It was widely alleged that the police leaked information about crackdown on culprits. It has been found that criminals often come to know about decision to arrest them in advance and get enough time to go

Sources said information is leaked through some unscrupulous police officers, who maintain close links with the criminals in exchange of money. This is also the main reason behind failure to nab crimi-

try said if any police officer under the rank of the ASP wants to use mobile phone, they have to take special permission from the higher authori-

Following widespread use of cell phones by police officers in last five months, the ministry again sent a directive to the police authorities on March 24 to stop use of cell phones by police officers.

It said disobeying the order would be considered as "antidisciplinary" and "disobedience".

Mukta

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opened her eyes. She found herself at the Shapla Chattar, Motijheel, in the capital. The gang gave her Tk 200 and sent her by rickshaw to the

action, sources said.

and he threatened to publish the photos if any legal action was taken, the sources added.

Potka fish

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soon after admission to the hospital.

The condition of those lying in the hospital are stated to be critical

The bodies were sent to KMCH morgue for autopsy.

Acid attack on 2 sisters in Sherpur

UNB, Sherpur

Two sisters sustained serious burn injuries as miscreants threw acid on them at village Mandaliapara in Nalitabari upazila Tuesdav night.

Police arrested the main accused, Mahbub, on the following

Police and villagers said Mahbub, son of Zahed Ali of the same village, proposed to marry schoolgirl Selina Begum, 15, but her parents turned down the proposal.

Being refused, Mahbub became angry and on the night he along with accomplices Shamim, Ziaul and Yakub threw acid on Selina and her sister Shahida, 8, while they were

The victims, daughters of Mobarak Ali, a day-labourer, were admitted to Upazila Health

Kuakata

The state minister also directed them to shift the inhabitants of Adarsha village, now living on a flood protection embankment near the sea beach, to a safer place so that they do not fall prey to natural

He also asked them for taking steps to preserve the century-old Buddha temple and Kuakata Well, and developing facilities for the Hindu pilgrims who visit the temple and its adjacent areas during Ras

Kamal Majumder

FROM PAGE 12 Six people were shown as prosecu-

tion witnesses in the chargesheet. Kamal was granted ad-interim bail by the High Court on January

The court granted bail till submission of the chargesheet.

Later, two other accused were granted bail by the special court for prevention of women and children

Electioneering

conduct, without these, a candidate is usually considered nowhere in the

an election 'already won' by them. For instance, walls in the city are now full of writings urging people to

now a common sight. Businessmen, residents and passersby look on and watch such processions.

An exceptional procession was brought out by the ward commissioner aspirant from the ruling alliance, MA Samad, in ward-73, He hired an elephant (his election symbol) from a circus and led a procession sitting on the huge

Sadek Hossain Khoka of the BNPled alliance seems to dominate the

tarmac welcome, along with women

bearing posters of the king. The

women were dressed in bright

traditional clothing and devoid of the

all-encompassing burga which was

the airport around noon for a 10-

minute journey to his house in the

Wazir Ákbar Khan neighbourhood,

where he is expected to spend the

rest of his life under maximum

and two armoured patrol vehicles

when he arrived, along with about

national anthem on flutes and a

drum, watched by hundreds of

revellers. Many of them clutched the

red, black and green flag last flown

during the king's reign, and not seen

again until the downfall of the

One of the musicians, Kamin

Taliban at the end of last year.

were waiting outside the residence

30 Afghan soldiers and police.

An Italian light armoured tank

compulsory under the Taliban.

to welcome him home.

sands of posters and wall writings throughout the city. Out of the 20 mayoral candidates, 11 believed to be AL supporters, held a joint press conference on Wednesday and accused Khoka of violating the election code of conduct.

