Resolve Kashmir dispute before Powell's visit. Pakistan urges US

Pakistan called yesterday for resolving the Kashmir dispute with India before the visit of US Secretary of State Colin Powell, saying the issue remains the most dangerous source of conflict in South Asia.

Powell's visit, expected Monday, is "very important and taking place at an important juncture," Foreign Ministry spokesman Riaz Mohammed Khan told reporters.

Khan said that in addition to Afghanistan, Powell's talks would focus on Kashmir and the whole range of issues between India and

Powell's visit to the region comes as US planes are bombing Afghanistan to destroy the terrorist base run by Saudi dissident Osama bin Laden the key suspect of the deadly terrorist strikes in the United States on Sept. 11.

Pakistan has emerged as Washington's key ally in the war on

Pakistan's new image has undermined New Delhi's claims that the country is a sponsor of terrorism in its part of Kashmir, where Muslim guerrillas are waging a secessionist war since 1989 to end Indian rule.

India accuses Pakistan of fomenting the violence. Pakistan, which also hold part of Kashmir. calls it an indigenous movement.

Khan said violence in Kashmir is linked to the Indian repression

Scores of innocent people are being killed by Indian forces in Kashmir the only Muslim-majority state of Hindu dominated India, he

Human rights groups say more than 60,000 people, most of them civilians, have been killed in Kashmir since 1989.

Khan said Pakistani leaders will stress in their meetings with Powell that the Kashmir issue needs to be addressed meaningfully. Pakistan wants a vote in Kashmir

in line with the UN resolutions to determine whether Kashmiris want to join Pakistan or stay with India. New Delhi rejects the proposal

and calls Kashmir an integral part of India. The two countries have fought two wars over Kashmir since they won independence from Britain in India is pressing the United

States, to declare guerrillas fighting in Kashmir as terrorists. The United States yesterday froze the accounts of Pakistan-

based Kashmiri militant group

Jaish-e-Mohammed for its alleged links with bin Laden's al-Qaida

Khan said Pakistan will probe the allegations against the Jaish-e-Mohammed and may also freeze its accounts here. "I like to assure you that freedom struggle of Kashmir is not dependent on one group or another," he said. It is a struggle of the people of Kashmir for their legitimate rights. It will go on

organization. India, which says it is

target of terrorism, has welcomed

Meanwhile, the Jaish-e Mohammed termed the United States' decision of freezing its accounts as unjust and said the move won't affect its struggle in

"We have no contradiction with America and are not involved in any sort of terrorist activity," spokesman Rana Farooq Tahir told The Associated Press by telephone from Muzaffarabad, the capital of Pakistani Kashmir.

"We are fighting against Indian repression in Kashmir .. to liberate our people and land from the yoke of slavery," he said. "It is a legitimate freedom struggle and cannot be termed terrorism.

Projects

power project at 126 million dollars for a Russian company that could not complete even phase-1 of the same project in the last five years. It also approved the Tongi 80 MW

project at a very competitive cost of 31 million dollars for a Malaysian company. Unfortunately, the company quit the project immediately after its approval in early August. Besides, there are a lot of gues-

tionable projects under DESA.

Office of DPM

of at least one of the top ministers who aspired for bigger positions than the ones they have been given, explained another minister Besides, he added, a DPM would also represent the government in the absence of the prime minister.

The Ershad government had three DPMs under the presidential form. But there was no post of DPM since the parliamentary form of government was reintroduced in

BNP: Durga puja

Bhuiyan said the

people of the country united in all struggles and movements, including the War of Independence.

The spirit of our War of Independence has further strengthened the harmony, although the evil forces tried to spoil the harmony through some isolated incidents. But, the evil forces never succeeded in the past, nor will in the days to

The attacks on the minorities by miscreants before the October 1 election concern the BNP, Bhuiyan

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia has already instructed the administration concerned to take stern action against the culprits, thereby checking the untoward incidents.

