Separation of judiciary

Final report before

November 1 likely

Star Report

the sources.

Institute.

The five-member committee

on separation of the judiciary from the executive organ of the

state has inducted two more

members in it, according to of-

five meetings and is expected to give its final report to the Min-

istry of Law Justice and Par-

liamentary Affairs before the

Jatiya Sangsad goes into its

judiciary is likely to be tabled

in the parliament in its coming

control of subordinate judges

and magistrates exercising ju-

dicial power in the Supreme

Court, the sources said. A two-

third majority will be needed

for the Bill to be passed in the

Jatiya Sangsad, the sources

amendments to the Code of

Criminal Procedure (CRPc) will

Federal rule in

UP extended

President Shankar Dayal

Sharma issued an order today

to extend New Delhi's direct rule

in the country's most populous

inconclusive local polls there.

news agencies said. The Press

Trust of India said Sharma

signed the proclamation just

hours before direct rule, im-

posed in the politically volatile

state last year, was due to expire

Services of Eng

teachers extended

The government has decided

to extend the tenure of service of

English teachers as the number

ernment and non-government

educational institutions are

less than the required number

an official handout said here

The government has also de-

cided to fill up the vacant posts

of English teachers and appoint

more on contract basis. The de-

cisions were taken as the per-

centage of success in the board

examinations has fallen con

siderably with the increasing

7 JCD activists

held in Sylhet

From Staff Correspondent

tivists of the Sylhet district

unit of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra

Dal were arrested here to night.

Zaman, ex-joint convenor, dis-

trict JCD was wanted in a num-

ber of criminal cases including

murder. Acting on a secret in-

formation, a police team raided

his house in Shaplabag area of

Sylhet town at about 8-30 pm

and caught Zaman and six oth-

Alexander Lebed

sacked

Lebed warned today that events

in breakaway Chechnya would

get worse after President Boris

Yeltsin sacked him as Russia's

Security Chief. Lebed has signed

a peace deal with Chechen

Correction

In the eighth paragraph of

the news item headlined "Vot-

ers' ID cards project: Alleged ir-

regularities in spending to be

probed" printed in the Thurs-

day's issue of The Daily Star, it

was mistakenly reported "The

committee, formed on October

rebels, reports Reuter.

MOSCOW, Oct 17: Alexander

ers from there.

SYLHET. Oct 17: Seven ac-

Police said, Shamsuzzaman

number of failure in English.

yesterday, reports BSS.

of English teachers in the gov-

at midnight, reports Reuter.

state of Uttar Pradesh following

NEW DELHI, Oct 17: Indian

Another Bill seeking certain

session, the sources said.

A Bill on separation of the

The Bill will seek vesting the

second session on November 1.

The committee so far held

ficial sources.

added.

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A partial view of campaigners in front of the FBCCI Bhaban during FBCCI election yes-- Star photo terday.

Police sources said Kalam

managed to escape hurriedly

when port security personnel

caught the carrier Jasim red-

handed with the smuggled gold

Both Jasim and Kalam went to

MBP jetty by a motorcycle and

entered the ship for bringing

ing for the car and people who

waited outside the jetty gate to

take delivery of the smuggled

stricted the movement of the

crew and are keeping close

Police yesterday arrested

four officials of QC Shipping

and sent them to jail. They were

Swapon Ghose, Moinul Azam,

Borhan Uddin and Mir Hos-

have detained the ship and or-

dered for making delivery of the-

goods imported by 160 contain-

ers in presence of police after

thorough check-up, officials

Monirul wants to

become computer

engineer

A student of Mirzapur Cadet

The Customs authorities

Besides, police is also look-

Port police have already re-

the golds, the sources said.

gold from the carrier.

watch over the ship.

Ctg gold smuggling case

Police now looking for one Abul Kalam

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Oct 17: Police began a hunt to nab the kingpins in the gold smuggling involving the privately owned Bangladeshi ship, QC Teal.

Port police said that the names of the kingpins involved in the racket had come to their knowledge after interrogation of already arrested persons including the carrier, Jasim.

But port police declined to divulge any further details for the interests of the investiga-

QC Containers Ltc introduced early this year 1.00 private container ships — QC Teal and QC Pintail - in the feeder service between Chittagong and Singapore. Those two ships are owned by BNP MP Salauddin Quader Chowdhury and businessman Salman F Rahman of Beximco Ltd.

