### Khaleda wants ETV issue

Talking to reporters at the Bangabhaban later on, Khaleda said she met with the president to thank him for ensuring a free and fair election.

Later, BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan said they thanked the president for presenting the nation a free and fair election. He added that the president had also presented the nation a free and fair election in 1991.

Bhuiyan added that they urged the president to publish gazette of the election results immediately so that BNP can form government soon and that the president agreed with the BNP team.

BNP leaders Prof. AQM Badrudozza Chowdhury, Abdul Mannan Bhuivan and Dr. Abdul Moveen Khan accompanied the party chairperson during meeting with the president.

Earlier, a three-member BNP delegation also met with the chief advisor and thanked him for presenting the country free, fair and peaceful polls.

Mannan Bhuiyan told reporters that they told the chief advisor that BNP was eager to form government as early as possible and urged him to take necessary measures in this

Replying to a question, Prof. Chowdhury said the chief advisor told the delegation that the caretaker government was also eager to hand over power to the newlyelected government as soon as possible.

On a question, Bhuiyan said BNP was ready to form government any time and requested both the president and the chief advisor to arrange the oath-taking ceremony of the new government soon.

About the Awami League's allegation of rigging and demand for re-polling in all the 300 seats, Bhuiyan asked, "Do they mean that rigging took places in the 62 seats, including that of Sheikh Hasina, where Awami League candidates won?"

He said people have rejected the Awami League in the election and would also reject them if they take stand against their verdict. About the AL's announced programmes, he said people will also reject their programmes just as they did in the

Sources said, either Motiur Rahman

Nizami or Ali Ahsan Mohammad

Mujahid may become a minister

from Jamaat-e-Islami, Naziur

Rahman Monzur from Jatiya Party

for the next cabinet are Prof. AQM

Badruddoza Chowdhury, M Saifur

Rahman, Col. (retd.) Oli Ahmed,

Khandker Delwar Hossain, M

Morshed Khan, Barrister Moudud

Ahmed, Khandker Mahbubuddin

Nazmul Huda, Barrister Jamiruddin

Sirkar, Abdullah Al Noman,

Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf,

Mirza Abbas, Sadeq Hossain

Khoka, Barrister Shahjahan Omar,

Mosharraf Hossain Shahjahan, Maj

(retd.) Hafizuddin Ahmed, and

Aminul Hag, Fazlur Rahman Patal,

Col. (retd.) Akbar Hossain, Khurshid

Jahan Hag, MK Anwar, LK Siddigui

M Shamsul Islam, Harun-ur-Rashid

Khan Monno, Abdul Mannan, Moni

Swapan Dewan, Md. Shahiahan,

Mushfigur Rahman, Redwan

Ahmed, Dr. Abdul Moyeen Khan,

Lutfuzzaman Babar, AKM

quota, Shaikh Razzak Ali, Mofazzal

Karim. Sved Hasan Ahmed and

Reazuddin Ahmed are being con-

Besides, the names of Barrister

Toriqul Islam, Barrister

The BNP MPs being considered

(N-F) and Mufti Wakkas from IOJ.

FROM PAGE 1

Ahmed,

Shahiahan Sirai

Ministry of Information to show cause why the licensing agreement executed on March 9, 1999 between the ministry and A.S Mahmud, chairman of ETV, should not be declared to have been made without lawful authority and of no

Prof. Chowdhury Mohammad Hossain of the Department of Pharmacy and Prof. Abdur Rob of the Department of Geography of Dhaka University and President of a faction of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) Gias Kamal Chowdhury jointly filed the

The petitioners in the writ said international bids were invited to set up a private television channel in the country. The ETV was one of the parties that participated in the bid.

But after scrutiny, the tender evaluation committee on July 9 1998 sent a list to the Ministry of Information, which showed the ETV to have been disqualified. But mysteriously another list was sent to the ministry on the day showing the name of ETV on the top of it, the petitioners alleged

They further alleged that the licensing agreement was executed with A.S Mahmud despite the fact that he did not at all participate in the bid. But subsequently the license was transferred to ETV Ltd.