In Karwan Bazar area, about 100 youths recently changed their political identity and 'vowed' to work for alliance candidates in the DCC polls. Businessmen at Karwan Bazar said that only a few months ago, the youths claimed themselves

by him to attract supporters. Police however arrested one person from there and recovered two films

Ganges treaty

only include the sharing of the water of the Ganges known as the Padma in Bangladesh but the quality of the international river water, which is deteriorating due to pollution upstream, the sources said.

provision for quality for review.

decline in the Ganges water, it calls for inclusion of the issue in the

money" and said that deals to convert residential plots were

completed 'very secretly' Residents in Gulshan, some of whom have opted for conversion of their residential plots, said that they had to pay a 'hefty conversion fee' and they did so because the deal promised instant money.

But residents, opposing unplanned commercialisation of residential areas, said that the most powerful 'lobby' active in this regard are the developers, who often "lure or force" landowners promising "totally hassle-free transition and instant profit".

Former acting chairman and currently member (development) of the Rajuk Abdul Awal Chowdhury told The Daily Star that the decision to permit 'non-residential' use of residential plots was taken to meet the growing demand of the residents and plot owners. He said his office did not convert

any road entirely into a commercial area but kept permitting individuals to convert plots into 'non-residential' purpose in exchange for a conver-

able to locate the two at East

Razabazar, and accused them of

theft. This resulted into a scuffle

between him and the two, and at one

One Nargis of East Razabazar

Teigaon Police denied knowl-

1,27,570 from the public funds for

providing televisions and dish

antenna to people of his village in

In the third case, the accused

was charged with misusing his

official position by flying to his village

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

Mount Elizabeth Medical Centre in

The court framed charges

against Altaf Hassain Chowdhury on

that this was the first attempt to

resort to any corrupt means in any

projects in Bangladesh funded by

Denmark also terminated all

sorts of cooperation with the ship-

ping ministry and withdrew grant

worth US\$ 45 million in projects

related to inland water transport

Before revealing it to the press.

government Tk 16,46,899.

Singapore in March, 1995.

January 24, last year.

Danes

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the Danes.

point Rafig shot Arman in the leg.

took Arman to the DMCH.

4 graft cases

edge of the incident.

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Rajuk wracks residential plots

"We have not allowed any shopping complexes or offices anywhere, we are only permitting individuals to set up medicine shops, banks and fast food restaurants, which are necessary for the public in the area." Chowdhury said.

When asked how at least eight shopping complexes are now being built on the Gulshan Avenue then. he said that he was not aware of any such construction and assured that he would ask his inspectors to look into the matter "In fact, we have tried to stop

unofficial conversion of residential plots but failed. The conversion fee was imposed to discourage people from taking up commercial projects," Chowdhury said. In Uttara, despite its having a large designated commercial area with kitchen markets, shopping

cover of "non-residential use" on all its roads measuring 60 feet or more. This has resulted in a rush for commercialisation of residential

malls as per original plan, the Rajuk

has recently started permitting

commercial structures under the

authorities are also apparently unaware as to how flow of traffic and other related problems would be solved once these areas are full of

commercial activities When the Rajuk declared the Kamal Ataturk Avenue a commercial area a few years ago, many residents living in Banani protested vehemently terming the move a 'deception'. They argued that when they bought the plots they were shown a tranquil residential area, not a bulging commercial one. generating noise and air pollution and constant traffic jam.

Incumbent Rajuk chairman, Iqbaluddin Chowdhury told The Daily Star that over the last 15 days since he took over he had turned down one application for conversion. He said there is a constant pressure on the Rajuk to allow conversion of residential plots for non-residential use because there were precedents.

"Even then I will try to maintain the zoning character of each area,

Juba Dal leader | Political face of BAC

Mosharraf Hossain in its cabinet although the same in the early 1990s filed corruption cases against both. Mosharraf was also convicted in two cases for a five-year term. And both served the Ershad govern-

withdrawing cases on an executive order, the ministers of the present government said on many occaposed of through the legal process and not be withdrawn.

