# Peace process over, Tamils to have own state: Prabhakaran

Sri Lanka was vesterday facing the prospect of a return to all-out civil war after the leader of the Tamil Tigers scrapped the island's peace process and demanded full independence for his people

Velupillai Prabhakaran, the feared and elusive supremo who has spearheaded the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) for three decades, accused the Colombo government of waging military and economic war against platitudes. The 2.5 million minority were left "with no other option but an independent state, Prabharakan declared Monday night in an annual policy speech.

The Tiger chieftain went back on a 2002 pledge to accept a federal solution extending broad autonomy to the north and east. That commitment led to a ceasefire and years of Norwegian-brokered peace talks which collapsed in Geneva last Prabhakaran warned that Sri

Lanka President Mahinda Rajapakse, "by openly advocating attacks on our positions, has effectively buried the CFA (Ceasefire Agreement).

He said Tamils today faced "arrests. imprisonment, and torture, rape and sexual harassment, murders, disappearance, shelling offensives are continuing unchecked.'

The guerrilla leader stopped short of declaring independence, but stressed the peace process was over when the Sinhalese nationalist-led government was elected a

"It is now crystal clear that the Sinhala leaders will never put forward a just resolution to the Tamil national question," he said. Former Tamil rebel turned politi

cian Dharmalingam Sithadthan saw ar on the horizon. "He has gone for a declaration of war," Sithadthan told AFP. "All these

days, what we had was 'undeclared "Now he is saying that he has ditched the peace process and is taking the 'Felam' route," or a sepa-

rate Tamil nation on the Sinhalese ajority island. Prabhakaran suggested the conflict would resume and urged nternational recognition of the freedom struggle ... at this historic me when the Tamils are recommencing their journey on the path of

Exactly a year ago he had given the new government one year to find a political solution to Asia's longest-

# Advisers disown

FROM PAGE 1 council of advisers." Finance and

Planning Adviser Akbar Ali Khan told the reporters at his secretariat office. "The council of advisers will only

consider the report of the probe committee findings if they had worked along the lines of our (council of advisers) directives, otherwise their probe report will not be considered and the council of advisers will then mull over the issue again," Akbar added.

On Monday, an information ministry handout informed that the council of advisers decided to form a probe committee to identify and reprimand the 30-35 serving bureaucrats who participated in a meeting at former energy adviser Mahmudur Rahman's office on Friday.

The probe committee was instructed to report on its findings within seven days, the handout stated. The handout also said the establishment secretary was ordered to issue a circular in light of the council of

advisers' decision at the meeting.

Meanwhile, an establishment ministry circular, also issued on Monday, stated that under presidential directives, a three-member probe committee will not only investigate the Friday night's meeting, but also bureaucrats' involvement in the 1996 'Janatar Mancha' and another meeting

between a political party and bureaucrats in 2001. In addition, the circular also directed the committee to list the name of all bureaucrats who have frequented the BNP chairperson's office, Hawa Bhaban, and the Awami League

ers, the establishment secretary

president's residence. Sudha Sadan.

lar does not correspondent with the council of advisers' decision.

Akbar only said. "We are not sure whether the establishment ministry circular was ordered before or after our decision."

Referring to Friday's 'secret meeting', Akbar added, "It is not acceptable that the public servants will run away in the dark of the night after turning off the lights or hide their faces from the

Energy Adviser Hasan Mashhud Chowdhury also told reporters, "The council of advisers only discussed probing the Friday night's meeting nvolving serving bureaucrats in Uttara, we did not discuss the Panda Garden or the Janatar Mancha inci-

these issues were included in the establishment ministry's orders for the probe committee.

Meanwhile, sources said, the establishment ministry's move to include previous bureaucrats' involvement in 1996 and 2001 was to coverup the participation of serving bureaucrats' meeting with former energy adviser Mahmudur Rahman last Friday.

In 2002, the then BNP government against serving bureaucrats' involvement with the 1996 'Janatar Mancha'

writers and journalists

# lajuddin blocking

reconstituted after removing the controversial election commissioners, polls schedule not re-fixed after correcting and publishing the updated voter list and the administration not depoliticised," Jalil said.

tral. lajuddin has made it more controversial by appointing two rent EC's jurisdiction.

investigation into the "Uttara con-Jalil urged the people to join the 14-party's programmes for a free and fair election and foiling all conspiracies.

