# **Bill to raise AAGs** placed in JS

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A bill seeking to raise the number of Additional Attorney Generals to three from the existing one was introduced in the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday.

"It has become imperative to raise the number of Additional Attorney Generals to assist the Attorney General whose responsibilities have been diversified," Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Moudud Ahmed said while piloting the bill.

Jatiya Party (Ershad) lawmaker GM Quader objected to introduction of the bill titled "The Bangladesh Law Officers (Amendment) Act, 2001". The bill appears to provide government facilities to some more individuals, he said adding that the rise in the number of attorneys would only cost the government additional money

The JP MP argued that the immediate past Awami League government had increased the

number of posts of pro vicechancellor at the universities but to no benefit of university administra-

In response, the law minister told the House that activities of the Supreme Court had increased manifold in the last 30 years. The Supreme Court had only 11 judges in 1972 but now their number is 61 including the chief justice for 33 benches, he mentioned.

Moudud further said the volume of work of the attorneys has also increased a lot making it necessary to appoint more law officers at different tiers.

The bill aimed at ensuring speedy disposal of the large number of cases pending with the Supreme Court, the minister said, "About 5,000 cases are now pending with the High Court Division of the Supreme Court.'

The House later rejected by voice vote the JP lawmaker's objec-

# **Bangladesh Hindus**

FROM PAGE 12 Then they turned to Dipali pointing a

"They demanded 100,000 Taka

we had to leave the country".

subjected to similar torture. "We also heard stories of Hindu

After this incident, Dipali's family

They contacted a man in the passage to India in exchange of

Dipali left behind her old parents to look after their ancestral home. Mita Rani Roy was not so lucky

northern West Bengal.

of Hindu families when their village came under attack at midnight.

border". Mita said

the country.

husband since then.

"I don't know if he knows that we are in India.

Neither Dipali nor Mita Rani wants to return to Bangladesh after their horrifying experience since the government of Prime Minister Khaleda Zia came to power in

Bangladesh. Political divisions

In Bangladesh, Hindus are generally perceived as supporters of the Awami League party of former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

Hindus believe the League holds secular ideals.

Shiekh Hasina's party experienced a humiliating defeat in the elections and she accused her opponents of rigging the polls and intimidating minority voters.

Since the elections, many reports of widespread violence against the Hindu community and destruction of their property have appeared in the Bangladeshi press.

Back in Bangladesh, I visited Dipali's village in the southern Bagerhat district, where her parents are among the few remaining inhab-

The Hindu-majority village looked deserted

Dipali's father Ganesh Boiragi told me nearly half of the 250 families in the village had left for unknown destination

tion to the bill, paving the way for its

#### Mr Boiragi said he also intended to leave the country as Hindus were no longer safe in that area.

the number of Hindus who have left

Council, a Calcutta- based group

representing Bangladeshi Hindu

immigrants in India, claims nearly

100,000 people entered India over

deportation.

The Council's Secretary, Bimal

However, West Bengal's Left

The Front's Chairman, Biman

"But whatever is the case, we

The Bangladeshi Government

A government inquiry has found

A senior Bangladeshi minister,

repression of Hindus as exagger-

have requested the government to

Bose, says the recent migration of

reached that alarming level.

Bangladesh Refugee Welfare

angladesh since the elections.

[\$1,770] as the fee if we wanted to live in that village," she said. "Otherwise, they threatened me,

"It was not just me, other Hindu families in our village too were

the last month-and-a-half. women being raped and murdered by armed hoodlums in neighbouring Majumdar, says many Bangaldeshi villages" Dipali said. Hindus conceal their identity fearing

decided to migrate to India.

Front government has dismissed border area who arranged their safe the figures as highly exaggerated. Bangladeshi Hindus to India has not

I met Mita in a village in Malda, in

take up the issue with Bangladesh Mita Rani fled her home carrying to ensure the safety and security for her one-year old baby with a group minority Hindus in their country, Mr Bose told the BBC.

"We ran through jungles and consistently denies any case of over ditches the whole night and Hindu migration to India. didn't stop until we crossed the most media reports of alleged

Her husband Anil Chandra Roy was not at home the day Mita fled

"I have lost contact with my Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, says there was very little truth in what the

media have been reporting on the "In only a few cases have we found instances of repression of

"In those cases we are taking action against officials who failed to

protect the lives of the minorities." But civil rights groups are unhappy with the way the govern-

ment is dealing with the issue. Ain O Salish Kendro, a human rights organisation in Dhaka, has filed a petition in the High Court asking for an independent inquiry of the alleged repression of Hindus.

