## Case against Nasim

from Nasim.

"Such activities might destroy the communal harmony and worsen the country's law and order." the IO observed.

After hearing, Magistrate Jagannath Das Khokan granted the petition for showing Nasim arrested in the case and fixed March 21 for hearing on the remand prayer in presence of the accused.

Later, the defence lawyers Advocate Sahara Khatun, M Sajwar Hossain, Mohammad Abdullah Abu Abdur Rahman Howlader, Momtazuddin Ahmed Mehedi and 100 other lawyers appeared in the court and submitted two separate petitions -- one relating to bail matter and the other for cancellation of the remand prayer.

The prosecution side opposed the petitions for bail and cancellation of the remand prayer.

After hearing both sides, the same court rejected both the petitions.

Mohammad Dulal Uddin Akond, ASP of CID, Faridpur Zone, Dhaka on Monday filed a sedition case against Nasim with the CMM's Court, Dhaka.

Magistrate Emdadul Had directed the officer-in-charge (OC)

of Airport police station to take the complaint as a regular case and to go for legal action against the

Airport police station on Tuesday

Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Madaripur thana, till April 1.

Judge Mollah Mostafa Kamal

### Transport strike

FROM PAGE 12 Immediately after the incident, Khulna unit of Bangladesh Sarak Paribahan Malik Samity enforced

The samity also demanded compensation for the damaged buses and trucks and security of bus and truck drivers and workers on Khulna-Satkhira road

party high command to upgrade his

will soon sit to chalk out its strategy

on the city polls, party General

Secretary Zillur Rahman told The

terday started appointments of

election officials for smooth holding

of the polls. It asked all the three

police commissioners in Dhaka.

Rajshahi and Khulna metropolis to

gazette notification, which the

Election Commission published on

Tuesday," said Mihir Sarwar

Morshed, returning officer for Dhaka

would be deployed to conduct the

Eyes of 2 alleged

dacoits gouged

out in Bagerhat

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Eves of two alleged dacoits were

gouged out on Tuesday night at

ningrha village under Sadar thana of

According to police, angry village

ers caught two alleged dacoits, identified as Ruhul Amin, 32, and

Badsha, 30, and gouged out their

He said some 32,000 officials

"They were sent copies of the

maintain the law and order.

Meantime, the Awami League

The Election Commission yes-

south-western zone.

portfolio." he added.

Daily Star.

## Fray for ticket

in the fray for BNP nomination.

Both Khoka and Abbas are veteran party men while Mintoo is a new entrant. Khoka is the BNP's City Unit president. Abbas holds the posts of the central joint secretary general of the BNP and chairman of the Jativatahadi Juho Dal and Mintoo joined the party immediately before the October 1 general elec-

Both Khoka and Abbas started their election campaigns long before the Election Commission announced the election schedule And rivalry among the supporters of the two city leaders has also surfaced. The graffiti of one leader is more often than being replaced by that of another.

According to party sources, Mintoo, who has been preparing to run the mayoral election for the last two years, is facing stiff resistance in securing the party's ticket.

He is probably the most equipped aspirant with a comprehensive city development plan, analysis of voters and an election strategy. And he is still optimistic about getting the party's nomina-

But the party insiders said it would be difficult for Mintoo to get the ticket, as he is a newcomer.

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia had formally announced Khoka as the party candidate for the Dhaka mayor's post when the Election Commission announced city polls in 1999. However, she is yet to make any pick this time.

As for Mirza Abbas, a ruling party leader said he (Abbas) does not have a 'very strong footing' in the

"By demanding party nomina-

metric tonnes of cement to the EPZ

during fiscals 1999-2000 and 2000-

did not accept our 'export' figures,"

gap between the production and

supply figures provided by the

company to its auditor, Rahman

Rahman Huq and Mostafa Alam

and company, and to the customs

and VAT comissionerate

evaded amount on the basis of

company evaded Tk 3.24 crore in

VAT during July-November, 2001 as

it did not register13.07 lakh cement

the company sold the goods without

showing them in the register. On the

other hand, Aslam Chowdhury

claimed that the bags were shown in

the books, but the investigators did

allegedly concealed information on

production and sales during fiscals

In another case, the company

The investigators calculated the

According to the report, the

The investigators alleged that

But the investigators found a big

"But the customs investigators

2001 respectively, he mentioned.