At the same time, the prime minister has instructed the BNP and its different front organisations as well as conscious citizens to be on guard against any untoward inci-

Back to the Durga puja, Bhuiyan said the Durga puja is one of the main festivals of Hindus, which the BNP government is determined to

let them celebrate unhindered. "The miscreants who attack the minorities cannot have any political identity...they may not have any

politics at all...they are only miscre-

He appealed to the Hindu community for celebration of the Durga puia with due solemnity and unrestrained enthusiasm and for helping the government maintain the image

JU strike

FROM PAGE 12

ist activities on the campus They called upon the VC to resign immediately to pave the way for resuming academic and admin istrative activities at the university. JCD leaders vowed that they

would continue their indefinite strike till the VC steps down. The JU Syndicate postponed its

meeting yesterday in the face of agitation by JCD. JCD activists, suspecting that a

neeting might take place at the VC's residence laid a siege to the resi dence after the rally. The JU authorities deployed

olice at VC's residence on Friday earing attacks by JCD activists. Meanwhile, SURR also brought

out a procession on the campus vesterdav. The SURR leaders warned they

would go for a tougher agitation programme if their demands were not met immediately.

Hasina threatens

torture alongside BNP-Jamaat terrorists in those seats where Awami League had sure chances of winning, Hasina alleged.

repression across the country, she asked. "If people are to suffer torture for casting votes for Awami League, then what was the need for staging the drama in the name of election?"
She said: "They could rather declare results according to the

result-sheets prepared beforehand under the blueprint.'

sion are crossing the limit. Being scared, people are leaving their homes. Thousands of Hindu minority people from Barisal and Bagerhat have taken shelter in

When these people are leaving their homes in fear of persecution on one hand, the administration on the other is threatening to arrest them if they do not return home, she said.

The AL chief protested the remarks of Home Minister Altaf Hossain Chowdhury about the postelection torture and said the home minister has no information about the actual situation on the ground.

Hasina said only a small number of incidents are being published in newspapers protecting the prestige

Former AL minister Lt. Gen (retd) Noor Uddin Khan, Dr Mostafa Jalal

on the prevailing situation, people

Mohiuddin and other party leaders were present during Hasina's visit to

Shahabuddin

the presidency should President Shahabuddin decline to continue Top among them had been Professor AQM Badruddoza

officer said. Three of the four gangsters have Chowdhury, who was later named as the foreign minister. The name of RA Ghani, a former ninister of science and technology

Saniay Kumar and Abdul Javed. have gunned down movie mogul

Gulshan Kumar in 1998 after he refused to pay protection money. Mumbai police have registered several cases against Ibrahim and

his men, who they say have a strangle-hold on Mumbai's film industry. Ibrahim, son of a Mumbai police constable, is believed to control a

multi-million-rupee extortion, protection and smuggling empire from Karachi in Pakistan. Ibrahim fled Mumbai in the early 1990s and is wanted for allegedly

masterminding a series of bombings in the city in 1993 that killed more than 300 people.

Put aside one day's war cost to rebuild Afghanistan

Wali Khan's call to Washington

It gives me great pleasure to

extend you warmest felicitations on behalf of the government and the people of Sri Lanka and on my own behalf on your assumption of office as PM," Kumaratunga said. The Sri Lankan President hoped

to strengthen the present close and friendly relationship between the

with you for enhancing the multifaceted relationship between our two countries and giving added impetus to the process of regional cooperation under the SAARC framework," she said

existing friendly relationship between the two countries would be further strengthened in the days to

Hasina

oppression on their community

They told the AL Chief that in the prevailing situation, the Puja

celebrate the forthcoming Durga

Puia in a simple manner. The AL Chief stressed the need or building up resistance against those who are creating communal

Other members of the delegation include Prafulla Kumar Halder, CR Majumder, Prof Dr Lalit Mohan Nath, CR Sarker, Sabetri Bhattacharya, Kajal Devanath, Deepen Chatarjee, Maju Dhar, Tapash Paul, Advocate Satyendra Chandra Bhaktha, Chandranath Podder, Nirmal Chattarjee and Sukhdhar Baidhva.

