# Jamal's mother

But, they did not file any case.

about 10:15am the following day

but did not produce Jamal before

court even after 24 hours of his

arrest. Charges are there that the

OC misbehaved with Jamal's

mother and did not allow her to

Sources said a severely

meet her son at the police station.

roughed-up Jamal fled the custody

and jumped into the adjacent

Shitalakhya river in the morning of

April 18. But the police chased him

down and poked him with bamboo

the Kapasia police later claimed

that Jamal was missing after he

recovered the body on April 20,

The Kapasia police then filed an

Jamal obtained first division with

star marks in both the SSC and

which bore marks of multiple injury.

unnatural death case.

In a bid to cover up the incident

until he drowned in the water.

Sources said the Kapasia police did not take the murder case, as they were the accused in the case. The ASI and the constable have been suspended after the incident, but no action has been taken against the OC.

Jamal's mother Ramiza later told iournalists at the court that some local people were issuing threat to her to keep mum and stav off the court. "I have lost my only son and now I want justice," a sobbing Ramiza said.

Police picked up Jamal, a member of the Kapasia unit of **Bandladesh Chhatra League** (BCL) and president of Shaheed Tajuddin Ahmed Smriti Library, and allegedly tortured him to death inside the Kapasia Police Station in the morning of April 19.

had jumped into the river after According family members, a having fled the police station. team of Kapasia police led by the Amidst widespread allegation and OC went to Jamal's Targaon village public outcry, Fire Brigade divers at about 1:30am on April 17 and

## Abducted Haji Monir freed

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, CTG** 

Kidnapped businessman Haji Monir Ahmed of Khatungonj was released Kapasia. by his abductors yesterday.

Star that the police picked up his The gang released him at Colonelhat under Pahartoli thana son though on the night of the and sent him to his residence at robbery he was at the house of his Sugandha in the city in a hired grandfather at Kalaroa thana in autorickshaw. Mymensingh.

It could not be confirmed whether any ransom was paid. Some sources however claimed that Tk eight lakh was paid as ransom

Talking to newsmen at his residence, Monir did not say anything about payment of ransom. He also declined to say who were the abductors and whether he would take recourse to law.

Monir was abducted on the night of April 23.

The abductors later told Monir's family over telephone that he would be released after settlement of a business dispute involving Tk 2.5

crore. The businessman said after abduction, he was taken to a place in a vehicle. Then they made him walk a long distance till they reached a hill in a forest. He was left there for tow days in the open, with his legs chained.

On the third day, he was taken to a hut in the hills and given some food. Two armed men guarded him alternately while some others used to beat him with iron rods and wooden sticks. The miscreants also fired blank shots keeping firearms

on his shoulder, Monir said He was shifted to different places and given food only four times in 10 days.

### PM leaves FROM PAGE 1

ence to be held in New York after last year's terrorist attacks on USA. arrested him on charge of robbery The Special Session, originally Police had told his family that they scheduled for September 19-21. vere taking him for interrogation 2001, was postponed following the Police however filed a case at September 11 attack.

The UNGA special session on children will review the achievements of the goals adopted during the landmark World Summit on Children in 1990 in order to improve the condition of children in various parts of the world.

Some 71 heads of state or government, vice-presidents and crown princes from around the world are scheduled to attend the Special Session.

The world leaders are expected to finalise a new multi-pronged Plan of Action to irreversibly improve the condition of the children through implementation of child specific strategies

The PM will be accompanied by Women and Children Affairs Minister Khursid Jahan Haque, PM's Advisor for Women and Children Affairs Prof Jahanara Begum, Mayor of Rajshahi, PM's Principal Secretary, Foreign Secretary, PM's Political Secretary-

Il and other senior officials. HSC examinations and was doing Two Bangladeshi children will his graduation in political science at the Alam Government College in attend side events of the UNGA Special session. Jamal's father told The Daily

#### Outlaws kill FROM PAGE 12

Asmat, 33 and Harun, 35. Police quoting the residents said the extremists, chased by the villag-

ers, took shelter in a house. They

opened fire when the villagers

The extremists managed to flee

On information, police from

A case was filed with Gurudaspur

The SP of Natore, Nazrul Islam,

who visited the spot yesterday

morning told this correspondent an

organised gang might be involved in

the incident. But it was still under

powerful time bombs were recov-

ered from three cinama halls in

Rajshahi city and Natore and

Chapainawabganj towns.

