Expert issues

A demonstration late Friday by German computer security expert Lukas Grunwald showed how per-

ments could be copied and transferred to another device. It appeared to contradict assurances by officials in government and private industry that the electronic information stored in passports could

sonal information stored on the docu-

not be duplicated. "If there is an automatic inspection system, I can use this card to enter any country," Grunwald said, holding up a computer chip containing electronic information he had copied from his

German passport. The research is the latest to raise concerns about the growing use of RFID, short for radio-frequency identification, which allows everyday objects such as store merchandise, livestock and security documents to beam electronic data to computers

equipped with special antennas. Countries such as Germany already use RFID in passports to help border officials guard against forgeries and automate the processing of international visitors. US officials plan to start embedding RFID in passports

A State Department spokeswoman said late Saturday she did not have enough information on the

The presentation was one of dozens delivered at the Defcon conference being held through Sunday in Las Vegas. The conference, attended by many of the world's best-known security experts, has become an annual showcase of the latest discovered weaknesses in computers. phone equipment and other . machines. Another security professional

showed how people can have their phone numbers hijacked when using certain types of equipment that route calls over the Internet.

The research, from Arias Hung, a security professional with Media Access Guard in Seattle, showed how to control the inner workings of Internet phone routers made by Linksys, which is owned by Cisco Systems Inc. of San

Once the routers are accessed, a person can change the device's socalled media access control address, which acts as a serial number that Internet phone providers such as Vonage Holdings Corp. use to verify the identity of customers. A person exploiting the flaw could intercept calls made to a legitimate Vonage user and make calls that would appear to come from the user's phone number.

"The service providers should be very concerned," Hung said. "The general consumer should stay away from this router." he said, referring to two models that Linksvs designates the WRTP54G and the RTP300.

Cisco spokeswoman Molly Ford said she could not immediately comment on Hung's research.

Although Defcon focuses largely on computers, not all the research focused on circumventing high tech

Marc Tobias, a South Dakota lawyer who authored a textbook for locksmiths, showed how a simple technique can allow a person to secretly pick the locks of most homes, businesses and post office mailboxes.

The method, known as bumping, requires a person to file down a key and then gently tap it into a lock.

"You can do this with virtually every lock," said Tobias, who is calling for a change to US postal regulations to prohibit the trafficking of bump keys, which are advertised for sale on the

Tk 400cr tender

They said the JCD leaders engaged them to obstruct buying and dropping of tender schedules for work of around Tk 400 crore. They JCD leaders were of Fazlul Haq Muslim Hall of Dhaka University, they added.

- led the gang of 25 to create obstacles in buying tenders but they were not arrested at the scene, said the four. They gave confessional statements yesterday at the chamber of Metropolitan Magistrate Nani Gopal

After the recording of the statements of Imtiazur Rahman Prokash, Sahabur Rahman, Humayun Kabir and Mafizur Rahman, all residential students of the dormitory, they were sent to Dhaka

case produced all 13 arrestees, five of them refused to give confessional

The five who refused to give statements are F Kabir Khan Shilpi, Sajjad Hossain Robin, Shariful Islam Sabuj, Majedul Islam and Abu Bakar Siddiqui They told the magistrate that they were implicated in the case as part of a

The four who confessed said the JCD leaders told them if they disobey

They also told the magistrate that over 25 students. including them, were arrested at the scene but only 13 were forwarded to the court accused in a case filed under the Speedy Trial [Law and Order Disruption] Act with Motijheel

the arrestees belong to the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), student wing of the rulina BNP.

(Rab) picked up the 13 on July 30 at CMMU of the health ministry on charges of creating obstacles to those

date for buying the schedules for three projects involving around Tk 400 crore under the development budget. The projects are upgrading 50 upazila health complexes to 50 beds from the existing 31 beds at Tk 250 crore, construction of six Institute of Health Technology buildings at six divisional headquarters at Tk 108 crore and the construction of five new 20-bed hospitals at Tk 30 crore.

