The Baily Star

Conspiracy alleged

"The reports were tying to establish that we are involved in anti-state activities and in the Bangabhumi movement and that we are taking funds from the Indian High Commission as agents of RAW. The reports also said we are absconding," he said.

The daily is also running defamatory reports on Shahriar Kabir, but we are yet to know about any specific allegation against him," he continued.

Ramendu Majumdar, Abed Khan, Naila Hasan, Aly Zaker and Sara Zaker, among others, attended the press conference.

The circumstances have led them to take help of journalists through the press conference, as they feel "helpless", they reasoned. They publish reports violating all ethics and norms of journalism.

SSA urges govt Arrest those responsible for attacks on minorities

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Sammilito Samaiik Andolon (SSA). a platform of intellectuals, politicians and members of civil society yesterday urged the government to take effective measures to arrest the terrorists responsible for attacks on religious and ethnic minorities.

The SSA leaders made the demand at a press conference organised at the conference room of Monisingh-Farhad Trust inthe city. It was attended, among others, by Prof Ajoy Roy, Dr. Hayet Mahmood. Pankaj Bhattachariya, Chowdhury Khorshed Alam, Advocate Abu Taher and Noorul Islam.

The leaders termed the attack on the members of ethnic and religious minorities an assault on the country's democracy and constitution.

The leaders presented a 11-page report prepared after an extensive visit to Bhola, Rawjan, Bagerhat, Bamna, Paghata, Ramghar, Kaliakoir, Agoilihara, Gouranadi Ramsheel, Tangail, Gopalpur, Monirumpur, Naogaon-Natore, Feni and Luxmipur

The leaders said the government should take steps to repatriate members of the minority communities, who were forced to leave the country following repression.

The SSA leaders alleged that local goons backed by BNP attacked the minorities at different places in the country.

They criticised the government for its failure to provide security to the members of the religious minori-

They neither verify the information. nor do they publish any rejoinder sent by us. How can we fight against this?" said Abed Khan.

Asked why they were not going for legal steps against the daily, Muntasir Mamun said it takes a long time for a case to be settled and the daily would continue publishing

such reports.

War of Liberation, they alleged. different times.

Naila Hasan said none, as the she said

Suhrawardy FROM PAGE 1 sages paying glowing tributes to his

said the lifelong struggle of Shaheed Suhrawardi was to ensure welfare of the common people and establish democratic system.

resident said

democratic values in the country.

BTTB's extra phone FROM PAGE 1

Bangladesh

installing 50,000 telephones and Nortel Networks stood out to be the lowest bidder. The caretaker government approved the BTTB decision. Accordingly, the BTTB initiated negotiations and bargained with

the time. reason behind the attack could not be known immediatelv The BTTB would earn Tk, 121.44

crore from demand notes for the connections of the additional 66,000 telephones. Meantime, in the wake of such

extra lines.

Hasina urges **Muslim leaders** to stand by Palestinians

Hasina has strongly condemned the

Arafat. She urged the Muslim lead-

ers across the world to stand by the

steps in line with the resolution of

Hasina also called for urgent

distressed people of Palestine.

Businessman

aunned down

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Deen Mohammad Biswas. 38. a

businessman of Narail was gunned

down by unidentified assailants at

midnight on Sunday at Tapanbhag

identified as Kamrul Ghazi, 28, and

Jamil. 30. of the same village for

their alleged involvement in the

Purbo Banglar Communist Party (PBCP) has already claimed

responsibility for the murder terming

According to witnesses, the

assailants shot Biswas point blank.

His younger brother Noor Mohammad Biswas lodged an FIR

with Narail Sadar thana naming

Deen Mohammad was an armed

PBCP's fax message stated that

Rehman was inside the house at

Deen Mohammad 'class enemy.'

He died on the spot.

none as accused.

over telephone

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the Nepalese capital.