Earlier in January this year, three

Meanwhile. Chairman of

Baneswar Union Parishad and local

Awami League leader Abdus Samad

was stabbed allegedly by BNP

activists at Maipara in Puthia

upazilla of Rajshahi Wednesday

The attackers also set fire to his

He was rushed to Rajshahi

A case was filed with Puthia

Medical College Hospital (RMCH).

thana but none could be arrested so

when the villagers retreated in the

Alamdanga rushed to the spot and

surrounded the house.

recovered the bodies

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sions and why

investigation.

morning.

motorbike.

face of barrage of gunfire.

Movie house

### Beximco

FROM PAGE 1 on Saturday to discuss the suspension order. The allegation that the trading suspension had hurt investors' interest would be discussed

there. Talking to The Daily Star, SEC Chairman Maniruddin Ahmad said the commission took the move to ensure a safe and transparent market for the investors.

"We have also called the chairmen. vice-chairmen and chief executives of both the stock exchanges to get their opinion on the issue." the SEC chairman said. He said the 11 companies announced their low dividends on a

single day, which would have caused serious repercussion on the market, and since the SEC is there to protect investors' interest, it deemed it better to suspend trading and call for an explanation.

He said the Beximco Group has decided to go for legal proceedings leaving no other options open and the SEC will also take its decision as per advice of its legal department.

# ADP trimmed

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of resources. The original ADP of Tk 19.000 crore became unrealistic due to expansionary monetary policy of the past Awami League government, he added.

The minister said the failure of the AL government in controlling expenditure caused fiscal deficit of 6.5 per cent, which actually should be around seven per cent if overdrafts of Tk 2,000 crore is considered.

The minister said he wants to see that the base of future development is the poverty reduction strategy

His body bore at least 12 stab injupaper (PRSP), which will be final ries, hospital sources said. ised after considering views of all concerned. He said he would like to imple thana accusing five persons in this ment the PRSP as a three-year rolling programme instead of a fivewas arrested. year one to make it relevant with the free market economy.

# All charges, no cases

FROM PAGE 1 spent on these.

A top policymaker told The Daily Star earlier, "We do not want to destabilise any bilateral relationship with countries which are important to Bangladesh by suspending any ongoing negotiations or projects.

It meant that the government would not stop schemes like the US company-led Bangladesh-Singapore Submarine Cable project, British company WorldTel's land telephone project, personal handy-phone project by Japanese investors, the supply of Volvo buses from Sweden, etc

However, till date the country has not spent much for the submarine cable project, the WorldTel project or the handy-phone project.

Meanwhile, many non-political business people, accused of corruption in the white paper, have contacted The Daily Star and claimed that they have been wrongly accused and socially harmed by the white paper.

On the other hand, the Awami League leaders have denied the allegations and urged the government to allow the past corruption cases against ministers of the previous BNP government and leaders to continue.

The Bureau of Anti-Corruption (BAC) has, however, acted on its own and filed some 30 cases against Awami League ministers and leaders. The charges it has brought are not the ones pinpointed in the white paper.

In 1996, during the AL government, the BAC filed 69 cases against former BNP ministers and leaders.

On January 23, former prime minister Sheikh Hasina along with Mohammad Nasim, Amir Hossain Amu, Shah AMS Kibria, ASHK Sadique, Abdur Razzak, Professor Rafiqul Islam, Mosharraf Hossain, Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir and Maulana Nurul Islam were linked to graft and irregularities.

The same day, the political secretary to the prime minister, Harish Chowdhury, said that it the country. (Implementation yet to

would engage international investiaators to probe foreign links to the Irregularities, corruption and grafts misuse of power in the Ghorashal

But no international investigator has been appointed till date. The cases of financial irregulari-

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ties, abuse of power and graft in the white paper include purchase of eight Russian Mig-29, installation of over two lakh telephone lines across the country and two lakh personal handy phones in the city, construction projects of the Bangladesh-Singapore submarine cable, installation of power plants at different places, food imports from India and recruitment in the food ministry, and procurement of dredging rigs by the WDB.

