# **Fear of arrest**

BNP-Jamaat reigns in Elahabad. AKM Noor Ahmad, father of slain Mustak, filed a murder case with the Chandanaish Police Station accusing 16 people belonging to the Awami League and the Bangladesh Chhatra League and 150 unidentified persons of Kanchan Nagar.

Seven platoons of police and one platoon of the BDR led by a magistrate carried out a four-hour joint raid on Kanchan Nagar village on November 22 and arrested three persons in connection with the Mustak murder case.

Immediately after the raid, several hundred agitated women of Kanchan Nagar village took to the street alleging that some identified terrorists and robbers, led by Nasir alias Nassya Dakat, Idris 'hatkata' Idris, Shahid and Babul, wearing masks, also joined the police-BDR team in the raid.

The agitated women had disrupted the road communication between Chittagong and Cox's Bazar for three hours

During a visit to Kanchan Nagar. many villagers alleged that the terrorists and robbers equipped with firearms and sharp weapons attacked their houses, damaged furniture, looted valuables, beat up the elderly persons and harassed women and young girls by taking advantage of the raid.

The gang is being patronised by BNP stalwart Col (retd) Oli Ahmad, they alleged.

Élderly women -- Rezia Begum Ramiza Khatun, Asma Khatun and Rabeya Khatun and schoolgirls --Rezia Akhtar of class IX, Akhtar of class VIII and Nargis Akhtar of class VI, of Kanchanabad High School -- showed marks of injuries in their bodies.
Asma Khatun, 50, was so bru-

### Dr Kamal FROM PAGE 12

tolerance to other parties' opinion and applying existing laws neutrally. Dr Hossain said the government

should not politicise the administration and law enforcing agencies.
Replying to a question the Gano Forum leaders said the information relating to gas reserve and related

issues must have to communicated to the people and parliament. The decision relating to the best use of gas has to be taken on the basis of discussions and unanimity. He said there was no scope for making hurry in dealing with a valuable national Gano Forum central leaders

Saifuddin Ahmed Manik, Zahurul Islam, Engineer Abul Kashem and Dr M A Hakim were present.

veered between Tk 35 and Tk 40, palm oil Tk 30 and Tk 35, mustard oil

Different varieties of pulse and

gram, which are largely used as iftar

foodstuffs, also registered a slight

rise. Masur pulse was available at

Tk 40 to Tk 45, gram-pulse at Tk 40,

kheshari at Tk 25 to Tk 28, mug

pulse at Tk 44. Gram sells at Tk 32 to

largest wholesale market, varieties

of rice recorded rise in price per

maund (37.5 kg) of which, IRRI rice

sells at Tk 430, nazirshail (new) at

Tk 440, nazirshail (old) at Tk 480

pari (new) at Tk 460, pari (old) at Tk

Biplob at Tk 470 and minicat at Tk

items in iftar. All the wholesale fruits

markets at Badamtali and the brisk

business of the wholesalers bear a

Fruits are one of the common

atash at Tk 470 to Tk 480,

At Badamtali, the country's

. Tk 42 and Tk 45.

Tk 34 per kilogram.

620 to Tk 640.

testimony to that effect.

tally beaten up that she could not even stand up to talk to the correspondent. Rezia Begum, 45, and Rabeya Khatun, 47, burst into tears to show their broken legs. Ramiza Khatun, 40, with her forehead bandaged, looked frail.

The terrorists led by Nassya Dakat picked me up from my school premises while I was running for cover during the gunfight. They chopped my left hand calling me the son of an Awami Leaguer," said Nurul Hakim, a student of class III son of Abul Kashem.

"We have dreams and wish to realise those through education. But our hopes and aspirations seem to have been shattered. We want justice and exemplary punishment to those who have endangered our academic future," said Rezia Akhtar, the student of class IX at the Kanchanabad School, who could not sit one of her annual examinations due to the clash

Of them, Didarul Islam Selimuddin, Jahangir Alam, Md Nazimuddin, Rehana Akhtar, Hasina Akhtar and Ferdousi Begum -- all students -- requested journalists to help them sit for the examinations. All of them missed out on their scheduled tests on November 19 due to the shootout

Shahana Sultana, Sakina Ismail, Jasimuddin, Sumanuddin Mahmudur Rahman, Syed Md Tanim, Towhidul Islam Nazimuddin, Minu Akhtar, Mansur Imran Rashid, Shahidul Islam, Liagat Ali, Md, Kanon and Parvez are among those who could not attend one or more annual ams following the incident.