#### Bareen Majumdar FROM PAGE 12

syllabus on music of the Dhaka Board. At the same time, he started rendering 'raga sangeet' on Dhaka Radio.

After a long struggle, Bareen Majumdar had established country's first music college; College of usic; in 1963 with 11 teachers and 11 students

In 1968, he formed the syllabus for degree class and the Music College under Dhaka University. He also formed a music group Gana Sangskriti Parishad during liberation war and performed with his group in different places to motivate e people.

He achieved a number of awards for his outstanding contribution to music, including Ekushey Padak, Kazi Mahbubullah Gold Medal, Sidhubhai Memorial Award Rabindra Padak, Shilpi Sreshtha Sanmanana, Theatre Sanmanana, Janakantha Guniian Sanmanana and Bangla Academy Fellowship.

Sammilita Sangskritik Jote condoled the death of Bareen Majumdar and prayed for the

Sources added the BNP is likely

to appoint Col. (retd.) Oli Ahmed and

Abdullah Al-Noman as ministers

### Student advisor, proctor and four provosts of Bangladesh Agriculture University submitted their resigna-

tion yesterday.

Besides, Vice Chancellor Dr
Anwarul Islam left the campus along with his family members Tuesday night and took shelter in the town amidst JCD's agitation for his resignation.

Agri varsity VC leaves campus

fearing JCD

attack

**UNB**, Mymensingh

As soon as the results of BNP's victory in the national election was announced. JCD workers captured all 10 student dormitories of the university without any violence.

Advisor of Student Affairs Prof Ahmedullah Sarkar, Proctor Prof Mustafizur Rahman and Provosts of Sheikh Fazilatunnisa Mujib, Sultana Razia, Shahjalal and Suhrawardi Halls submitted their resignation letters to the Registrar's office. However, the BAU Registrar,

when contacted, said he has not yet received any resignation letter. The VC left the campus fearing a possible attack on his residence as pro-BNP Jativatabadi Chhatra Dal activists brought out a victory pro-

cession on the campus demanding

his resignation Tuesday evening.

## Bir Bahadur declared

elected UNB, Bandarban

Bir Bahadur of Awami League was yesterday declared unofficially

uency. According to the unofficial results, Bir Bahadur secured 39,550 votes against 38,697 polled by his nearest rival Mamya Ching of fourparty alliance.

elected from the Bandarban constit-

The results could not be announced earlier as the result sheets from two remote centres Cinglokpara and Pakuniapara of Ruma upazila could not be brought to the district headquarters due to inclement weather.

The result sheets were collected yesterday from the presiding officers of those centres with the help of an air force helicopter. Deputy Commissioner and Returning Officer Mushtaq Ahmed announced the results in the afternoon.

# Carter,

Vajpayee

In a letter to Khaleda Zia, Vajpayee said, "The verdict of the people has placed an important responsibility on your shoulder. As close neighbours, India and Bangladesh share strong link of geography, history and

He said the longstanding friendship between the two countries was based on abiding bond and common values.

"I would like to assure you of my government's continued commit-ment to enriching the relationship further. I look forward to working with you to promote Indo-Bangla cooperation for the progress and prosperity of our people," the Indian prime minister said.

Reuters from Islamabad says: Pakistan's President General Pervez Musharraf on Wednesday congratulated Khaleda Zia of Bangladesh on her election victory, the official APP news agency said. Musharraf telephoned the former

prime minister now set to resume that post to congratulate her on what he called the "impressive victory" of her political alliance in Monday's parliamentary polls, APP "The President informed

Khaleda Zia of Pakistan's abiding interest in close fraternal relations between Pakistan and Bangladesh," it said.

