resumed and some three patients in

critical conditions were treated at

tion prevails some serious patients

ties sent faxed the health minister,

the secretary of the health ministry

and the director general of the

Department of Health and talked to

them on the phone about the grave

No solution to the deadlock has

Additional police forces were

Director of the CMCH Brig. Gen.

deployed on the hospital compound

to avert further untoward incidents.

Shah A Alam said the situation

created by means of holding the

patients hostage is inhuman.

Whatever be the situation, keeping

the medical store and blood bank

under lock and key is a deplorable

gunfight with

police in city

Four criminals were arrested after a

gunfight with police behind the

Brothers Sporting Club at Tikatuli in

the city on Monday night, police

Mosharraf Hossain Russell, 24,

Shahrier alias Kiron, 24, Abu Ahad

Chowdhury alias Ahed, 32, and

Shahidul Islam. Police also recov-

and SI Nazrul Islam -- were injured

criminals opened fire. Police

returned fire, injuring Russel, one of

the four criminals. He was shot in

Medical College Hospital (DMCH)

any LG nor fulfil other obligations.

Besides, the equipment did not have

any guarantee from the manufac-

The contract said that the TPE

under police custody.

He was admitted to the Dhaka

A case was filed with Motijheel

Two Sub-inspectors (SI) -- Aziz

ered a pistol from their possession.

The arrested criminals are Mir

4 criminals

held after

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

act, the director added.

Hospital sources said if the situa-

Meanwhile, the hospital authori-

around 11:00am.

situation.

yet been reached.

at the hospital might die.

Dockers' wages

15 per ton while the loading or unloading cost of every TEUS (Twenty Equivalent Unit Standard) container would surge by Tk 555. The handling cost of each container will go up by Tk 83.

Sources said the enhancement is being done following demands by the ruling BNP-backed dock workers' Collective Bargaining Agent (CBA) of the Chittagong Bondor Dock Jatiyatabadi Sramik Dal. The CBA had been demanding a 25 per cent increase in their wages since the last six months.

The food minister will be present in today's meeting as he, being the president of the labour wing of the ruling BNP, at present controls the port's labour politics.

Previously, the Chittagong City Corporation Mayor ABM

Molested child's father on the run

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Fear of reprisal by local gangsters has left Mohammad Daud Hossain, a resident of the city's east Jurain, on therun.

His 'fault' is that he filed a case with the Shyampur Police Station against a local gangster, Sajib, 27, who allegedly kidnapped and molested histen-year-old son on June 23.

In retaliation, Sajib and his accomplices threatened Daud with death. On June 26, Daud filed a general diary on the death threat. Daud told The Daily Star that he

was staying out, fearing attacks. Although Sajib went into hiding following filing of the case, his father Abul Hossain Khan is threatening

Daud complained that the police did not take any action against the accused.

15 session

FROM PAGE 12 parliament could go into sitting without a quorum. But the parliamentary rules of procedure provide that the presence of at least 60 members make a quorum.

In another ruling, Sircar also declared the AL's suggestion to form a committee to monitor the "government sponsored repressive acts" unconstitutional.

Mohiuddin Chowdhury, who is also the General Secretary of the Chittagong City unit of the Awami League, had controlled the labour politics of the Chittagong port.

on the overall export and import of the country, as it would increase the cost of services at the port. The port users had proposed a

raise would have a negative impact

The port users said this wage

five per cent enhancement of wages.

CCC mayor to file defamatory

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Mayor of Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) and General Secretary of the city unit of the Awami League (AL) ABM areas 53 days after the incident. Mohiuddin Chowdhury alleged that a certain evil quarter is jealous of the ongoing development work and is conspiring against him to hinder the development of the port city.

The city mayor told this while addressing a press conference in the auditorium of the local press club yesterday afternoon, a day after receiving bail from the court in connection with a graft case filed against him by the Bureau of Anti-Corruption (BAC).

