The Daily Star

Extortionist killed DU closed sine die was pushed down that ultimately

However, no untoward incident

The students started gathering at

The teachers blasted the hei-

nous attack on female students,

demanding withdrawal of cases

against the students, release of the

students who have been arrested,

and holding again the examinations

of unnecessary police and BDR

personnel in the campus, paying

The DUTA also want withdrawal

Some DUTA members said that

the attack on the female students

was the most shameful chapter in its

history and Vice Chancellor should

apologise to the students for failing

of four university high officials

They also demanded resignation

Among those who addressed the

to avert it.

including the proctor.

which were held on July 24.

the feet of Aparajeyo Bangla from morning and by 11:00am the entire

with thousands of students.

took place on the campus vester-

caused his death. Later police rescued the two injured colleagues of Babul from

public anger and sent Babul's body to DMCH. In a separate incident, two students were struck by bullets when a gang of criminals opened fire at them at Nurjahan Road in the city's Mohammadpur area.

Arifur Rahman, a student of Dhaka College and Atiqur Rahman, a student of a local IT institute, came under gun attacks reportedly from the underlings of the local terrorist Raju, Police said.

Both of them are now under treatment at DMCH, Atiq's condition is learnt to be critical.

In another incident one Ilyas Mia,30, was shot by extortionists at Begunbari under Tajgaon police station. Ilyas, a hired worker, was accosted by a gang of extortionists ransacked by who wanted to know about the owner of the house. They wanted to scare him with a gun which accidentally fired and hit Ilyas in his right arm, sources said.

Earlier, a police inspector and a businessman were killed in the city on Friday. At about 10:30 pm Friday, CID

Inspector Nazrul Islam was returning home on an auto-rickshaw from his office. When the auto-rickshaw reached Asad Gate the driver

7 killed

FROM PAGE 12 spot and injuring 25 others.

The injured passengers were immediately taken to Savar Thana Health Complex and different clinics and nearby hospitals. Some of the injured passengers were shifted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where one Rafiqul Islam, 30, of Bainchhari village under Ghior thana of Manikganj district succumbed to his injuries.

Identity of six other victims could not be known.

Police seized both the buses but the drivers fled.

Malaria FROM PAGE 12

do not come to hospitals or clinics. he pointed out.

The civil surgeon of Chittagong however said he was not aware of the outbrake of malaria in an extensive form in the district. But he found a few malaria natients at the thana health complexes during a recent visit he added

Experts say Chittagong district and the three CHT districts are malaria-prone' areas.

Air show

FROM PAGE 12 was tarnished last year when a stray test missile brought down a Russian

apparent reason. A group of hijackers brandishing lethal weapon surrounded the vehicle and stepped

inside The hijackers took away Nazrul's licensed revolver and other valuables. When the hijackers came to know his identity, they stabbed him to death. The screaming of the CID inspector attracted a crowd who caught three hijackers from the scene and handed them over to the police

robbed revolver.

BNP men in Feni

At least ten Awami League activists

Kuthurhat Bazar under Sonagazi upazila of the district on Friday niaht.

League activists as they held a rally

five shops belonging to AL activists

The seriously injured, identified as Jamaluddin, Abdullah, Abdul Munnaf, Nur Nabi and Nizamuddin. committee to investigate the were admitted to a private clinic in Feni town.

deployed at the bazar to avert further clash.

HC rejects writ seeking order licence to ETV

The High Court yesterday rejected a writ petition, seeking an order for issuing fresh licence to Ekushev Television to continue its transmission.

Fifteen petitioners, including

A division bench comprising

stood for the state.

FROM PAGE 1 Some 40 teachers of Dhaka University and Jahangirnagar University expressed solidarity with

students

Nazrul Islam

organisations.

halls.

day.

the general students as did the students of the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) It was the biggest procession by general students since the mass upsurge of 1990 against the autocratic rule of military strongman HM Ershad, according to sources and

Police is yet to recover the

In another incident, a sareetrader in city's Pallabi area was killed by a local gang led by Naizza.

