NEWS

Acid attack

FROM PAGE 12 The victims were rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH).

Shahida suffered burn injuries in her face and hands, Nipa in her face, Biplob in his face and chest and Shahidul in his feet and

The lights mysteriously came back immediately after the unidentified man fled the scene. hospital sources said quoting the

The victims could not say if there was anyone else outside the

Shahida's husband Nizamuddin was in another room of the house at the time, getting ready to go to the mosque for prayers.

Dhaka to be 4th megacity with 21.1m population by 2015

Dhaka, world's 11th ranking megacity with a population of 12.3 million, is likely to climb to the fourth position with a projected population of 21.1 million by the year 2015.

Increase in population in this megacity, as per a UN report, will be highest among 23 megacities after Lagos (Nigeria). Some 8.8 million people will be added to the present population of Dhaka city by the end

The United Nations coined the term "megacities" in the 1970s to describe cities with 10 million or

tasks remained on ground for the US-

backed forces; the capture of the

southern stronghold of Kandahar and

Marines as the hunt for the elusive

extremist stepped up and pressure mounted on Kandahar where thou-

sands of Taliban troops still loyal to the

regime's supreme leader Mullah

choppered in from ships in the

Arabian Sea on Monday to secure an

airstrip 20 kilometres southwest of

Kandahar and 500 more were due by

end of the day yesterday and on Wednesday, coalition spokesman

along saw almost immediate action

with AH-1W Cobra helicopter

gunships guiding a Navy F-14 strike

fighter attacking a Taliban armoured

opposition forces in their bid to oust

the Taliban, they will help in the hunt

"We're smoking them out," President George W. Bush said Monday in Washington. "They're

running and now we're going to bring

forces, helped by US and British

advisors, said they had put down a

rebellion that erupted Sunday in a

northern prison fortress where some

600 foreign pro-Taliban fighters had

mander Mohammed Nuri. "There is

no more fighting. But we will wait until

tomorrow to enter because we fear

that some of the bodies of the Taliban

foreigners may be booby-trapped with

to 400 of the prisoners had been killed

while another said "almost all" of the

600 are dead. Nuri said some 45 to 50

and machine-gun fire and waves of

US air strikes in the last three days.

Alliance forces feared pockets of

resistance might remain at the prison

fort where they had brought the mostly Pakistani, Chechen and Arab

fighters, including some believed to

Pentagon spokeswoman Victoria

Alliance officials and US media

larke said five US military personne

were injured Sunday in a US air strike

reported that a US advisor, possibly a

CIA operative, was killed during the

rebellion, but this has yet to be con-

troops left Perth yesterday to join an

advance group of 30 already in

Kuwait, awaiting deployment in

Afghanistan to support the US-led

President assents

President AQM Badruddoza

Chowdhury has assented to the

Representation of the People Order

(Amendment) Bill, 2001 passed by

parliament in its current session, said

a Parliament Secretariat press

and nitrogen oxide emitted in the air

elements all the time puts pressure

on the human immune system.

Allergy, asthma, cold and flu are

some of the effects of this pollution,

he said. Hasan said the city dwellers

should be careful during the dry

season and if necessary, wear

Department of Soil, Water and

Environment at Dhaka University is

an author of a research paper on

"Monitoring of Air Pollution in

vehicles and injurious particles can

be converted into environment

friendly components by using

converters. The government should

ban import of vehicles which have

ter less than 3 micron) and they can

float in the air even for few months.

These particles block the holes of

human lungs when we inhale these

There are 'fine particles' (diame-

no filter and converter.

while breathing.

Prof Shah Mohammad Ullah of

protective masks while on roads.

Breathing these various harmful

are extremely harmful for humans.

to RPO (Amend)

Australia said 120 of its elite SAS

firmed by Washington.

Bill 2001

release yesterday.

FROM PAGE 1

Dust, tume

UNB, Dhaka

be linked to bin Laden, from Kunduz.

They fired several salvos into the

After fierce exchanges of mortar

Alliance soldiers died in the fighting

One Alliance official said that 300

"It's over," said Alliance com-

Meanwhile, Northern Alliance

for bin Laden's hideout, officials said.

