

Rain likely

UNB, Dhaka

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely to occur at one or two places over Chittagong, Rajshahi, Dhaka and Sylhet division and the regions of Kushtia and Jessore during the next 12 hours till 6 pm today.

Weather may remain mainly dry elsewhere over the country, Met office said, adding that rise in day temperature is expected over the

Yesterday's highest temperature of 35.2 degree Celsius was recorded at Jessore and the lowest of 19.2 degree Celsius at

The sun sets in the capital today at 6.15 pm and rises tomorrow at 5.50 am.

Maximum and minimum temperature and humidity recorded in

some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	33.8	21.5	71	43
Chittagong	33.7	26.6	74	77
Rajshahi	32.8	21.5	53	52
Khulna	34.5	22.8	76	52
Barisal	34.6	22.4	63	49
Sylhet	30.2	19.6	79	63
Cox's Bazar	34.0	24.5	78	77

22 FFs fall

At least 22 freedom fighters were

admitted to Dhaka Medical College

Hospital (DMCH) in the city yester-

day due to food poisoning, hospital

parts of the country to join the free-

dom fighters' grand rally at

They came here from various

The sources said the freedom

fighters fell sick at the Suhrawardy

Udyan after taking their lunch

and were immediately taken to

Describing his experience during

the 'march', Nirmal Sen of Sramik

Krishak Samajbadi Dal alleged that

leaders of the ruling party and its

front organisations were grabbing

land and property of poor people

Abdus Samad of Gano Azadi

League, the rally was also

addressed by Khalequzzaman and

AFM Mahbubul Haque of

Bangladesher Samajtantrik Dal,

Dilip Baruya of Samajbadi Dal,

Morshed Ali of CPB and Azizul Islam

cades on roads and railways across

the country on Aril 30 to realise their

by providing qualifications through

employment of the experienced

personnel, the country would be

protected from foreign exchange

private investors could invest in

converting commercial vehicles and

river-crafts to CNG-run. This would

not only improve the environment,

but save country's 300 million dol-

lars required for import of petroleum

Petrobangla Engineers Association

general secretary of PFA, were also

present among others at the semi-

nar organised at the Petrobangla

(PEA), and Rahman Murshed

Muinul Ahsan, president of the

He said Petrobangla and local

The 11-party will put up barri-

Khan of Ganatantri Party.

Presided over by advocate

sick

BSS, Dhaka

sources said.

Suhrawardy Udyan.

11-party

across the country.

Businessman abducted, 2 shot at Fatikchhari

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Two shopkeepers were shot by unidentified gunmen at Dhurong Bridge in Fatikchhari upazila on Friday night.

A businessman was reportedly abducted from Bibirhat area the same night The bullet-hit shopkeepers were identified as Abul Kashem and

Nizam Uddin, both hailing from Paindong union. They were shot at 10:00 pm on Friday when thy were returning home from a nearby Bazar after

closing the business for the day.
They were admitted to a clinic in
Chittagong city.
Apparel businessman Amjad was kidnapped at 8.00 pm the same day. The identity of the abductors or

the fate of Amjad could not be known till writing of this report at 6.15 pm yesterday. Tight security

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Inspectors will petrol round the clock during hartal.

a total of 1300 Special Armed Forces, 1900 Riot Police, 750 Traffic Police, 400-Ordinary Reserve Force, 240-Protection Force, 300 Armed Police, 100 Women Police and 440 Special Task Force will also be deployed. About 1000 Police Personnel will

remain standby in the police control room and 300 others will be on duty in the night during hartal hours. Besides, over 200 Ansar force

will also be deployed in the capital as auxiliary force during the hartal

He said, "Our country is not capital-

deficient, there is Tk 70.279 crore on

fixed deposit, neither is it technically

deficient as I'm yet to meet a foreign

engineer who is more qualified than

failed to provide an enabling envi-

ronment for growth of the private

sector and supported multinational

companies saying that Bangladesh

is capital-deficient, public sector

inefficient and private sector lacking

with financial capability were

allowed to participate in the energy

sector in general and in

Petrobangla's tenders in particular

Khan said, "If local private sector

in technology and management."

He said, "Our policy makers have

yesterday.

Some of the gangsters, however, managed to escape. Police said the gang was

gang and arrested eight of them including Ebadullah the gang leader

and seized a rifle and three bullets

from their possession at about 2 am

8 pirates held

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involved in robbery, killing and kidnapping for ransom in the coastal areas for long.