Port police said they are now looking for one Abul Kalam who accompanied Jasim, the carrier of smuggled gold after he descended from the ship QC Teal at MBP jetty on Monday

Shahed wants to

be computer engr

By Staff Correspondent

Shahed, son of Abdul Man-

nan Mozumder said he had

studied four to six hours a day

regularly. According to him,

firm determination and hard

work helped him to secure the

Kabir wants to

join army

From Our Correspondent

Kabir of Jhenidah Cadet College

stood first in the combined

merit list of the HSC examina-

tion under Jessore board secur-

matics, Physics, Chemistry and

Hasanuzzaman, an instructor

at the college of Textile Tech-

nology in Dhaka, Rahat used to

study four hours a day. He

Procession at DU

From Page 1

dent organisations, when it

reached Madhu's canteen, wit-

rally in front of the 'Aparajeyo

Bangla' where they suggested

that the temporary ban on stu-

dent politics could be imposed

The injured students, how-

through a national consensus.

ever, could not be identified.

They were taken to the local

clinics, campus sources said.

Mother kills baby

Earlier, the students held a

wants to join the army.

Kabir got letters in Mathe-

Son of Sheikh Mohammad

ing 969 marks.

Statistics.

nesses said.

JHENIDAH, Oct 17: Rahat

position in the examination.

engineer.

FBCCI election

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Golam Mustafa (167). From the association group. the following members were de clared unofficially elected Obaidur Rahman, Nur Ali Taher Sobhan, Tarek Kamal Abdul Haq, Afzal Hussain, Syed Shamsul Kawnain, Muhammad Ali, Maleka Khan, Alauddin Ahmed, Abu Alam Chowdhury, Shaffullah Chowdhury, Khur shid Alam Mollah, Sukumar Ranjan Ghosh and Abdul Majid

Voting started at 10 am and continued till 4:30 pm with one hour lunch break from 1 pm. Counting of votes continued till filing of the report at 11 pm. ac cording to sources in the Elec-

"Voting was quite peaceful" Salman F Rahman, outgoing president of the FBCCI told The Daily Star at the Federation building yesterday. The two rival candidates for the post of president of the FBCCI, Latifur Rahman and Yussuf Abdullah Harun also said that the voting

Rahman termed the atmosphere "first class" while Harun

Rahman was representing the Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industries (MCCI) while Harun was comber of Commerce and Indus-

Rahman and Harun were seen together throughout the day and they cast their votes at around 4:20 pm. Both the candidates were seen talking and exchanging views on different issues inside the voting centre. There are 56 Chambers in the country with a total of 254 votes. The total number of registered trade Associations in

Of the total 254 Chamber votes, 246 were cast showing a percentage of 96.85, sources said. Out of 659 votes in the Association groups, 616 were cast

showing 93.47 per cent.

idence of a state minister in the district town early today, re-

mmel Hossain was burglared by

breaking grills. The policemen, whose 83 killed names were not given, were on

duty at dead of night in the adjacent areas of the residence. They have also been closed to Bagerhat Police Line.

Police arrested two people, identified as Haider and Farid Mollah, in this connection.

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1975 can be repealed by an Act

of Parliament passed by a sim-

ple majority under Article 80 of

the Constitution or by promul-

gating an ordinance under Arti-

The Indemnity Ordinance is

not part of the Constitution and

as per Article 142 of the Consti-

tution, no constitutional

amendment is necessary to re-

peal it, the six-member com-

mittee headed by the Law Secre-

tary Aminullah said, in its re-

port, according to official

demnity Ordinance, 1975, the

procedure laid down in Article

142 for amendment of the Con-

stitution need not be followed,"

the committee observed in its

in "complete agreement" with

the Committee on the legal as-

pects regarding repeal of In-

demnity Ordinance, the sources

was sent to the Law Commis-

sion on October 15, the sources

said adding that the Commis-

sion gave its opinion on the re-

port two days later expressing

"complete agreement" with the

The report of the Committee

The Law Commission is also

"For repealing of the In-

sources.

said.

six-page report.

