Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban, the two

leaders expressed hopes to reach a

consensus on the disputes over the

chief of the next caretaker govern-

They will resume the talks on

"We are trying to meet the

nation's expectation...We have

come very closer on many points [of

the electoral reform proposals],

Jalil, also coordinator of the 14-party

opposition combine, said emerging

Bhuiyan also said, "The discus-

sions have reached a stage where

we need to go to our respective

From the Jatiya Sangsad

Sources present at the AL chief's

residence said at the beginning of

vesterday's talks Jalil wanted to

know the response of the ruling BNP

about his demand for appointing

someone else instead of "highly

political" Justice KM Hasan as the

Bhuivan told Jalil that he will

discuss the issue in the forum of his

party and alliance. It will need time

to reach a decision as some within

the party and alliance hold positive

views and others negative about the

disputes on the reform proposals,

Jalil said Bhuiyan again urged

him to compromise on one of the

two major issues--Justice Hasan

and the incumbent chief election

commissioner (CEC). "But I rejected

and argued that there is no scope for

any compromise on these two vital

issues as Justice Hasan is highly

political and the CEC has proved

himself disqualified. A free and fair

election is not possible under their

In a dramatic move, Bhuiyan

proposed Jalil for reconstitution of

the Election Commission through

removing CEC MAAziz. "Accept this

proposal first. We do not have any

problem to meet your demand for

removal of the chief election com-

supervision," Jalil told Hasina.

Rhuivan said

chief of the caretaker government.

parties and alliances to take deci-

Bhaban Jalil rushed to the resi-

dence of party chief Sheikh Hasina

and informed her of the outcome of

vesterday's negotiation.

sion. I hope we will be successful.

ment and other issues.

October 16 morning.

from the meeting.

mit electoral offence should be pun-

ished immediately under the existing

Major General (retired) Mainul

Hossain Chowdhury said

criminalization of politics and

politicisation of crime have become so

rampant that morality is of no value in

President Professor Kholiquzzaman

Ahmad said the countrymen should be

made aware of the laws and then work

as pressure groups so that the candi-

playing a weak role during the election.

Secretary General of Jatiya Party (JP-

Manzur) Sheikh Shahidul Islam said

he prefers implementing the existing

election rules rather than framing new

ones to rein back the election expendi-

Referring to excessive use of

graffiti, posters and billboards before

the election, he said, "The Election

Commission officials are usually busy

trying to save their jobs instead of

watching out for irregular practices by

and will of the political leaders.

Shahidul, a former lawmaker, said the

political parties should make their

leaders follow the party constitutions

Anwar Hossain said enacting new

laws will not help if they are not applied

cannot entertain a voter even with a

cup of tea should be applied here too,

said registration of the political parties.

introduction of negative voting system,

banning of the political parties who

opposed the Liberation War and full

declaration of a candidate's income

source, qualification and personal

particulars should be made compul-

Ibrahim Khaled noted those electoral

expenses should be crosschecked

against income taxes, and the candi-

dates should be disqualified, if any

discrepancy is identified in their decla-

Shakhawat Hossain said the constitu-

encies should be made smaller so that

people can learn more about the

candidates before polls. Besides, a

time bar should be set for the govern-

ment and non-government officials

intending to join politics after retire-

government system, an interim gov-

ernment headed by the prime minister

and assisted by the lawmakers from all

the political parties in proportion to

their representation in parliament

could be formed for the conduct of

Samannay Parishad President AHM

Noman recommended that the candi-

dates of all the parties should be

prought to a stage for a public debate

(Fema) President Munira Khan said

the caretaker government could also

make registration of the political

parties mandatory so that the sources

Mahfuz Anam called on the partici-

pants in the discussion to spread the

message to the organisations they

represent and the grassroots level to

create more awareness over the

Rafigul Islam Sarker, journalist Sved

Abul Maksud, Democracywatch

Executive Director Taleya Rehman,

among others, spoke at the

Former chief news editor of BTV

The Daily Star Publisher and Editor

of income are made transparent.