"The two leaders agreed to work together to further strengthen the friendship and cooperation between

FROM PAGE 1 est rival Shahabuddin Ahmed of Awami League bagged 46,825

The difference of tally between them is 885. There are 2,754 votes in one centre, where voting was suspended and re-polling will take

independent candidate was leading with a count of 75,937 in Moulvibazar-2, and 6,107 votes ahead of his nearest rival Sultan Mohammad Mansur of AL who was trailing on 69,830. The total number of voters in the three centres where

re-polling is scheduled is 7,540. In Mymensingh-5, BNP's AKM Mosharraf Hossain secured 78,384 votes against 65,925 of Rashida Mohiuddin of Awami League. The difference of the count between them is 12,459, and the number of voters in eight centres set for repolling is 26,912.

Awami League's Moslemuddin who polled 46,540 votes was leading in Mymensingh-6. His nearest rival Prof. Jasimuddin of the Jamaat with 44,632 votes was 1,908 behind. Independent candidate Engineer Shamsuddin polled

League with 85.912 votes is leading in Kishoreganj-1. He secured 1,354 votes against his closest rival Idris Ali Bhuiyan of BNP who bagged 84,558. Re-polling will take place in only one centre and the number of voters is 3,052.

# Ctg Shibir cadres Sajjad, Delwar on four-day remand

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg** 

Shibir cadres Sajjad Khan and Delwar Hossain, chargesheeted accused in the sensational 8murder case in Bohadderhat, were taken on a 4-day remand by Detective Branch (DB) of police yesterday.

Earlier, Sub Inspector AKM Mohiuddin Selim filed a case against them with Baizid Bostami thana on Tuesday night.

The court granted them a four-day remand when the Investigation Officer (IO) Kazi Enayet Kabir prayed for ten days.

Sajjad, the prime accused, and accomplice Delwar were arrested by police with one sophisticated AK-47 assault rifle, one cut rifle, one empty magazine, one lifejacket and 65 bullets, after a brief gunfight from his Chalitatali residence at Panchlaish on Tuesday evening. Meanwhile, the police adminis-

tration here has heaved a sigh of relief following arrest of the two listed terrorists, especially Saijad. whom they considered the topmost' terrorist now. "He is the top-most terrorist not

only in Chittagong but in the country

Commissioner Shahidullah Khan at

after Ershad Sikder."

a press briefing said yesterday. Shahidullah said, "We have been trying since the Bohaddarhat car-

Saiiad and his other chargesheeted accomplices.

Prior to CMP's press briefing Sajjad talked to a group of journalists at the chamber of Assistant Commissioner (DB) Monirul Islam and revealed some sensational stories including his involvement in the sensational 8-murder and ward commissioner Liaqat Ali Khan murder. He also talked about his debut in the crime world, his rise as a Shibir cadre and his association with arms dealings and procure-

He claimed to be a meritorious student having first divisions in both SSC and HSC exams from two renowned institutions School & College in 1997 and Bangladesh Navy College in 2000. Sajjad told journalists that he

killed ward commissioner and AwamiLeague leader Liaqat Ali Khan to avenge the murder of his teacher Khuku Moni, also a Shibir cadre, and took part in the Bohaddarhat operation as per decision of his organisation (Shibir).

Two cadre groups of Shibir, one led by himself in the city and another led by Humayun in Fatikchhari

have huge sophisticated firearms including 10 to 11 AK-47 rifles, two M-16, one G-3 rifle, one G-4 rifle, one Chinese LMG, one Barreta gun and over 7000 (seven thousands) bullets, Sajjad said.

The sophisticated Barreta gun was bought by his cadre group for lakh from Myanmer-based Naga terrorist group few months back, he

### JCD ransacks FROM PAGE 12

They also chanted slogans for ejecting the results of Monday's polls terming it farcical.

Meanwhile, a meeting of the Provost Standing Committee was held with VC Prof, AK Azad Chowdhury in the chair to discuss the law and order situation on the

The meeting urged all concerned to work together to maintain a congenial atmosphere on the cam-The committee formed earlier by

the Syndicate was asked at the meeting to take necessary steps to restore academic activities on the campus, said a press release.

