Indian parliament adjourned | Road accidents kill 8 again over Gujarat riots

the third consecutive day vesterday. with opposition MPs continuing to demand the removal of the chief minister of Gujarat state, where sectarian riots have claimed more than 850 lives.

slogan-shouting MPs made normal business impossible.

Business was suspended in the upper house for the same reason by speaker and India's vice president Krishan Kant after a brief ceremony to swear in newly elected members. Parliament has been paralysed

a three-week recess on Monday to

coalition, have been demanding the government sack Gujarat Chief Minister Narendra Modi for failing to curb communal violence that erupted in late February.

The ruling Hindu nationalist BJP party, which dominates the coalition, has refused to dismiss Modi and instead directed him to seek a fresh mandate by calling snap elections in the state.

Following the adjournment of parliament, leaders of the BJP-led coalition met and later reiterated their rejection of opposition demands for a special debate on the

Why should Gujarat be an issue

A consultation meeting on 'Human Rights

Advocacy Enhancement' will be held

under a project styled as Institutional

Development of Human Rights in

Bangladesh (IDHRB), Venue: IDHRB

project office, House-500/H, Road-8,

An international dialogue on 'Trade,

Biological Resources and Intellectual

Property Rights', organised by the Centre

for Policy Dialogue, will be held. Venue:

Opening ceremony

The opening ceremony of Fantasy

Kingdom will be held with LGRD and

Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan

Bhuiyan as chief guest. Venue: Fantasy

A colourful walkathon as part of a

Campaign for Improving Continuation

Rate of Contraceptive Methods will be

held. State Minister for Health and Family

Welfare Amanullah Aman will lead the

walkathon. Venue: From National

Museum to Institution of Engineers. Time:

<u>DhâkA</u>

Childhood' and 'Solaris'. Venue:

Russian Cultural Centre, Dhanmondi

Kingdom, Ashulia. Time: 6.30pm.

Walkathon

CIRDAP auditorium. Time: 3.00pm

Dhanmondi R/A. Time: 2.30pm.

of debate in the first place?" said defence minister and coalition convenor George Fernandes. Tomorrow we can also say we want to discuss what is happening in West Bengal.

was a state issue that did not require emergency deliberations by the federal government.

the states will decide," he said.

Meanwhile, the Gujarat state cabinet deferred any immediate decision on dissolving the local egislature and calling a snap elec-"The first priority of the govern-

> One of the victims was identified as Rabiul Haque, hailed from Charigram of Fulgazi upazila in

Sherpur.

in Comilla, Sherpur

STAFF CORRESPONDENT Five of the injured were admitted

At least eight people were killed and Chandina Upazila Health Complex "in critical condition." 15 others injured in separate road Later police seized both the accidents in Comilla and Sherpur vehicles. A case was filed. Of them, five people were killed

In Sherpur, three pedestrians were crushed under the wheals of a in Comilla and the rest two in Dhaka-bound bus from Sherpur at In Comilla, five people, including Arakandi Bazar at 5:30 pm yester a woman, were killed and 15 injured

The dead were identified as Niyat Ali, 13, Bajit, 50, and Miraj, 50. They died on way to hospital. Local people said the driver lost

control over the steering while giving side to another vehicle coming from the opposite and hit the pedestrians. Police held the killer bus of

Dreamland Service. Mob caught the driver but he somehow managed to escape with the help of transport workers, witnesses said

Moudud FROM PAGE 1

Moudud lauded the role of the local media in condemning the recent cover story of the Hong Kong-based Far Eastern Economic Review that portraved Bangladesh as a breeding ground of fundamentalists. He said the local media played their due role in unison to "foil evil attempts by vested quarters to put national security at stake through some

absurd propositions" Chaired by BIIS Chairman Mufleh R Osmany, the opening session was also addressed by Jugantor Editor Golam Sarwar, The Independent's Acting Editor Zakaria Siraji, News Director of Channel-i Shykh Siraj and BIISS Director General Major General SM Shahabuddin Ahmed.