### Alleged mugger

FROM PAGE 12
The identity of the female passenger of the rickshaw could be known immediately, witnesses and Motifieel police told The Daily

Star last night that a mobile team was sent to the spot after a telephone call by a lady who witnessed the incident from her residence.

Only ten days ago another alleged mugger, Chand Miah, succumbed to his injuries at the DMCH on November 14. Chand was caught redhanded when he tried to mug a pedestrian at the same place on

The ploy to use an addition seamer ultimately proved to be a tactical blunder since Dhaka has a glorious history of being batsman-friendly. The Zimbabwe total was the sixth

Hasibul, who is considered to be past his prime, backfired. The experienced right-arm seamer conceded 27 runs in three woeful overs and was never asked to bowl again by captain Khaled Mashud.

Mashud also showed a lack of judgement by letting left-arm spinner Mohammed Rafique bowl the last over. It yielded 22 runs with Streak bludgeoning two boundaries as many couples and two massive

his mark in either of the two Tests and the first one-dayer in Chittagong, finally came good.

After surviving an early run-out chance, the right-hander composed his first hundred with the help of 11 fours off 140 balls

In-form Wishart blasted his second successive half-century. His 60-ball blitzkrieg contained two

runs. He contributed 44 off 83 balls The Flowers however failed to vounger brother Grant scored 22.

Fast bowler Mashrafee was most successful with two for 48. Both his wickets came very late in the match.

Bangladesh's chase looked promising when Javed Omar and Al-Shahriar produced 46 runs in 7.1 overs before Al-Shahriar was run

But afterwards the hosts failed to keep up with the run-rate, which was always climbing from the initial 6.1.

Apart from an entertaining a century partnership for the fourth wicket between Habibul Bashar and Sanwar Hossain and a typically aggressive knock from Khaled Mahmud, Bangladesh were never in the contest.

Bashar and Sanwar put on 115 runs before Bashar fell for 66 off 95 balls. His partner Sanwar was run out for 52, his maiden ODI fifty.

Yet, it was Mahmud who stole the show in the Bangladesh innings.

The gutsy right-hander enthralled the cheering 25,000 spectators with a blazing 50 off 38 balls. He also hit a huge six off paceman Gary Brent over long-on.



Prime Minister Khaleda Zia offering munajat at an *iftar* party hosted in honour of foreign diplomats at Prodhanmontri Bhaban in the city yesterday.

## Shahriar's bail petition rejected

Airport (ZIA) police moved a petition

for a three-day remand of Shahriar on Friday while defence lawyers filed the bail petition on Saturday.

Shahriar, also the acting president of Ekattorer Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee, was taken to the CMM's court custody at 11:00am yesterday and later produced before the court for the hearing on the bail and remand petitions. There are confusing reports of

During an hour-long hearing, Barrister Shawkat Ali Khan termed Shahriar a national asset who had fought for the country's independence in 1971.

He also said Shahriar was suffering from heart disease and went to Kolkata for treatment. "He may die anytime if placed on police remand.' Barrister Shawkat also said that Shahriar was already suffering from

chest pain. Advocate Abu Syed Sagar argued that putting a freedom fighter on remand constituted violation of the constitution. "Although he is a valiant freedom fighter, he is being kept in the jail with the criminals.

He told the court that as per a blue print, the government, backed by razakars, al-Badar and al-Shams, was conspiring to destroy the pro-liberation forces as was the

Court Inspector Alfa Zaman Nakib termed Shahriar as a national

Shahriar's contribution during the War of Liberation

However, he said Shahriar went to Kolkata to collect evidences on those who had left the country and took shelter in India after the October 1 general election.

"Such activities might destroy communal harmony and worsen the opposed his bail petition and prayed for a remand," the court inspector

After hearing both sides, the court rejected the bail petition and placed him on a two-day remand. Soon afterwards, the court

staved the remand order for two weeks after the defence lawyers filed a petition. About 100 lawyers appeared at the court to assist Barrister Shawkat Ali Khan, the chief defence counsel for the case. A large number of people, including the family members of Shahriar,

had crowded the courtroom since

morning. Family members and relatives burst into tears went he was brought in. Police were seen struggling to control the huge crowd. Shahriar was detained by the Special Branch (SB) of police at the Immigration Desk of the ZIA on his return from Kolkata and confined at the airport police station without any

five videocassettes, 13 audiocassettes, three CDs, a film and a camera. Shahriar was then taken to the

