## Dhaka, Delhi

posed a threat to both the countries and that there was a need to cooperate closely to tackle this menace," said the Indian home secretary as he was reading out the joint press statement after the meeting at State Guest House Meghna.

The two sides agreed to examine the possibility of instituting a bilateral mechanism for combating terrorism

The talks took place in an atmosphere of utmost cordiality, candour and friendship, Duggal, flanked by his

The two sides reiterated their commitment to full implementation of the Land Boundary Agreement (LBA) 1974, he added.

incidents, the two sides agreed to themselves of the existing institutional

The delegations agreed on the need to sensitise their border forces, populace along the border and the media to maintain peace and tranquil-

drafts of 'Extradition Treaty', 'Agreement on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters' and 'Bilateral Agreement on Combating International Terrorism, Organised

Crime and Illicit Drug Trafficking', the Bangladesh side said they would give

their reply 'at an early date'. The delegations underscored the need for greater vigilance and cooperation between the two countries to prevent illegal movement of goods and people, flow of illicit drugs, parcotics, arms and explosives across the border and smuggling of fake curren-

Agreeing to comply with the Revised Travel Arrangements (RTA) to promote people-to-people interaction, the two sides looked forward to the next meeting of the RTA to be held at an early date to finalise a more liberal RTA.

Both sides agreed on holding regular meetings at all levels for effective border management.

"It was fully recognised that the betterment of bilateral relations was in the vital interest of both countries. Towards this end, both sides reaffirmed their commitment to enhance cooperation and work closely in all spheres of bilateral relations," Duggal

Neither of the delegation chiefs replied to any single question from the media personnel who had been waiting for over three and a half hours for the briefing

The next home secretary-level meeting will be held in New Delhi next

# Expulsion demanded

mentioned.

ference at the office of Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) in the capital also declared a 3-day programme including countrywide mourning today and a half-day hartal onAugust30

Besides, the committee declared a countrywide agitation programme tomorrow and endorsed the indefinite hartal in Phulbari and its adiacent areas called by the locals demanding expulsion of Asia Energy.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL)-led Chhatra Sangram Parishad and Progressive Students Alliance called a strike in all educational institutions across the country today protesting the Phulbari killings.

Addressing the press conference, the national committee's member secretary Professor Anu Muhammad said laying siege to the office of AEC in Phulbari of Dinajpur was a peaceful and democratic programme of the national committee, but the police and BDR shot to kill the participants of the programme without provocation when they were barricaded about half a kilometre away from the office.

He said there was no attack from the rally to prompt the law enforcers to shoot. "Our rally was about half a kilometre away from the AEC office and therefore, attacking that office is out of question

Some of the demonstrators only threw some brickbats at an information centre of AEC, which was empty. This can never be a reason for the government to kill its citizens when they have reasonable demands, he said.

Anu Muhammad, an Economics professor at Janangirnagar University continued by saying the half-day hartal that the committee called can never be comparable to any other hartal called by the political parties or other organisations. "This hartal is to establish people's authority on the property of their motherland."

AEC's coal extraction project at Phulbari coal mine is not for the development of the country, but it is intended for destroying the country's resources, he added.

Anu Muhammad said hundreds of thousands of people in the area will be without shelters, while the environment and water level in the surrounding areas will be seriously damaged if the AEC extracts coal by open mine method.

When the government did not confirm any mining contract with AEC, the company has been claiming to have one. They are bribing professionals and businesses and have begun setting up of machinery, construction of different structures including water tanks.

There are records that the successive governments have always played hide and seek with such contracts of natural resources and this is the reason why "...we felt obligated to protest the Phulbari coal mine project

strongly.' 'We are not against the extraction of coal, but we don't want the people's lives and the environment be endangered due to the project," Anu Muhammad said, adding that the country will not gain from the project, as the company will export two-thirds

of total coal. Answering to the question why the open method of coal extraction is a threat to the environment of the area

## Phulbari firing

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inquiry to ascertain what factors prompted the law enforcers to open firing on the angry people," Babar told reporters at his ministry.

On the killing of four policemen at a cattle market in Naogaon last Friday, the state minister instructed to strengthen police drive against the outlaws.

The inspector general of police was asked to monitor the pending cases

against the underground extremists. So far 60 police and ansar personnel were killed by members of the underground outfits since the country's independence.

"I've ordered the IGP to monitor the cases against the underground extremists through the monitoring cell at the Police Headquarters," he said.