Ìleaaĺ

Police arrested two youngmen

village under Narail Sadar thana.

the United Nations.

in Narail

murdei

UNB, Dhaka Awami League president and Leader of the Opposition Sheikh

The daily seems set to defame anyone who had contribution in the

They also mentioned the names of a number of BNP leaders, who were freedom fighters and became victims of wrath of the newspaper at

daily tries to establish, was absconding. Hasan Imam went to India for treatment and is still there,

memory The President in his message

"We'll have to make the democratic system more effective and meaningful through mutual respect and tolerance with the inspiration of Shaheed Suhrawardi," the

The prime minister in her message said Suhrawardy had made very significant and far-reaching contributions to the advancement of

"His ideal will undoubtedly inspire us," she said terming Shaheed Suhrawardi as a real patriotic and pro-people politician who had strong belief in democracy.

request as the Canadian vendor wanted to make a good debut in the exchange equipment market of

Shafiq Rehman FROM PAGE 12 The BTTB had invited bids for microbus reached in front of the 15 Eskaton Garden residence of Shafiq Rehman at around 7 pm and hurled three bombs. One bomb hit a wall and two others hit the roof of the

Nortel. The BTTB exercised its right to modify the final quantity of telephones without changing the project cost

complexities Nortel is contemplating revert to its basic contractual obligation of installing 50,000 telephones as the company gets fully paid even if it does not install the

Bonn talks FROM PAGE 12 south of Jalalabad hiding in vast fortified should be seized to reach an agreement so

NEWS

Afghanistan can move forward." Senior Western politicians including

German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer and a US National Security Council official kept up the pressure on Rabbani by telephone late on Monday to allow the talks to clear the final barrier

There was some pressure left and right and different ways to make those names go on the table," one diplomat said. AP from Kabul adds: Taliban fighters and

Israeli missile attacks and bombardmbers of Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida ment targeting the headquarters of militia were resisting opposition Afghan forces outside Kandahar and have fired Palestinian President Yasser Arafat In a statement vesterday she missiles at U.S. warplanes bombing the expressed solidarity with the just southern city but made no hits. U.S. and movement for full independence of the Palestinian people led by Yasser

Afghan officials say. The city, the last bastion of the Taliban, remained in the hands of the Islamic group yesterday. After davs of clashes, fighters loyal to

former Kandahar governor Gul Agha battled their way into Kandahar airport from the south on Tuesday, but were later repelled by Taliban defenders, according to Agha's brother, Bismillah. Details of casualties were not available.

Other troops loyal to former deputy foreign minister Hamid Karzai were advancing on Kandahar from the north, but said they had met no Taliban resistance.

Refugees who have made it east to the safety of neighbouring Pakistan or north to the Afghan capital, Kabul, reported fighting in several areas near Kandahar. Their claims could not be verified as the Taliban have barred western journalists from the region. Elsewhere, U.S. special forces are in

Afghanistan's mountainous east working with local people in the hunt for hin Lader and his top lieutenants.

The Pentagon believes they might be in the Tora Bora area in the White Mountains

Arafat: Missile attack

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the Gaza Strip. Early Tuesday, Israeli troops tore up the landing strip at Gaza International Airport. An adviser to Sharon, speaking just before Tuesday's attack on the

Arafat headquarters in Ramallah said the Palestinian leader himself was not the target.

cadre of Biplobi Communist Party "We have stated publicly that we (BCP) who amassed wealth by do not intend to harm him personmeans. He was a rapisť, extortionist and an oppressor of the proletariat, the PBCP stated in the ally," said the adviser, Danny Ayalon. "But since he is responsible for the wave of terrorism which has been going on, we had to hit something close to him personally.

Three Israeli missiles hit a security station within Arafat's walled government compound in Ramallah, about 50 metres from Arafat's office. The shells knocked down a wall and damaged the roof.

"Arafat was in his office working The identity of the attackers and when the Israeli helicopters fired missiles on the places around his office," said Ahmed Abdel Rahman, When contacted, the duty officer of Ramna police said that their officer-in-charge went to the spot secretary general of the Palestinian Cabinet. "It's clear now that Sharon after being informed of the incident has decided to topple the Palestinian Authority and destroy

Stop migration of Hindus

reported that after the installation of month. Vaipavee, the source said. BNPled government, about 1000 reciprocated by saving he was looking forward to meet Khaleda in crossed over to India because of persecution.

Advani said the issue should not be looked at from communal viewpoint. people of minority community have He said the Indian government would like Bangladesh to stop atrocities on Hindus in that cou

to death

guerillas in the war against Soviet occupation tion in the 1980s.