Fair Election Monitoring Alliance

before the election.

issues.

Bangladesh Manobadhikar

Instead of the present caretaker

Brigadier General (retired)

Brigadier (retired) Khandker

Dhaka University Professor Syed

Like in England where a candidate

Hossain, a professor of history,

Emphasising on the commitment

the candidates.

for a better democracy.

he suggested

Criticising the EC officials for

dates can be held accountable.

Bangladesh Economic Association

electoral laws," he added.

today's politics.

(Shujan), an NGO dedicated to promoting good governance, organised the roundtable in association with the daily Prothom Alo and The Daily Star.

Reduction of Polls Expenditure and Quick Disposal of Election Disputes: Essential Prerequisite for People's Representative Democracy was the topic of the discussion held at the conference room of The Daily Star.

Speaking at the discussion, noted urist Dr Kamal Hossain said as the Olympic games authorities ban an athlete from participating in any competition if they are tested positive for steroids, the EC should disqualify a candidate for using unfair means in the

He also suggested that the candinent citizens, can scrutinise the docu-

He said the candidates who buy

appear before courts during parliamentary sessions constitutes a gross

He said, "The city walls are already covered in graffiti and posters while the intersections and lanes are decorated with colourful posters and hoardings. meaning a good amount of money has

He argued that these expenses Dhaka have already become eligible to be declared ineligible.

Badiul Alam Majumder, secretary general of Shujan, read the keynote paper. In his speech, he said election is a prerequisite for bringing about a representative democracy, but it has to be competitive and conducted on a

Citing statistics from the 8th national election, he said, "The lawmakers are reluctant to declare their sources of expenditures and properties and break the laws by giving false

Mentioning the case of Shudhangshu Shekar Haldar vs Chief Election Commissioner and others, he called for the number of High Court benches to be increased. He also

Justice Naimuddin Ahmed said the speedily if they want, but that does not happen when there are loopholes in some of the laws.

Justice Golam Rabbani suggested

Justice Abdur Rouf proposed that more polling centres should be set up nearby the voters so that voting can be counting by the end of the election day.

The ballots will then be sent to the returning officers who will re-count those in front of all candidates, he said adding: "This will ensure checks and

balances in the polls He also expressed opinion against allowing camps run by the candidates saying that they attempt to influence

election day. Former adviser to the caretaker government ASM Shahjahan

observed that a drastic reduction in electoral expenses could be possible if the politicians are not allowed room for making profit cashing in on their position and power.

"The candidates who would com-

Leave Preparatory Retirement

(LPR) period and drew all retirement

12 killed

went to one of the stalls, set down the bag containing the bomb and bought a bottle of liquor.

After he left, the bomb, which was made of an 81 mm mortar shell, went off, said provincial police chief Superintendent Frederico Dulay.

as the wounded were taken to various hospitals in the largely-Christian, agricultural town.

said Dulay although he would go into detail

ings may be related to a massive military offensive being mounted in the southern island of Jolo.

The offensive is aimed at capturing two Indonesian Jemaah Dulmatin and Umar Patek, along

Dulmatin and Patek are wanted for their part in the 2002 bombing on the Indonesian resort island of Bali that killed over 200 people, mostly vestern tourists.

blast may be a diversionary tactic to weaken the offensive against the JI and Abu Sayyaf in Jolo.

Oemar Sovie, in Jolo earlier this "This is the signature of terrorist

ngs in the area. "We have intelligence reports that more attacks are planned in

Australia warned its citizens Tuesday to avoid parts of the Philippines, saying credible reports indicated attacks on places frequented by foreigners remained

The foreign affairs department, re-issuing a travel warning first given in June, said the threat applied particularly to mainland Mindanao in the south, the Zamboanga Peninsula and the Sulu Archipelago.

