## PM urges Opposition to shun path of subversive acts

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia vesterday urged the opposition to shun the path of subversive acts and work unitedly to build Bangladesh as a prosperous country.

"We do not want to lag behind, let us march ahead and ensure welfare of the people and the country," she said addressing a huge public meeting at the Circuit House ground here yesterday afternoon.

Khaleda Zia was bitterly critical of opposition Awami League for abstaining from parliament and obstructing development efforts of

Presided over by State Minister for Energy A K M Mosharraf Hossain, the rally was also addressed by Health Minister Professor Khandakar Mosharraf Hossain and Prime Minister's Political Secretary Haris Chowdhury.

Local MPs Rasheduzzaman Millat, Nurul Kabir Shaheen, Engineer Mohammad Shamsuddin Ahmed. Khurram Khan Chowdhury, Dr Mohammad Ali, Delwar Hossair

Khan Dulu and other local leaders also spoke on the occasion.

Khaleda said the Mymensingh Power Plant's third phase, 20-bed hospital for char and construction of embankment on the Brahmaputra ould be ensured

Referring to enhancement of power supply in the district, Khaleda Zia recalled that Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman had set up the Rural Electrification Board to supply electricitv to rural homes.

The present government's development plan also includes setting up 200 kilometres of power transmission lines in the district.

The prime minister lamented that although gas was brought in Mymensingh by BNP government during its 1991-96 rule, the network had not been expanded in the last five years of Awami League rule.

Responding to some local demands, she assured the people that the gas transmission network would be expanded further and Mymensingh Political Institute evated to a full-fledged engineer-

The prime minister also said the

ably to further widen its power base.

several bids to hold the long-

overdue Upazila polls, but strong

opposition from BNP frustrated the

the BNP can reap political mileage

out of the local government bodies.

However, how well its plan works

will largely hinge on how the AL

Humayun Kamal, now envoy to

China, is likely to become ambas-

sador to South Korea. Incumbent

envoy Iftekhar Karim is due to

General of South East Asia desk at

the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, has

been appointed Consul General in

Commissioner to Sri Lanka, is being

appointed ambassador to Vietnam.

Ashrafud Doulah, High

Ambassador to Egypt Sirajul

Islam has been appointed envoy to

Japan. The incumbent envoy, Jamil

Majid, is returning to the headquar-

ters and is likely to get an important

has been appointed Ambassador to

Bangladesh mission in South Africa.

Incumbent envoy Fazlur Rahman

has been called back to the head-

appointed Director General of Far

ambassador to the Philippines has

been appointed Director General of

General Services in the foreign

Sohrab Hossain has returned to the

headquarters and has been

appointed Director General of West

Kamaluddin is back at the head-

quarters and is due to be given a

responsible position shortly.

Envoy to Malaysia Muhammad

East desk in the foreign ministry.

Sarwar Mollah, who was in the

going to Iraq as ambassador.

Mizarul Qayes has been

Muhammad Faruq who was

High Commissioner to Canada

assignment in Dhaka.

the Philippines.

quarters.

M Municuzzaman a r

Golam Mohammad, Director

come ambassador to China.

**Diplomats** 

Now, it is to see how successfully

plan yesterday.

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia in a

ninth division of the army would be upgraded to a full-fledged division.

A large number of people stood on both sides of the road as Khaleda Zia's convoy passed through and chanted pro-BNP slogans.

#### CIH virus

load free to combat the CIH. The RemoveCIH v1.1 (MS-DOS/Win 9x) anti-virus can fight against the 'CIH v1.2 TTIT virus' that

attacks on April 26 every year. The other anti-virus RemoveCIH v2.0 (MS-DOS/Win 9x) has been developed to eliminate the 'CIH v1.4 TATUNG virus' that could probably attack on the 26th of each month.

The Internet users have already used the anti-virus software and termed them user-friendly.

Mahatab, 22, a fourth year student of computer science at Microland IICE, also developed an anti-virus for another deadly virus 'PE.FunLove.4099 virus' -- a threat



An Israeli soldier jumps off a tank during a patrol in the West Bank town of Bethlehem yesterday. The standoff between Israeli troops and some 200 Palestinians holed up in the Church of the Nativity continues despite two rounds of negotiations on Tuesday.