August 2 was the last date for dropping the tender schedules, which were

State Minister for Education ANM Ehsanul Haq Milon and Education

Secretary Momtazul Islam were also

salary will be paid in cash and the

other half in bond, said an education

ministry press release, adding that

now the government will spend the

tuition fees collected from students

of the non-government educational

institutions for improvement of

announcement of salary increase,

NFTE Chief Coordinator and

Convenor Prof Quazi Faruque said

they will continue the indefinite strike

and hold representatives' meeting at

Moni Singh-Farhad Trust at

10:00am tomorrow where they will

basis of the government's

announcement for partial fulfilment

of our demand. We have been

observing strike not only for ten per

cent increase of salary but also

increase of the house rent, medical

allowance, annual increment and

other facilities." Farugue said at a

press conference after the govern-

Bangladesh Shikkhak Karmachari

Oikya Parishad also rejected the

government announcement and

brought out a protest procession at

Muktangon. The Parishad convenor

said they will hold a grand rally at the

Central Shaheed Minar on August 9.

yesterday staged a grand sit-in

Minar where education minister

"We will come back with our strike

programme if the government does

not meet our other demands within a

teachers under the banner of

Bangladesh Community Teachers

Association yesterday began hun-

ger strike until death at the Central

Shaheed Minar demanding nation-

primary teachers who impart educa-

tion to the underprivileged rural

children across the country get only

Around ten thousand community

alisation of their job.

Tk 750 as monthly salary.

Meanwhile, community primary

The Jote decided to postpone

Shikkhak Karmachari Oikya Jote

Teachers under the banner of

ment announcement.

'We could not call off strike on the

announce 'tough movement'.

Rejecting the government

education at the institutions.

Half of the increased ten per cent

present at the briefing.

among the best five FDI recipients A team of Rapid Action Battalion of the 49 LDCs within next five vears.

who intended to buy or drop schedules. Sources said August 1 was the last

HC issues rule being sold at 36 places across the their directives, they would be ousted country, said the sources

up from the newspaper reports.

They said many people were killed in 2005 and at the beginning of this year in the name of crossfire in

different districts Manzill Murshid, counsel for the petitioners, said so far 500 people have fallen victim to extrajudicial killing in Rab custody

He argued that death in custody of the Rab violates the fundamental right of a citizen that they would not be subjected to any 'torture or cruel. inhuman or degrading punishment or treatment' as guaranteed in the constitution.

He said in every case they [Rab] have failed to protect the life of the arrested person.

Citing newspaper reports, Manzill said many people who have been killed in the name of crossfire stood accused in a number of cases and many of them were terrorists, killers and convicted of heinous

"Still, the law gave them a right to get protection of law and fair trial. Even whatever [be] the offence committed by any citizen of the country no one can be punished except provided in the law," he submitted.

He also contended that it is a fundamental right of a citizen to get protection of law but the victims of so-called crossfire were deprived of their rights due to inaction of the respondents.

Manzill was assisted by barrister Moksudul Islam, barrister Moyeen Alam Ferozi and advocate Asaduzzaman Siddique

PM to send letter

FROM PAGE 1 to uphold public confidence in the

world body. He said Bangladesh still believes that UN is the only place where all could put their hands together to find solution to problems.

Describing the Israeli attacks on innocent Lebanese as a heinous act. Morshed said. "It is not acceptable to us that the whole world will remain as spectator when thousands of innocent men, women and children are being killed in Lebanon '

The foreign minister refuted the Israeli action on the pretext that Hezbollah guerrillas abducted two Israeli soldiers. "This is a preplanned attack by Israel which was waiting for an opportune moment,"