Siddhirganj 240MW

Siddhirganj project's implementer Electricity Generation Company Ltd (EGCB) on September 26 announced that Harbin's bid is invalid as the company refused to extend the validity of its bid and bid security submitted in January. Harbin did so to avoid scrutiny of its flawed financial offer by the

The project's Swiss consultant Kema in June found Harbin's bid financially non-responsive. Kema also found that Harbin resorted to cheating in its price offer, deliberately hiding quotation of actual equipment to show a low price. The consultant recommended that the EGCB should negotiate with Bhel since it is the lowest

responsive bidder. Harbin, in line with its previous bidding techniques, then came up with a so-called low price offer of \$90 million while Bhel's offer was \$110 million. But after three months of scrutiny, Kema three-member bench required to found out that Harbin's actual price offer is \$114 million and Bhel's \$113 But the government did not pay

Initially, Harbin showed its low price offer by hiding costs of spares and other machinery, a trick it used to become the lowest bidder for Tongi, Chandpur and Fenchugani power projects. There had been allegations of corruption and favouritism in awarding contracts for these projects to

The EGCB last year floated the tender for two 120 MW units of the peaking power plant in Siddhirgani, in which only Harbin and Bhel partici pated. The ADB is providing \$77 million loan and gave a guideline for implementation of the project. The ADB loan for the project is part of a several hundred million dollar loan for

Bangladesh's power sector. The EGCB appointed famous Swiss company Kema earlier this year to evaluate only the financial offers. As per the ADB guideline for the tender, Kema calculated the total value of Harbin's bid by taking price reference

"So, initially Harbin quoted 90 million dollars. The ultimate price turned out to be 114 million dollars, which is more than 15 percent higher. This implies that the bidder has grossly manipulated its bid and that Harbin did not mistakenly forget to quote prices of some spares," a source pointed out.

Despite Kema's recommendations, the EGCB strangely remained bent on awarding the contract to Harbin, But at this point, the ADB stood in the EGCB's way. As per the loan agreement between the ADB and the government, the EGCB must have its bid cleared by the ADB.

When the EGCB sought clearance, the ADB in July wanted to know twice how the EGCB came to the conclusion that Harbin is the lowest bidder. Despite repeated reminders, the EGCB did not answer this ques-

tion, and thus wasted several months. The Siddhirganj plant site, located near the Sitalakhya river, now accommodates another 210 MW unit on a 30-acre area. This site was chosen for

AL, BNP 'very close' PM on project PROM PAGE 1 Meanwhile, the prime minister is

telling him at the dialogue. "But I argued that the issue of Justice KM Hasan must be resolved

The AL-led alliance wants a solution to the disputes on October 16 when the two secretaries general sit next as Justice Hasan is supposed to be the chief of the next caretaker government following expiry of the present government's tenure on October 27.

missioner," Jalil quoted Bhuiyan as

first." Jalil told Hasina.

The 14-party opposition, which remains rigid on its stance that they neither will contest nor allow any election under Justice Hasan, is preparing to launch vigorous agita-

journalists at the press briefing that the discussion was held in a cordial atmosphere and that they discussed all the issues. The talks will be continued, they said.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Khaleda Zia along with her entire family will leave Dhaka for Saudi Arabia on October 14 to perform Umrah while opposition leader Sheikh Hasina is supposed to leave Dhaka tomorrow for USA to visit her son and daughter-in-law.

Singapore today for medical a

On the first day of the dialogue on October 5, Jalil placed the 14-party opposition's 31-point proposal for electoral reforms to Bhuivan asking the ruling party to resolve the issue of appointment of the chief adviser

The next day, both the leaders claimed that the discussion progressed a bit towards resolving several demands relating to the reform proposals.

on October 8, the two leaders hoped that they would be able to reach a consensus to resolve the disputes over electoral reforms

the peaking plant because of available

space and better gas supply facility. A

peaking plant is one that generates

power during the peak demand hours

expected to visit three districts of Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) --Rangamati, Khagrachhari and Bandarban --today and open a number of development projects at the district headquarters.