#### AL conveys its decision "Some BNP people had been in a bunch of conspirators." Kibria told

Kibria briefed the representatives of the election observation teams and produced some "documents of how the results were fabricated for BNP."

Kibria said, "Rigging and manipulation were done at every stage. A group of controversial officers in the election commission and administration did it in connivance with the chief advisor's office.' "The chief advisor himself and

his office were involved. He became partisan since the day one," said Kibria, the chief election coordinator of Awami League He said people did not accept the

"fake" results and the entire country got shocked at this "absurd and fictitious results"

Bringing allegations of manipulation of results being done in some designated rooms in the Election Commission at "the dictate of some controversial officers", Kibria said the agreement between the EC and political parties on the process of declaring the election results was

those rooms where results from DCs were received through fax." he said, adding many faxed resultsheets had no sign of origin and destination "We wanted to be present to see

who is sending the fax and the result, but we are not allowed in those rooms. We don't know what happened in those five or seven rooms." For example, he said, although

the deputy commissioner of Kishoreganj did not clear the results, the election commission declared the results from Dhaka.

About the lists of terrorists supplied to the army by the caretaker government, he wondered that the lists contained the names of Awami League General Secretary Zillur Rahman and Speaker Abdul Hamid.

Kibria said the army on some occasions were misguided by local administrators including the DCs appointed by the chief advisor.

"Now we have very little options...We are not going to bow to

"In many places, progress of

few hours. Waiting for four to five

hours, many female voters left

polling stations without casting their

agents were forced out of centres in

Hasina claimed, the authorities first

declared the AL candidate elected

and then backed out and decided for

In a Munshigani constituency,

The authorities also misguided

The AL president complained of

and workers and also on the minor-

at 'firing' on her aunt's vehicle on

Dhaka-Maowa road yesterday.

"BNP terrorists fired at the vehicle in

which Sheikh Selim, my aunt

(Bangabadhu's sister) and some

minor children were coming to the

Terrorists were now occupying

capital from Tungipara.

Hasina expressed deep concern

ity community by 'BNP terrorists'

Barguna

repolling.

When the EU delegation reiter-

the delegation

ated that they hope all political actors would respect the people's choice, he told them that after the mock election on February 15, 1996. Khaleda Zia had stated that she received the people's mandate for five years, but people rejected that election "Moreover, the country had

similar elections in 1979, '86 and '88. We are familiar with such socalled expression of the people," Kibria said.

Deputy chief of the EU election nission Paulo Salvia, coordinator of UNDP observation team Tony Reis, Jim Oliver of NDI and Peter Manicus, regional chief of NDI, Asia were present at the briefing.

Party leaders Abul Hasan Chowdhury, Saber Hossain Chowdhury, Syed Ahmed former ambassadors Walliur Rahman and Mohammad Ali were

#### polling was very slow during the first tolerate damaging the portraits of the Father of the Nation

votes. Later, those votes were manipulated," Hasina alleged. ity did not decrease, rather, we She wondered how 99.6 per cent votes could be cast at Moheshkhali. gained more popularity. She also alleged that AL polling

## Blair may visit Pakistan

British Prime Minister Tony Blair may visit Pakistan for talks with President Pervez Musharraf to shore up the international alliance

Foreign ministry sources said Blair could visit Islamabad either on Friday or Monday, following a trip to Oman, but there was no confirmation from London

Blair was set to depart for Oman on Thursday to address thousands British troops stationed there, before possibly visiting Pakistan, according to a report in Britain's Daily Telegraph newspaper.

It quoted a senior Pakistani fficial saying Blair would follow up Pakistan on Friday.

announcement could be made later

Wednesday.