The mayor vowed again to fight all conspiracies and conspirators who would dare to stand in the way of developing and building Chittagong to become one of the greatest cities of this region.

Mohiuddin came down heavily on the role of some bureaucrats within the government saying, "these dishonest bureaucrats are prone to create unwanted obstructions to the development works, we too were sometimes misguided by them".

The mayor while explaining his position as a 'clean man' said he did never engaged in the embezzlement of the CCC funds during his entire tenure as the mayor, "I made the corporation a self reliant institution over the years by introducing some income-generating projects," he

The mayor further said he would sue those who tried to harass and damage his image.

'Phoney' bills

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146,793 to the UNDP. The average bill for the previous months for the samelinewas Tk 10,000.

The bill showed hundreds of calls made to Saudi Arabia through the line, which is connected to the UNDP chief's fax machine. The UNDP denied making any calls to Saudi Arabia and informed the telecom ministry of such a 'malpractice' by the BTTB. The ministry, however, ignored the UNDP protest completely.

Meanwhile, the BTTB issued an even bloated phone bill of Tk 180,437 for November 2001. The UNDP again protested, but to no avail.

Next month, the UN agency received a Tk 516,931-bill for December 2001 against the UNDP's phone, which was mostly out of order throughout the month. The bills were for calls made to Saudi Arabia where the UNDPhas no business.

While the UNDP repeatedly demanded scrapping of the phoney bills, the BTTB pressed it to pay Tk 844,161 for the last quarter of 2001.

The UNDP, however, remained defiant and the BTTB eventually

2002. Since then the UNDP has paid Tk 5,326 per month on an average bill for the telephone.

Meanwhile, the ISD line (No. 811-7811) for the general fax machine in its Dhaka office came under attack from the telecom pirates. The BTTB issued bills of Tk 117,369 and Tk 47,381 respectively for April and May, which again included calls made to Saudi Arabia.

The UNDP resident representative could not be contacted as he is out of the country. Neither the secretary of telecom ministry nor the BTTB chairman returned this correspondent's calls.

BTTB officials over the issue. They blame prolonged posting of BTTB linemen at one exchange for such malpractices.

Linemen and supervisors switchover connections either at the street-side cabinets or at the main distribution frame, a BTTB official happened in the UNDP's case.

knows the culprits behind the UNDP scam but take no action against them for their political connection.

Israelis down

Brigades told AFP in the northern armed offshoot of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's Fatah group claimed responsibility for the ambush, adding that the three militants behind the attack had escaped

As rescue workers evacuated the injured, Israeli helicopters flew overhead.

"I broke a window open and I Qedumim.

"There were children covered in blood. I was trying to extract an injured child from the wreckage when I realised he was dead," he explained.

Israeli radio said that among the wounded were a two-year old tod-

dler, a pregnant woman and three teenagers. The army spokeswoman said that before the attack a curfew was

reimposed in nearby Qalqilya, as the army had "information a terrorist attack was on its way." Israeli government spokesman Arye Mekel said "the Palestinians

elections and democratization. It's futile. It's a joke. We see that basically they have not changed," he told

The Emmanuel ambush is the first deadly attack on Israelis since a gunman killed five people, including a mother and three children, in the Itamar settlement in the West Bank on June 20.

The Itamar shooting came a day after the Israelis began reoccupying seven of the eight main cities in the West Bank in response to two suicide blasts in Jerusalem which killed

A spokesman for Dan Buses said the bus which was attacked "was one of the most attackproof we have for going into the territories to protect against terror

The ambush was a carbon copy of one on December 12 which left 10 Israelis dead at the same spot, 200 metres (yards) from the entrance of the settlement which lies between the Palestinian towns of Nablus and Qalqilya.

A militant from the radical Islamist group Hamas was responsible for that attack, which was the deadliest against a settlement since the Palestinian intifada against Israeli occupation erupted in September 2000.

