WFP seeks \$2.1m for Rohingya refugees

The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) has launched a US dollars 2.1 million appeal for some 21,500 Rohjngya refugees from Myanmar whose continued survival in two refugee camps in south-eastern Bangladesh depends almost entirely on food aid, WFP sources said here yester-

The refugees, who are confined to the camps and have no access to official employment and domestic farming plots, have suffered from chronic malnutrition since they arrived as part of a wave of 2,50,000 people fleeing the North Rakhine province of Myanmar in 1991-92.

The Rohingyas are due to be sent back to Myanmar but remain in Bangladesh because of reluctance to leave on their part and a protracted repatriation clearance process by Myanmar authorities.

Surveys show that 56 per cent of the refugee children under five years of age are underweight and 52 per cent of the women have a body-mass index indicating moderate malnutrition.

"The malnutrition rates in these camps are unacceptably high, stated Pieter Dijkhuizen, WFP Country Director for Bangladesh. "We call on the international community to support our new operation so that over the course of the next year we can bring this problem under control." The operation runs from January to December 2002.

Diikhuizen said that the agencies involved in the camps have forged a "clear and effective strategy to end malnutrition among these long-term refugees. We urge

donors to give us the means to help this group of people for whom there is not yet a permanent political solution in sight.

Dijkhuizen noted that it is possible to make rapid improvement in the refugees' health, citing a 40 per cent drop in the incidence of low birth-weight in the camps. Birth weights rose significantly after pregnant women were given an extra 550 calories a day in the form of a high-energy milk porridge.

WFP has undertaken, in collaboration with the UNHCR and its NGO partners the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society, CONCERN and Medecins Sans Frontieres-Holland, a series of food-for-work programmes designed to mobilise he camp population.

Some 3,000 refugees are engaged in skills training, small income-generating activities and projects to improve camp conditions. To allay tensions between the host and the refugee populations, 4.500 Bangladeshis from nearby villages are involved in community oriented food-for-work projects.

Additionally, WFP will provide a snack to some 4.000 children in schools that were recently opened in the camps. WFP's long experience in school feeding programmes has demonstrated that such meals foster attendance and enrolment rates

In July, WFP started a year-long operation in Myanmar to feed some ,60,000 'returnees" to North Rakhine. The food aid agency, the largest in the world, has been assisting the Rohingya people on both sides of the border since 1992.

Governance has weakened

trary decision making and improve service delivery, which are the government's avowed objectives.

The former WB chief in Dhaka said Bangladesh requires a clear long-term vision, a readiness to investigate and make explicit the factors that drive behaviour in designing incentives to encourage

a pro-active attitude towards imple-Pragmatism in exploiting windows of opportunity and a willingness to adjust programmes in the

light of experience are also essen-He said Bangladesh's development partners must be prepared to adapt their assistance modalities to the fact that institutional reform

takes decades not years, and even

then, will only succeed if pursued with a constancy of vision and dogged single-mindedness. Landell-Mills observed that

Bangladesh's highest priority should be human development as a fundamental prerequisite for building capacity and empowering the civil society, judicial reform to establish a firmer basis for the rule of law, and to underpin accountability mechanisms, and building civil society to help articulate and empower the 'voice' of ordinary citizens in demanding better gover-

He said an effective parliament, judiciary and press linked to an aware public and a strong civil society are the means to achieve

Bangladesh collapse

Danish also continued his happy hunting against his favourite prev with four for 62. The Karachi cricketer has an amazing haul of 21 wickets in the two previous Tests.

Nothing went right for Bangladesh playing in its 11th Test. The day nevertheless started

well for the hosts as they went to lunch losing two wickets for 57 runs. Opener Al-Shahriar was first to

go giving catching practice to Pakistan wicketkeeper Rashid Latif off a harmless looking away delivery from fast bowler Wagar Younis.

Javed Omar, returning to the side after being sidelined in the first Test. was the only player to show a picture of concentration until minutes before the lunch break

Unfortunately, the right-hander became the victim of a Saqlain delivery that popped up and found the edge of his bat on way to Shadab

bad luck, there was no excuse for the wicket procession that followed. Khaled Mashud defied the

five boundaries

twenties before being caught at silly mid-off. TV replays however showed that the ball from Kaneria came off the pad.

wicket to fall in the Pakistan innings. He was caught behind off paceman Mohammad Sharif for four in the But Umar and one down Younis

Khan repaired the damage with a solid unbroken second wicket stand

(More stories on Sports pages)

Awami League presidium member Abdus Samad Azad speaks at a rally at the city's Muktangan yesterday to protest police firing on BAU campus.