The network of the gang was spread up to the mangrove Sundarbans forest in Khulna dis-

Ebadullah was accused in over 50 criminal cases including murder, robbery and kidnapping.

Hundreds of locals gathered at Chokoria thana premises on hearing the arrest of Ebadullah and brought out a procession demanding his exemplary punishment.

Ershad expels

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and some other leaders of JP faction led by Naziur Rahman. Abu Jafar told this corresponden

the liaison body meeting resolved that Ershad-led JP faction was working in favour of the government and against the four-party alliance. Therefore, the meeting decided that no new representation should be Naziur Rahman was relieved of

the post of JP secretary general on March 23 as he opposed Ershad's move to send party MPs back to the parliament. When they attended parliament sitting on Thursday, Chanchal murder

FROM PAGE 12 rior motive, the complainant and the victim's mother said.

She said IO of DB is biased and threatened witnesses. The IO pressed witnesses for implicating some innocents BNP leaders in the murder, the complainant said. Accused Nadim and Karim have now been turned into witnesses. DB will submit charge sheet against seven persons who are quite innocent, she said.

Tendulkar FROM PAGE 1

Venkatasai Laxman, who made a career-best 83, as the hosts dominated the Australian attack after being asked to bat first.

Tendulkar completed 10,000 runs in his 266th match and 259th innings when he reached 34 not out by driving leg-spinner Shane Warne for a single to deep mid-off.

He raised his bat to acknowledge a standing ovation from 25.000 fans before Warne and Australian captain Steve Waugh congratulated him. Tendulkar slammed 19 fours in his 125-ball knock.

Glenn McGrath dismissed Tendulkar by having him caught at square leg by Damien Fleming.

Tendulkar now has 10,105 runs at an average of 42.63 with a best of 186 not out against New Zealand at Hyderabad two seasons ago.

His record, topped by 25 Test hundreds, will be hard to surpass as he is currently far ahead of his contemporaries.

His nearest rival is compatriot Mohammad Azharuddin (9,378 runs in 334 matches), who has been banned for life for his alleged nvolvement in match fixing.

Of the three batsmen in the 8,000-club, only one Mark Waugh of Australia is presently playing.

Two batsmen, Allan Border of Australia and Sunil Gavaskar of India, have surpassed 10,000 runs in Test cricket, but Tendulkar is the first to do so in the limited-overs

They are deprived of justice and

sometimes even denied their funda-

mental rights to lodge first informa-

tion report (FIR) with the police

when assaulted or victimised other-

The bureaucracy has also con-

tributed, and still does, to the situa-

tion, as it routinely flouts the rules

govern its services, the speakers

said. The most troublesome, how-

ever, is the lack of accountability in

financial matters, compounded by

non-existence of internal auditing

and effective supervision, they

The speakers also underscored

the need for an active role from the

civil society and the media towards

wise, they added.

The Dalai Lama (C) accompanied by Master Chinhsin (L), head of the Buddhist Assocation, greets people upon his arrival at Chiang Kai-shek International Airport in Taoyuan yesterday. The Dalai Lama is on a 9-day visit for religion activities, and will meet Taiwanese President Chen Shui-bian in political meetings that are certain to enrage China. (Story on Page 9)

60-hr hartal begins today

sition alliance. He said they joined the session violating the decision of the alliance and ignoring the request of the opposition leader.

He condemned their action and said they will be identified by people as betrayers and rejected. The alliance will take action against them in time, he told a questioner.

On a question about the split in JP, Bhuiyan said, "There is intraparty conflict in JP and BNP knows nothing about any split because the leaders are maintaining contact and representing the party in the CLC. They are very much in the alliance". He said, "We formed the opposi-

tion alliance with Jatiya Party and other parties, not with individuals". The JP as a whole and majority of its leaders and activists are in favour of maintaining unity of the alliance and are still in it. Bhuiyan said BNP expects unity of JP. Asked which of the JP factions led

by Ershad and Naziur is being represented in the CLC, he said, "The JP

save themselves. Arrest of Islami

Oikya Jote chief Azizul Haq under

false cases is part of that conspir-

split in the 4-party opposition alli-

ance. The unity will continue till

formation of the next government," a

criticised the government's "mis-

deeds, corruption, politicisation of

the administration and repression'

and also listed its "failures" in differ-

She said the AL had once intro-

duced BKSAL by amending the

Constitution. Now, it has virtually re-

introduced one-party system by

resorting to repression on the peo-

ple as it has no scope to amend the

activists of AL are responsible for

creating a law and order situation in

the country, she alleged and claimed that AL cadres have "lakhs

She said, "Sons and relatives of

Ministers, MPs, leaders and

The former prime minister bitterly

None will be able to create a

acy, she claimed.