10 hurt as BNP factions clash

At least ten people were injured as two factions of the ruling BNP clashed at Dogachhia in Gafargaon over establishing supremacy in the area at noon yesterday.

Fazlul Haq, 55, was admitted to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital with bullet wounds and two others were taken to Gafargaon health complex.

-- Enamul Haq and Abu Sayed -from the spot.

Shihab

The Detective Branch (DB) of police recovered some pieces of the decomposed body from three places in Bashabo and North Goran They also arrested Monir Hossain Liton and Abu Syed from Bhagyakul Mistanna Bhandar in the city's

Liton and Syed gave confessional statements before two metropolitan magistrates on April 8 and 9 respectively, disclosing the names of four other accused. They are Mahbubul Haq Rubel, Faisal Sharif Raju, Imran Hossain Sabuj and Nasim Sheikh.

DB inspector Nazrul Islam, also the investigation officer (IO) of the case, submitted a chargesheet to the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's court against all the six on April 17.

them on May 9.

Young man

been absconding.

(DMCH) for autopsy. killed. Local people however said the victim might have been killed for giving an interview to a TV channel on the killing of another Mirpur resident, Russell, who was gunned

down by local goons Monday. It is suspected that Azad knew the killers of Russel and they ensured their safety by finishing him

In another incident, a man, aged about 42, was strangled by unidentified people in the city's Sutrapur area yesterday.

near the Gandaria Riffles Club yesterday morning.

marks of noose around his neck, raising the suspicion that he might have been strangled to death.

Filling station

The state minister assured the leaders of safety and security to tank lorry drivers, an end to harassment by police sergeants, allocation of firearm licences on a flexible condi-

The owners' association has decided on suspending the strike considering the public sufferings but threatened to go on a strike again in response to the government's failure to carry out the deci-

including an increase in commission against oil sales and an end to 'extortion' by the traffic police.

Meanwhile, the Bangladesh Truck and Tank Lorry Owners-Workers Unity Council in a press statement yesterday urged the government to withdraw the increased tolls for crossing Meghna

The government in the 2002-03 fiscal budget has increased the tolls to Tk 400 from Tk 195 for trucks, covered vans and tank lorries.

traffic movement along the very important thoroughfare of the port city that connects commercial area of Agrabad, port and airport roads with heavy industrial areas of Nasirabad, Bahodderhut and Kalurghat ending traffic jam between Agrabad Sheikh Mujib Road and Tiger pass.

The flyover would be used as passage of hundreds of inter-district buses and trucks from Kadamtoli inter-district bus terminal and Madarbari truck depot. The heavy access to the Dhaka-Chittagong Highway through Olanker intersection after crossing the busy intersec-

As such, the flyover is expected to put an end to the hassles and sufferings of thousands of people due to traffic congestion during their journey to places of work everyday.

Hamida hands over charges CMCH crippled

FROM PAGE 1 body of the institution made the proposal.

The government on Monday ordered closure of the VNSC for three days till tomorrow to defuse tension arising out of its refusal to grant further extension of Hamida Ali's service. She was already on a five-year extension.

The governing body will now select the principal from senior staff of the VNSC through proper procedure. It will hold a meeting in this regard and publish advertisements in newspapers seeking candidates for the post of principal, said a member of the governing body.

Hamida Ali was principal of the institution for about 21 years. She was appointed to the post during the tenure of the then president Ziaur Rahman. After handing over charge,

Hamida Ali told newsmen that she

complied with the decision of

Chairman of the governing body

Major (rtd) Abdul Mannan MP. "Major Mannan telephoned me last night and again this morning (Tuesday morning) asking me to relinquish charge ... But I did not expect any threat from the government ... It is really unfortunate," she

said without giving details. She said it is painful to leave an

Indefinite strike

at Sher-e-Bangla

Medical College

Students of Sher-e-Bangla Medical

College Hospital began an indefinite

strike yesterday demanding restora-

tion of their examination centre at

the strike and kept all the class-

rooms under lock and key.

home the demand.

from Dhaka University.