FROM PAGE 1

Pakistan's leading Pashtun nationalist urged the United States yesterday to put aside funds worth one day's bombing in Afghanistan to reconstruct the battered country once the Taliban are chased from

Khan Abdul Wali Khan, 84, a legendary figure in the North West Frontier, said Washington must not forget Afghanistan once the Taliban as it abandoned the rugged landlocked country following the Soviet Union's retreat in 1989.

Wali Khan's Awami National Party (ANP), which seeks autonomy for ethnic Pashtuns in Pakistan, supports Washington's war on terrorism but defends the welfare of fellow Pashtun tribesmen across the colonial-era border in Afghanistan.
"You are today spending millions

of dollars a day in destroying Afghanistan," Wali Khan, speaking before hundreds of his supporters in Peshawar, said in an appeal to Washington. "When thing settle down, can we request that you please try and use some money even one day's expenditure on the war and the

Afghanistan, a small and beautiful country, into heaven." "The last time you were here, the moment the Russians went out of the country, you also packed up and

bombing will be enough to turn

went as if your only job was to come and destroy this country," Wali Khan said in his appeal to the United

Washington's erratic record of backing and then dropping allies in South Asia has caused deep concern among Afghan and Pakistani politicians worried about the region's longer-term stability.

The United States provided vas sums of cash and supplies of weapons to the Mujahideen (holy warriors) while they fought Soviet troops in Afghanistan in the 1980s and finally forced them out in 1989. It cut off aid to the Mujahideen in

1991, one year before they finally drove the Afghan communists from power in Kabul. Once in power, the groups fell into a civil war that paved the way for the fundamentalist Taliban to seize

power in 1996. 'There is a saying in Pashto when bulls fight, the frogs get crushed," Wali Khan remarked. The most unfortunate part in this is that they (the Americans) did all the destruction and then they went

Wali Khan, whose father Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan was a political ally of Mahatma Gandhi in preindependence India, said Washington had such widespread support that it could strongly influence the transitional phase to a new power structure in Afghanistan.

"The whole world is on the side of

the Americans." he said Washington should give the Afghan opposition "a chance to convene their own Loya Jirga (grand assembly) and so that they can choose by themselves", he

After his speech, his son ANP President Afsandyar Wali Khan said their party supported ex-King Zahir Shah as the best person to convene a Loya Jirga, although it was not calling for a restoration of the monarchy.

Asked if the ANP considered

Saudi-born militant Oama bin Laden Washington's prime suspect in the September 11 attacks in the United States as a terrorist, he said there was no doubt about this any more. "After his last interview on all-

Jazeera television, things are very clear." he said. In contrast to Pakistani religious

parties backing the Taliban, which wanted to establish a pure Islamic state in Afghanistan, the ANP is a secular movement that thinks Islam belongs in the mosque and not in

It had 35 of the 80 seats in the North West Frontier Province assembly and 10 of the 217 National Assembly seats when General Pervez Musharraf suspended democratic politics on seizing power in a bloodless coup in 1999.

"Let the mullahs look after religious affairs and leave the other maters to the politicians," Wali Khan said. "This is not a holy war.

Durga Puja without festivity Chowdhury, most unfortunate

on Ashtami (Oct 24) and forming human chain and a hour-long silence during Nabami (Oct 25) at all

Puja mandaps. Talking to UNB immediate past general secretary of Bangladesh Puja Udjappan Committee Kajal Debnath said there was no atmosphere for the Hindu Community to observe the Durga Puja with festiv-

He said the committee also decided not to invite former Chief Advisor of the Caretaker Government Justice Latifur Rahman, advisors Barrister Syed Ishtiaq Ahmed, A Muyeed Chowdhury, Justice BB Roy Chowdhury and Chief Election Commissioner MA Syed to any of the functions of the Hindu Community including the Durga

the CEC and Justice BB Roy were declared unwanted as they neither gave any protection to the victims nor took any steps to stop attacks on them, while Barrister Ishtiaq and Muyeed Chowdhury made irresponsible comments over the issue. About a comment of a former