Meanwhile, acting headmaster of the Kanchanabad High School, Maqsudur Rahman did not agree on the number of absentees However, showing a list, he admitted that 76 students from classes VI to IX failed to sit the exams on November 19. He could not give any reason for this, though.

Officer-in-Charge of the Chandanaish Police Station Md. Shahjahan, who joined the police station on November 7, attributed the whole episode to a longstanding rivalry between the villagers of Kanchan Nagar and Elahabad, "It was not a political case, although a certain quarter is trying hard to give it a political tinge to tarnish the image of Oli Ahmad."

About an allegation, the police officer, who also previously served as officer-in-charge here from December 30, 1992 to February 17 1993, said categorically, "So far know he (Oli) had no connection with Nassya Dakat or any member

long drawn court battle against Rajuk to claim his own land.

Sources in Rajuk said that several "land use clearances" were issued to various individuals trying to grab the lake for their projects. Top officials also alleged that a section of corrupt "judiciary officials" were also involved in "derequisitioning" the "public land lying under a vast stretch of water known as Gulshan-Banani-Baridhara lake"

Equipped with Rajuk's "land use clearance certificates and approval of building plans" some of these influential individuals have even built their structures filling up the

Raiuk's Chief Town Planner Kazi Golam Hafiz told The Daily Star that not a single "land use clearance" has been issued ever since he took office in 1998.

In the past, we detected a forged Raiuk clearance in the same area and filed a criminal case against the offender." He continued, "If anyone produces such a clearance dated after 1998, it is a forged certificate and we would like to talk to this individual."

The tussle over the lake started in 1967 after Rajuk acquired the entire Gulshan area for its Gulshan project. According to officials, a group of people started lobbying hard to get the "land" off a legal provision, which says that in case the government failed to develop the land within a specific time after acquiring it, the original owner could

"With the development of Gulshan, Banani and Baridhara, a section of influential people started exploiting the loophole in the law

## Citizens' rally

FROM PAGE 12 tolerate any sort of dilly-dallying in investigation into Muhuri Murder Case.

Former minister Chittagong city Awami League president MA Mannan, City Mayor and city AL general secretary ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury, north district AL general secretary MA Salam, teachers' leaders Prof Fouzul Kabir, Ashoke Saha, Abu Taher Chowdhury, JSD leader advocate Abul Kalam Azad and ward commissioner Nilufer Rahman addressed the rally.

and got acres and acres of lake derequisitioned." said an official

'These rich and influential people first found the names of original owners and one way or the other made a document of purchase and then went on to free the land from government ownership." said the official, adding that corrupt bureaucrats and ruling party leaders are involved in the process.

In the case of 31.34 acres, the same thing happened. When these individuals, in connivance with officials at the land ministry and Rajuk, completed the derequisitioning process and even obtained a government gazette notification in their favour, Rajuk went to court fearing that the media and the public would be outraged,

Sources said having failed to obtain the land use clearance, some of these individuals even obtained a presidential order on April 25 this year in which the president directed Rajuk to issue the clearance in their

On July 31 the same year, a full bench of the High Court rejected Rajuk's plea and ordered that the ake be handed over to the people, who are claiming it.

"Since then Rajuk has used its discretionary power to reject the

## Changes in Army

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Two new directors have been appointed in the Directorate General of Forces Intelligence (DGFI). They are Col. Akbar Akhtar now in Rangpur area headquarter and Col. Masudur Rahman Khan. now at Commandant Intelligence School Comilla

Brig. Gen. Najib of DGFI is being posted as Artillery Brigade Commander, Chittagong. Col. Belal Mahmud is being appointed to command the Air Defence Brigade.

## Fitra fixed

FROM PAGE 1 room with its Director General Syed Ashraf Ali in the chair yesterday.

Khotib of Baitul Mukarram National Mosque Moulana Obaidul Hug and other Islamic scholars were also present, said a handout.

According to the decision, fitra in other areas of the country will be equivalent to the market price of same quantity of wheat or flour.

### applications for land use clearance pursue constructive politics while in and temporarily stopped these the opposition. "I wish I sat there so

that they (boycotting opposition)

had no place in the House," Akbar,

angered by the AL absence, said.

