AL's joining of JS

Human trafficking

FROM PAGE 12 speech, said, "There are records which show that a good number of trafficked women and children are being pushed back across the border, instead of sending them through proper channels like the

She said most of the children pushed back again fall in the grip of traffickers and often they cannot be traced. Children must not be pushed back, considering the issue of human rights, she stressed.

Uday Sahay from India said, "Those who are being pushed back are persons who have infiltrated into Indian territory. But those who are trafficked are definitely repatriated."

Indrani Sinha, an NGO representative from India, said officials in both the countries must play 'a more proactive role in the repatriation process'. Often it takes a long time to complete the documentation process after a victim's proper identification, delaying repatriation, she said.

They pointed out that some of the common purposes of human trafficking are prostitution, bonded and

llegal labour, forced domestic labour, fake marriage, sex tourism pornography and sex slavery.

Dr Hiranmay Saha, chairman of iuvenile welfare board, West Bengal, said there must be 'lucid and transparent policy involving both Bangladesh and Indian gov ernments as well as NGOs in both the countries recognised by the governments' to facilitate repatria-

The other speakers were Rokey Begum, law officer of Bangladesh Rifles; A B Barua, Additional Inspector General of police; and

Indrani case

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in this regard, said Roshomoy Biswas, Headmaster of Kodalia

Indrani Shikder's suicide arked protest in Mollahat area. Different political parties and women organisations staged demonstration demanding arrest and exemplary punishment to the

> beating Nurul Amin. As Ayesha came to save her father, one of the dacoits shot her in the abdomen. She died on the spot.

They beat-up Nurul Kabir and Mahbubur Rahman during their operation in those houses.

Desolate'

Speaker Jamiruddin Sircar was

generous to allow extra time to each time of 45 minutes.

Moshiur Rahman was all praises for the proposed budget. However, he raised several other issues including the removal of the army chief 18 months ahead of his scheduled retirement.

He blasted the opposition Awami League and a section of the press for being critical of the government decision about the army chief. "He (Lt. General Harun-Ar-Rashid) was made the army chief superseding six (senior army officials) only for his loyalty to the party (Awami League),"

army chief angered the opposition. "It is being asked why a freedom fighter has been removed from the office of army chief. Should he be allowed to continue for ever just because he is a

Referring to the appointment of General Mostafizur Rahman as the army chief when he was on LPR

discussion were Anwarul Islam and Mushfigur Rahman of BNP and Gazi Nazrul Islam of Jamaat.

I ragic!

pillow on the baby's face to stop her from crying, which caused her death. Police recovered the body of the victim and sent it to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH)

with Mohammadpur Police Station in this regard. Police arrested

CHT. It includes creation of employment for the young, development of agro-based industries, health and social services and improvement of rural infrastructures.

"We spent a lot of time visiting the nstitutions which will look after development activities", Heyn said.

of the CHT Affairs Ministry, CHT Regional Council, hill district councils and leaders of other local government bodies.

recommended a risk management system and steps for strengthening law enforcing authorities in the CHT.

He said involvement of local communities is key to long term security and a bottom up approach to reduce poverty. Besides, the land ownership issue must be solved. All development activities should focus on the poor and on building institutions. Small-scale programmes will

Mahmud Hasan, DG of South Asia Desk in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs also spoke at the press conference.

The team included Maj Gen (Rtd) Moinul Hossain Choudhury, former advisor in caretaker government, Salimullah, joint-secretary of CHT Affairs Ministry, the divisional commissioner of Chittagong, the deputy commissioners of the three hill districts and Brig Rafiq from the

The visit was coordinated by the UNDP and the ADB.



The Bangladesh Mohila Awami League demonstrates in front of the AL central office on Bangabandhu Avenue in the city yesterday against the budget for fiscal 2002-2003. Police barred the procession from proceeding.

Budget can't satisfy all activist Khushi Kabir also spoke

Dr Debapriya said, "In spite of positive measures taken in the budget, investment will still remain constrained by lack of reforms, particularly in trade-supportive nfrastructure, public domination and last but not the least, the law and order situation. The finance minister said "I have

given increased allocation for home ministry and also for new recruitment. But I do not know whether these measures will do the trick." He said law and order can not be managed through budgetary mea-

The participants also criticised the "abrupt decision" to slap a ban on import of reconditioned vehicles

and raised question on increased

tax on public transport. The minister said, "Many things cannot be done gradually. I did this as junks are also coming in the name of reconditioned vehicles.'