Chowdhury said.

Chittagong.

these figures.

bags in its books.

not care to notice them.

accused.

took the complaint as a regular case and sent it to the CMM's Court for next hearing. Meanwhile, the Third Additiona

Court, Dhaka, yesterday extended the stay order on remand of Nasim in connection with the case filed with

passed the order following petition from both the sides.

Earlier, the Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court stayed the order for remand on Nasim till yesterday following a Criminal

of Titu.

an indefinite transport strike in

residence on Monday night allegedly by local terrorists Abul Kasem beat him to death tion, he just keeps pressure on the

filed a case with Fatikchhari police accusing Kasem, Hasan and others for the killing.

for autopsy today.

### Summary courts

A monitoring cell will be opened to see that trial is not delayed after submission of charge sheet.

A minister or a government high official will supervise functioning of the cell.

The meeting suggested that magistrates will try cases in special summary courts. The magistrates' courts should be adjoining their residences for his convenience. If necessary, the magistrate will set up court anywhere he likes for summary trial of such cases and go to the place of occurrence to record

A draft bill incorporating the inter-ministerial meeting next week, the sources said.

He also expressed deep concern about allegations that police stations were not admitting cases of victims of political persecution who had to leave their houses along with their families in the face of threats by

Saber further noted that though some cases were registered, the process of investigation remained very slow and the accused were not arrested, adding that due to the dubious role of the law enforcers. many victims were being intimidated into withdrawing their cases.

He hoped the home minister would rise above political and party interests in order to ensure appropriate steps in this regard and also urged the minister to keep the AL informed about the steps taken in this respect.

"We consider political killings and repression to be impediments to the establishment of the rule of law as such incidents would push the democratic process to the brink of collapse," Saber said in the letter. Asked if there had been any

response from the government till yesterday, Saber said he was hoping for some positive response if the ruling alliance was genuinely interested in maintaining law and order in the society.

### Acid attack

FROM PAGE 1 One or more special tribunals would be set up for trial in acid crimes under the law. These tribunals to be headed by district or session's udges would complete a trial within 90 days of receiving the records of the case. Hearing on a case would be held on every working day once it

The law leaves no scope for bail for the accused barring some exceptions. But a convict may appeal before the High Court within

Earlier, the parliament rejected an amendment motion by a Jatiya Party MP, Golam Habib Dulal, that called for execution of death sentences in a firing squad. It also threw away proposals by Dulal and another lawmaker of the party, GM Quadir, for seeking public opinion on the draft law and sending it to the parliament's select committee for

Most of the acid victims -- around 80 per cent of whom are women have had sulphuric or hydrochloric

The vast majority of acid attacks are carried out on women by revengeful husbands or boyfriends or men turned down. Some seek vengeance when the women rebuff their advances: in other cases, they do the crime because of domestic rows such as a dispute over payment of dowry.

Of late, men and children are also becoming victims of acid attacks, as in some cases acid is replacing guns and knives as an instrument of attack

## **NGOs** concerned

Proshika chief Kazi Faruk Ahmed in an interview with the BBC last night hinted that it might be part of the government action against a number of NGOs -- the move announced earlier.

"We hope it is not, but speculations are there as the government's attitude is hostile to NGOs." he said.

The allegations are baseless because the documents police found are public ones, he pointed Inspector General of Police (IGP)

Modabbir Hossain Chowdhury told the BBC that police pieced together enough evidence. Proshika yesterday condemned the arrest of its deputy director and

messenger and demanded their

immediate release In a statement, Proshika termed the allegation by police of possession of subversive documents and doubtful communication with India false and malicious.

his way to the New Market area. He was going to deliver two articles of analysis on writ petitions filed with the High Court in connection with repression on the religious minorities and eviction of Agargaon Amtali slums -- from the Purana Paltan Lane office of Ain O Shalish Kendra -

Nishimizu told Saifur.

they deserve." She said.

quality of aid utulisation.

preparing the IPRSP.