He added that he had got many a

trick up his sleeves having spent 29

years in politics. "But I am unwilling

address to Jatiya Sangsad, the

shipping minister drew applause

from the treasury bench as he

continued ridiculing the boycotting

Bucking suggestions that the

government should take the first

step to bring the main opposition

party in the House, he argued such

a move could come had the party

walked out of the parliament on

joining its proceedings. "They have

Witty as he is known to be. Akbar

said when a couple goes through a

troubled relationship and the wife

leaves the husband. "the wife is

Earlier at the beginning of his

speech, he minister found himself at

the wrong place and, at the receiv-

ing end. His colleagues, however,

did not miss out on pulling his leg

seeing him in the chair next to the

"You are not at your place,"

"Well, I saw all of you on my left

Deputy Speaker Akhtar Hamid

Siddiqui said to Akbar, prompting

promoted as you have been moved

to the next seat which did not hap-

pen in my case. So I promoted

myself to the seat that had been

reserved for Salahuddin Quader

Choudhury on the front row," Akbar

Choudhury is among those

whose seats were officially elevated

after Deputy Leader of the House

Prof. AQM Badruddoza

Chowdhury's seat fell vacant on his

For quite sometime yesterday,

The nature of the planned Bill could

Khandaker Delwar Hossain said the

parliament session would continue

duced in the House on Wednesday

Committee first decided to continue the current session till November 15 and then extended it up to

When contacted, Chief Whip

He said a Bill would be intro-

not immediately be ascertained.

becoming President.

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till December 2.

JS session

the minister to go back to his seat.

asked for reconciliation only after

they had started living together.

to come here to go out.

one reserved for him.

Speaking on the president's

to play all these dirty games."

a top official. Żakir Hossain said he had started land filling after being frustrated by Raiuk's delay in issuing the certificate. He insisted that the area was not the lake as such but "merely a paddy field".

people from grabbing the lake," said

"Legally, the 31.34 acres of land belong to us. If the government wants to acquire it for the lake it should stop harassing us and go ahead with the acquisition process, Hossain said.

Rajuk sources said they had filed a case against Hossain on charge of violating the law for protecting the wetland and lake. It is impossible for Rajuk to pay more than Tk 100 crore in compensation to acquire the 32.34 acres of lake area again. So, Rajuk would chose to keep the grabbers in check under the existing

Another source said the several hundred acres of the entire stretch of Gulshan-Banani-Baridhara lake have been sold in the same way and several hundred individuals are waiting to grab it with the so-called

"Rajuk has recently recruited consultants to launch a TK 100 crore project to save the lake and they have started their survey work. We immediately need government intervention to put an end to the mindless plundering of the rare waterbody of the city," said an

# Udichi Murder

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of the case, submitted a chargesheet naming 24 persons as accused and 62 persons as prosecution witnesses. The accused include present Food Minister Tarigul Islam of BNP.

The chargesheet was rejected by BNP and some other political and non-political organisations who raised a demand for a judicial inquiry into the explosion incident.

A judicial investigation into the incident was one of the commitments of BNP chairperson Khaleda Zia during her election campaign.

Formation of a seven-member Inquiry committee with a retired Judge as its head will be completed shortly, sources said.

orThursday.
The Business Advisory **US Marines land near Kandahar** 

Abdullah said in an interview

Sunday with a German weekly

newspaper that the inter-Afghan

conference due to open in a

secluded mountain German gov-

ernment residence outside Bonn

was an "important first step'

talks between the various delega-

tions was scheduled for Monday,

including meetings with Lakhdar

Brahimi, the special envoy for

Afghanistan of the United Nations,

which is sponsoring the conference.

Pashtun leaders meeting in

On Sunday, a convention of

A series of preliminary bilateral

towards lasting political stability.

### Northern Alliance group would send an 11-member delegationincluding one womanto Bonn, where a total of Regional office 21 people have been invited.

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November 29.

MA Razzague while Mike Johnson, First Secretary (Immigration) conducted it. The Svlhet office is housed at a 3-storied building in Kumarpara area of the town.

He said the education ministry would soon contact the home ministry to allow trucks carrying papers to ply on the city roads during daytime.