In addition to supporting local

column near Kandahar on Monday.

The heavy weapons they brought

Some 500 US Marines were

Washington ordered in the

the hunt for Osama bin Laden.

Mohammed Omar remain.

Kenton Keith said

hem to justice.'

been brought

ranking, will be the second megacity of the world while Lagos of Nigeria will become third from its current

seventh position India will have the highest number of four megacities Mumbai, Kolkata, Delhi and Hyderabad while China will have three Tianjin, Beijing and Shanghai at the end of the

Population 2001 mentioned, will

maintain its present dignity of top

megacity with 26.4 million popula-

Mumbai, which is now third in

tion even after 15 years.

Istanbul of Turkey, Tianjin of Hyderabad of India and

to the megacity list by 2015.

The report released by United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) forecast that despite rising trend of population in most megacities, the population of Shanghai (China) will drop from 17.0 million to 14.6 million while the size will remain stable in Tokyo and Osaka of Japan.

In 1975, there were five megacities in the world Tokyo, New York, Shanghai, Mexico City and Sao Paulo, It rose to 19, incorporating the name of Dhaka, in 2000. By the end of 2015, the number of

megacities will grow to 23. According to the UNFPA report,

of the 23 megacities, six in South Asia will boast 111 million people

after the end of the period. By 2015, the report said, 1.6 billion people will be living in cities of more than 1 million people, 622 million in cities of more than 5 mil-

In the less-developed regions, the number of city dwellers will swell in the next 15 years, from 1.9 billion to 2.9 billion. "By 2030 most people in every major region will live in

At present, every day about 160,000 people move from rural areas to cities in search of work or to meet various needs

scale would have severe consequences for the quality of life and surrounding environment. "This explosive urban growth is often due as much to the push of collapsing rural environments, poverty, landlessness and a lack of job opportunities as to the pull of better

jobs and social services. As a consequence, dense settlements, particularly if they are badly built, are highly vulnerable to catastrophic events like floods, storms or earthquakes.

Many cities in developing countries face serious environmental health challenges and worsening

of proper infrastructure to meet growing needs, contaminated water, air and more garbage than they can handle

It observed that urbanisation has been one of the most striking developments of the past century. With more than 4 per cent current annual urban growth rate, Africa has now the highest 38 per cent in the world. The Asia Pacific is close behind.

Today, the UNFPA report added. almost 3 billion people live in urban areas. Worldwide 411 cities have populations of more than one million, compared to 326 cities in 1990.

Biman unhappy

FROM PAGE 1

It would lead to a serious disruption in Hajj flights as Biman plans to operate the flights with one leased aircraft and two DC-10-30s, the

The Biman management has recently apprised the ministry of the risk factors

Biman signed the agreement with the KLM in March this year after the KLM submitted the lowest offer in an international bid following expiry of an extended agreement

with Air France.
The KLM charges US\$ 1.4 million for maintenance per engine while Air France used to charge about US\$ 2 million.

State minister for Civil Aviation Mir Nasiruddin was not available last night for comments. Civil Aviation Secretary Shafayet Ali was also not available as he was out of

US troops mass

In the north of the country, Northern Alliance commanders said their troops, backed by US and British special forces, had put down a bloody rebellion by some 600 captured Taliban soldiers.

Taliban power collapsed after US military support helped opposition forces drive the hardline Islamic militia from Kabul and cities in the north, east and west, leaving only a beleaguered pocket of support in the south.

But the task of building a stable, broad-based regime and ending decades of civil strife is just beginning, and the international community has piled pressure on faction leaders to agree on a transitional administration.

This is the day the Afghans begin to take their country back," said Kenton Keith, the spokesman in Islamabad of the US led anti-terror coalition. "If the political process is successful, it will bring peace, stability and much-needed reconstruction to Afghanistan.

German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer opened the UN-organised conference in suburban Koenigswinter by urging delegates to "seize this historic moment".

