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Country should adopt pragmatic defence policy BIISS seminar told in city

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Speakers at a seminar vesterday said Bangladesh should adopt a pragmatic defence policy for meeting its national security needs and handling crisis management.

They also observed that the country remained divided over various vital defence issues even after 30 years of its independence.

The seminar called for an approach based on consensus on vital policy issues by the politicians, the government, the opposition and academics for forging national unity.

These views were offered on defence, foreign policy, role of women and other national aspects at a seminar centering the country's Victory Day, which was organised by the Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BIISS) at its auditorium. Coordinated by Prof

Anisuzzaman of the Dhaka University, it was participated by former advisor Major General (rtd) Moinul Hossain Chowdhury, former chief of army staff Major General (retd) Muhammad Mustafizur Rahman, Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister Dr Kamal Siddigui, Foreign Secretary Shamsher Mobin

The sources said forced retire-

ment is being given to officials who

allegedly participated in the Awami

League sponsored "Janatar

Mancha" in 1996 and "behaved like

AL men" during the tenure of the

immediate past Awami League

November 29 have filed writ peti-

tions with the High Court challeng-

ing the action, alleging that it is

Minister Khaleda Zia signed the file

on retirement of the 20 officials.

send by the establishment ministry

on Saturday. The file was then send

The approved file was returned to

the establishment ministry on

circular regarding their retirement

were handed over to the 20 officials

include additional secretary of

information Ministry Sarwar

Hossain and four deputy secretar-

ies. All of them joined the cadre

yesterday, the sources said.

A notification was issued and the

The 20 officials retired yesterday

to the President for final approval

Official sources said Prime

Three of the 12 officials retired on

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government.

Saturday.

service in 1973

politically motivated.

service.

Forced retirement

Chowdhury, journalist Shah Hussain Imam. Prof Sved Anwar Hossain, Ambassador QAMA Rahim, women activist Maleka Begum, Brigadier Shafeyet and freedom fighters Col (retd) Shafigullah and Maior (retd) Kamrul Hasan Bhuyian

The newly appointed Chairman of BIISS Board of Governors MR Osmani chaired the seminar while newly appointed Director General Major General Sikdar Muhammad Shahabuddin welcomed the quests. Major General Chowdhury observed that there is no defence and national security policy of

Bangladesh like that of China and India. He said the country should shun ad hoc policies and work for long term plans and programmes. He said for crisis management, the

country should have an intelligence committee In India, he said, there is a coordination body among intelligence agencies headed by a bureaucrat to

this end. The foreign secretary said efforts are being made to boost the image of the country.

He recalled the role of Bangladesh in the formation of

SAARC, which he said is poised to play a vital role once again in regional cooperation. Dr Kamal Siddiqui, speaking

about the local governments, said multiple-tiers in administration should be reduced for effective governance

Citing an example, he said there were duality and anomaly in governance. Some tiers of administration are run through the legislative system while others are through the presidential form. He said while the prime minister was elected by a constituency of four to five lakh voters, the mayor of Dhaka was elected by 70 lakh citizens

Maleka Begum regretted that were dirty, benches there desperparticipation of women in national ately needed repair and the activities has so far been far from entrance gates other than the main satisfactory despite the lofty one were still under lock and key. pledges made by the prime minister and the leader of the opposition. almost all the passenger launches

She said women were not taken into policy level meetings even

during the War of Independence. Women, who got raped during the war, were allowed to have abortion,

but they are still not being given abortion rights

denied allegations of blackmarketing saying that most tickets were sold to passengers. Bangladesh Inland Water

Transport Authority (BIWTA) called an emergency meeting yesterday to

started to fight over my bedding and the Sadar Ghat prior to Eid, and mattress, finally agreeing to split the announced stern punishment for money. I refused to pay what they overloading demanded and paid them Tk 150 to Leaders of Sadarghat Launch leave me alone and let me carry my Malik Samity (private launch owners association), police officials and "Thousands of passengers at the