SB headquarters late Thursday night and kept there till he was produced before the CMM's court. None, even the members of his

family, was allowed to meet or contact Shahriar. Rather, police tried to conceal his whereabouts till Friday afternoon. He was later shown arrested

under the Section 54 of the CrPC bringing charges of involvement in anti-state activities. He was sent to the Dhaka Central Jail on Friday

## DU gunfight

a student of Marketing department

Sources said as per the directives of the higher authorities, police are making repeated attempts to nab those whose photographs were published in various dailies. "The higher authorities have

directed the police to arrest the armed men involved in the gunfight as quickly as possible," said a DB

## specific charge on Thursday night. Police also seized his passport,

# Rancour in administration

been replaced by party supporters. some of whom has little banking experience, according to sources in

the banking sector. Ruling party sources said an unofficial committee of two secretaries and three retired secretaries. who joined the BNP prior to the election, is looking into issues of administrative changes.

Meanwhile, the government has assigned former secretary and Privatisation Commission to submit a report in a month on all "unjust" administrative appointments and transfers in the past. Four other secretaries are unofficially assisting him.

According to some high officials, the decision on the administrative changes was finalised at the BNP's election office Haowa Bhaban. They said while deciding on the changes the unofficial committee was giving priorities on identifying the "overenthusiastic" officials during the Awami League regime and those who used to maintain direct links with the AL, examining minutely their student life and identifying those who played their part in ruining careers of the biased towards

On the other hand, those who are 'loyal' to the ruling party or those who have proven their worth by keeping close contact with the ruling

party are being given priorities in better postings and transfers. Side by side with the changes.

the government has suspended the current recruitment process. A BNP policy maker said this temporary move was taken to stop recruitment of the AL's men in the administra-

Meanwhile, an administrative crisis was created with the cancellation of appointments of some secretaries on contract and appointments At the senior level, there are

some joint secretaries who were made OSDs, as the government considered them to be biased towards the AL. That is why, they are not being promoted, sources said. At the same time, because of these officials the government was

refraining from promoting junior officials tilted towards the BNP. To overcome the crisis, the government so far appointed 11 additional secretaries as in-charges of different ministries after November 20.

succeeded in establishing links with Haowa Bhaban, the government is unable to decide who would get priority in the promotions and appointments. In the police administration,

An inspector, who lost his job for insulting a deputy inspector general (DIG) during the AL regime, is currently supervising the police transfers from the Prime Minister's Office, sources said. It is alleged that in the process he has "earned' a huge amount of money in the form of bribe. According to latest statistics, 36 additional DIG, DIG and SP. who have been identified as AL supporters, have been axed or made OSD till yesterday. Sources said there are 25 others who seem all set to meet a similar fate.On November 8, the government transferred 301 police officials, including 10 additional SPs, 33 inspectors and 257 subinspectors. Sources said during this whole 'political transfer process', many non-political officials in both civil and police administrations were victims of intra-administration rivalry. A government high official said, "rivalry in administration is very typical. But this time, this has surfaced like never before.

wholesale transfers have created an adverse impact. Sources said some mid-ranking police officials loyal to the BNP made a list identifying "AL-tilted police officials" and accordingly, the government is transferring and giving posting to officials starting from the inspector general down to sub-inspectors.

### Nnumber of Whips increased

**UNB**, Dhaka

Parliament yesterday passed a Bill increasing the number of Whips to six from five.

Law and Justice Minister Barrister Moudud Ahmed moved the

Piloting the Bangladesh (Whips) (Amendment) Bill 2001 Moudud said since the population and voters increased manifold and activities of MPs and Whips multiplied, another Whip needs to be appointed for better coodination. Jatiya Party member G M Qader

raised objection to the legislation, saying that Whips are entrusted with the only responsibility of ensuring the presence of MPs in parliament and carrying briefs to them when-

"Since the number of MPs remains same, there is no logic behind increasing the number of Whips," he said.

The JP member further argued since the government had restricted fresh recruitment in government services for economic reasons, why a new post was being created in parliament.

He noted that the government had already appointed some 61 ministers despite economic recession and growing unemployment problem of lakhs of youths.

The bill, however, was adopted by voice vote.

#### Foreign prisoners FROM PAGE 1 ing and alliance shelling before

apparently giving in over the week-Alliance soldiers subsequently

confirmed that the foreigners had revolted in the ancient fort of Kalajangui, 10 kilometres (six miles) to the west of here, where they had been held.