There has been widespread concern that the Northern Alliance -which is itself divided into several factions -- may be reluctant to share power with Pashtun tribes in the . south, many of which formerly backed

But as the UN-backed conference opened, all parties expressed opti-

For the Northern Alliance, which took control of Kabul two weeks ago in a US-backed offensive, Qanooni said: "It is not our intent to monopolise

Efforts to draw Pashtun leaders into the peace process have focused on an internationally backed drive to unite under the symbolic leadership of Afghanistan's exiled former king, Mohammed Zahir Shah.

The head of Zahir Shah's delegation, Abdul Sattar Sirat, used his opening speech to describe the meeting as an opportunity to lay down "foundation stone" for a new

"We are happy that there is this opportunity, thanks to the sense of responsibility of Afghan sons enabling

us to get together for peace," he said.

Despite the confident mood, many disagreements remained, particularly over a planned multinational security International officials and some Pashtun leaders have called for some

form of UN-endorsed peacekeeping force to oversee the formation of a government and guard major cities, particularly Kabul The Northern Alliance, which

controls the capital, opposes the idea, fearing a challenge to its authority and seeing the force as a potential threat to its military dominance of the post-Taliban order. Britain has about 100 commandos

based at Bagram, near Kabul, to help an eventual humanitarian aid effort and France, Canada and Italy have asked nearby Kyrgyzstan for bases from where they could participate in similar operations, Kyrgyz officials Hard talks was also expected over

the makeup of the interim government, in particular the naming of a "prime minister" as a deputy to Zahir Shah, and the distribution of the key defence, finance and interior portfo-

Burhannudin Rabbani, the UNrecognised president of Afghanistan and nominal head of the Northern Alliance, again insisted yesterday tha the Bonn talks were "preliminary" and

should be moved to Kabul. "It is not realistic to think any decisions made (in Bonn) will be final .. because the delegates have limited authority," he said in Dubai.

But despite the disagreements UN officials at the talks said the parties were broadly ready to accept a transitional government under the exking, which would prepare for elections in two years' time.

The officials said the talks would last three to five days.

As the political future became

clearer in Bonn, two main military lelephone call FROM PAGE 1

said a high official of the ministry. "It is true that the illegal operators are still having an edge so far as tariff is considered, but if clients consider quality of calls, they would prefer the BTTB connection.

The TAR reduction was long overdue and international telecom operators have been threatening to unilaterally withhold payment to the BTTB and to settle future payments at much lower commercially viable

Meantime, the BTTB held a meeting with Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman on reducing the TAR on November 1. The minister had reportedly agreed in principal to reduce the rate to fight illegal calltermination business and asked the BTTB to prepare a report.

Because of high call tariffs, the country lost around Tk 27 crore a month as illegal call-terminators made a thriving business.

Zobayed Adel's bail petition rejected

COURT CORRESPONDENT

The First Additional Metropolitan

Judge Mohammad Hasan Imam passed the order upon a petition for bail submitted by the defence law-

The court also fixed January 2 for

Kamal Hossain, 30, senior vice-

Adel, his son Zobayed and Pappu were present in the court during the hearing.

Adel's another son Tareq and Nitva Sarker have been absconding since the incident.

Advocate Mohammad Abdullah Abu, Sahara Khatun and Abdur Rahman Howlader appeared for the state while Advocate TM Akbar and Abdur Rezak Khan for the accused.

Mugging

On November 17, a mob beat up four muggers for trying to snatch valuables from a rickshaw-puller near the Bangla Motor crossing and handed them over to police.

On November 21, some mug-

Female students of the Dhaka University frequently fall prey to muggers in and around the campus, sources said. More than five female students have been mugged on the campus in the last few days. Palashi, Central Shaheed Minar and Doel Chattar crossings are safe

With the Eid nearing, owners of shops and hotels are facing extreme pressure from the extortionists. They forcibly take away money or valuables in case of owners' refusal to meet their demands.

place on Friday. Agang of five looted cash from Star Hotel at Karwan blasting crackers.

Extortion and mugging incidents would increase in the coming days to the Eid, the sources added.