During the publication of the government's spokesman Haris Chowdhury said the cases would follow their own course. The Prime Minister's Office

(PMO) in a letter on April 4 asked the public prosecutor (PP) to take necessary steps about withdrawal of the four cases against Home Minister Altaf Hossain Chowdhury. Yet, on an executive order, the

Recently, two cases through final reports of investigation

officers (IO). The court recently discharged two cases filed against Prime Minister Khaleda Zia and her son Tareq Rahman. Although these two cases were resolved legally, the legal experts believe that the gov-

Currently, the government has initiated the process of withdrawal of a number of cases against BNP ministers and MPs. Moreover, the public prosecutors have shifted away from their earlier position, and the government is following a goslow policy in this regard because the withdrawal of the cases all together might create a negative

However, the BNP ministers and Ps accused in different cases

No second shift

Ironically, both the BNP and the

Judicial probe

Lolit, of their involvement in the

Another witness, Panna Lal wrapped with a black cloth.

fifth parliament election. Although three governments have come to

office ever since, no-one actually lived up to the words. It is said that since BAC works under the Prime Minister's Office political influence on it is obvious And in the meantime, real corrupt

people get away with their act. Air Lanka FROM PAGE 1

State Guesthouse Meghna before ending his four-day visit to Bangladesh, he said it was part of familiarisation trips to six SAARC countries. Fernando, who was appointed the FM last December, has already been to India and Nepal, and plans to fly to Pakistan next week before visiting the Maldives and Bhutan.

Fernando said he had discussed with the Bangladesh leaders a proposal for Bangladesh to provide training to Sri Lankan troops for UN

peacekeeping operations.

He said he had also focused on trade and economic issues, especially on attracting Bangladeshi tourists to Sri Lanka. The Air Lanka which discontinued its direct flight to Dhaka after an LTTE attack on Colombo international airport, will soon recommence its Dhaka-Colombo flights, he added.

Fernando said a delegation from Sri Lanka will visit Bangladesh to further expand cooperation in pharmaceuticals that has been squeezed by the multinational companies.

He informed that Sri Lankan Prime Minister Ranil Wickremasinghe will visit Dhaka next July. Sri Lankan High Commissioner

in Dhaka and Bangladesh foreign ministry officials were present at the

FROM PAGE 12 tee for launching a second shift with the existing academic and infra-

The proposal created negative reaction among teachers and students of the university. Some left leaning student bodies also staged demonstrations on the campus protesting it.

meeting also decided that construction work of 'Bangladesh-Iran Centre for Persian Building' in front of the central library would continue. Modern architectural design of the building would add to beauty of the campus, it felt.

students and teachers are protestconstruction of the building saying it would destroy an attractive open space on the campus and lead to felling of at least 20 old trees.

Although the government is sions that the cases would be dis-

white paper on the AL's 'corruption',

cases against the home minister

were withdrawn yesterday. State Minister for Energy Mosharraf Hossain and Information Minister Tariqul Islam have been disposed of

ernment influenced the disposal

MPs accused in different cases have become impatient about withdrawal of their cases. Last week, State Minister for Communications Salahuddin Ahmed accused in four cases met the director-general of BAC in this regard, sources said.

AL have repeatedly made commitments to set up independent anticorruption commissions since the

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former Father of the church John incident.

Sarker, said the bomb went off minutes after a vouth, who had come to the church during prayers with a gunny bag, left the church leaving behind a bible-sized packet

incidents if violence, she said. "I ask conscious people of the world where my men will go now to escape repression."

nario, she said, "Since takeover by the four-party alliance government, all indicators of economy have plummeted. She said victory of pro-AL law-

yers in elections to 56 out of 58 bar

confidence in the ruling alliance. swept the Supreme Court Bar Association polls by bagging 11 out

Bangladesh Bar Council Vicechairman Amir-ul- Islam and Awami Ainjibi Parishad President Shahara Khatoon also spoke on the occasion. Some senior AL leaders including Deputy Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Advocate Abdul Hamid were present.

Amir-ul-Islam said " It is a political decision whether Awami League will join parliament session. But I urge Awami League lawmakers to give their views in meetings of parliamentary standing committees on behalf of the people before the government passes any new law".