This will be her first visit to the hill districts after assuming power in October 2001.

In Rangpur, after attending a darbar at the local army cantonment, the prime minister inaugurated district Judge's Court Bhaban. The court building has been constructed spending Tk 3.30 crore.

She also laid the foundation of Rangpur Collectorate Bhaban.

Our Dinajpur correspondent reported that the prime minister inaugurated nine out of 13 development projects during her visit to the district, but none of them are fully

District administration sources said the prime minister inaugurated 250-bed Dinaipur Medical College Hospital (First phase of 500 Beds Hospital), Dinajpur Collectorate Building, 100-Bed Zia Heart Foundation and Research Center, Women Handicraft and Agro-based Training Center, Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Board, Dinajpur Deaf and Dump Mozammel Haque Institute, Institute of Kidney Disease and Research Center, Dinajpur Chapter of BKSP and Tayaba Majumdar Blood Bank.

Our Khagrachhari correspondents quoted the district administration sources as saying the prime minister will land at the local helipad in the morning and then open a 200metre long Second Chenghi Bridge Vocational Training Institue, Youth Development Training Centre and a

At noon, the prime minister is expected to address a public rally at Khagrachhari Stadium

In Rangamati, Santu Larma, chairman of CHT Regional Council and the president of Parbatya Chattagram Jana Sanghati Samity (PCJSS), and three circle chiefs-Devashish Roy (Chakma Circle), Augsuipru Chowdhury (Bomang Circle) and Pilahpru Chowdhury (Mong Circle)-- will call on the prime minister at Rangamati Circuit House, sources said

Later, the prime minister will open Youth Training Centre, Agriculture Training Institute and the newly built office of the district police superintendent.

She will also address at a public meeting at Rangamati Stadium. In Bandarban, the prime minister

will inaugurate Tribal Culture Institute, Shankha Bridge, Meghla Parjatan Motel and Technical Training Institute.

Saarc

and injuring 200,000.

The proposal to set up the disasapproved at the Saarc Summit held in Dhaka in November last year.

Bangladesh, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bhutan and the Maldives Afghanistan will also become part of this institution after it formally joins the regional forum in March next

the backdrop of opposition allegation that the government made the constitutional amendment in a bid to make its Hasan, once a BNP office bearer, chief adviser of the next caretaker govern-

said, "The government has done it only to get the services of senior and experienced judges in dispensation of

separate magistracy from the executive, which is now pending with parlia-

He went on, "The judiciary could not be separated completely as sessions of the eighth parliament ended. The next government can pass the necessary bill in the first or second session of next parliament."

Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill 2006, which concerned separation of the judiciary, gathered dust in parliament for over six months

told the reporter.

to form the commission and it was at its final stage. But it could not be formed due to some reasons. On appointing an ombudsman, the minister said the proposed bill lies with

the cabinet committee for its consider-Replying to a query on ineffectiveness of the Anti-Corruption

Commission (ACC), he said, "It was our duty to formulate the law for the commission, which we did. It is now up to them to perform." Asked why the government did not

make provisions for direct election to the reserved seats, as demanded by women's organisations, the ministe said, "We made the law after discussing with these organisations.

are now opposing the new law as the civil society does not represent the

Hasina terms

her written speech.
She also defended the opposition's proposals for reforms in the caretaker government system, the Election Commission and electoral laws to ensure a free and fair election.