Board dissolved

FROM PAGE 1 violations of banking rules by the

School students

his son Belal, 15, a student of class

eight, has been updating the voter

Condemning the ARO's act, the

villagers said the students involved

in voter list update are missing their

school classes while they are failing

to do the task properly by going door

Cox's Bazar district election

officer has been informed of such

Latifur Rahman

Referring to the news item,

Awami League lawmaker Sheikh

Fazlul Karim Selim blasted the

government in parliament on July 9,

alleging that the prime minister

violated her oath by allocating the

official residence to Latifur Rahman.

government for his role in 2001

general elections." Selim told

"He was rewarded by the BNP

Housing and Public Works

But a few days later he informed

the House in a statement that gov-

ernment did not violate any rule

\$5b investment

industrial growth of 9.6 per cent,

experienced a recent surge in

manufacturing sector attaining

10.5 per cent growth and a

smooth export growth in 2006 due

mainly to accelerated private

the growth of manufacturing

sector, which was stagnant at 15

per cent for nine years (1996-

2001), has increased during the

five years of the present govern-

ment's tenure and stood at 17.1

possible foreign direct investment

(FDI) inflow of \$10.5 billion in next

five vears, the Bol chairman said.

adding that Bangladesh will trans-

form into a developing economy

from a least developed country

that the country will be ranked

Rahman expressed optimism

"The country's investment

position was 17th when the pres-

ent government took power in

2001. It was 18th in 2002, stepped

into 9th position in 2003 and held

the same in 2004," Rahman

He supported the proposal of

merger of the Bangladesh Export

Processing Zones Authority

(BEPZA) with the Bol for avoiding

duplication of government work.

The country will experience a

Due to the private investment,

investment in recent years.

per cent in 2006. he said.

(LDC) within ten years.

added

through this allotment

Minister Mirza Abbas did not make

any comments over the matter on

months after their terms end.

list for the same ARO.

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that day

Oriental Bank. Asked about the private banks' sentiment, a high official of the BB said they are still in the process of disciplining the board members and the managing director.

"Actions will be taken on the outcomes of the probe that is going on. If necessary, we will bring criminal charges against them," he added.

On June 19, the BB appointed an administrator for the bank after issuing showcause notices to the board of directors for making the financial institute a problem bank with huge bad The central bank in its letter yester-

day said in their replies to the showcause notices, the Oriental Bank board members have failed to justify their performances although they were given 27 days' time in two

The managing director has responded to the showcause notice by tendering his resignation, the central bank order said adding that he has brought up 'some irrelevant issues' instead of replying to the allegation against him of failure to run the bank

"His (managing director) statements don't seem acceptable to the Bangladesh Bank." the BB order read. The bank has incurred an accumulated loss of Tk 435 crore till December 31, 2005, the letter mentioned adding that the total loss of the bank stood at Tk 57.31 crore last year while it has been around Tk 10 crore a month in the present year.

The BB letter said governed by the Islami Sharia Laws, the Oriental Bank cannot borrow money on high interest rates from the inter-bank call money

But because of sheer inefficiency of the management, the bank was forced to borrow in total Tk 213 crore from the call money market as of December 31, 2005.

It was so plagued by liquidity crisis that it could not return the term deposits of about Tk 200 crore by different banks--Pubali Bank, Basic Bank, Al Arafah Bank, National Credit and Commerce Bank, Rupali Bank, Shilpa Bank, HSBC and Bangladesh Krishi Bank, and the Jamuna Multipurpose Bridge Authorities.

The Oriental Bank was listed as a problem bank in 1994 due to mismanagement, huge bad loans by directors, capital and provision shortfall. At that time, the board of directors signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the central bank in a bid to improve prime financial indicators of

But it failed to comply with the conditions set by the central bank and over the years its financial situation got

Hasina sees polls

FROM PAGE 16 as they are fed up with the BNP-Jamaat coalition government for its widespread corruption, misrule,

torture and repression, and the price

hike of essentials" she said. Hasina, also AL president, was talking with her party's grassroots level leaders from Bagerhat and Magura districts at the party's Dhanmondi office in the capital

The grassroots leaders urged Hasina to take organisational action against those who 'played role' against the party candidates in Magura and Bagerhat districts that led to a debacle for the AL in the 2001 elections.