They said tanks were sent to quell the uprising.

Explosions could be heard in the distance around Mazar-i-Sharif as night fell, and US warplanes buzzed overhead but it was not clear if they US special forces have been in

the area for several weeks, working

closely with General Abdul Rashio

Dostam, the main alliance commander in Mazar-i-Sharif. It was not immediately known if any US soldiers were involved in the uprising, but CNN reported that at least two US soldiers were in the fort at the time and were heard discuss-

ing possible air support. Ulugbek Orgashevdit, the interpreter working for a German television station, said the violence began when a foreign prisoner blew himself up with a hand grenade.

## Ershad Shikdar

October 14, 1994 and a case was recorded with Khalishpur thana on the same day. The case was suppressed by the first IO. But it was revived in 1999 for re-investigation.

Ershad Shikdar has already been given death penalty in seven murder cases. Ershad Shikdar and seven other accused present in the court were overwhelmed with joy hearing the verdict. Ershad shouted at the top of his voice on the court corridor say

ing, "Justice was not done to me in

all the previous cases tried so far

But in Mouze Ali Murder Case I have

got justice." He was allowed by security personnel to talk to his son Kamal,

sister Selina and mother-in-law. Ershad hurled some abusive remarks at journalists who went to the court for covering the judgement. "You people are responsible for throwing me behind the bar and I shall take revenge at suitable time, he threatened.

The government had earlier decided

Ťhe leaders threatened a tougher movement if the decision was not cancelled immediately. They also blasted the government for appointing vice-chancellor, pro-vicechancellor and treasurer of the university "through illegal means".

General of BMA Dr. Mostafa Jalal Mohiuddin said the government has taken the decision giving in to the pressure by nurses and employees of the hospital. "The government considered the demand of the nurses and employ-

ees but did not pay heed to the

interests of the teachers and students of the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University," he said. BMA President Dr. Rashid-e-Mahbub said the government has violated the University Ordinance by

#### Hasina blasts FROM PAGE 12

for appointing 'partisan people' in different public universities after the universities

people to build up resistance against 'all wrongdoing' of the new

treasurer. He alleged that some people were conspiring to shift the university to another place.

Terming the government's decision autocratic and undemocratic, he said it was an attempt to narrow the scope of medical education. He said the entire hospital had been in the grip of employees and nurses for the last few days and none of the teachers, doctors and students feel safe to go there. "Such a government decision would further encour-

age them (nurses and employees).' He also demanded an immediate stop to harassment on doctors and students of the hospital. Yusuf Sarkar. Nazmul Islam and

MA Aziz were present, among others, at the press conference.

the October 1 general election 'in a free and fair' manner and expressed the hope that the upazila election would also be held in a similar way.

tion Awami League is scheduled to have a parley with the CEC at 11am at the CEC's office today. The EC would also hold talks with

for the upazila election on December 30. The polling would be staggered over several days.

### Nat'l convention

# **AL, WP leaders** exchange views

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Awami League and Workers Party leaders vesterday exchanged views at a meeting at Dhanmondi residence of AL President Sheikh Hasina.

During the meeting, the WP leaders said they will not coorganise the national convention. planned by AL, to denounce 'crimes against humanity' across the coun-

"But we'll consider joining the AL programme upon invitation provided all leftist parties under 11party umbrella reach in an unanimous decision," said a WP leader after the meeting.

The AL side was represented by ts general secretary Zillur Rahman and presidium member Abdul Jalil while Workers Party by its president Rashed Khan Menon, general secretary Bimal Biswas and central leaders Haidar Akbar Khan Rono, Nurul Hasan and Shafiuddin Ahmed. Sheikh Hasina hosted an Iftar for them.

AL initiated dialogues with different political parties to seek support n favour of its planned national convention sometime in January next year to raise voice against unabated repression on AL leaders and workers, religious minority and general members of the public since the installation of the BNP-led alliance government.

AL leader Abdul Jalil while talking to The Daily Star last night said, Workers Party has supported our move in principle. However, its leaders have told us that they would let us know their decision regarding joining us in organising the convention later.'

On the other hand, WP general secretary Bimal Biswas told this correspondent last night that his party would not be involved in organising the convention rather, it would continue its programmes against violence against the religious minorities from an independent standing outside the BNP-AL polarisation in politics.