The allotment of plots at Gulshan and Uttara by the Rajuk, printing and distribution of textbooks. 1996 share market scam, purchase of Volvo buses for the BRTC, procurement of diesel generators for the WASA under a supplier's credit. Bangabandhu Jamuna Bridge project and population census project have also been mentioned in

the white paper. Prepared by a cell of four consultants, the 793-page paper was published in two volumes in the first phase. Publication of a white paper on

'corruption' during the Awami League regime was one of the major election pledges of the BNP-led (No follow up) four-party alliance. Also, it was a crucial part of the first 100-day books for the offices under the agenda of the coalition government. education ministry. (No follow up) Some of the allegations and their

status the purchase of Volvo buses for Signing an MOU with a Chinese BRTC. (Buses now in use) company on the 2.16-lakh digital telephone line project bypassing the Minar of the Baitul Mokarram. (No Planning Commission and the ERD follow up) in 1997. (Project nearing completion)

Signing the submarine cable project with Sing Tel violating rules. Russia. (No follow up) (Still under negotiations) case or reinvestigation/old cases

Illegally issuing license to the Bangladesh Broadcasting Telephone and Technology (BBTT) and giving its to launch obsolete Personal Handy Phone System in

# Siege on Arafat ends

army spokesman.

New CGS

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church.

A member of the Palestinian

security forces inside the compound

was shot dead and a civilian

wounded during an exchange of fire with Israeli forces yesterday,

according to Palestinians inside the

The latest violence came as

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the Israeli military blitz. But he was vaque about his plans. Arafat, who had been bottled up

in the town of Ramallah by the Israelis since December, said he would tour the West Bank to "shake hands with my people who have suffered (from) crimes" of the Israeli

over the Jenin refugee camp, comparing the nine-day campaign there to the devastating World War II battle of Stalingrad that obliterated the former Soviet city and killed more than 600,000 people.

"Jenin has turned into Jeningrad," Arafat told the CNN. Peter Hansen, commissioner

Heavy shooting broke out late

President Moshe Katsav at the start of his bid to breathe new life into the stalled Bethlehem talks.

Church officials said Etchegaray would also see Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Arafat. The prelate also sought permission to visit the area of the church and meet with Palestinian negotiators. Bethlehem Mayor Hanna Nasser

### Abducted boy FROM PAGE 12

Kaltabazar at gunpoint. Sutrapur police vesterday arrested two youths -- Sumon and Jiku -- for their alleged involvement in the abduction and killing of Monti.

# AL asks govt to create 'congenial atmosphere for dialogue

DHAKA THURSDAY MAY 2, 2002

Bangladesh.

parliament.

Zia.

reconsider their assistance to

effort during the last parliament

session, Azad said the government

vitiated the environment by passing

a law to remove the portrait of

President Sheikh Hasina did never

say that her party would not join the

He, however, reminded that AL

Zillur blamed the government for

Outgoing Dhaka Mayor

escalation of torture and killing and

for elimination of 'pro-

Mohammad Hanif chaired the rally,

which was addressed, among

others, by AL presidium members

Tofail Ahmed, Amir Hossain Amu,

Sajeda Chowdhury, Abdur Razzak

wage a mass upsurge like that of

1969 to topple the 'autocratic' gov-

ernment of Prime Minister Khaleda

Advisory Council in the last care-

taker government. As an estab-

lished business personality, she has

been involved over a long period in

business development particularly

in the promotion of women's entre-

preneurship focusing on micro-

credit and marketing and human

resource development

elected offices, including the office

of the president of the Bangladesh

Employers' Federation and cur-

rently is president, Women

Entrepreneurs Association,

Bangladesh and president, Women

in Small Enterprises. She has been

associated with the boards of direc-

tors of several national bodies like

was a pioneer in the cold storage

business. She has also been asso-

ciated with many skills development

programmes for children and

women. She has represented

Bangladesh at several international

conferences and regional meetings.

founder chair of the company, who

passed away on 23 October, 2001.

Rokia is wife of Azimur Rahman

As a woman entrepreneur, she

Earlier, Rokia Afzal held several

programmes

Bangladesh Bank.

Tofail said the people should

independence' forces.

and Suranjit Sengupta.

Bangabandhu from public offices.