> 10 AL activists hurt, 5 shops

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Feni

were injured, five of them seriously, in an attack by BNP men at

According to local people, BNP activists, equipped with lethal weapons, swooped on the Awami

at the bazar the day before protesting extortion by the ruling party men. The BNP men also ransacked

Work stoppage during the attack. FROM PAGE 1 including the police. They demanded dismissal of the

Shamsunnahar Hall incident and setting up of a probe committee with Additional police have been neutral senior teachers.

These demands were passed in a resolution at a DUTA meeting that was participated by over 300 teachers-- who mostly are reputed to be non-partisan.

for issuing fresh

BSS. Dhaka

compensation of the injured students and a University decision that none could search the halls without the approval of their respective provosts.

former Chief Justice Kemal Uddin Hossain and writer Humayun Ahmed, had jointly filed the petition, seeking the HC order for issuance of licence under the Bangladesh Telecommunication Act

Justice Shah Abu Nayeem Mominur Rahman and Justice Mohammad Araeshuddin rejected the petition

when it was moved before the court.

Subrata Chowdhury moved the

petition on behalf of the petitioners

while Additional Attorney General

Fida M Kamal aided by Assistant

Attorneys General Md Abdul Quadir

Talukder and Firuzur Rahman Khan

declared the licensing agreement

between the government and ETV

illegal upon a writ petition that

appeal before the Appellate Division

challenging the High Court judge-

ment. After hearing the petitions, the

Appellate Division rejected those

petitions. The Appellate Division.

ETV filed petitions of leave to

challenged the agreement.

A division bench of the HC earlier

Dr M Zahir assisted by Advocate

A large number of students, who stay outside the campus, also joined the agitation programmes.

The university authorities sealed off all the entrance to the campus from early morning and stationed police, armed police and BDR personnel to bar outsiders from getting in. Movement of all sorts of vehicles on the campus was also restricted.

The students carried placards, festoons and banners protesting the police atrocities and slamming the VC and the proctor. Many were carrying a newspaper caricature comparing the VC with Pakistan's autocratic ruler Yahya Khan.

Till Friday night, activists of the ruling BNP's student front JCD The whole campus reverberated warned general students not to with deafening sounds of slogans organise or participate in any agitawhen the procession was taken out tion programmes against Vicefrom the Aparajeyo Bangla. "We chancellor (VC) Prof. Anwarullah don't want a VC who sponsored assault on female students," "Our Chowdhury and Proctor Prof. only demand is the removal of the The JCD activists went to all the VC," and "VC Anwar is a collaborahalls to intimidate the students. tor and monster," were some of the They also beat up some students, oft-repeated slogans during the and drove some others out of the demonstrations

The procession ended in front of the VC's residence after parading the Curzon Hall and Science Annex Building.

Arts Building area was crammed The head of the procession was at the Curzon Hall and the tail at the "I never participated in any Teacher Student Centre (TSC).

The park happened to be a play-

ground for children even during the

mid-1980s. "We used to go there to

play cricket in our teens," said a

nostalgic Aminul Islam, a business-

hardly seen playing in the park.

Rather, a group of truants can be

day since only a small number of

people come to the park," said

Abdullah, a tea seller. "Only college

students come for a brief time," he

house with ample room for goods.

Stockpiles of sugarcanes, pineap-

ples, vegetables and other wares

are always seen on its surround-

ings. Hawkers sit on the entrances

The dense shrubbery, have now

The ruined structure that was

hout 80 per cent of the

'made to be a fountain' never

spouted a drop of water. The accu-

of the park with their shoddy goods.

turned into 'public toilets'.

rooms and prayer rooms.

The new 31st batch has been

admitted against the outgoing 26th

batch who were supposed to finish

their master's finals by 2001, but

their finals under all departments will

take yet another 10 to 11 months to

as a few departments of the 24th

and 25th batches are yet to com-

plete their master's degree exami-

seats -- 1600 in four women's dormi-

tories and 2714 in five men's dormi-

tories -- available for 6549 students.

These 6549 students -- 2364 female

and 4185 male -- do not include the

children of university teachers,

Currently, JU has only 4314

The crisis has further deepened,

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finish

nations.

The park has become a ware-

"Few cups of tea are sold every-

seen most of the time.