Pre-Eid ordeal at Sadarghat terminal

check overloading of launch decks

and harassment of passengers at

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union leaders attended the meeting held at the Sadar Ghat terminal BIWTA Director, Port and Traffic presided A three-member committee, headed by Md Sharif Afzal Hossain, Senior Deputy Director of BIWTA

stationed at Sadarghat, has been formed to monitor the situation. "A special drive will be launched from today (Monday) until Eid day to maintain law and order at the Sadarghat. We have sent official letters to all concerned including police administration for coordinating the efforts," said Hossain while

talking to The Daily Star yesterday. The meeting also decided to move all vendors out from the 1000feet-long pontoon area. Special force will be on duty to check this. In addition, the approach road to Sadarghat launch terminal will be made one way to facilitate smooth flow of traffic, sources said.

port safety headed by AKM Fakhrul Islam, Ship Surveyor, was held at Sadarghat yesterday.

among passengers and ensure safety of all passenger vessels leaving the terminal. We have formed a three-member committee to check overloading. Anvone violating will be punished right away," said Islam.

Convention on 'HR violation

in the last two months embarrassed the government. Cooperatives Minister Abdul The campaigns tarnished the Mannan Bhuiyan for the convention.

image of the country and the government, the sources said. The government is facing questions abroad and the international

community is inquiring into the alleged incidents, they said. The convention has been planned to inform the countrymen and the international community that the AL propaganda is only to discredit the government, the

sources said. The Cabinet also approved a proposal for reorganising the Cabinet committee for formulation of a law for setting up a National Human Rights Commission (NHRC). The committee is headed by Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Barrister Moudud Ahmed.

Other members of the committee are Communications Minister Barrister Nazmul Huda, Post and Telecommunications Minister Barrister Aminul Hag, Education Minister Dr Osman Faruque and Information Minister Dr Abdul Moyeen Khan

headed by a retired or sitting judge

of the Higher Court. The President

taken out against the persons The committee has been asked concerned if such an incident had to submit its report within a month or indeed occurred. at its convenient time. The proposed NHRC will be

mous source

owner.

the gulf state

Contractor

Human Rights Day observed **Ratify UN convention** on migrants' rights

He suspected that various inter-

est groups in the country as well as

international rackets working

against migrants' interests were

Associate of Refugee and Migratory

Movements Research Unit

(RMMRU), an organisation affiliated

with Dhaka University, presented

the keynote paper at the discussion

meeting. It was addressed by,

among others, Dr CR Abrar, a

specialist on migration issues, Dr

Tasneem Siddiqui and Dr Syed

A message from Shengjie Li, ILO

Dr CR Abrar deplored govern-

"When Bangladesh jumped into

signing the Comprehensive Test

Ban Treaty (CTBT) it did not wait for

its neighbours to do it first. But on

the question of ratifying the conven-

tion for migrants, it shows examples

of India and Pakistan, who have not

ratified it".

Shahiada Md Akram, Research

blocking its ratification.

DHAKA TUESDAY DECEMBER 11, 2001

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government remained indifferent to ratification of a UN convention on migrants' rights while a growing number of Bangladeshis working abroad are facing hardships in

foreign lands Panelists at a discussion in the city yesterday noted this while appealing to the government to immediately ratify the 'International Convention on Protection of Rights of All Migrant Workers and their Families,' adopted by the UN in 1990.

Refaat Ahmed Bangladesh became a signatory "We will take legal action against to the convention in 1998 but has operators of passenger vessels not yet ratified it. Seventeen coun-Representative in Bangladesh, was carrying passengers beyond their tries have so far ratified the convenread out at the discussion, chaired tion, just three short of the required by WARBE Vice Chairman Syed number which would put the con-Saful Haque Asif. Representatives vention in force. from trade union bodies and the

In observance of the World media also took part. Human Rights Day yesterday, the Welfare Association of Repatriated ment's indifference to ratification of Bangladeshi Employees (WARBE) the convention, saying its enforceorganised the discussion on 'Importance of Ratification of ILO and UN ment would ensure protection of Conventions for Migrants rights of Bangladeshis working Human Rights,' held at the BCTUabroad.

Labour Hall in the city. Speaking as chief guest, Law Commission Member Justice Naimuddin Ahmed said that, requested by the immediate past government, he reviewed the convention in 1997 and found it perfectly in conformity with the relevant laws of the land.