Brokers rule FROM PAGE 12

officials and employees were seen pay in advance, you can get your passport earlier than scheduled."

Asked how do they know who is process documents. We get our

Police simply remain silent could not arrest any one even if it was a case of harassment.

Director General of Passport and Immigration Monjurul Islam said, "To check such corrupt practice, we have already transferred 12 of our staff. We have also dismissed one Harun-ur-Rashid for his involve-

ally to the Inspector General of Police, but I have not seen any result yet," said Islam.

An official of the Mohammadpur police station, when contacted, said, "We have got no specific allegation of harassment of people. Unless we get specific allegations,

issued and some 2000 documents are handled everyday for changes



Sessions Judge's Court Dhaka yesterday rejected the bail petition of Zobaved Mohammad Adel, an accused in the Kamal Hossain

next hearing.

Meanwhile, a prosecution wit-

ness in the case appeared in the court to give deposition but the court could not record it as the judge fell

president of ward no 67 unit of Awami League, was shot dead on August 16 last year as he protested hoisting of a Pakistan national flag by Zobayed, Tareq and others atop the residence of Zahangir Mohammad Adel on August 14, independence day of Pakistan.

gers failing in their bid to snatch valuables stabbed a businessman at the Hotel Sonargaon crossing in the evening. He was admitted to a private clinic

havens for muaaina.

The latest such incident took Bazar at 10:00pm Friday at gunpoint after they failed to get tolls, and made a getaway in a taxicab by

On the second and third floors, busy handling passport documents. When asked, one clerk said, "If you

paying what, he sáid, "We get unofficial slips with codes and signatures. On the basis of that, we share of the money from brokers at the end of office hours.'

spectators. Constable Manik and Mizanur Rahman said unless there was any specific allegation, police Asked about the allegations.

notices on two of our officials.

About 1,200 passports are



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

BSMMUH stand-off AL slams govt

spoke at the press conference They alleged that the IPGMR, popularly known as PG Hospital, had been transformed into an expensive clinic in the name of medical university. Before 1997 when the then government changed the hospital's status to an autonomous body, hundreds of thousands of common and poor people earlier used to get treatment there at a

"Higher fees for treatment were introduced to increase income of a section of physicians," one SKSP Registration fees was increased

Shahriar Kabir

FROM PAGE 1 the Special Powers Act 1974. On Sunday, the CMM's court, Dhaka stayed for two weeks an order passed by it earlier in the day

for two day's remand of Shahriar Magistrate Kazi Meraj Hossain had passed the order following a petition by the defense lawyers who sought stay of the remand order. The prayed that they would file a criminal appeal with the High Court

against the impugned order The court also passed the order to send Shahriar to Dhaka Central Jail, rejecting his bail prayer submitted by the defense lawyers. The Zia International Airport (ZIA) police submitted the prayer on Friday for a three-day remand of Shahriar. The defense lawyers filed the bail peti-

tion on Saturday. Shahriar Kabir was detained by Special Branch (SB) police at ZIA on his return from Kolkata on Thursday night and was confined at the airport

police station without any specific

Police also seized his passport, five video cassettes, 13 audio cassettes, three CDs, a still film and his camera. He was later shown arrested Under Section 54 of CrPC, with

charges of involvement in anti-state

For those not in the know, Sheikh

Hasina Youth Training Centre is

located in Savar and the Sultana

Kamal Women Sports Complex is at

Dhanmondi while Patal resides at

Baily Road and his office is at

that he was all for changes in the

names of different institutions and

places given by the AL government

but noted that the new government

should make a political decision on

the issue. "My ministry will do the

needful within 24 hours of a cabinet

to give proxy for Talukdar taking him

on a note Shahjahan had sent to him

earlier seeking permission to raise

the starred question No. 326 on

behalf of Talukdar, who did not turn

up until then. But the Chair did not

take notice of Talukdar's delayed

arrival and gave the floor to

Shahjahan to raise the question. As

soon as Shahjahan stood up, MPs

In fact, the deputy speaker acted

for an absentee

decision for such changes,

The state minister told the House

activities abroad.