Criminalisation of politics

deliver the inaugural speech at the convention to be held at the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB) in Dhaka.

Following a presentation titled, 'Crime against Humanity: A Bangladesh Experience", the organisers will reveal fact-sheets on violence, killing, maiming, rape, looting, arson, extortion and human displacement that have taken place in the country since mid-July. Besides, there will be video-shows on what the organisers dubbed political persecution, atrocities on the religious minorities and violence against women and children.

Sources said that there would be separate sessions on Criminalisation of Politics, Politics Becoming Hostage to Money and Muscle Power, Strategic Implications of Terrorism, and Use of Religion as a Tool of Convenience in Politics.

Also will be discussed the roles of political parties, media, civil society, education and the state machinery in combating violence

High Court asks AG

and terrorism, the sources added A set of recommendations likely to be adopted at the convention will

Once again, schedules for the convention may be differed, provided the organisers do not find suitable committee rooms to hold different plenary sessions of the two-day programme

press conference.

later be made public through a

"We've found Institution of Engineers Auditorium as the convention venue but, we need at least four or five committee rooms to hold different sessions," said Barrister Amir-ul Islam.

The convention, first conceived by AL chief Sheikh Hasina in mid-November barely one month and a half after her party's poll debacle in the October 1 general election, was first scheduled to begin on January 17 and later rescheduled to January 19 to 20.

However, as the fresh schedule coincides with Biswa Ijtema, the second-largest congregation of the

Bypolls FROM PAGE 1

AL supporters and activists are 'under threat and they are absconding' to evade arrest in 'false cases' filed by the ruling party

Earlier, the AL high command had nominated candidates in all the five constituencies and asked them to contest the by-polls only if the atmosphere is conducive for elections. The nominees in separate press conferences in their respective constituencies announced quitting the electoral race.

When contacted last night, AL Presidium Member Abdul Jalil confirmed that his party is boycott-

According to an EC press release, a total of 23 candidates -

2020 assistant presiding officers and 4040 polling officers have been appointed for the five constituencies with 9,92,084 voters

organisations

Foundation

Presided over by Secretary of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Fazlur Rahman, the function was also addressed by Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dr State Minister Amanullah Aman. local members of parliament Alhai Rafiqul Islam, Dr Żiaul Huq, Abdul Momen Talukdar, Golam Mohammad Siraj, Helaluzzaman

Z M Zahid Hossain also spoke.

Khaleda in her speech assured that the present government had taken all initiatives to remove all sorts of mismanagement from the Health and Population Sector Programme (HPSP), the biggest government project in the sector aimed at taking medicare facilities to the doorstep of commoners

Daily Star last night.

three from Narail-1, six from Narail-2, five from Barguna-3, five from Munshiganj-1 and four from Faridpur-4-- are contesting the by-A total of 444 presiding officers,

The EC has sent five high-

powered observer groups to the five constituencies to monitor the election. Besides, 900 polls observers have been deployed by different

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The 500-bed modern hospital to be built on 40 acres of land at a projected cost of Tk 1000 million will also include an institution of health technology and a training center for

Talukdar Lalu and Rezaul Bari Dina.

Prime minister's elder son, Tareque Rahman, who has long been working for development of the northern districts, particularly Bogra, district BNP president A K M Mahbubur Rahman, general secretary Rezaul Karim Badsha and secretary general of the Doctors Association of Bangladesh (DAB) A