Terrorists

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Urging for immediate ratification "I gave specific opinion in favour of ratification. The ministry conof the convention, Dr Tasneem Siddigui said Bangladesh requires cerned also did not point out any difficulties. But it has not yet been reforming its policy on women's ratified," he said. migration.

Dr Syed Refaat Ahmed went one step ahead and said only ratification of the convention would not do. Bangladesh has to bring its manpower export sector in order, he added.

and incumbent general secretary

Other nominees of the White

DUTA polls turn up, his cadres kidnapped FROM PAGE 12

Sharif Ullah Bhuiyan.

- Tahmina Akhter Tofy.

Gomez from his house at Haroa Sunday morning and took him to the aforesaid office at Bonpara bazar. contesting for the posts of DUTA There he was beaten up following president and general secretary his refusal to pay toll, before being respectively from the White Panel released at around noon. while Blue Panel's candidates for Bonpara police told The Daily the posts are Prof AZM Nowsher Ali

Star that they didn't receive any complaint in this regard. Meanwhile, President of the

Joseph Gomez of Haroa received

one such notice signed by one

Sanaullah Nur Babu instructing

Gomez to meet Babu at the offic

within December 8. As Joseph didn't

Bangladesh Christian Association Daniel Koraia and its Secretary Panel are Vice President -- Prof General Dr. Nevell D Rozario in a Abul Khayer, Treasurer -- Prof joint statement in Dhaka yesterday Anwar Hossain and Joint Secretary condemned the repression, threat and abduction allegedly by the socalled armed cadres in Natore.

Prof Hossain Monsur, Dr SM Mahfuzur Rahman and Dr Mujib They demanded immediate Uddin Ahmed are contesting for the steps against such incidents and posts of Vice President, Treasurer urged the home minister for exemand Joint Secretary respectively plary punishment to the culprits after proper investigation. The commufrom the Blue Panel. nity leaders also urged the authori-

Both the panels have also fielded ties to ensure security of the minorcandidates for 10 posts of executive members.

Al-Qaida forces

December 12, sources said. About 80 people are working to complete the job in time. The DCC looks after the

are on duty there. A large number of people visit the Mausoleum every day, which remains open for the public from 6 am to 9 pm. Residents of the area alleged

that the Memorial is not maintained properly except in this month. As the Martyred Intellectuals Day and the Victory Day approach, DCC officials start visiting the spot regularly, they mentioned.

on December 22, 1972 by Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in remembrance of the supreme sacrifice of a large number of top intellectuals of the country to free the motherland. These worthy sons of the soil were brutally massacred by the occupation forces and

end of the nine-month war of independence.

FROM PAGE 12 three services, and other high civil and military officials saw her off at the ZIA tarmac

The Prime Minister is scheduled to return home at midnight on Friday.

Robbers loot

FROM PAGE 1 Secretary General and LGRD and

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police constable.

huge rush.

already sold out.

stuff.

soon as I got off the taxi and they

launch ghat regularly face such

harassment before Eid but none

dares to interfere as share of the

money goes all the way to top offi-

cials here at the Ghat," said one

Meanwhile, vendors ruled the

pontoon occupying almost a third of

the platform area and there was no

sign of measures to evict them as

During a visit to the terminal. this

correspondent found the terminal

building and the link bridges in a

shambles and there was no prepa-

ration to deal with the upcoming

The passenger waiting rooms

Meanwhile, cabin tickets for

were sold out forcing thousands of

passengers to seek alternative

said all their cabin tickets were

Launch owners, however,

Officials at the Eagle Transport

routes to their reach destinations.

per an earlier BIWTA directive.