3 held, 2 fake passports seized at ZIA

also be required in this regard. This Bill can be passed by a

simple majority, according to

separation of the judiciary was submitted by the then Opposi-

tion but it was not tabled in the

House even, after several meet-

ings of the parliamentary

new members of the committee

are Mustafizur Rahman joint

secretary Ministry of Law and

Justice and Iktidar Ahmed Di-

rector of the Judicial Training

was formed on September 9.

with secretary Ministry of Law

and Justice Aminullah as its

Chairman. Other members of

the committee are Abul Bashar

Bhuivan joint secretary of the

ministry Anwarul Huq deputy secretary, and Nurul Islam Khan an official of the ministry

and Kazi Abdul Awal, secretary,

Law Commission

The five member committee

During BNP rule, a Bill on

By Staff Correspondent

Three persons, including a woman were arrested at Zia International Airport (ZIA) yesterday morning. They were on their way to Paris, airport sources said.

They were identified as Shahida Akhter, 45, wife of Abul Hossain of Kalabagan. Shamim Ahmed, 17, son of Asiruddin of Zokiganj. Sylhet and Masud Ahmed, 17, son of Hazi Abdul Ahad of Daulatpur. Moulvibazar, police said.

The woman claimed that the two teenaged boys were her sons but the two were carrying fake passports, police added.

The three were arrested by the Cantonment police under Section 54, police said. They suspected that Shahida identifying the teenagers as her sons arranged visas for them. The woman earlier travelled

to London and Paris, police

However, Shahida who hails from Singair in Manikganj district told police that she came in contact with Masud and Shamim through their parents.

Death in custody

From Page 1 had attempted to commit suicide pulling the concealed wires inside the custody cell but he

was prevented by the inmates

Police said Milton, one of the detainees taken to custody the same night, first saw Tuhin's body hanging in the bathroom at around 3:50 am. Milton started screaming and police on duty and the other detainees immediately rushed to the bathroom. They found the body hanging from the pipe by a shoe lace, police added.

Later, the duty officer and other policemen informed the senior police officials about the incident. Police also informed the magistrate who came to the thana at about 10 am, sources

Police said that Tuhin managed to collect the lace from a shoe which was kept close to the entrance of the cell.

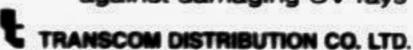
Meanwhile, Tuhin's elder brother Shahin Mahmud, in a General Diary (GD) filed with the Motifheel thana, said that police seriously assaulted Tuhin when they arrested him. Shahin said that his sister had informed police that Tuhin was sick, but the police did not stop

assaulting him. In the GD, Shahin also alleged that the police continued to beat up his brother after he was taken to the Motijheel thana. He mentioned in the diary, "I strongly believe that my brother did not commit suicide. The death was caused due to some other reason".

An unnatural death case has been filed with Motijheel thana in this connection, police said.



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Extortionists attack fruit vendors in city

By DMC Correspondent

committee concerned. The two A gang of unidentified young men exploded at least 10 cocktails and assaulted some fruit vendors in front of the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) yesterday.

> Armed with lethal weapons they also fired some shots during the attack creating panic in and around the hospital at 5 pm, hospital sources said. The fruit vendors came un-

der attack as they reportedly refused to pay toll to the gang members, local people alleged.
Of the injured, Jamal, Alim,

Osman and Hashem aged between 25 and 30, were admitted to the DMCH.

HSC results

From Page 1 Board this year, 23715 passed of whom 3539 secured First Divi sion, 16075 Second Division and 4101 passed in Third Divi-

Md Shahed Kamal Majum dar of Comilla Cadet College topped the combined merit list of Science, Agricultural Science and Home Economics group.

Kazi SM Sayem of Comilla Cadet College secured first posi tion in the combined merit list of Humanities, Islamic Studies

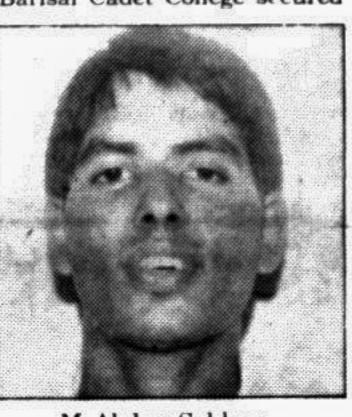
and Music group

Mir Mosharraf Hossain o Noakhali Government College secured the first position in the combined merit list of Com merce group.

Under the Jessore Board 106739 students appeared at the examinations. Of them 20650 passed: 4260 in First Division 13528 in Second Division and 2862 in Third Division

Md Rahat Kabir of Jhenidah Cadet College topped the combined merit list of Science. Agricultural Science and Home Economics group.