These days, children are

procession or rally before, but I just At the end of the procession, the felt like joining this one," said a students set fire to the effigies of the female student of the VC and proctor in front of the VC's Shamsunnahar Hall. Most of the residence. They also spitted on the participants were general students burning effigies. At one stage, the who do not belong to any political angry students threw the burning

FROM PAGE 12

man.

added.

effigy of the VC inside his residence The students asked the police to keep quiet or face dire consequences

NEWS

Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) Commissioner Abdul Quivum Chowdhurv was leading the policemen on the campus Later at a rally at the Aparajeyo

Bangla, the students demanded that the VC and the proctor resign or be removed by yesterday. Otherwise, they warned, there will be tougher agitation programmes on the campus from today. These include a sit-in in front of the VC's office this morning and putting the

office under lock and key. The students also warned that they would declare the VC and the proctor 'unwanted' on the campus if they were not removed after the unprecedented incident at the Shamsunnahar Hall.

The students alleged that the authorities were plotting to frustrate the movement and apprehended that they might be asked to vacate residential halls. "You will not leave halls under any circumstances." a female student said over laudspeaker drawing thunderous applause from the gathering.

Mesbah Kamal, a teacher of the Department of History of DU, said at the gathering, "We are the guardians of the female students. But now we feel ashamed of identifying ourselves as teachers." He said an

administration that fails to ensure the security of the female students has no right to stay in office any-

mulated rainwater in it is now full of

areas in the park. Some of them

have built makeshift houses with

plastic covers. But mostly the park

umbrellas have proven to be a

better roof for them. "I've been living

under this umbrella for one and a

half years and certainly don't find it

inconvenient," said Safia, a woman

in her sixties, as she cooked her

money for living in the park.

However, the police occasionally

come to evict them when they

receive orders from the highest

authority. "In that case we roam

throughout the day and come back

again in the evening," said Reshmi

As dusk descends, Shaheed

who lives in the park with her sister.

Anwara Park gets abuzz with anti-

social activities. People do not dare

to enter running the risk of being

mugged. Selling and doing drugs inside the park are the usual busi-

Session jam crams halls

These people do not need to pay

Floating people have occupied

Anything but a park

garbage and algae.

afternoon meal.

Meher Nigar of the Department of Bangla said no-one, be it police, has the right to enter the female hall at night. She bitterly criticised the DU authorities for the events at the hall and its subsequent incidents. Prof. HKS Arefin of the

Department of Anthropology said he is ashamed of the fact that the VC is a colleague of his.

PM asks WASA FROM PAGE 12

The total project cost amounted to Tk 584 crore of which the World Bank provided Tk 245 crore as loan. French government Tk 138 crore in arants and Bangladesh government Tk 198 crore.

Japanese government gave Tk 3 crore for carrying out feasibility study on the major clean-water project.

The scheme completed six months ahead of the schedule. Construction work in a second phase at the Sayedabad Water Treatment Plant would start soon with a target to finish by year 2005. On commissioning of the second

plant, another 22.5 crore liters of water will be added per day to the WASA supply line.

The government has taken up a project to install another water treatment plant with a capacity of purifying 45 crore litres of water daily at Pagla in Narayanganj.

ness, according to the local people

The park is a hangout for pimps

into the trade by her husband who

workers who run their network from

take care of the entire park, making

it a security-failure. Even the guards

at times are beaten up by the crimi-

of the Public Works Department

(PWD) Zahiruddin Chaudhury, told

The Daily Star that they are aware of

the prevailing situation. "We hope to

finalise the renovation scheme for

the park within a month and start

work by December," he said. "We

want to secure it for the common

Executive Engineer of Division 1

nals and mugged, sources said.

the premises, local sources said.

It is also the hangout for male sex

Only three guards are there to

had left her at the park.

DU Hall attack

DHAKA SUNDAY JULY 28, 2002

FROM PAGE 12 The Bangladesh Mahila Parishad. a

4:00pm today at the party's platform of the country's women Bangabandhu Avenue premises . organisations, termed Wednesday's attack on the female will also hold a protest rally today at students as barbaric, unprece-5:00pm at the Central Shaheed dented and a threat to women's Minar to protest the Hall incident as dignity.