'After observing one months' activities of the president/chief adviser, we want to say that lajuddin has been performing antistate and anti-people activities by carrying out BNP-Jamaat's hidden

He said the people have accused lajuddin of the following: lajuddin without checking all options captured the office of the CA of the non-party CG, violating the constitution.

He has ignored the constitution by taking decisions unilaterally keeping the advisers in the dark, not calling meetings in time, performing activities from the Bangabhaban without discussing

He has violated the constitution by saying that presidential form of

had already launched an investigation and the High Court staved the case the

Whereas, the 2001 meeting held at Panda Garden did involve not only serving bureaucrats, but also artists.

# the country and by promoting the politically appointed president's

Accusing lajuddin of violating 11 rules and regulations, including violating of the constitution, the 14party Coordinator Abdul Jalil told a press briefing at Awami League's (AL) Dhanmondi office in the capital that the CA would be brought to

By keeping himself in charge of 11 important ministries, he has neglected the 10 advisers. Jalil in the press briefing, refer-ring to the attacks on 14-party alliance leaders and activists in different parts of the country Instead of making the EC neuprotested the attacks and demanded that the CA should

the controversial home secretary. Among others, senior leaders yeda Sajeda Chowdhury, Abdur Razzak, Tofail Ahmed, Suranjit Sengupta, Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim, Obaidul Quader, Rashed Khan Menon, Hasanul Haque Inu Mahmudur Rahman Manna Sultan Mohammad Mansur Ahmed, Abdur Rahman, Bimal

Biswas, and Dilip Barua were

present at the press briefing.

#### Khaleda

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People of various professions will be coming to this party. But all have to work unitedly for development of the country under the banner of BNP," she told the function.

BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuivan, standing committee member RA Gani and mensingh District BNP President AKM Mosharraf Hossain were

Meanwhile, British High Commissioner Anwar Choudhury held an extensive parley with BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia at her Banani office vesterday evening

The content of the hour-long meeting was not disclosed.

#### BNP to distribute

FROM PAGE 16 form, which was Tk 5000 in 2001

The BNP high command had already asked the district level leaders for making preparations for the elections. Party Chairperson Khaleda Zia and her son party Senior Joint Secretary General Tarique Rahman talked to district level leaders over telephone in this regard last month, party sources

At first, the parliamentary board of the party will evaluate the applications during the interview of the nomination seekers. After finalising the list of the candidates, BNP high command will place the list to the four party alliance high-ups for discussion and they will finalise its candidates for every constituency, the sources added.

According to a party announcement issued yesterday, the nomination forms costing Tk 1000 each will be available at party central office from 10:00am to 1:00pm and from 2:00pm to 8:00pm

The parliamentary board will interview candidates from Chittagong and Sylhet on December 4, Rajshahi Division on December 5. Khulna and Barisal division on December 6 and Dhaka division on December 7 it said

The Election Commission (EC) on Monday announced election schedule fixing January 21 as the date of voting to elect the ninth national parliament.

#### SP's car rams

commissioner's office when the

14-party workers laid a siege to the district election office as part of their countrywide programme.

Outraged by the incident, the 14party activists encircled the car carrying Police Superintendent Anwar Kamal. However, the 14party leaders came forward and saved the SP and his car from the public wrath Later, the 14-party leaders at a

press conference demanded withdrawal of the SP from Cox's Bazar by November 30. Otherwise, they threatened to announce a tough agitation programme. However, Cox's Bazar (Sadar

Superintendent Masud Alam said it was an accident as the car driver mistakenly drove his vehicle through the rally. The injured are Krishak League leader Tofavel Ahmed. Chhatra

Circle) Assistant Police

League leader Sahabuddin, JSD leaders Alok Bhattacharya and Azizur Rahman.

#### 7 ex-lawmakers

amount of money from 1996 to 2001

Even though they were served notices for paying the amount, they did not make any attempt to pay their dues. As such, the accounts officer prayed to the CMM for realizing the fine from the amount of revenue under section 7(A) of the provisions of Telegraph Act 1985

#### Banks at ports

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congestion problem as soon as possible.'

