JU JCD calls strike

enters its 46th day today. SURR has been agitating since August 5 for realising their seven-point demand including cancellation of studentship and certificates of all rapists, introduction of anti-sexual

Both the student organisations have threatened to paralyse all activities on campus until their different demands including resig-

bers from attending it.

fallen into a fix, as the fate of this year's finals as well as other annual exams is uncertain. The university authorities did not issue any notice as regards the different annual

and the next few days. Earlier, the authorities had postponed all examinations till October 11.

"We cannot decide about the

examinations as the agitating students have locked all offices where all our files are kept", Registrar Mohammad Ali said. Higher officials however told this

correspondent that examinations would remain postponed until

JCD has blamed the JU administration for failing to break the longdrawn-out deadlock and has vowed to unseat the highest officials it holds responsible for penotism irregularities, abuse of power, and patronisation of rapists, killers and

General students apprehend that the fresh agitation programmes would deepen the crisis and greatly compound the existing session jams. About 200 annual examinations have been postponed since the SURR-enforced strike.

Body of a listed terrorist found at Kaliakoir

the body of a listed terrorist from under a bridge at Kaliakoir of

The body was sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) morque for autopsy.

Flood situation in Gaibandha worsens

UNB, Gaibandha

The overall flood situation in the district further deteriorated as more areas went under water following rise of water level in the rivers.

Road communications between district headquarters and other upazilas remained snapped. Mohimaganj Bridge was washed away by flood waters while Gobindaganj upazila headquarters went under two feet water.

About 50,000 people of 15 unions in the district have been marooned, officials said.

Mannan Bhuiyan

he said, adding that all precautionary measures have to be taken so that the members of the minority community can celebrate their all religious festivals including Durga

Criticising the Awami League, Bhuiyan said the people of the country have rejected the party in the October polls as it was engaged in terrorism and corruption during the last five years.

League to join parliament to make it effective and work together for the betterment of the lives of people. 'Play your due role as a opposition in parliament and help the govern-Bangladesh under the able leadership of Begum Khaleda Zia," he

Among others, Shamsuddin Ahmed Echhak, MP, Professor Jashim Uddin Ahmed, Dr Hasanuzzaman Chowdhury, agri-culturist Javed Iqbal, Tofazzal Hossain, Abul Haris Rikabder and Dr A K M Azizul Huq addressed the

Later, the BNP secretary general held a meeting with high officials of the district administration at the local Circuit House.

administration to ensure adequate security for the members of the Hindu community so that they can celebrate the upcoming Durga Puja peacefully.

US Scare from anthrax

Suspicious white powder found on plane in Florida

AFP, West Palm Beach

As FBI agents conducted a criminal probe of three cases of anthrax in Florida, officials yesterday investigated an aircraft after an airport employee complained of skin irritation after finding an unidentified white substance, authorities said.

The woman, who worked for a cleaning crew was taken to a hospital and initial tests indicated the substance "did not appear to be biological in nature," a spokeswoman for the West Palm Beach Sheriff's office said.

The incident occurred at West Palm Beach International Airport, close to Boca Raton, where three cases of anthrax, one of them fatal, have emerged. Authorities said there was no

evidence linking the cases to the September 11 terrorist attacks, but have also warned further acts of terror, possibly using biological agents, may be planned. Police officials in West Palm

Beach also said there was no indication Friday's incident was in any way linked to the anthrax cases. The woman was cleaning a

bathroom of a Continental Airlines

with a white substance. She became irritated in the face area.' said Sheriff's office spokeswoman Diane Carhart

She was taken to a local hospital, where "she was medically screened and is now in a stable condition,'

Police and hazardous materials teams were immediately deployed to the plane, flight 1731 to Houston, which was delayed.

The scare emerged as authorities were expected to announce results from hundreds of tests of people who worked or spent time in the American Media Inc. (AMI) building in Boca Raton, where three employees were found to have been exposed to the deadly virus.

FBI agents and health officials wearing biohazard suits have been conducting a thorough search of the three story building after anthrax spores were found on the keyboard of photo editor Robert Stevens, 63, who died last week, apparently after inhaling the bacteria.

Ernesto Blanco, a 73-year-old mailroom worker at AMI -- which publishes the Sun and other tabloid newspapershas been undergoing

swab showed he too had been exposed to the bacteria.