### Razzak Ali

FROM PAGE 12

He practised as a lawyer of the High Court till 1990 and from 1997 to 2001. He was elected president and general secretary of Khulna Bar Association in 1964 and 1972 and president of Jessore Bar in 1984-85 and 1985-86.

Razzak Ali was the founderprincipal of Khulna City College. founder of Khulna Sunderban College and founder-president of Khulna Shiomony Eye Hospital.

1952 Language Movement and the Razzak Ali started his political career by joining BNP in 1978. He

was elected Member of Parliament

He was the president of Khulna

He actively participated in the

district BNP and vice-chairman of BNP Central Committee and also the member of the BNP Standing Ali represented Bangladesh in

the UN General Assembly in 1980.

Barricade

thrice.

FROM PAGE 12 spot to reach an amicable settlement with the transport workers and removed the barricade subse-

The police sergeant was suspended for assaulting the bus driver. The driver was admitted to a local clinic for treatment.

#### following meetings at 11-party and Left Democratic Front (LDF) levels, he added. The issue of convention apart, the AL and WP leaders also

"If formally invited to join their

convention, we'll consider that

exchanged their views on the issues of gas export, price hike of essentials and deterioration of law and order situation in the country.

### Gas reserve

FROM PAGE 12 this in the rainy season and became curious about it. But they were afraid of coming there thinking that

'ghosts' had a hand behind this. However, some villagers are cultivating the land for about two years. Seeing bubbles appearing in the filed in the last rainy season, a group of brave young people of the village put one end of a pipe in the water and lit fire at the mouth of the other end. They were excited to see that the fire continued. They told other villagers that there was some sort of gas reserve in the field.

Elderly villagers then said 'ghosts' were causing the fire. They mentioned that there was a graveyard at the place many years ago.

The owner of the paddy field

however did not show any interest

in this at that time and the matter was over. For the last seven days, a Tablic Jamaat team has been staying in the village and local people informed them about this. Then the team members went to the filed and found that the villagers told the

The matter was then brought to

the notice of the authorities. DC of Pabna Ashraf Makbul has urged the authorities concerned to

look into the matter. Meanwhile, hundreds of people from surrounding villages are crowding the spot every day. Villagers apprehend a fire might break out there any time if proper steps are not taken immediately

### Oli inducted

Other members of the Business Advisory Committee are: Prime Minister and Leader of the House Khaleda Zia, Leader of the Opposition Sheikh Hasina, Finance and Planning Minister M. Saifur Rahman, Deputy Leader of the Opposition Abdul Hamid, LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, Chief Whip of the House Khondakar Delwar Hossain. Law Minister Moudud Ahmed Industries Minister MK Anwar, PM's Parliamentary Affairs Advisor Salahuddin Quader Chowdhury, Agriculture Minister Motiur Rahman Nizami, Chief Whip of the

Obaidur Rahman and Roushan Ershad. The Speaker aside, the 15member committee includes nine from the BNP, three from Awami

Opposition Abdus Shahid. KM

## e-Islami and Jatiya Partv.

League, and one each from Jamaat-

250 Bangladeshis

FROM PAGE 12 Indian police said some groups were using microphones to urge Bangladeshi Hindus living across the border to cross over into West

Bengal "Police have seized the microphones and imposed a ban on using microphones to campaign for the infiltrators," police superintendent

same site for "easing traffic conges-

tion on the Kemal Ataturk Avenue". The move has already angered most residents of the area. Traffic experts who had a good look at the local maps said the construction of bridges and diversion of traffic would instantly spell a traffic nightmare in a large part of the guiet

area plan of the connecting neighbourhoods," said an official of Vitti Sthapati Brinda, which has been officially assigned as the consultant for the lake development project. The volume of expected traffic is

not in conjunction with the width and

right-of-way of the connecting roads in the neighbourhood, the official As part of the lake development project, Vitti Sthapati Brinda proposed construction of two arch

account the traffic engineering and environmental aspects. Unfortunately, its proposal is now gathering dust at the Ministry of

bridges but only after taking into

once the initial plan for constructing box culverts was rejected, they revised the project and decided to

pollution in fresh residential areas, Islam said the volume of traffic would increase manifold in the city anyway. So. it is normal that fresh areas would be traffic-logged. The director said the contractor is now conducting soil test at the site

that it would be approved in view of

When it was pointed out that

there are fears that the project

would, in all probability, trigger

the severe traffic congestion in the

area." he said.

ing with various architectural firms to get the design of an arch bridge An official source said the contractor of the project suffered a huge monetary loss at the cancellation of the box culvert project. To get a work order released from the Dhaka City Corporation (DCC), one has to pay

the officials of different stature a

sizeable percentage of the total

project cost, including the top ones

sources added.