Criticising the new law for speedy trial of cases, Ozair Faroog said it is not possible to complete investigation in seven days and trial in 30 days.

with the people in their "fight against repression and terrorism let loose by the ruling alliance".

Police alter

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cities and the additional IGP heading the special branch of police were among others who attended the crucial meeting.

EC Secretary SM Zakaria briefed the press about the outcome of the

to function on the election day in the capital. But the number of such courts in Dhaka may be increased on availability of more magistrates.

to a maximum one year in jail. In Rajshahi and Khulna cities, 10

ing on the polling day. Besides, 2,000 magistrates would be deployed at the polling stations in the three cities.

Dhaka from April 22. Ten army teams backed by the police would be posted in Rajshahi day. The deployment would con-

The joint meeting also reviewed the pre-election law and order and election preparations.

Loan defaulter

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According to the study, there is no deposit against five loans, which were given rescheduling facility last week

recovering these loans," said an

official seeking anonymity. He also said things would turn out to be more problematic on the down payment issue. Central bank officials said there were two major irregularities in rescheduling the loan -- the required

The sources also said that a letter stating the pressure on the borrower bank in rescheduling loans of Rahman Group has reached the Bangladesh Bank governor through the Prime Minister's Office. But even before the central bank could look into the matter, the Sonali Bank board has approved the rescheduling.

2 cops closed and ordered sending him to Dhaka

Central Jail for custody. The other four were placed on a two-day

Khan, allegedly demanded by them pain, Shaheen, 43, was also

Sources said Akram's family later found him at Uttara thana and not at the jail. The boy used to stay at his

marks of torture in his body, Akram's

the boy would be implicated in arms

Hasina

for speedy trial of cases involving

Turning to the economic sce-

associations in the country is a manifestation of peoples' no-The Pro-AL panel of lawyers

indigenous people of Americas,

He expressed lawyers' solidarity

Due to shortage of magistrates,

If found quilty, the mobile court may sentence an election offender

mobile courts each would be work-

BDR, 270 of the police and 80 of the armed police would be deployed in

and Khulna each from the same tinue until April 26. Each team would consist of 10 to 12 personnel.

uncle's house. Family members said that seeing

uncle gave police Tk 60,000. Then he was again produced before the CMM's Court, which sent him to jail The two police officials had earlier threatened that if Akram's

case, members of his family alleged. The Deputy Commissioner of DMP was asked to investigate the incident and submit a report as early

Establish rights of indigenous people

IIFB urges govts

REZAUL KARIM, from The Hague

The International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity (IIFB) has asked the governments across the world to establish rights of the indigenous people and respect their knowledge. innovations and practices.

In a statement issued vesterday at the Convention on Biological Diversity here, the IIFB asked the states to consider their issues from a human and not purely commercial perspective. The IIFB, which unites indige-

nous peoples from across the world

and participating in the two-week convention, made the urgent call to the parties so that they do not adopt guidelines on access to resources within their territories until establishment of appropriate protection mechanisms for their rights. Florina Lopez, from the Kuna people in Panama, stated that "we are really concerned because our

particularly indigenous women, are suffering because of hydroelectric, mining, oil and biopiracy projects, and the parties want to adopt guidelines on access to our knowledge and resources without our free prior informed consent" Alfred Ilenre from the Ethnic Minority and Indigenous Rights

Organisation of Africa said, "We are

worried because of the lack of

coherence of the parties when they

adopt decisions that do not take into

account the rights of the indigenous

people. At the same time, they do not want stop the trade agreements emerging from the World Trade Organisation, although economic globalisation means the death of millions of indigenous people, the disappearance of more than 300 indigenous languages and of the

biodiversity on the planet." The guidelines and recommendations adopted at the Conference of the Parties (COP-6) must be oriented to the recognition of rights of indigenous peoples, the right to full and effective participation and to work towards adoption of protection mechanism of their rights as indigenous peoples and for intellectual property rights, the IIFB stated.