Thirteen of the wounded were admitted to Muladi Upazila Health

Shahiahan Md Ali Sardar Wazed Ali Howladar of Mongu group and Montu of Joynul group and teenag-

stage by other leaders after the meeting started upon arrival of Prime Minister Khaleda Zia. The meeting was presided over by Abdus Sattar Khan, president of Muladi municipal BNP and chairman of the municipality with lawmaker Mongu as chief speaker.

These two factions of BNP of Hizla-Muladai (Barisal-3) constituency clashed several times

Tension had been running high in the town since the declaration of the Muladi visit programme of the BNP chairperson with both the groups' showdowns including processions, gatherings, hoisting banners and festoons, constructing welcome gates etc.

charge (OC) of Muladi Police Station, was stand released on Thursday and transferred to Patuakhali police lines for having failed to control the showdowns of Joynul group.

Abdul Hannan, OC of Patuakhali Sadar Police Station, who took over from him on Friday said that the situation is under control and additional police forces have been deployed in the area to avert any untoward incident.

### Drought

deputy director Bogra Agriculture Extension Department, said if it does not rain sufficiently within a week the Aman production will be hampered largely. He said if there is no rainfall before the first week of September the harvest might drop by 15 percent.

The production may reduce further up to 50 percent depending on areas and position of land, Bashar added.

Agriculture Extension Department sources said no rainfall was recorded in the last week across the Raishahi agriculture zone. Around 3,553 millimetre (mm) of rainfall was recorded in July, 2005 but last July it was only 1,711 mm.

Rangpur agriculture zone recorded 4,948 mm of rainfall during July, 2005. Around 2,402 mm of rainfall had been recorded in Rangpur areas in last July. In 2005 August, Rangpur zone recorded 4,553 mm of rainfall but this year 1.149 mm of rainfall was recorded

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"Saudi prince and Domestic Investors obtained more than 90 marks while the other two-- Maa International and JJ Finance-- failed to get the pass mark of 75," he

opened the financial bid before schedule of August 30, he said the commission did this to avert legal complexities stemming from a High Court (HC) stay order on the process of selling the Runali Bank

Court's order expires today.

The HC on August 21 stayed the procedures regarding the sale of Rupali Bank for three months.

The same day four bidders out of the short-listed seven companies from home and abroad submitted their technical and financial offers to

per cent of Rupali Bank's shares decided to sell 67 per cent of its shares in order to appease the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, who conditioned loans from them with reforms in the banking sector. In March last year, the government assigned the Privatisation Commission to sell the

bank. Total assets of the Rupali Bank as showed in December 2005 stood at \$1.07 billion and it has over 493

Share price of Rupali Bank shot up by Tk 347.25 or 29.14 per cent to close at Tk 1.647.25 vesterday. The price rose to as high as Tk 1,700 on speculations that the Saudi prince was going to be the highest bidder. The financial offers were opened after 2:00pm, the time the market

On the Chittagong Stock Exchange (CSE), share price of Rupali Bank went up by Tk 348.75 or 26.89 per cent to close at Tk 1645.25.

The bank ended up as the day's second best gainer on both DSE and CSE. A total of 22,790 shares of Rupali Bank worth Tk 3.53 crore were traded on DSE yesterday while 31,900 shares worth Tk 4.90 crore changed hands on CSE.

# Verdict of graft case

The judge said he could not complete preparing the judgment of the graft case and fixed the next date to deliver the verdict.

During the hearing, Ershad along with his party leaders, activists and lawyers was present in the court

Additional Public Prosecutor (APP) Golam Mostafa Khan submitted a petition seeking time for adjournment of the gold smuggling case, as witnesses did not appear before the court yesterday.

Moving the petition, the APP told the court that three witnesses including the complainant of the case had earlier appeared before the court and gave their statements. But as vital witnesses, including the investigation officer (IO) of the case, were yet to appear for giving their statements, he prayed for adjournment of the hearing of the case, the APP added.

On the hearing from the prosecution and the defence, the judge fixed September 20 for next hearing of the gold smuggling case and issued non-bailable arrest warrant against six witnesses, including the IO of the case, to have them appear before the court on the next scheduled

The trial of the plot-allotment case began in 1998. The court completed its hearing on August 13 and fixed yesterday for delivering the verdict.