## family but used to meddle with her

Afsari's colleagues said they were aware of their troubled conjugal life, and never saw them together in any party. They heard that the couple quarrelled over trivial matters.

with her colleagues. She was appointed to the current position after three years of her service at the BCS Academy. Earlier, she was a magistrate at Narsingdi.

Batara in Comilla town. The locals said a domestic help

the tragic incident took place. But she was not allowed to talk to any-Sadnan, now orphaned, was

moving in front of the building with bruises in the left cheek and a blank look in his eyes. Two unnatural death cases were

filed with Dhanmondi police station yesterday. Police seized the rifle.

## Post-polls clashes

brother, Lutfor Rahman. Upon being informed, police and army personnel rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control.

Meanwhile, 15 people were iniured as BNP and Jamaat activists had gone on ransacking houses of supporters of the AL and its front organisations across the district since Tuesday night.

The troublemakers reportedly warned that the minority communities in the district leave the country for India or face dire consequences.

UNB adds: the MP-elect from the Satkhira-5 constituency, Gazi Nazrul Islam, and his 14 supporters were injured in an attack from activists of defeated AL candidate

Twenty people were also injured in AL-BNP clashes Attacks on AL men and ransack-

ng of their houses were also reported from Narsingdi and Munshigani.

Sources said supporters Abdul Ali Mridha, the BNP candidate from Narsingdi-5 who had lost in the parliamentary polls, attacked the houses of at least 12 supporters of AL MP-elect Raziuddin Ahmed Razu vesterdav.

In Chandantala of Munshigani, BNP men ransacked several houses belonging to AL supporters.

When contacted last night officials of both Narsingdi and Munshigani said no incident of violence had taken place.

Our Sirajganj correspondent reports that at least 60 people were injured, 10 critically, in post-election clashes at different places in the district between BNP and AL sup-

Around 30 houses were also ransacked during the clashes. Critically injured AL leader Matiur Rahman Master and BNP leader Firoz Talukder were admitted to

Sirajganj Sadar Hospital. Doctors said that their condition was deteriorating as they sustained head injuries. The post-election clashes took place in four areas in Royganj Upazilla, two places in Ullapara Upazilla and one in

Belkuchi Upazilla. Meanwhile, MP-elect Iqbal Hasan Mahmud Tuku visited some places in Sirajganj town and urged people not to engage in violence.

AL-BNP clashes were also reported from Lalmonirhat, Magura, Mymensingh and Chapainawabganj that left at least 110 people hurt.

In Chuadanga, a leader of the BNP-backed Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) was critically injured when two pro-AL Bangladesh Chhatra League activists hurled a cracker at him.

Our Chuadanga correspondent reports that Firoz Sarwar Rahman was on a motorbike when the incident took place near the Roopchhava cinema hall.

## Respect people's verdict

swiftly organised to consolidate the democracy in accordance with the

wishes of the people." He said, "our attention was particularly drawn to many women and young people who participated

in this election in an active and

orderly manner. Although our observation was limited, we were convinced that voting and counting were conducted

in an orderly manner." Shin Sakurai is the head of the JBPAEOG which observed the elections in 1991 and 1996. He visited the polling centres in 10 constituencies in Dhaka, Gazipur,

Narsingdi and Narayanganj and

observed minutely the vote casting and counting process. "I was also touched by the sin-

cerity and integrity of the people of Bangladesh through our observation." Sakurai added Replying to a question, he said,

"The relationship between Japan and Bangladesh is friendly and it will be further strengthened in future." The press conference, organ-

ised at a city hotel, was among others, attended, by Prof. Minoru O'uchi of Shumei University, Prof. Hirofumi Ando of Nihon University and Dr. Mavumi Nouchi, a research fellow of the Institute of Developing Economy

## Hasina's rejection

in "The Hindu" newspaper.

He said if Hasina refuses to accept the electoral verdict, "it would be a grievous and destructive mistake". The elections, Malhotra added, were held under a neutral caretaker government and most foreign observers "have testified to heir fairness"

However, another leading daily 'Hindustan Times" in its editorial said the victory of the BNP-led alliance "is certain to jolt the ambience of secular governance that the Awami League government had sought to establish".