Journalist Ataus Samad and Prof Syed Manzoorul Islam of Dhaka University presented the keynote papers at two working sessions. Ataus Samad said the best

service the media could provide at the hour of crisis was to disseminate accurate information about happenings and their analyses.

Saifur tells IMF foreign exchange reserve, he said quoting the IMF report. "The econ-

some issues they advised Bangladesh to follow up.

The issues include reducing budget deficit, further relaxation of foreign exchange regulations and progress with regard to interim Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper

"They were quite impressed with the improvement," he told UNB following the meeting, as the delegation expressed their satisfaction over performance in increasing revenue earnings and remittances. reducing expenditure and other steps taken by the government so He said it would be possible to

take steps otherwise to generate employment and thus alleviate poverty, a major goal of a fiscal policy, if the budget deficit can be contained. He, however, said the deficit is not always bad if it is utilised for employment generation and poverty alleviation. Saifur said they (IMF) found

'amazing" the progress in remittance inflow that registered over 33 per cent growth in the first three quarters of the current fiscal year compared to the same period of last

Expatriate Bangladeshis remitted an additional US\$450 million during the period to help push the foreign exchange reserve to US\$1.41 billion, as of yesterday, from a vulnerable position. The reserve was about to plunge below

did not come out with specific suggestion for cutbacks on the Annual Development Programme (ADP) but said the development budget should not be so heavy as can prove a burden for financing.

further examining the issue of introducina flexible exchange rate in the country and said a substantial monetary support would be a pre-

The minister said the IMF team would visit Bangladesh again in July to review the interim PRSP. "They would provide substantial funding if they feel that Bangladesh could

The finance minister said the delegation apprised him of their report to the IMF board under Article V consultation that concluded in February. In the report they praised Bangladesh for its robust economic progress in the early 1990s. But, the fiscal policy began to be

expansionary and reform agenda

Tender documents in Tangail JS session UNB, Tangail

Consumer Rights Protection

(CRP) Bill in the next session of the latiya Sangsad. Food Minster Abdullah-al-Noman disclosed this at a national

two-day seminar, chaired by CAB President Dr Jafarullah Chowdhury.

of the Center for Policy Dialogue (CPD) Debapriya Bhattachariya advisor of the Consumer Voice of India Dr Bijon Misra, Programme Officer of Consumer International Dr Alice Escalante de Cruze, Executive Editor of the Daily Janakantha Borhan Ahmed and Secretary General of CAB Qazi

Docetaxel, Taxotere, Epirubicin,

Idarubicin, Erythropoietin, Lenograstim and Mitoxantron. Most of the anticancer drugs are used to destroy or interfere with the growth of malignant cells in the

office of Director of the CMSD Brigadier General Abul Kalam Azac twice for comments. But he refused the correspondent appointment Later, the director was e-mailed. Yet

he did not reply.

interrogate the mother and brother of

the victim in connection with the case, he said into the matter to leak out the more important information about the suicide of the victim, the petition added.

(CD) and statements of the 44 prosecution witnesses, the court gave the

Simi. 21, a final year student of Narayanganj Institute of Fine Arts, committed suicide on December 23

last year after being harassed by local hoodlums.

Later, police arrested SI Abu Basher on December 29 last year.

He was arrested on charge of negligence of his duties that led to e suicide of Simi in Khilgaon area of

Meanwhile, the five absconding accused are now threatening the victim's family to withdraw the case or to face 'dire consequences,

Fernandes insisted that Gujarat

"What is happening in the states,

ment is to concentrate on relief and rehabilitation," said a source within

Surgery machine

checked the machine for defects, a laser tube worth Tk 5.71 lakh and another spare part (Argon Wag 2) worth Tk 5.12 lakh went out of order.

Meantime, the supplier of the machine, Universal Traders, offered to replace the machine with a latest version that would cost around Tk 19 lakh while the repair of the argon

"We prefer to use the newer version as it is almost hassle-free said Professor M A Hadi, director of

machine -- VISULAS 532 -- is much better and easier to use compared to the older version of the machine.