Motiiheel.

hospital introduced fixed the mini mum fee for operation at Tk 3,000 which was earlier free of cost, additional charge was introduced for anaesthesia and supply of medicine was totally stopped, the

eaders alleged.

The leaders said there was no subsidy for poor patients and cabin charge was increased to Tk 1,000 from Tk 500. They alleged that the quality of treatment decreased drastically ever since. Anarchy reigned in the university hospital and unskilled persons were appointed while meritorious teachers and doctors were dumped.

tors have been involved in a conspiracy to foil the move as they have to go out of the capital if the decision was implemented. They said doctors need to be transferred outside the city if one is posted in a medical university like

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib

They said that a section of doc-

Medical University (BSMMU). The new government last week announced that the hospital would retain its previous name, i.e. IPGMR, while the medical university would remain as a separate autono-

Gias Hazarika

FROM PAGE 12 Meanwhile, CMP yesterday arrested 59 persons including one listed terrorist and recovered some phensidyl from different parts of the city. Kotwali police arrested enlisted terrorist Ahsan Moniu, 27, from Joynagar of Chalkhbazar area Monday night, a CMP press release

said yesterday. Khulshi police arrested two persons with phensidyl while searching different vehicles setting

check post at Ambagan. Fifty-six other persons including three absconding accused were arrested on various charges from different parts of the city in 24 hours ending at 6pm yesterday.

sitting around Talukdar protested,

prompting the Chair to go for the

maker MM Shaheen moved a call

attention notice pointing out that per

head fare in an air-conditioned

compartment during the 295-km

journey by an express train from

Dhaka to Sylhet was Tk 400 while a

similar journey on the 321-km

Dhaka-Chittagong route costs only

Tk 330 per person. Justifying the

difference in fare, Communications

Minister Nazmul Huda said it was

the quality of service and not the

distance that determined the fare.

sations is triggering controversies.

*****Independent law-

Jatiya Sangsad tidbits

correction.

FROM PAGE 1 aligned with the group made several

attempts to kill the Awami League president

In the backdrop of continued threats on her life, the 7th Parliament passed the Security Act of the nation, he said.

But, the AL general secretary said, ignoring rules and regulations and the public opinion, the BNP-

Jamaat coalition government has

taken the "condemnable" decision

in the cabinet to repeal that law. This government has prolonged the parliament session deliberately to formally cancel the security law he said warning that it would be held responsible if any untoward incident happened or if any attempt is made on the lives of Sheikh Hasina and Sheikh Rehana.

League leader also called upon the people to build up united resistance against the "fascist and vengeful" decision of the government. "This is inhuman and ill-motivated," he said. **Emergency meet**

In the statement, the Awami

committee of Awami League holds an emergency meeting at 11 am today at its Dhanmondi office. The meeting has been convened in the wake of government move for repealing the act providing special security measures to Awami League president Sheikh Hasina

daughters of Bangabandhu Sheikh Muiibur Rahman. Dhaka City Awami League will hold a rally in front of the party office at Bangabandhu Avenue at 2 pm today and bring out a procession to

and her sister Sheikh Rehana, two

Nepal: Army

FROM PAGE 12 who was murdered by the Maoists in an attack Sunday, was given a state funeral in Kathmandu yesterday

Home minister Khum Bahadui Kadka and other high-ranking officials were present at the crema tion on the banks of Bagmati river.

fearful incident.

side ditch in a burnt condition. Several burnt logs still remind the

The clashes followed a dacoity at the house of one Shamsul Hug of

Talking to this correspondent frustrated elderly Shamsul Huq said. "There will be no use writing in newspapers. Police will save their colleagues. We have lost our three sons but they (high officials of police) said before investigation that the policemen are innocent."