He also said that special attention would be given in binding and distribution of books so that no broker could be involved in the

## Shahriar Kabir

right to file any case on behalf of the

PP Hassan read out the HC decision and then withdrew the

More than 100 lawyers were present in the court during the hearing.

On Sunday, the CMM's Court stayed for two weeks an order passed by it earlier in the day to put

remand. Magistrate Kazi Meraj Hossain gave the order following a petition by the defence lawyers for a stay of the remand order, saving that they planned to file a criminal appeal with the High Court against the

The court also rejected Shahriar's bail prayer and ordered sending him to Dhaka Central Jail.

Earlier on Friday, Zia International Airport (ZIA) police prayed before the court for a threeday remand of Shahriar while the defence lawyers filed bail petition on Saturday.

Special Branch (SB) of police at the Immigration Desk of Zia International Airport (ZIA) on his return from Kolkata and confined at the airport police station without any specific charge on Thursday

Police also seized his passport, five video cassettes, 13 audio cassettes, three CDs, a still film and his camera.

SB Headquarters late Thursday night and kept there till he was produced before the CMM's Court.

He was later shown arrested under Section 54 of the CrPC on charges of involvement in anti-state

### Bid to grab Gulshan Lake Jatiya Sangsad tidbits the behaviour of the treasury bench seemed like one of an enraged opposition. Treasury benchers sans ministers burst into anger as Law

Minister Moudud Ahmed sidetracked a popular demand raised by Abu Hena of BNP for enhancing privileges of the lawmakers including offices, flag cars, houses and other logistics.

The ruling BNP legislators came down heavily on the law minister who supported the demand but spoke of the government's financial constraints to meet the same. A good number of ruling party MPs umped to their feet and castigated the minister, for whom there was no support from his cabinet colleagues Amid noisy protests. many MPs

enjoying a lot of privileges while the ordinary lawmakers are deprived of the minimum rank and status. "I am facing a new opposition party a helpless law minister ioked. Given the floor, Ilias Ali, one of

were heard blasting the ministers for

the furious BNP MPs, said: "It is because of MPs like us that you have become ministers. The ministers are entitled to many things including cars, houses and a host of government servants, but we get nothing," he said. He even went to the extent of chanting slogan for flags, cars and residences for the

Criticising the AL for blasting the last caretaker government, Law Minister Moudud Ahmed reminded that it was the AL that fought for election under a non-party caretaker government while BNP opposed the idea.

"Now we find them (AL) speaking even against the concept of caretaker government. We won't mind dropping the provision if they demand so on the floor of the House. We will rather be happy that the next general election will be held by the BNP government," the minister said in a lighter vein, much to the delight of the treasury bench mem-

Communications Minister Nazmul Huda welcomed Deputy Speaker Akhtar Hamid Siddigui who was in the chair for the second day vesterday since the new parliament came into being on October 28.

"We hope the speaker will let you be in the chair more frequently so that we have better communication with you," Huda said in an oblique reference to the fact that the speaker seldom allowed his deputy to run the show. The deputy speaker was in the chair during the second half of yesterday's sitting, however.

nication with you to ensure that the communications system in my constituency is developed," the deputy speaker quipped.

# AL move hits a snag

Instead, the leaders said, components of the 11-party alliance have deliberated within the forum over the last few days to work out a separate programme to denounce violence against the religious minority across the country. The alliance nad meetings on November 24 and An 11-Party leader told The Daily

Star yesterday that the alliance sit again tomorrow (November 28) to finalise a programme. When asked whether their

programme would be parallel to the one planned by the AL, the leftist leader replied in the negative. He said that left forces were

desperately trying to develop a third and independent political line in the country cutting across the bipolar political atmosphere created by the

"The AL is going ahead with its planned convention while we are

also trying to project the issue of violence against the religious minority and widespread acts of terrorism in the country. There is no question of throwing a parallel programme, explained the leftist leader.

Sources said that the 11-party

alliance would invite all noncommunal forces and professional bodies in its yet-to-be-finalised programme. The leftist parties, political

observers feel, are consciously trying to distance themselves from the AL and the BNP because both of them hobnobbed with rightistfundamentalist forces at one time or the other.

Although they have small support base in the country, the leftleaning parties are proud of being a "consistent force" against the rightist-fundamentalist clique, the observers added.