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JCD and Chhatra Shibir called

The student organisations on

Dhaka University (DU) authori-

ties cancelled the examination

centre following forcible entry of a

JCD leader into the examination hall

and misbehaviour with invigilators

crore, Bangladesh University Grants

Commission Tk 15.71 crore,

Directorate of Archaeology Tk 3.98

Management Department of the

conducted performance audit on

four government organisations,

namely the Chittagong Medical

College Hospital (CMCH), Dhaka

Electric Supply Authority (DESA),

Bangladesh Small and Cottage

stressed on strengthening internal

control measures in different minis-

tries, divisions and executive agen-

cies to prevent irregularities in

administration.

For the first time, the CAG's office

Jatiya Sangsad Tk 2.14 crore.

UNB, Barisal

the college.

institution after serving it for so many years. "But the treatment I got now was not expected," she told this correspondent.

Hamida Ali hoped that the prestigious institution will continue to stride forward, upholding its glorious tradition.

After taking charge, Rowena Hossain urged all her colleagues to continue their utmost efforts to keep up the image of the institution. She joined it in 1968.

Meanwhile, a group of students of the VNSC demonstrated on the road in front of it yesterday, protesting 'removal' of Hamida Alí.

A 10-member team of students met the education minister yesterday morning. Later, they said the minister did not pay heed to their demand. Police blocked all the entries to the VNSC with barbed wire fence.

Several contingents of women police were deployed in front of the Jatiya Press Club following rumors that students, teachers and guardians might hold a protest rally there.

The five-year extension of Hamida Ali's service expired on July 9. But the governing body of the institution on April 30 proposed extension of her service for two years more for her remarkable contribution to it

20 hurt, 14 houses

ransacked as

AL, BNP clash

JCD activist

preparatory school in 1952.

in Magura UNB, Magura

At least 20 people were injured and 14 houses ransacked when the supporters of BNP and Awami League clashed at Nandolalpur village in Sadar upazila yesterday.

Police said the supporters of local AL leader Shariful Islam and BNP leader Noor Islam clashed in the morning over establishing suprem-Monday boycotted classes to press acyin the area.

On information, police rushed to the spot and brought the situation under control. They arrested two people -- Razzak and Golam Nabi -from the spot.

Both the groups filed separate cases in this connection.

quality audit to ensure accountabil-

sound financial management prac-

auditing to ensure transparency and

accountability for good governance.

mation of the Public Accounts

Committee (PAC) in the parliament

at the earliest. He apprised the

president about the ongoing reform

agenda initiated by the audit depart-

The CAG also emphasised for-

He also underscored the need for

ity and transparency.

FROM PAGE 12 Hearing the news, a group of youths

armed with lethal weapons rushed to the Sonadighi crossing and attacked the three. They beat up Noman and

The decision was communicated

to chairman of Dhaka Education

Board Prof Mohammad Zunayed on

July 8 for approval. But the board

chairman refused to approve the

The education ministry said it

took the decision regarding Hamida

ali as per Article 26 of the Dhaka

relating to service rules of teachers

A ministry statement said

The statement said that after

reaching 60, Hamida had already

enjoyed extension of service for

Despite request by the Dhaka

Education Board to handover

charge to a senior teacher, Hamida

was illegally claiming to be princi-

pal of the institution and was blam-

ing the government in many ways,

to mislead the guardians and stu-

dents through baseless criticism of

the government in newspapers, it

The VNSCollege is an autono-

mous institution that started off as a

Besides, there was an evil design

the statement said.

three times, up to the age of 65.

Hamida Ali was not removed with

any motive, she was sent into retire-

ment as per relevant rules.