The court framed charges against Ershad and acquitted the then Raidhani Unnayan Kartripakkha (Rajuk) chairman Rahamat Ullah on March 9, 1992 as no conclusive evidence was found

Ershad was acquitted in three graft cases last week while a negotiation is going on about his joining the ruling BNP-led alliance ahead of the next parliamentary election.

### **PLOTALLOTMENT CASE** Mohammad Saiiad Hossain, an

official of the now-defunct Bureau of Anti-Corruption, filed the case against Ershad with the Motijheel Police Station on April 22, 1991. The investigation officer (IO) of

the case pressed charges against Ershad and Rahamat Ullah on December 9 the same year.

The then president Ershad directed authorities concerned to allot plots in Gulshan, Banani, Baridhara and Uttara residential areas to 49 people during 1988-1990, violating the government and Rajuk provisions, said the prosecu-

The court has so far recorded statements of only four prosecution witnesses although the trial began on April 23, 1998.

The court could not complete arguments of the case as the prose cution and the defence had sought time on different excuses since August 2002.

### **GOLD SMUGGLING CASE**

On August 13, the same court adjourned the hearing of the gold smuggling case against Ershad until August 27 following a time petition from the prosecution.

A team of customs officials held four persons including two foreign nationals at Zia International Airport (ZIA) on July 17, 1990 when they were attempting to smuggle 3,000 tola gold worth around Tk 2.5 crore into Bangladesh, the prosecution

A smuggling case was filed against the four -- Bernhard Rudiger of Germany, David Anthony Chalmar Chaker of England, the then manager of ZIA Major (rtd) Ashraf Uddin Sekender and security guard of ZIA Abu Taher -- with the Cantonment Police Station the

During the investigation, the IO found evidence of Ershad's involvement in the smuggling and his name was included in the charge sheet.

Rudiger, Chalmar Chaker, Ashraf and Taher were convicted and sent to prison on different terms on May 14, 1992.

The trial against Ershad did not start due to a stay order from the higher court.

# Thousands defy ban

The demonstrators set fire to tyres in front of a hotel at noontime and

threw brickbats at the police. Additional BDR and police forces have been deployed in the area to contain further vio-

Meanwhile, Shahjahan Ali Sarkar Putu, Phulbari Pourasabha chairman and convenor of Phulbari Protection Committee, said they had no involvement in Saturday's programme. He said he had lodged a general

diary (GD) with the Phulbari Police Station on August 2 saving the Phulbari Protection Committee will not be responsible for any untoward incident during the programme. Phulbari Upazila Nirbahi Officer

(UNO) Hasan Sarwar said what happened on Saturday was totally beyond their control. The BDR fired 70 rounds while the police shot 30,

Syed Saiful Islam Jewel, Phulbari unit convener of the National Committee to Protect Oil. Gas, Mineral Resources and Electricity-Port, severely condemned Saturday's incident and said the administration opened fire on the common people to protect the interest of the looters.

However, the police superintendent of Phulbari told him that the police did not shoot.

Meantime, leaders of the committee demanded judicial inquiry into the matter and punitive measures against the responsible. They also demanded compensation to the families of Saturday's victims.

The hartal in Phulbari will continue until stoppage of all activities of Asia Energy and its removal, Saiful said.

Claiming that at least 10 were killed in Saturday's shootout, he

### 14-party

FROM PAGE 1 8:00pm also decided to hold a grand

rally in the capital on September 18 demanding immediate implementation of the proposals for reforms in the caretaker government system and the Election Commission, and protesting the BNP-Jamaat alliance government's 'widespread corruption, misrule, terrorism and price hike of essentials'.

It will also observe a countrywide 'Day Against Torture' on September 7 protesting the BNP-Jamaat men's attacks, torture and filing false cases against the opposition men and arrest of opposition workers and leaders. The opposition combine will demonstrate across the country including the capital in observance of the day.

"When people demonstrate against a dishonest treaty of the government, they kill people," Hasina, also president of the main opposition Awami League, told a news briefing.

She demanded immediate halt to 'killing by the government'. A team of AL lawmakers and another team comprising 14-party

leaders will visit Phulbari in a couple

of days, the opposition leader said.

rest of the dead bodies.

"The police have prevented the people of Phulbari from seeing the dead bodies of their relatives. They are also not saying clearly if the dead bodies will be returned." he

Our correspondent in Dinajpur adds: Two more of the seven killed were identified yesterday: they are Amin, 14, son of Abdul Hamid of Barokona village, and Salekin, 24, son of Abdul Hashem of Jharapara village of Nawabganj upazila.