In a press release, the BGMEA president said, "We are worried about how we would pay the workers' wages next month. Exportimport activities have been virtually halted in the last one month due to

the political situation. "We already urged the banks to come forward to help the garment owners protect themselves in this

critical situation," he said. He said the garment sector is suffering a loss of Tk 200 crore every day due to the political situa-

#### Boldly tackle

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"We will not obstruct you in your movement, but people will not forgive you if you want to destroy the democracy and economy of the country," he said to the AL.

Urging his party men to make preparations for the election, Bhuivan said election must be held in the country and his party will continue political programmes until winning the election.

Jamaat Secretary General Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mujahid in his speech warned the advisers to the CG by saying, "Advisers should understand the constitution. Schedule is a matter of the EC and they never before discussed it with the ministers or advisers." "You are not doing a good job.

You have to bring them (AL) in the election process. Otherwise, it will be proven that you in fact were working to implement a particular party's agenda," Mujahid told the advisers BNP Standing Committee mem-

ber Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain said it is the duty of caretaker government to hold a free and fair election by taking firm measures against the conspiracy to foil the election. Sadeque Hossain Khoka presided over the rally while among

others, BNP standing committee member Moudud Ahmed Goyeshwar Chandra Roy, Aman Ullah Aman, Jamaat leader Delwar Hossain Saidee, Qamaruzzaman and Jatiya Party leader Golam Mostafa spoke.

# Peaceful sit-in

point demand.

**RUSSELL SQUARE** The 14-party activists and supporters started gathering at Russell Square intersection from 10:00am. The number of demonstrators grew when their leaders reached there.

Police had earlier put up barbed-wire barricades at all the roads leading to Russell Square. The combine leaders

addressed the gathering from a makeshift podium on a truck. Speakers included Tofael Ahmed, Mohammad Nasim, Abdur Razzaq, Suranjit Sengupta,

Asaduzzaman Noor, Rashed

Khan Menon, Hasanul Haq Inu

and Dilip Barua. When the demonstrators attempted to march towards the EC Secretariat at around 1:00pm, police strengthened their blockade at Dhanmondi 27 and got ready to swing into action.

But the 14-party leaders restrained their men from marching forward and they left the place at around 1:30pm after holding a "We will go for tougher action

programmes if our demands are not met by Saturday," Mohammad Nasim warned from the rally. The leaders reiterated the

demand for resignation of lajuddin Ahmed from the post of chief adviser to the caretaker govern-

#### **AGARGAON**

Hundreds of demonstrators started coming towards the EC Secretariat through Rokeya Sarani since 10:00am in processions. But they had to stop at Agargaon intersection as police

#### Polls minus AL

issuing an executive order."

Referring to some political parties' complaint that the environment for the elections is yet to be established, he said, "In the past, the political parties were consulted before announcement of the election schedule. The current controversy over the election schedule could have been avoided if the political parties had been consulted again.'

Asked if the advisers will resign due to the evident disjuncture between them and the chief adviser, Akbar said, "It is easy to resign because we have been given this responsibility for a brief period and this position does not particularly lure us. But, we have accepted this role at a crisis moment, so we will not take any decision that creates further crises.

"But when we will feel that we cannot make further contributions. we can leave without any problem." he added.

Akbar said they are not sure if the differences between the advisers and the chief adviser have reduced, saying, "A gap still remains.

Hasan Mashhud regretted that the chief adviser has missed an opportunity to build a mutual understanding by appointing the two new election commissioners without consulting the advisers.

On the appointment of former inspector general of police Mudabbir Hossain as an election commissioner, he said, "It is the president's responsibility to give appointments. If it is controversial, the president will shoulder the responsibility.'

It is up to the people to judge the appropriateness of Mudabbir's appointment, he added.

#### Col Faruk

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Procedure Code (CrPC), as he was in iail custody for the same term of punishment, the judge said.

The judgment was scheduled to be delivered on November 21, but the court had to re-fix the date due to political unrest.

During the trial, the court recorded statements of six prosecution witnesses in each case

According to the prosecution, a team of Criminal Investigation Department (CID) along with the then officer-in-charge (OC) of Cantonment Police Station raided Faruk's house at DOHS in the capital at about 3:45am on August 18. 1996. They arrested him and seized a revolver, a shotgun, an airgun, a sten gun, 616 bullets, eight international passports, 2,830 Pakistani rupees and 62.75 Libyan dinars from the spot.