Sharif Mohammad Faisal of Barisal Cadet College secured



M Abdus Sobhan

first position in the combined merit list of Humanities, Islamic Studies and Music group. · Nasrin Akter of Azam Khan Government Commerce College secured the first position in the Commerce group.

A total of 36475 students appeared under the newly created Chittagong Board. Of them 12581 passed; 1955 in First Division, 8464 in Second Division and 2162 Third Division.

Ragib Hasan of Chittagong College stood topped the combined merit list of Science, Agricultural Science and Home Economics.

Shaila Shimul of Chittagong Public School and College secured first position in the combined merit list of Humanities.

Islamic Studies and Music Mohammad Abdullah-Al Zaber of Chittagong Govern

ment Commerce College secured the first position in the combined merit list of Commerce UNB adds: Chairmen of

Dhaka, Comilla, Jessore and Chittagong Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Boards submitted the results of the HSC examination of 1996 to President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed at Bangabhaban yester-The President thanked them

for timely publishing the results of the examinations.

Remove illiteracy for

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said the whole nation has to have the light of education of ensure progress and prosperity in national life, reports UNB.

progress is being hampered as majority population are illiterate ... national advancement will remain a far cry if the cruse of illiteracy cannot be removed," she said

Addressing an award giving ceremony of the National Primary Education Week '96 at Osmani Memorial Hall in the morning, the prime minister said the more the nation is educated the more it will be advanced.

Through education we have to turn hands of the people into the hands of workers," she said mentioning that the country was also lagging far behind in economic sector due to illiter-

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PM: Rajshahi

tification," she said terming desertification and post-monsoon flood and erosion as the worst problems facing Rajshahi. Hasina also announced a 14

member coordination commit tee for a well-arrayed conduct of development and services in the Rajshahi city. The committee with LGRD

Minister as its Convenor, Rajshahi City Corporation Mayor Joint Convenor and chiefs of different service organisations as members will coordinate the works of different development and service organisations for public interest.

The Mayor and the ward commissioners raised a number of demands including establishment of a full-fledged agriculture university, nationalisation of the Rajshahi Agriculture College, a central mosque, central shaheed minar, agriculture faculty at the Rajshahi University, factory for producing agro-inputs, setting up of an EPZ, and completion of the under-construction divisional stadium.

Besides, they demanded es-tablishment of a child hospital. a cancer centre and a heart foundation at Rajshahi city, construction of city protection embankment and launching of massive afforestation programme for halting desertification of the northern part of the country. They also underlined the need for implementation of master plan for Rajshahi City Corporation with provisions for supplying pure drinking water, sewerage facilities, more street light and other serviceoriented projects. They also demanded official announcement of Rajshahi as "education

proaches the Prime Minister said that most of their demands would be fulfilled.

Reciprocating the ap-

Percentage

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The newly created Chittagong Board was curved out from the Comilla Board. The results of Rajshahi Board will be announced tomorrow.

Officials said that the percentage of pass has fallen as all the boards for the first time had conducted examinations with the same set of questions. The students got used to a set pattern of questions which was not followed this time, they added. The examination system

adopted this time followed a policy to judge the merit of the students on the basis of their knowledge and not on memorising, the officials added.

The percentage of pass in the previous years under three education boards are given below:

1993 45.97 64.39 50.83 Comilla 51.66 69.40 42.45 Dhaka 40.28 60.87 42.62 Jessore

4 colleges

From Page 1

In the Dhaka board, the Dhaka College secured 21 positions in the combined merit, Libya: 20 people are killed when lists of three groups. Notre Dame and Dhaka Commerce College got 11 positions each while Vigarunnesa Noon College got 10 positions.

Students of the Mirzapur Cadet College secured five positions including the first and three other positions in Science group under this board. In the Comilla Board, the

Comila Cadet College captured 18 positions in the combined merit lists of three groups, including 16 in the Science group. Comilla Victoria Govern-

ment College took seven and Sylhet Cadet College took five positions in the combined merit lists of three groups under the board.

In the Jessore Board, the Barisal Cadet College captured 13 positions from the combined merit list of three groups while the Jessore Cantonment College captured 12.