# AL: Upazila polls

ing, Tofail said the AL delegation members had told the CEC that the way MA Sved conducted the October 1 general election, "people believe that a free and fair election is not possible under him."

Moreover, the delegation members said, the CEC had taken some decisions that influenced the election in favour of a particular party and alliance.

By amending the election law, the EC recognised the army, the symbol of national pride, as law enforcers, they said.

They added that besides, a list of terrorists was prepared at the instruction of "Hawa Bhaban" incorporating the names of AL candidates, including the party general secretary Zillur Rahman and the then Speaker Abdul Hamid.

The actions were taken against Awami League candidates and workers on the basis of the list supplied by the Home Ministry to army and local administration, they added. Referring to previous elections,

the AL leaders told the CEC that during the autocratic rule, election was conducted by cantonment and the Election Commission was just an instrument.

Likewise, the election in 2001. was conducted by the Hawa

Bhaban and the Election

Commission. They said the Election Commission that earned its independent character in 1991 and 1996 lost its image by holding the "Octo-

ber 1 election of blueprint." Recalling the BNP's opposition to accept MA Syed as the CEC and his remarks that "those who are opposing me would one day accept me," the AL leaders told the CEC,

BNP's trust and confidence at our cost." In reply to a question about upazila election, Tofail said the Awami League was not against the election, but the present situation was "not conducive to fair and

"Yes, you've finally earned the

peaceful election." MA Syed agreed with the AL eaders' views about the prevailing law and order, and assured that he would further consult with them about the schedule of upazila

parishad elections. The CEC added that a final decision on holding the elections would be taken later as spontaneous participation of all is a precondi-

tion to any kind of election. **Election Commissioners Shafiur** Rahman, M M Munsef Ali and AK Mohammad Ali and Secretary of the FC Secretariat M Saiful Islam were also present at the meeting.

# Railing of foot bridge

people said.

The victim, a passenger of the minibus, was identified as Mohammad Harun (30) by hospital

sources and as Mohammad Faruq The victim, a scrap trader hailing from Jaynagar in Bhola, died at the Chest Diseases Hospital where he

ted to different clinics. Of them, 13 were passengers of the minibus and two were of the autorickshaw. Both the vehicles along with a rickshaw parked nearby were badly dam-

eight pillars, four on either side of the wide road.

During a visit to the spot, local people told this correspondent that the heavy concrete railing was placed on the pillars without fixing it with lockers or any other material. This correspondent also saw that the other huge concrete railing was placed on the pillars in the same

month back. But the construction company did not bother to fix those with the pillars or ensure safety of commuters.

creating a long traffic jam in the area as the road was blocked with the collapsed railing.

the report at 9 pm yesterday. Meanwhile, the Mayor yesterday

directed blacklisting Surma nternational, DCC sources said. The Mayor also temporarily

suspended the project's chief engineer Mohammad Hossain Bhuiyan, executive engineer Mansur Ahmed. assistant engineer Arifur Rahman and deputy assistant engineers

Haradhan Rudhraw Pal and Monirul

The Mayor also issued a show cause notice on DCC Chief Engineer Brig Gen (Rtd) Mahmudur Rahman Mohammad.

member committee headed by its Chief Executive Officer AKM Nurul Huda has been formed to probe the incident. The committee will submit its report within three days.

Gulshan police said no case was filed in connection with the incident.

# **Tourists complete**

For Bangladesh, it was like any

other series that promised a lot but ended disappointedly. The home side got off to a flying start after skipper Khaled

wicket. But just when the cheering home crowd started to expect big things, the roof fell on them as wickets tumbled one after another.

The run spree suffered a jolt when the hosts collapsed to 157 for six in 34.4 overs on a lifeless

The avalanche began in the 24th over when Javed was bowled by leg-spinner Paul Strang after making 54 off 77 balls. It included six boundaries

Mohammad Ashraful was next to go for 16. Although much was expected of

became Test cricket's youngest centurion on debut, the righthander however did little to justify his reputation. The 17-year-old was bowled by

the talented teenager since he

off-spinner Douglas Marillier while he tried to work the ball through slip It seemed that he had not

learned from the mistake he made on Sunday, the only difference that

Shibir member Mohiul Islam. counter-chase, six Shibir activists

pus with firearms. The injured were admitted to

### costs Tk 750, while a box of kandari ighing 18Kg sells at Tk 1,400. Although the Dhaka City

**Prices of essentials** 

Corporation has fixed the price of Ramadan, vendors reportedly demand higher prices. Per kg beer costs Tk 80 to Tk 90, while mutton costs Tk 120 to Tk 130. However the price of poultry veers between