"The manufacturer no longer produces spares for the older version and so, it is advisable to buy the latest technology," said one of the

diseases like retinopathy and hypertensive retinopathy. Its unique characteristic is that the laser rays can be focused to burn out development of any diseased area no matter how small it may look on the

Argon laser machine is mainly used to treat blocked blood vessels in the retina of the eye, remove oedema or formation of water in the retina that often intercepts with eyesight and, burn out ischaemic area on the retina. The machine is

The development of the argon aser is the key element that has made laser eye surgery in retina possible. The machine uses argon gas when lased, produces light in the ultraviolet range. The rays or the beams produced are used to burn out the areas on the retina that are affecting eyesight.

tne petition on benait of the foul meanwhile, pleaded that bail should be granted to his clients since the settlement of the case by a full bench would require more time.

granted bail to the four detainees. detention order would be considered valid. In this case, the government does not need to show any

extended detention.

additional magistrate must explain in 15 days as to why he has issued the detention order.

government approves the detention order, it may be extended without further explanation. Otherwise, the detainee must be

released after the 30-day detention period is over. Besides, Clause 3 (1) of the act provides for fresh detention upon

period. In recent times, the government is not only approving detention under Clause 3 (2) but also extending detention period applying

Clause 3 (1) The act, meanwhile, also requires that the government must explain within 120 days of detention to the advisory council as to why it

guestion arises as to when the 120day period should be counted from from the first day of initial detention or that of the fresh detention.

Note of protest FROM PAGE 1

Aricha route from the first week of May. These ferries have been procured on Chinese loan at a cost of Tk 17 crore. "The deal for procuring the

Chinese ferries was sealed during the tenure of the previous government. I think we will not face any problem in ferry service." Shipping Minister Akbar Hosain told The Daily

Hague ministerial meeting

the benefits of globalisation, to create job opportunity for all, including the most vulnerable members of society, so they can earn a decent income and have access to better education and healthcare."

as a bus hit a taxicab on the Dhaka-

Chittagong highway yesterday afternoon, acceding to UNB.

Dhaka-bound bus of "Meghna

Paribahan" rammed a taxicab at

about 2 pm at Kutumbopur in

Chandina upazila, leaving five

people, including the taxi driver

Police and witnesses said a

Kok said the dramatic events of 11 September last year "taught us the urgency of redoubling our efforts to eradicate poverty. We made meaningful progress on the traderelated aspects of intellectual property rights, which will ensure affordability of medicines and vaccines for the poor, and will help significantly in the fight against HIV/AIDS"

The two-day ministerial segment of the convention, he said, "is an important step towards achieving the millennium development goals and towards bringing the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) to a successful conclusion"

He called upon the participating ministers to formulate decisions geared towards action and to affirm its strong commitment to immediate mplementation

"Let's return home with the knowledge that we have made progress towards access to, and benefit-sharing of, genetic resources, with guidelines on invasive alien species, and with a working programme on forest biological

FROM PAGE 12

State Minister for Environment of the Netherlands Ms. Geke Faber chaired the inaugural function.

President of the COP-6 and

While speaking at the inaugural session. Sirai said the geographical situation and socio-economic development scenario of low-lying countries and island nations should be kept in mind while preparing global strategies, programmes and action plans.

He apprised the ministerial meeting of various programmes related to environment in Bangladesh and said, "We are committed to meet the challenges of

In order to make plans for and attain sustainable development goals, he said, conservation of biological diversity, regeneration of extinct and lost species together with effective as well as adequate management of various other

natural resources is a must. "The new millennium has thrown out numerous challenges and solutions of those challenges are not easy and thus we have to make determined, decisive sincere efforts to face the difficult challenges. Let's we work together to reach our common goals of sustainability of the biological diversity around the

Other members of the Bangladesh delegation are Bangladesh Ambassador to the

joint secretary of the Ministry of Environment and Forest Sved M Lutfullah, deputy secretaries Dr Mahfuzul Haq and ATM Zulfiquer Main themes of the ministerial

segment are foreseen for strengthening of involvement of women in conservation and wise sustainable use of biodiversity as well as access. to genetic resources and fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising out of the utilisation of genetic resources. Representatives of parties.