advisor that "communal riot is a natural phenomenon," Debnath

said it was "most unwanted". He

said riot is a two-way traffic but the ongoing atrocities on Hindus is one-He said that all the Hindus in the civil service were withdrawn from the fields and posted en masse in the Secretariat by the caretaker administration reflecting its 'one-

eved' attitude. Debnath termed a comment of new Home Minister Altaf Hossain saying that such comment not only frustrated the Hindu Community of the country, but is also contrary to what BNP Chief and Prime Minister Khaleda Zia and LGRD Minister Mannan Bhuivan had said about the attacks on Hindus. The Home Minister in an inter-

view with BBC on Friday reportedly commented that the reports of repression on Hindu Community were exaggeratedly portrayed by a vested quarter. Debnath said when the Prime

Minister and the BNP General Secretary assured to dealt the incidents with strong hand the comment of the Home Minister would encourage the miscreants who are carrying out attacks, looting

From frying pan into fire

The victim, a second year student of the Department of Mass Communication and Journalism, narrated his sad story to this correspondent day after JCD miscreants had beaten him up and forced him to leave the hall at the dead of the

"Such stories have become common since emergence of the JCD on the campus," said another victim, a resident of the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur

Students were passing their days in a state of insecurity as a number of unknown faces were roaming at the hall since the JCD staged a comeback, he said. Shatadal, a final year student

and resident of the Jagannath Hall, complained that a group of miscreants came to his room on Thursday night, took him outside the hall at gunpoint and roughed him up. Campus sources said a good number of residents with or without links with the BCL had already been

ousted from their dormitories while many others had left their halls to escape the JCD wrath. The BCL leaders and workers had earlier left

the campus fearing backlash. Terrorists belonging to the JCD

also warned the university correspondent of a daily, brandishing firearms on Wednesday night for reporting against them.

The Dhaka University Journalists Association (DUJA) has expressed deep concern over the incident. In a statement, it urged DU authorities and the student body concerned to take action in this regard and address the uneasy situation now prevailing on the campus.

Sources in the JCD said that genuine leaders and workers are very displeased and also bothered by the presence of criminals and outsiders on the campus and halls.

Many students alleged that despite deployment of police, a large number of JCD activists, most of them outsiders, are roaming around the campus and at all the dormitories along with firearms creating panic among students and teachers.

They are taking meals from various halls canteens and shops of the halls without payment. "Owners of the canteens are facing enormous pressure from these people, said a canteen manager.

Meanwhile, control of different halls has led to heightened tension among different JCD factions. There erupt any time, as the factions are now engaged in a frenzied race to establish their dominance on the "We don't want to see them, but

the reality is that we have nothing to

are fears that violent clash may

do at the moment." a top-ranking JCD leader said. "These elements are damaging our reputation. The Dhaka University authorities have so far done nothing to make the campus free from this new breed

of terrorists and outsiders. A top DU official on condition of anonymity told this correspondent that the hall authorities are not going for action fearing reprisal.

When contacted, Vicechancellor Professor AK Azad Chowdhury said last night that he had told the law enforcing agencies to round up the culprits. "In the Provost Standing Committee meeting, I also asked provosts and house tutors to round the halls and check identity cards of the student."

The VC also expressed frustration over the atmosphere now prevailing on the campus. He however said he would meet the new home minister soon to discuss the campus situation.

Afghanistan: Ground forces

wire service.

On Thursday, Bush said he would halt air strikes if the Taliban "cough up" bin Laden, an offer he described as a second chance.

"Osama is not the issue and

people have realised this by the

crimes they are committing," Mullah Jamal said. "Our stance regarding the situation is as before. "Our jihad (holy struggle) ... will continue until the last breath for the defence of our homeland and

US warplanes bombed Kabul's airport early yesterday and CNN reported the Taliban's southern stronghold of Kandahar was under attack after a lull of nearly 24 hours out of what Washington said was defence to the Muslim holy day. At least one civilian was killed

and four injured near Kabul airport when a bomb landed near a poor residential area. Six houses near the strike site were flattened by the The death toll pushed past the 300 mark with more than half from a

single village near Jalalabad on the

sixth day of the US-led assaults and was set to rise, the Taliban said. "Such acts of the Americans and their supporters are outrageous and show that their enmity is with Afghans and Muslims," Jamal said.