Other members of the subcommittee are Fisheries and Livestock Minister Sadeque Hossain Khoka, Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain, Housing and

Public Works Minister Mirza Abbas and State Minister for Youth and Sports Fazlur Rahman Patal.

their local collaborators at the fag

Complainant Mithu submitted a petition to CMM for rejecting the chargesheet. But CMM did not

ministry. Shamsul Hag and Sheikh Shafi Ahmed of health ministry. Hatem Ali Khan, Tarit Kanti Roy Chowdhury and Nuruzzaman Bhuiyan of education ministry,

Mahbubul Alam Khan of housing and public works ministry, Maksudul Haq and Shamsul Haq of industries

The deputy secretaries are Farhad Hossain of civil aviation and tourism ministry, Director of National Museum Enamul Kabir, Abdus Sattar Khan of health ministry and Deputy Principal Information

Officer Rabindra Gope. It was learnt that Abdus Sattar Khan was given forced retirement for giving arms licence illegally and

Rob murder FROM PAGE 12

for corruption.

ministry

The first IO of the case was OC of Sonadanga thana Mohammad Shurawardy. Later, the case was transferred to DB appointing AC Abdul Matin Bhuiyan as second IO. The last IO was ASP Khashrul Huq of CID who submitted chargesheet on last June 13 accusing 15 per-

The joint secretaries are Sailendra Nath Majumder of agricultural ministry, Gias Uddin Ahmed of relief ministry, Chief Executive accept the naraji petition.

FROM PAGE 1 Memorial and six security guards

Memorial

The Memorial was inaugurated

At the convention, the government will release for public display photos and videos on incidents of violation of human rights, killing, political persecution, repression and harassment of

opposition leaders and activists during the AL rule. Information on arrest and filing of "false cases" will

PM leaves

have been given to all ministries concerned and departments to

collect such documents. The Cabinet had a lengthy discussion on the recent campaigns at home and abroad by Awami League and some other organisations against alleged violation of human rights since takeover by the

Moreover, publication of a news-

None of the successful candi-

former finance minister SAMS

Kibria spent Tk 498,124. Awami

S A Khaleq of Dhaka-11 showed

only Tk 326,268 expenses while

Kamrul Islam of Dhaka-5 spent Tk

499,112, according to the state-

fighter on remand was violation of

Metropolitan PP Golam Mostafa

Khan told the court that Shahriar

gave an interview to BBC Radio in

He said, as per a blue print, the

ments.

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the Constitution.

was done in 1971

paper supplement yesterday by AL

on alleged violation of human rights

be displayed, according to a

He said necessary instructions

Cabinet member.

capacity," said Rizwana Hasan, director of programmes of BELA. The High court on February 22 last year directed BIWTA and BIWTC and other authorities con-

cerned to take necessary measures to prevent overloading of passenger Another meeting on river transvessels, especially before Fid.

writ by consumers association of Bangladesh (CAB) with legal assis-"Our goal is to ensure discipline

tance from BELA.

December last year as an over-

At least 204 people were killed on the night before Eid-ul-Fitr in

loaded passenger launch Raihangshi sank in the river

carrying about 75,000 passengers

leave the terminal everyday but

authorities expect the number to

rise by at least four times during Eid.

of Bangladesh Launch Owners

Association said, "Overloading is a

big problem and is very risky indeed,

which we truly want to avoid but the

problem is we cannot refuse pas-

"The authorities concerned are

Meanwhile, Bangladesh

responsible for checking this and

they can expect our full coopera-

Environment Lawyers Association

(BELA) sent a letter on Sunday to

the launch owners association

asking it to take measures against

The directive came following a

will appoint the chairman and mem-

ent body that will investigate viola-

tion of human rights and incidents of

proposal for ratification of the

Technical Cooperation Agreement

on Manpower, signed between

Bangladesh and Kuwait. The

accord aims at developing technical

skills of workers for employment in

FROM PAGE 12 Ahmed on payment of Tk 20,000 by

Rahat, president of the Zahurul Haq Hall unit of JCD, along with

Murad and Azam carried out the

abduction, sources said. They are said to be cadres of 'Asad group',

led by Asaduzzaman Asad, organis-

was not aware about the incident.

He added that stern action will be

recently also tried to collect toll from

the Dhaka University Snacks (DUS)

showing Shahriar arrested and fixed

December 10 for hearing on the

directed the Criminal Investigation

remand prayer.

investigation.

under Section 54 of CrPC.

case

When contacted. Asad said he

ing secretary of the DU unit JCD.

his family following negotiations.

repression and suggest remedies.