Brushing aside the criticism that the budget has an "ambitious revenue target", Saifur said. "In the present economic situation I am convinced in my mind that we will be able to achieve the target because know good management.' Former finance minister and

Awami League leader AMA Muhit said when there is recessionary trend in the economy, the finance minister has opted for an "ambitious

He also raised question whether the five per cent growth in revenue expenditure, projected in the bud-

barely seven days after the finance

minister's statement that sparked

tions, Noman said the country would

hopefully produce 19.50 lakh MT more foodgrains than required in the

Replying to lawmakers' ques-

Former finance minister M

Sveduzzaman said a serious midterm review can tighten the grip on budget management. Former deputy speaker Prof Ali Ashraf said, "I want to pay taxes, but

want my security and safety." Wali Bhuiyan, President of Foreign Investors' Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) said, "I do not mind to pay tax. But do not like to see tax burden on my car

He commented, "Laws and rules are for those who can not break

However, former lawmaker and BNP leader Maj (Rtd) Akhtaruzzaman supported the move to lower the income tax limit and other tax measures that would affect the low income groups. He said. "The low income groups

do not pay taxes but enjoy all the benefit like free education, health service etc. The high income groups Former MCCI President Latifur

uneven competition among different businesses. University, journalist Enayetullah Khan, Dr Atiur Rahman of BIDS, former foreign secretary Faruq Sobhan, former bureaucrat Dr

among others. Dr Bhattacharya identified five

characteristics of the proposed budget for FY03. These are fiscal consolidation, policy continuity, benchmark contestation, programmatic contention and social compro-He said there is absence of a

mid-term framework in the proposed budget as there is no fiveyear plan anchor, linkage with interim poverty reduction strategy paper (PRSP) is not articulated and the three-year rolling plan is not

reform package and development

Analysing the outcome of the current budget (for FY02), Dr Bhattacharya said deterioration of fiscal balance has been harnessed and pressure on balance of payment partly contained, but recession continues in the economy.

"Inability to address the investment situation will jeopardise the recent gains." He also raised a question, Will the budget do the trick?"

said, "The main challenge is not financing but implementation because of limited absorption capacity of line ministries."

source. According to AL sources, the CWC meeting that took place on Monday and Tuesday emphasised

the overburdened tax measures

proposed in the national budget for

2002-2003, the deteriorating law

and order situation, and political

depends on people's interests.

He personally viewed that the

budget that the government pro-

posed for 2002-2003 fiscal should

be protested in and outside the

Parliament. "We want to protect the

interest of the poor who are directly

affected by the government mea-

Selim was produced before the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court, Dhaka at 4:00pm yesterday under section 54 of the CrPC with a prayer for a seven-day remand.

charged Selim with patronising all sorts of criminal activities in the country by supplying arms and money to criminals.

Selim's lawyers also claimed before the magistrate that he was placed before the Joint Interrogation Cell (JIC) after his arrest by DB men and was not given any food. Moreover, the ex-MP, who has a heart condition, was physically and mentally abused all the night by the JIC, the lawyers added.

the investigating officials asked him about his frequent visits to the Awami League office and his "connection" with the deteriorating law and order across the country. Selim also said he was physically abused by the police.

It also called a countrywide dawnto-dusk hartal on June 16 to protest

The party has been keeping itself away from the House since the eighth parliament came into being last October citing that the October general election was 'crudely rigged' spelling the worst debacle ever faced by the AL. The AL, which had completed its fiveyear term in office, bagged only 62 parliamentary seats in the October 1

Later, the party observed that there was a lack of proper environment for it to attend the House as its workers throughout the country faced 'government sponsored'

budget for 2002-2003 fiscal calling it anti-people and overburdened with taxes, and plans to go to the Parliament to protest it.

Haji Selim

In its forwarding report, police

Defence lawyers submitted a

petition seeking bail and cancellation of the remand prayer. They maintained that the former MP was arrested as part of a conspiracy to harass him politically, stating that no specific charges were brought against him at the time of his arrest.

Selim told the court that some of

The prosecution side opposed the petition for bail. After hearing both sides, Magistrate Khondoker Atiar Rahman rejected both the petition for remand as well as bail and ordered him to be sent to the

submitted another petition to have him shown arrested in a regular case filed with Lalbagh Police Station in connection with a fire incident at the telephone exchange in the city's Chawkbazar area on April 30. Police submitted another prayer

for a seven-day remand for interro-Magistrate Jagonnath Das

Khokon ordered Selim to be shown arrested in the case and placed him on a two-day remand. In its forwarding report, police

claimed they had some important information about the MP's involve ment with the arson at the telephone

directed the bankers to consider alternative arrangement before dismantling the loss-making bank

consider if the people would suffer,' he told the meeting.