In Washington, Rear Adm. John Stufflebeem. the deputy director of operations for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said U.S. personnel were identifying targets for bombing rather than conducting cave-to-

cave searches for bin Laden. Airstrikes have been heavy in the remote and rugged region. However, Stufflebeem denied reports that U.S. bombs had mistakenly pummeled villages and wrongly killed civilians and anti-Taliban fighters near Tora Bora. "I don't have any reports of any villages

being struck," Stufflebeem said. "The only reports I have are that all our weapons have been on target. I find that a little bit suspect, that villages are being flattened." Journalists who visited destroyed Kama

o villages saw nine bomb craters. The debris of thatch houses were spread over two hillsides along with children's shoes, dead cows and sheep and the tail fin of a U.S. Mk83 bomb. Local officials said scores were killed in three bombed villages Anti-Taliban officials in the area appealed to Americans to improve their intelligence. The other main focus of U.S. bombing in

Afghanistan is Kandahar and surrounding countryside, where bin Laden might also be sheltering. Taliban leader Mullah Mohammed Omar

and other senior Taliban leaders, who are believed to be holding out in Kandahar itself have ordered their troops to defend it to the death and not retreat as they did when other cities were besieged by anti-Taliban forces. Refugees who have left the city say that Arab members of al-Qaida are leading

Kandahar's defence.

The army spokesman, Brig. Gen. Ron Kitrey, said Israel had taken careful aim. "If Arafat was the target. then I quess the missile would not have hit the police station," he said. In Gaza city, F-16s fired missiles

at the office of the Palestinian Preventive Security Service in a residential neighbourhood. Hundreds of children fled a nearby school about 200 yards (metres) from the station after the first missile hit. They dropped to the ground, screaming, when warplanes swooped down and fired a second missile. People evacuated buildings in the neighbourhood and rescue teams rushed to the area. "Sharon has declared war on us. God help us," said one of the children, Ayman

Abdul Jawad, 13, running in the street with friends, blood on his head Israel also attacked Palestinian

security targets in the Khan Younis refugee camp in Gaza and in the West Bank towns of Salfit and Tulkarem.

Mugger beaten

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Police atrocities marked the hartal.

leaving many AL men including

ing a protest rally the day after the

hartal. Police also arrested several

AL activists and raided houses of

Angered by the police action, AL

"Now we are on the streets to

announced a country-wide agitation

protest the government's autocratic

behaviour," said another AL leader

who asked not be named. "Now we

have to think afresh whether to join

About the planned government-

opposition negotiation, the Speaker

said talks have already been started

Two young motorcyclists were

crushed under the wheels of a truck

yesterday at Joarshahara in front of

Khilkhet police box on airport road in

Hossain, 25, and Wahidur Rahman

the two bikers were returning home

at Narayanganj from Zia

International Airport at 10:30 p.m.

When they arrived at Khilgaon, a

speeding truck hit them from

The critically injured persons

The driver of the truck fled after

The bodies of the victims were

A case was filed with Badda

sent to the DMCH morgue for

autopsy. Later, the bodies were

handed over to their relatives.

Mockbul's bail

Sunday's hartal in the city. It said the

accused and his accomplices had

long been involved in land grabbing

n criminal activities and had a plan

to make attacks on government,

semi-government and non-government organisations during

the hartal which could create a law

1000, Kuwait Diner 660, US Dollars

11 000 and British Pound 15,400.

the total value of which stands at Tk

passport, ticket and a handbag

before handing him over to the

Custom officials also seized his

and order situation in the country.

Currencies

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1.27.12.525

It also said Mockbul was involved

were sent to the Dhaka Medical

College Hospital where the attend-

the accident, leaving the vehicle

behind. Badda police seized the

ing doctors declared them dead.

vehicle from the spot.

police station.

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in his area

The deceased are Tanveer

The accident took place when

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

the city's Badda area.

Makhan, 26.

behind

some former AL MPs in the city.

programme on December 7.

parliament sitting.

Police also barred AL from hold-

some former ministers injured.

cave and tunnel networks used by Afghan STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An unidentified mugger succumbed to his injuries at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) in the early hours of yesterday. At about 2.00pm Saturday, the

mugger, aged about 35, was caught and beaten by a mob near the Kazla filling station on the Dhaka-Chittagong Highway at Demra while he along with another mugger was making a bid to mug an auto-

rickshaw passenger, police said. The mob beat the other mugger dead on the spot. His identity could not also be known, sources said.

Demra police recovered the injured mugger from the grip of the mob and sent him to the DMCH, where he died at about 12.30am vesterdav

Road accident The body was kept at the hospital morgue for autopsy. A case was filed kills 2 on with Demra Police Station in this regard. airport road

Acting president of Barguna dist JCD arrested

UNB. Dhaka

Acting president of Barguna district Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) Rejbul Kabir was arrested yesterday (Tuesday) following a clash over internal feud.

Rejbul was picked up and sent to jail after Ripon Sikdar, organising secretary of the district committee, was injured in the clash over dropping of tender schedule here on Monday.