Education Board Regulations, 1979,

of private educational institutions.

decision.

stabbed him while the two others --Marit and Rashed managed to flee. Noman was taken to Rajshahi

Medical College Hospital (RMCH) where he died early yesterday morn-

Siraj Uddin, father-in-law of Noman, lodged a case with Boalia police station in this connec-

Hasina

FROM PAGE 12 would visit Washington DC and also have a look at the final draft of a book on memoirs of Bangabandhu while

he was in jail.

contrast, the previous auditor gen-

reports for the year 2001. crore, and Purchase and Collection tices and appreciated the role of presently being audited. Many other ministries also requested the CAG office to conduct special audit to some of the organisations under their jurisdiction to find out finan-

cial irregularities, source said. The president also expressed the hope that the audit department would be able to work more neutrally once the accounts department directorate has been set up to

strengthen the performance audit. Earlier, the audit reports were presented to the Prime Minister Khaleda Zia who assured the CAG of made.

accounts committee. The amount of unresolved audit objections may amount to around Tk 15,000 crore

Stern action to unauthorised hajj

BSS, Dhaka

The government yesterday decided to take strict legal measures against unauthorised persons and agencies who will try to cheat the hajj pilwork needed for implementation, grims.

> next year (2003) under private management, about the unauthorised persons and agencies, said an official handout. According to the decision, if any person or agency other than the

government authorised agencies,

gives advertisement in newspapers

for sending pilgrims or tries to send the pilgrims through any other way, would face serious legal action. The decision was taken as some were cheating the simple and religious-minded intending pilgrims

As a result, many pilgrims reaching Saudi Arabia through such unauthorised persons and agencies faced untold sufferings, it men-

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Sources said immediately after the arrest, activists and supporters of the CMC unit of the JCD went on the rampage, closing down the main gate of the hospital. They also ransacked some shops in front of the hospital.

Later in the morning, they used fore to suspend all medical services and administrative activities of the hospital. They also closed down all wards, emergency services and the outdoor patients department and offices.

The unruly activists and supporters also refused entry to physicians at the hospital and shut down the blood bank and the medical store at 9:00am.

A terrible situation prevailed over the hospital causing immeasurable sufferings to the patients.

Sources said the closure of the medical store and the blood bank has put the lives of patients already in critical condition at stake. Patients in need of emergency supplies of blood and other essentials at the CMCH and other hospitals and clinics of the town and the suburbs suffered worst due to the closure.

Patients trying to go elsewhere could not leave the hospital as the main gate remained locked.

However, a tripartite meeting was held among the hospital authorities, members of the Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA), and Chittagong BNP leaders and the agitating activists and supporters, in the morning. After the meeting, the emergency service

3 robbers held with arms in Uttara

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police arrested three robbers with arms from the city's Uttara area on Monday night.

A team of Uttara police led by an assistant commissioner raided a tinshed house at Tafalia at around 10:00 pm and arrested the three. Police also seized two revolvers, gold ornaments and other stolen goods from their (robbers) possession.

The arrested robbers are Faruq Hossain, 20, Manik Hossain, 22, and Motiur Rahman.

A case was filed with Uttara Police Station in this regard.

Police Station in this regard. Tk 664 cr to corrupt pockets Power plants

FROM PAGE 12

One of the PDB conditions is tain and verify the origin of the equipment.

Also, the PDB demanded that it could not be held liable in any case related to allegations against the equipment.

Meanwhile, the TPE contract remains ineffective because it did not pay up its first tranche.

To make a contract effective, a contractor has to pay 10 per cent of total project cost within 45 days of the agreement. Then the finance ministry issues an LG to the contractor for submission to the

In February 2001, without any prior notification, the TPE imported the equipment and asked the PDB to accept the consignment.