The third case, co-worker Stephanie Dailey, 35, was detected Wednesday. Dailey, who has not shown any symptoms of the disease, is being treated with antibiot-

Sources close to the investigation said the anthrax spores found in the AMI building building were probably not of a naturally occurring strain and were likely produced in a

Thursday, White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said the sudden appearance of the anthrax bacteria remains an issue of concern for the federal government.

Florida Governor Jeb Bush, has issued a decree ordering authorities in the southern state to stockpile medicines and vaccines that could be issued rapidly in case of a chemical or biological attack.

'We are in wartime conditions and the only responsible thing to do is to make sure there are antibiotics and vaccines available to cover any event," the governor's spokeswoman, Katie Baur, said.

results and holding of fresh election.

It also announced that the party lawmakers would not take oath and

would not also join parliament sessions.

But a day after the hard stance taken by the AL central leadership on October 3, grassroots level leaders and workers of the party came to Dhaka and strongly advocated showing restraint. They also expressed fears of AL's alienating itself from the masses if it went for tough programmes right at the

The AL leadership then did not stick to its earlier stand of launching 'non-cooperation movement' from October 11. Instead, the leadership decided to reorganise the party itself and further examine the reasons behind the party's poor performance in the election.

However, party moderates' desperate plea for a soft line is now getting less attention from the high command because of unabated attacks on the partymen across the country and damage of their property, sources said.

AL central leadership is now too concerned and agitated at the postpolls violence against party leaders and activists and for this the issue of revising party's hard stance is not coming up prominently for the time being, they pointed out.

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also withheld following a court order.

Among this year's contestants, all from the left-leaning 11-party alliance including Bangladesh Workers Party President Rashed Khan Menon failed to reach the 12.5 per cent mark to qualify for a refund. Seventeen candidates belonging

to the BNP-led four party alliance and one from the AL also failed to reach

Others who lost their deposit money includes 207 from H M Ershad-led Islamic Jatiya Oikya Front (IJOF), 60 from Communist Party (Khalekuzzaman-Mahbubul Haq), 33 from Krishak Sramik Janata League, 127 from Bangladesh Jatiya Party (BJP), 31 from Workers Party, 26 from Khelafat Andolon, 17 from Progressive Party, 14 from Gano Forum, 11 from Ganatantri Party, 10 from Islamic Shashantantra Ain and seven from Janata Party

Most of the 490 independent candidates also lost their deposit money. Six however won seats in the

Zinjira

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time are said to be behind the largescale racket for producing spurious commodities of many kinds and marketing them all over the country.

There were reported cases of production of adulterated vegetable ghee, fake dry-cell batteries bearing well-known brand names, products like tetracycline capsules, mustard, and soyabean oils, spurious Chinese-made transistor radios and

We thus find that Zinjira is as much a centre for production of good quality goods as for spurious and low-quality ones.

However, the overall situation at Zinjira has been rapidly changing. The road communication there has improved with the opening of the China Friendship Bridge and lately a second bridge from the Baburbazar point over the river Buriganga has further improved communication. The internal road communications has reportedly also improved.

Against this backdrop, it is felt that the stigma attached to the name of Zinjira may die down if stern measures are adopted to check with a heavy hand the growth of any enterprise that may be engaged in the production of spurious and adulterated goods of any kind.

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munity and asked for huge amounts of money to allow us to stay home'

save his life.

he was stopped by some hoodlums at Kodaldoha and badly assaulted. Some 'elderly' locals then rescued him from the grip of those 'political activists

we are living in total uncertainty," he Many of the 'refugees' said if

such atrocities continue, they would have no option but to leave the

he would leave the country.

AL: Oath-taking Saudi prince reiterates remarks that angered NY

Billionaire Saudi Prince Al-Walid bin Talal bin Abdul Aziz yesterday reiterated remarks on US policy in the Middle East that prompted New York's mayor to return his 10million-dollar donation for victims of the World Trade Center attack.

"It is time the United States was fair with the Arabs, chiefly with regard to the Palestinian cause, Prince Walid told AFP.