The NHRC will be an independ-

The Cabinet also approved a

bers of the commission.

sengers and throw them out."

tion.

overloading

Shahidul Islam, Vice-president

Meghna after being hit by another passenger launch.

As many as 110 big launches

Officer of Dhaka City Corporation Khan Mohammad Nurul Huda. Director of RAJUK Mahbubur Rahman, Director General of IMED Muhammad Abdus Salam, Director General of BSTI Dewan Afsaruddin. Sazzad Hossain of environment

them are activists of PBCP.

Exports on tail spin

frozen food sector was the worst victim, witnessing as high as 32.84 per cent decline in earning in relation to the same period of last fiscal.

On the other hand, none of the major export items could achieve their respective targets. Raw jute was 31.46 per cent behind target to become the worst performer. "Exports in October were hit hard

as the country could fetch only \$399.11 million against the average monthly target of \$597.5 million. The target for the current fiscal year has been set at \$7170 million," said an EPB official

"Our exports have been seriously hit after the September 11 terror attacks in the US, and earning went down significantly," he maintained.

The country's export earning in Page) the first two months (July and

No memorial yet

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The Museum authorities is are still looking after the site, which costs them about Tk 5,000 a month, sources said

Talking to The Daily Star, Director of the Museum Akku Chowdhury said that they had provided the government plans and other details for the Jalladkhana project, which included a museum, exhibition gallery, auditorium, seminar room, library, research archive and office.

He however said "Although the progress is very slow, I am hopeful that the project would be completed someday as the relevant files have started to move."

He also stressed the need for a "No memorial should be built on the genocide research centre in the mosque premises as it is religious country as it experienced one of the institution. But we have renamed the worst genocide in human hismosque after the liberation war tory martvrs.

Chowdhury also said if the government hands over the Jalladkhana site to the Museum, the only of its kind set up at private initiative, it would implement the project on its own.

The Museum authorities, followbones from the sites.

Nine out of 15 chargesheeted accused are now in Jail custody. They are Rangulal Biswas, Rafigul Islam Hitler, Tapan, Kana Babu, Bitu Khura Saeed Mohon Motaleb and Dulia Parveen alias Dolly. All of

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worth over Tk. 1 crore from some sixty shops of the market.

The robbers then opened indiscriminate fire creating panic in the area. Fifteen people were injured seven of whom were admitted into Satkania Hospital in critical condi-

FROM PAGE 1 expenses." said an official, adding The injured include businessthat the EC has no mechanism to man Moulana Aslam, Abdus determine whether the statements Shukkur, Khuilva Mia, and Saiful are correct.

August) of FY02 amounted to \$1162.47 million while for the next Hag Master and his staff Sadek Hossain and Abdul Gani A case was filed in this connec-

\$842.62 million. (September 443.51 tion. The export volume and price Police carried out raids here

throughout the day on Monday but 500.000 or close to it. no one was arrested.

Trader killed

League General Secretary Zillur FROM PAGE 12 Rahman, who contested from two Hospital (DMCH) where attending seats, spent Tk 5 lakh in each condoctors declared him dead. The stituency injured were sent to local clinic in the city.

The victim was third of four brothers and three sisters. His brother Sarifullah filed a case with Pallabi police station in this regard. None was arrested till last night.

The duty officer at Pallabi thana said that they are yet to find the reason behind the attack.

Ashok Kumar

FROM PAGE 12 his name as he made his debut in Hindi cinema in 1936 as the male lead opposite Davika Rani, the superstar of her times.

The excavation continued till Kumar's career spanned seven Court order, the lawyer said. decades.

Admired as one of the best looking stars of Hindi cinema, Kumar was criticised in his first film by a German director, Franz Osten, who said the actor would never make it in films because of his "tremendous jaw," United News of India reported

"For me, he was the man who could do amazing things ... the invisible man," said Mahesh Bhatt, a senior Hindi filmmaker who knew Kumar since his childhood. "Now he went to Kolkata on November 6 and is himself invisible."