"The sorry state of governance

pulled Bangladesh down and away from the true potential of her hard-

working people, threatening the

social justice, harmony, and security

said there are too many implemen-

tation problems and frequent irregu-

larities, and safeguards are not

there in place to ensure adequate

government's level of ownership

and commitment in the process of

need to address more effectively

certain issues related to law and

order and governance. I can assure

you we will not lag behind in those

pursued during the last few years

combined with global downturn

Giving a brief on the current

made the macroeconomic environ-

situation, the finance minister said

the government 'without losing time

rose up to the occasion to reactivate

ment even more fragile," he said.

"Expansionary fiscal policy

He expressed concern over the

Saifur said: "We recognise the

Earlier, quoting a survey Temple

Police arrested Ajharul Hoque on

to his senior Tarek Chowdhury

Later, police raided the house tutor's residence of the Kuwait-Bangladesh Moitree Hall, Dhaka University (DU), and arrested Tarek Chowdhury who lives with his wife, Geeti Ara Nasreen, teacher of the Department of Mass Communication and Journalism

The High Court issued rule on both writ petitions and asked the persons concerned to show cause, the statement added.

The matters, which are subjudice and have been published in national dailies and electronic media, cannot he called subversive it further said

The courier receipts seized by police are those of some parcels containing three books of poet Jasimuddin and a novel of litterateur Shamsuddin Abul Kalam, which were sent by Tarek Chowdhury to an Indian publisher for reprint, the statement said.

General Secretary of the Awami League Zillur Rahman in a statement yesterday condemned the

The BNP-Jamaat alliance government has led the country to fascism by curbing freedom of expression and fundamental rights,

revenue collection target by Tk 5

He also said that despite all odds

billion and decrease of interest rates.

the country's economy is projected

to grow by around 5 per cent during

FY02, adding however that the

current account deficit is projected

be 6.0 per cent less than that of the

previous year and imports will grow

by 2.0 per cent. Fiscal deficit would

be within sustainable limit and so

monetary expansion would remain

within rational bounds." Saifur said.

set up a National Human Rights

Commission and that the Office of

He said steps were underway to

"It is anticipated that exports will

on savings certificates." he added.

**BDF** meet begins in Paris

### PM tells JS

FROM PAGE 12 special envoy in Dhaka.

"Follow-up discussions on the matter continued at different levels between Bangladesh and India, she apprised the House

Responding to Abdul Gafur Bhuiyan of BNP on quota-and-dutyfree access of garments to American market, Khaleda said the US officials had assured that they would take special measures to meet Bangladesh's longstanding demand. She mentioned the visits of high-

powered delegations, including

President A Q M Badrudduja

Chowdhury when he was Foreign

Minister and Commerce Minister Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury and talks with the senior US officials on this trade issue. By this time, exports from Bandladesh to America have increased after the September 11 incident, she said, adding that

government's efforts would continue to get guota-free access. The Prime Minister said her government formulated policy and programmes to strengthen national

In reply to another supplementary from Nurul Islam of BNP, she said the mills and factories that are incurring loss would be transferred to private ownership under the

### **Torture on Nasim**

Amirul Islam and advocate Rahmat Ali met him in the jail in the after-

Dr Rita who saw her husband after 14 days of his arrest was sobbing while narrating the story of inhuman physical and mental torture on Nasim allegedly by CID and DGDFI officials.

"It's inhuman, its barbaric. . . My husband is innocent. Why should he be beaten in such a way? Quoting Nasim, she said her

husband was taken to DGFI office in Dhaka Cantonment blindfolded and legs tied with rope.