Jhenidah Cadet College secured eight positions and Azam Khan Government Commerce College in Khulna managed five positions from the combined merit lists of the three groups.

development: PM

She said the nation had a long history and glorious tradition, but that tradition has become blurred due to the past misrule and exploitation. The nation must make advance-"Our efforts for national ment in education, science and technology to keep pace with

> The Prime Minister said majority people of the country are still deprived of education. Among the school-going children, about 38 per cent are being dropped out and progress of primary education is not up to the mark.

the world standard.

We want to change this situation, we want to engage all our forces in translating the dream of the future," she said reiterating her government's pledge to eradicate illiteracy within next 10 years and achieve economic

The Prime Minister hoped that it would be possible to achieve the target in education sector if a social movement can be launched on the basis of national consensus.

Education Minister ASHK Sadeq and Primary and Mass Education Secretary Ameer-ul-Mulk also addressed the func-

Later, the prime minister distributed prizes among primary school students for their best performance in recitation. song, speech, acting, painting and dance competition.

She also gave away prizes to the best teachers, organisers, education officials and those who encouraged spread of edu-

Save Dhaka

From Page 1 their garbages into dustbins

from 6 pm to 9 pm. The scouts earlier carried out similar campaigns on the two previous Fridays of the cur-

rent month. Pioneered by The Daily Star the campaign is being carried out by the Bangladesh Scouts in cooperation with the Bangladesh University of Engineering

Durga Puja

and Technology (BUET)

From Page 1 gum Khaleda Zia. now in Saudi Arabia, also congratulated the Hindu people of the country on

the occasion. The Mahanagar Sarbajanin Puja Committee has taken up elaborate programmes to celebrate the festival. Today is

"Durga sasthi". The committee president and general secretary Chittaranjan Sarker and Basudev Dhar, in a statement, have

urged all concerned to make the puja a success. The committee's programme includes rendering of devotional songs, musical soiree, aroti, and distribution of sweets. The committee will or-

ganise a "Bijoya procession" from Dhakeswari Mandir on October 22. Reports from Chittagong. Khulna. Barisal and Rajshahi said that all preparations have

been completed to celebrate the

Fire at ship

Durga Puja.

From Page 1

who rushed to the spot soon after receiving the distress signal from the captain of the ship. The vessel was carrying stationery goods from Japan. The ship was due to anchor at the port tomorrow and load exportable goods for European countries.

The Harbour Master said all the victims are foreigners, but their nationalities are yet to be known.

The extent of damage could not be determined.

Some stampedes From Page 1

pool and Nottingham Forest

when police open gates to alleviate crowding outside Hillsborough Stadium. The resulting rush of people onto the already filled terrace sections traps fans against riot control fences ringing the field.

March 10, 1987 — Tripoli, panic-stricken fans flee knifewielding ruffians and trigger the collapse of a wall.

May 29, 1985 — Brussels, Belgium: 39 people are killed at the European Champions Cup Final at Heysel Stadium when riots break out and a wall separating rival fans of England's Liverpool and Italy's Juventus

of Turin collapses. March 12, 1988 - Katmandu, Nepal: At least 93 people are killed and more than 100 injured when fans fleeing a hailstorm stampede into locked stadium exits.

Oct. 20, 1982 — Moscow: 340 people are reportedly killed at a European Cup match between Soviet club Spartak Moscow and Haarlem of the Netherlands. Police are blamed for pushing fans down a narrow. icy staircase before the end of the match. When a late goal is scored, exiting fans try to re-enter the stadium, trapping others. Moscow officials dispute the claims made in the publica tion of the Soviet Sports Committee, saying only 61 died and police did not push fans.

them to the Narayanganj Gen-

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early this morning and sent eral Hospital morgue.

Sonargaon police registered two cases of unnatural death. According to police, Baby Begum had been passing hard days after her rickshawpuller husband abandoned her some six months ago. Since then, she had been living with her mother and working as a maid

servant. They were married three years ago.

Md Shahed Kamal Majumder of Comilla Cadet Col By Staff Correspondent lege, who secured the first posi-Mohammad Monirul Haque. tion in the combined merit list who topped the combined merit of Science group under Comilla board, wants to be a computer

list of the Science group in the HSC examination under Dhaka Board, wants to be a computer

College, Monirul said the result was to his expectation. Son of Nurul Haq, the deputy chief in the Ministry of Conimunications. Munir said he is not interested in politics. He declined to make any comment on the present trend of student politics when asked whether he supported President Shahabud-

din's proposal for a moratorium on student politics. Monirul, who scored 957 marks, said he had studied three to four hours a day. But during holidays he had studied

for six to eight hours a day with the help of private tutors. He said, he is fond of tennis and spends his leisure time by

reading Bengali books.