## The flip side of polls

Union Parishad amidst boycott and resistance by the then BNP-led opposition. It helped the AL to consolidate its base in the two local bodies covering the country's small

The ruling BNP's attempt to have its nominees elected to the city offices in Dhaka and two other cities should come as no surprise. It appears to be bothered little about the quality of the candidates it has picked to seek the office of ward commissioners for obvious rea-

Records show that most of the local political activists, who either sought election or got elected to the posts of ward commissioner, are notorious for their criminal records. This, unfortunately, leaves little room for the major parties to opt for people with clean sheets because of the fact that such activists are highly influential in their respective areas.

The main opposition AL is bovcotting today's city polls but it preferred not to resist the same unlike the BNP which tried to desist municipality and UP elections. In fact, a good number of the AL men are running for the commissioner posts although their party publicly lent no support to them

The BNP is eyeing an overwhelming victory in this year's city polls. The absence of the main opposition party and the advantage of being in office are at least two of the factors that are highly likely to hand it a handsome victory. This has

#### Trial courts

The notice said fair trial in the courts will not the possible as the magistrates will be influenced by execu-

According to Article 116 of the Constitution, the president should consult the Supreme Court before appointment, transfer or promotion of magistrates.

#### Boli Khela

FROM PAGE 12 different areas of greater

Chittagong and off-shore islands take part in the competition. Besides, wrestlers from the three CHT districts and Feni, Noakhali, Comilla and Chandpur also come to Chittagong on this occasion. This time, 42 wrestlers would

participate in the final round of the competition today. Some were dropped in the hits yesterday.

#### apparently encouraged the ruling party to go for pending elections to the Upazila Parishad understand-

meet-the-reporters programme on COURT CORRESPONDENT Tuesday disclosed her government's plan to hold the Upazila polls

after the city polls. Chief Election Commission MA Syed echoed her tional Tarajuddin murder case. The AL while in office made

Magistrate Kazi Meraj Hossain passed the order following a directive from the First Metropolitan Judge's Court, Dhaka

directed the magistrate to give on the issue order

The judge's court passed the order upon a criminal revision, seeking stay on the order.

The magistrate court on January 6 instructed CID to reinvestigate the case following a naraji petition against the charge sheet of the

Tarajuddin, president of a cooprative society at Narda in the city's Uttara area, was gunned down by an armed gang last year.

a murder case with Uttara thana accusing 23 people, including Sajedul Islam alias Dipu Chowdhury, son of former state minister for shipping Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya, the following day.

But the officers of the case, submitted a charge sheet to the CMM's Court, Dhaka on July 9 last year against 22 people dropping the names of Dipu Chowdhury and three others from the charge sheet as the allegations brought against them were not proved.

charge sheet was filed with the

Meanwhile, the First Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court. Dhaka vesterday rejected the petition, seeking stay on the order passed by the same court on April

petition, seeking stay on the order as a criminal revision against the order will be filed with the High Court.

#### Regional leader of Sarbahara Party arrested

an outlawed party from Jugihat village of Rupsha thana in Khulna district yesterday.

Rupsha and raided a house at the village and nabbed Doud Hossain alias Doud Mollah, 40, of Bhaina village of Kotwali thana in Jessore.

Police said Doud Mollah, an active member of outlawed Sarbahara party, was wanted in a number of cases, including three murders. He has been hiding in the

### Alleged criminal shot dead in

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An alleged criminal was shot dead by his rival in front of Agargaon Islamic Foundation in the city's

The body of the victim was lying

on the spot till writing of this report at about 10:00 pm, sources said.

ee on law and order at a meeting When contacted, Mohamyesterday reviewed the latest situamadpur police said they had sent a tion. The meeting was informed that mobile team to the spot. 100 out of 1342 polling stations in

# 41 speedy trial courts set up

The government has constituted speedy trial courts in 41 districts and appointed 41 first class magistrates as judges of the courts. The courts and magistrates are:

Dhaka Division: MAbu Abdullah, Dhaka district (including GRP thana area but excepting metropolitan area), Rashida Ferdoush, Gazipur district (entire), M Masud Karim, Munsiganj district (entire), Saleh Ahmad Mozaffar, Narsingdi district (entire), Muhammad Mosharraf Hossain, Mymensingh district (entire), M Shahed Ali, Tangail District (entire), M Mizanur Rahman, Kishoreganj district (entire) M Mostafa Kamal, Jamalpur district (entire) M Zakir Hossain, Sherpur district (entire), M Delwar Hossain, Netrakona district (entire), M Mahbubur Rahman Faruqui Faridpur district (entire), Abu Taher Sayeed, Shariatpur district (entire), M Majibur Rahman Talukder, Gopalganj district (entire), M Manzur Hasan Bhuiyan, Rajbari district (entire), M Maniruzzaman, Madaripur district (entire) and M Kamruzzaman, Manikganj district

Chittagong Division: A K M Noor-Nabi Kabir, Chittagong district (expecting metropolitan area), Mahiuddin Al Faruq, Feni district (entire), A B M Ameen Ullah Nuri, Laxmipur district (entire), Ehsanul Parvez, Cox's Bazar district (entire), M Billal Hossain, Khagrachhari areas

the EC's image will be tarnished, commented the CEC.

the polling centres so that the

'naughty men' cannot create any

election schedule on March 20,

there is fear among the city dwellers

that there could be violence as a

good number of 'listed criminals' are

duplication of voting and such other

acts, the government in consultation

on with the Election Commission

deployed over 33,000 security

They include 1500 army and 1,200

BDR personnel, 11252 policemen

deployed till tomorrow evening.

The forces would remain

The authorities earlier identified

Twenty-four security personnel

half of the total polling centres as

comprising 10 policemen with arms,

two members of APBN, one Ansar

with arms and 11 Ansars with batons

will be deployed at each of the

the rest polling centres, according to

Their number will be 22 at each of

In the capital, 90 mobile army

teams have been patrolling the

streets since April 23. There are also

120 mobile 'striking teams' of BDR

Five companies of army, 10

In Rajshahi, there will be four

Forty-five magistrates will hold

spot trial of polls-related offences in

the three cities. A total of 505 magis-

trates will be attached with army and

Meanwhile, the cabinet commit-

companies of army, five platoons of

BDR, eight platoons of APBN and 26

platoons of BDR, 47 platoons of

APBN and 48 mobile police teams

will be on patrol duty in Khulna.

personnel in the three metropolises

To check violence, fraudulence,

contesting the polls.

and 17,389 Ansars.

vulnerable centers.

on the city streets.

police teams.

BDR teams.

EC officials.

He called upon the voters to go to

Since announcement of the

district (entire), M Delwar Hossain. Rangamati district (entire). Mostafa Kamal Maiumder, Noakhali district (entire). M Aminul Islam. Brahmanbaria district (entire), Noor Mohammad Majumder, Comilla district (entire) and M Abul Hasnat Humayun Kabir, Chandpur district Rajshahi Division: M Shohel

Imam Khan, Rajshahi district (excepting metropolitan area) and Farid Uddin Ahmed, Sirajganj district (entire). Sylhet Division: M Jahangir Alam, Sylhet district (entire) and M Khalilur Rahman, Sunamganj

district (entire). Khulna Division: M Harun-Ar-Rashid Mollah, Bagerhat district (entire), Muhammad Shamsul Alam, Jessore district (entire), M Ashraf Hossain, Satkhira district (entire), Khan M Nurul Ameen, Magura district (entire), M Azam Khan, Kushtia district (entire) and M Shabirul Islam, Narail district (en-

Barisal Division: Satyendra Kumar Sarker, Bhola district (entire), M Zahidul Islam, Barguna district (entire), K M Zafrul Ameen, Pirojpur district (entire), M Matiur Rahman Barisal district (entire) and M Shahidul Islam, Jhalakathi district

The government earlier formed 9 such courts -- four in Dhaka, three in Chittagong, and one each in Rajshahi and Khulna metropolitan

### Dhaka newspapers -Manabjamin, Inqilab, Sangram and NICVD water

dies at DMCH

National Institute of Cardiovascular Disease (NICVD) who was blud-geoned with a hammer Monday night died vesterday.

Some hooligans hit Abdul Mannan. 35, on the head as he barred them from the water pump

ground, some other employees took Mannan to the hospital (NICVD) where he died in the early hours.

The body was sent to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) for autopsy. A case was filed with Tejgaon Police Station in this

police recovered the body of a voung man from inside the compound wall of a four-storey building at East Rampura yesterday morning and sent it to the DMCH morgue for autopsy.