"I could hear that I was being taken to Cantonment, to DGDFI office where I was tortured," Rita quoted Nasim as saying. She said DGFI people hanged

him, tied his legs and beat him. They gave electric shocks in his ears, hands and nails in a bid to exact confession that he committed subversive acts and indulged in corruption on "instruction of Sheikh Hasina." But they failed to take any confessional statement from him. Since Nasim's arrest on

February 28 to March 6, he was put under constant interrogation, physical and mental torture, Dr Rita said, adding that her husband was not allowed to sleep all these days. She said on March 7. he was left

at the jail gate after the court rejected the police prayer for a second remand for five days. Efforts

are being made to take him to police

Dr Rita said her husband could not speak properly and looked pale. Three doctors of the central jail are reating him.

Replying to a question she said she talked to Nasim for about 25 minutes from 11:30 am. Nasim's

ounger brother Yamin was with her. But the iail authorities did not allow any food or clothes brought from home. Jailer, intelligence officials and a large number of police were present during the meeting.

### Shahriar

FROM PAGE 1

Zead-al-Malum and Advocate Khondaker Abdul Mannan -- to watch the cassettes in absence of the accused Shahriar Kabir.

But the defence lawyers submitted the petition seeking permission for screening of the video cassettes in presence of the lawyers and the

Shahriar Kabir was arrested at Zia International Airport on his return from Kolkata on November 22 last year. Police also seized some video cassettes from him.

Later, a sedition case was filed Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court, Dhaka on December 8 last

## **Global terrorism**

FROM PAGE 12

included speakers such as Prof. Richard C Martin of Emory University of Atlanta, US, Prof. M Shamsher Ali of Dhaka University and Prof. Abdul Momin Chowdhury vice-chancellor of National University.

Justice Latifur Rahman, former chief justice and chief advisor to the caretaker government, presided over the session. Justice Rahman said a mistrust

has been created between Muslims and non-Muslims after September 11 and also between the East and West. He said Islam does not believe in

terrorism and viewed that efforts should be made by all to avoid religious conflicts. Prof. Martin said: "It is good to talk with one another at forums as

this. Because (of) our common humanity and our broadly defined moral heritage in the Abrahamic religions and from the Axial Age, I submit that Muslims, Christians and Jews have a basis for understanding how we each think about and make judgements about great moral issues of the day."

In the second session, Prof. Steve Dachi of Foreign Service Institute of the Department of State delivered the keynote address. Prof. Abu Ahmed of Dhaka University and President of FBCCI Yussuf Abdullah Harun were designated discussants. Barrister Mainul Hosein. chairman, Board of Editors of the daily Ittefag, presided over the session.

Prof. Ahmed regretted although the US termed Bangladesh as a Muslim democratic model, it did not extend any special support Prof. Dachi remarked

be a serious mistake to generalise

and indiscriminately (make conclusions) about all Muslim countries or developing countries. Islamic fundamentalism is not synonymous with terrorism. Millions of deeply religious Muslims consider themselves to be fundamentalists but they reject violence as a distortion of and contradiction to their faith and

affirmation. The FBCCI president said globalisation has proved good for some countries, but for most developing countries it has been discour-

aging.
"While we must address the problem of globalisation, we cannot create a global divide. While Caribbean countries are getting a preferential treatment from the US and EU, most South Asian countries are not.

ming competition, five new national

records tumbled with Navy dominat-

BJMC are leading the medal table with 17 gold, as many silver and seven bronze. Ansars and VDP

15 to stay very much in the race to stamp their Games' supremacy. Navy's supreme dominance in the swimming competition put them in the fourth place. They have a bag of seven gold, nine silver and four

## Mugabe wins tainted polls

for elections," said Kare Vollan, head of the 25-member Norwegian Observer mission. He said the mission, the largest European delegation, found flaws with every step of the electoral process from voter registration and campaigning to the actual vote

The United States, echoing a host of independent observers, said that Zimbabwe's presidential election was "seriously flawed" and riddled with irregularities.

"While we must wait for the official result, it is abundantly clear that this was a seriously flawed election," State Department spokesman Frederick Jones said. "The government (of Zimbabwe) decision to dramatically cut the number of polling booths in urban areas meant large numbers of

voters could not cast their ballots." Britain denounced Mugabe's reelection in Zimbabwe yesterday, saying the results were clearly influenced by political violence.