The General Secretary of the organisation Ayesha Khanon said the attack was unprecedented in the university's 80-vear history with the black night of March 25 of 1971 as the only exception. "The police excess is not only a sad part of the history but also a threat to the dignity

of women," she added. "We have no words to express our anger on the incident. Female dormitories are supposed to be a secure place for the students," said Prof. Jahanara Huq of the Women

for Women organisation. The Ganotantrik Chhatra Oikya demanded the immediate removal of the university vice-chancellor (VC) and proctor for their failure to maintain law and order on the campus

The Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) yesterday brought out a procession and held a rally demanding the immediate resignation of the VC. Speakers at the rally said they would continue their protests until the vice-chancellor resigns.

The Samaitantrik Chhatra Front. the Bangladesh Chhatra Federation and the Mohila Awami League will bring out processions and hold a rally to protest the police atrocities on the Shamsunnahar Hall resi-

well as the Trisha killing incident and other incidents of women repression The Nari Unnyan Shakti (NUS), a women's organisation, also condemned the Shamsunnahar Hall incident. Executive Director of the NUS Afroja Parvin, in a statement

> demanded a fair probe into the incident and punishment for the people responsible BCL hartal

FROM PAGE 1 University The BCL expressed its solidarity with the Dhaka University students'

agitation. In a press conference held at the Reporters Unity office yesterday, the BCL leaders Marufa Akhtar Poppy and Saifuzzaman Shikhor

dents. The rally will be organised at

The Sammilito Sangskritik Jote

said a 'shame day' would be observed today, protesting the police attack on female students at the hall. They demanded compensation for the students injured by the police and the Jativatabadi Chhatra Dal

(JCD) -- the student wing of the ruling BNP -- and the withdrawal of cases against the students of the Shamsunnahar Hall and its provost Dr. Sultana Shafi.

FROM PAGE 12 capsized after about 35 minutes into the trip, the official said.

middle of the lake when it sank.

Indian navy divers have also "The boat tilted to a side sudreached the spot and are helping denly and passengers panicked, locals recover bodies, a rescue running around," one panic-struck official said. The divers were using dredges to

65 drown in Kerala

"The passengers rushing around lift the boat which had sunk to the resulted in the driver of the boat bottom of the lake, the rescue losing control and it turned turtle official said. within five miniutes." the survivor Naval helicopters were hovering said, adding that the ferry was in the

over the lake in search of bodies and possible survivors, he said. "Some of the passengers who A senior official in Kerala. Chandrasekharan Nair, said the

bodies and ferrying them to shore in

their own fishing boats.

umped into the lake were rescued by fishermen returning from their administration had set up a crisis morning catch," another passenger management cell to coordinate rescue work at the site. The boat's morning run to "The relief and rescue work was Kumarakom, where Indian Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee spent in full swing at Kumarakom," Nair

was quoted as saying by the Press a holiday two years ago, carries Trust of India news agency. According to local officials, mainly fishermen headed for the Saturday's boat accident was the

But on Saturday, it was carrying more people than usual, mostly worst in Kerala's recent history. Ferry accidents are a common local youth on their way to a governphenomenon in South Asia with ment recruitment exam, the official most caused by overcrowding of the boats.

Delicacy FROM PAGE 12

city may just have a slightly different notion of catering to its customers. Guests and some reporters at a post-presentation luncheon by the

announced payments of 50,000 officers and employees who are new students began their classes on rupees (1,020 dollars) to the next of neligible for living in resident halls. May 15. which has further exacer Apart from the five existing men's bated the accommodation crisis.

masses." he added.

and sex workers who run their business freely. "I feel I was destined to be in this profession," said Jarina a female sex worker, speaksurvivor said. ing about her pangs of being forced

said.

said.

market there.

local hospitals"

airliner.

The Russian-built Su-27, whose NATO codename is Flanker, is comparable to the U.S. F-15 Eagle but has a superior performance in many respects

Officials at Sknyliv said the local Ukrainian airforce wing was celebrating its 60th anniversary at the show.

Television pictures showed the crash appeared to have damaged the nose section of an aircraft on the around. an Ilyushin II-76 cargo aircraft.