ent sectors.

confident Khaleda said

Constitution, she said.

of illegal arms"

is being represented in the liaison

About the PM's address, Bhuiyan said it is "totally non-political, indecent, irresponsible and unwanted" and it proves the ruling party has become unbalanced. He demanded immediate release

of all arrested opposition leaders and activists including Islami Oikya Jote Chairman Azizul Haq, Fazlul Haq Amini, ARM Abdul Matin, JCD general secretary Shahabuddin Laltu and Chhatra Shibir publicity secretary Mobinul Islam. After the briefing, JP Joint

Secretary General Maidul Islam told The Daily Star that the "pro-Naziur faction" of the party would remain in the alliance and maintain its unity at Maidul, JP joint secretary for long, has not yet faced any action from

either of the factions since split of the He said jailed former president

HM Ershad has joined hands with the government under five condi-

Khaleda: AL polls

About the Prime Minister's remarks. Maidul said. Sheikh Hasina had participated in 1986 parliamentary polls giving an undertaking to the then Ershad government.

have the experience of giving undertaking. The opposition alliance has no such experience."

Anwar Zahid, JP leaders Dr MA Matin, Mostafa Jamal Haider, ABM Golam Mostafa, Kazi Firoz Rashid, Shah Mohammad Abu Zafar, Saifur Rahman and Maidul Islam, Jamaate-Islami leaders Ali Ahsan Mujahid Mohammad Kamaruzzaman, Abdul Qader Mollah and ATM Azharul Islam, Islami Oikkya Jote (IOJ) leaders Ahmed Abdul Qader, Muslehuddin Abu Bakar, Abdur Rab Yusufi, Abdur Rashid Majumder and Moulana Isahak attended the CLC

"Hasina and her Awami League

BNP leaders Tariqul Islam and

Kafco quagmire

(GSPA).
The clause says, "(Contract)
Start Date shall be 1 May 2005 or such earlier date as the Parties (Kafco and BGFL) may agree."

The original clause clearly says, Kafco will enter into a new Gas Supply and Payment Agreement for a period from 1 May 2005 to 31 July 2015 with BGSL in substitution for the existing Gas Price and Payment Agreement and the Gas Supply

The secretaries asked the BGFL to initial the contract immediately. When the BGFL went through the contract and detected a number of deviations from the contract approved by the prime minister, it refused to go ahead. But, the top bureaucrats started pressuring the BGFL, which eventually initialled the agreement, said sources in Energy Ministry and the BGFL.

The ERD and Industries secretaries flew off to Singapore late last week where the final contract is supposed to be signed. However. none could confirm whether the final contract would be signed now.

Under the new contract also gives Kafco the flexibility to purchase gas either at 15 per cent lower or higher rate. There was no such provision in the original agreement approved by the prime minis-

In another modification, the new contract says, "The buyer (Kafco) shall at all times be entitled to benefit from conditions and prices for the sale of gas more favourable than those contained in this Agreement, that may be agreed from time to time between the seller (BGCL) or any other company directly or indirectly owned by the government... and any other private owner of a fertiliser plant in Bangladesh which is permitted to export, and the Prevailing Contract Price will be revised accordingly.

However, the approved contract simply said, "Kafco will be assured of the benefit of any gas price agreement with any other privately owned plant more favourable than the applicable Kafco price.

The approved contract sug-

gested that the floor price of gas be US 1.05 dollar per unit beginning May 1, 2005 and ending 31 July 2006. Afterwards, the price shall increase annually at the rate of 3.5 per cent until 31 July 2010. From August 1, 2010 the floor price will increase at a higher annual rate of four per cent until 31 July 2012.

The modified contract accommodates this formula but adds. "From the Start Date to 30 April 2005, the Floor Price shall be US\$ 0.75/MSCF (or unit).'

