Opposition declares

leaders and workers to stage sit-ins wherever they might face obstruc-

In another development, leaders of the opposition line-up yesterday alleged that the police have been on an arrest spree in line with the ruling alliance's plot to foil the rally. They said the law enforcers have picked up over 5,000 of their workers and leaders in the last couple of days.

But State Minister for Home Lutfozzaman Babar yesterday denied the allegation and said the police are performing only the routine tasks

Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) has slapped a ban on carrying weapons or other deadly objects in the city for today. ALCWCMEETING

The AL Central Working Committee held an emergency meeting at its Dhanmondi office last night with party chief Sheikh Hasina in the chair. They unanimously decided to go for even more vigorous programmes, Obaidul Quader told The Daily Star.

The 14-party too held a meeting at AL General Secretary Jalil's residence last night.

Both the meetings decided that the opposition supporters will hold indefinite sit-ins wherever the police will block their way.

The ALCWC and 14-party meet this morning again with Hasina in the chair to finalise the programmes to be declared at the OPPOSITION'S

PREPARATIONS

Over the last one week, the opposition combine has had a series of meetings preparatory to the grand

It expects to mass around 10 lakh people at Paltan and surrounding areas to turn the city into a human sea.

AL Joint General Secretary Obaidul Quader told The Daily Star that if the government resorts to violence, they will come up with a

A group of leaders yesterday visited the Paltan ground to see the

The city unit 14-party yesterday held a meeting at the AL central office where the combine leaders warned the government that handing over power to the caretaker government before carrying out the reforms would do them no

AL Presidium Member Amir Hossain Amu called on the coalition government to accept the reform proposals by yesterday. He said they will not tolerate anymore dilly-dallying with the proposals.

Abdur Razzak said the election under lustice KM Hasan and MA Aziz could never be free and fair as the two having allegiance to the BNP will work to bring the party

Presided over by Dhaka City 14arty Coordinator Mofazza Hossain Chowdhury Maya, the meeting was addressed, among others, by Rashed Khan Menon, Obaidul Quader, Hasanul Haque Inu, Abdul Mannan, Dilip Barua, Nurul Islam, Jahirul Islam, Pankaj Bhattacharya, and Syed Zafar

PREPARATIONS AT DISTRICT LEVEL

The district level leaders have also held a series of meetings in last couple of days. "As we already know that the

police will prevent us from entering Dhaka, we are planning different alternative measurers so that our people could attend the rally tomorrow (today)," Gazi Oamrul Huda Selim, general secretary of Manikganj district AL, told The

Daily Star. The leaders of Rajshahi and Khulna divisions and greater Mymensingh have been requested to leave their buses in Shahbagh area, leaders of Dhaka, Khulna and Barisal divisions in Bangabazar and Tikatuli areas and Chittagong and Sylhet division leaders to keep their vehicles parked in Tikatuli

SECURITYPREPARATION The DMP plans a four-layer security net around Paltan for today.

The security personnel will train binoculars to keep watch on the rally attendees from the rooftops. Metal detectors will be used to check people at the entry points.

Besides, there will be 26 closedcircuit TV cameras posted on and around the venue to monitor the movements of the opposition A police control room will be set

up behind the podium to coordinate the security arrange-Members of different intelli-

gence agencies and the Rab vesterday scanned the Paltan area with dog squads. The law enforcers have already

taken position at different entryways to the capital and been watching over different Dhakabound busses. They will check both the buses and passengers till the beginning of the opposition's rally. MASSARREST According to reports, the police

have detained several thousand opposition activists in the last couple of days in the city and else-

wherein the country.

As part of the ongoing drive, they will continue raiding houses of the opposition leaders and workers, different hotels, bus terminals, railway stations and launch terminals in the capital. Besides, they will set up road-

blocks at different points, said police sources adding that patrols will be on along the highways. A police official seeking ano-

nymity told The Daily Star that around 2,000 people have been arrested in last few days.

Our corespondent from Khulna adds: Over 5,000 opposition supporters yesterday left Khulna, Bagerhat and Satkhira for Dhaka.