A Russian military export success, the Su-27 is now a key frontline fighter for the air forces of China and Vietnam, as well as Ukraine and some Central Asian republics.

however, staved its order and The Su-27 amazed audiences at allowed ETV to submit a review its first appearances at Western air petition shows in the 1990s with aerobatics manoeuvres previously unknown for a twin-engined jet aircraft its size.

Test of changes

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match and they will have to put in a lot of hard work." said Jvasuriya, who hammered a breezy hundred in the first Test.

Bangladesh have also made five changes in favour of younger talent, with experienced middle-order duo of Akram Khan and Aminul Islam topping the chop list.

There will be a few changes, said coach Mohsin Kamal, "Akram and Aminul played in all the practice matches and the first Test. And, being experienced players, their performances have been disappointing.

Number three Ehasanul Haque, veteran left-arm spinner Enamul Haque and injured pacer Alamgir Kabir have also been left out of the final eleven.

Mohammad Ashraful, the youngest ever Test centurion, returns to the side along with leg-spinning allrounder Alok Kapali, 18, Kapali and pacer Tapash Baisva. 19. both of whom have just arrived in Sri Lanka, is set to make their debuts.

Mohsin also played down the absence of Muralitharan. "It doesn't matter whether Murali or the others are playing. Our players will be trying to make a mark in the side."

Although Sri Lanka's decision to blood youngsters may provide Bandladesh with their best chance so far in 13 games of winning a Test, Mohsin played down the importance of the result.

"Even if we don't win, we are looking forward to playing as a good

side and performing well over five days

"Some of the youngsters on this tour have already shown that they have the ability to play continuously for Bangladesh in future. But we need more competitive cricket to make sharper minded cricketers this Test series is an opportunity for that."

Jayasuriya and veteran lefthander Hashan Tillekeratne are the only experienced batsmen in the Lankan line-up that will be without regulars Marvan Atapattu. Mahela Jayawardena, Kumar Sangakkara, Chaminda Vaas, Nuwan Zoysa and Russel Arnold.

TEAMS

Bangladesh: Khaled Mashud (capt), Habibul Bashar, Al Sahariar, Hannan Sarkar, Mohamad Ashraful, Fahim Muntasir, Monjural Islam, Talha Jubair, Tushar Imran, Taosh Baisya and Alok Kapali

Sri Lanka (from): Sanath Jayasuriya (capt), Hashan Tillekeratne. Michael Vandort, Jehan Mubarak, Naveed Nawaz, Tilan Samaraweera, Upul Chandana, Charitha Buddhika. Suieeva De Silva, Prasanna Jayawardena, Chamila Gamage, Pulasthi Gunaratne, Hasantha Fernando, Chamara Silva

Umpires: Steve Bucknor (West Indies) and David Shepherd (England)

Match referee: Wasim Raja (Pakistan)

teachers were Mezbah Kamal students of the 31st batch enrolled in Mamun, Abu Zafar, Monwaruddin first year honours classes under the Ahmed and Humaivun Azad. new 2001-2002 academic session. Besides, many of the rest 20 per

DU VC FROM PAGE 1

Replying to a question he said the DU committee probing the incident at Shamsunnahar Hall is neutral. If the DU committee and the judicial committee probing the incident at Shamsunnahar Hall find the hall authorities responsible for the incident, action will be taken against them. he said.

The VC on Friday had said that he had no report of repression on female students at Shamsunnahar Hall on July 23.

The university authorities in a press release earlier claimed that all the halls were outsider-free. But when contacted later, they admitted to The Daily Star that there were outsiders at Shamsunnahar Hall. They blamed the then provost of Shamsunnahar hall allowing outsid-

ers at the hall. In the press release, the DU authorities had also said that the provost of Shamsunnahar Hall sent names of three or four outsiders at

the hall. "We came to know that they all were leaders and supporters of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, student wing of ruling BNP. The provost however did not send the names of outsiders belonging to Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), student front of Awami League," it had said. The press release however said

that the provost allowed the outsiders belonging to JCD to stay at the

The DU authorities formed a seven-member body to investigate the Shamsunnahar Hall incident. Six of the members belong to the BNP-backed White Panel teacher group.