He said Mayor Rudy Giuliani's rejection of the donation to the Twin Towers Fund would "not affect" his huge investments in the United Giuliani turned down the dona-

tion Thursday after Prince Walid condemned the September 11 terror attacks which destroyed the World Trade Center, but suggested the US should rethink its policy in the Middle East. "The Palestinian cause should

command more attention in order to reach a just settlement of the Middle East conflict and restore the Palestinian people's rights in keeping with UN Security Council

describe such brutality," the AL

president told newsmen at the

atmosphere for rigging the polls,

BNP-Jamaat had resorted to torture

and killings to eliminate dedicated

Hasina was at the hospital for

about an hour from 11:30 in the

violence including Qamruzzaman of

Gafargaon, Abdul Based Khan

Bachchu of Demra, Tamim of

Sylhet, Haris Mia of Comilla, Ishaq

and Shamsul Alam of Pabna,

Habibur Rahman Jitu and Jahangir

Shailkupa, Arif of Tangail, Prafulla

Kumar Debnath of Noakhali and

She inquired about their treat-

Terrorists cut off all the fingers of

ment and tried to console members

Qamruzzaman because, he said,

election. Borhanuddin lost both his

legs while hands and legs of Tanim

were damaged by terrorists

polls situation has become unbear-

able and hoped, "people would

build up resistance against such

She alleged that members of the

minority community in the country

have no security and they are being

Sheikh Hasina said the post-

because he caught four fake voters.

he had voted for AL in the October 1

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of the victims' families

Choudhury, and a state minister, Zinnatunnessa Talukdar, And all of them ran important ministries. Sajeda held the Ministry of Forest and Environment while Motia

the food portfolio.

the charge of the Ministry of Primary and Mass Education and then the Ministry of Women and Children

Khaleda Zia has inducted her elder sister Khurshid Jahan Haq, the only woman minister, into her cabinet, giving her the women and children portfolio. State Minister Selima Rahman has been given the charge of the Ministry of Cultural

ity community have also been given ess important portfolios and status

ministers representing the minorities, Satish Chandra Roy and ministry and then the primary and mass education ministry while Chakma was in charge of the Ministry of CHT Affairs.

Dhirendra Debnath Shambhu was a deputy minister first in the shipping ministry and later in the food ministry.

Khaleda's cabinet accommodates no full ministers representing the minorities. Goutam Chakravarti has been made a state minister who will work under Water Resources Minister LK Siddiqi, Moni Swapan Dewan has been made a deputy minister for the Ministry of CHT Affairs, which is held by the prime

voting could not take place for various reasons, including legal

Hasina government revived it as a part of its four-tier local government body to decentralise the administra-

In May last year, when MA Syed took over as chief election commissioner, he started preparation for national election, as the BNP had been demanding that parliamentary

highest tier of the local government, will follow Upazila Parishad elections since representatives elected in Upazila Parishad will elect the Zila Parishad.

Police seized both the vehicles.

tacted yesterday, refuted the allegation. though.

However, a number of college teachers said they received unsigned hand written letters warning them that they had better not

On Wednesday, some JCD men went to Dr Fazle Rabbi Hall and locked rooms of four students who were believed to have close links with the BCL. None of them were in their rooms at that time.

election, the JĆD men allegedly took control of the halls and barred their BCL counterparts from entering them. They also issued threats on a number of college teachers an allegation members of the JCD

the adioining hospital premises yesterday, many medical interns expressed grave concern at the 'unpleasant' situation prevailing on the college campus.

named said. "We apprehend break out of violent clashes between (Jatiyatabadi) Chhatra Dal and (Bangladesh) Chhatra League any

lege and hospital is not peaceful."

Medicos Theatre, debating club and some other small organisations carry out their activities at the DMC. Supporters of the BCL run most of these clubs and organisations, sources said. On October 4, the JCD activists

their activities. Sandhani. Leo and

Rotaract clubs, Computer Club,

allegedly took Dhaka Medical College Hospital intern Bijov Datta. 27. to Dr Fazle Rabbi Hall and roughed him up. He is now under treatment at Banghabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University Hospital. A member of the Academic

Council of DMC said, about a month ago election of the student union of the DMC was held. The BCL swept the election, as JCD did not take part in it. An installation ceremony was supposed to be held and a budget presented immediately after the polls. But there has been uncertainty over whether these two events will at all take place.

About 600 signatories, said to be supporters of the JCD. submitted a memorandum to the principal of the college termed the election illegal and demanded that union be scrapped. However, at a recent meeting the Academic Council failed to arrive at any decision in this

Principal of the college Prof. Quader Khan could not be contacted till writing of this report.