"For months the government of Zimbabwe has conducted a sys-

metres in width houses a patient

observation ward, gynaecology

and obstetrics room, minor surgical

operation theatre. X-ray room.

pathology, dental check-up room,

antenatal check-up room, dispen-

Among those present at the

inaugural ceremony were French

Ambassador in Bangladesh Michel

Lummaux. Textile Minister Abdul

Matin Choudhury, State Minister for

Health Professor Rezaul Karim,

Yves Marre, a Frenchman, who

Marre accompanied by his

from France to Bangladesh and

donated it to Lifebuoy Friendship.

sary and patient reception room.

tematic campaign of violence and intimidation designed to achieve "It is no surprise this outcome has

European Union, the United States and the Commonwealth of former British colonies before deciding

repeatedly denied there were any

early morning, Zimbabwean security forces were on "full alert" to stomp out any unrest, state televi-

Wednesday morning and there reports of soldiers at the airport in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe's second largest city and an opposition stronghold.

city of Bulawayo, a resident said.

Soldiers briefly surrounded the oppositions headquarters in

1,400 opposition representatives sent to monitor balloting and independent election observers had been detained and others had been arrested for allegedly trying to vote a second time.

"We are deeply concerned for the safety of those arrested in the light of the well-established pattern of 'disappearances,' cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment by Zimbabwean security forces, Amnesty said in a statement

Zimbabwean human rights group Amani Trust, said late Tuesday that at least 2,000 people had been detained, the majority of which had not been released.

had been arrested in Harare for voting irregularities. Police spokesman Wayne Byudzigena said Tuesday he had no updated infor-

tion strong and balanced But Al-Kidwa said it marked the first time in a long time that the United States had displayed "such

a positive attitude ... towards the principle of the engagement by the council in Middle Eastern affairs." "As such this is something which we believe will help the situation on the ground," he said. "It has been an important resolution, a significant step. We believe it will help the

the future. "It's the first time the Security Council spells out the vision of two states." Al-Kidwa said. "It names Israel and Palestine, and that's obviously an important step forward."

The Syrian draft resolution referred to Israel as "the occupying power" and called for it to abide by the Fourth Geneva Convention, which governs the protection of

Earlier Tuesday, the Security Council listened to Secretary General Kofi Annan urge Palestinians to halt "morally repugnant" acts of terror and suicide bombings and Israelis to end their 'illegal occupation" of Palestinian territory and stop using excessive

the peace process.

The resolution "demands immedestruction.'

night negotiations, it affirms for the first time in a council resolution "a vision of a region where two states. Israel and Palestine. live side-byside within secure and recognized

parties are also there," said Mamata adding the Alliance, at the time of its formation and assuming power in 1999 October, had

BJP's allies will withdraw support to Vajpayee government on the Ayodhya issue but they made no secret of their unhappiness about the government's stand in the apex court yesterday.

Sena, all other allies of BJP favoured a status quo on any activity at the disputed and undisputed land and adherence to court order

on the title suit regarding the disputed portion.

prayer in Ayodhya arguing it will be violative of the Supreme Court order on retaining the status quo. On the other hand, soon after the

Supreme Court order, Mahant Ramchandra Das Paramhans chief of Ram Janambhoomi Trust spearheading the movement for Ram temple construction in Ayodhya, said he would go ahead with symbolic handing over on March 15 of a carved pillar for the proposed temple. All eves will be now what hap-

pens in Ayodhya where the authorities have deployed thousands of security personnel to enforce the apex court order and prevent any untoward incident.