The recrudescence of a communal agenda is likely to be a fallout of BNP's sharing of the political space with Jamaat-e-Islami and a clutch of fundamentalist groups, the editorial said

The Hindustan Times said the pap between the BNP and the Awami League in 1996 elections was narrow but this time the gap is much wider "conferring legitimacy on the retrogressive forces"

Expressing similar concern, Inder Malhotra said the presence of Jamaat and Islamic Oikya Jote in the BNP-led combine "could have a negative impact on not only Bangladesh's secular ethos but also on its attitude towards India".

A commentary in "The Times of India" said the Jamaat "may emerge as the rallying point for anti-India activities orchestrated by Pakistan's ISI. This is bad news for India in the rapidly changing scenario in South

The commentary pointed to the BNP's reservations about certain clauses in the Indo-Bangla Ganges water sharing accord and about Bangladesh selling its natural gas to India and said it remains to be seen how Begum Zia "balances her polltime rhetoric with political and administrative measures" while

dealing with India. Inder Malhotra argued in favour of India making a "new beginning" with the new government in Dhaka and at the same time said "it is reasonable to expect Begum Khaleda Zia and BNP when back in power would be different from what

they were in opposition". BSS add: Another daily 'The Pioneer' said BNP's comprehensive victory in the parliamentary elections further cyrstalises the emergence of a two-party system in

Bangladesh. The emergence of the two-party system needs to be welcomed both terms of the evolution of Bangladesh's still young democratic polity and stability it offers to the country, the editorial said, adding much would, of course, depend on how Khaleda Zia, the leader of the BNP, which is overwhelmingly the major constituent of a four-party

alliance, governs. It said the restoration of law and order situation, which has deteriorated sharply in Bangladesh, would be an important task for Begum Zia. Also important for her will be her country's ties with India.

In retaliation for the Palestinian attack. Israeli tanks seized a milewide strip of Palestinian territory near Alei Sinai. Bulldozers flattened farmland and tanks shelled seven Palestinian police posts. Palestinian police said.

Palestinian town of cinderblock homes and garbage-strewn streets separated from the red-roofed houses of Alei Sinai by about a mile of sandy strips and fields. At one point, an Israel tank

shelled a Palestinian checkpoint in Beit Lahia, killing four Palestinian policemen and a civilian, doctors said. In an exchange of fire, another Palestinian was killed and seven were wounded, three of them critically, doctors said.

The new violence came hours after US President George Bush said that his administration would take an active role in Mideast peace efforts, noting that a Palestinian state would be a logical outcome.

## Bush

play.

FROM PAGE 12 but to get some momentum," one official said. "We haven't proceeded exactly as we might have after the

and others had stepped up efforts to produce a meeting between Arafat and Israeli foreign minister Shimon ceasefire.

last week following renewed pressure from Powell on Arafat and Peres and Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon based in part on the desire to enlist Arab and Muslim backing in the anti-terror coalition.

Meanwhile, Yasser Arafat welith the Israelis.

tion, which is the cornerstone for the establishment of a just and lasting peace in the Middle East" He added that "the Palestinians

thank the United States for its posi-

Arab states also welcomed the

statement but Israel gave it a cool reception, noting that it came as

# **Chief Advisor rejects**

The chief advisor said the caretaker government has taken up improvement of law and order situation as a priority task and tried to ensure a condition conducive to the polls.

He said this election was a bit tough because the environment improving the situation.

was spontaneous and massive despite all. The women voters exercised their right to franchise freely and in a disciplined manner.

advisor said this was necessary for transparency, accountability and fairness of the administration in holding the polls. "Nothing comes out of blaming

"We directed the administration to work with honesty, neutrality and efficiency. They have done it." he said with an emphasis on the proper use of administration to ensure development and bright future of the

Mofakkharul Anam of BSS Inquilab, Motiur Rahman Chowdhury of Manavzamin, Mizanur Rahman Mizan of Khabar, Jakaria Chowdhury of Banglabazar Patrika and Shafiq Rehman of Jai

Amanul Islam Chowdhury and

Rokia A Rahman were also present.