intergovernmental organisations, NGOs, indigenous organisations, private sector and civil society will participate in the multi-stakeholder meetings of the ministers scheduled

Over 120 environment ministers from around 160 participating countries including UK, Norway, Belgium, the Philippines, Jordan, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Italy, Greece, The Maldives, Germany, Japan, Romania, Russian Federation, Finland, Switzerland, Ukraine, Vietnam, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Uganda, El Salvador, Denmark, Bhutan, Bolivia, Austria, Argentina, Cambodia, Canada, China, Cuba, Sweden, New Zealand, Sudan and host Netherlands are participating in the two-day segment.

magistrate

The two disclosed the names of

such an old structure bearing the mark of traditional architecture. Requesting anonymity, a lawyer persons -- Liton, Sved, Rashedul who lives in the area said that Islam Rashed, Julekha Akhter, her

Konkon Akhter Kanok. appealing to the government to save

this temple," said the lawyer. Policemen at the Rankin Street Police Outpost just next door told this correspondent that they had warned the labourers not to touch the temple. But due to the wall, the police could not see from the street

Sadek Hossain Khoka, the local Member of Parliament, and Minister for Fisheries and Livestock and also a mayoral candidate told The Daily Star that he would look into the matter. "You may build a school but not at the cost of a place of worship.'

Shihab murder FROM PAGE 1

Faisal Sharif Razu, Mahbubul Haq Rubel, Imran Hossain Sabuj and Nasim Sheikh as their associates in Earlier, the police arrested six

Konkon Akhter Kanok -- for interro-Charges have been dropped against Rashedul Islam Rashed,

Julekha Akhter, Fazlul Hag and Shihab. 13. a student of class seven of Motilhel Model High

School, was abducted in front of his school on February 7. He was later killed as he recognised one of the abductors. The incident came to the light on March 31 when Liton and Syed were

caught red-handed by the detectives when they came to take the ransom money from a relative of Shihab at a sweetmeat at Shipaibagh in Khigaon.

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infrastructure and standard of health services.' She said development of a

country's production system and economy largely depends on the good health of its population. "We commitment," she added.

ment," Khaleda said adding that nearly seven lakh patients in the country are awaiting cataract opera-She said the journey of the

at affordable cost. She hoped that this institute

would be turned into a world-class centre for ophthalmology research and eye treatment. Earlier, the Prime Minister laid

Institute for Ophthalmology and Hospital. Health Minister Dr Khondoker Mosharraf Hossain, State Minister

for Health Amanullah Aman, local MP Adv Khondoker Mahbubuddin Prof Hadi Fakir also spoke on the

Court order

FROM PAGE 12 providing televisions and dish

antenna to people of his village in The third case against him also

in a helicopter in 1995, costing the In the fourth case, the accused was charged with misappropriating

Tk 56,701 for his wife's treatment in a Singapore hospital in March, 1995. The court framed charges in the

cases on January 24 last year.

Dhaka bourse FROM PAGE 1

They found that the system generated wrong names of the top five volume leaders, with false traded volumes misleading the general investors.

steps or inform the regulators about They mentioned that the software was installed in the DSE system in

1998 but it went into operation in the warranty period.

board gave the order for his removal.

to put pressure on the macroeco-

after mid-90s.

nomic situation. It said in the last three years of Awami League government, the amount of publicly guaranteed credits rose to US\$16.5 billion (36 per cent of GDP). "Most of the amounts were against supplier's

credits," Saifur said citing the IMF

omy became progressively fragile

The donor agency report noted that demand for public borrowing

from the banking system increased

appraisal report. The delegation leader Valdivieso, said they were here just to clarify few points related to policies, especially on fiscal deficit and enhancing central bank's monitor-

BIWTC to launch 2 ferries at Aricha next month

UNB. Dhaka

Corporation (BIWTC) will commission two recently procured ferries at Aricha ferry-ghat in the first week of This was decided at a high-level meeting held yesterday at the Shipping Ministry with Shipping Minister Lt Col (Retd) Akbar