From Page 1 quarters in Zurich. Switzer

Government spokesman Oscar Mias, however, said the rush began when fans tried to flee from a drunken brawl that brow out in the general seating

bleachers in the south stands. At least 83 people died, most of them apparently by suffocation said Victor Hugo Perez, the nation's top prosecution. Perez refused to comment on the cause of the disaster, saying the investigation was just begin-

The bodies lay for hours inside the stadium. The dead included victims with their broken limbs grotesquely twisted. a woman in Indian dress and a child with nose bloodied and head cocked. In all, at least 15 children were seen among the

Hospitals said about 180

people were treated for broken

bones, bruises, and shock. The

emergency rooms overflowed

with people searching for loved ones. At one, a boy squirmed on a gurney, with what appeared to be footprints smeared across his white shirt.

nounced for the match.

No makeup date was an-

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tion Board.

atmosphere was good. said it was "very nice".

peting from the Comilla Cham-

the country is 135 with 695 votes.

3 policemen suspended

in Bagerhat BAGERHAT, Oct 17: Three policemen were suspended following a daring theft at the res-

ports UNB. Police sources said the Amlapara residence of State Minister for Social Welfare, Children and Women Affairs Dr Moza-

12, will submit an analytical report within 80 days, said EC sources." It was printed 80 days instead of 30 days due to printing mistake. The error is regret-

Draft Indemnity Repeal Bill submitted findings of the committee. The Law Commission is headed by

> Munim. The State Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs said "No civilised society can stand a law that indemnifies trial of any killer. Subject to the approval of the Cabinet, I will move the Bill in the next session of Parliament", he said, adding, "The issue will be discussed in the next cabinet meet-

He argued against the validity of the Ordinance itself. Referring to Article 93 of the Constitution, the State Minister said that Khandaker Mostaque Ahmed who promulgated the Ordinance had actually no Constitutional right to do so. "According to the then Constitution, when the post of the President fell vacant, the Vice President of the Republic was supposed to take over as President. In the absence of the Vice-President the Speaker of the Jatiya Sangsad could take

former Chief Justice SKMA

ment the right to indemnity certain things, the State Minister said that the provision coning scheduled for Monday."

"Khandaker Mostaque Ahmed was neither Vice-President, nor Speaker of Parliament. The assumption of Presidency by Mostaque Ahmed, who was a cabinet member, itself was unconstitutional, and promulgation of an Ordinance by an illegal President is bound to be illegal too", the minister Referring to Article 46 of the

Constitution that gives Parlia-

cerned could never be applicable to the present case. The Article reads:"... Parliament may by law make provision for indemnifying any person in the service of republic or any other person in respect of any act done by him in connection with the national liberation struggle or the maintenance or restoration of order in any area in Bangladesh or validate any sentence passed, pun-

ishment inflicted, forfeiture

ordered, or other act done in

any such area."

"The killing of Bangabandhu, his family members and relatives had nothing to do with the essence of the Article, which is clearly a transitional provision. So the ratification of the Indemnity Ordinance by Fifth Parliament under the Article clearly seems to be illegal."

The Indemnity Ordinance

Khasru argued.

Repeal Committee of the Law Ministry, however, found the law to be a legal one. Side by side, the Committee argued that the law could be repealed by simple majority of Parliament members. "Even if we consider the Ordinance to be a legal one. am in agreements with the Committee of the Ministry and the Law Commission that the law is not a part of the Constitution and therefore it repealable by the votes of simple majority of our Parliament.

In favour of his arguments, the state minister gave examples of repealing two laws by Act of Parliament by simple majority during Khaleda Zia administration, which had originally been passed in the House in the form of Constitutional amendments in by two third majority during Ershad regime. The laws are, Local Government (Upazila Parishad and Upazila Administration Reorganisation) Ordinance 1982 and Cruelty to Women (Deterrent Punishment) Ordinance, 1983.

The Indemnity Ordinance Repeal Committee has identified 19 such laws.