Local govt

Dr Abdur Razzaq said poverty can be alleviated only through practice of democracy and accountability at the grassroots level. For this, there is no alternative to strengthening local governments, he added.

Participating in the discussion some of the UP chairmen said responsibilities of parliament members and local governments should be demarcated clearly.

They alleged that members of parliament often intervene and try to get 'share' in development activities

He underscored the need for

Eduardo Perez Motta, chairman

modernising the patent right, saying

of TRIPS Council, WTO and

Ambassador, Permanent Mission of

Mexico in WTO, who attended the

session as special guest, discussed

Professor Rehman Sobhan

chairman of the CPD, chaired the

session attended by politicians

academics, business leaders and

Visa on arrival

tions, the FBCCI or the BGMEA.

organised by the ministries.

oriented organisations or associa-

Bangladesh to attend at seminar,

workshop, convention, symposium

system also put forward some

conditions to the immigration offi-

cers not below the Inspector to

strictly follow the rules before issu-

Participants coming to

Newly introduced on arrival visa

various aspects of TRIPS.

civil society activists.

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ing landing visa.

that exports will otherwise suffer.

Biodiversity strategy

related issues. Matters relating to plant and animal varieties, biodiversities, geographical indications, service marks, and integrated circuits are being given attention to.

endeavour to improve both the legislation and enforcement of IPR in keeping with our requirements and our international commitments," he said The Least Developed Countries (LDC), especially Bangladesh, is in a disadvantageous position in the

"It will be our government's

across the globe, said Mahfuz Ullah of the Centre for Sustainable Development, in his speech. He said all areas of the IPR are

important for Bangladesh since it is

a country rich in bio-diversity.

World Trade Organisation (WTO)

and the WTO mechanism is not

acceptable to the civil society

Rizwana Hasan of BELA said TRIPS agreement triggered international debates on many issues. Dr Debapriya Bhattacharya of the CPD said the IPR regime is

unbalanced and inequitable. He

alleged that some advanced coun-

properties of the LDCs, which will Bhattacharya stressed the need for having national intellectual property rights to protect traditional knowledge. The LDCs like Bangladesh will have to face a suffocating situation as advanced

countries are grabbing the patent

ucts, especially the lifesaving drugs.

would be costlier and out of reach of

the poor when TRIPS will come into

He said pharmaceutical prod-

The conditions included tries have stolen the intellectual endorsement of US\$500 in the passport, return air ticket, same port for entry and departure. "Employment in Bangladesh paid or unpaid prohibited" will have

> The system would not be applicable with the citizens of those countries Bangladesh have made No Visa' agreement.

> > The order was effective from

yesterday and earlier rules in this

Laden & co

Centre collapsing and attempts to

Bin Laden for his part hailed the

economic losses suffered by the

United States as a result of the

rescue victims of the grisly attack.

"successful and blessed strikes," although he did not specifically claim responsibility for the attacks on New York and Washington.

November. In the excerpts of the tape aired by Al-Jazeera on Monday, bin Laden was upstaged by one of the suicide hijackers who crashed their planes in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania.

"We killed them outside their land and we will kill them on their own turf today," Ahmad al-Haznawi al-Ghamdi, a bearded young Saudi, announced in a strident voice, repeatedly beseeching God to accept him as a "martyr" as he read nis "last will."

sought to remind the world that it is still there," Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi, an expert on Islamist groups, told AFP. "Bin Laden has always been

language the Americans understand," according to Khashoggi. But airing such tapes at this

particular time "will harm the

Palestinian cause, as did the

September 11 attacks, because US

hardliners will exploit them to portray (Arabs and Muslims) as devoid of human feelings," the Saudi analyst said. MBC chief editor Nakhle Elhage said the tape aired on Wednesday was produced by a firm named "al-

"The hour-long tape was handdelivered to an individual connected to MBC who in turn sent it to us," he told AFP without giving further details. The MBC chose to broadcast

Sahab" and linked to al-Qaeda.

only 10 minutes of the tape "which it deemed newsworthy," Elhage said. Writing in Wednesday's edition of the Saudi-owned pan-Arab daily Al-Hayat, Saudi journalist Daood al-Shrayan criticised the timing of the

"Al-Jazeera made a grave

mistake by airing the tape at this

time" because it might divert atten-

tion from the bloodshed in the Palestinian territories, he opined. It could also cast a shadow or

Al-Jazeera tape.