4 BCL men FROM PAGE 16

to murder case against the 12 leaders and activists mentioned above.

The accused are Sohel Rana Tipu, Saiful Islam, Alaul Islam Saikat, Tarek, Faisal, Ashraf, Abu Abbas Bhuiyan, Mizan, Nuruzzaman, Zico and Titu. General Secretary of the Duja Imamul Haq Shamim filed the case

on behalf of the association.

At least five journalists were wounded when a group of BCL activists backed by its president and general secretary attacked a press conference of their rival faction at the Modhu's Canteen of DU on Saturday. ersity Teachers'

Association (Duta) yesterday condemned the attack on reporters on the campus on Saturday In a press release, Duta leaders

demanded the authorities to ensure security for the campus reporters. Meanwhile, BCL exploded two

crude bombs at Modhu's Canteen yesterday noon leaving a student injured that spread panic on the campus. Explosive experts recovered another unexploded bomb from the Modhu's. After the explosion, Jatiyatabadi

Chhatra Dal (JCD) instantly took part in a procession to protest the bomb explosion.

Meanwhile, at least 10 leaders and activists were injured in a clash between the two factions of the BCL yesterday evening at party

Singapore yesterday.

WB loan

FROMPAGE 16 Influenza (AHI) was told in

The WB has devised a support programme for the developing countries to fight avian flu in animals and was preparing for a possible human flu pandemic through a global funding programme formerly known as the Global Programme for Avian Influenza

The bank's board of executive directors endorsed the programme in January this year in Beijing with a pledge of \$1.9 billion dollars.

Some 30 developing and least developed countries, including Bangladesh, remained in the pipeline for the credit likely to be disbursed within 6-12 months while the bank has already committed \$1.2 billion for 15 most-affected

"This indicates a more rapid response than seen in the aftermath of recent major natural disasters, such as the Indian Ocean tsunami," a senior executive of the World Bank told the seminar at Suntec Singapore. To help countries prepare pro-

ects for financing, the World Bank's task teams would provide analytic and advisory assistance. The GPAI allows for the use of up to \$500 million in IBRD loans or IDA credits or grants for new projects or restructuring of existing projects with or without additional financ-

The seminar was told that limited grant resources were also available from the bankadministered trust funds for financing AHI projects. The newly established multi-

donor trust fund, the AHI facility. has an initial endowment of \$75 million from a number of donors, including the European

Countries could access funding from the bank to strengthen their veterinary and health services to deal with avian flu outbreaks among animals, minimise the threat posed to people, and prepare for and respond to any poten-

Another bullet-hit FROM PAGE 16

Saturday morning fearing tougher

action by the law enforcers.

Only a few female members were guarding their homes at Bahadurpur, Moishapur, Purba Daliarpar, Gangpar Noakot, Chhonbari and Zaliarpar villages. A curfew-like situation has been

created by BDR who started going door-to-door in search of villagers involved in the attack on BDR on The BDR recovered the missing

walkie-talkie and 27 rounds of ammunition from a place near Bahadurpur yesterday.

However, the BDR has not yet filed any case against the villagers for the attack.

ICD leader

Meanwhile, a Jubo Dal leader was

killed in 'crossfire' during a shootout between his accomplices and police at Mirersarai upazila in Chittagong, our staff correspondent in Chittagong reports.

The victim was identified as Ershad Ullah, 35. The Jubo Dal cadre was also accused in as many as 10 criminal cases including murder and robbery cases.

Police sources said Mirersarai police arrested Ershad Ullah on Friday noon at Sandhurchar area at chhakhali of the upazila.

Following his confessional statement to the police, a team of Mirersarai police went to Sandhurchar area along with Ershad to recover hidden firearms. As they reached the scene, a number of Ershad's accomplices opened fire on the team in a bid to snatch him from police custody, police claimed. Police said they were had to retaliate in self-

During the shootout, Ershad received bullets and he died on the way to a local health complex, sources said.

They said Ershad was the second-in-command of notorious Alauddin Bahini and he had several criminal cases filed against him.