Sources said that to compel the government to agree to such provisions. Japanese company Marubeni, which holds major stakes in Kafco and the Japan Bank of Investment Cooperation (JBIC), threatened to stop and even withdraw all Japanese project financing in the country.

The JBIC is currently financing several infrastructure projects including the Rupsha and Pakshi Bridge Projects and the 110 MW Haripur Power Project.

Marubeni, which acted as the contractor of the plant while being a shareholder, is currently pursuing two power plant projects-Meghnaghat Phase 2 and a couple of new units at Kaptai. Marubeni last year avoided its power project negotiations with the government saying that the government must resolve the Kafco crisis in the first Since inception in 1995, techni-

cal and mechanical failures led Bangladesh to incur a loss of 120 million dollars till 1999. JBIC (formerly OECF), along with Chiyoda and Marubeni holds 31.29 per cent share of Kafco while the BCIC owns 43.51 per cent. Before the prime minister

approved the agreement last September, the government had appointed World Bank's affiliate International Finance Corporation (IFC) as a consultant to recommend gas pricing formula and resolve other Kafco problems. It was the IFC recommended the gas price of 0.75 dollars per unit for Kafco up to 2005.

Boy hurt in bomb blast

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Aman, Gayeshwar Chandra Roy, Abdus Salam and others were also The trouble began when the

procession was returning to the Naya Paltan party central office after parading streets in Fakirerpool, Baitul Mukarram and Paltan areas

The angry activists then torched two rickshaws and damaged some shops and two vehicles in Bijouynagar area. Later, a luxury bus was set on fire at Arambagh allegedly by some unidentified miscreants.

Three vehicles were set ablaze at Kalabagan, near the US embassy at Baridhara and at Mohakhali. An auto-rickshaw was torched at

At least a dozen bombs were exploded at Rampura bus stand.

ar of Narayangani district Al leader Nazma Rahman was damaged at Jurain, allegedly by some local BNP activists, police said. Unidentified miscreants threw

petrol bombs at five vehicles at Mirpur-1, one at Kazipara and another at Karwanbazar, A bomb was hurled at a vehicle at Farmgate.

Three other components of the four-party opposition alliance --Jatiya Party, Jamaat-e-Islami and Islami Oikya Jote -- and some other smaller parties also brought out separate torch processions The faction of JP led by Naziur

Rahman Manzur brought out a torch

procession and held a rally at the Muktangan. It was addressed by Kazi Firoz Rashid, Saifur Rahman Maidul Islam, Sunil Gupta, Shah Mohammad Abu Zafar and Kamrul Islam Saial

The JP faction led by Ershad did not bring out any procession. Jamaat held a rally at the north

gate of Baitul Mukarram mosque and brought out a procession that paraded some city streets. Jamaat leaders Ali Ahsan Mujahid and ATM Azharul Islam led the procession.

Islami Oikya Jote also brought out a procession at Purana Paltan and held a rally in front of the Purana Paltan mosque in support of the hartal

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia in a statement last night called upon the people to observe the hartal.

She said the hartal has been called to force the government step down

Cricket team FROM PAGE 1

manager Mahabubul Anam at a

press briefing Saturday. Coach Trevor Chappell meanwhile said: "I will be very pleased with the players if everybody puts in the best effort they can provide on the tour. Hope the players will enjoy the tour, the hospitality of the Zimbabwean people, the different

culture and play very good cricket in

the process." (Details on Page 13)

The ปิลเป็น Star roundtable on good governance maiming of Tipu Sultan, the Feni even home minister's directive did Professor Sobhan spoke of the electoral process for genera-

Hasina calls for unity

Remove discrimination

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ours."

with the national flag and the national flower shapla (water lily), and caps with a message of 30 years of independence first converged at the National Parade Square from and then paraded to the Suhrawardi Udyan Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina

also joined the freedom fighters' march from near her Tejgaon office up to the Bijoy Smoroni. She also donned the cap designed for the The freedom fighters, who had

earlier gathered at different cantonments of the country under a six-day programme of the Armed Forced Division, converged at the National Parade Square before noon and started the match after a group of artistes sang the national anthem.

It took the freedom fighters one and a half hours to reach the Suhrawardi Udyan from the National Parade Square

fighters, the crippled ones also ioined the march on wheel chairs. Army band group led the rally.

organised marking the 30th anniversary of the national independence. The venue of the programme was colourfully decorated.