World leaders greet

"I have the honour to extend my warm congratulations to you on your assumption of the office of Prime Minister of the People's Republic of Bangladesh once again," the UN secretary general said in a message to Khaleda Zia

Annan, who won the Nobel Peace Prize yesterday, said the confidence reposed in Khaleda Zia by the people of Bangladesh is testimony to her leadership and to the strength of democracy in the

General Musharraf in his message to Khaleda Zia expressed the confidence that the relations between the two countries would be strengthened in the coming days.

He said Bangladesh and his country had many shared interests and values and that Pakistan had always worked for the promotion of fraternal and cooperative relations with Bangladesh in the best interest Zia expressing the hope that the existing friendly and cooperative relations between the two countries would be further consolidated and strengthened during her tenure. Felicitating Khaleda Zia, the

chairman of the State Peace and Development Council and Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, Senior General Than Shwe has expressed his desire to work closely with the Bangladesh Prime Minister to further strengthen the traditional bonds of friendship and cooperation between the two coun-

In another message, Prime Minister of Thailand Thaksin Shinwatra mentioned that Khaleda Zia's assumption of the office of the Prime Minister, following a landslide electoral victory, reflected the trust

would continue to progress towards peace and prosperity during her tenure and also expressed his desire to work closely with her for the mutual benefit of the two countries and peoples.

stand by the minority community,

and 24 names -- a mix of individuals, organizations and businesses --

said government officials speaking on condition of anonymity. The new list would follow up on a Sept. 24 order by President Bush, authorising a freeze on the assets of 27 people and organisations susng or financin terrorist activities. The list included 12 individuals, counting Osama bin Laden: 11 organizations including

the al Qaeda network: three charities: and one business. On Thursday, the Bush administration announced that roughly 24 million dollar in assets, including some belonging to bin Laden, had been frozen by the United States

and other countries since last

month's terror attacks. The US has been working closely with other nations to block the flow of money to terrorist networks, something Bush has said goes to the heart of America's anti-

terrorism campaign. Of the 24 million dollar frozen since the attacks, nearly 4 million dollar was blocked by the United States, the Treasury Department

said. The rest was frozen by other The US government considers bin Laden, estimated to have a personal fortune of around 300

million dollar too be the prime suspect in the Sept. 11 attacks. Besides the nearly 4 million

blocked the Treasury said. government's ability to cut money flows to terrorist networks. A parallel

unconscious state and rushed him to Feni hospital. Nabi succumbed to his injuries at the hospital at about 6 pm.

Police handed over Nabi's body to his family after autopsy. No case was filed with sadar thana in connection with the killing.

Tanore upazila on Thursday. The victim was identified as

Naresh Chandra Das, 35, son of Narendra Nath Das. Local Awami League claimed that Naresh was a Jubo League activist.

Karaga, north of Kabul, the news

"I grabbed my family and some clothes we must have walked about 10 kilometers in the night before we found a car that would bring us to the The first of what was expected to be a day of anti-US unrest erupted in

burned down a KFC, a restaurant

fiery calls of revenge from the imam. "Cruel America has killed scores of our people. God must destroy those who are committing atrocities against us," he told several hundred worshippers. "We pray to God that

similar to that we are suffering."

US warns of action Pakistan reminds US Earlier yesterday, Kabul was hit staging ground for military strikes against neighbouring Afghanistan.

Bombs also destroyed homes in

At the Pakistani border, panicky arriving Afghan refugees reported fleeing airstrikes that hit close to "I have never seen such a sight.

Bombs were aropping in and around the village, and there was fire and smoke everywhere," said Agha Jan Agha, a farmer from Kalamtar, near the Taliban stronghold of Kandahar.

Pakistan's port city of Karachi, where hundreds of demonstrators stoned police, torched cars and

licensed by the American fast-food In Kabul, worshippers at the central Haji Yaqoub mosque heard

the Untied States should meet a fate

by a predawn strike in which US jets dropped three bombs in rapid succession. Within 20 minutes another jet streaked in high, drop-

ping two more bombs These fell north of the capital, in the vicinity of the front line where Taliban soldiers face off against troops of an opposition military alliance. The ground trembled and windows rattled in Kabul from the

Late Thursday, a huge fireball lit

force of the impact.

up the sky over the eastern part of the city in the direction of a training base of bin Laden's al Qaeda terror. network. Huge detonations could be heard from miles away. Pakistani officials have acknowledged that US planes and personnel are on the ground as part of the American-led campaign against the

Taliban and bin Laden, and say the United States had been granted use of two key bases. But the air campaign is so controversial in Pakistan that the government publicly denied there were any

American military personnel in the Pakistani officials who confirmed the American presence were careful not to categorise them as military personnel, and Pakistan stressed that its territory would not be a

and destroyed most of their air defenses." Bush said.