Four cases were filed the same day with Cantonment Police Station one under the Arms Act, one under the Foreign Currency Control Act, one under the Explosive Substances Act and the other under the Special Powers Act. On May 9 last year, the same

court acquitted Faruk of charges for possessing foreign currencies, as the charges brought against him were not proved. Another court on October 20.

2004 sentenced him to life imprisonment in the Jail Killing Case. Assistant Public Prosecutor Jalaluddin Ahmed appeared for the

state while Advocate Syed Mizanur

Rahman defended the accused

The demonstrators then staged a rally there. AL presidium member Motia Chowdhury and other AL and Workers Party leaders addressed the gathering.

Rival AL leaders of Mirpur area from the same dais after Motia Chowdhury mediated between them. A tense situation arose at two leaders opposed the move.

The activists burnt effigies of lajuddin Ahmed and acting Chief Election Commissioner Mahfuzur Rahman. Bangladesh Muktijuddha Projanma League held a cultural programme there.

Nagorik Andolan also gathered **MOHAKHALI** 

Activists and leaders of the 14party led by former lawmaker

The rally ended at 1:00 pm to allow the participants to join former Dhaka mayor Mohammed

Addressing the rally, the leaders vowed to continue their action programmes until a congenial atmosphere for free and fair elections is ensured. Jaker Party brought out a

section and held a rally at Banglamotor crossing. They tried to break the police barricade there but failed. Commuters suffered a lot as

procession from Begunbari inter-

vehicles during the programme. Hundreds of people found it difficult to reach their destinations during the rush hours as no vehicles plied the roads around the EC Secretariat. They had to hire rickshaws and rickshaw-vans paying almost double the normal fare. Even rickshaw vans for carrying school children were found carrying passengers on Rokeva Sarani to earn some extra money.

Mohammadpur, Lalmatia and Dhanmondi areas witnessed severe traffic congestion as most inter-city buses and private cars from Mirpur, Gabtoli and Savar

demand -- resignation of Chief Adviser lajuddin Ahmed-- for his 'partisan' role.

Addressing a rally in front of the district election office at Jamal Khan Road, the city mayor issued an ultimatum of seven days to local election officials to resign and threatened to cut water and electricity supply to the office.

### PWD engineer

The victim's eldest son Shariful Islam Sumon said that a youth in blazer rang the doorbell of their first floor apartment at around 10:00am. As he opened the door, the stranger asked for his father identifying him as a man of contractor Shafique, who is close to their family.

Nazrul approached the youth

Shouting 'criminals, criminals'. he chased the killer to some distance, but the assailant with two others, who stood guard outside the five-storey building owned by Nazrul, ran to a CNG three-wheeler parked some 100 yards from their

Nazrul was rushed to Shamorita Hospital, where the doctors declared him dead.

A staff of a nearby cellphone shop said that he managed to catch one of the criminals after chasing down the CNG three-wheeler. "But none came forward to help me and finally I was forced to let him go," he

about the motive behind the murder. "Nazrul loved sports and had no enmity with anyone," the victim's brother-in-law Mahmud Hasan said. The law enforcers believe that the murder was committed due to some enmity. "As the killers did not

take away anything, we can be

namely 'Lorai.' which depicted the Liberation War. of Bangladesh University of

#### President

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about the uncertainty over holding the election as per the declared schedule and further controversy over a newly appointed election commissioner's background.

They said they thought the controversy over the EC had come to an end the day Chief Election Commissioner MA Aziz went on a three-month leave. The EC did not hold any meeting

yesterday to review the prevailing situation following the announcement of the polls schedule. None of its members talked to the media

tion officials expressed fear of attack. The FC Secretariat in a letter asked the home ministry yesterday afternoon to ensure security of the district and upazila election officers until the election is over, sources

items used by the freedom fighters, weapons and skeletons.