Besides women and old freedom nine-month war to liberate the motherland. The younger genera-

Old ones were carried in some 700 rickshaws. The disciplined march drew curious people along the the fact that they belong a brave streets. Freedom fighters of the Army, Navy, Air Force, BDR, Police and Ansar also joined the march. An The colourful function was

freedom in the new century. The state-owned BTV and Big portraits of the Father of the programme life.

nation," she said adding no nation can prosper without a proper knowledge of its history. Hasina stressed the need for a national unity to achieve economic

private ETV broadcast the

Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, seven best freedom fighters who were posthumously awarded Bir Shreshtha and paintings depicting the liberation war.

Betar Kendra, the wartime radio station, rendered popular patriotic songs while the children presented attractive dances. Speaking on the occasion, Sheikh Hasina listed various steps her government has taken for the

welfare of the freedom fighters and

promised to do more.

Singers of the Swadhin Bangla

Blaming the post-1975 regimes achievement of transparency and for neglecting the best sons of the good governance in all spheres. soil, the freedom fighters, and While introducing the theme, distorting the nation's glorious Anam observed that the issue of history, she said with the party that good governance dominates every led the liberation war back to power aspect of life and that there is a the nation has now come to know tendency towards more and more the correct history. "No one can violations of law. extinguish any more the spirit of the Even to pay the power bills or war. Conspiracies were on for long obtain bank loans, one has to years since 1975 to erase the grease the palms of relevant peonation's 24-year struggle and the ple, he said. "Nothing is done in respect of

added.

tion was not allowed to know about up," he said. "We are not asking for the moon. We are simply asking for implementation of law and establishment of citizens' right." Dr Kamal Hossain praised credible newspapers like The Daily

CAG's report and there is no follow

Star and the Prothom Alo for the risk they take to promote civic rights. There are risks, as proved in the murder of Shamsur Rahman, a Jessore-based journalist, and the

correspondent of a news agency, but the media must continue its job, he said. He cited the cases of former

French minister Roland Duma, ex-German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, former Indian prime minister Narsimha Rao, three ex-presidents of Korea and another in the Philippines for their dubious role in financial scams and said the country is craving for a governance structure where there will be rule of law and accountability of the politicians.

"Article 7 of the constitution empowers the citizens the right to know, for example, about the major deals in the energy sector," he said. "Many companies come here and go away complaining about lack of transparency in the deals." Even Parliamentary Standing

Committee concealed facts on the MiG-29 deal. for which he had to go to court, he informed. Dr Hossain cited a number of instances where basic right to file a

He said that he had to go to the High Court for directing the officerin-charge of Feni police station to accept the case of journalist Tipu Sultan. The complaints by students of Jahanagirnagar University, who were raped, were not accepted. despite the fact that the alleged rapist boasted of a century in rape, he said.

complaint with police was denied by

"There is no accountability at the home ministry, police and even university authorities," Dr Kamal

The eminent jurist noted that

killing and illegal occupation of public and private property". Notorious criminals and terrorists are frequently seen in processions led by ministers and MPs but

police are not taking any action

"I want to know why terrorist and

against them, she claimed

ministers and MPs have surpassed

their fathers in terrorist activities,

killer Dr Igbal is not arrested ... Under which law he is moving freely?" The BNP Chairperson alleged that ruling party men misappropriated Tk 400 crore in the MIG purchase deal and another Tk 200 crore in the frigate purchase deal.

"The Prime Minister is involved in the two major deals", she said. Khaleda further alleged that the Prime Minister took charge of the Energy and Mineral Resources Ministry to "misappropriate money and get commission and to hand over country's natural resources to

others". People of all walks of life have started raising their voices against

not work in the case of 'Georgie's

gunmen of politicians and MPs, who

fire on processions to kill, are

checked, he warned, there cannot

take them into account to ensure it,

institutionalisation of democracy,

effective parliament, strong media

accountable administration and

independent judiciary would make it

possible to have good governance.

There must be a strong civil society

for good things to be rewarded. "We

have a responsibility. Every organi-

sation has a role towards good

The CAG functions as an over-

sight body along with the Public

he informed. "We have started

giving training to government offi-

cials and started performance audit

of organisations and departments of

the government - energy, health and

education. A performance audit cell

has also been created and is getting

most of the public sector organisa-

tions are not aware of internal audit.