EC to stop

authorities to initiate steps to stop the campaign by the aspirant candidates," the secretary said. While the announcement of the

polls schedule is yet to be made, many aspirant candidates in the capital and elsewhere have launched election campaign through posters, billboards and wall writings.

conduct formulated by the EC, no candidate is allowed to launch campaign through billboards, wall writings and colour posters after the election schedule is declared. But as the EC has no jurisdiction

to stop the ongoing election campaign by the aspirant candidates much ahead of the next election scheduled for January, the EC in a recent meeting decided to sit with the police administration and the DCC to stop the unauthorised campaign.

has empowered the corporation authorities to stop such campaigns to keep the city clean.

Outraged by outage

least three phases. Chittagong city witnessed 230 MW of load-shedding yesterday. The Raozan unit-2 tripped on Saturday leaving the port city with a staggering 300 MW of loadshedding, reports our staff correspondent in Chittagong. The Raozan unit-2 resumed operation yesterday morning but the power situation did not improve much.

The picture is bleaker in the rural areas. According to our district correspondents, rural power consumers hardly get a few hours of electric supply a day.

remained shutdown. A number of them have been shutdown for routine maintenance while the others have serious technical

450 MW plant has gone for a 15-day maintenance shutdown and it will resume production later this month. On the other hand, the Ashuganj 150 MW and the Haripur 100 MW plants have technical problems. We don't know when they would resume operation," said an official. Mindless expansion of power

install any new power project in the last five years except for the 80 MW longi power plant which remains shutdown most of the times due to its sub-standard quality. In contrast the government in the last five

rural areas," quips a PDB official. Increasing the number of power consumers has given hundreds of crores of taka worth of business to a number of ruling party men who are involved in construction of power poles. At the same time, it helped the parliamentarians show off to their constituencies that they

Last week the Executive Committee on National Economic Council (Ecnec) approved different power distribution projects worth Tk 2000 crore -- but none related to power generation. One of these projects specifically target at increasing power consumers by another 10 lakh.

The country currently has about 85 lakh power connections covering around five crore consumers. Five years ago, this number was around 50 lakh connections. In 2002, the country generated 3100 MW power and stayed even with the demand of 3100 MW. Now in 2006, the country generates 3300 MW of power even though its number of consumers has nearly dou-

Criminal flees

The two Rab members apprehended Tobarak when he turned up near the shop at around 11:30am, but a local mob rushed to the scene and snatched Tobarak from Rab custody after he screamed out for help terming the Rab men muggers. Captain Shahriar's revolver

slipped into a nearby bush during the scuffle, added the sources. On request by the two Rab

members, another Rab team rushed to the spot to help them out and recovered the revolver in the

Prisoners of politics

the Dhaka Metropolitan Magistrate's Court yesterday. Police sources said around 1,000

people were arrested in the capital in the last two days.

Most of these victims include rickshaw-pullers, day labourers, garment workers, wayside vendors and taxicab drivers who fell prey to the ongoing wave of mass arrest ahead of the Awami League-led 14party combine's grand rally today at Paltan Maidan

Around 50 relatives of the arrestees gathered in front of the Pallabi PS yesterday.

Dulia Begum, wife of rickshawpuller Golam Mostafa, said Pallabi police arrested her husband and brother Mobarak Hossain around 1:00am yesterday. She said the two went to repair her brother's yellow

Mechanic Shahidul Islam and ab driver Rafig were also arreste at that time. Dil Mohammad, 50, said he

first time in his life as his brother mostly under the Chittagong Khaj Mohammad, a shopkeeper, Metropolitan Police Ordinance.

was arrested without any reason.

rally, the police launched a countrywide crackdown a couple of days ago. Sources said the crackdown has been intensified since Saturday night.