The identity of another deceased could not be known as of 9:30pm

At least seven to eight people of npara. Barokona and including SSC candidate Ekramul, son of Mokbul Hossain, have been missing since Saturday

Meanwhile, the BDR raided and ransacked several houses in

The designated magistrate snatched the film of a local photojournalist when the latter tried to

take his snaps in Nimtali area. Sources said the BDR asked for the approval from the Phulbari UNO for shooting. The UNO, however,

to manage money for buying drugs he threw the infant to the floor.

Faruk's neighbour, however, said he actually wanted to hand the baby to his wife but Brishti failed to catch her and dropped her on the floor.

Brishti filed a murder case with the Kotwali Police Station accusing her husband.

## EC goes

prescribed application form to be designed by the commission, sources said.

Organisations seeking permissions to become field level observers will have to prove that all their observers are 25 years old by submitting copies of their secondary school certificates, and references from two eminent persons of the society will have to be attached to the application of each aspiring

The organisations will have to have pertinent experiences of three years since their registrations with the statutory authority.

make any statement or hold press conference about the polls before the primary announcement of election results by returning officers, sources said referring to the EC's

Asia Foundation that formed an Election Working Group (EWG) comprising 35 NGOs, the EC secretary said they do not know anything about it. "We will examine the issue when they will apply to us for permissions to observe the polls, Rashid Sarkar said. In the last election 215 foreign

# Judges killing

members Ataur Rahman Sunny, Abdul Awal and Khaled Saifullah. suicide bomber Iftekhar Hasan Al Mamun and Asadur Rahman Arif, All except Arif are in jail. The death reference bench of the

HC on August 23 fixed today for delivering judgement on the completion of the hearing that had begun on August 1. The JMB killed Shahid Sohel Ahmed, senior assistant judge of Nalchhiti upazila, and Jagannath

Pandey, senior assistant judge of

Jhalakathi sadar upazila, in a bomb

attack on the judges' vehicles at

Chandkathi in Jhalakathi on November 14 last year. Immediately after the lower court's verdict on May 29, the government took steps for quick disposal of the militants' death reference case as over 500 cases still await paper-book, history of case, preparation and death reference

hearing before the HC. On the government's instructions, the attorney general's office in June petitioned to the HC to give priority in preparing the paper-book

for the death reference case. The HC granted the prayer on June 15. On completion of the paper book reading, the government moved in the death reference bench for hearing the case.

### 15 hurt

FROM PAGE 16 Shibli Noman triggered the clash. The Shibir activist allegedly insulted Rubel, JCD's secretary of KMC unit and both locked into using abusive language towards each other in the dormitory dining area.

A group of JCD loyalist interns attacked Shibir activist Shibli Noman at around 9:30pm on the campus and soon after this, a large number of Shibir activists including non-students swooped on the JCD activists inside the dormitory.

Both Shibir and Chhatra Dal activists used sticks and brickbats during the violence that continued for over forty minutes, said the

## Saifur blames

FROM PAGE 16 The working paper submitted by the Bangladesh Bank suggested effective administrative measures to eliminate obstacles and different pressures against competitive market system for different products at import and distribution stages.

The paper also advised the government to find new internal sources of revenue to offset an accumulated loss stemming from petroleum fuel and fertiliser subsidies, adding that the government continue the ongoing tight monetary policy.

An immediate initiative to check the smuggling in subsidised fertiliser and diesel and maintain smooth supply of products will help curb inflation, the central bank said.

current tight monetary policy and said the ministry will not allow anymore subsidy from the budget to adjust accumulated loss stemming from petroleum fuel. Although the price of fuel was increased slightly in the last budget, it is still far lower than the international

Saifur favoured the government's

comment as to when it will be increased. Sources said the meeting asked the National Board of Revenue (NBR) to increase revenue collection in a bid to reduce public sector borrowing from

price, the minister said adding "We will

have to adjust the fuel price." He

however, did not make any specific

### the banking sector. Hartal observed

FROM PAGE 16 at Bhabadaha by August 26 The leaders of the committee threatened to enforce a half-day

hartal if the government fails to meet their demand. The movement committee held a protest rally at Noapara during the

hartal hours yesterday. The Workers' Party of Bangladesh also held a protest rally in Jessore town with Prof Afsar Ali in the chair. Party leaders Iqbal Kabir Zahid, Zakir Hossain and others addressed the rally.