Although AL bagged six seats four in Bagerhat and two in Magura in the 1996 elections, it got only three in the 2001 elections.

The grassroots leaders attributed this debacle to conspiracy by some aggrieved party leaders who failed to get nomination in the 2001 elections. Talking to The Daily Star, Magura

district unit AL President Altaf Hossain said they informed Hasina about the intra-party feud and urged her to take organisational action to ensure victory in the next elections

Bagerhat district unit AL placed a resolution to Hasina demanding party

nomination to Sheikh Helal for Bagerhat 1 and 2 constituencies, Talukder Abdul Khaleque for Bagerhat 3 and Dr Mozammel Hague for Bagerhat 4.

The AL chief instructed the grassroots leaders to work together forgetting intra-party feuds to resist vote stealing and bring the AL-led opposition combine to power in the next elections scheduled for early next

Refuting Prime Minister Khaleda Zia's allegation that the AL is conspiring to foil the next election, the AL president said, "She [Khaleda] knows very well that the BNP-Jamaat coalition will not come to power if a free, fair and neutral election is held, and so she does not want a proper election."

Senior leaders including Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury, Motia Chowdhurv. Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim. Obaidul Quader, Abdul Mannan, Advocate Abdul Mannan Khan, BM Mozammel Haque, Dr Alauddin Ahmed and Nur-e-Alam Chowdhury Liton were present at

Updated voter list

through the EC staff across the country till yesterday.

The EC secretary however said a total of 84.50 lakh people applied for registering their names as voters till last Thursday.

'The progress of the task is good and we hope the number of voters on the list will stand at nine crore, more or less," Abdur Rashid Sarkar told reporters yesterday at his office.

Officials of the EC Secretariat however said the number of applicants rose to about one crore after Thursday as five lakh people on an average applied daily for registration. Several lakh people. particularly in the metropolitan cities, will apply for registration before the August 10 deadline, they hope.

The number of new voters will be added to 7.64 crore existing voters on the list and the names that will be deleted from the list will be deducted from the existing number.

Only 7.33 lakh applications for deletion of names from the existing voter list have been received since the updating process started.

Observing the current rate of people's response to the process of deleting names from the voter list. many election officials said names of fake voters and of persons who died since 2000 will remain on the

The EC secretary also expressed his concern over the issue of deletion of names from the list and said people are not cooperating to delete names from the list. The existing voter list prepared in

2000 enlisted 7.48 crore voters and the number now stands at 7.64 crore through updating in the last five years. Many electoral experts as well as political parties however questioned the accuracy of the voter

REMUNERATIONS

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right-hander Rajin Saleh, who

scored 37 off 59 balls. Debutant Sakib Al Hassan, who came in at four after one-down Aftab Ahmed was out stumped on 128, played with a lot of authority to score an unbeaten 30.

Earlier, the Tigers bowling attack was surprisingly led by part-time offspinner Saleh as he took career-best figures of four wickets for just 16 runs. He took the vital wicket of Hamilton Masakadza, who scored 75 to keep the Tigers at bay. Left-arm spinner Abdur Razzak took two for 24 while Sakib and seamer Syed Rasel took one each.

The Tigers leave for the Kenyan capital Nairboi today where they will play three one-day internationals beginning from August 12.

FOR TEMP STAFF

The EC secretary yesterday declared that the temporary staff recruited for updating the voter list will receive Tk 1000 each as remu

Some district election officers who are working as registration officers, termed the amount as very inadequate and feared that the ongoing task may be hampered due to poor remunerations.

The secretary however said the field level staff will be paid more if the secretariat gets more fund from the finance ministry.

"But further allocation for remunerations will be fixed after reviewing the performance of the staff," the secretary said adding, "We have nothing to do unless we get more allocation.'

Earlier, the EC Secretariat however had planned to allocate Tk 1500 as remuneration for each of the 1.35 lakh temporary staff but later it changed its plan.