Advisors Barrister Syed Ishtiaq Ahmed, Justice BB Roy Chowdhury, Brig (retd) Abdul Malik Syed Manzur Elahi, M Hafizuddin Khan, A Muyeed Chowdhury, Maj Gen. (retd) Moinul Hossain Chowdhury, ASM Shahjahan, AKM

The editors present were Golam Sarwar of the Jugantor, Enayetullah Khan of UNB, Barrister Mainul Hosein and Rahat Khan of the Ittefaq, Mahbubul Alam of The Independent, Mahfuz Anam of The Daily Star, Motiur Rahman of the Prothom Alo, Moazzem Hossain of Financial Express, Benzir Ahmed of Bhorer Kagoi, Bahauddin of

centres of the constituency.

During the incident, the couple, their two children and a domestic help, Noor Jahan Begum, 32, were there at the residence. The eldest daughter of the cou-

student of class two. suspected his wife of having an extramarital affair, as she used to attend official parties. The wife also suspected her husband of being an alcoholic as he used to return to the

residence late at night.

Police quoted the domestic help as saving that the altercation centred on the husband's being drunk and it lasted for quite sometime. The guard of the staff guarters,

Teesta, said hearing the gunshots

dences of the building and informed the neighbours about the incident lying in a pool of blood on the floor advised that the fatally injured tempo, the attending doctors there pronounced them dead

neighbours could not realise what was happening in that flat, several neighbours said. Relatives said they had an affair

blessed with two children.

She was the youngest of her five sisters and two brothers. Afsari hailed from Nagail, Burichang in Comilla. The husband came from

#### The immediate past prime minister said her government ran the country with efficiency during 1996-2001. "While in power, our popular-

AFP, Islamabad

Wednesday.

his Middle East visit with a trip to Downing Street said an

# CA's protocol officer killed

physically disabled while Sadnan, the eight-year old boy Sadnan, is a A police officer said the husband

ple, Ela, aged about 13 years, is

he immediately went to other resi-Going there, they found the couple A doctor, who lived at the same building, examined them and Hospital on board a three-wheeler-After the autopsy at the hospital

The namaj-e-janaza was held at the Staff Quarter premises and attended by officers, colleagues, high government officials and their relatives. The deceased were laid to rest at the Mirpur Intellectual Graveyard in the city yesterday

culminating in marriage, though strained later. They were living together for more than 13 years and

The husband was said to be a businessman, but actually was not involved in any business. There was an ego conflict between them as the husband was not contributing to the personal and official affairs, her relatives said.

The protocol officer was amiable

was present at the residence, while

### 7 Palestinians FROM PAGE 12

Asia. Bangladesh needs to be

careful about not allowing anti-India

pouches.

The main target was Beit Lahia, a

Since the Sept 11 attacks in New York and Washington, the United States has been trying to cool off the Palestinian-Israeli crisis, fearing that it would interfere with efforts to bring Arab and Muslim states into an anti-terrorism coalition. The attack on the settlement and the Israeli retaliation threatened to undo US

Peres aimed at securing a lasting That meeting did not occur until

attacks but the basic outline is still in

Ahead of the UN meeting, Powell

comed yesterday President Bush's endorsement of a Palestinian state. saying Palestinians wanted peace The Palestinians news agency WAFA quoted Arafat as saying, "I

remain committed to peace with the Israelis, which is a strategic choice for them '

Bush tried to involve Arab and Muslim states in his campaign against radical Islamist terrorist suspect Osama bin Laden