Mahmud to head the committee

Azzurri alive

pass by Cuauhtemoc Blanco.

The match ended in farce when both teams, knowing the result in the other game with bottom-placed Ecuador beating Croatia 1-0, played keep-ball for the four minutes of Arelieved Del Piero said: "If I had

say it was more or less okay. If we'd won I would be comfortable, but we've reached our objective of "To come off the bench and score

was fantastic, something really

had two "goals" ruled out by a

place with four points, three behind leaders Mexico. They will play the winners of group D, South Korea,

the group stages before losing to Brazil in the final on penalties. Mexico have never beaten Italy in 10 meetings. Italy were fighting to avoid the

fate of two other pre-tournament favourites, holders France and Argentina, who both crashed out at the first stage of a competition full of

Filippo Inzaghi had a goal disallowed in the 13th minute after he had been put in by Francesco

neeled flick into Christian Vieri's path but the burly striker fired high and wide over the bar.

Great chance

Totti then missed a great chance from 10 metres out, firing wide after Inzaghi had run at the Mexican defence and slipped the ball into his

neat work from Cristiano Zanetti and

Totti, enjoying his return to a deeper playmaking role, fired a free-

Italy goal after a stunning build-up to

The South Americans then built on their goal and continued to play some superb, flowing football for long periods in both halves without any further reward. Five minutes after the restart

Totti put Inzaghi through on goal but the Italy striker hesitated allowing Perez to push the ball away. Then the Mexicans went close to

a second when Jesus Arellano saw a shot cleared off the line by Fabio Cannavaro, after a smart exchange Italy coach Giovanni Trapattoni

replaced Inzaghi with Vincenzo Montella as his side desperately sought a goal. Montella had the ball in the net

after another Totti through ball, but the linesman had flagged for offside well before the substitute slotted home. Once more Totti provided an opening in the 72nd minute with a

first-time pass over the top for Vieri but his touch let him down and Perez was able to clear the danger. It looked as though Italy had run out of inspiration with time running

out but then Montella caused panio in the Mexican defence again, clipping over a bouncing cross for Del Piero, a 78th minute substitute, to nod in.

TEAMS Mexico: Perez, Marquez, Vidrio,

Carmona, Morales (Garcia 76), Arellano, Johan Rodriguez (Caballero 75), Luna, Torrado, Blanco, Borgetti (Palencia 80). Booked: Arellano, Perez. Goal: Borgetti 34

Italy: Buffon, Panucci (Coco 63),

Cannavaro, Nesta, Maldini, Inzagh (Montella 56), Zambrotta, Zanetti, Tomi, Totti (Del Piero 78), Vieri. Booked: Cannavaro, Panucci,

Totti, Zambrotta, Montella. Goal: Del Piero 85 Attendance: 39,291

Referee: Carlos Simon (Brazil

Morshed Khan

easing of tension in the region.

Earlier, Bangladesh expressed serious concern to both Pakistan and India over the escalating tension between the two countries suggesting that they take steps to defuse it and pull back their troops from the border. In the event of war, the entire

South Asia would face serious consequences, including fallout of a possible nuclear escalation that would affect Bangladesh also, it expressed. Last week, the foreign minister

went on a trip to Islamabad to meet Pakistani leaders and discussed bilateral issues and easing of tension in the region.

Morshed Khan will return to

He said Rajuk is defying not only a court order but also the wetland protection act, 2000. All those who benefit from Raiuk's 'underhand deals' are influential persons.

Rajuk filling up lake

Earlier, when the committee members went to the minister concerned to express their concern. the minister said so many powerful people were involved in filling up the lake. So, he would have to call an inter-ministerial meeting and also inform the prime minister before doing anything in this regard. Rahman said, " In such a situation,

The High Court had earlier ordered Rajuk to remove earth from the lake at the far end of roads 118 and 123 in Gulshan, But Rajuk engaged only two persons to do this and abandoned the work after two days. In 2000, Rajuk totally ignored a directive of the minister concerned to inform him why the lake was being filled up, Rahman mentioned.

what can we do?"