Tk 65 to Tk 70 per kg. It is unlikely that prices of the essentials will curve down before the end of the Eid, the Badamtal and Karwan Bazar traders pre-

During the hour-long chase and

fferent kinds of meat during

and four JCD workers were injured However, sources said, the JCD

# pieces. A box of anar weighing 20kg

Taliban targets," the report said. The Marines are from two ready amphibious groups that were based in the Arabian Sea until Sunday, ABC reported.

the battle for Qala-e-Jangi, the Mazar-i-Sharif fort where mostly non-Afghan Taliban war prisoners launched their rebellion. At least one American, possibly a Central Intelligence Agency opera-

US forces were also involved in

and was feared to have been killed. although this was not confirmed by US officials. US and British special forces joined the fighting and called in air strikes on the POWs, who were mostly Arab, Pakistani and

Qaeda, according to Alliance sources. Mohammad Alam, a spokesman for Alliance commander Atta Mohammad, said the six-hour gunbattle on Sunday erupted after a

POW hurled a grenade on Alliance

The king has also officially branded

the Maoists as "terrorists", it added.

with the Maoists are also branded

as terrorists." the statement said.

Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba.

months.

civil offices.

"All those who maintain contact

Gyanendra declared the emer-

The emergency has to be retro-

spectively approved by the lower

house of parliament within three

Earlier, some 200 Maoist rebels.

17 police officers, four soldiers and

two civilians were killed Sundav

when the guerrillas attacked admin-

istrative, police and army facilities

in Solukhumbu district, 280 kilo-

metres (170 miles) northeast of

Sixty Maoists and 16 policemen

In response to the escalation of

violence, Prime Minister Sher

Bahadur Deuba held a two-hour

emergency meeting Monday in

which it was agreed to ask the king

to immediately pass an ordinance

that allows the government to

A group of 600 armed Maoists

Minister for Tourism and Culture

declare a state of emergency.

were injured in the fighting, officials

Kathmandu, officials said.

gency on the advice of Prime

### vent them escaping. If they try, we will open fire," Alam said. "Some among them who tried to tried to eave were bombed. Afghan tribemen told AFP some 30 US troops landed late Sunday at

"We are watching them to pre-

Toor Kotal, about five kilometers from Kandahar airport, which is itself 20 kilometres from the city. US troops and at least one helicopter were also seen around Takhtapul. 20 kilometres southeast of the airport on the road to

Pakistan, which is under control of tribal forces. AIP reported. Spin Boldak was also under attack by tribesmen close to former Kandahar governor Haii Gul Agha. one of his relatives told AFP. Meanwhile Delegates from anti-

arriving in Bonn yesterday for talks scheduled to start Tuesday as a first step to forming a broad-based government and avert a renewed bloodbath in the war-torn country

Taliban Afghan groups began

Burhanuddin Rabbani, the UN-

recognised president ousted by the

Taliban in 1996, has said the

surrender Kandahar peacefully.

which borders eastern Nepal, to tighten security along the frontier. "Nepal is very concerned over the recent Maoist attacks in its eastern part. I have urged the Chief Minister to beef up the security at the West Bengal's border with Nepal," Kathmandu's Consul

General in Calcutta, Yubaraj Bhusal, told AFP. More than 2,000 people have died in violence since the rebels started their campaign in 1996 to overthrow Nepal's constitutional monarchy and establish a Maoist

ment between the two sides could be reached when a ceasefire was called in July. Three rounds of peace talks have taken place since then, but had stalled over the rebels' demand

a "constituent assembly" be formed to redraft the constitution, something the government opposes. Last week the Maoist leader

ceasefire "could become meaningless" unless the peace process made some headway.

The duty officer of Mirpur thana However, he said he still sought said last night that none filed any a political solution to end the

Divisional Commissioner of Sylhet

# **Textbooks**

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# The HC said PP does not have the

Criminal Revision filed by him.

Shahriar Kabir on a two-day

impugned order.