### Policeman, Ansar bus counter was also injured.

Tax evasion charges

people. One of them -- Alauddin-was arrested on charge of his involvement in the killing. Namaj-e-janaja of the policeman

village home in Barisal muggers in Shyamoli area gunned down Fazlul Haq, an Ansar, and injured police constable Abdul Jalil,

55, of Mohamadpur thana at about I

was held at Razarbagh Police Lines

pm yesterday.

constable Jalil was rushed to the

Namaj-e- janaja of Haq was held at the Ansar Headquarters at Khilgaon vesterday evening. His body was sent to his village home at Mahadan in Sharishabari of

A few months back, Subinspector Kanokuzzaman of Dinajpur thana was shot dead by a gang of muggers in Agargaon slum area. There are newspaper reports that the slum, situated on the border of Tejgaon and Mohammadpur

Known as 'BNP Basti', Agargaon slum is one of the major crime zones

### Hasina

FROM PAGE 12 nepotism in the name of new

appointments. She said "there is no justice, no formality, there is only vengeance and personal enmity." The present situation in the country is not at all a congenial environment for normal growth, she said.

Prior to her speech, Hasina distributed crests and certificates among some of the best-performing engineers in their respective fields.

Earlier, addressing the function

some leaders of the engineers' community said though engineers handle a considerable share of expenditures for development projects, there is no law to ensure discipline in their profession. Md Monowar Hossain

Chowdhury, Chairman of the Committee. IEB President MAK Azad and its general secretary Khan Manzur Morshed also spoke at the concluding session.

Two kidnapped Tuesday night at gunpoint. A team of

Fatikchhari police recovered the body with marks of bullet injuries from Dhigirpar area yesterday morning, police said. Police could not confirm the fate

Faruk was abducted from his

Hasan and Zafar. They took him to Shahdia Primary School ground Nasima Akhter, wife of Faruk

The bodies were sent to morgue

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The cell will also ensure that witnesses are given proper security.

statements of eyewitnesses. suggestions will be finalised at an

the economy, restore macroeconomic balances, establish law and order and institute good gover-Home minister nance. He also mentioned the steps the

> the immediate issues ranging from productive sector to governance. Summit in Dhaka, planned reduction of public expenditure by about

"The new government didn't even hesitate to take politically hard decisions like freezing of public sector employment, cancellation of the Non Aligned Movement (NAM)

om the l

government has taken to address

citizens into their game, and entrapcurrent fiscal year, increase of the norm of everyday Bangladeshi

> now been achieved." and would consult with the

what to do. Government officials have

irregularities in the election. As the results were announced

on main roads leading into Harare

Military helicopters flew over the

### Floating hospital for rural poor healthcare facilities.

receive cost-free basic primary healthcare services laid down in the essential services package (ESP) to supplement the existing public healthcare services," Habiba organisation, briefed journalists.

the char and riverbank population of two upazilas in Kurigram and one upazila in Jamalpur," she added. The hospital will also develop a referral mechanism for timely and

Impact UK.

even in the private sector continued to abuse the public's trust -- giving the sector a bad name and prompting a negative connotation of the word "privatisation". "The nation now faces one

She said in the absence of good

public sector governance, too many

"To be sure, we must not forget that Bangladesh has accomplished a great deal in the past few decades, against all odds and ordeals," she

tine famines with the rise in agricultural productivity and more efficient food distribution. "We even see a steady pace of economic growth and a downward

She listed 'striking' reductions in

fertility and infant mortality rates,

and decline in the prospect of rou-

Bangladesh have surely benefited from these gains," she added. But still there are many other tasks to be accomplished in those

Nishimizu said apart from enormous resources, domestic and foreign alike. "what it takes to reach the country's development goals is a strong political resolve -- to establish good governance as a norm for the nation and rid corruption from

Nishimizu also said that there

Bulawavo. Amnesty International said

demanding their release.

Police said Monday 277 people

easy access to government It would also be involved in educating the target group about

family planning, safe motherhood,

childcare, immunisation, basic

hygiene, including water and sani-

one male nurse, one additional female nurse, one pathology-cum-X-ray technician and a medical clerk will be on board full time. The team is well trained to provide primary healthcare ser-

voluntary basis.

silver and as many bronze.