## Fazil, Kamil

FROM PAGE 1 with its chief LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul

Mannan Bhuiyan in the chair. The committee recommended giving the three-year Fazil course a status equivalent to the degree level. As per the recommendation, the total marks of the course will be 1,400 including 600 for Arabic subjects and 800 marks for general subjects.

In the general subjects, Bangla

and English with 200 marks will be compulsory and the rest 600 marks will be for two optional subjects. The Fazil degree will be called as BA (Fazil) and the Kamil degree with 500 marks for Arabic subjects as MA (Kamil). The cabinet committee has

recommended introducing the courses under the National University from the 2007-08 academic year. It also recommended separate campus, infrastructure facilities, and efficient teaching staff for these courses. Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Barrister Moudud

Ahmed Industries Minister Motiur Rahman Nizami, Education Minister Dr M Osman Farruk, Water Resources and Commerce Minister Hafiz Uddin Ahmed. Cabinet Secretary Abdul Halim and Education Secretary Momtajul Islam attended the meeting.

# 8th Expert Group

**FROM PAGE 16** poverty-mitigated middle-income country; to have a health-endowed nation; to have a skilled and a creative workforce; to become a globally integrated economic and commercial regional hub and to be

environmentally sustainable. Ensuring a socially just society is central to building a participatory democracy and to advancing the development process. High rates of economic growth need to be coupled with policies and institutions that allow the sharing of the benefits of development by all irrespective of income, class, gender, religion or ethnicity. Cultural accommodation is also the only sustainable approach to future progress because the alternative is cultural

suppression. Promotion of cultural and religious diversity as a national heritage; guarantéed access to educational and health-care opportunities by the poor; minimum employment guarantee for the rural poor; property rights for the poor and marginalised groups; no gender-based discrimination and inequality; safety nets for vulnerable groups; reduced regional inequality through local economic development; economic and social inclusion of minorities and many more relevant issues will be deliberated and consulted upon

The outline of the Vision 2021 for Bangladesh has been drafted on the basis of recommendations and aspirations propagated by a large number of people attending the regional civil society dialogues at various places of Bangladesh, which are being organised collaboratively by Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), the Prothom Alo, The Daily Star and Channel-i. The Nagorik Committee 2006 is now going through a process of consultation with expert groups about the draft

The Vision 2021 for Bangladesh will eventually be presented to the next elected government and the parliament with a more detailed description of short and medium term strategies.

## Mizanur clinches

size grounds for cricket, rugby and football, the college in the heart of the Sri Lankan capital has a modern indoor sports complex where the Bangladeshi competitors had failed to get beyond the elimination round in the discipline's first two days.

However, the final day proved to be fruitful as the 24-year-old Mizanur produced the third gold medal for his country at the Games

which close today. Swimmer Shahjahan Ali Rony, who will carry the national flag in today's closing ceremony at the Sugáthadasa Štadium, and hurdler Mahfuzur Rahman Mithu are the other two gold medalists for Bangladesh, emulating the country's haul of three gold medals won

in Islamabad two years ago. Mizanur, who beat Sri Lankan opponent Gayan in the first round by 7-5 points, ousted Sandeep Kundu of India 6-3 in the semifinal in the

Bangladesh Army soldier from Barisal outplayed Bhutan's Sonam Penjor 11-7 in three rounds. After a brief celebration, he was taken to a local hospital to nurse a right-leg injury but the doctors released him

introduced in the seventh SAF Games in Kathmandu 1999.

The eldest of four brothers Mizanur said that his farmer father has been suffering from paralysis.

"I am grateful to my family and also Lt Col Shaheed, who had advised me to join taekwondo.' The 5'10" tall athlete was a

basketball player but seeing no chance of him making a permanent place in a strong Army side, his coach Lt Col Shaheed, now at Bangladesh Rifles, told him to switch to martial arts three years ago, he informed

"I won a bronze in the Islamabad Games and I was confident to do well here. I am happy that I have won a gold medal for my country in the end," he added. Bangladesh also won two medals in judo, silver for Habibur

their tally to three gold, 15 silver and 32 bronze medals. India remained distinctly ahead establishing their supremacy with 118 gold, 68 silver and 46 bronze followed by Pakistan (41-43-71), Sri Lanka (36-63-77), Nepal (9-14-29), Afghanistan (6-7-16), Bangladesh

(3-15-32) and Bhutan (0-3-10).

