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Awami League General Secretary Abdul Jalil shakes hands with BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan at a programme of the Nagorik Forum at Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre in the city yesterday while CPD Chairman Prof Rehman Sobhan, *extreme left*, and advisers to the caretaker government Sultana Kamal, *2nd from left*, Lt. Gen. (retd) Hasan Mashhud Chowdhury, *2nd from right*, and Dr Akbar Ali Khan, *extreme right*, look on.

BCLT teachers, staffs seek CA's intervention for arrear salary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Teachers and staff of Bangladesh College of Leather Technology (BCLT) yesterday sought direct intervention of the chief adviser to the caretaker government for the payment of their arrear salary since July 2005 and shifting their jobs under the revenue sector.

Although the institution provides skilled manpower to the country's thriving leather industry, most of its teachers and staff are deprived of their salaries as the project under which they were recruited ended in June 2005, Academic In-charge of BCLT Dr Md Abdul Mottalib said at a press conference at BCLT auditorium

in the capital. Only a few teachers of BCLT, who are posted there under deputation from different government departments, are getting regular salary while the job of 28 teachers and 60 staff was under the project that was launched in July 1997. In view of the importance of

different projects for national development, the immediate past government shifted the manpower of a number of projects to the revenue sector, he said, adding that the caretaker government can shift the manpower of BCLT development project to the revenue sector on the same ground.

Cash, valuables worth Tk 7 lakh looted from city house

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A gang of robbers broke into a house at Ahmednagar in Paikpara in the city in the early hours of yesterday and made off with cash and valuables worth Tk 7.20 lakh. The robbery took place at the house of MA Matin, former joint

director of Bangladesh Agricultural Development Corporation.

About seven robbers broke open the main gate of the house at around 4:15am and held the family members hostage at gunpoint, police said. The gang took away Tk

40,000, 38 tolas of gold ornaments, one licensed revolver, 26 bullets and six mobile phone sets.

The police said the robbers were also repeatedly wanted to know where they have kept Tk 12 lakh.

The robbers ransacked the

furniture of the house to find out the money and also beat up Matin's son Abir, a college student, after failing to get the money, family members said.

A case has been filed with Mirpur police station, but no-one was arrested.