irrest, but they have since been released after the supreme court

judged their detentions illegal.

Nepal is facing a new political

landscape after Gyanendra's climbdown, with the government and rebels agreeing last week to a historic power sharing deal. Since the "people's movement," the government has observed a ceasefire with the rebel Maoists who have been fighting to establish

a communist state for the last

decade, at a cost of at least 12,500

from day one and to combat terror-

ism it has formed the Rapid Action

Battalion with members from the

The state minister added that

He assured the expatriates by

saying that they need not worry

Army, Navy, Air Force and police.

short period of time.

During the talks, Burns said that the US government wishes to see timely holding of the next general elections in Bangladesh as per the constitutional provisions.

and its security forces, he added. Replying to a question, Babar said Hindu, Buddhist and Christian communities have been living in harmony and enjoying their full religious rights in

Bangladesh. At a discussion organised by Bangladeshi expatriates on Thursday evening, Babar said that the pre-condition of development is to ensure safety and security of people.

alliance government is pledged to eliminate terrorism and by eliminating terrorism, this government has brightened the image of Bangladesh at home and abroad. Babar said that the alliance

the police have been modernised with modern weapons and vehicles and they have been provided with modern training for enhancing their professional skills.

about their visit to Bangladesh since the scenario has now been changed and the culture of extortion has been ended. Babar said the four-party alliance took a no tolerance stand on terrorism and 'state patronised

terrorism' in the country does not

"The country's south-western region was once a safe haven of terrorists, but they [terrorists] were successfully eliminated. The terrorists were brought to justice," he

exist any longer.

Referring to the bombers, Babar said, "We have been able to smash government took elimination of the organisational backbone of

Iraq kill 22 AFP, Baghdad At least 22 people were killed in two bombings in Iraq on Priday, includ-ing one targeting a Sunni mosque on the day of Muslim prayers, as

shippers were leaving Friday prayers, policesaid. The bomb was planted close to

In the second major attack, in

Uttara after the Juma prayers and At the rally, KNAB declared a three-point demand and issued an ultimatum to the government for fulfilling the demands before its tenure ends. The organisation

the 'Muslims'. Khatme Nabuwat has been carrying out hate campaigns against the Ahmadiyyas across the country since November 2003 and

thousand participated in the rally.
The outfit has been holding mass

Nagorik Committee

going from door to door for collecting information about prospective voters, the EC asked the people to go to election offices to register as voters and to lodge complaints to delete fake names. The lowest tier of elec-

tion offices is located at the thana

"In cases, eligible voters will have to travel 10 to 15 miles on foot to

level, the letter added.

reach the election offices to check whether their names are on the list or to get registered," the letter pre-Nagorik Committee apprehended that there is a possibility that many eligible voters will remain out

of the list, especially those who live

goes to an election office and regis-

'Moreover if a member of a family

far from the election offices.

ters more than one person's names then the possibility of having fake voters on the list will only increase," Referring to the government's admission that a large number of fake voters' names remain on the voter roll, the letter added that it

should not be expected that the so-

called fake voters will go to the elec-

The letter also raised the question

regarding how the people who died

or left the country will go to the elec-tion offices and delete their names

from the voter list as the EC will not

delete their names unless it receives

tion offices to delete their names.

official objections regarding those Signatories of the open letter to the CEC are: Member of Board of Trustees of the Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) also Chairperson of BRAC Fazle Hasan Abed, President of Centre for Democracy also former foreign secretary and former secretary-general of Saarc Ambassador Abul Ahsan, member of CPD Board of Trustees Dr Anisuzzaman, Executive Director of CPD Dr Debapriya Bhattacharya, Chairman of Square Groups Samson H Chowdhury, former adviser to a caretaker government Maj Gen (Rtd) Moinul Hussain Chowdhury Bir Bikram, Member of CPD Board of Trustees also Chairman of APEX Tannery Syed Manzur Elahi, Founder and Executive Director of Banchte Sekha Ms Angela Gomes, former cabinet secretary M Mujibul Huq, Chairman of the Department of at Shahjalal Science and Technology University Prof Mohammad Zafar lqbal, President of Women for Women Dr Mahmuda Islam, former attorney general Mahmudul Islam, Professor Emeritus of Research Centre for Mathematics and Physical Sciences at the University of Chittagong Jamal Nazrul Islam, Member of CPD Board of Trustees also former president of MCCI Ms Laila Rahman Kabir, Executive Director of Ain-O-Shalish Kendra Advocate Sultana Kamal, former adviser to a caretaker government also former comptroller and auditor general of Bangladesh M Hafizuddin Khan, President of Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI) also Managing Director of Transcom Group Latifur Rahman, President of Bishwa Shahitya Kendra Prof Abdullah Abu Sayeed, former adviser to a caretaker government ASM Shahjahan, Chairman of CPD Prof Rehman Sobhan, and Member of CPD Board of Trustees also Chairman of Bank

Asia M Syeduzzaman. Protesters damage

FROM PAGE 16

road through the graveyard withouthaving their consent. Abdul Haque, a Bangladeshi expatriate living in the US, said, "I came here to pray for the departed

souls of my mother and father but

lawmaker's decision to construct a

their graves have been destroyed." Asha Enterprise, the construction company reportedly owned by the ruling party lawmaker of Lalbagh, began the road construction earlier this month. Initially, a 20-foot-wide road

was supposed to be built but later it

was widened to 23 feet. This move

would leave no trace of at least

4,000 graves instead of previously

thought 200 graves, the relatives

claimed. Following the news run by a number of national dailies about the construction of the 1.5 kilometre road over the graveyard, Sadeque Hossain Khoka ordered the halt of work but the construction firm continued its work under cover of night, locals alleged.

Jatrabari flyover

expert requesting anonymity.

Under the agreement, the govrnment will not be able to build

Besides, the joint venture com-pany planned to build seven toll plazas on the ground level which will be a major bottleneck at the

on the ground level, he explained. The government should try to

ossible. He, however, declined to o into details about the agreement etween Belhasa Accom and DCC Rahman alleged that many

According to the agreement the

mented an expert.

Ashiqur Rahman, however, said construction cost of any new project is bound to be several times higher than the previous ones due to recent price hike of construction materials including rod and

measure against JCD cadre Shafin. Officer-in-Charge of Motihar

ties and demanded "party quota" for the recruitment of at least 350 from a number of candidates promising them jobs. He told the candi-

in the same hall in December 2005. In January this year, at least 20 activists were injured in a clash between two JCD groups and

The police said two bombs exploded in front of Shafin's room

Hasina holds talks

the award. May be, she will accept the award in a different format or at a later day. All options are open," he He said it is important that

As per the changed schedule, Hasina is returning to Dhaka from CORRECTION

primary schools will also hold a rally

Chowdhury is now dealing with the

"Under the circumstances, I have no option but to quit as I cannot go

Korea nearly caught

forward looking for an early goal and Tranquillo Barnetta had a goalbound shot blocked by a desperate

Senderos rose high to power a header past Lee.

year-old was too overjoyed at scoring his third international goal to feel any pain. the last five minutes of the half, Lee

The Swiss then lost Senderos off in the 53rd minute.

went for broke by bringing on Ahn and winger Seol Ki-Hyeon but they failed to make an impression.

Alexander Frei.

Babar says in NY

The US government would provide training and intelligence support to the Bangladesh police

The state minister said the

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