Shahriar's family

Special trains

devotees from

Bangladesh Railway will operate

some special trains from January

18 to 22 for the devotees of Biswa

special trains will depart from

Mymensingh, Akhaura and Bhairab

Bazar stations at 11:30 am, 1:20 pm

operated daily between Tongi and

Mymensingh during this period. It

five special trains will run between

am. 9:50 am. 10:25 am and 10:50

am and leave Tongi at 12:30 pm,

be operated from Tongi to

Mymensingh. The trains will leave

Tongi at 12:30 pm, 1:10 pm, 3:20

On January 22, two special

trains will run between Tongi and

Mymensingh while one each

between Tongi-Akhaura and Tongi-

1:10 pm and 10:50 pm toward

Mymensingh while two others at

9:40 am and 2:30 am towards

all inter-city, mail and express

trains, including Subarna Express

and Mohanagar Godhuli, will halt for

two minutes at Tongi station from

On Jan 21, Sylhet-bound

Joyantika, Chittagong-bound Mohanagar Godhuli, Kishoreganj-

bound Egaro Sindhur, Dinajpur-

bound Ekata, Jagannathganj-

bound Jamuna and Jamalpur-

bound Jamalpur Commuter will also

the rich variety of artworks done at

the workshop, one feels drawn to

their vibrating colours and the way

they blend. Finally, the spirit of

friendship unfolded in Rajendrapur

is sure to linger for many years to

come. This four-day workshop that

began on Monday concludes today.

Eid cattle markets

experience in running such

markets, and that these men have

been attracted by the sheer profit

bidding for the city's cattle markets

have reached such proportions that

Mayor Mohammad Hanif verbally

asked his officials to suspend bid

offers for three cattle markets in

city's Rayer Bazar area. All these

three markets have long been

controlled and run by Awami

Jashim Uddin Mahmud, a BNP

leader, and Rayer Bazar BNP

General Secretary Osman Gani

Shahjahan were seen yesterday at

the Estate Department demanding

explanation for the suspension of

Meanwhile, the DCC has

selected several city thoroughfares

as venues for temporary cattle

markets. Many prospective lease-

holders are already in contact with

sacrificial cattle producers around

the country. Some of them are even

planning to arrange accommoda-

tion for farmers bringing cattle for

The one-sided and syndicated

from these markets.

League leaders.

the Rayer Bazar bids.

sale in those markets

touch Tongi station for two minutes.

Akhaura and Bhairab Bazar.

The two trains will leave Tongi at

Apart from these. Dhaka-bound

Besides, four special trains will

2:10 pm, 3:10 pm and 3:50 pm.

pm and 10:50 pm on the day.

Bhairab Bazar.

January 18-21

Colours

The trains will depart from

Another special train will be

and 12:10 am respectively.

everyday at 7:50 pm.

Dhaka and Tongi stations.

From January 18-20, three

for litema

tomorrow

UNB, Dhaka

father in prison or deliver food. He has also been refused proper treatment despite his failing health.

Only time they had been able to see him was when he was brought to court in handcuffs, they added. He was not even provided 'Division' or proper status in detention. Meantime, in a letter on Tuesday

WAN President Roger Parkinson and WEF President Gloria Brown Anderson urged Home Minister Altaf Hossain Chowdhury to ensure international standards of freedom of expression in Bangladesh.

They also demanded withdrawal of all criminal charges against Shahariar Kabir They reminded the home minis-

will leave Mymensingh station ter: "The detention of Kabir is a clear breach of the right to freedom of On the day of Akheri Munaiat, expression, which is protected by numerous international agreements, including the Universal Declaration of Human Rights." Dhaka for Tongi at 8:45 am, 9:10

The letter also added: "The United Nations Commission on Human Rights considers that 'detention, as punishment for the peaceful expression of an opinion, is one of

quence, a grave violation of human

Copies of the letter were also sent to Kofi Annan, Secretary General of the United Nations, Mary Robinson, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and Koichiro Matsuura, Director General of

UNESCO Shahriar, declared as a 'prisoner conscious' by the Amnesty International, had been charged with sedition for his alleged attempt to make documentary films on the plight of Bangladeshi Hindus who fled to India to escape alleged persecution back home after the October

1 general elections. Police claimed that they have seized some videocassettes from his possession, containing alleged 'seditious materials'.

Shahriar was detained under the Special Powers Act (SPA). He was granted bail under SPA, but denied bail on sedition case at the lower court. His attorneys have filed a bail prayer with the High Court.

Hasina

FROM PAGE 1 minister.

Recalling the establishment of BAU in 1961, she observed the university had been making great contribution to bringing about revolution in agriculture.

After independence Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman upgraded the BAU graduates to first class as part of his programme to attain self-sufficiency agriculture sector, said Hasina.