Proctor Prof. Nazrul Islam against whom the students are demonstrating is the membersecretary of the probe body. The first meeting of the committee was held at the VC's residence on

Friday. At the meeting, members of the probe body "approved" the police drive at Shamsunnahar Hall and the role of the hall authorities. This has raised the question of neutrality of the probe body.

Terming the probe body partial, several hundred teachers of Dhaka University have already demanded cancellation of the probe body and formation of a neutral probe body. Meanwhile, sources said JCD

outsiders Luci. Shanta and their supporters are still staying at Shamsunnahar Hall and no action has been taken against them so far.

dormitories, the under-construction Bangabandhu Hall will accommodate 300 male students in the first cent students are either sharing phase But work on the new hall will rooms with senior students or staytake another two months to coming in hall guestrooms, common plete.

On the other hand, accommodation problem of female students is not likely to improve any time soon, as authorities have no immediate plan to build any new dormitory for them. Although former education minister ASHK Sadek laid the foundation stone of a women's dormitory beside Nawab Faizunnesa Hall in August last year, the then Awami league government however, for one reason or another, did not allocate any fund for it.

In spite of the acute housing problem, university authorities have admitted the highest number of students so far under the 2001-2002 academic session -- 1229 students excluding wards of university teachers, officers and employees. These

Many senior teachers opined that the university must introduce a wellplanned academic calendar and follow it rigorously to ensure that all the batches complete their studies in due time. Each department must FROM PAGE 12 hold their examinations according to the schedule, they said, adding that delay in holding examinations is the main cause behind session jams in the university and that teachers should take extra classes to reduce the existing session jams.

Meanwhile, Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) plays a major role in hall seat distribution among freshers. It is quite difficult for any fresher to secure a seat in any dormitory without contacting JCD leaders and Code 131 and 132. signing up as a JCD activist. Whenever a seat falls vacant, JCD leaders take possession of it and give it to party-affiliated students.

Reign of real estate terror

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FROM PAGE 1

structed the foundation of the massive structure. Land excavation and piling of earth around the site have caused serious water logging in the vicinity. To make things worse, the developer is pumping out water from the excavated area onto the roads and localities.

Local people have alleged that the developer with the help of police and hoodlums forcibly and fraudulently occupied large stretches of low-lying land in the area. During a recent visit to the site, this correspondent found armed hoodlums patrolling the area to terrorise landowners.

Those who refused to sell their land to the developer came under threat from the hoodlums.

Local people have narrated how bulldozers engaged by the developer heaped mountains of earth near the houses of landowners, and then let the earth slide onto the houses. The residents then had no other choice but to sell their land to the developer.

Haji Abdul Mazid, a landowner, said two bulldozers suddenly started rolled over his house on May 20 to evict him.

"I will never sell my forefather's land to Babul (the owner of the project) no matter how much threat he gives me through his mastaans," he said.

Mazid said police and the local administration are siding with the developer. "We have been living here for generations and now we

are unable to protect our own prop-

Rahman Ali, Alauddin, Yusuf and hundreds of others like them are facing the same fate. Many residents cowered under threat and simply sold their property to the developer at a cheap price fixed by the developer. Rahman Ali said the wall of his house collapsed as mountains of earth were staked against it.

"My house is constantly water logged and I am living in fear with my

"Many cases were filed with the Badda Police Station against Babul, but we never got any justice," said a victim

tested the land grabbing, were quickly implicated in false cases. A Bangla daily published reports

They said local lawmaker Mohammad Quamrul Islam visited the area and assured the locals to save their land from the grabber. But mysteriously, he never bothered to keep his words.

Minister for Housing and Public Works Mirza Abbas told The Daily

to explain its position in two weeks. Star that his office has received Abul Hasan

numerous complaints against the chairman of the Jamuna Group of Industries, Nurul Islam Babul,

"We requested him to stop intimidating the local people. Now we shall take legal action against him," Abbas said, adding that it was also the responsibility of the deputy commissioner, the mayor's office and Raiuk to take necessary steps.

When contacted, the Chairman of the Jamuna Group of Industries, Nurul Islam Babul, declined to comment on the matter and said," It is my land and I will get it. You cannot do anything by writing reports."