Bangladesh Inland Water Transport

Hossain, Bir Pratik, in the chair, BIWTC officials told the meeting that present condition of the existing ferries would not create any trouble n ferry services in next five years. They suggested that smooth

ferry services could be ensured in

next 10 years by overhauling the old The meeting decided to overhaul four ferries -- Hazrat Shahialal Amanat Shah, Shah Mokhdum and Shah Ali -- one by one in next two

years with the fund reserved for BIWTC. The officials concerned were instructed to select shipyard for the

It was also decided in the meet ing to conduct a survey on how many ferries would be required in next 10 years after constructing bridges on the big rivers of the

early renovation of the ferries.

Secretary of Shipping Ministry Golam Rahman and BIWTC Chairman Abdul Matin were pres-

CRP Bill to be placed in next

The government will take steps to

workshop on 'Food Security and Safe Food' at a city hotel yesterday. Consumers Association of Bangladesh (CAB) and Consumers

The workshop was addressed among others by Executive Director

lungs, breast, ovary, head and neck, oral cavity, kidneys, colon, brain This correspondent went to the

Simi suicide case

She left a note holding five youths Khalil, Doel, Ripon, Mofazzal

victim's family sources said.

debate and pass the national bud-Both houses of the Indian parlia-Opposition parties, as well as some members of the governing ment were adjourned in uproar for

The lower house was adjourned within minutes of assembling as

by the dispute since it returned from

The National Committee for the Solidarity

DHAKA

Meeting

Dialogue

Central Shaheed Minar. Time: 4.00pm. Roundtable A roundtable on 'The Legal Structure for a

strong Local Government' organised by

the Hunger Project will be held. Venue:

A seminar on 'Business Education and

Management: Career Buildup and

Practical Application', organised by

Dhaka Imperial College, will be held.

Venue: College premises. Time:

National Press Club. Time: 9.30am

with the People of Palestine will hold a

grand rally in protest against the Israeli

genocide of the Palestinian people

backed by Us imperialism. Venue:

Seminar

Anniversary The 1st anniversary of Victoria MBA Dhaka Study Centre will be held. Venue:

BETS Centre, Dhanmondi R/A, Time:

begin with Foreign Minister M Morshed

Khan as chief guest. Venue: Bengal

Gallery of Fine Arts, Dhanmondi R/A.

Time: 6.00pm. The exhibition will remain

Art exhibition A solo art exhibition of Syed Jahangir will

open till May 9 from 12.00pm to 8.00pm. Seminar Green Sphere, an environmental society of Independent University, Bangladesh, organises a seminar on ' Birds of

Bangladesh'. Venue: House6, Road14,

Film show

Baridhara, Time: 9.00am.

Zahir Raihan Film Society and Russian Cultural Centre will screen 7 films made by Russian Filmmaker Andrei Tarkovsky to mark his 70th birth anniversary. On the first day Andrei Rublev (1966) will be screened. Venue: Russian Cultural

Centre, Dhanmondi R/A. Time: 5.00pm. Seminar

A seminar on 'Third Way: Empowerment of Workers through Ownership' organised by Bangladesh Labour- Welfare Foundation, will be held. Venue: Labour

whether your sights can be set squarely on peace through negotia-Powell noted that both he and US President George W Bush had expressed disappointment in the

ncursions into Palestinian territory had to end and that there needed to a resumption of security talks with the Palestinians if a ceasefire is to be achieved. Powell said Israeli Prime Minister

Palestinian leader's performance in

Turning to Israel, Powell said

combating such attacks.

Ariel Sharon had assured him he was winding down his West Bank operations, launched on March 29. "He has provided me with a timeline through this weekend and

as you all know, (army) reservists

are now returning home. I stressed

to the prime minister the urgency of

completing the withdrawal and have been assured of real results in the next few days. Powell said that until that happened, there could be no talk of a

"The president wanted to see an

immediate withdrawal and, for reasons that we don't need to go into in detail here, that did not happen." Powell said. "We can have a ceasefire declared today. What would it mean when one side is still pursuing an operation that they are bringing to a

close... and the other side is not yet

in a position to respond because the

incursion has not yet ended," he

real truce.