Awami League (AL) Presidium member Tofail Ahmed claimed on Saturday that around 5,000 AL State Minister for Home Affairs

yesterday denied that any mass arrest is going on, terming the arrests a "routine drive" of the Our correspondent from Khulna adds: Police arrested 61

people in Khulna in the last 24 hours. Two of the arrestees are leaders of Rupsha upazila unit of the AL while 39 others are AL activ-

Dhaka presses

Bangladesh stressed free movement of labour that benefits both sending and receiving states and called upon Nam member countries to support such free movements beyond bor-

More than 60 heads of state or government attended the Summit, alongside ministerial-level participation from over 100 states. The foreign minister urged the

international community to focus on pro-poor and pro-development trade, especially in WTO and other multilateral forums. In the statement Dhaka also

implored that the developed countries must increase ODA, FDI, 'aid for trade', and facilitate market access for the least developed countries. The statement also carried a call

for revitalisation of global disarmament initiatives, not only to foster peace and security but also to increase development assistance and financing of development. It also emphasised the need for

reinvigorating the United Nations and strengthening its position as the central organ for the cooperative management of the world's prob-Need of the hour is "a UN which is better suited to respond to the devel-

opment and security concerns of its

member-states," the minister said making a strong plea for a transformation of the global body. Bangladesh observed that a persistent and constructive engagement of the movement would result in a revitalised UN, "more reflective of the hopes and aspirations of the

developing countries." While presenting the Bangladesh position, Morshed strongly condemned the recent Israeli aggression and carnage in Lebanon and called for restoration of full sovereignty of the Lebanese people. He underscored the need for

finding immediately a just, equitable

and lasting solution to the Middle

East problem, ensuring full sover-

eignty of the Palestinian people. He

emphasised that the Nam member

facilitate the peace process.

Bangladesh urged the international community to take concrete measures to "root out terrorism in all its forms and manifestations and address the underlying causes of

of the Millennium Development Goals: gender parity in primary and secondary school enrolment and

Biman flight FROMPAGE 1 (Airbus 320) landed safely at

12:45pm. Sylhet by another flight later.

Biman flight, BG-114, made an emergency landing at Osmani International Airport following technical fault just five minutes after it took off at 8:10pm.

It inspection FROM PAGE 16

the Indian side while Saif Uddin Soj will fly in Dhaka tomorrow to join histeam. The water resources ministry

secretaries of the two countries will lead their teams to visit the Feni riverbank and riverbank preservation work in Chittagong and Khagrachhari today, according to Bangladesh water resources minis-The two ministers, meantime,

between border forces of the two countries. They will attend a press conference in Dhaka on Wednesday for

FROM PAGE 1 Shahid also criticised the prime minister for her contradictory speeches on the proposed dialogue with the opposition. "The prime minister at a public meeting in Moulvibazar said the election will be held as per constitution, but earlier in Brahmanbaria she spoke of a one-toone dialogue on reforms proposal. What does she actually want?

Ruling BNP lawmakers protested Shahid's remark. A few of them, including Manjur Quader, Rustam Ali Farazi and Shakhawat Hossain Bakul, stood up and tried to draw the Speaker's attention for floor. AL lawmakers KM Jahangir

Hossain, Rahmat Ali, Mahbubur Rahman and Delwar Hossain also tried to speak But Speaker Jamir Uddin Sircar did not allow anyone to speak and

umped to other businesses of the Most senior parliamentarians both from BNP and AL, however,

Mufti Hannan FROM PAGE 16

were absent from the House at that

same case and were being interrogated during remand. Ten people died and several others were injured on April 16, 2001 when bombs went off on the crowd gathered to celebrate the

Bengali New Year near the Batamul

inside Ramna Park. The Criminal Investigation Department (CID) yesterday produced Mofiz, also a member of HuJi and an arrestee in a murder case filed with Gopalganj Police Station, before the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's (CMM) Court, Dhaka and submitted a petition for showing him arrested in the Ramna Batamul blast case.

The CID submitted another petition for placing him on a 10day remand for interrogation in connection with the blasts.

In the forwarding report placed before the court, CID Inspector Abu Hena Mohammad Yusuf, the investigation officer (IO) of the case, said Mofiz might be involved in the blasts and he needs to be interrogated intensively to dig out clues about the blasts and whereabouts of the perpetrators.