# Bangladesh put up

300-plus innings on this ground. The surprise inclusion of

sixes off the last two deliveries. Ebrahim, who has yet to make

fours and three massive sixes. Carlisle was also among the blossom. Andy made just 10 and

heartland Dostam sent one of his top

(Scoreboard and other stories on page 13)

# based temporary administration for

Kunduz falls FROM PAGE 1 in the first step toward a broad-

the war-torn country. Rabbani also pledged that Alliance forces would not harm surrendering foreigners - mostly Pakistanis. Arabs and Chechens linked to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaeda network - who have been defending Kunduz alongside Afghan Taliban troops.

took control of Kunduz Sunday after 2,500 of his men moved into the city overniaht. The fall of Kunduz would leave Kandahar, the spiritual home of the Taliban, as the only large city under their control; they also hold a few mainly desert provinces in the south, Afghanistan's ethnic Pashtun

The Pakistan-based AIP. which

has close ties with the Taliban, said

troops loyal to Northern Alliance

commander Abdul Rashid Dostam

officers into the commercial and industrial city of 30,000 to start dismantling militia defences and shipping Taliban and al-Qaeda prisoners west to his headquarters n Mazar-i-Sharif, AIP said. "The forces of General Abdul Rashid Dostam have entered Kunduz and the Taliban have handed over control of the city," AIP said. "The Taliban have started

evacuating Kunduz and its suburbs.

Thev are also handing over military

positions one after another to

Dostam's forces

The Uzbek warlord is expected in the city later Sunday and his arrival, AIP warned, would constitute a "headache" for his ethnic Tajik allies who helped surround the city from the east.

of some others as OSD.

Sources said, the government is also in a fix with the secretaries in charge. As some additional secretaries and joint secretaries have

JS tidbits

a-a-r... (come up with) a good question, please." Happy that his title has earned ecial attention of the Chair, the BNP lawmaker reciprocated: "I am a Sarkar as you are and the

country has now a sarkar (govern-

In a House where the MPs fight for

the floor, the speaker was generous

to allow Kalimuddin Ahmad to raise

ment) of the four-party alliance.

a question despite the fact that the ruling party lawmaker did not ask for the opportunity at that moment. As others desperately seeking the floor protested sharply, the Chair appeared to be embarrassed. "Did you raise your hand, Mr. Kalimuddin?" the speaker asked

and hastily gave the floor to another

As both of them were on the floor,

a bewildered Kalimuddin guipped

Should we two speak together, Mr.

MP Golam Mohammad Siraj.

Speaker?'

However, the Chair finally allowed Kalimuddin to speak and then turned to Nurul Islam Moni eaving Siraj in the cold. What is the government plan regarding its food-for-education programme? Education Minister Dr.

Osman Faruk gave contradictory

statements in this regard. Replying

to a supplementary question, the minister told the House that the

government would go for expansion

of the programme the previous BNP government had introduced. Interestingly, the education minister in a written reply to a similar question had said the government had no such plan at the moment. government.

# BMA denounces govt

to retain the earlier status of the BSMMUH in the face of a non-stop strike enforced by nurses and Class three and Class Four employees backed by the Sarkari Karmachari Oikva Parishad of the hospital.

In a written statement, Secretary

removing the VC, pro-VC and the

removing the senate-elected VCs and Pro-VCs. She charged the aovernment with flouting the 1973 rdinance on autonomous status of The Al chief called urged the

## BNP: UZ polls

other political parties.

decided to announce the schedule

### FROM PAGE 12 Election Commission for holding

A delegation from the opposi-

Earlier, at a meeting, the EC construct an arch bridge in the first

### DCC deals double blow "The revised project is now lying with the World Bank and we hope

residential area, marked by manifold increase in noise and air pollu-"In fact, the planned bridges have no consistency with the detail

Housing and Public Works, sources DUTP Director Shafiul Islam said

of construction. But, an on-the-spot inspection reveals that the contractor is continuing with the actual work. The contractor is also lobbyapproved, according to sources.

at the Nagar Bhaban. When the recipients of this percentage money' realised that the contractor might ask for a

refund, they became desperate to revise the project and get it approved by the World Bank, the