"But, unfortunately, the then prime minister of Zia's government. Shah Azizur Rahman, who was in charge of education ministry withdrew the first-class status in 1977,"

But students, teachers and mployees restored that status through a long movement.

The former Prime Minister said during five years of Awami League rule Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Agriculture University was established at Gazipur and Sher-e-Bangla Agriculture University in Dhaka. However, the Awami League

government attached development priority to BAU and encouraged quality education and research work there, Hasina said, adding the university was not closed for a single day and normal academic atmosphere was restored clearing session iams. She said that BAU contributed a lot to attaining food

"Conspiracy surrounding this university has started again with the installation of four-party alliance government," she observed.

IT education in 700 schools from this year

UNB, Dhaka

Information Technology (IT) education in 700 schools in the current fiscal year and in 10,000 schools by next three years.

This was revealed by State

Minister for Science and Technology Lutfor Rahman Khan while inaugurating a computer distribution and teachers' training programme here vesterday. Bangladesh Computer Council (BCC) organised the programme at

the auditorium of Bangladesh Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (BCSIR). The state minister said the pres-

ent government as per its election pledge is committed to expand IT education at school level to build the youth forces as skilled IT manpower.

FEMA to monitor today's by-polls

Fair Election Monitoring Alliance (FEMA) will monitor today's byelections in Munshiganj-1, Narail-1 and 2, Barguna-3 and Faridpur-4 constituencies

FEMA has planed to deploy 479 stationary observers in 444 polling stations of the five constituencies. In addition, five mobile teams will monitor the by-polls, says a press

Bail petition of Pintu

Advocate Masud Ahmed Talukder submitted the criminal appeal to the court on January 3 against the rejection order of the CMM's Court. The court heard the appeal vesterday and passed the order.

The CMM's Court, on December 26 lash year rejected the bail petition of Pintu. Moving the petition, the defence

lawver told the court that Pintu was implicated in the case as part of a conspiracy to harass him politically. "The charges of extortion

brought against Pintu was not primarily proved. So, I pray for his bail." the defence lawver told the court.

The prosecution side opposed the petition for bail. He stated that the charges of extortion and intimidation brought against Pintu were primarily proved. So, the prosecution side opposed the petition for

After hearing both sides, the court rejected the bail petition. Detective Branch (DB) of police arrested Pintu, also president of the

suspended central committee of BNP's student front, Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), following a case filed against him with Motijheel Advocate Jahangir Alam Khan

filed the case alleging that Pintu and his accomplices tried to grab bidding documents. Earlier, the District Magistrate Dhaka gave one month's detention

Act (SPA). The High Court on January 2

issued a rule nisi, asking the government why the detention order of Pintu should not be declared illegal.

to Pintu under the Special Powers

The court issued the rule upon a writ petition challenging the legality of the detention order

Mockbul's detention FROM PAGE 1

Mockbul was initially arrested under

Section 54 from his house and subsequently, the order of detention under the Special Powers Act was served on him. This is the first time in a decade

that the detention order on a person of Mockbul's status has been declared legal by the High Court.

4 terrorist gangs

FROM PAGE 1

dare to move at night as the gang members and their accomplices snatch money and other things from them. They regretted 'absence of effective steps' by the law enforcers to improve the situation. There is a nexus between a section of law enforcing personnel and the gang

"We became fed up with the prevailing situation and finally we appealed to the home minister through various national dailies to take effective steps in this regard. But no action was taken as yet," a resident of the area said. A local political leader mentioned

that that an aspirant for the post ward commissioner of DCC. Khaled Imam, was killed by the gang members for his initiatives to free the area from terrorism. He also said that after the incident, the local MP asked police not to arrest any BNP activist in this connection. Several BNP activists were also killed in the last two months but due to 'political pressure,' the killers could not

People of low income groups

the houses if they fail to pay toll to the gangs. The gangs pay huge amounts of

money to police to evade punitive action and to continue their criminal activities, many people alleged.

per week each to Tejgaon and Ramna police for their illegal trade in Begunbari area," one of them said seeking anonymity.