Powell added: "And so 'ceasefire' is not a relevant term at the moment. But it will become relevant very quickly, I believe, when the incursion ends, when the withdrawals have been completed. "Only with the end of the incurZahir Raihan Film Society and Russian Cultural Centre will screen two

Film show

R/A. Time: 5.00pm and 6.30pm respec-

Powell's peace mission

Course In collaboration with Murdoch University Australia. International University of Business, Agriculture and Technology (IUBAT) will launch its second training course on Sustainability. Venue: IUBAT

seminar hall Time: 9 00am

sions and engagement in security talks can a ceasefire be achieved in reality as well as rhetoric," he said adding that settlements in the occupied territory also had to be halted. "The question is whether the

time has come for a strong, vibrant

state of Israel to look beyond the destructive impact of settlements and occupation, both of which must end." he said Powell also rejected Sharon's comment that it was a "tragic mistake" to meet with Arafat, after Israe

"It was important for me to see Chairman Arafat because he is recognised by the Palestinian people as their leader," Powell said.

has tried to isolate the Palestinian

Embarrassed FROM PAGE 1 In view of the situation, it would not

be fair on my part to hold trial, said the chairman in his order and referred_case-files to the Labour Appeal Tribunal for the sake of fair Informed sources said, about

200 unruly workers of the union launched the attack on the court

when hearing of the cases was

continuing on March 9. Leaders of

the union were earlier supporters of

mayor of Chittagong, but they now

identify themselves as activists of

Cabinet body FROM PAGE 12 Chaired by Industries Minister MK

pro-BNP Sramik Dal.

Anwar, who is chairman of the committee, the meeting was also attended by LGRD Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, Land Minister Shamsul Islam and Science and ICT Minister Dr Moyeen Khan.

laser would cost around Tk 12 lakh.

The newer version of the laser

doctors of NIO The laser is used to treat ocular

very useful for use on diabetic

Detention Khan Saifur Rahman, who moved

The judges upheld his plea and On Tuesday, another division bench of the High Court gave a verdict that upon expiry of a detention period of a person, a fresh

new arounds for fresh detention. In other words, this verdict allows multiple detentions instead of As per Clause 3 (2) of the SPA, a district magistrate or an additional district magistrate can order a 30day detention. However, it is required that the magistrate or the

Clause 3 (3) of the act says if the

completion of the initial 30-day

has detained a person. In case of a fresh detention, the

Temple grabbed

removed the bricks. The Hindu community of the area had stopped worshipping in the temple several years ago after a section of local people built a wall around the temple, blocking access to it. The same group of people took over the school comn and ran the school on 1.5 kathas of land on the western side of the temple. The same land was donated to the school years ago by the Karmakar family, which owns a large chunk of land adjacent to the temple but now lives in hiding in fear of life. A

case (no. 40/98) is also pending with

that the laborers mistakenly

the AC Land Office regarding ownership of the Karmakar family's land. A shopkeeper on the Rankin Street side of the temple said he was temporarily guarding the construction site. He said a part of the temple would probably be spared, but that the age-old structure was not a temple any more and nobody came to worship there. Another man, who said he lived across the road and identified himself as Shakawat, said that the structure was 'not a temple but a place that was used as a memorial'. He said the school was set up in 1957. The Dhaka City

Education Directorate run the school, he said. Many residents of Wari condemned the decision to demolish

Mohammad Kajal and Haji Abdur Rab are masterminds behind the whole plot to demolish the temple and grab the land. "We are fast losing all relics of the past because there are gangs of land-grabbers operating in connivance with the administration; I am

what was going on inside.

Corporation and the Primary Khoka violating code

by two commissioner candidates, including one in the ruling camp, they alleged that their rivals are threatening them to "stav away from the election race or face serious

They demanded deployment of

additional security personnel ahead

of the voting to ensure the safety of

the candidates and the voters, as

consequences".