Abdul Aziz's visit to the United States next week by encouraging US media to resume their attacks on the kingdom, Shrayan wrote, referring to the fact that bin Laden and most of the presumed September 11 suicide bombers hail from Saudi Arabia. "Al-Jazeera drew attention away

(Israeli Prime Minister Ariel) Sharon and toward something which is basically not new, thereby serving Israel's interests," he said.

Cell phones

into hiding.

In the directive, the home minis-

ties showing logical grounds.

It also wanted to know what actions could be taken against the offenders.

40-minute drive, the abductors

terminal for air-conditioned buses. Mukta reached Chashara bushome at 8.30pm by rickshaw.

vote for the ruling alliance candidates, instead of the usual slogans of day-to-day politics. Throughout the city, election fever has gripped a particular section of the youngsters, most of them unemployed or party activists. In the old part of the city, colourful proces-

Royal homecoming Doctors for dough Khan, had travelled from the eastern province of Paktia to welcome Tribal chiefs were part of the the king home, even though the 29-

garment with a red belt draped Kabul itself had appeared largely around his back, as small groups of apathetic about the king's return in onlookers lined the streets the preceding days, but a number of banners had been placed on roads The former ruler's motorcade left

> else. We look for a prosperous life for ourselves and all people of Afghanistan in his return. Shahid said Afghanistan had suffered too much from the bicker-

> We suffered under every one of them in their time (in power)," he "He is the only beloved leader of the Afghan nation.

was another born long after the king was last in his homeland. But he was not going to let that stop him from hailing Zahir Shah's return. Before he left there was peace

stand at around 8.15pm and got Meanwhile. Dipu threatened Mukta's family not to take legal Mukta was photographed nude

condition. Of them, nine died

The main opposition Awami League has boycotted the ensuing elections in three city corporations. But party leaders, activists and supporters are contesting the polls as independent candidates against nominees of the ruling BNP-led alliance and others in almost all the 120 DCC wards including 30 reserved for women. The overwhelming presence of extravagant ruling alliance candidates is apparently giving the impression that it is

sions by slogan-chanting youths are

In the race for mayoral post

Civil servant Mohammad Shahid, from Ghazni province in the east, said the king's return was a symbol of stability for the war-torn country

"We love him more than anybody

year-old was too young to remem-

ber Zahir Shah's time on the throne.

time of ruling," said Kamin, wearing

a white Perahan Tonban national

"Everyone remembers his great

ing between political factions during king's long years in exile. "We do not want these parties and political movements any more.

Fifteen-year-old Abdul Mirwais

ity of the test reports. and now as he is returning, I hope peace will come back with him.'

to be AL activists and extorted tolls In the race for ward commisoner from Mirpurpur area, film star organised pornographic film shows at a movie house owned

The review of the treaty will not

But the treaty does not have any In the backdrop of the qualitative

> the tests," Rahima told this correspondent later on. "The man

of the NIPSOM, was delivered two hours later. When this correspondent went to the Medi Prime Diagnostic Complex to meet Dr Shahidullah in the afternoon and some employees said that he was not at the centre throughout the day and would come in the evening. When contacted, manager

Complex Taregul Islam Jewel, however, claimed that Dr Shahidullah was at the diagnostic centre from 11:30pm to 12:00pm.According to pathologists at reputed diagnostic centres, the blood and urine tests that the child had should take at least six hours. even in case of emergency. The chd had 'widal test' which requires analyser and takes several hours to complete and certainly cannot be done in two hours, they pointed out.

They also questioned the reliabil-

Meanwhile, Dr Misbah denied

the Danes wrote a letter to the finance and planning minister on February 15 briefing him about the matter. The Danes also met the law

and the communication ministers

and brought the issue to their notice.