Prior to Hasina's speech, the AL showed a documentary portraying the led alliance marked by grenade attack on August 21, repression of the minorty, women and children, political killings and tortures, extra-judicial killings, attacks on teachers, intellectuals and journalists, anarchy in the education sector, rise of militancy price hike of essentials, wide-scale corruption by Hawa Bhaban, severe power crisis, and killings at Phulbari

MAJOR PLEDGES Hasina's apparent election pledges

To bring the price of essentials

down to commoners' purchasing capability, a "Price Control Authority" will be set up and markets will be monitored. Power deficit will be brought to a tolerable level by taking adequate

measures to generate sufficient Militancy and criminal activities will be curbed, criminals and godfathers will be detected and brought

to justice, political and administrative patronisations to criminals will be stopped. Corruption will be uprooted from all levels of the state and society, exemplary punitive actions will be taken against the corrupt and their

assets will be forfeited and the independence and effectiveness of the Anti-Corruption Commission will be ensured. Separation of the judiciary from the executive will be ensured within a short period and its independence

and neutrality will be ensured. The Jativa Sangsad will be made effective to ensure accountability of Measures will be taken to hold elections in zilla and upazila

parishads within a year and the local government including the union parishads will be strength-Women empowerment will be increased at all the elected bodies including direct election to

Extra-judicial killings will be stopped, law and rules against fundamental rights will repealed, politicisation of the administration and the judiciary will

women's' reserved seats in parlia-

be stopped. All grenade and bomb attacks including the August 21, 2004 attack will be investigated neutrally and the perpetrators and the masterminds will be brought to

Verdict of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's murder case will be carried out, trial of the four national leaders' killing case would

be completed and accurate history of the Liberation War will be docu-Supply of gas in all districts will be ensured and arrangements will be made for local and international

investment to protect energy security. Demands of the teachers, engineers, doctors, agriculturalists, journalists, lawyers and other orofessionals will be met.

Criminal activities at educational institution, corruption and commercialisation of education sector will be stopped and education will be made free up to the graduation

level for all. Healthcare for all will be ensured with the reopening of 18,000 community clinics. Radio and television will be made

free from the government's control. Chittagong Hill Tracts peace accord will be implemented. Measures will be taken to reopen the closed mills and factories and 'employment guarantee scheme' will be introduced to ensure employment of at least one person

No slum dweller, rickshaw-puller and hawker will be evicted without necessary steps for their rehabilitations and landless and homeless people will be rehabilitated to the government's khas lands.

Price of agricultural inputs will be reduced, fair price of agricultural production will be ensured and . subsidies will be given to the agri-

culture sector to ensure food security. Port management will be modernised, a deep-sea port will be built and Bangladesh will be linked to the Asian Highway and railway. Through meaningful activities and

UN peacekeeping missions will be Traffic congestions in the capital will be controlled by constructing the east-west road and ring roads

increased facilities, a skilled and

powerful defence force will be built

up and active participation in the

The sports sector will be made free from politics. In foreign policy matters,

Bangladesh will remain committed to the principal "Friendship towards all,

Baghdad reels

tends to be dominated by Shia workers and some Islamist extremists regard it as improper for men

man was killed and four more wounded when their patrol was hit by a booby-trap, also in Dura, where there is a major Iraqi and US security presence. Meanwhile, fighting died down in

the Shia town of Diwaniyah, south of ahdi Army militia since Sunday.

after they attacked and destroyed a US tank, and 11 more on Monday after militants in police uniforms ambushed a joint US-Iraqi patrol. In other violence, according to

the police:

explosion as their patrol passed between Mussavab and Jurf al-Sakhr, just south of the capital.

three civilians wounded when bomb attacks targeted two buses carrying coffins through Latifiyah, also south

the southern town of Amara.

- A member of ousted president assassinated in Diwaniyah.

fire on Iraqi workers leaving a US base in Dujail, north of Baghdad, killing one of them.

A coalition statement said one US soldier died on Monday "when small-arms fire in eastern conducting operations against Shia

Aviation Combat Brigade, "died of wounds sustained from an explosion while on a vehicle patrol on Sunday" in Saddam Hussein's

The deaths brought the number of US servicemen killed in action or from other causes during the Iraq operation since March 2003 to 2,742, according to an AFP count based on Pentagon figures.