Gram Sarker FROM PAGE 12

Khaleda referred to the privatisation and decentralisation programme initiated by Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman which she said have also been prioritised by her government

Focussing on the existing friendly relationship between Bangladesh and Switzerland, the prime minister said there was scope for increasing Swiss investment in Bangladesh.

Referring to the possibility of increasing import from Bangladesh. Khaleda said environment-friendly jute can be popularised in Switzerland and import of jute goods increased.

The Delhi-based Swiss ambassador, who was accompanied by Swiss Charge d'Affaires Gianbettista Mondada at the meeting, said Swiss investors have already invested in pharmaceutical sector in Bangladesh. Walter G Gyger also said that his government will be happy to assist

Bangladesh in the field of education,

various programmes especially on

women empowerment and free

education for girls up to class XII

Principal Secreta

The prime minister mentioned

specially for women.

PM's

PM urges judges

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Judicial Administration Training Institute, and the project for judicial capacity building.

The prime minister said all the post-independence governments, except the BNP government, tried in different ways to undermine the independence of judiciary.

In this context, she pointed out the unexpected interference into the judicial functions during the oneparty rule and the nine-year autocratic regime

A few days ago, she said, judges faced threats and intimidation and even a stick procession was brought out against them.

"During those bad times, we were with you in the struggle for protecting freedom and dignity of judiciary," the PM told the judges.

About undue delay of disposal of cases the prime minister said people would lose confidence in and respect for judiciary if they have to wait for years the judgement of a case.

The image and dignity of the judicial department will be undermined if court premises are turned into roaming places of antisocial elements and cheats.

"Sagacious judges should remain alert about this matter. They will have to take the initiative against such scenario." said the PM.

She said friendly relations and mutual respect between bench and bar is related to maintaining fair atmosphere for trial. She hoped that both sides will be active in developing cordial relations

Khaleda said one of the main pledges of her government is to build an independent and neutral judicial system.

Nurul Islam Manzoor gets interim bail

UNB, Dhaka

BNP central leader Nurul Islam Manzoor, an accused in the jail killing case, was granted ad interim bail by the High Court vesterday.

A former state minister Manzoor was arrested on September 29, 1988 in connection with the killing of four national leaders -- Syed Nazrul Islam. Taiuddin Ahmed. Quamruzzaman and Captain Mansoor Ali -- in Dhaka Central Jail on November 3, 1975.

"We believe in transparency and accountability. For this, there is a provision in the Constitution to appoint an Ombudsman, Inshallah. we will fulfil our election commitment by appointing the Ombudsman," she said. She recalled that Shaheed

enacted the Ombudsman Act in 1980 The PM said the constitutional responsibility to protect the funda-

mental rights of the people is largely bestowed on the judges.

struggle to protect those rights and we won the fight with cooperation from all and blessing of Allah," she said adding that this time they will take all types of initiatives to put democracy on a strong base.

fundamental rights.

The prime minister said her government is determined to take all possible steps so common people can get speedy judgement with less cost.

Hasina urges lawyers FROM PAGE 12

terrorist acts in their region. They

The Awami League panel won 12 Noakhali Bar Council election.

tary said, "The prime minister has received several other invitations. No decision has vet been taken about any bilateral visit." Meantime, an envoy of the Nepalese King was expected to arrive here last night to deliver a letter of invitation to Prime Minister

summit in Kathmandu. Minister for Agriculture of Nepal, will meet the prime minister today to hand over the letter from the Nepalese King.

was taken up by the Indian Prime Minister with a senior cabinet colleague of Khaleda Zia, reflecting New Delhi's serious concern over the issue. The attacks on Hindus in Bangladesh figured prominently yesterday in Lok Sabha, lower house of Parliament, where president Ziaur Rahman had Vaipavee's cabinet colleagues and Indian Home Minister L K Advani accused the cadres of BNP and its

ally Jamaat-e-Islami of "harassing" the members of the minority community Replying to a call attention

country."

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it on the campus.

ing laws in this regard.

their speeches in the Jatiya

Sangsad on December 2 hinted at

Khaleda said that if need be, her

government would ban student

politics in consultation with the

lawmakers and people. She has

already suspended activities of the

Jativatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD),

student wing of the BNP, following

allegation of terrorism resorted to by

the parliament on December 2

categorically said that the govern-

ment would bring an end to the

hartal culture, if necessary by enact-

the government is also actively

considering how to control activities

of trade unions. They said although

the government would not be able to

ban trade unions because of inter-

national rules, it would take legal

the government will not allow any-

one to break the law in the name of

leader

unionism," said a senior BNP

"The trade unions will be allowed

According to top BNP leaders,

Mannan Bhuiyan in his speech in

banning hartal and student politics.