Recalling another failed dialogue

STAFF CORRESPONDENT project in Bhola (suspended by the

Power Plant modernisation project

(under consideration for a go

ahead), the 20-megawatt power

Caretaker government), 210-

megawatt power plant in Siddirganj

(under implementation, behind

schedule by several years) and

Mehgnaghat power plant project

from India, corruption in the domes-

tic food procurement, and irregulari-

ties in the transportation of food and

appointment of staff for the food

Hard Rock Project (under imple-

mentation, contract extension under

plots at Gulshan-Banani, Gulshan-

Baridhara, Uttara Lake and Jhilimili

housing projects of the Rajuk (No

to the government officers' associa-

tion in violation of rules (A case filed

against Mohammad Nasim one

month before the White Paper

city streets in an unplanned way.

Constructing road dividers on the

Corruption in the purchase of

Corruption and irregularities in

Corruption in the construction of

Corruption in the purchase of

Share scam in 1996. (No new

Corruption and irregularities in

eight Mig-29 fighter planes from

pending with various courts like

the population and economic cen-

Allotting the Lalmatia playground

Corruption in the Madhyapara

Irregularities in the allotment of

Irregularities in importing rice

(near completion).

ministry. (No follow up)

consideration).

follow up).

release).

before)

sus (no follow up).

The Awami League (AL) has asked the government to stop 'repression' on its activists, arrest killers of innocent people and create a congenial environment for any meaningful dialogue with the main opposition.

Acting AL President Abdus Samad Azad said this at a party rally n the city yesterday. He said the AL cannot join the

parliament with the 'innocents being lled everyday'.

The AL organised the rally at the Paltan Maidan, demanding cancellation of the city corporation polls and fresh elections under a new chief election commissioner. The party rally also protested the mur-ders of a Buddhist monk in the hill tracts; Jamal, a meritorious student of Kapasia; and other 'atrocities'.

In response to BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuivan's proposal for dialogue, the acting AL president said the government should also withdraw treason charges against AL leaders to

Media World create a congenial environment. He demanded formation of a FROM PAGE 1 board of directors held recently. She was a member of the

judicial inquiry committee led by the chief justice to probe the killing of Jamal allegedly by policemen in Kapasia.

Azad as well as AL General Secretary Zillur Rahman claimed that Japan, China, Thailand, Korea, and Myanmar took serious note of the recent killing of a Buddhist monk and said these countries would

#### Six foreigners FROM PAGE 1 Ahsan, director of Odhikar.

Of the foreign nationals, five were arrested and punished on different terms.

MA Rahim, a teacher and political leader of Arakan in Myanmar. was not arrested. He left Myanmar and sneaked into Bangladesh for security. The military government of Myanmar killed his son, a student of the Rangoon University, and damaged his house, the statement continued.

On January 27 2002, following a writ petition by BSEHR, the High Court issued an order to the government to settle the issue of asylum by two months or to send them to a third country by six months. The director of Odhikar also

appealed for reconsideration of the issue.

### **Donor to visit CHT** FROM PAGE 12

districts due to ongoing fighting between the pro- and anti-peace treaty groups that has claimed about 100 lives so far since the signing of the CHT peace treaty in December 1997.

Under the circumstances, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) proposed to the government last month to authorise a security assessment mission comprising UNDP representatives and representatives of the army to find out about the overall security situation in the CHT. As per UNDP's proposal, the security assessment was to take place from May 1 to 10. But as the government thought it should also have a role in the mission it asked to defer the date in order to include representatives from the CHT Affairs Ministry and the Foreign Ministry, sources said.

The donors are also skeptical about the extent to which their development assistance would help in improving the law and order situation in that area.

In his letter, Jorgen Lissner, who is also the UN Resident Coordinator in Bangladesh, expressed UNDP's desire to have one or more army representatives included in the security assessment missi thought the army's role in security issues in CHT was vital, the sources said. Taco Bottema, UNDP consultant from The Netherlands, is scheduled the lead the team. The team will prepare a report on the overall law and order as well as the security situation in the region and submit it to the donor countries and agencies. The report titled 'Donor review of the CHT situation: Security assessment' will evaluate the situation in the three hill districts against the backdrop of increased armed fight between the PCJSS and the UPDF (United People's Democratic Front), he anti-CHT peace group. About 100 tribal people have died in armed fight between PCJSS and UPDF after signing of the CHT peace accord in December 1997. In April alone, about 10 people died in armed clashes between the two groups as well as between the army and the UPDF.