Syeda Rezwana of Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers' Association said whenever a new government comes to power, the lake is filled up to allot plots to influential persons. Rajuk never tried to demarcate the Gulshan-Baridhara-Banani Lake or the

Uttara Lake just to keep 'an option

there were problems that needed

"Yes we have been under

pressure and when that happens we

start to go slower and stop doing

"We are making mistakes and we

what we've been doing in practice,

he said.

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Pashtun, had already won the backing of the former king and the Northern Alliance, which com-

Costa Rica pulled one back through Manchester City's Wanchope just before the break and a strike by Costa Rican Ronald Gomez early in the second half

But Brazil brought on Ricardinho

for Juninho with half an hour to go and he immediataly made a difference, lashing over a low cross which Rivaldo latched onto for his third goal of the tournament. A minute later and Junior made it

5-2 when he broke clear down the left and rifled a shot past goalkeeper Frick Lonnis. Brazil are now unbeaten in 10 matches and head to Japan on

Abdul Kalam

Friday for the round of 16.

FROM PAGE 1 including short, medium and ballis-

"Missile Man" Kalam, as he is known in India, hails from a middleclass Tamil family in the village of Rameswaram, in Tamil Nadu, where he started his working life selling newspapers.

Kalam's colleagues know him as a very simple man who likes ordinary vegetarian food -- despite being born into a Muslim family. Though his father Jainulabdeen Maricar, who rented out boats to fishermen for a living, was himself

Avul Pakir Jainulabdeen Abdul

uneducated, he ensured that his son was given all facilities necessary to pursue his studies. He inherited his father's honesty and self-discipline, Kalam would

later tell his friends. After studying aeronautical engineering at the Madras Institute of Technology, Kalam joined the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC) in Thumba, in southern Kerala state, as one of its first three

There he played a major role in the centre's evolution in space research, helping develop the Satellite Launch Vehicle (SLV)-III, which projected India's Rohini The satellite technology evolved

into a missile development programme, which Kalam headed from 1983, his work earning him the title of the father of India's nuclear bomb and its missile delivery sys-The missile project -- known as the Integrated Guided Missile

Under Kalam's guidance, India conducted a string of nuclear blasts in May 1998, the tests including a thermo-nuclear device and nuclear weapons meant for the battlefield

open for secret allotment of plots,

Every time Rajuk allots a residential plot, it ignores the original map of the area which is kept in Rajuk's record room. Rajuk 'creates' a new map in which new plots are shown, but there is no copy of the new map in Rajuk's relevant sec-

"When we challenge the matter in a court, Rajuk cannot show us any genuine map. But the owner of a new plot produces copy of a map given by Rajuk," Rezwana said. Rajuk has even failed to come

up with a statement expressing its

willingness to protect the Gulshan-

Baridhara-Banani Lake, she regret-Naser Khan of environmental organisation POROSH urged the government to immediately demarcate the lake and form a body to

make the lake pollution-free. Karzai

They also called for steps to

prises Tajiks and other ethnic The new government will run the country for 18 months before gen-

freedom fighter?"

Others who took part in the budget

FROM PAGE 12 irritated Mujibor might have put the

for autopsy. The victim's mother filed a case

CHT

FROM PAGE 1 agenda for the 1.3 million people of

They also had talks with officials

Heyn said the team has also

benefit them most, he observed.

leaders and activists.

The cell of the police control room has said that every day 35 to 40 callers phone the police for help, but they do not want to mention the names of the accused for security

Food production agriculture minister and AL leader Motia Chowdhury protested the

> finance minister's statement. in the city on Wednesday, Motia said Saifur's statement on food situation finance minister's allegation that

House that the government did not import any food. He however said the country imported 24 lakh MT Contractor, old man

average annual import stood at 2.4 station yesterday afternoon. Hands of the victim were tied

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Hospital sources quoting employees at the morgue said the victim might have been strangled and later dumped at the rail lines.

mysteriously in his house at Shankharibazar in the old part of the

him dead. Family members said Pal died as he slipped and banged his head on

killed him to grab his land at Khankharibazar. The body was kept at the DMCH

FROM PAGE 1 Commodore Harunur Rashid, Area Commander, Khulna, Commodore Khurshid Alam, Chairman Mongla Port Authority and Commander P J Ullah, posted in Chittagong, the sources said.