After the hearing, Metropolitan Magistrate Shamsul Alam granted the petition for showing Mofiz arrested in the case and approved a five-day remand.

12 people in connection with the Ramna Batamul blasts but all of them were granted bail from the

gave a confessional statement to a metropolitan magistrate and disclosed names of Mufti Hannan and others involved in the blasts.

issued by Hamas and its leaders, which have prompted unfavourable international reactions," Abdel-Rahman told Reuters. Abbas aides blamed comments

by Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh of On Saturday, Haniyeh insisted a document penned by Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails that serves as the basis for the unity guidelines "does not recognise the occupation"

Haniyeh had said, without elaborating, that the two issues "will be dealt with in the way that serves the higher interests of the Palestinian

-- Hamas's term for Israel -- nor

The unity coalition deal states the new government would "honour" past peace agreements, Abbas aides "At the time the president is trying

programme to international envoys, Haniyeh and Hamas officials announce they are not committed to (past peace) agreements and have retracted on the agreement reached with President Abbas," Abdel-Rahman said: Abbas and Haniveh reached a

deal on forming a unity government last Monday. Palestinian officials have suggested it could be formed within weeks. Ghazi Hamad, a Hamas official

optimism over the coalition. There are some issues of difference but in general things are going smoothly and well. We have not

and spokesman for the current

reached a dead end," Hamad said. We need some more time to settle the differences."

Palestinian officials have said

Washington had said the unity coali-

tion deal must be cancelled or amended to meet three conditions the Ouartet of Middle East mediators had set for lifting sanctions, The Quartet -- the United States. the European Union, the United

peace deals. But the European Union has praised Abbas's deal with Hamas, which is sworn to destroy Israel, and suggested direct aid could be renewed to ease a deep Palestinian economic crisis.

New York on Wednesday on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly meeting, Palestinian officials said. The White House said it could not confirm or deny talks were planned.

PM calls

opposition understood they would not be able to win the election, so they want to boycott and foil the polls.

She said they (opposition) have the right not to participate in the election but no right to foil the election.

"The opposition wants to snatch the democratic rights of people which they had done in the past as well by introducing oneparty system banning all political parties except for one within three minutes," Khaleda told her audi-

form of government by abolishing parliamentary system, and now they were moving in that direction Khaleda said three general elections were held under care-

taker government and the opposition once went to power by contesting election under the caretaker government. This has proved that free, fair and neutral elections can take place under the caretaker system. Now the opposition doesn't

want to accept the caretaker government but wants to appoint chief adviser of caretaker government, chief election commissioner and election commissioners according to their choice. Their liking will not work-

caretaker government will be formed according to the provision of the constitution and the caretaker government will conduct the general election," she told the gathering. Communications Minister Nazmul Huda, State Minister for Finance Shah Mohammad Abul

Hossain, State Minister for

Cultural Affairs Selima rahman,

PM's Political Secretary Harris

Chowdhury, Moazzem Hossain

Alal MP, Delwar Hossain Saydee

MP, Nazimuddin Alam MP and

Zahiruddin Swapan MP, among

FROM PAGE 1 the LGRD and Cooperatives minister, left the National Heart Institute yesterday afternoon and went to his official residence.

others, addressed the meeting

presided over by Mayor Mojibur

Earlier, the prime minister

inaugurated the newly built

Barisal divisional library, Adalot

Bhaban, Barisal heart foundation

and Barisal Circuit House. She

laid the foundation stones of

Barisal University at Fooltala and

Rahman Sarwar MP.

before flying to Singapore. The doctors on Thursday evening conducted check-ups on him. A press release from BNP stated that a medical board led by Professor Sufia Rahman, director of National Heart Institute, observed that his condition was

residence, Social Welfare Minister and Secretary General of Jamaate-Islam Ali Ahsan Muhammad Mujaheed, Health Minister Dr Khandakar Mosharraf Hossain and leaders of ruling BNP called The information officer of

social welfare minister in a press release said the social welfare minister inquired about Bhuiyan's health condition, "The LGRD minister informed [Mujaheed] that he was feeling better," the press release added. On Thursday, Prime Minister

BNP and Awami League (AL) to resolve the ongoing political deadlock on the opposition's proposal for electoral reforms. The opposition, however, alleged that the prime minister

made an offer of dialogue and sent

her party's secretary general

abroad so that no dialogue could

Iraq oil city shudders

FROM PAGE 16 patrol in the city, killing a civilian and wounding 12 others.