#### operations in the coming days or "The resistance is still weeks. strong," he told the BBC radio.

He also seized on controversy

general of the UN Relief and Works Agency, said meanwhile that the

Thirteen Palestinian groups also

demanded the release of Popular Movement for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) chief Ahmad Saadat, detained with four of his men and another official as part of the deal to free Arafat.

The National and Islamic Forces coalition warned in a statement of possible "repercussions" if its call , went unheeded.

Also fuelling bitterness was the dangerous stand-off between the Israeli army and some 200 Palestinians trapped for a month inside the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, the only major West Bank town still under occupation.

He said the government tried to limit the expenditures to priority areas like poverty alleviation and human resources development.

The finance minister said the past success in the health sector is now going to be destroyed as the Awami League government adopted the Health and Population Sector Programme (HPSP) violating all norms

In the original ADP for the current fiscal, Tk 9,800 crore was earmarked for the HPSP against an expenditure of Tk 2,088 crore for the programme in the previous fiscal. Only Tk 1.090 crore has so far been spent during this fiscal.

Under the World Bank-funded programme, the construction of 14 hospitals has already been completed but equipment could not be procured due to some problems in the agreements with the World Bank, he said. Ministry of Health cannot procure equipment as per the agreement.

Landslide for Musharraf

#### FROM PAGE 12

where the votes were stuffed.' But the government said political parties had decided the turnout would be low before the referendum even began, and were sticking to that position in the face of the evidence

From a total electorate of just under 62 million, Chief Election Commissioner Irshad Hassan Khan said Musharraf had won 42.8 million "yes" votes, against 883.676 "no" votes and 282,935 spoiled papers.

Although Musharraf is genuinely popular among many sections of the population for his efforts to stamp out corruption, his critics say he used state machinery to ensure a resounding referendum victory.

Reuters journalists saw evidence of public sector workers being pressured to vote in an apparent effort to bolster the turnout, and, in one instance, saw ballot boxes being stuffed by officials and local government officers.

The United States has refrained from criticising the referendum, but Commonwealth Secretary-General Don McKinnon said Pakistan would be monitored and discussed at the

Nagarik Committee again calls hartal in Rajshahi May 5 OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

The central leaders of Nagorik Committee at a public meeting at Shaheb Bazaar square yesterday evening called a dawn-to-dusk hartal in Rajshahi city on May 5 demanding cancellation of the Rajshahi Čity Corporation (RCC) election.

The leaders of the Committee rejected the election results alleging 'fake voting' during the election on April 25.

The speakers said if the mayoral election is not cancelled, the people of Rajshahi alongwith the people of the country will launch an agitation programme to topple the mayor of Rajshahi as well as the government

next Commonwealth Ministerial Action Group meeting. road.

"The Commonwealth would be concerned if the referendum... were used to entrench any undemocratic form of government." he said in a statement released in London. "We wish to see a full return to constitutional rule in Pakistan."

Pakistan was suspended from the Commonwealth, a grouping of former British colonies, after Musharraf's coup.

In a preliminary report on Tuesday, the human rights group HRCP said voting irregularities "exceeded its worst fears", and political parties said the final results were not credible.

### Locomotion

#### FROM PAGE 12 Nippon Sharyo Seizo Kaisha Limited of Japan made No. 718 in 1952. It is 18.555 millimetres in

length, 2,489 millimetres in width and 3,429 millimetres in height. Director (public relations) of the

BR Mostafa-e-Jamil told The Daily Star that "anyone, including children, is welcome to have a close look at No. 718".

connection and the 'main accused'

Robbers kill FROM PAGE 12 DMCH that four young men with revolvers walked into the shop at about 11:30 am.

" Days are not going well, give your valuables hurriedly" one of them said and snatched Tk 28,000 from one customer and Tk 10,000 from another.

The gang then asked the manager to hand over valuables and looted Tk 10,000 from the cash box. They took away a mobile phone and the keys of the iron safe from Shorab While leaving in a hurry, the four

tumbled into a drain but stood up and started fleeing. As people inside the shop and

the labourers cried out, one of them fired shots injuring the three.