Earlier Tuesday, Japan's lower

US Ambassador to the UN John

house of Parliament unanimously

adopted a resolution protesting

Bolton said ahead of a Security

Council meeting Tuesday that the

standoff was one "between North

Korea and the rest of the world,

which will result in sanctions or more

action, including a naval blockade

but emphasised that President

Bush wants to resolve the matter

He refused to rule out military

Pyongyang's move.

serious punishment.

using peaceful means.

China warning

discuss now is not the negative issue of punishment.'

"Instead, the international community and the United Nations should take positive and appropriate measures that will help the

tary threat There should never be war on

the Korean Peninsula," South Korean Prime Minister Han Myungsook told parliament.

still had no intention of seeking atomic weapons, easing fears of a new regional nuclear arms race. "There will be no change in our

non-nuclear arms principles," Prime Minister Shinzo Abe told lawmak-

Japan could slap sanctions on North Korea without waiting for weapons test, he said.

set off an underground atomic explosion.

Russia was the only country to say it had "no doubts" over the North Korean claim. The US and other vet to confirm it was nuclear

weapons programme

China has long opposed sanctions sought by countries such as the United States, which is pressing for potentially crippling new mea-

sures against Pyongyang. If the Security Council endorses sanctions, China would have little choice but to impose them, said Zhang Liangui, North Korea

watcher at the Central Party school a Communist Party training academy in Beijing. "China needs to keep in lockstep with the international community, Zhang said. A permanent Security Council

over how stern a punishment the international community can mete out to North Korea.

appeared to be leaning toward backing strong UN measures. The North, meanwhile, stepped up its threats aimed at Washington,

saying it could fire a nuclear-tipped missile unless the United States acts to resolve its standoff with Pyongyang, the Yonhap news agency reported from Beijing.

dates should come up with declarations of net properties at least 30 days before getting nominations so that the EC with the help of independent accountants, investigators and emi-

nominations from the parties should be declared ineligible and the parties who encourage such practice should also be outlawed Dr Kamal observed that a lawmaker's privilege of not having to

abuse. "This law was framed during Avub Khan's regime when only two sessions would take place in a year. It should be repealed for quick disposal of election disputes," he added.

should be taken as part of the candidates' election expenditure. Criticising the huge flow of cash into electioneering, he said, "All the candidates in

level playing field.

statements. He recommended that declaration of properties and sources of expenditure should be made mandatory for the contenders

sought Supreme Court's intervention for the cases to be disposed of within 90 days. judges could dispose of the disputes

constituting 300 tribunals with joint divisional judges and senior judges for fast disposal of the cases relating to violation of electoral laws. Candidates will have limited scope to appeal to the higher court in this case, he added.

completed in four hours' time while

the voters and create chaos on the

Anger brews at REB months back and completed his

benefits. aggrieved official. His appointment has already created a commotion in the REB as Sheikh Ahmed Ali, who had been serving as the Controller of Finance, was promoted to the position two months back following an appropriate process. His promotion was followed by those of four others of his subordinates Earlier, Towhidul Islam was

appointed as the REB chairman on "Previously the REB recruited its contract. His contract expires in December. manpower directly with consent In addition, the government is all from the power ministry. Now the set to give a one-year contract in rules demand the REB get clearadvance to Anwarul Kabir ance from both establishment and Chowdhury, member of Palli Bidyut power ministries. This has enor-Samity and Training, who is due to mously slowed down the recruitretire next month following the end of the LPR period on November 3. ment process," said another official.

expires this month and it is unlikely that the caretaker government would renew his contract. The remaining two posts of member of engineering and member of administration are being held 'When three out of five top posts are run by officials on contract, you can't expect the people in the

organisation to work with enthusi-

asm. There are competent people

Sources said that the move to

give him contractual appointment in

advance was made as the tenure of

the current alliance government

within the REB who deserve promotions. It cannot just become a place for retired people enjoying political favouritism," comments an

level of REB are lying vacant at

The REB acts as the lender and coordinator of 70 rural power distribution cooperatives or PBSs. The REB lends these cooperatives funds to set up power distribution system at 3 per cent interest and subsidises them for the first five years of operation. The REB receives its funds from the donors through the government at a 2 per cent interest rate. The one per cent extra interest it earns through lending support to its overhead expendi-