The PDB declined on the ground that the contract was still ineffective

would have to supply the equipment and spares from original Russian manufacturers named the TKZ, the LMZ and Electrosila. But the TKZ and the LMZ

never supplied the TPE any equipment for the Ghorashal pro-During the caretaker government in August-September last year, the rehabilitation project

informed the PDB that they had

was suspended because of irregular-The PDB signed the \$17.7 million contract, bypassing the Economic Relations Division (ERD) for rehabilitation of the 30-year old Ghorashal power units on supplier's

credit in May 31, 2000. Following signing of the contract, the ERD raised objection and an inter-ministerial investigation was launched. The contract was also suspended for some time.

CUCSU polls

FROM PAGE 10 organisations of the alliance.

All the CUCSU leaders have lost their student status at least six or seven years ago. Most of the leaders are now married and busy with their business, jobs or involved in

Nazimuddin now turned himself a Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) leader by tumbling from the Chhatra League. Azimuddin is now a businessman. Social Welfare Secretary Salauddin Reza is working with a Bengali daily as a journalist. Others are also busy with garments business, construction farms or

The students raised voice for holding the CUCSU election during the tenure of VC Rafigul Islam Chowdhury. The election was not held as Shibir opposed it in spite of the sincerity of the authorities, it is learnt. The demand for holding election intensified when Prof Abdul Mannan took over the charge as VC of the university. But the election could not be held for unrest situation on the campus. At least 8 students were killed at that time during clashes among the student

The Shibir cadres captured all the six male dormitories of the university ousting the BCL leaders and activists as the BNP-led four party coalition had won the general elec-

authorities to take early steps to hopefully that by this year.

hold CUCSU election to generate

healthy student activities on the Salahuddin Reza told this correspondent that only for lack of the

balance over the last 12 years. Mahbub Elahi, president of the newly built committee of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) told this correspondent, ' we also want immediate elections. But the authorities will have to create the congenial academic atmosphere on

authorities the election hanged in

the campus." More than two hundred leaders of our organisation could not entered the campus due to fear of

When contacted Islami Chhatra Shibir CU unit president Allauddin Sikdar denied the allegation. He said they want immediate CUCSU poll to generate activities on the campus in

Chancellor AIM Nuruddin Chowdhury said ' we are trying heart and soul to create a congenial academic atmosphere on the campus. Due to the eight months' deadlock, the heavy session jam now prevailing in the departments of the university. After resolving this problem we will try to hold the election. But before that I want to hold the registered graduate election and

restored the phone line in January

stepped inside, I saw a horrific scene," said Etan Ben Zaka, one of the first medics to have arrived on the scene of the carnage from the nearby settlement of

are back at their old murderous game of trying to kill as many Israelis and as many Jews as they possibly

about change and reforms and attacks.

There is strong discontent among

said, adding that this is what has The source claimed the authority

ing to belong to the Al Aqsa Martyrs West Bank town of Jenin that the

unharmed.

26 people. attacks."

Emmanuel, an ultra-Orthodox Jewish settlement of 2,700 inhabitants is located in a very hilly "There has been all this talk area, perfectly suited for such

in Gafargaon UNB, Mymensingh

Police arrested two BNP activists

FROM PAGE 12 police station. It was turned into a

regular case on February 10.

Khilgaon area.

The court framed charges against *Liton and Syed are now detained in jail custody and the others have

FROM PAGE 12 It was not known why Azad was

The duty officer of the Pallabi Police Station said last night that they are yet to file a case as the victim's relatives have not reported the incident to them.

Police recovered the body from Sutrapur police said there were

Industries Corporation (BSCIC) and National Curriculum and Text Book Board (NCTBB). The audit reports contain as many as 771 audit objections to the tune of Tk 663.75 crore. The audit reports mainly pointed at embezzlement, wastage, non-deduction of

sion in two months. The scheduled strike resulted in panic buying yesterday. Petroleum Dealers and Tank Lorry Malik-Sramik Oikya Sangram Parishad had called the strike to press their six-point demands,

and Daudkandi bridges.