He said. "At around 1 am a group. of armed miscreants entered my house by breaking the main gate. The inmates saw four policemen in uniform standing outside. The policemen threatened the inmates not to crv for help. But as the inmates cried out for help, neighbours came and the dacoit started fleeing. The policemen also threatened the villagers not to run after the dacoits" This correspondent talked to

Minat Ali of Narandi and Mokammel Hossain of the neighboring village. They were among the villagers who chased the dacoits. All of them asserted that policemen were involved in the dacoity. "We caught one of the dacoit policemen at the spot", one of them said.

Sarafat Ali, Mohammad Ali and

When contacted, Jamshed, SI of Araihazar thana, said a case of unnatural death has been lodged in connection with the incident.

A case of unnatural death is lodged only when the reason behind e death can not be ascertained.

HC showcause

FROM PAGE 12 August 23, 2001, BRTA was directed to submit a report by October 14,

2001, regarding the present position

of the five automatic computerised centres constructed for providing vehicle fitness certificates. An HC division bench comprising Justice MM Ruhul Amin and Justice Mohammad Mansurul Haque issued the notice following a writ

Environmental Lawyers Association Through the show cause notice the court also directed the BRTA to

petition filed by the Bangladesh

submit the said report within seven days. Secretaries of the Ministry of Home Affairs, the Ministry of Environment and Forest, and the commissioner of the Dhaka Metropolitan Police were also directed to strictly enforce and comply with the provisions of Rule

114(d) of the motor vehicles rule. The order also directed adequate measures for enforcement of restrictions on the use of electric and other loud, shrill and harsh horns by operators of vehicles.

The petition was moved by Iqbal

Kabir and Tanjib-ul Alam of the BELA

while Assistant Attorney General

Arun Kumar Chakma appeared on

behalf of the government.

Fakir said, a probe body has been formed to investigate the incident. Autopsy report of the victims is yet to be available. It can be determined whether it will be a murder case only after getting the two reports, he said. An unnatural death was lodged only to keep the legal process going, he Although a probe committee was formed immediately after the inci-

tion. It is scheduled to submit its report within seven days of its

dent, its members went to Narandi

yesterday, five days after its forma-

HC asks govt

FROM PAGE 12 Earlier on Saturday, the same Bench issued a rule nisi asking the government to reply within four weeks why it would not take steps to stop postelection terrorist attacks and harass-

ment of religious minorities. The AŠK petition stated that since announcement of election schedule for the eighth parliament, religious minorities in the country had come under various threats, attacks and persecution. Their properties were looted and women and children were raped.

The petition cited its own investigation and newspaper reports in this regard and sought the court's directive to the home ministry and police administration to perform their duties in view of their failure to discharge their constitutional obliga-

Excepting a disciplinary action against a police superintendent in Bhola, and few arrests of alleged attackers in some places, the government so far took no measures to

ensure safety of religious minorities. City corporation

FROM PAGE 1 He also assured the House that the legal complexities would go as the government has taken proper steps.

tatives in Dhaka, Khulna and Rajshahi city corporations expired in 1999. Election could not be held due to legal complexities ove delimitation of areas. The representatives have been occupying the chairs in the corporations although their tenures expired

long ago", the minister told the

The tenures of elected represen-

House and referred to government directives for holding the elections immediately. Responding to another question from Shahiahan Chowdhury of BNP. Bhuiyan said the government has also a plan to reintroduce Gram Sarker (village government) to reach the local administration to the grassroots level and to create

capable leadership at the lowest tire of the administration. To another question from Md Shahidul Islam, the minister said the government has taken steps to renovate old Union Parisad buildings across the country. "As the Union Parisad is an administrative unit, there would be provision for accommodating necessary government offices at that level

Dhanmondi Road 6, Plot 21 at a token price of Tk 1,001 for Rehana Hasina and Rehana were each entitled to state financed cars and drivers, telephones, medical treatment at home and abroad, gas, electricity and water supply, a personal assistant, two bearers, cook, a gaener and a sweeper. Under the law, the government provides education expenses for children of Rehana at home and abroad and Tk 1,500 as monthly allowanceo each child till he or she turns 25. Ththen opposition parities criticised the law and enforced a hartal saying that thlaw would affect

Ganobhaban at will on August 16 and moved to her husband's house Under this law, at present

Rehana's SSF security and Rehana's residential facilities. Earlier on October 29, the present cabinet cancelled allocation of the Ganobhaban as Hasina's resi-

dence and converted it into the prime minister's evening office.