The identity of the youth could not be known immediately. Sources in the hospital said that there were marks of injury on his eyes and forehead.

filed with Khilgaon Police Station.

under control.

The gang asked the businessmen to contact their leader to avoid dire consequences, said another source. The duty officer of Lalbagh Police Station said their officer went to the spot to investigate the incident.

Complex and Cox's Bazaar Sadar

Police arrested six JCD activists including Ukhia Upazila JCD president Abul Hasan Ali. Additional Kutupalong Refugee Camp.

#### One killed

ered two guns and three bullets. The

rest escaped. Binoy died while being taken to

Anwar Ali from Rajshahi adds: Konika Chakma is being interro-The Rajshahi Metropolitan Police gated, police said.

## Incentive package for rural pry school students

A new incentive package alternative to the 'food-for-education' for rural primary school students will begin in full swing all over the country from the next fiscal year. Groundwork, including collection

of preliminary data of students, their family income positions and assessment of the money involvement, are going on to restart the programme from July this year. Finance and Planning Minister M Saifur Rahman said this at a

national seminar on 'Education for All Week-2002, organised by Primary and Mass Education Division at BIAM auditorium here yesterday morning. Under this new programme,

each poor student will get Tk 100 per month and Tk 125 for more than one in a family, in addition to primary education free of cost. Saifur regretted that the previous

government had shelved the government -sponsored food-foreducation programme on the plea of fund shortage and terming it as a wasteful exercise.

Since the present government gives topmost priority to the improvement of quality of primary education, the prime minister approved the programme at the very first meeting of ECNEC to ensure school enrolment of all rural

School enrolment had increased significantly and dropout rate

Bomb explosions

#### Probe body to visit 3 districts May 1-6

UNB, Dhaka

The members of the inquiry commission formed to investigate some sensational bomb explosions will visit Jessore, Khulna and Bagerhat from May 1-6.

They will visit the Jessore Town Hall Maidan on May 1-2, Khulna Kadiani Mosque on May 3-4, and Khalilur Rahman Degree College ground in Bagerhat on May 5-6.

During the spot visit Chairman of the inquiry commission, retired Justice Abdul Bari Sarkar, and two other members will talk to the local people and witnesses.

The witnesses of the bomb blasts and other people concerned have been requested to be present during the visit and furnish information about the incidents to the com-

Several people were killed when a powerful bomb exploded at Jessore Town Hall Maidan during a cultural function of Udichi Shilpi Goshthi on March 7, 1999.

On October 8, 1999, a bomb exploded at a Kadiani Mosque in Khulna city and another at Khalilur Rahman Ćollege ground during an Awami League public meeting on September 23, 2001.

#### Cement

FROM PAGE 12 around 60 lakh tons of cement in the

domestic market, the 54 cement factories in the country have an annual production capacity of around one crore ton. Also, there are 5/6 more factories

n the pipeline waiting to begin operation. But there is hardly any chance of cement export due to dependence on imported raw materials, which is a staggering 90 per cent of the total amount. Besides, there is no demand for cement import in the neighbouring

dropped drastically in 1995 as the then government introduced 20 kgs of wheat for every poor student per month that cost the government roughly Tk 300 crore a year.

Multilateral agencies, including World Bank and many other donor communities, had opposed the idea but the government went ahead with the programme to serve a twin-goal of education expansion as well as poverty reduction as poor rural parents often prefer sending their children to work rather than to

"We'll expand the programme to each and every school ...we'll target all the children who are still out of school." the finance minister said.

#### Court order on screening of Shahriar's video cassettes Apr

**COURT CORRESPONDENT** 

Sessions Judge's Court, Dhaka will pass an order on the petition for screening of the video cassettes seized from Shahriar Kabir in connection with a sedition case on April

The Fourth Additional Metropolitan

Judge Mohammad Habibur Rahman passed the order following a criminal revision, seeking stay on the order passed by the Metropolitan Magistrate Sirajul Haider on March

Both the prosecution and defence sides completed their arguments on the issue yesterday. The defence lawyers Advocate

Zead-Al-Malum and Khondaker Abdul Mannan filed a criminal revision with the Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court, Dhaka on March 13. The magistrate on March 3

assigned two lawyers -- Advocate Zead-Al-Malum and Khondaker Abdul Mannan -- to watch the video cassettes in absence of Shahriai

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

Police also seized his passpor and some video cassettes.