Citing examples in the United

States, he said that he has already

proposed to the government to

introduce internal monitoring for

better accountability. He said nine

ministries have been selected this

year and quality assurance team

has also been proposed for better

The CCAG further noted that

adequate response.

monitoring

Accounts Committee of Parliament

governance," he observed.

The caretaker government must

Syed Yusuf Hossain noted that

be a free and fair election.

If black money in politics and the

Bahini' of Natore

Dr Kamal added

sary, the Opposition will announce non-stop action programmes to oust the government. The opposition leader also urged

debacle

the government she said and called

for intensifying the Opposition's

three-day hartal and said, if neces-

She called for observing the

oust-government movement.

local and foreign investors and businessmen not to enter into any agreement with the government, which will go against people's interest. "BNP will cancel such agreements if voted to power", she

Presided over by Kazi Abdul Halim Acting President of Biddut Sramik Union the inaugural function was also addressed by, among others. BNP leaders Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain, Abdullah Al Noman, Mirza Abbas, Nazrul Islam Khan, Sadeque Hossain Khoka, Amanullah Aman, Abul Kashem Chowdhury and Zafrul Hasan CBA General Secretary of the Sramik

nance in our country.

grassroots has totally collapsed and

aw-enforcing agency has been

operating on commercial basis. The

responsibility of police depends on

how much money the party is willing

to pay for it, he said. Otherwise, the

lower-level officials are hardly

need for a pro-active civil society,

which would react strongly to every

instance of wrongdoing in the soci-

ety. "Political parties would not

come up to respond to any societal

problem, if they do not see any

not recording crime started long ago

when one Abu Mahmud was

assaulted by NSF men during

Bangladesh was much better than

that of Pakistan and many other

African countries. "But we are not

satisfied, we have to compare with

tion of the governance in the country

is reflected in the chaotic traffic

system in Dhaka. He observed that

the traffic rule in our country was

being violated by everyone includ-

ing the prime minister, ministers and

Minister Sheikh Hasina's car drove

along the wrong side of the road to

He cited the incident when Prime

Professor Ahmad said the condi-

He observed that governance in

According to him the incidence of

Professor Sobhan stressed the

taking any case, he noted.

political benefit out of it."

Monaim Khan's period.

other advanced nations.

other high officials.

avoid traffic congestion.

for quite a long time.'

More than seventy per cent of road space is taken by rickshawpullers, and big car owners "are the

He underscored the need for building a coalition of civil society to ensure good governance and also suggested that there should be some indicators to measure the

tered. They work in the dark." He also blamed the civil society

The PARC chairman stressed the need for a balance of power among the three organs of the state for good governance.

commitment for good governance. Hag also underscored the need

for primacy of law over all aspects of life. He said the tendency of being above the law should be changed. Former CCAG M Hafizuddin said

the institution of governance in our country is not in a proper shape. He observed that the Bureau of Anti-Corruption should be an independent body and it should be busy with big corruption cases.

Kazi Fazlur Rahman blamed

cumulative degeneration of govermisgovernance in our society exists most active offenders of traffic rule," Professor Ahmad said. He said law and order at the

> quality of governance. In many countries there are some identified lobbying groups but that do not exist in our country, he said. "We also observe lobbying and creating pressure on the government but the groups are not regis-

for not being able to fight against all these miss deeds. "The civil society must raise the voice.

Shamasul Hag said the charter of citizen should be introduced in our country where the right of the citizens would be clearly defined. He put accent on political will and

ting corruption. Once a person is elected, nobody is asking about the ceiling of Tk three lakh maximum election expenditure of a candidate, he said adding that the career of an MP begins with the violation of law. Underscoring the need for a

code of conduct he said the ministers and parliament members must be made to understand that they cannot break the law. Badiuzzaman said there should a consensus among major political parties on important issues. "If the government ban plying of

auto-rickshaws in the city which

pollute the environment, the opposi-

tion would start protesting the He said most of the big corruption cases get stay order from the higher courts. The investigating officers of the BAC know that there would be hardly any trial of those big cases. As many as 80 such big cases are pending with the BAC, he

Syed Humayun Kabir cited a number of success stories in the country despite having bad governance over the years

informed

He mentioned achieving selfsufficiency in food production, increasing literacy rate, lowering population growth and child mortality rates as success stories.