The seventh bomb attack came as a suicide bomber exploded his car at an Iraqi army checkpoint. One soldier was Kirkuk, a fragile mix of Kurds,

Arabs and Turkmen, has long been a flashpoint in the country, especially with the potential revenues from the massive -- and largely unexploited -- oil reserves beneath the city. Until recently, violence

kept to a minimum, partly due to political institutions, including a strong provincial council. But in the past few months there has been a sharp increase in the number of explosions and car

between the communities was

US forces in the area attributed the bombing campaign to groups with links to al-Qaeda seeking to spark civil conflict. In Baghdad, the past five days

have seen a spike in execution-

style killings of men, whose bodies have been found with bullet wounds to their heads. The sectarian bloodshed has increased despite Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki's repeated pleas for peace and a massive US-

At least seven more people

assisted security crackdown in

killed when their patrol came under fire by unknown gunmen on the northern outskirts of

In the restive city of Baquba, northeast of Baghdad, two

Baghdad, on the road to the town

In separate attacks, gunmen killed two former Baath party members and a former army brigadier in the northern city of

announced the arrest of a top al-Qaeda militant in Mosul. Iraq also stepped up security around churches across the country after a bomb attack on a church in the southern city of

Oriental bank

FROM PAGE 1 had assigned its Executive Director Md Asaduzzaman Khan to take over the roles of the managing director and the board of directors

Indo-Pak peace

between states that have fought

ence from Britain in 1947. "It is expected that the foreign

agency quoted officials as saying. The talks will have an overall review of the third round of composite dialogue, which was held in

The official media played down Pakistan.

majority Himalayan region that has been the main cause of war between the two states. India controls about 45 percent of the contested territory, with the

range of bilateral issues, including

disputed Kashmir, a Muslim-

summit came a year after Singh a fourth war.

The two leaders, who met for about one hour in Havana, directed officials to hold talks for an early resolution of the disputed Slachen region in Kashmir, and agreed to carry out a joint survey of a disputed estuary known as Sir Creek

The two sides will also consider

opening new bus routes to link people divided by their militarised border. New Delhi had said the bombings in Mumbai were engineered by a Pakistan-based group,

Islamabad to rein in Pakistanbased Islamic militants. Musharraf, who did not speak to reporters, has also come under pressure from Afghanistan to curb incursions of Taliban and other Islamic militants from Pakistani

Lashkar-e-Taiba, and called on

border areas. On Friday, he called on fellow Non-Aligned Movement leaders to "oppose the sinister tendencies to associate terrorism with Islam and discrimination against Muslims, which are giving rise to an ominous alienation between the West and

Pakistan would help stabilise South Asia, where growing violence in Afghanistan, renewed warfare in Sri Lanka and tensions in Nepal have added to regional instability, political analysts said. (Reuters,

BGMEA members

package of Tk 2,000 including a two-hour overtime, he said. Around 50 per cent of the factories will be out of the business within six months if the proposed wage structure is implemented, Huq said, adding that as the workers have their own rights, the owners also have the right to close their

BGMEA Vice-president Lutfor

Rahman Matin said those who

workers, they offered to pay a

have declared an unrealistic wage structure will be responsible for the factory closure and making the workers unemployed. "Buyers come with a fixed CM (cutting and making) charge and ask whether we accept their offer. They tell us directly that they would shift their orders elsewhere if we

owner of KDS garments. "Who will pay the salary of the workers -- the government or the Minimum Wage Board or the owners?" Rahman posed the question. It is true that the owners made money when there was quota

system and the price was good,

said garment owner Muzaffor U

are not ready to accept their price

offer," said Khalilur Rahman,

But it is also true that they have invested their money in expansion of the industry, which has created more employment, he added.