HC stays FROM PAGE 16

money, they argued.

The by-polls will be stayed until the court reaches a decision on the ruling. Two of the three writ petitions were

filed separately challenging Comilla-8 by-poll. One was filed by four voters of the constituency including Abu Taher, which was moved by Barrister Mahbub Uddin Khokan and Advocate Kamruzzaman. Another petition was filed by six voters of the constituency including Nasiruddin, which was moved by Advocate Sayeed Ahmed Raza.

The writ petition regarding Dinajpur-3 by-poll was filed by five voters of the constituency including Khalekuzzaman Chowdhury.

The same bench of the HC division separately issued stay orders on the by-polls and the same types of rules on the respondents to the petitions, asking them to reply within two weeks. Although the three petitions sepa-

rately opposed the EC's move to arrange the by-polls, all the petitioners made similar arguments. They also argued that there is no voter list now in the country as the Election Commission said it is still

updating the list. The seat in the parliament for Dinaipur-3 constituency became vacant due to the death of erstwhile women and children affairs minister, Khurshid Jahan Hag, on June 14 this year, and the seat for Comilla-8 constituency fell vacant due to the death of erstwhile shipping minister, Col (retd) Akbar Hossain, on June 25.

The EC on July 26 declared September 7 as the date for the bypolls for the two vacant seats since in accordance with the constitution the EC has to hold by-polls within 90 days of vacancies in the seats

Bol chief

(Bol), said the government has to

objectives of the organisation. "The government should analyse the current activities of CPD. It should consider whether it should allow CPD to continue their activities if their current activities do not match with their aims and objectives." he said.

The Bol chief, speaking at a meet-

ing with Economic Reporters Forum

scrutinise the areas of work, aims and

(ERF) members at the Jatiya Press Club, said 90 percent work of CPD is now related to 'political future' of Bangladesh. "This was their main objective under a camouflage of economic research ... I have information that the research associates working at CPD

are now being forced to engage in political activities. And if someone denies, CPD is sacking him," Mahmud He also said it has now become a fashion to rank countries in every aspects, often irrelevantly, comparing

performance and hiding data. CPD works as local associate of World Economic Forum (WEF) and UNCTAD which have denicted a negative economic situation of Bangladesh in their recent reports.

apple with orange, undermining the

The WEF reported that the productivity in Bangladesh has decreased while UNCTAD said foreign direct investment (FDI) declined.

Mahmud said that he has already written to the WEF protesting the CPD's role in providing wrong information and data on the country's economy. A similar letter will be sent challenging the UNCTAD report.

CPD Executive Director Debapriya Bhattacharya however said CPD does not make any analysis on its own. It sends all the data to the WEF head office where the analyses are made.

Debapriya said Bol should contact Bangladesh Bank if they have any guery on the FDI, because it has \$300 million deficit with the BB data. The CPD uses the BB information only, he

"We have received a copy of the letter which the executive chairman of Bol has sent to the WEF complaining about Bangladesh's ranking in the GCR and faulted CPD for it. I suspect he is not fully aware that CPD only administers the questionnaire on behalf of the WEF and sends the original questionnaires to WEF head office where WEF analyses the data based on an agreed international methodology to come out with country ranking," he explained.

"CPD has no role to play in influencing the responses of the business leaders and the analysis outcome. Regarding the UNCTAD report on LDC, CPD on its own did an analysis of Bangladesh's status based on the 2004 report of the UNCTAD, CPD's analysis shows that Bangladesh has performed well at least in 15 areas in comparison to average LDCs.

"However, it was found that Bangladesh was lagging behind average LDCs at least in five areas. It so happened, one of the five weak areas happened to be absolute level of FDI flow. In such circumstances, CPD cannot be accused of suppressing positive development of Bangladesh, the CPD executive director said.