"If their claim is getting rid of the

why they have not succeeded. They're boasting their attacks are precise, so why have they failed?" The United States says the raids are aimed at flushing out Laden and

It said the initial phase of the operation was aimed at eliminating Taliban rulers, who have given sanctuary to bin Laden since 1996.

Exhausted residents of the capital were woken today by at least eight huge explosions, with one strike apparently hitting the airport, which has been the main target. "From my house I could see a

Residents said the response by the Taliban's anti-aircraft fire had appeared sluggish and light, suggesting the strikes may have hit the country's rudimentary radar facilities and be hurting gun batteries.

"The shockwaves of the bombs were guite severe but there was less anti-aircraft fire seen in the sky compared to other nights," one said. Six days of US strikes have

robbed Taliban fighters of the ability to launch a counter-offensive

"In the last one week there have

he told a news conference. "They have lost their capacity to launch counter offensives. Aboard the USS Carl Vinson, officers said air superiority was allowing US planes to drop deadly

"A 2000-pound bomb no matter emotional event for anyone within a square mile," one officer said. Dozens of people were killed or

on southern Kandahar province, officials in Kabul said They said military bases had

injured and military bases hit in raids

Despite the ferocity of the raids, there was no sign the US was any closer to getting bin Laden who Bush has said is wanted "dead or alive" or the Taliban's reclusive spiritual leader, Mullah Mohammad

dents who have since fled to Pakistan said, apparently killing his 10-year-old son and his stepfather.

India hails freezing of Kashmir rebel group's assets

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New

India has welcomed the freezing of assets of Pakistan-based militant outfit Jaish-e-Mohammed by the United States and Britain and hoped New Delhi's concerns about other terrorist groups would also be addressed India has been demanding a ban

on Jaish-e-Mohammed by the US and UK ever since the group took responsibility for the deadly attack on the legislative assembly of Jammu and Kashmir on October 1 which left 38 people, mostly civilians, dead. The action by the US and the UK comes ahead of American Secretary of State Colin Powell's proposed visit to India and Pakistan later this month.

India has repeatedly contended that the war against international terrorism should not remain confined to hunting down of Osama bin Laden and his Al Qaida network but should also take into account crossborder terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir as part of a comprehensive battle against the menace.

India recently handed over proof to both the US and the UK relating to funding of militant groups operating in Jammu and Kashmir, including Jaish-e-Mohammed, by Al Qaida.

The US-led military operations against Afghanistan as well as India's own concern about terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir have witnessed a stepped-up diplomatic offensive by New Delhi.

She also thanked the Saudi King

and the Crown Prince for their

leadership in strengthening the

solidarity of Muslim Ummah at times

Khaleda said Bangladesh "atta-

Masood Azhar, is funded by bin "In Jammu and Kashmir, al-Qaida and groups associated with it have been operating for years," said Advani, addressing the rally in

External Affairs Minister Jaswant

Singh and National Security Advisor

Brajesh Mishra, intensive consulta-

tions are on the cards between

India, Iran, Germany and Russia.

The German Foreign Secretary is

now in Delhi holding talks with

Indian leadership. Russian Deputy

Prime Minister Ilya Klebanov is

coming here on October 14 followed

by Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister

tion Friday named Jaish-e-

Mohammed, the Pakistan-based

Islamic militant group that has

carried out attacks in Kashmir,

among 39 individuals and organisa-

tions with suspected terrorist ties

that would have their assets frozen.

Last week, President Bush had told

Indian Prime Minister Atal Behari

Vajpayee the group would soon be

tens of thousands of cheering

supporters at a rally of the ruling

BJP in the northern city of Agra

"Now the world knows the danger of

terrorism that we have been fighting

Indian security officials say the

Jaish, led by Pakistani cleric

for more than a decade."

"I welcome this step," Advani told

AP adds: The Bush administra-

Mohsen Aminzadeh the next day.