As many as 278 commissioner candidates facing criminal charges are running in the April 25 DCC race. Apart from these allegations, according to election sources at different city points, many other

candidates are being threatened

and planning to organise press meet

conference alleged that Khoka is

The 11 candidates at the press

to make their problems public.

violating the election code of conduct by using government transports, making wall scrawls, publishing colour posters and erecting arches at different city points. Independent candidate Abed Raja, Afzalul Huq Shiqdar, Sayed Motaher Hossain, Kamrul Hasan, Krishak Mohammad Sadeq,

Mohammad Abdul Baset,

Mohammad Amanullah Shikdar, Begum Nurjahan, Mohammad Shahin, Mostafa Allama and Maulana Shamsul Huq Jehadi attended the conference. The 11 mayoral candidates however said none of them expect to

win the polls. A total of twenty candidates are running for the office of Dhaka mayor At one of the press conferences

organised by ward commissioner

candidates, Rasheda Wahid Mukta,

a contestant for the women's

reserved seats at Ward No. 14, said

her rival Sajeda Ali Helen, nomi-

nated by the ruling coalition, was putting pressure on her to stay away from the election race. "They also issued threats on my and my husband's lives." She also alleged that Helen's campaigners are claiming that they have the blessings of Quamrul Islam, a retired major, and Sadeq Hossain

Khoka and that they will do anything

the ruling BNP leaders not to shelter

Mukta urged the authorities and

to get a favourable result.

AKM Moazzem Hossain, a ruling coalition candidate from ward No. 2 under Pallabi Police Station, at a press conference at the Dhaka Reporters Unity demanded deployment of army personnel at 10 out of 17 centres in his ward, which he feared may be taken over by his rival Ismail Hossain Benu.

commissioner and also an accused in 16 cases, were threatening his activists and supporters and tearing off his and mayoral candidate Sade Hossain Khoka's posters.

He alleged that Benu, incumbent

Khaleda

have increased the allocation in health sector to keep our election "The government is also attaching special importance to eye treat-

Institute for Ophthalmology had started in the premises of Suhrawardy Hospital during the period of Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman. She said the new institute would provide facilities for modern research, education and treatment

the foundation stone of the National

Ahmed, Health Secretary Fazlur Rahman, DG of Health Directorate ABM Ahsanullah and Director of National Ophthalmology Institute

the billion-dollar mark in January. The minister said the delegation

He apprised the delegation of

achieve the set targets."

snatched by armed gang

Tender documents of contractors bidding for three categories of work on a local road were snatched shortly before lotteries on Tuesday. Officials said all preparation was complete to hold lotteries on awarding works to the contractors for construction, expansion and main-

tenance of the Ghatail-Bhoradoba

Road under the Roads and

Highways Department. But they could not hold the lotteries as armed hoodlums, allegedly led by a relative of a minister from the district, snatched the tender documents driving out all contractors. They also forced the executive

engineer of the department to

announce results of the lotteries in

Department and demanded

announcement of the lottery results

They also met the deputy com-

in the presence of a magistrate.

favour of them and beat up district BNP leader Meer Nazmul Karim Mukta when he protested the inci-Meanwhile, the angry contractors held a protest meeting in front of the Roads and Highway

missioner of the district demanding action against the offenders. The executive engineer of the Roads and Highway could not be reached for comments.

concerned alleged misuse of his official position by flying to his village government Tk 16,46,899.

The investigators pointed out that the software was faulty since inception and at least on three different occasions, IT officials of the DSE brought it to the notice of the CEO. But he failed to take any effective

March last year, long after expiry of Based on the findings, the SEC

Cancer hospital FROM PAGE 1 urgently needed by the hospital are-Cisplatin, 5 Fluoracil, Cyclophosfamide, Carmustin, Doxorubicin, Dacarbazine,

blood and cervix.

After scrutinising the case diary

Enayet and the SI of police -- responsible for her death.

the city on December 23 last year.