#### Mosharraf Hossain, Ashraf Hossain, Kabir Hossain, Moshiur owdhury (Habiganj-3). Rahman, Ighal Mahmud Tuku, Three others who are from JP (Ershad) were also defeated. They Justice Mozammel Hag and Air Vice Marshall (retd.) Altaf Hossain Chowdhury are also being discussed. From the technocrat-minister

was not favourable. "There were firearms and terrorists, and it was difficult to get political parties in Latifur said the election was held properly and participation of voters

He thanked the members of administration and lawenforcement agencies for coopera-About the much-debated reshuffle in the administration, the chief

the administration. If we don't use them for personal or party interests, they cannot be bad." he said adding that the political parties should not use the administration for party purposes.

and Morshed Khan as the prime minister's advisor from Chittagong. However, Salahuddin Kader Chowdhury is unlikely to get a cabinet position.

**Cabinet: New faces** 

.oan defaulters FROM PAGE 1 (Moulvibazar-2), Joynal Abedin Bhuiyan (Comilla 11), Joynal Abedin Hazari (Feni-2), Abdul Latif Mirza Sirajganj-4), Khandaka Asaduzzman (Tangail 2), Abdul Mannan (Tangail-5), H B M Iqbal (Dhaka-10), Shamsur Rahman Sharif (Pabna-4), Abdus Sattar Mymensingh-8), Enamul Haq (Habiganj-4), Imran Ahmed (Sylhet-Sheikh Nurul Haq (Khùlna-6), Noor-e-Alam Chowdhury (Madaripur-1), Dr Shah

Sarwar (Barguna-2), Majibul Haq (Comilla-12), S M Mokhlesur ahman (Satkhira-3), Dabirul Islam (Thakurgaon-2) and Ramesh handra Sen (Thakurgaon-1). Three bill defaulters who consted on BNP ticket are Hasan Uddin Sarker (Gazipur-2), Zakaria Khan Chowdhury (Habiganj-2) and Abu Leich Mohammad Mubin

Hadiuzzman (Jessore-4), Golam

A K M Mostafizur Rahman (Kurigram-1), Abdul Mukit Khan (Sylhet-1 and 3) and M K Alam howdhury (Nilphamari-1)

JP (Monjù) nominee bill defaulter

Golam Faruque Avi also could not

win from Barisal 2 constituency.

Repolling

A BNP dissident contesting as an

As many as 19,634 voters are expected to cast their votes at five Dr Alauddin Ahmed of Awami

> couple be rushed to hospital. Accordingly, when they were rushed to the Dhaka Medical College

Scrap election results: AL

Hasina came to the party office at

around four in the afternoon and left

it at about 6:30 pm. The agitating

party workers came close to her

motorcade heavily quarded by

accept the polls results."

Special Security Force and ventilated their anger at 'rigging' in the election. Many of them shouted urging her to call hartals. As Hasina held the caretaker government also responsible for rigging' in the polls, newsmen asked her whether she would accept a fresh election if held under

first. If necessary, the fresh one could be held under the President.' she said. While her attention was drawn to acceptability of the polls results among the international election observers, Hasina said, "They observed the polls from surface. They could not go deeper into the rigging aspects. But, I have to

it. "Let them cancel the elections

the army personnel by giving them fake list of 'vulnerable centres, she further allegd. violence unleashed by 'terrorists' belonging to BNP and its allies. She condemned 'attacks' on AL leaders

uphold the people's interests. People cast their votes but they have been deprived of actual results. She alleged that the October 1 election was held just like the February 15, 1996 farcical polls.

Hasina displayed a sheet of

paper, claiming it to be a fake ballot

paper without any authorised signa-

ture. She alleged that such fake

ballot papers were available in large

numbers and 'rigging' was done by

ties including Dhaka University and forced out leaders of pro-AL Chhatra League, she alleged

the dormitories of different university

morgue, the bodies were taken to the Staff Quarters at Babupura at around noon yesterday.

afternoon. Doors and windows of the first floor were closed, so most of the

At the time of marriage, Afsari was preparing for the Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examina-