UN, Annan share Nobel Peace Prize employs about 52,100 people at UN

headquarters in New York and 29

other organizations scattered around the globe. Born from the ashes of World War II as a shell-shocked world's hope for peace, it remains the unique global gathering place for nations rich and poor, large and small, to try to settle international

problems

President Kim Dae-jung won for his reconciliation efforts with North Korea. No such peace efforts stood out in media speculation this year. Thirty-four past laureates were expected in Oslo for centennial celebrations leading up to the Dec

10 awards ceremony. Similar cele-

brations are planned in Stockholm.

Sweden, where the other Nobel

Last year. South Korean

The prizes were created by Swedish industrialist Alfred Nobel in his will and are always presented on the anniversary of his death in 1896. The first Nobel Peace Prize, in 1901, honored Jean Henri Dunant,

Prizes are awarded.

the Swiss founder of the Red Cross. The coveted peace award caps a week of Nobel announcements, starting Monday with the naming of medicine prize winners and followed by physics, chemistry, economics and literature.

"We have ruined terrorist training camps, disrupted their communications, weakened the Taliban military,

Gain said.

"At around 3:30 in the morning, I managed a rickshaw and started for Ramshil," Das said. But on his way,

The number of displaced persons taking shelter in Kotalipara is unofficially estimated to be about 5,000. The authorities however said their number is about 500.

ers and other sources said.

ran two ministries Food and Agriculture for most of the time. However, she was later relieved of

Hasina cabinet had two full

rendered homeless 15 killed

repression."

FROM PAGE 1 road yesterday, police and hospital

sources said. Sources said the accident occurred at about 2 pm when a three-wheeler tempo collided with a passenger bus, leaving two passengers of the tempo dead on the spot.

The injured persons were admitted to Gazipur Sadar Hospital. The bodies of the unidentified youngmen were taken to Gazipur Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy.

Police seized the bus and lodged

a case with Gazipur Sadar thana in this connection In Pabna, three people were killed and 15 others injured in a collision between a bus and Nosimon, shallow engine driven vehicle, on Pabna-Nagorbari

night, according to UNB. One of the victims was identified as Liton, 25. They all were the passengers of 'Nosimon.' Police and witnesses said the

highway in Sujanagor upazila last

accident occurred when the bus rammed the Nosimon in Driapur area at about 9 pm.

DMC: JCD threatens

Some DMC teachers, when con-

have any association with the BCL anymore.

dismissed as 'baseless' During a visit to the college and

time. The environment at the col-

cause notices issued to SURR

Meanwhile, examinees have

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BSS, Dhaka Savar police yesterday recovered

Gazipur district. Police said Alamgir, 32, an accused in 27 criminal cases, was allegedly kidnapped by his rivals from a place near Savar Thursday

Bhuiyan directed the district

"several million in additional assets are under review" to be possibly Under White House prodding, a House panel on Thursday approved legislation to further expand the

2 Feni AL activists

UNB from Rajshahi adds: Unidentified assailants killed a 35vear-old man at village Ratoal in

missing since Thursday and his body was found yesterday morning. It was sent to hospital morgue for autopsy.

A case was filed with local police

station accusing three people.

(0900 GMT) Friday morning. Speaking on CNN, Eckhard called

> toward its full potential in the peace and security area," Eckhard said. The announcement comes a month after the Sept 11 terror attacks in the United States and almost a week into the US-led military retaliation against Afghanistan, accused of harboring the main suspect in the attacks

"Since the end of the Cold War,

the UN has been able to move

Annan has responded to the attacks by trying to galvanize an international campaign under the UN umbrella to defeat terrorism. The Nobel committee chairman

Gunnar Berge said the award "could

be interpreted as a contribution to

the United Nations as the most

powerful and efficient instrument in

combating conflicts and also as a

contribution to the secretarygeneral to operate more efficiently. The laureates were chosen on Sent 28 and picked from nominees submitted before a Feb 1 deadline. "They would have been relevant candidates no matter what but the

recent events make them more

relevant," he said, adding that he

would like to see the United Nations

have a role in Afghanistan's future.