3 killed

Farmpara area under sadar upazila of Chuadanga Friday morning and apprehended Gopal, a close aide to notorious criminal Aslam, reported our correspondent in Kushtia.

Following Gopal 's statement, a Rab team took him along to Machpara to capture his fellow activists and seize their firearms.

Gopal 's accomplices opened fire on Rab as they reached the area, inviting retaliatory fire, Gopal was caught in 'crossfire' while trying to flee Rab's custody.

Rab recovered a firearm and three bullets from the spot, Rab claimed in a statement

The third incident was in Tejgaon industrial area in the capital where an accused of many criminal cases including eight murder cases Masud Rana alias Killer Joy was killed in Rab 'crossfire', reported our staff correspondent in Dhaka.

Masud Rana and his accomplices 'opened fire' on Rab during Rab's raid in the Commissioner Bazar area in Tejgaon and forced Rab to 'return fire' in defence.

Rana was caught in 'crossfire and sustained injuries while other members of the gang managed to flee. Rana succumbed to his injuries after he was taken to Dhaka Medical College Hospital, claimed Rab in a

Thai Airlines

Bimstec and ACD.

FROM PAGE 16 Bangladesh and Thailand have a lot of business and investment opportunities. Apart from bilateral cooperation, the two countries also cooper-

ate through multilateral forums like

Morshed told reporters that they reviewed entire range of bilateral, regional and international issues during the talks. The two sides discussed new areas of cooperation, investment, coastal shipping lines and easing visa regime.

The two-way trade worth \$361 million tilts toward Thailand. In 2004-05. Bangladesh's exports to Thailand fetched only \$35million while its imports cost \$326 million.

Dr Suphamongkhon and Morshed Khan will leave for India today to attend the 9th Bimstec Ministerial to be held in New Delhi on August 8-9.

11 Israeli soldiers die

FROM PAGE 16 picturesque farm, bordered by pine

Many residents had fled because of the rocket attacks.

The strike on Kfar Giladi was the deadliest Hizbollah rocket strike of the

Israeli combat jets also struck villages across south Lebanon, killing 16 civilians and a Palestinian militant. while three Chinese UN peacekeep ers were wounded in cross-fire between Israeli troops and Hezbollah Six members of the Lebanese

military were killed in two Israeli airstrikes. Missiles also flattened a house in the village of Ansar, near the southern market town of Nabativeh killing a man and four of his relatives. Lebanese security officials said. Another strike overnight killed three

people in al-Jibbain, a village nearly five km from the Israeli border, civil defence officials said.

A rocket fired by a pilotless aircraft blasted a van carrying bread near Tyre, killing its driver, said Salam Daher, a civil defence official in the southern port city. Another person was killed in the town of Nagoura, near the border on the Mediterranean coast.

In Naqoura and several villages near Tvre. residents called rescue officials to report more people trapped under the rubble of crushed buildings but crews could not retrieve the dead because of continued bombardment. 'We don't know how many and we

can't get there," Daher said. More than 990 people, mostly civilians, have been killed and over 3,320 others wounded in Lebanon since Israel launched a massive offensive on its northern neighbour after Hezbollah captured two soldiers

on July 12.

The tit-for-tat attacks continued after the UN Security Council in New York began debating a draft resolution to bring a halt to the war, although it was swiftly rejected by Lebanon, which is demanding modifications.

A draft US-French resolution calls for a "full cessation of hostilities based upon...the immediate cessation by

Hezbollah of all attacks and the immediate cessation by Israel of all offensive

military operations. also leave about 10,000 Israeli troops occupying a strip of southern Lebanon

Lebanese army eventually get there. Lebanon objects to that, and Mohammed Fneish, a Hezbollah minister in the government, said the group would fight until Israel stopped bombing Lebanon and withdrew all its

Israeli Justice Minister Haim Ramon said Israel would keep attacking Hezbollah targets in Lebanon and its soldiers would stay there until the

He did not say if Israel accepted the draft UN resolution. The Israeli cabinet was meeting. US Assistant Secretary of State David Welch was due to meet Israeli leaders after talks in Beirut on Saturday.