Hasina would now receive state

sition in parliament.

former speaker and Deputy Leader of the AL Parliamentary Party Abdul Hamid told The Daily Star last night, "This is not only sad but also manifestation of the ruling party's vindictiveness and conspiracy. Withdrawal of state security of the two daughters of Bangabandhu when the trial of the killers of

Bangabandhu is still pending reveals an ill plot, he added. "We will have to rethink joining the parliament. It now seems that the ruling party do not want us to join the parliament," Abdul Hamid noted.

Awami League Presidium mem-

of the act would only expose the two sisters to a very insecure situation. It will also create obstruction to free political activities by Sheikh Hasina. After coming to power in July 15,

the caretaker government enacted a provision that provides state security to the immediate-past president and chief of the caretaker government under the SSF Ordinance.

Accordingly, ex-President Shahabuddin Ahmad and excaretaker chief Latifur Rahman are now getting SSF security. Besides, the immediate-past

prime minister and leader of the opposition in parliament will get SSF coverage for three months of the caretaker regime.

Cabinet okays bill

While giving his party's reaction,

the next elections. Their main ber Tofail Ahmed said, "Cancellation Hasina, however, left the

security and Rehana a residential facility in Dhanmondi Road 6 Rehana irregularly avails herself of the SSF security. With the repeal of this law, the state will withdraw Hasina and

security only as leader of the oppo-

Bangladesh' "You know Mr. Speaker, a 'threeannounced the ebullient minister. He says the government should hear Zia proclaiming independence ment in corrupt practices. In addipiece' barrister and a 'two-piece' resertion was Hasina's initial decitake a move for large scale convertion we have served show-cause from the Kalurghat Betar Kendra sion to stay at the Ganobhaban barrister are not of same quality, "I am a living member of parliasion of vehicles so that they use due to lack of radio frequency in Huda said. Both the minister and the ment and am very much present in He, however, declined to say Condensed or Compressed Natural Tangail where he had fought the speaker are barristers and each of the House. But it is unfortunate that Gas (CNG) because we have good who were served with show-cause war. But treasury benchers soon them is known as 'Mr. three-piece'. my presence is being ignored (by notices. quantity of natural gas. Despite a at Dhanmondi. cheered Siddiqui as he hastened to the Chair)," BNP lawmaker Nurul "To control ill practices here and government ban, use leaded petrol BNP-turned-Jatiya Party-turned-Amin Talukdar said as Deputy add that he later had listened to the stop harassment, I have written to Hasina is being provided SSF continuing unabated, he alleged. BNP-turned-Awami League-turned-Speaker Akhtar Hamid Siddiqui recorded proclamation by Zia. the ministry concerned and eventu-Emission of harmful particles can BNP politician SA Khaleque asked invited Gazi Mohammad Shahjahan The KSJL leader termed be prevented by using filters in

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Bangabandhu 'father of the state' Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan as to when Prime Minister Khaleda Zia's portrait would be hung at the government offices and when institutions and organisations renamed after late President Ziaur Rahman. Khaleque's question earned him applause from many in the treasury bench at a time when the politics of changing names of different organi-

better not entertain such questions. Krishak Sramik Janata League's lone MP Abdul Quader Siddiqui went on his own to evaluate Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and Ziaur Rahman, drawing mixed reaction from the BNP

Mannan Bhuiyan, however,

declined to reply to the question

calling it irrelevant. The minister

then suggested that the Chair had

The BNP MPs shouted at the valiant freedom fighter no sooner had he told the House that he did not

lawmakers.

and Zia 'a great freedom fighter while participating in the general discussion on the president's address to parliament. Siddiqui, who formed his own party after being expelled from the AL nearly two years ago, appealed to the ruling BNP not to remove Bangabandhu's portraits from government offices.

Araihazar: Probe team Assistant Superintendent of Police of Narayanganj Awlad Ali