Karwan Bazar FROM PAGE 1

land and using it as a walkway, the mayor has chosen to earn money through authorising the construction of shops on the sidewalks, local traders said. "The mayor was influenced by

the same people who had constructed the party office at the site," said a local trader In November 200, the mayor

allocated land to 51 shops, converting part of the public park and footpath on the eastern side of the same market. Despite orders from the Prime Minister's Office, the public

118 CDA plots

The CDA Chairman could not be contacted for his comments. But other CDA officials said the

The board members taken during the tenures of the Awami League and the caretaker govern-

allotment process may resume after

nomination of four government

representatives to the CDA Board of

ments were dropped. A senior official of CDA on condition of anonymity said anticorruption officials and other government bodies were investigating alleged irregularities done in allotment of 182 plots in Chandrima project. Local AL leaders had allegedly influenced the allotment committee in the allotment

"Actually the minister ordered probe into irregularities as some AL leaders, activists and their relatives who possessed houses and plots in the city got plots in Chandrima project during AL rule", the official "After completion of investiga-

tion, legal action will be taken against those who got plots in Chandrima project and their allotments might be cancelled. Those plot winners gave misleading affidavit in their applications. "But this time we are very careful

in making allotments to avoid irregularities" he said. The AL lawmaker who headed

the allotment committee for Chandrima project during AL rule

allegedly grabbed some plots in the names of his family members and relatives, sources claimed

There was a storm of criticism due to the "massive irregularities" done in Chandrima project, forcing the authorities to launch an investigation at that time. But the investigation was later stalled for unknown

KCC polls FROM PAGE 12 Ashraf Hossain, insiders said. The MP elected from Khulna-2 (Sadar-Sonadanga), Ali Asgar Lobi, seems

to keep himself aloof from Intra-

party bickerings.

cost of 24,000 lines was higher. The other group is led by city Mayor Shaikh Tayebur Rahman, who wants to be a candidate for the equipment for the very first time in post also in the KCC election. Uttara, under the 27,500-line expan-Both Manju and Tayebur Rahman have started lobbying sion project. BTTB's rejoinder concealed this truth in the name of strongly at the central level of the party for 'nomination'. The Mavor 'Engineering modification'. said. 'I have been asked to get ready Therefore, Alcatel is not an 'existing

so far been selected by the party high command for the polls race. Leaders of both the factions are holding separate secret meetings frequently for getting party 'nomina-

for contesting again for the post of

nayor'. But Manju said, 'None has

The Mayor enjoys backing of 'all like-minded ward commissioners' from the party while Manju has support of 'about 80 per cent top leaders including MPs," party insid-

Kabir at silly mid-off. He scored 17.

by shooting the film and it did not Pakistan attack for a while before necessarily mean that the film he being last man out on 28. He struck shot in India would be entirely used, Veteran Aminul Islam was the other batsman who made it into the

even if the whole film that Kabir shot Opener Shadab Kabir was only in India had been shown, it might

Barrister Islam submitted. He further argued that the writer would not do anything to fan up communalism as he always talked in favour of communal harmony. The senior lawyer observed that

> have been better for the country because it would carry messages against atrocities on the minorities. Citing instance to corroborate his submissions he said even if the effigy of President Bush is burnt in any country other than USA, the event is telecast on CNN or other

US media as that gives message of

people's anger against US policy or

termed Nortel's bid for this project

as unsolicited. BTTB said Nortel has

not installed any equipment in

Bangladesh. Therefore, its bid was

unsolicited and not accepted.

hardware instead of the software,

which increased the equipment

price, airfreight and installation

services in 24,000-line purchase

order. BTTB said it received dis-

count of 207,230 euro from Alcatel in

this regard. BTTB also said the

scope of work of the 24,000- line

project is different from that of the

27,500-line one. Therefore, per line

Alcatel would install switching

supplier as far as installing the

to Netas Nortel Networks on

September 26, 2001, Nortel would

install telephones exchanges at all

the places covered by the 27.500-

BTTB did not invite open bids for

the 27.500- line project. The work is

also not of proprietary in nature.

Nortel being a selected supplier of

the same equipment at same loca-

line project, including Uttara.

The BTTB issued a letter of intent

exchange in Uttara is concerned.

Our reply:

BTTB said it procured additional

Alcatel also shared this view.

offence against him"

remand.