The issue stirred diplomatic storm and shook the six-month old BNP-led coalition government. Prime Minister Khaleda Zia had several meetings with her senior colleagues after the Danes brought the corruption charge.

has somewhat strained the bilateral relations between the two countries, foreign ministry officials however are hopeful that it would not have any lasting impact. A high foreign ministry official

quoted the Danish envoy as saying

that "it would not put the bilateral

Despite the fact that the issue

relations on any negative track". However, the Danish envoy was unavailable for his comment.

who took me there said the tests would have cost more at the hospi-Blood and urine samples were taken at around 12 noon and the investigation report, signed by Dr M Shahidullah, an assistant professor

of the Medi Prime Diagnostic

her child to the Medi Prime Diagnostic Complex. When asked why he was at the hospital on Thursday morning although he was officially not on duty, he said, "We (doctors) sometimes swap duty As per the official duty roster, Dr

having ever referred Rahima and

Director of the Suhrawardy Hospital, Professor Nasim Akhter, when contacted said, "I got similar complaints earlier. Unless there is a written complaint, we cannot take

on duty. He handed over charge to

Dr Quadir.

Parul, a middle-aged lady, came to the emergency at around 11in the morning with chest pain. The onduty doctor, Mallik, advised her to get X-rays done. Parul's attendant alleged that he was asked to have the X-rays done at the nearby Janata Laboratories

Saiful Karim was on duty at the emergency till 2:30pm on Thursday. This correspondent also found him

Again on April 15, this correspondent went to the emergency wing of the hospital and found many patients being referred to private laboratories opposite the infirmary

"It cost me Tk 300 for the X-ray

Meanwhile, the committee

However, a large number of

doctor would not have examined my patient," said the aggrieved man after he returned with the X-ray plates to the emergency room. Dr Mallik denied the allegations, saying, "I did not ask any patient to get tests done outside. But the fact is that the hospital's X-ray facilities and the laboratory do not run after 2:00pm. The patients are

forced to have the tests done else-

advised to get diagnostic tests done

outside the hospital. He spent Tk

1200 on several blood tests at the

Another patient with severe back

exposures. I know the hospital has

its own X-ray facilities. But I was

afraid to protest because then the

Dhaka Lab, also located nearby. "I came to the hospital on the night of April 8 with serious back pain and I could not stand up due to the agony. The doctors at the emergency advised me to have the blood tests done," said the poor Another young woman with

stomachache was asked to have several blood tests done outside. "The doctor refused to examine mv daughter until I have the test reports," alleged the father of the as possible

the EC decided to assign 45 mobile courts each headed by a magistrate

The meeting also decided that 90 mobile teams of the army, 120 of the

against which the loans were "So there is no possibility of

10 per cent down payment was not made prior to seeking the rescheduling facility, and the fact that the bank's profitability would be reduced after the interest waiver

But defying the court order, the two sub-inspectors took him to their custody and tortured him to realise Tk one lakh from his uncle Amzad

uncle did not pay them Tk one lakh.

"God the Almighty ordered us to terrorise the infidels, and we terrorised the infidels." he said in the tane, which was interspersed with footage of New York's World Trade

The footage also showed other al-Qaeda commanders, including bin Laden's right-hand man Ayman al-Zawahri and Mohammad Atef. alias Abu Hafs al-Masri, who was reported to have been killed by USled strikes on Afghanistan last

By sending the tapes to Arab

the fiery anti-US rhetoric of the kind contained in the tapes "is the only

to be sealed in the passport for the

regard will be exempted.

satellite channels, "al-Qaeda

media-conscious, and his organisation had a quasi-information ministry," he said. Al-Qaeda seems to believe that

Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah bin

from the massacres perpetrated by

One banner placed on the route n Sehat-e Ama square read: "Moral father of the long-suffering Afghan people, welcome to your country. Nearby a group of around a dozen young Afghans played the

security.