After the recent visits to Russia, France, Germany, US and UK by

Khaleda & Fahd desire to consider the proposal and

The newly elected Bangladesh Prime Minister thanked the Saudi leaders for their quick response to King Fahd praised Bangladesh's request for making special arrangements facilitating her performing Umrah and Ziarat at Holy Makkah

> The PM extended invitation to both the Saudi King and the Crown

ches special importance" to Saudi Arabia and appreciates the custodian of two important Holy Mosques FROM PAGE 12 for effecting massive development minutes before the bomb exploded during his rule. She recalled with gratitude the

Saudi assistance for building multipurpose cyclone centers in Wahid told interrogators that he was Bangladesh after the devastating with Sheikh Helal before the bomb cyclone and tidal surge in 1991. exploded. "I am one of his private The Prime Minister also dissecurity guards. How can I be cussed her vision of building one involved in the plan to kill my boss? mosque in each district in Bangladesh in Saudi model in which he was quoted as saying. men and women can separately

offer their prayers at the same time She sought Saudi cooperation in

making her vision a reality. The IO intends to question The Saudi King expressed his Sheikh Helal MP-elect, AHM Selim MP from BNP and another persor JCD manhandles Janakantha

medical reporter **UNB**, Dhaka

and Medina.

of crisis.

Activists of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal assaulted the medical reporter of the Daily Janakantha and drove him out of Fazle Rabbi Hall of Dhaka

Medical College Friday night. Sources said the JCD activists entered Maruf's room and manhandled him for filing a report in his paper on a poster of JCD banning activities of all organisations in the college. Maruf is third year student

Trouble-mongers

FROM PAGE 1
The handout said the government noted with grave concern that vested quarter is trying to create chaos by intimidating the people and taking bribe in some parts of the country after the general election.

It said all necessary steps have been taken for peaceful observance of the Durga Puja by the Hindu community. The government sought cooperation from all irrespective of party affiliations so that they can observe their religious festival

Private container

Replying to a question Khasru , founder chairman of Chittagong Stock Exchange(CSE) & South Asian Federation of Exchanges(SAFE), said measures would be taken to ensure major reforms for running the capital market with transparency and accountability.

steps would be taken to strengthen border-trade between Myanmer and Bangladesh. "Bangladesh wants to have trade balance with its neighbours. Khasru said. "Moreover, both the neighbour-

ing countries will enjoy mutual benefit with the promotion of border trade,

to Korean Export Referring Processing Zone (KEPZ), Khasru said works to set up this billiondollar project moved at snail's pace

during the tenure of immediate-past "But we would take measures to expedite the work for installation of KEPZ to help generate more economic activities and employment opportunities in this port city as well

as in the country," he said.

Hindi. "We have often found photographs of Osama bin Laden in the pockets of militants who are killed in

requested submitting a project

constructive role in strengthening ties with the Muslim nations. He recalled the contribution of late President Ziaur Rahman in this

Prince to visit Bangladesh at their

Mollahat case

near it. CID official said they would interrogate him further. Arrested Jubo League leader

Further interrogation of these three suspects is needed to know the truth, said one of the CID offi-

Sheikh Muiibar Rahman, Selim and Mujibar are among the 159 accused Of the accused, at least 150 are

not known to complainant of the

case, who is Secretary of Mollahat Awami League, CID sources said.

Jubo League leader FROM PAGE 12 of 25 BNP men came under attack at village Padrishippur when they

The attackers first fired gunshots and exploded bombs, creating panic in the area and then stabbed the BNP activists indiscriminately They also cut the tendons of a leg of

were going to a house by rickshaws

to attend a ceremony.

one Kuddus. Of the injured, 12 were rushed to Bakerganj Hospital while the rest to local clinics.

BNP blamed Awami League for

the attack. Tension was prevailing in

FROM PAGE 12 have used the state treasury for

were run it seemed that they (AL) had taken the country "as their own Jamindari." he added. Saifur said the people voted 4party alliance to power giving their

government that had created anarchic situation in the country. "Present government is determined to stop these activities ... it would require much time." he said and warned that the government would curb wrongdoing with an iron

hand. Urging all to maintain communal harmony in the country, the minister called upon the administration and BNP leaders and activists to remain alert so that the Hindu community could celebrate their forthcoming Durga Puja without any hindrance.