Rahman in men's 66kg and bronze

for Milton Majumder in 60kg, to take

# Pakistan kills

**FROM PAGE 16** Followers of Bugti ransacked and torched four banks, 12 buses and two ambulances in Quetta, while four banks were also set ablaze in

police officials said. Police arrested 450 rioters who rampaged overnight through the city of Quetta, defying a round-the-clock curfew imposed Sunday, said

Baluchistan and to the southern port of Karachi, Pakistan's largest city and capital of neighbouring Sindh province. Large crowds of Baluch people pelted cars with stones and set tires alight in Karachi, police said. Extra police and paramilitary

forces were deployed.
Sporadic gunshots were heard in Quetta city and other areas till early

Sunday but there were no reports about casualties. Tension gripped the region Sunday as protesters blocked two major highways, one leading from Quetta to Iran and another to

Khuzdar and southern pot city of

Karachi, the officials said.

Opposition leaders condemned the killing and the major political parties have convened emergency meetings to discuss the develop-

ance Muttahida Majlis-e-Amal. "It's one of the darkest eras in Pakistan's political history," Baloch said.
"It's the worst news for the

Baluch nation. I cannot say much as

we are busy in collecting the bodies." spokesman for Bugti's Jamhooi Watan Party Shahid Bugti

we don't know how many people have been killed," Bugti said. Mir Hasil Bizenjo, chief of Baluchistan National Party told AFP the death was shocking for democracy, nationalism and the politics of

Baluchistan. Ghulam Mohammed, chief of Baluch National Party said agreed saying there would be far reaching implications on politics in Baluchistan while Qasim Zia, a leader of former premier Benazir Bhutto's Pakistan Peoples Party described the killing as regrettable and unfortunate.

### US plane crash FROM PAGE 16

He added that there was no "weather challenge" that caused the

The names of passengers were not released, he said, pending notification of next of kin. "We cannot speculate on the

"Bullets don't solve problem they create problems. The killing of Bugti in a military operation was a conspiracy to break up Pakistan, 7ia said.

Govt to end FROM PAGE 1

before it used to be under one ministry, he said. Despite the court's directive for a judicial service commission to be constituted drawing majority of its members from the higher judiciary, the government has formed the commission with only two judges

and six other members including

four bureaucrats. According to the SC directives, the SC will deal with the promotions, transfers and job placements of the lower judiciary judges but the new government rules said the 'proper authority' shall decide on the matters on recommendations of the

apex court.

The lower judiciary has been kept virtually under executive control in the name of 'proper authority', Amir-UI said during yesterday's hearing. The SC made the 12-point directive for judiciary separation on

December 2, 1999. Since then,

successive governments repeat-

edly sought time from the SC for implementation of the directives. But the task has yet to be executed. On February 1, the SC turned down the 22nd government prave for time extension. It had rejected the appeal earlier on October 20

2005 Barrister Amir-UI Islam filed a contempt petition on February 22 against nine top bureaucrats for not complying with the SC directives. On April 3, the Appellate Division issued a contempt rule against four bureaucrats -- Principal Secretary to the prime minister Kamal Uddin Siddiqi, Law Secretary Alauddin Sarder, Establishment Secretary Mahbubur Rahman and Finance Secretary Siddigur Rahman -- for

Besides, nine other bureaucrats have also been facing contempt charge since November 2004 for distortion of the 12-point directive.

the non-compliance.

separate the judiciary, the government framed two rules --Bangladesh Judicial Service (Constitution, Recruitment in the Entry Point, Temporary Suspension, Dismissal and Removal) Rules 2006 and the Bangladesh Judicial Service (Posting, Promotion, Leave Grant, Control, Discipline and other Service Conditions) Rules 2006 -on June 12.

Barrister Moniruzzman Asad assisted Amir-UI Islam during the hearing yesterday.

FROM PAGE 1
"Both sides agreed that terrorism

and organised crime, he said.

Bangladeshi counterpart, said.