FROM PAGE 16

hundreds of people had gathered for the celebrations, Respicio said. A man carrying a plastic bag

Confusion reigned at the scene

"It was a clear terroristic act,"

Security forces fear the bomb-

slamiyah (JI) bomb-experts, with their Filipino Muslim extremist hosts, the outlawed Abu Sayyaf

Local military chief Colonel Ruperto Pabustan said the bomb

It may also be in revenge for the arrest of Dulmatin's wife. Istiada H.

groups like JI and Abu Sayyaf," he said, citing similarities to past bomb-

Mindanao urban centers.' mminent.

Mahmudul's

FROM PAGE 1 Justice Hasan had gone into retire-

ment. Documents show that if the extension were done in line with the original proposal [of Mahmudul] even a day before Hasan's retirement on January 27, 2004, he Hasan] would still continue as the chief justice.

Mahmudul in a letter to Law

Minister Moudud Ahmed had sug-

gested that the retirement age of the Supreme Court judges should rise to 68 from 65 and of the lower court The government, however, had

extended only the retirement age of the Supreme Court judges. Mahmudul had also proposed for appointing a judge to the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court on an ad hoc basis for hearing the Bangabandhu Murder Case as the division was only a judge shy of the

any heed to the proposal, leaving the case pending.

ligers FROM PAGE 1 irst ever victory against the

Caribbeans and complete the full circle of beating all the World Champions. "I wholeheartedly believe that we can win the match. We have to win it because it is a do-or-die situation if we want to make it to the second round. And the team confidence is

high after the performance against Sri Lanka," said Whatmore. The Sri Lanka-born Australian, however, wants a good start to make their dream come true.

"It is very important to make a

good start for a team like us and

Zimbabwe. And if we can make a

good start then there is a chance to

see everything fall in the right

lightly," said the celebrated left-"We are also in good shape and made a good start in the competition, so it will be a good cricket match tomorrow," said the world record holder in Tests with the highest individual score of 400 not

BANGLADESH: Habibul Bashar

(captain), Shahriar Nafees,

Mohammad Ashraful, Aftab Ahmed,

Sakib Al Hasan, Forhad Reza.

Khaled Mashud, Mohammad

Rafigue, Abdur Razzak, Mashrafee

WEST INDIES (from): Brian Lara

Bin Mortuza and Syed Rasel.

TEAMS

(captain), Ramnaresh Sarwan Chris Gavle. Dwavne Smith. Shivnarine Chanderpaul, Dwayne Bravo, Wavell Hinds, Marlon Samuels, Carton Baugh, Fidel Edwards, Ian Bradshaw, Coreo Collymore, Runako Morton and Jerome Taylor.

tion to press home their demands. Both Bhuiyan and Jalil told

Jalil also leaves Dhaka for

On the third day of the dialogue

and such plants are generally made of 'simple cycle' generators in which gas consumption is very high. Once the contract is awarded, the plant will take 17 months to come into operation. The ADB late last year lodged a

ment regarding the corruption of Harbin in Bangladesh Harbin was blacklisted by the Eastern Refinery Limited (ERL) in August for failing to install a 3 MW plant as per the contract and causing huge losses to the ERL. An analysis of the draft contract for

complaint with the Chinese govern-

the recently cancelled 150 MW Chandpur power project shows that the Harbin contract contains hundreds of legal loopholes and hidden costs of \$ 15.56 million. The contract documents dropped out 4,448 spare parts of 476 categories from Harbin's original offer. Investigation into the dysfunctional Tongi plant built by Harbin also exposed that the company dropped out thousands of spares of various categories.

BGMEA threatens FROM PAGE 1 deployment of law enforcement agencies including Rapid Action Battalion (Rab), Bangladesh Rifles

and if necessary, the army, to bring

Hoque also named four persons

Mosharaff Hossain Mishu.