The labourers and others appealed to a traffic sergeant nearby for help but he did not pay any heed to them, Shorab alleged.

Protesting alleged inaction by police, angry people in the area raised a barricade and kept the Mirpur-armgate road blocked for about two hours.

Police from Mirpur and Kafrul thanas later cleared the road, arrested 15 people and took another 35 into custody for blocking the

Police admitted that a shop was looted in the area but could not arrest any body in connection with the incident.

### Power

FROM PAGE 1 commercial basis.

"Although it is a loss-making organisation, the DESA does not have any liability other than arrears with the PDB in power purchase," said a source. "The finance ministry

will guide the DESA in this regard." The DESA loses Tk 30 crore every month in power and revenue, thanks to a section of unscrupulous

meter readers and ledger writers. It purchases electricity worth Tk 100 crore every month from the PDB, but is able to pay around Tk 75 crore, leaving a gap of Tk 25 crore.

Besides streamlining gas arrears, the Petrobangla is also trying to streamline two of its affiliates, Titas Gas and Bakhrabad Gas, which are dominated by politicallyblessed, unscrupulous trade union activists who devour up to Tk 500 crore worth of gas every year.

roup would need two billion dollars to help Palestinian refugees recover from Israel's offensive, Saudi triggering an exchange of angry Arabia's official SPA agency accusations from both sides. reported

Arafat was freed after six A Palestinian source inside the Palestinian militants wanted by church told AFP by telephone that Israel, who were holed up in his some sections of the compound had headquarters, were hauled off to a caught fire after the Israelis tried to prison in Jericho under the supervistorm the church. sion of US and British officials Israeli government and army

But despite the breakthrough in officials firmly denied attacking the the Ramallah siege, there was little church and accused the sign of an easing in Israeli-Palestinians themselves of setting Palestinian tensions. off the blazes. "This is not the first Israeli Prime Minister Ariel time they have done this," said an

Sharon raised the possibility that Arafat might not be allowed to return to the West Bank if he travels abroad. "We're not going to give any

guarantees, because usually in the past when he left, it was always a sign for a wave of terror." Sharon told US television.

At the same time, Abdel Aziz al-French Cardinal Roger Etchegaray, Rantissi, a senior Hamas leader, one of Pope John Paul II's closest warned the group would launch new aides, yesterday met with Israeli

# Sajal murder

FROM PAGE 1

Sajal Chowdhury, a BNP activist, Jahangir Alam Chowdhury serving was gunned down near the Science as military secretary (MS) at the Laboratory in the city by armed men army headquarters has been profrom a convoy of vehicles allegedly led by the then AL legislator Mockbul Hossain during an opposition called hartal on February 9, 1999.

Dhanmondi police recorded a murder case in this connection. In the FIR. it was stated that Sajal was shot dead during a clash involving activists of BNP, Jamat-e-Islami and the then ruling Awami League.

Later, the victim's father filed a General Diary (GD) alleging that a gang of gunmen led by Mockbul Hossain shot his son dead.

The then Investigation Officer of the case submitted "final report" of the case on December 25, 1999 as there was no witness and no evidence to support the allegation by Sajal's father.

After take over by the present government, the home minister ordered reinvestigation into some murder cases including Sajal murder case.

The case was then revived on November 27 last year.

Mockbul was arrested on December 2 without any specific charge.

Later, he was shown arrested in Chowdhury and Major General a dozen cases including Sajal Anwar Hossain, envoys to UAE and murder case Morocco respectively.

Monti was the son of Haji Yusuf of Kazi Abdur Rab Road, Wednesday at the church, which marks the birthplace of Jesus, and Kaltabazar, Haii Yusuf has a motor parts of the compound caught fire. workshop at Tipu Sultan Road.

Two separate cases were registered with Sutrapur and Ramna thana.

#### Power trouble FROM PAGE 12

The Prime Minister's Office inquired about the power scenario of the capital. The energy minister and the DESA chairman visited the control room and gave directives to retrieve the situation as quickly as possible

Sources in the Power Development Board (PDB) said there was an adequate generation of power at the PDB's end. "PDB today got the capacity to generate 3,300-megawatt electricity an hour," a PDB official said. He said the estimated demand is about 3,150-megawatt an hour.