Kumar was the eldest of the three which he claimed that many Hindus Ganguly brothers, who changed crossed over to India following their surnames to "Kumar" and recent attacks on minority commubecame popular in Hindi cinema. nity members in Bangladesh. His brother Kishore was hugely

for later Tuesday

popular singer and actor. Hindus who left Bangladesh after "He marks the end of a definitive the October 1 election. The writer era." said Bhatt, the filmmaker. does not believe in the boarder Kumar's funeral was scheduled between the countries, they claimed.

He told the court that the High Court on Sunday extended the stay order on Shahriar's remand till January 15. The court does not have the right his remand, the prosecutors said. to grant remand violating the High

Shahriar remanded

Advocate Momtaz Uddin Mehedi placed him on a four-day remand. argued that placing a freedom

A large number of people includ-

government, backed by razakars and al-Badar, is conspiring to crowded the court since the morndestroy the pro-liberation forces as ing. The family members and relatives burst into tears when he was Metropolitan PP Abdullah brought to the court. Police were Mahmud Hasan and Additional

Dhaka.

Shahriar also took snaps of investigation.

The airport thana on Sunday took camera

FROM PAGE 1 two al-Qaida positions.

At sunset, tribal forces claimed they had captured one ridge on the

ity Christians.

Milwawa valley adjacent to the Tora Bora valley. For days, more than 1,000 al-Qaida fighters have been defending the two valleys that are riddled with

raids. Apparently fearing a mass retreat. Pakistani soldiers and paramilitary troops were deployed along the border near Tora Bora to stop al-Qaida forces from entering. In the south, Marine convoys and helicopters left their Camp Rhno in desert, southwest of Kandahar, to reinforce patrols that had fanned out

across the area in recent days. They moved north to what spokesman Capt. Stewart Upton said are "key Order, 1972 stipulates that if a pieces of terrain" near to the city. candidate fails to submit his or her now under tribal control.

Kandahar, Afghanistan's second-largest city, had been the Taliban's last stronghold before a chaotic surrender on Friday when hundreds of pro-bin Laden fighters fled. The marines, wary of unmarked mine fields in the sandy and rocky landscape, have been trying to choke off their escape routes.

"We reinforced our raid force and moved that force closer to Kandahar," said Capt. David Romley. "We reinforced by ground, and air, using light armored vehicles, hunter-killer teams, fast attack

vehicles and all our air assets." In the air were UH-IN Huey command and control helicopters, AH-1W Cobra attack helicopters, CH-46E Sea Knight helicopters and CH-53E Super Stallions helicopters.

Meanwhile, the government Romley said US forces had no plans to seize or surround Kandahar, but had moved to within Department (CID) to investigate the about 12 miles (20 kilometers) of it.

"If the Taliban hold their weap-As per the directive Munshi Atigur ons, they will die," Upton said. As the Rahman of CID took the charge for new operation was launched, other Marines continued to build a tempo-Shahriar was detained by the rary prisoner of war facility outside Special Branch police at the immi-Camp Rhino. Romley said captives gration department at ZIA on his would be fed, given medical care return from Kolkata on November and allowed visits by the interna-22. Later he was shown arrested tional Red Cross for a short time until their status was determined. So far, John Walker, an American No specific case was framed

against him till Sunday. Police had who fought with the Taliban, is the only detainee held at Camp Rhino. also seized Shahriar's passport, 10 Upton said Walker, 20, of Fairfax, audio cassettes, five video cas-Calif., was in good condition and settes, three audio CDS and his was recovering from dehydration

and a gunshot wound in the leg

Air Force Gen. Richard Myers. chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, said Walker had been providing useful information and no final decision had been made on his fate. Citing intelligence reports, U.S.

officials, including Vice President Dick Cheney, and some Afghan caves used as shelters from US air commanders think bin Laden may be hiding somewhere near Tora

Bora. However, other Afghan officials say he has probably fled to mountains near Kandahar. Another fugitive, Taliban supreme leader Mullah Mohammed Omar is also thought to be on the run in the south. On Sunday, Cheney said a

videotape of bin Laden obtained by U.S. officials in Afghanistan makes clear that the al-Qaida leader was behind the terrorist attacks in the United States.

The Washington Post, quoting unidentified senior government officials, said the tape shows bin Laden praising Allah for the attacks, which he said were more successful than anticipated.