## **Palestinian state**

this was to give an impulse to peace efforts and to decry violence and terror," he said, calling the resolu-

parties, and it will probably also pave the way for more important and more comprehensive steps in

# Ayodhya site

decided to go by a common agenda keeping out controversial issues like temple construction in Ayodhya. It is not immediately clear if

In fact, with the exception of Shiv

The title suit is pending before the Allahabad High Court and Indian government recently moved

New mark FROM PAGE 1

ing the pool. Two more national records were set in the athletics competition with Kaniz Farhana Shammi of BJMC winning the 100m hurdles clocking 14.28sec.

on the other hand leapfrogged Bangladesh Army to claim the second position with 16 gold, 13 Army improved their gold haul to

Calling the current fighting the worst in a decade, Annan welcomed the US decision to send Zinni back to the region and urged Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat to back his efforts to renew

diate cessation of all acts of violence, including all acts of terror, provocation, incitement and In a statement added after late-

borders.

the court to expedite hearing on the The All India Muslim Personal Law Board and Babri Masjid Action Committee have opposed symbolic

# Agargaon slum and arrested 270

yesterday. The home minister, the state minister for home affairs and the inspector general of police Jamalpur. attended it. His body was sent to his In the other incident, armed

Witnesses said the law enforcers started chasing some muggers while they were fleeing after looting money from a Dhaka-Rajshahi passenger bus counter. The muggers suddenly stopped on the way and fired on them. Manager of the

Fazlul Hag died on the spot and

Two murder cases were filed with Mohammadpur thana in connection with the incidents.

thanas, is protected by police for huge amounts of money.

eyes. They were admitted to Bagerhat A case has been lodged with Bagerhat Sadar thana in this connec-

1999-2000 and 2000-2001. As many as 22070 tonnes of cement were sold in the local market, but the The investigation report further

said the company concealed selling

of 8,413 tonnes of cement during

1999-2000.

The company's annual report mentioned selling of 1.56 lakh tonnes of cement during the year But Confidence Cement informed the VAT commissioner of selling 1.64 lakh tonnes.

crore in VAT during the last eight ars since its inception. He also said the company is going to contest the tax evasion

According to Chowdhury, the company paid around Tk 60.79

Hasina to visit FROM PAGE 12 have a meeting with the leaders of Awami League and its front organisations at Khulna. She will also address a public meeting in the divisional city

On March 23, she will address an

Awami League workers rally at

Jessore and leave for the capital in

the afternoon, ending her weeklong

60 days of the verdict.

acid splashed on their faces.

local MP Md Giasuddin and a host of officials and foreign guests. conceived the idea of the floating hospital, was also present. Bangladeshi-born wife Runa Marre, sailed the barge all the way

Also present were executive committee members of the organisation and directors of Lever

chairman of Lever Brothers Bangladesh Limited. "People living in the areas will

Tasneem, executive director of the "In the first phase of the hospital's journey this year, it will focus on

the Ombudsman would also be operational soon. He also mentioned the formation of a high-powered inter-ministerial taskforce to determine an effective strategy to prevent corruption. He said processes were on to give the central bank reasonable

The Government has decided to

well as a Revenue Reforms

set up a Public Review Commission

Commission by June of this year,'

operational autonomy.

he said.

tions," he added.

He also said the government was determined to privatise SOEs in phases irrespective of whether they are profit-making or losing con-"In order to promote efficient energy use, the government will try

to maintain the price of energy

reflecting current market condi-

corruption as a systemic problem --

Nishimizu said, "We identified

those with power stealing from the weak, drawing and forcing honest

one outcome, power at all costs. Foreign Secretary Jack Straw said Straw said Britain was still receiving reports from Zimbabwe

sion reported. Military police set up roadblocks

Brothers Among them were Jeff Fraser, business group president of Unilever Asia and Jean Alfonsi,

Jibon Tori, an initiative of Impact Foundation, an apex body of

manifestation of poor governance: dangerously weakened national finances with fiscal deficit that has grown too high and foreign reserves that has become too low," she

trend in poverty. The poor people of

areas, she added.

the everyday life of ordinary citi-

Tony Reeler, an official with the

tation, and communicable diseases. Two doctors, two female nurses

such barge-mounted hospital was

vices. Moreover, there will be visiting doctors at the hospital on a Of relevance, the country's first