because they love this country but for cheaper prices of Bangladeshi

grades on the basis of their effiimplement a three-tier pay scale for the workers, rather they would shut their factories if it is imposed unilaterally, said garment factory

owner Shah Alam.

the owners will negotiate with the

workers for fixing salaries of other

"I made a profit of Tk 70 lakh last year. Now who will pay the rest two lakh?" he said, adding, "It seems that joining a garment unit as an employee will become more profitable than running a factory."

with a reduced CM. Sardar Liakat

Hossain said, adding that it would

be better for the owners to shut

their factories as they do not know

how to adjust with a situation that

would force them to implement

over 100 per cent wage hike. Factory owner Bahauddin Md close their operations if the pro-Buyers rush to Bangladesh not posed pay scale is implemented.

apparels, he said. Urging the government to fix only the minimum wage, he said

The owners are not bound to

Ariful Huq, another factory

owner, said he will need to pay Tk

72 lakh more if the proposed pay

scale is implemented in the first

Foreign buyers tend to come

Yossuf said banks and insurance companies will also be forced to

As per the rules of the code of

The city corporation ordinance

have 'brought power' to their areas.

PDB sources said as of yesterday, a number of power plant units including the Meghnaghat 450 MW, Sikalbaha 28 MW, Ghorashal 40 MW and 210 MW, Ashuganj fifth 150 MW, Haripur 100 MW, Shahjibazar 70 MW, Khulna 60 MW, Bheramara 20 MW, Baghabari 71 MW, Tongi 80 MW, Barapukuria 250 MW, and Baghabari 90 MW

"For instance, the Meghnaghat

'The government failed to

years has doubled the number of

In the run-up to today's grand

leaders and activists were arrested until Saturday. Lutfozzaman Babar, however,

Our Chittagong correspondent adds: Eighty people were arrested came to the police station for the in the city until 6:00am vesterday.

countries must work together to

terrorism without propagating prejudices against particular groups, The statement mentioned achievements in social and economic development, saying that Bangladesh has already realised two

access to safe drinking water.

The passengers were sent to On August 12, a London-bound

Secretary Gouri Chatterjee leads

will visit some places including the Feni river tomorrow to have a firsthand view of the ground situation along the cross-border rivers that often causes skirmishes

official disclosure of the meeting

The police have so far arrested

On June 14, 2001, one of the arrestees, Moulana Akbar Hussain

Abbas freezes talks FROM PAGE 16 after the conflicting statements

Hamas in particular for the tensions.

accepts existing peace deals.

have said. to market the unity government

Hamas-led government, expressed

Nations and Russia -- have called on Hamas to recognise Israel, renounce violence and accept the interim

Abbas will meet President Bush in

Dopdopia Bridge. Bhuivan

She resented that they (AL) had established presidential

After Bhuiyan returned to his

on the LGRD minister.

Khaleda Zia offered a secretaries general level dialogue between the

reported from across Iraq, including Baghdad. Two Iraqi policemen were

policemen working for the electricity ministry were killed in a roadside bomb attack against their patrol. Three other policemen were wounded.

The US military, meanwhile,

Basra on Friday that followed Pope Benedict XVI's criticism of some teachings of the Prophet Mohammed as "evil and inhu-

the capital since June 14. died in other rebel attacks of the Oriental Bank,

secretaries of Pakistan and India will resume the dialogue next month in the Indian capital," Pakistan's state-run APP news

three wars since their independ-

the significance of the Indo-Pak agreement to set up an "antiterrorism institutional mechanism" to identify and implement counter-terrorism initiatives and investigations" and projected the resumption of dialogue process and references to Kashmir in the joint statement as a "success" to The talks would cover the full

rest held by Pakistan and China. The long-awaited bilateral

and Musharraf met at the United Nations but failed to revive a peace process that was launched in 2004 after the rivals came to the brink of

the world of Islam." Better ties between India and