VC's exit FROM PAGE 1

committee, headed by a sitting Supreme Court judge, would bring back order at the university.

However, yesterday's procession, which was spontaneously participated by thousands of students, proved the government wrong and had it worried. statement said.

Now, the government is intent on implementing the recommendations of the probe committee to the word once the report is finalised and President Abdus Samad Azad in the submitted.

Now, the government wants to Hasina was scheduled with the implement to the word recommenvisiting Pakistan president on July dations from the probe body as and 30 at the latter's Sonargaon Hotel when it receives the report, they suite. The meeting was fixed by said Chowdhury.

kin of those dead in the boat trag-Bangladesh Textile Mills Association (BTMA) at Hotel edy

Md Atikullah Khan Masud and

The HC orders the home ministry

The former state minister felt that

the party should conduct its dealings

in foreign affairs based on estab-

a meeting with General Musharrat

should be used to set up such meet-

ings and save him from uncalled for

during the D-8 Summit in Cairo."

lished diplomatic norms.

executive of Pakistan.

embarrassment.

executive editor Borhan Ahmed.

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According to P. Shankar, a

Kerala government minister, a

number of people had been rescued

but "some of them were in a critical condition and have been admitted to

The Kerala government has

Sheraton were horrified to discover. Rescue operations were beind The presentation was on post-multispearheaded by local villagers, with fibre agreement (MFA). fishermen pulling out most of the

Sohel Mahmud, a reporter of the Ekushev Television (ETV), took Janakantha some humble rice, boring mutton curry and some nutritious salad for

posting of five police officers. The his lunch. After having taken a few spoons the reporter found a cockhome minister, in two letters to the roach in his food. Bangla daily on July 8 and July 13, He instantly drew the attention of asked for necessary evidence in the waiters. The waiters requested support of its story. The Janakantha Mahmud to make published its statement on July 13.

his complaint to the executive Earlier, the Janakantha ran a chef. story on the suspension of 36 free-Robert Gomez, executive chef of dom fighter police officers. The the hotel, apologised for it and told home minister in vet another letter the reporters that it was an accident on July 21 termed the reports as an "We monitor quality at every attempt to create chaos in the lawstage and so it should not have

happened. Besides regular cleanenforcing agency, a punishable offence under Bangladesh Penal ing, we fumigate the kitchen every week. Despite that, what happened is an accident. I have been working The Daily Janakantha chalhere for the last seven years but lenged the letters of the home minisnever before did such a thing hapter on Saturday. The writ was floated pen," explained Gomez. by the daily's editor and publisher

> CID inspector FROM PAGE 12

In its forwarding report, police said a gang of four muggers killed Nazrul Islam while he was returning to his residence at Mirpur at about 10:30 pm on Friday. So, the arrested appears that the party high command overruled the directive.

should be placed on remand to arrest another member of the gang who managed to flee the scene police said

Mohammad Nazrul Islam, 40, In this regard, Chowdhury CID Inspector, was chopped to pointed out that "Sheikh Hasina as death by a gang of muggers at Asad Gate Bus Stand while returning to prime minister wrote to General Musharraf when he was the chief his residence by an autorickshaw.

Soon after the incident, pedestrians caught three of the gang while He further stated that, "despite the millenium hiccup, there was also the other managed to escape.

Later, sub-inspector Khondaker Khalid Hussain took the victim to Talking to The Daily Star, the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where the on-duty doctors former state minister hoped that in declared him dead. future some other interlocutor

> A murder case was filed with Mohammadpur thana against four muggers, including the arrested three, the same day.

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delegation led by its acting Earlier, a namaj-e-janaza for the Inspector was held at Rajarbagh Police Lines Mosque, which was absence of party President Sheikh attended by the Inspector General of Police, Commissioner of Dhaka Metropolitan Police and other senior police officials

family," he said Local people said most of the land on which the mega-project is being built was grabbed through fraudulent practices. Some local

middlemen, working for the developer, produced forged documents and evicted the genuine landowners.

Some local youths, who pro-

terming them terrorists, Monsurul Haq, a resident, said.