"For the last few years, we had to motion tabled by main opposition Congress Chief Whip and senior Congress leader Priyaranjan Dasmunshi from West Bengal, Advani said the attacks on minority community members "bred a sense of insecurity among them in that

She sought all out cooperation from judiciary to institutionalise democracy and protect people's

denounced withdrawal of SSF security for Sheikh Hasina terming the action an act of "vengeance."

posts, out of 15, including president and general secretary in the

Awami League leaders Advocate Rahmat Ali, Advocate Shahara Khatun, Prof Mohammad Hanif, Advocate Mohammad Mominullah, Mahmudur Rahman Belayet and S

M Kalam Hossain were present at the meeting.

Foreign visits FROM PAGE 12

steps to stop militant trade union movement. Khaleda Zia to attend the next to perform within the framework of The envoy. Mahesh Acharava. national and international laws and

This was the first time that During the discussion on the call attacks on minorities in Bangladesh attention motion tabled by Dasmunshi on the situation arising out of influx of reliaious minorities members from different parties expressed serious concern over alleged atrocities on Hindus in Bangladesh.

Adhir Choudhury of Congress and V. K. Malhotra of BJP did not agree with Advani that only 1000 Hindus migrated to India following the atrocities on them since the BNPled government came to power and said the figure was much higher.

Malhotra said he has reports that about one lakh Hindus have crossed over to India.

Moving the motion, Dasmunshi said everytime BNP came to power atrocities on minority members took place. This had happened in 1992 and it was happening again.

Dasmunshi suggested sending a Advani said while so far no large goodwill delegation to take up the issue with Dhaka and Vajpayee scale migration of Hindus from Bangladesh following atrocities has speaking to Khaleda Zia on the been noticed, governments of West subject. Bengal, Assam and Tripura have

sources said.

policymaker.

student politics

said

Sharing the members' concern,

with the legal experts to give a legal

coverage to banning of hartal and

Both the BNP and the Awami

League had opposed hartal when in

and other parties on the issues." he

is no alternative to banning student

politics to eliminate campus vio-

lence as well as to restore normal

academic atmosphere.

them in any forum." he said

The BNP policymaker said there

but at the same time cordial ties between the two countries should be maintained.

Advani said Indian government would consider the demand for sending a goodwill delegation to Bangladesh and Vajpayee talking to Khaleda Zia on the issue

The members of Lok Sabha also wanted to know from Advani if the government was considering refudee status to Hindus entering India from Bangladesh. One member drew the Home

Minister's attention to "highhanded" behaviour of Border Security Force personnel of India towards the Hindus crossing over to India. The Home Minister should ask BSF to exercise restraint, he

CPI (M) member Basudeb Acharva said while India should take up the issue of migration of Hindus from Bangladesh at the highest level in Dhaka, care should be taken to uphold the existing

friendly relations with that country.

Kamal Uddin Siddiqui and Director General of the Foreign Office Shahed Akhter were present during the meeting

initiated by her government.

Fatikchhari FROM PAGE 12

from the area on charge of giving shelter to the terrorists. The arrested miscreants were

taken to Chittagong and are being interrogated by district police. Injured police and BDR men

were admitted to Fatikchhari Health Complex, police said.

BNP's image FROM PAGE 12

such new BNP elements who have emerged after the elections. The thana unit leaders said the situation is now beyond party's control and apprehended that the relationship between the party and the government would deteriorate if actions were not taken against these opportunists.

Party insiders said none of the top BNP leaders excepting Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan and Dhaka City Unit President Sadeque Hossain Khoka visited any of the party offices after the elections. As a result, the offices of different front organisations situated at the BNP central office lack any activities.

They said BNP policymakers now feel that the party should be revamped by recasting the committees at central, district and thana levels. The party has also taken a decision to send the ministers and central leaders to grassroots level ahead of the Upazila and mavoral polls

Unidentified miscreants shot dead a young man near his residence at Block C, Section 10 in the city's

power while people in general are The deceased was identified as Mohammad Selim, 30, a resident of dead against such shutdown, he 10/C of Lane 20, Section 10 of "Despite this, we will soon initiate

left the scene leaving Selim in a pool

Selim was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where he died at about 6:25 pm.