vehicles would then have an easy tion of Dewanhut through the fly-

ment to improve the quality of auditing and ensure timely submission of audit reports for proper use of public resources. He further noted that in the last six years as much as Tk 3,515 crore

was recovered following audit objections. During this period, only Tk 171 crore were spent for the audit VAT and income tax, and nondepartment. compliance of financial rules and Deputy Auditor General Abduhu Mahmud Khan and Assistant Presenting the reports, the CAG Auditor General Abul Kalam Azad

were also present during the presentation of reports at Bangabhaban vesterday morning. With the presentation of 20 annual audit reports, the CAG's

programmes and operational decisions have to be integrated. Typically, major national policies and strategies will have a 15- to 20-year target and inform a medium-term HNP sector plan of five years. The development partners have voiced concern over the extent of

Basically, the technical mission society. It will make recommendations on how agreements for the next

declaration by a section of traders and of smuggling. The land ports through which import of goods has been banned are Gobrakura, Karoitali, Bijoypur, Dhanua, Kamalpur and Nakugaon. Leading trade bodies have been

claiming that huge goods are smug-

gled through these land ports. They

have also been demanding an end to

impose ban on listed imported items would restrict import and is likely to protect local industries.

eral presented 14 annual audit

The remaining ministries are

was separated. He was informed that a separate performance audit

formation of public accounts committee very soon and of looking into the objections the audit reports According to sources at the CAG's office, hundreds of audit reports are awaiting discussion at the public

The acting president emphasised office has completed audit to all sustaining the reform measures and ministries up to the year 2000. In since independence. New health plan

FROM PAGE 12 programme has yielded hardly any

result and questioned why the gov-

ernment decided to introduce a new

programme without the full implementation of the existing one. "This will be a blunder. Of the 13,000 community clinics, we have built 8,500 and the BNP government has stopped further construction of clinics. It means the essential services will not reach the poor and disadvantaged groups in many areas. Without thinking seriously about important

things how can the government

decide to launch another

programme?" said an anonymous

source. Dr Zafrullah Choudhury, coordinator of Ganashasthya Nagar Hospital, said, "Any attempt to launch a new programme without making any structural change will be futile. If we talk about malnutrition reduction, we are talking about two per cent of the population. Addressing the problem is no easy task and the government has to be sincere." He underscored the use of the

local government in healthcare

services. "The existing programme

failed to some extent because it was

centrally controlled. And the central

government means too much

bureaucracy. Healthcare services

cannot be delivered through bureau-

crats," he said. The new programme that leaves the poor out will end in similar failure, he said. The World Bank officials here, however, argued that the sector-wide

programme has been firmly estab-

lished in the existing programme, a

major shift from a large number of

previous projects in the health sector. As in any sector-wide approach, integrated policies, strategies,

lack of vision, the need for wide public participation and the limited capacity of the health ministry to develop the programme. will make wide consultations with the government, development partners, non-governmental organisations, the private sector and the civil

phase can be reached.

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Powder milk

imposed following complaints of duty evasion through fraudulent

ports. They said that the ban was

smuggling in order to protect local industries. The government's decision to

be taken against agents, agencies

It also cautioned the hajj pilgrims, who will perform the holy hajj

unauthorised persons and agencies alluring them to sending for hajj with comparatively less amount of money, the handout said.

The agencies appointed by the Ministry of Religious Affairs are entitled to supervise the departure, performing of hajj and homecoming of the hajj pilgrims under private management.

during the clash. Acting on a secret information, a team of Motijheel police went to the spot to arrest the criminals. Sensing the presence of the police team, the

the legs.

that the TPE would have to take five of its engineers to Russia to ascer-

TPE and that the Russian company would have to bear all port charges and demurrage for importing the

as the company did neither submit

national politics.

organisations.

Some senate members at the budget session of the university here on June 30 urged the university

attack by Shibir, Elahi said. Shibir already threatened them of attack if they try to come to the campus,he added. In this circumstances how can you expect the CUCSU election?

greater interest of students. Chittagong University Vice