"Most of the mementos have been contributed by Father Rigon."

a photo of the freedom fighters at Baniarchak snapped by him in 1971, his own diary written in 1971 and several other items

Also at the ceremony was freedom fighter Major Shamsul Haque who donated a photograph of the freedom fighters at Sector Number-3 in Rangour. He was joined by Shantilata Mallik, an Indian social worker at a refugee camp in Chhabbish Pargana, Bangaon in 1971 who donated a photograph of herself receiving an appointment letter to work as a social worker from the government of Bangladesh.

Air Vice Marshal (retd.) AK Khandaker, deputy commander-inchief of the Liberation War received the mementos on behalf of the Museum.

the brutality of the Pakistani occupation forces in 1971. He urged all to follow the path of the freedom fighters and uphold the

victory of the Liberation War. Later Father Rigon unwrapped the cover of an anthology titled, 'Father Rigon: Nivrito Kolahol' written by a selection of the country's leading authors' about Father Rigon and edited by Kabyo Kamrul.

#### Kaptai Hydropower

**FROM PAGE 16** Former state minister for power Anwarul Kabir Chowdhury was

Anwarul Kabir told The Daily Star in August that the country could not afford to take conditional loans, which were designed to drain out large amounts of money without delivering the actual product

"We don't want conditional loans

be a survey or study to identify the

# Shahadat Chy's

FROM PAGE 16 Chowdhury was the editor until his death, organises a citizens' commemorative meeting on the premises of the Liberation War Museum at 3:30pm today.

Educationist Prof Serazul Islam Choudhury will chair the meeting.

Born in 1943 in Khulna, the veteran journalist completed his matriculation from Dhaka Graduate High School and did graduation in painting from the

ative writings in different newspa-

pers and magazines. He was also involved with Kochikanchar Mela, a children's cultural organisation. After the Liberation War Chowdhury chose journalism

He joined weekly Bichitra in 1972 as an assistant editor. Later, Chowdhury became the editor of the magazine until the government stopped its publication in 1997.

He also edited Anandabichitra and fortnightly Anandodhara. A freedom fighter Chowdhury

was an aide to Sector-2 Commander Khaled Mosharraf during the Liberation War. He also took part in guerrilla wars as a coordinator.

freedom fighters' successes during His ancestral house at Hatkhola in Dhaka was one of the bases of

# More arson attacks

The arsons have created panic among the field level election officials, report our district correspondents. A senior EC official yesterda said. "It will be difficult for the field level officials to perform their duties if such incidents continue to take place.

evening ordered the officials con cerned to deploy additional forces in the field level election offices, said ministry sources

Unidentified persons vesterday set fire to Barisal Sadar upazila election office, reports our Barisal correspondent.

The miscreants broke window panes and used inflammable substances to set fire to the office at around 5:00am, said locals and Fire Service sources. Noticing smoke, the locals

nformed the fire fighters, who rushed to the spot and brought the flames under control after one and a half hours' frantic efforts. Maniruzzaman, upazila election officer, said the fire damaged many

important documents, which include the voter list, unused ballot papers of Union Parishad election of 1998, and some furniture and stationery. The election officer lodged a

general diary with Barisal Kotwali Police Station BNP leaders blamed the 14-party lliance activists for the incident,

while Awami League made a counter allegation, saying four-party alliance undermine the ongoing countrywide peaceful blockade programme. Advocate Nazrul Islam Rajon

district BNP secretary, blamed the 14-party alliance for the incident and

ermed it "an act of sabotage to foil the election" Denying the allegation, Advocate Shawkat Hossain Hiron, Barisal city

Awami League convenor, claimed that it was part of a conspiracy to create an unstable situation to foil the

peaceful movement for the restoration of democracy. In Khulna, unidentified men set ablaze the office of assistant commissioner (land), adjacent to the district election office, damaging

documents, reports our local corre-Fire fighters reached the scene half an hour later and brought the

blaze under control On Monday night another election office at Sonadanga in Khulna was

set alight A similar incident took place at Sirajdikhan upazila in Munshigani district yesterday, reports our correspondent. Locals saw the office in flames at about 8:00am. Police said

window and a door curtain.

Unidentified men poured kerosene through a broken window of the election office at Jhenidah Sadar upazila, causing a fire that destroyed

reports that the district election office was set on fire with furniture being

### 3 of a family

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Rumana and Runa came to visit their parents from their in-laws houses a few days ago.