The defence counsel alleged

Kabir did not commit any crime

that the writer fell victim to political

vengeance and was tortured on

"We can't suppress anything in pleaded that "it is a malafide prosethis present world," Barrister Islam told the court, saying that the foreign Barrister Islam submitted that media is there to project the truth Kabir was arrested on November 22 from the airport but was shown

Making prayer for bail for arrested on December 8, adding Shahriar Kabir, the lawyer pointed that it was "an afterthought, out that evidences are with the court because despite taking him on so question of manipulating those remand twice they did not find any does not arise and Kabir would not

> Eminent writer and columnist Shahriar Kabir was arrested on International Airport upon his arrival from Kolkata, where he reportedly went to make a documentary on alleged atrocities on minorities before and after the October 1

> general election The hearings on the bail petition will resume on Saturday.

Abdur Rezak Khan made

Additional AG

BSS, Dhaka

President Prof. A Q M Badruddoza Chowdhury has appointed Abdur Rezak Khan, an advocate of the Supreme Court Bar, as Additional

Attorney General, an official handout said here yesterday.

Rejoinder & our reply

tions proposed more telephones at lesser cost. BTTB's reference to the benchmark of having any exchange in Bangladesh is unrealistic. Because. the other incumbent vendors neither supplied nor would be installing respective equipment at the places

where the switches of the 27,500 lines are located. Since that is not the case with Nortel, its bid for 29,341 lines cannot be considered unsolicited. We have necessary documents to substantiate our report. We stand by the

BTTB paid 289,696 euro for 'Additional hardware & spares' of the 24,000- line expansion project. Despite spending 17 per cent of the total equipment price for the spares, BTTB neither succeeded to increase a single line nor could decrease a single euro from the total price (1,820,061 euro) of the 24.000-line deal. Its reioinder is rather unwittingly joyful about getting a superficial discount of 137.540

Therefore, BTTB's justification of inflated per line cost, increased airfreight and augmented installation services due to the so-called 'Additional hardware & spares' is BTTB has ridiculed itself by swapping the 'Software' with 'Hard-

ware' in the 24,000-line deal, as

neither item is functional alone. It

also avoided our question about

paying 2201 euro for 'Warrantv support' of the 24,000 -line expansion project. It has not answered why such payment has not been made to Alcatel while subsequently awarding the 27,500 line-contract to Alcatel BTTB's inconsistent designing of

the 24,000-line project is dramatically stated in Alcatel's quotation No. BGD1005 ED01 dated January 2001. In article 3.1.2 (Dimensioning aspects) the vendor said, "No dimensioning data has been provided by BTTB for this offer. Therefore, Alcatel has not been able to perform any optimised dimensioning, and has built the equipment lists required by BTTB. Alcatel shall not be liable for Quality Of Service (QOS) degradation for the following expansions." BTTB not providing the very

basic outline of dimensioning data (traffic overload, BHCA overload and average holding time) demonstrated its incompetence in project designing. Such appalling state of project management is reflected in both the deals. BTTB's lack of vision is further exposed while denying our allegations about the 27,500-line project. It undefined 'Engineering Modifications' in this project is confusing. It also failed to justify

paying 205,345 euro to Alcatel in the

name of 'Engineering in France.

Despite having identical scope of

work in the 24,000-line project

BTTB could not explain which item of the 27,500- line project necessitated such vaque payment. BTTB has split the 27,500-line project into two parts -- 24,000 lines

and 3,500 lines. Each project is

seven times larger or smaller than

each other and the ratio of 7:1 is

more or less maintained in respec-

tive total price (1,735,686 euro and

237,388 euro), respective airfreight

(101,177 euro and 15,100 euro) and respective installation services (32,396 euro and 4,101 euro). But BTTB is found extremely generous with disproportionate payments for 'Engineering in France' to Alcatel. On this account, BTTB paid 8,466 euro for the 3,500line contract and 196,879 euro for the 24,000- line contract, 23 times! BTTB's reioinder should have justified such leapfrog in payment to Alcatel in France.

BTTB's careless extravaganza in foreign currency shopping is further exposed in the 27.500-line switch expansion project. It is perhaps the only example of switch expansion contract, where no spare parts have been procured at all. By doing so, BTTB has created the opportunity of procuring the proprietary spare parts from Alcatel in future. Such act substantiates the doubt about BTTB's institutional integrity and professional competence

members, it is alleged.

living in rented houses in the area are allegedly being made to leave

"Drug peddlers pay Tk two lakh

Instead of recovering the public

land could never be recovered The mayor could not be reached

for his comments.