General of the Coast Guard.

earlier and was serving as Director Promoted to the rank of Rear

JCD cadres

Madhu's canteen on the DU campus, the heart of student politics in But before the BUET incident,

the JCD cadres and outsiders were

staying in the halls and roaming on police, said the sources. General activists and supporters of the JCD told The Daily Star that the criminalisation of the JCD DU unit started due to the failure of the campus authorities to check the

criminal activities of the JCD in the name of student politics. They however said although the listed troublemakers are now staying out of the campus, they are in control of the halls and are kept abreast of the situation over mobile phone and by fellow activists stay-

Asked about the alleged killers

who are also JCD activists, some

leaders of the organisation told The

ing in the halls.

Daily Star yesterday that they were directed by the BNP high-ups not to put up with the killers on the cam-Monir Hossain, president of JCD DU unit, said none should tolerate the killers even if they are involved with the JCD. "We demand the

immediate arrest of and exemplary

punishment to the killers of Sony," he added. The students who are not involved in student politics said they are always victims of amoral student politics, while the criminals always get away thanks to blessings of the politically influential persons.

They however criticised the university authorities for their repeated failure to restore peace on the campus.

NGO activities FROM PAGE 12 Executive Director of RDRS Kamal

Uddin Akbar. Executive Director of

IRD Saiful Islam, Chairperson of NGO Coalition on Beijing Platform Salma Khan, Director of Mass Literacy Movement Rasheda K Chowdhury and Executive Director of NGO Forum for Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation M A Rashid attended the meeting. Sources said the committee

views on the entire gamut of NGO activities in the country as well as the proposed amendments to NGO Act. They shared opinions on NGO asset management, political activities by some NGOs and ways and means to liberalise NGO activities and their Foreign Donation Act

and NGO leaders exchanged

gation in this connection.

RMG exporters

branches across the country. "Don't think mechanically, but

The meeting decided to form a high-powered committee on banking sector reform within a day or two to turn the NCBs profit making from their disappointing situation. The minister invited Prof Wahiduddin

But five minutes from time,

to say anything about the game, I'd

Italy had few answers to Mexico's dazzling skills on the ball and rarely threatened Oscar Perez's goal until Del Piero's goal although. for the second game running, they

Portugal or the U.S. Ironically, Italy drew 1-1 with Mexico in 1994 to qualify through

The Italians started brightly and

produced a magnificent back-

Vieri blasted a volley straight at Mexico 'keeper Oscar Perez after

nto a precious goal. Maldini and looped his header over a stationary Gianluigi Buffon in the

Dhaka on June 18.

sures," he said. The AL's planned meeting would work out the strategy 'when and how' the party with only 58 MPs

would go to the House and what issues would initially be addressed. An AL presidium meeting would also review the decisions of the joint meeting, if needed, hinted one

Now, the AL rejects the national

Dhaka Central Jail.

Meanwhile, the detectives

Besides asking for bringing dynamism in the banking activities, he

substitute Del Piero headed home from close range to rescue Italy from a dispiriting defeat and put them in the second round although Mexico finished as group G leaders.

wonderful.'

linesman. Italy finished the group in second

Three minutes later Totti

kick just wide of Perez's right hand post in the 24th minute as the Italians sought to turn their pressure But Borgetti rose above Paolo

put the Mexicans ahead.

through the legs of a hapless

defender for his third goal in South Edmilson made it 3-0 with a spectacular overhead kick as he perfectly picked up a Junior cross

Blazing Brazil FROM PAGE 1 Coach Luiz Felipe Scolari admitted seven minutes before half time.

know what those mistakes are. We give chances to the opponent but this will be worked on. They are problems that we know about. "We know our strengths and our

Overall though he said he was

content with three wins out of three

but played down Brazil firming as

favourites after the first-round

demise of France and Argentina. "I am positive in my heart and understand that people see us as favourites but we do not consider ourselves as such." he said. "I keep

telling the players to be humble, that

'The next stage will be hard and

Rivaldo said Brazil won because

we need to go step by step.

we are preparing for that."

of their work rate.

"We won because we ran constantly for 90 minutes and we had confidence in each other," he Ronaldo put it down to the team's

physical condition.

"We were in top physical

condition and it was a fun match for

us to play," he said. "That's the most

Alexandre Guimaraes, the

remarkable enhancement.'