"We must continue the fighting continue to hit whoever we can hit from

sees Hezbollah as the common enemy of Israel and the United States,

Oriental Bank scam

THE DAILY STAR INVESTIGATION The Daily Star investigation of eight cases of fictitious borrowers reveals amazing tales of corruption.

The city's cell phone accessories shop owners on the other hand told

about Tk 1 lakh to start their business. During a field visit, it was found that Babul is the proprietor of Messrs City Com at Jatrabari, Messrs Nosin International at Johnson Road, and Messrs Evan Tel at Sadarghat. And he took Tk 1.08 crore loan in the names of

shop, but interestingly Babul himself

that it is also a mobile phone shop and but the amount does not match with to run a mobile phone and accessories

The team went on to locate Messrs Evan Tel at BIWTA Market Shop, 18 Sadarghat, Dhaka. But instead of Evan Tel, there was a shop named

Messrs City Com-3 at that address. Belayet Hossain Liton, who claims himself as the proprietor of City Com-3, said he knows Giasuddin Babul but Babul is not the owner of the shop. When asked why he is using the name of Babul's Jatrabari shop, he grinned and replied Babul is the 'big brother' of

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He said Norway's peace envoy Jon Hanssen-Bauer had not

leader SP Thamilselvan told Hanssen-Bauer that they will lift the water blockade, but warned of a return to full-scale war if the military launches new air strikes or artillery attacks against them.

the Muslim town of Muttur, across the Koiya bay here, were turned back by troops who said the road was still mined and the guerrillas had fired at least two rounds of mortar bombs on Sunday morn-

to open the Maavilaru sluice gates as promised when they came under attack, Tiger spokesman S. Puleedevan told AFP from the rebel-held town of Kilinochchi.

military operations" -- implicitly giving Israel the right to pursue "defensive" The cessation of hostilities would

until an international force and the

international force arrived to take over.

Hezbollah," Ramon told Army Radio.

Israel's definition of Hezbollah targets has included more than 70 bridges, as well as ports, airports, radar stations, television and telephone masts, factories, farms and countless homes pummelled into ruin by 26 days of bombing across Lebanon.

Syria and Iran, has hit back with rockets that fall indiscriminately in northern President George W Bush, who

was happy with the draft UN measure, which could be put to a vote on

his shop is commercially successful

Liton added, "I am not close to him

like a business partner. Babul bhai is

associated with the upper class of the

society." Liton clarified to The Daily

Star that there has never been any

Star that although he is the proprietor

of Nosin International, he does not

own City Com in Jatrabari. His cousin

is the proprietor of City Com, he said.

He refused to provide the name of his

cousin and said, "Go to City Com and

collect the name. Whatever you were

Oriental Bank he said as a business-

man he can take loans from banks. "I

have taken loan from the bank and I

am also paying it back in instalments."

took from the bank and how much he

paid back, he said it is a confidential

matter and all documents regarding

other cases. The investigation team

did not find Messrs Mamtaz Enterprise

at 47 Hemondra Das Road, Sutrapur.

Dhaka and Messrs Evan Telecom

System at 32/2 North Jatrabari.

Demra, Dhaka, Rather, it was found

that at the above addresses there

Enterprise before," said Mithu, son of

the owner of a residential house at one

Two other business establish-

ments -- Messrs Syyar Telelink and

Messrs Alak Traders - do not exist.