"If the Awami League refuses to The reason behind the killing discuss the issues in the parliament, could not be known immediately. we will try to sit with them outside the

The duty officer at Mirpur police station told The Daily Star that they Sangsad. We are ready to sit with were not aware of the incident.

Airport police A case was filed with the thana in this connection.

Airport police produced Chowdhury before the CMM's court Dhaka with a praver for two-day remand. The court rejected the remand praver and kept the arrested man in court custody for interrogation.

Customs officials seized foreign currencies amounting to Tk 10,42,66,981 from an aircraft of Emirate Airlines on November 2. On the same day, the custom officials seized 27 different foreign currencies from a Pakistani national at the aiport, the total value of which in local currency was about Tk four crore.

and water development boards are the other advernment bodies with large pension schemes in the civil service

In its paper on technical assis-

tance to the government for prepa-

ration of the pension and insurance

sector project, the ADB said the

Bangladesh Railway, and power

"The pension system mostly consists of a 'one-pillar system' for government employees. The system operates on an unfunded 'pavas-you-go' basis and it imposes an increasing burden on the government's budget.'

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BNP may invite AL

elaborating.

available.

session

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Islam said.

hearing

home

attend the JS session.

at Chief Whips' level and it will con-

tinue. "Both the Chief Whips had

telephonic talks," he said without

sent to the AL, the Speaker said Chief

Whip Khandaker Delwar Hossain

has been assigned for the job and he

will immediately invite AL formally to

the Opposition denied that there had

been talks at any level between the

Badrudozza Chowdhury told news-

men recently that he would initiate a

move to bring the Opposition to

parliament. He had said that he

telephoned Advocate Abdul Hamid at

Sources said, the President is

likely to invite opposition lawmakers

at an Iftar party soon where he will

request them to join parliament

HC showcause

under the Special Powers Act (SPA)

on behalf of Shahriar Kabir vester-

day. He argued that Shahriar was

arrested under Section 54 of the

CrPC and then the Magistrate Court

ordered his two-day remand. This

move is unprecedented and illegal

Attorney General Hasan Arif who

The court then wanted to know if

such remand of a person arrested

under Section 54 is legally valid. The

court then fixed December 9 for the

Special Branch police on November

22 at Zia International Airport upon

his return from Kolkata. Later he

was charged with treason and sent

However, till date, the govern-

Different human rights organisa-

Since October, Shahriar Kabir

ment could not bring any specific

tions from home and abroad pro-

tested the government action and

had been protesting attacks on

members of the minority community.

He went to Kolkata to interview

Bangladeshi Hindus who went there

recently following attacks on them at

are demanding his release.

ADB loans

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the civil servants.

to jail with one month's detention.

charge against him.

Shahriar Kabir was arrested by

appeared for the state argued that

there are instances of remand of

persons arrested under Section 54.

Barrister Amir-ul-Islam pleaded

would not be declared illegal.

his office, but the latter was not

government and the opposition.

Meanwhile, the Deputy Leader of

Mentionably, President AQM

Asked when the letter would be

The paper said in 1998, actual pension payments stood at Tk 7.14 billion against the budgeted figure of Tk 6 billion. Cash flow projections in "insurance industry and pension and provident fund reforms' in February 2000 indicate that the budget outlay for pensions and commutations of pensions will increase to about Tk 22 billion in

Bill to ban student politics

The Ministry of Labour and Manpower has already been instructed to examine the legal aspects and gather trade union policies in different countries.

stability and normal academic "We have almost finalised our atmosphere on the campus.

decision on the two burning and controversial issues for the greater interest of the country," said a BNP Young man shot He said the government has

already instructed ministries and departments concerned to consult

The BNP is also planning to hold seminars and discussion meetings at different levels on terrorism.

Mirpur area last night.

Mirpur. dialogue with the Awami League

The miscreants fired on Selim while he was passing a lane near his residence at about 5.30pm. They of blood.

dead in Mirpur STAFF CORRESPONDENT

corruption and other social problems to mobilise people's support.

Meantime, Prime Minister Khaleda Zia has instructed the party secretary-general to organise various organisational programmes. Instruction has also

been given to the BNP's 78 organisational districts and MPs to take care of party activities. The district and thana commit-

tees have also been instructed to immediately send lists of local problems, area-specific election pledges made by the party chief during the election campaign and development scopes to the central office

BNP sources said the main purpose of banning hartal and student politics is to eliminate terrorism, campus violence, destruction, anarchy as well as to restore peace.

added