Shahriar was detained by the

Pushpa Kamal Dahal warned the Shahriar was then taken to the

Central Jail Friday afternoon.

lockers or any other material, local The Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) foot bridge is being con-

construction company. by Gulshan police.

was taken with fatal chest injury. The body was sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) for The injured persons were admit-

The foot bridge is being built on

Local people said the two railings

The incident took place at about 10:15 in the morning rush hour,

The DCC engaged workers to break the collapsed railing to clear the road, which continued till filing of

When contacted last night,

### A sack of dates weighing 25kg sells at Tk 900 and date of high quality sells at Tk 100 per kg. Per kg apple is available at Tk 30 to Tk 35 local Upazila Health Complex. Police were deployed on the grape at Tk 175, black grape at Tk 150, orange at Tk 16 per four campus to avert further trouble

must have been a relieved man with the impact of the young guns ahead of their involvement in a triangular one-day series in Sri

their Australian coach Geoff Marsh

Mashud won the toss and decided to bat. Javed Omar and Al-Shahrian 156 for four. produced 103 runs for the first

> borne Stuart Carlisle at wide midoff for nine. The innings eventually folded with 11 balls remaining after a funny run out of Mashrafee-bin-

was brilliantly caught by an air-

to complete an all-run four off a series of over throws.

matters most is his contribution with the ball. The young paceman has cer-

(Scoreboard and other stories on Page 13)

Manikgani

activists retreated when Shibii workers took position on the cam-

Bangladesh's hopes again rested on Habibul Bashar. But even

the in-form right-hander failed for a

change. The run-machine charged

down the track and was clean

on 59, also threw his wicket when

Al-Shahriar, who looked well set

bowled by Marillier.

the situation required him to carry his bat like Ebrahim did in the second one-dayer. His departure left Bangladesh at

But worst was to come when both Sanwar and Khaled Mashud departed only a run later. And any hope of a fightback was put to rest once Khaled Mahmud

Nearly 50 people, mostly members of the security forces, had already died when the rebels broke Murtoza Kowshik. a four-month ceasefire Friday and The last wicket pair of Kowshik launched a string of attacks on and Sharif was broken while trying police and army posts, banks and

They managed only three. The pair still produced 29 valuable runs to make sure Bangladesh crossed the 200-mark. Kowshik scored 18. But what

tainly showed his calibre as a also attacked and blew up the genuine fast bowler. He was also Phaplu airport tower in Salleri in the leading wicket-taker for Solukhumbu district Bangladesh in the entire series.

Bal Bahadur KC, who represents

Chechen fighters linked with al-

**Emergency in Nepal after 280 die** 

the Solukhumbu district, travelled to the area in an army helicopter to take stock of the situation Meanwhile, Nepal has asked the Indian government to put its border

seeking shelter in India.

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A Nepali official asked the chief minister of West Bengal state,

Businessman

on high alert to prevent any rebels

The body was taken to DMCH morgue for autopsy.

The victim's elder brother Abul Hossain Hawlader told newsmen that the same gang had demanded Tk 10 lakh as toll on the previous night and threatened to kill him for non-compliance.

leader and final year student of Jagonath University was chopped to death at West Kazipara yesterday afternoon. The victim, identified as Abdul Jabbar Tuhin, 28, was joint secretary of Kafrul thana unit of Chhatra

Dal. He was the former president of

Chhatra Dal in Ward No 94.

Hossain filed a case with

Sutrapur thana accusing unidenti-

fied gunmen but none could be

In another incident, a local JCD

Sources said some unidentified people called him over mobile phone, took him to West Kazipara and chopped him to death at about 2:30 pm vesterday. The body was sent to the DMCH morgue for autopsy. The reason behind the killing

could not be known immediately.

case in this regard.

Pakistan called for a multinational peacekeeping force to restore order in Afghanistan and for the demilitarisation of Kabul. They also suggested an amnesty

to the Taliban to persuade them to

republic.

Hopes had risen that a settle-

for a republic. Earlier this month they said they had "deferred" the demand ahead of a fourth round of talks, which was supposed to take place in the next few weeks. But the Maoists are still insisting

After the ceasefire was broken he said in a statement that his forces had resumed their violent campaign after being provoked by "fascists and anti-nationalists".

activities and was sent to Dhaka

structed by Surma International, a

autopsv.

A DCC press release said a one-

"Of course, I need better commu-