Annan, who is from Ghana, was

the head of UN peacekeeping operations when he was tapped for the top job after the United States lobbied to prevent his predecessor, Boutros Boutros-Ghali of Egypt, from taking a second term. UN agencies and people connected to it repeatedly have won the prize, but it had never gone to the

world body itself. In 1961,

Secretary-General Dag

Hammarskjold was awarded post-

humously following his death in a

plane crash on a peace mission to

Annan is the fifth African to be awarded, following South Africans Albert J Luthuli in 1960. Desmond Tutu in 1984. Nelson Mandela and F W de Klerk in 1993. UN spokeswoman Marie Heuze

said in Geneva that the award was

particularly symbolic because it

marked the 100th anniversary of the

Nobel Prize and came at a time

when the United Nations is having to

work very hard to ensure the security of its staff. "This is also in honour of all those who have been killed for the objectives and values of the UN," Heuze

The United Nations, founded in

1945 by 51 nations, has almost

quadrupled in membership and now

George W Bush on Thursday offered Afghanistan's Taliban rulers one last change to surrender Laden and avoid destruction while the FBI

warned of possible new attacks on

At a White House news confer-

US soil within the next few days

Reuters adds: US President

ence one month after suicide squads slammed hijacked planes into New York and Washington killing about 5,400 people, Bush said the Taliban could stop the military offensive being directed against them if they obeyed his ultimatum.

"If you cough him up and his

people today we'll reconsider what

we're doing to your country. You still

have a second change. Justice bring him in and bring his leaders and lieutenants and other thugs and criminals with him." Bush said. As he spoke. US warplanes

continued to pound targets in

Afghanistan and Bush said the campaign was making progress.

> Ramesh Chandra Das, an AL leader and UP Chairman of Raziar, said he had gone into hiding on October 2 as BNP supporters attacked his house. He was staving with a friend till October 6 and then his friend asked him to leave and

"I do not know what to do now,

Ananda Chandra Chakma, a teacher at Torky Bandar Secondary School, said if the government fails to ensure security of the minority,

Meanwhile, students from the Hindu community have kept off their schools and colleges throughout the district, fearing attacks, teach-

against terrorism."

attack in order to "show that we are

FROM PAGE 1 Besides, the ministers in these two categories have also been given less important portfolios and status.

Ministers belonging to the minor-

minister herself.

tangles.
The EC officials have started studying the relevant files and the authorities concerned been directed the High Courts.

Afterwards, the government decided to hold election to Upazila Parishad, But the polling could not take place as the then opposition BNP boycotted all elections under

election be held first. Election to Zila Parishad, the

Barely two days after the general

An intern, who wished not to be

Meanwhile, the JCD has put up a notice on the walls at the college asking all members of clubhouses and organisations to discontinue

Resolutions 242 and 338," Prince Walid told AFP.

"I am a Muslim, an Arab, a Saudi and a nationalist," he said. "I am interested in my nation's causes and condemn terrorism "I love America, and the

Palestinian is my brother," he Prince Walid, a nephew of Saudi King Fahd, said he had made the donation to the fund set up to help families of emergency service workers killed in the September 11

American is my friendbut the

Number of women

Sheikh Hasina picked two omen cabinet ministers, namely Sajeda Choudhury and Motia

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Kalparanjan Chakma, who ran their ministries independently. Roy first managed the fisheries and livestock

EC move FROM PAGE 12 in some 90 Pourashabhas where

to settle the disputes pending with The idea of local governance through Upazila Parisad was introduced by HM Ershad's government and abandoned by Khaleda Zia's government. However. Sheikh

Mohammed Abu Hena, former chief election commissioner

of the peoples of the two countries as well as for peace, stability and prosperity in the South Asian The Chinese Prime Minister Zhu

harassment law, amendment to some proctorial rules, and withdrawal of expulsion order and show

nation of the VC are met. The JU authorities have postponed today's Syndicate meeting in the wake of threats from JCD that they would resist Syndicate mem-

He called upon the Awami

Bhuiyan thanked the people of his constituency for electing him in the general election.

bill is part of Bush's sweeping ant terrorism package in the Senate.

Police said Naresh remained

the award "a vote of confidence in Rongii also congratulated Khaleda our common future.

Osama bin Laden.

and confidence of the people on her. He hoped that Bangladesh