Advocate Mahbubur Rahman

Ismail, Bahrane Sultan and Master

the situation under control.

Moklesur Rahman and termed them as conspirators saying that they led foreign agencies.

"The government should investigate where they get the funds and who guide them to destruction, Hoque said adding "they are trying to destroy the faith of buyers to shift the \$8 billion export industry elsewhere from Bangladesh." At least seven factories were

vandalised completely with some

100 factories partially damaged at

Mirpur, Pallabi, Shamoli, Kafrul and

Naraynganj, Jirabo, Malibagh and

Old Dhaka where the angry workers

could not stage any destruction.

BGMEA president alleged.

Uttara, he said adding that the miscreants also looted machinery and documents from these facto-Hoque also questioned about the role of the law enforcers saying that at some areas, they did nothing but to keep watching the daylong destruction. He, however, lauded their activities at Gazipur, Savar,

Moudud says FROM PAGE 1 Moudud gave the clarification against

Refuting the allegation, State Minister for Law Shahjahan Omar

On separation of the judiciary Moudud said, "It needs only an amendment to the provision of the CrPC (Criminal Procedure Code) to

The minister became annoyed when asked why the bill styled Code of

"You go and remove the dust," he

Clean Heart. Explaining why the government failed to form Human Rights Commission, Moudud said, "We tried

He added, "It does not matter who

FROM PAGE 16 Sunni insurgents as the profession

rather than women to make bread. Ten people were killed in the blast and four more wounded. One police-

forces have been fighting members of radical cleric Moqtada al-Sadr's The US-led coalition said they had killed 30 militiamen on Sunday

Two policemen were killed in an

Saddam Hussein's Baath party was - Unidentifed gunmen opened

Iragi special forces and US advisers had raided a hideout of a suspected bomb-maker in Sadr City, a bastion of the Mahdi Army. One suspect was shot dead and five arrested, including the target

Baghdad," where US forces are nilitias and death squads. Another US soldier, from the 25th

Korean peninsula," he said.

Japan's leader said his nation

experts said the explosion was smaller than expected and they had But the reaction of world governments reflected little doubt that they

The 15-nation council urged Pyongyang to return to stalled talks, refrain from further tests and keep its pledge to scrap its clandestine

the capital, where US and Iraqi

One bus driver was killed and

of Baghdad. - Å policeman was shot dead in

Earlier, the US military said that

hometown of Tikrit.

process of de-nuclearisation on the The South Koreans were lining up with the Chinese in opposing any UN resolution that includes a mili-

confirmation of its alleged nuclear At the emergency UN Security Council meeting, there was no talk of military action. But the Security Council quickly condemned North Korea's decision to flout a UN appeal to cancel the test after the reclusive regime announced it had

were treating the announcement as

A South Korean envoy, returning to Seoul from Beijing, said China

member, China has a decisive say

by regular officials.

place," he added Moudud declined to call the the destruction in collaboration with of Bhel for spares, which the Chinese West Indies skipper Brian Lara Indemnity Act a black law, saying, "We Set up in the late seventies, the company did not mention. The ADB REB has 1100 employees, with 300 told that Bangladesh have a very did not frame any black law." These people along with some guideline however says that after As in other countries, the Act positive approach towards the first class officers. Due to bureauadding the missing prices, if the price others in three to four microbuses exempted members of the armed game and he expected a very good cratic tangles caused by the ultimately becomes more than 15 went to different factories and urged forces from the purview of civil courts and competitive match. changes in recruitment policy and not from that of military courts, he "Bangladesh have showed a lot percent higher than the initially guoted the workers to come out for demonimposed by the alliance governof improvement recently and beat price, then that bid should be considstrations and in some areas, they Fifty-six people were killed and ment, about 25 posts at the entry teams like Australia and Sri Lanka. ered non-responsive. forcibly brought out the workers for hundreds crippled during "Operation so there is no chance to take them carrying out the destruction, the