Victims' family sources claimed that land dispute was the reason behind the killing.

Hospital morque for autopsy.

# Thailand decides

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hold Prime Minister Surayud Chulanont "primarily responsible" for any incidents that might occur in Until now, the junta has defied

US and European Union pressure

to ease the regime, citing vague threats of anti-coup "undercurrents" in the north. The military still fears that Thaksin, who was twice elected into office, could try to return to

Thailand and that his supporters would rally to oppose the coup. international image and help tour-"The government and the junta are facing intense diplomatic pressure, and their early effort to explain the coup to the international community did not work, said political analyst Ukrist Pathmanand, from Bangkok's

#### Chulalongkorn University. Sanjay Dutt

FROM PAGE 16 conspiracy charges in connection with a series of bomb blasts in Mumbai that killed 257 people in

Dutt, who had pleaded not guilty,

had been charged with conspiracy,

illegal possession of arms and trying

to destroy evidence connected with an attack, which shook India's financial and film capital. "During the reasoning, I have not found him to be a terrorist or a destructor," judge Pramod Kode told

a crowded anti-terrorism court. Dutt's trial had transfixed Bollywood -- the world's largest film industry by volume and ticket sales where millions of dollars are riding on movies already under produc-

Until Monday, the special court in

one of the world's longest running trials had found 86 people, mostly Muslims, guilty among 123 accused in the blasts blamed on India's most wanted man, Dawood Ibrahim, pelieved to be in Pakistan. Sentences will be handed after all the verdicts are delivered,

expected to take two more weeks.

The offence could attract a sen-

tence of up to three years, but Dutt

has already served more than year n prison during investigations. "I have said you are not a terrorist," the judge said again, this time addressing the sombre-looking actor who was in the court room wearing a red and grey shirt and

Dutt, who was accompanied by friends, asked the judge if he could be heard for two minutes. Kode told him he would get a chance to speak later. In the run-up to the verdict, Dutt

blue jeans.

TV channel.

"I'm going to bow my head and take whatever comes my way. And I will accept whatever the honourable court says to me," the actor told one

had said he was nervous and appre-

Police say Ibrahim ordered the bombings to avenge the razing of a 16th century mosque by Hindu zealots in 1992. Ibrahim and his top associates have not faced trial as they fled the country soon after the blasts, they say, Of the 123 defendants, 11 died

during the trial, 36 are in jail and the rest are out on bail. Another 37 suspects have been declared 'absconders" or fugitives. Son of legendary film couple

Sunil Dutt and Nargis, the actor initially said he had bought an automatic rifle from gangsters accused in the bombings to protect his family. He later retracted the

maintain it in some areas. Thaksin was in New York when the coup happened September 19.

and then spent a month in London

where he has a home. For the past

month, he has moved around Asia.

inviting speculation about his political future. hoped its decision would help ease

ism. We are confident that we can control the situation," he said. Government spokesman Yongyuth Mayalarp said authori-

to maintain it, if it is not necessary,' Analysts and diplomats have

tive to any criticism of the country. Neighbouring Malaysia welcomed the cabinet decision. "I think the fact they are moving toward democracy gives a lot of

Hamid Albar told AFP. So far, the junta has used few of its powers, which gives the military broad leeway in detaining sus-

Restrictions on the media have

been limited to community radio

stations and some websites. A ban

on political gatherings has not

been applied to the small protests

Mashrafee

as well as entertaining the crowd. Masharafee, who later picked up a 1,000 dollars purse as the man-ofthe-match, cracked two fours and as

already established himself as a prominent hitter of the ball in the domestic circuit. But the voung right-hander did not live up to the expectation when he was caught at long-off by Gary Brent off Prosper Utseya, the off-spinner who reduced the Tigers top order to 25-3. It was dashing Aftab Ahmed, who

fours and a flicked six off Ireland. The home team started their innings on the wrong foot when Nazmus Sadat offered a very simple

Masakadza (35 off 24 balls) and Sean Williams (38 off 39 balls) reviving the tourists' hopes.

was the most successful local bowler with three for 17.