Later, he was shown arrested under section 54 of the Crimina rocedure Code (CrPC). But a regular case on sedition

charge against Shahriar Kabir was filed with the CMM's Court, Dhaka on December 8 last year. Meanwhile, the

Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court, Dhaka on March 28 rejected the petition, seeking return of Shahriar Kabir's passports seized by Special Branch (SB) of police.

#### Bangladeshi shot dead by BSF in C'nawabgani

UNB, C'nawabganj

Indian border guards shot dead a Bangladeshi national and injured another at frontier village Hosenvita in Bholahat upazila on Tuesday.

Police said the Border Security Force (BSF) of India sprayed bullets on Boriahan, 35, and Rezzak, 38, of frontier village Hashpukur at 5 pm. Borjahan died on the spot while

Rezzak admitted to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital with seri-

## Gas pipeline

drilled at Rashidpur, Habigani and Titas and there are possibilities of fresh gas supplies from Kailashtila, Jalalabad. Beanibazar and Bibivana, Without the HA Pipeline. the additional gas cannot be transmitted across the region.

Due to lack of donors' finance, the government financed the pipeline project roping in the private sector in its construction, while protecting the monopoly rights of GTCL.

companies participated in the open international bid that closed in early April, 2000.

The HA pipeline is the first phase of the Tk 361 crore Rashidpur-Ashuganj Pipeline (RA Pipeline) the national grid.

Pipeline system at a cost of 23 million US dollars or around Tk 115

This opened the scope for a Bangladeshi company, Summit, to participate in such a major project for the first time.

"Along the 54 km pipeline, five emergency isolation valves were installed and two new stations were set up to facilitate pigging and internal inspection and to cater to the combined capacity of the new and existing pipeline sections," the Summit press release mentioned.

The pipeline went across highway, railway, rivers and also flood

#### SIM card

increase in revenue collection because of the increased duty. However, in assuming this, the NBR failed to realise that a dampened market would throw the spanner in the money-spinning effort. Moreover, the high duty also

provided enough incentive for the grey market to thrive, leaving the government high and dry. At the same time, the imposition

of the new levy on SIM card and ownership transfer work as a double taxation on subscribers since a flat duty of Tk 4,000 is already charged at the time of handset import

# Submarine cable

FROM PAGE 1 (C&MA) of this cable would be inalised by December this year.

The consortium would then invite

bids to build the SEA-ME-WE4

cable network on turnkey basis. The

cable has been targeted to be ready

for service no later than March of All members of the SEA-ME-WE4 consortium would equally share the cost for the US\$600-700 million transoceanic submarine

cable system. It would cost the BTTB no more than US\$60 million to join this consortium. This cost would cover construction of branching unit in deep water, all the way up to the Chittagong coast. There the BTTB would build its

cable landing station, which would house terminal equipment, power plant, air conditioning system, etc. It has also been officially con firmed partners of the SEA-ME-WE4 will reimburse the cost when

they have access to the BTTB

"To be an 'initial party' to this consortium at its early stage would enable the BTTB to work with the global operators of submarine cable business," said a highly placed source of the government.

He said the other members of this consortium would assist the BTTB to prepare the cable landing station's technical specifications and bid evaluation criteria.

doing such a complex and first of its kind project in Bangladesh," commented the source, requesting not Top criminals

running for ward commissioner, who

is accused of nine murders including

"It would eliminate all risks while

the murder of SMA Rob. Another criminal Litu, despite being the chargesheeted accused in the Shamsur Rahman murder case, enjoyed all facilities to campaign with full liberty, voters of his ward said. So is the case with eight other listed criminals who were found

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moving freely till Tuesday night.
Police was well aware of the matter but they never raided the houses of these ten listed criminals contesting the KCC polls, alleged other ward commissioner candidates and voters. In fact, police never even tried to nab the listed criminals including the

ten notorious ones contesting the election, said political leaders Voters apprehend violence if these ten fail to win, as they will avenge their defeat in a brutal manner. "Yet we cannot patronise criminals by electing them as ward commission ers," said many elderly voters who are committed to vote for a good candidate who would be fit for honestly serving the people.