To avoid untoward incidents and resolve situations arising out of such exercise utmost restraint along the Bangladesh-India border and avail

lity along the border. As the Indian delegation drew attention of Bangladesh side to the

> when Australia and India are doing so, Anu Muhammad told the reporters

> that the geological situation and the

density of population at Phulbari is not

comparable to those of the countries

He also said that the committee is disinclined to the political parties like Awami League or the 14-party in regard to their programme, but requested all to participate in their programmes. Former PDB Chairman Nuruddin

Mahmud Kamal said AEC made no

comprehensive feasibility study, but it

did all other studies in secret so that the results go in their favour. Chittagong University of Engineering and Technology Professor Shamsul Alam said AEC has no water management policy in the project. If the project is implemented, it could make the water

The national committee convenor

engineer Sheikh Mohammad

Shahidullah, CPB Secretary General

Muiahidul Islam Selim, CPB leader

situation in the area worse.

Haider Akbar Khan Rono, comrade Enamul Haque and journalist Syed Abul Maksud were also present. Advocate Sultana Kamal of Ain O Salish Kendra, Shamsul Huda of Association for Land Reform and Development, Syeda Rizwana Hassan of Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers' Association, Taslimur Rahman of Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust, Mahfuzullah of Centre for Sustainable Development, Mahin

Sultana of Naripokkho and Khushi Kabir of Nijera Kori in a joint statement strongly condemned the killings. They also demanded an end to all AEC activities, investigation into the killings, punishment of the persons

responsible and compensation to the

killed and injured. BNP's NEC meet Quddus Talukder Dulu, Abul Khair Bhuiyan, Ilias Ali, Moazzem Hossain Alal, Nazim Uddin Alam, Shahid Uddin Chowdhuty Anny, Nasir Uddin Pintu, who are known to be very close to

party high ups refrained from interfering during their aggressive speeches. Sources said blasting of some senior leaders by the leaders of the young group was pre-planned. Some senior leaders including Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan discouraged the grassroots level leaders to talk about the electricity crisis and the price hike of essen-

tials, they were even told not to talk

about corruption by some ministers

and lawmakers, who are members of

including some important ones like

Chittagong, Comilla, Noakhali,

Leaders from at least 41 districts

the party.

anything.

Hawa Bhaban, got enough chance to

criticise the rebel senior leaders as the

Manikganj, Rangpur, and Faridpur were not allowed to address the meeting. The party high command allowed only those who had been listed in advance through a selection process about which nobody knows

Khaleda Zia also warned the party leaders in not so subtle words during her concluding speech at the NEC "You (senior leaders) are heroes when you are in BNP but you could be zeroes when you are not in the party,' she said adding, "Some people are violating the discipline and using my photo on their posters." She said such

practices cannot be allowed to con-

"We did not finalise the names of our nominees for the next election.' Khaleda told the leaders and warned that it is not assured that an incumbent lawmaker will get a nomination. "We will nominate those, who are capable to win the election," she added. Hinting at some complaints against

some lawmakers and ministers from

the party she said, "Lawmakers and

ministers should care about the party

activists and leaders should not be

isolated from the activists.

work in the sector," she said.

Khaleda assured the grassroots level leaders that if her party wins the next election then the electricity crisis will get priority. 'This time we could not understand the problem properly although we

have undertaken a lot of development

20 hurt FROM PAGE 1

Complex. They are -- police constables Abdus Sattar, Abdur Rashid, Altab Hossain, Fazle Ali Khan Miraj, Mohiuddin, Rashid Sikdar,

ers Alamin and Bachhu. Joynul was forced to leave the

earlier.

Mahbubur Rahman, officer-in-

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Saudi prince system, and financial viability.

Asked why the commission

The Supreme Court suspension for a week the execution of the High

the Privatisation Commission. The government that owns 94

branches across the country **RUPALI BANK'S SHARE PRICE UP** 

alleged that the BDR dumped the

Jholapara, Dhanapara and Sajalpukur on August 26 night. They even assaulted some women. sources alleged.

Addicted father

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None of the organisations can

About the controversial move by

observers from 32 countries observed the polls and only seven foreign organisations submitted

morning.
In the afternoon's final, the

after preliminary checkup. "I am fine now. There is no major problem or pain." Mizanur told after winning Bangladesh's first ever

Khuzdar district late Saturday

Suleman Sayed, the city's police chief. Violence also spread throughout

"Bugti's murder is an extrajudicial killing," said Liaquat Baloch, a leader of six-party religious alli-

told AFP. "It's difficult to say much at this stage," he said. "We are still collecting details as

hatred would now increase in

find out the cause of this accident,' he said in an emotional voice.

cause of the accident." He said that the crew had flown

the plane for some time, and that Comair had purchased it new.

As part of the preparation to

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