Even the addresses - 165/2/A South

Jatrabari, Dhaka and 194/D South

Goran. Dhaka-1219 -- are non-

Shop employee

paints for me at one side when three

goons entered the store," said Siam.

the customer who went to the store

All of a sudden he heard gun-

shots and saw Jabbar falling on the

floor after being hit with multiple

bullets while his two co-workers

diving on the floor to dodge bullets,

"Then I felt pain in my right shoul-

All the attackers were aged

People in the neighbourhood

Jabbar was taken to Dhaka

der and realized that a bullet had

pierced through my skin," explained

around 22 years and one carried a

gun. They dashed out towards a

lane next to the store and disap-

started running for their lives as the

Medical College and Hospital where

the doctors declared him dead at

Hospital and was released after

speculated extortionists' involve-

ment in the shooting. "Latif

Commercial Agency does most of

the business in the area and most

likely became a target of the extor-

tionists," said an owner of a shop

Siam was taken to Central

The businesses in the area

shooting created massive panic.

peared. Siam observed.

"I never heard the name Mamtaz

The Daily Star also probed into five

the loan are with the bank.

were residential houses.

of those addresses.

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to purchase paints.

added Siam.

treatment.

next to Latif's.

Admitting to receiving loan from

When asked how much loan he

told about me at City Com is wrong.'

Giasuddin Babul told The Daily

shop named Evan Tel in the area.

Rezaul Karim Salman Karim and

For instance, one Giasuddin Babul used three names of cell phone accessories shops -- two of which he does not own -- to draw Tk 3.24 crore in

The Daily Star that they just need

each of the three shops from Oriental When The Daily Star investigation team found Messrs City Com, which is located at Tai Super Market 87. Shahid Faruk Road in Jatrabari, there were three salesmen in the shop. One of them was Mainuddin, younger brother of Giasuddin Babul. Mainuddin said his brother owns the

says he does not. Then the investigation team went to Nosin International on 33 Johnson Road, Rayshaheb Bazar and found the owner is also Giasuddin Babul. The shop's salesman Sabuj said, "I know my boss took loan from the bank your information because there is no need for such a big amount of money

business "

the area and he borrowed the name as Lanka rejects

simply allow irrigation engineers to do it, otherwise we will open it anyway.

consulted Colombo in cutting a deal with the Tigers. "Hanssen-Bauer's discussions should have included us." said Rambukwella who is also the Policy Planning The LTTE's political wing

Journalists who tried to reach

The guerrillas were travelling

The hardware store owner's son Mobarak Hossain said some extortionists had demanded Tk 50,000 from his elder brother Jewel, who runs the family store. No one has been arrested yet.

has been invited to join in a Troika. during the period Bangladesh is coordinator, so that they can con-

The two leaders -- Shaikat and Asad Sources said the two leaders and all

The investigation officer (IO) of the

conspiracy to harass them.

100pc basic govt salary backed platforms -- National Front of Teachers and Employees (NFTE) led by Prof Quazi Faruque and

Bangladesh Shikkhak-Karmachari Oikya Parishad led by Prof MA Awal Siddique have decided to continue Urging the agitating teachers to call off their strike in the greater interest of the students, the education minister said policy regarding human resources and rules and

regulation of the jobs of the non-

government teachers and staffs will

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be formulated within a month.

The outline of the Vision 2021 for Bangladesh has been drafted on the basis of recommendations and aspirations propagated by the participants of the regional civil society dialogues held at various places of Bangladesh. CPD, the Prothom Alo, The Daily Star and Channel-I are jointly organising the dialogues.

wants to consult with expert groups about the draft outline Bangladesh will celebrate its 50 vears of independence in 2021. Where will the country be in 2021? What will it look like? What should the country accomplish in next 15

The Nagorik Committee now

years? The vision paper will delineate the manner in which the civil society feels the future path of programme at the Central Shaheed politically accountable development should be conceived for urged the teachers to call off strike. Bangladesh, and subsequently derive both short term and medium their programme for one month following request of the education term policy implications for the next minister, Jote leader Mazharul elected government. Hannan told The Daily Star, adding, Clarification

tinue to contribute to the LDC interests," the Bangladesh Mission says. Bangladesh will be coordinating the LDC Group in the WTO for six

"The LDC Group is deeply apprecia-

tive of the role of Zambia during their

term as coordinator. In fact, Zambia

Hezbollah, which is backed by