Following the rapid downfall of the Taliban, lawlessness and the threats of violence remain major problems. Refugee camps have sprung up along a bombed out highway from the Pakistani border west to Kandahar.

Near the market outpost of Takht-e-Pul, recently freed from Taliban rule, men carried assault rifles and anti-aircraft guns. Houses were adorned with black, red and green flags of Afghanistan's deposed king Mohammed Zaher Shah, 87, who is expected to return in March after 28 years in exile in Rome.

DU gunbattle

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him with a firearm and wearing a cap in the Zahurul Haq Hall during the November 13 gun-battle on the campus.

Police have so far arrested three persons including Babu since the incident took place at Jagannath Hall and Zahurul Haq Hall.

However, the armed activists of the ruling party backed Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), whose pictures were also published by newspapers, are yet to be arrested.

Such activities might destroy the complaint case as a regular case communal harmony and worsen the and sent a forwarding report to the country's law and order. So we CMM's court to allow police to show oppose his bail petition and prav for Shahriar arrested in the sedition case. He had also prayer for a 10-After hearing both sides, the day remand for interrogation. court rejected the bail petition and The court granted the petition for

About 200 lawyers were present at the court to assist Quamrul Islam. the chief defence counsel.

ing family members of Shahriar

seen struggling to control the crowd. Mohammad Shahadat Hossain,

officer-in-charge of Zia International Airport (ZIA) thana on Saturday filed a complaint case on sedition charge against Shahriar Kabir with the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's court,

Shafiqul Azim Khan Siddigui had earlier directed the OC of the airport thana to take the complaint as a regular case and to go for legal action against the accused after

JP leader Rawshan Ershad, who was defeated in Mymensingh-4 constituency, stated that her expenditure was Tk 498,424. Zahed Ali Chowdhury of BNP who defeated

lates election expenditure state-

According to the law, the authorities would file cases against the return defaulters within six months of the expiry of deadline for submis-

EC orders legal steps Election results of 283 out of 300 seats were gazetted on October 4 and 15 others on October 9. Results of the remaining two constituencies were gazetted in early November. This time the EC has come up

former agriculture minister Motia

years of rigorous imprisonment.

However, many election observers believe that the top candidates spent around Tk 2 to Tk 5 crore on an average in this year's election. In many cases, the candidates

tenders must submit bank statements along with the expense returns. But the commission doubts that the candidates followed the rule. The Representation of People

expense report within the deadline. he or she would be subjected to a highest of seven years in imprisonment with a fine or a minimum of two

dates exceeded the official ceiling of with a new provision that the candi-Chowdhury spent Tk 498,240 expenditure. They have rounded up dates have to maintain accounts their election spending to the offiwith any schedule banks through cially permitted amount of Tk which they would draw money to meet election expenses. The con-Home Minister Altaf Hossain Chowdhury spent Tk 5 lakh while

submitted their statements even after the deadline by 'managing' the officials concerned. The law stipu-

ments have to be returned to the EC within 15 days of the gazette notification of the official result.

tion.

two months, the earning was only

million and October 399.11 million)

index also received a beating and

dipped by 9.74 per cent and 0.32 per

cent respectively during the time

primary products dipped 27.21 per

cent while export volume 2.09 per

cent. On the other hand, export

volume of industrial products

declined by 8.19 per cent while price

million, down by 15.10 per cent from

the target and also 9.47 per cent

lower than the corresponding period

RMG exports fetched \$1047.13

(Detailed story on Business

ing press report on July 27, 1999

initiated excavation at the site and

November with cooperation from

came to a halt due to non-

cooperation from various guarters

concerned, the museum director

The mosque authorities said

Joint secretary of the mosque

Jalladkhana killing field was

The Museum authorities in

cooperation with the Army recov-

ered 70 skulls and 5392 pieces of

there is a possibility of displeasure

among local people if any memorial

committee Md Abdur Razzag said.

is built on the mosque premises.

found on November 19, 1999

recalled.

But at one stage, the process

the mosque committee and police.

Bangladesh Army assisted them.

index dipped 0.16 per cent.

of last financial year.

under review. The price index of