Saifur was elected from two

constituencies Moulvibazar-3 and Sylhet-1. Later he vacated his Moulvibazar seat. Responding to the demands by the local elite and journalists, he assured them of steps to build local

Association Bhaban and stadium and to develop Sadar Hospital and central bus terminal. "The district will be upgraded to

first-grade district," he said.

of BNP. Had there been full reports

How a charge-sheeted accused in the Udichi murder case could become a cabinet minister, she

would have understood the terrible Referring to the post-election

FROM PAGE 1 Hasina said: "Torture and repres-

> in late President Ziaur Rahman's cabinet, also came up with Advocate Khandaker Mahbubuddin Ahmed. Although the Awami League named Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed for the topmost position of the repub-

lic in 1996, the former chief justice

administered the oath of office to

Khaleda Zia on two occasions, first

time as the president of a caretaker

government.

Meanwhile, President Shahabuddin has already asked his personal staff to start packing his ersonal belongings to be shifted to rented house (5/4. Block C Lalmatia). Some items were already sent there yesterday, it was

Chandrika, Gayoom greet Khaleda UNB, Dhaka

Sri Lankan President Chandrika

Bandarnaike Kumaratunga and Prime Minister Ratnasiri Wickramanayake, and Maldives President Maumoon Abdul Gayoom in separate letters yesterday congratulated Prime Minister Khaleda

two countries. Look forward to working closely

Maldives President hope that the

members would stop. Udjapan Parishad has decided to

disharmony in the country to achieve their political ends.

AL Presidium member Saveda Sajeda Chowdhury, Health Secretary of AL central committee Dr Mostafa Jalal Mohiuddin, Publicity Secretary Abdul Mannan, office Secretary Advocate Abdul Mannan, former Chhatra League leader Ashim Kumar Ukil were among others, present on the

At one stage of torture, he agreed that he would bring his brother within five days and signed his agreement to get freed. A day before, the cadres of Bachchu forcibly cut down 300

pieces of bamboo from the adjoining

garden of Zahurul's house and took

as well said young women in the

area were also harassed by the

away, the villagers said.

Minister's son

On Wednesday, the same terrorist group also picked up weekly Kushtia Kantha Editor Abul Kalam Azad and beat him seriously, sending a wave of panic among many local journalists. Not only journalists, local people

libertines. At least ten women have been manhandled since the October 1 election, they said. The villagers said the women included two sisters of a union Parishad chairman and daughter of a school teacher in Maricha union. Another woman, Anwara, was

Charge at Daulatpur Police Station Mazibar Rahman admitted to the incidents. But he said he had nothing to do. The state minister and his son were not available. An aide to the minister in Dhaka dismissed all the allegations as "false". "Even we

talked to the chairman and he

said this is not true," the aide told

raped and then killed at Hosenabad.

When contacted. Officer-in-

Aamir Khan

film star Aamir Khan was to be killed. We then laid a trap for them in a western suburb of Mumbai," he

Police told the men to surrender

but they began firing at the officers

and were killed in the gun battle, the

been identified as Tanvir Sheikh, Ibrahim's hitmen are believed to

people who they call terrorists then

last month's devastating attacks on New York and Washington. air defences of Afghanistan's

his al Qaeda network, blamed for

bomb land on the airport, I saw a fireball, debris flying up into the sky and the initial big fire then dimming, one witness said

opposition Northern Alliance foreign minister Abdullah Abdullah said vesterday.

not been any counter-offensives

from the Taliban. That is significant.'

cluster bombs against tanks and enemy forces. where you drop it is a significant

been hit, but gave no details.

One of Mullah Omar's houses was struck earlier this week, resi-

Saifur unimportant sectors at their will without any plan," Saifur said. The way economic activities mandate against terrorism, repression and wrongdoing by the AL

The commerce minister said

Press Club Bhaban, Bar