#### Taraj murder Court orders further investigation

The Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court, Dhaka yesterday ordered further investigation into the sensa-

Judge Mohammad Rezaul Islam on April 20 stayed the order on reinvestigation into the Tarai murder case, passed by the magistrate Kazi Meraj Hossain. The judge also

Victim's brother Nurul Islam filed

Later, a naraji petition against the

CMM's Court on December 26 last

# The defence lawyers filed the

Jessore police arrested a leader of

On information, police went to

# Mohammadpur

Mohammadpur area last night. Rabiul Alam was shot at around 8:45 pm and died on the spot.

The reason behind the killing could not be known immediately.

City polls today As per an EC decision, all the ner". He however said the governthree cellular phone networks will be ment has been trying its best to switched off from this morning till improve the situation. "But we midnight tonight for security reason. cannot postpone election only on Processions and rallies, carrying firearms, explosives and other If violence marks this election,

> of five types of motorised vehicles including motorbike, microbus and autorickshaw have also been banned on the polls day. Nearly 2000 polls observers both foreign and local, belonging to

different non-government organisa-

tions, foreign missions and donor

agencies will monitor the election. In the capital, 20 mayoral candidates are in the race. Their names and polls sybmols are: Sadeq Hossain Khoka (Umbrella), Afzalul Haque Sikder (Fish), A B M Mostafa Amin (Lantern), Begum Nurjahan Taleb Munshi (Camel), Mostafa Allama (Clock), Mohammad Fazlul Haque (Wheel), A N M Jabed Reza (Rose), A T M Hamayet Uddin (Chair), Kamrul Hasan (Fez Tupi) Krishak Md Sadeq (Tiger), Shamsul Haque Zehadi (Bicycle), Mohammad Abdul Baset (Aeroplane). Md Aman Ullah Shikder Mike). Md Khalegul Islam Bakul (Spectacles), Md Mahbub Alam Chowdhury (Football), Md Shamshad (Motor Car), Md Shahin (Lock), Md Syed Nur (Book), Syed Motahar Hossain (Pigeon) and Md

Iqbal Hossain (Bullock Cart). There are 28,69,028 voters in Three mayoral candidates are

contesting in Khulna. They are

Sheikh Taibur Rahman (Lantern),

Md Enayet Ali (Bicycle) and, Feroz

Ahmed (Rose)

The five mayoral candidates in Rajshahi are: Md Mizanur Rahman Minu (Fish), S M Basaruzzaman (Clock), Kamrul Monir (Book), Fazle Hossain Badsha (Wheel) and Md Solayman Hossain (Umbrella). There are 3,80,990 voters in Khulna and 2,10,480 in Rajshahi.

Commissioner claimed that there was no vulnerable polling station since the troop deployment in the Other police officials however fear that there may be post- election

#### The High Court yesterday granted eight weeks to Sheikh Hasina to reply in a contempt of court case filed against her. A division bench comprising Justice Syed Amirul Islam and Justice Mirza Hossain Haider

Hasina granted

in contempt of

court case

BSS, Dhaka

8 weeks to reply

counsel of Sheikh Hasina. Advocate Syed Ziaul Hasan filed the contempt of court case against Sheikh Hasina for her reported adverse comment about the judiciary in an interview published by the New York-based Bengali weekly 'Thikana' during her visit to the UŚ last year.

passed the order upon a prayer of

Barrister Rukan Uddin Mahmud

Court issued a rule asking Sheikh Hasina to show cause why contempt of court proceedings should not be started against her. Her interview was reproduced

On March 13 this year, the High

# pump operator hit by hammer

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

After Mannan collapsed on the

harmful substances and movement In another incident, Khilgaon

An unnatural death case was

#### Extortionists FROM PAGE 12 the spot and brought the situation

70 hurt FROM PAGE 12 ted to the Ukhia Upazila Health

police were deployed at the

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local health complex.

Police and sources in the area claimed that the SDC is a PCJSS-

backed armed organisation to counter the UPDF, which opposes the CHT peace accord. PCJSS

New gas wells are being

Eight local and joint venture

system which is required for transmission of gas from Sylhet region to The Daqing-Summit joint venture had proposed to set up the HA

In the past, US oil company Occidental, which was exploring and operating oil and gas fields in Sylhet region, had proposed to build the pipeline at a cost of 50 million