Brazilian-born Costa Rican coach. said he was proud of his team who he said deserved to be in the next "I am very proud and happy with our style," he said. "We came here to show the world the improvemenst

in Costa Rican football and today we

showed that against one of the best

Brazil started the match minus

Brazil pounced first in the 10th

minute when Ronaldo nipped in

ahead of two defenders to poke

home via a deflection off Marin. It

teams in the world.'

gineers in 1962. three regulars -- Roberto Carlos, Roque Junior and Ronaldinho and their steadying presence was missed. Costa Rica should have opened the scoring after eight minutes but an unmarked Mauricio Wright sent satellite into orbit. his header sailing over the bar.

was credited an own goal but Ronaldo has appealed to FIFA. The Inter Milan sharpshooter who played the full 90 minutes for Development Programme (IGMDP) the first time in the tournament. developed an array of missiles made it 2-0 minutes later when he including short, medium and ballisshook off his marker to whip the ball

School girl shot dead by dacoits in Satkania

STAFF CORRESPONDENT. Cta A school girl was shot dead and three others were injured when a gang of dacoits opened fire on them at village East Ghatiadenga under Satkania upazila in the early hours of

yesterday. The dead was identified as Ayesha Siddiqua, 13, a student of class nine of Damsha High School.

The injured were identified as

Nurul Amin, father of the girl, Nurul Kabir and Mahbubur Rahman. They were admitted to the Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH). Police said, a gang of about 25 armed dacoits stormed into the

house of Nurul Amin at Anispara of

the village at around 1:30 am and

started looting valuables, confining

the inmates in a room at gunpoint. At one stage, the dacoits started

The dacoits also took away gold ornaments and other valuables from five other houses of the village.

of the four MPs, who spoke on the new budget. The discussion continued 19 minutes beyond the stipulated Opening the budget discussion,

he told the House. The mid-ranking treasury bencher wondered why the removal of the

during the AL rule, the BNP lawmaker wanted to know why the opposition party is now clamouring about the removal of the army chief by Prime

> current financial year. "It appears from the production probability that the country is now self-sufficient in In his budget speech on June 6, Finance Minister Saifur Rahman said, "The Awami League government carried out widespread propaganda that the country had attained food autarky. Some relevant statistics however indicate exaggerations in this claim. During Ershad's 9-year rule, average annual import of food was about two million tons. During 1991-'96 BNP rule, import of food decreased and annual average

> > million tons. Had the country really achieved self-sufficiency in food, why the volume of food import increased?"

import was slightly above 1.7 million

tons. During Awami League rule,

import of food again increased and

Mentionably, before the food minister came up with the production statistics yesterday, former

Police-BDR

FROM PAGE 12

nals and conduct joint drives'. The same day, the committee decided on launching a special drive in the But with the drive on, reports on 'atrocities' by police and the BDR started circulating. Under intense

pressure, they picked up innocents,

mostly under the CrPC, the sources

said. The only upside is that mug-

ging has been at a low.

Several reports dispatched to The Daily Star showed that the police and the BDR picked up many on the slightest suspicion. Most victims of the ongoing drive have come from the families of the lowncome bracket. Many of the 10,258 people

arrested since May 12 had to pay

'off-the-record fees' at every step of

the administration and eventually

obtained bail from the court.

Last month, four people were tortured to death in police raids. Two of them were in the capital -- Sohel. a fish trader, and Mohammad Alam, a rickshaw-puller. And two others were in Narayanganj -- Mohammad Badal, a butcher, and Fazlul Haq Bhuiyan, an Awami League leader of Rupgani. Of relevance, the BDR personnel also set on the Awami League

Addressing a press conference

food autarky was a propaganda by Al. The whole world recognised Bangladesh's attainment of food self-sufficiency, she said. Asked whether food was imported in the current financial vear (2001-2002). Noman told the

foodgrains during the five-year rule

together and there were marks of bruises on his throat.

body of an unidentified man in his

early thirties from Cantonment rail

Meanwhile, an old man died Krishna Chandra Pal, 70, was

relatives of the old man might have

Sources however alleged that

Commodore AKM Azad's name was learnt to have been considered seriously during the process of appointment of a new navy chief.

Admiral, Mujtaba took office on

Rahman said VAT evasion has to be checked. Otherwise, it will create an Professor Abu Ahmed of Dhaka

Mashiur Rahman, Md Masum of Jahangirnagar University, GM

Police sent the body to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) for autopsy.

taken to the DMCH with serious wounds on the back of his head where attending doctors declared

morgue for autopsy. 5 Navy officers

The government later appointed Commodore Shah Iqbal Mujtaba, as the Navy Chief. He was superseded

In this context he mentioned

Regarding the Tk 19,200 crore annual development outlay in the proposed budget, Dr Bhattacharya