#### as well as other political party offices. After repeated attempts by reportyesterday declined to comment on why the establishment ministry circu-

congenial atmosphere for a free and fair election.

justice not only in the country's court but also in the people's court. The people will not allow any elections to be held in the country if Chief Adviser lajuddin Ahmed, the main impediment to a free and fair election, does not resign, the Election Commission (EC) is not

more partisan men, one of them even sought nomination from BNP, Jalil, also the AL general secretary, said adding that the people would resist any election under the cur-The AL leader also demanded immediate removal of the establishment secretary for an impartial

agenda to hold a blueprint election," he added.

the matters with the advisers.

government has been prevailing in

He also expressed his dismay that

ess secretary to adviser. lajuddin has violated the nath he has taken by delivering untrue statement to ne nation over the initiatives to keep the EC and administration neutral.

He ignored rules and regula-

tions by appointing one BNP nomination aspirant as an election

commissioner. He has violated his

pledges to the nation over the

depoliticisation of the EC. Without and correcting the voter lists, lajuddin made a hurried move to announce election schedule.

immediately handover the home ministry to an adviser and remove

put up barbed-wire fences there.

Kamal Ahmed Majumder and Elias Uddin Mollah addressed the rally one stage as supporters of the

Several hundred people under the banner of Oikyabaddha

AKM Rahmatullah gathered under Mohakhali flyover. But following police request, they held a rally at Gulshan-Mohakhali link road.

Hanif's namaz-e-janaza.

certain major roads around the EC

Secretariat were made off-limits to

used roads in the areas during the siege programme CHITTAGONG Divisional Coordinator of the 14party combine ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury yesterday urged people of the port city to begin a fresh agitation on one-point

and was talking to him standing inside the collapsible gate. "All of a sudden, I heard a gunshot and turned around to find my father collapse on the floor with blood gushing through his hand pressed on his chest," Sumon, a teacher of the East-West University, said.

building and quickly left the scene.

Police or the family members could not immediately say anything

certain that they came only to kill him," Assistant Commissioner of Detective Branch (DB) Abdur Razzak said. Hailing from Dilarpur village in Narsingdi Sadar, Nazrul was the father of two sons and two daughters. His youngest son is a student

Engineering and Technology (Buet)

and two daughters are MBBS

Meanwhile, the field level elec-

### War memories

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Father Rigon yesterday donated

Recalling his experiences of the War, Father Rigon said he is still carrying the horrible memories of

especially critical about this loan, and said the plant's present performance problem could be resolved using local resources.

which do not serve our purpose. We want loans that we can use for new power schemes or rehabilitation schemes that we really need," he Regarding the Italian loan, he said that before initiating a power rehabilitation project, there should

#### problems of the plant. "But there has been no study on the third unit of Kaptai plant." he added.

Institute of Fine Arts. From his student life Chowdhury was engaged in cre-

profession as a weapon of changng the society.

Chowdhury edited a magazine

the freedom fighters. Chowdhury was also one of the architects of Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee.

The home ministry yesterday

the fire burnt four steel cabinets, one

Meanwhile, two more fire incidents took place at Jhenidah and Chuadanga in the early hours yester-

some furniture Our Chuadanga correspondent

### destroyed.

Police recovered the bodies and

sent them to Narsingdi Sadar

"So the pressure has forced them to relax the measures, but

Boonrawd said the government pressure on Thailand. "The lifting is to improve our

ties would continue to re-evaluate the need for martial law.

suggested martial law could be eased before the king's 79th birthday on December 5. His birthday is a time of national celebration when Thais are sensi-

confidence in the current military junta," Foreign Minister Syed

#### that have been staged against the

many sixes to light up his home ground.

The focus, however, was on

Nadif Chowdhury (10), who has

stepped in to salvage the side and provide the fireworks for the small crowd clobbering four well-struck boundaries besides a big six over cover against pacer Anthony Ireland, Captain Shahriar Nafees contributed 25 off 17 balls with three

catch to mid-on in the very third delivery off Gary Brent but a few small but useful contributions from the other top order batsmen helped Bangladesh put on a decent total. Left-handed Sakib Al Hasan once against proved his cool in the middle with an anchoring 28-ball 26 that produced only two fours. In reply, Zimbabwe lost wickets at regular intervals despite Hamilton

Left-arm spinner Abdur Razzak

"The government does not want