## One-eyed BTV

FROM PAGE 12 Also of artillery corps, Brig General BTV's news coverage was 'very weak' and the presentation by its reporters was 'substandard'.

> The Media Watch unit of the Democracy Watch also monitored news bulletins of the three private sector television channels Ekushey Television (ETV), Channel i and ATN Bangla during the period.

Eighty-three per cent of ETV's coverage in its prime news bulletin at 7.30pm was on the government and 17 per cent was on the opposition. The ratio in Channel i was 84:16 and in ATN Bangla 85:15.

> ETV news was 'objective and of high professional standard', and the news value was 'fairly' maintained.

Channel i is gradually proving its maturity as regards news coverage. In news coverage, it is following professionalism and is giving emphasis on the opposition alongside the government, the Democracy Watch said. Quality of reporting of Channel i is much better than that of BTV, but pronunciation of its reporters is not good, it added.

The survey said ATN Bangla news is yet to reach the standard of a national media. It's presentation of news as well as reporting are still very weak. It stresses more on government news.

The date for conducting the assessment is yet to be fixed. However, according to highly placed government sources, the team will begin its work sometimes next week

The UNDP's move came following a recent meeting between the top leaders of the pro-peace treaty PCJSS (Parbattya Chattagram Jana Sanghati Samity) and Prime Minister Khaleda Zia, and also in the wake of deteriorating law and order situation in the region.

Earlier, the Resident Representative of UNDP Jorgen Lissner in a letter to the CHT Affairs three-day visit. Ministry on April 24 proposed the move mentioning that donor countries and agencies are interested in participating in the development

work of CHT but are nevertheless alarmed at the security situation in

# White Paper II today

FROM PAGE 1

been accused in this regard. The government has also found rregularities and abuse of office in the Red Crescent Society in the allotment of its land to the private

sector at Kakrail in the city. Charges have been brought against former chairman of the society Sheikh

Kabir Hossain and others. The special cell that prepared the white paper has found about a half a dozen of incidents of corruption and irregularities at the Bureau of Manpower, Employment and Training (BMET) in the allotment of land, and in the use of funds by the former labour minister. The bureau allegedly allotted land to Borak Travels for the construction of a 24storied hotel in Gulshan violating the rules of procedures.

It found that the ex-finance minister by abusing his office exempted huge interests on the loan of Sharif Brothers owned by former AL MP Sharif Khasruzzaman and rescheduled loan up to 2009. 'Irregularities' have

The FAO country Representative also went to CHT on April 28 for a

Two months back, a team of the European Commission (EC) also visited the CHT region to have a first hand experience as to what future development programmes it could take for the region.

also been identified regarding the promotion of general managers in different commercial banks.

The cell found irregularities regarding the appointment of officials and employees of the Employment Bank, appointment of sub-registers under the land ministry and that of marriage registers under the law ministry.

Charges of irregularities and abuse of office have been brought against former environment minister regarding appointments and promotions in the Department of Forest.

The white paper also alleges that the former LGRD minister allocated fund and wheat to the AL men violating rules. The cell also detected irregularities and corrup-

tion in the Food Department. Charges of corruption and irregularities are also there in the construction of the Bangabandhu Novo Theatre at Bijoy Sarani and Swadhinata Stambha at Suhrawardi Udyan

moted to the rank of Major General and appointed Master General of Ordnance (MGO). Major General Masudur Rahman who is serving as QMG is going on LPR on May 30. The other brigadier general promoted to the rank of major gen-

eral is the Director General of Defence Forces Intelligence (DGDFI), Brigadier General Sadek Hasan Rumi, an officer of the infan-

try corps. Major General Najmul Ahsan Amin is the fourth Major General whose services have been transferred to the Foreign Ministry after the new government took power.

Normally, a major general in the past attached to the foreign ministry was appointed as an ambassador However, three other major generals transferred to the foreign ministry were sent on compulsory retirement. They are Major General NA Rafiqul Hossain, Major General Abu

Ishag Ibrahim and Major General Alauddin Md Abdul Wadud. Another Major General ALM Fazlur Rahman, GOC of Bogra was

sent on compulsory retirement by the government last month. Two major generals are now serving as envoys abroad. They are Maior General Hasan Mashud