fluency

public speaking.

FROM PAGE 12

4 Indian

police official said.

of people or on the telephone can

increase stuttering while more

relaxed situations can improve

Former British prime minister

Winston Churchill, the actress

Marilyn Monroe, singer Carly

Simon and actors Jimmy Stewart.

Bruce Willis and James Éarl Jones

have all been stutterers yet devel-

oped successful careers involving

A Pakistani woman was injured

yesterday in Saidpura village in

Leepa valley, some 100 kilometres

southeast of Muzaffarabad, the

capital of the Pakistani zone of the

disputed Himalayan region, a

A number of houses, shops and

Meanwhile, the Indian military

mosques were also damaged or

destroyed in the upper and lower

claimed an officer and soldier of its

Border Security Force (BSF) and four Islamic militants were among

six people killed in two separate

BSF commandant VK Prohit

and his bodyguard were killed

when suspected Islamic rebels

opened fire on a border guard

patrol late Friday in Kashmir's

shot dead two militants near the

township of Chrar-e-Sharief, 30

km west of Indian Kashmir's sum-

mer capital Srinagar, the military

between them massed nearly a

million troops on their border since

militants attacked New Delhi's

parliament in December, leading

to fears of a war between the two

South Asian nuclear rivals.

India and Pakistan have

Earlier, the same BSF patrol

central Budgam district.

shootouts overnight in Kashmir.

belts of the Neelum valley.

Scientists pinpoint

brain region for

stuttering

Stuttering is caused by poor con-

nections between two areas in the

left hemisphere of the brain,

German researchers said last

stuttering -- the involuntary repetition of consonants, sounds or

words -- had a genetic link, how

and why it occurs has remained a

netic resonance imaging (MRI) to look into the brains of people who

stutter, have uncovered new clues.

area and language planning area

German scientists, using mag-

"Fibres between the speech

The disturbed timing in the

speech-related areas in the brain

causes the difficulty that usually

begins between the ages of three

and five and affects up to seven

percent of children and one per-

Buchel said his findings

which are reported in The Lancet

medical journal, could lead to

earlier diagnosis and treatment

for stuttering and may help to

explain why most children grow out

of the speech disorder and why it

persists in a small minority of

develops during the period of early

language and speech acquisition

in which many children experience

a transient phase of stuttering," he

discovered the abnormalities by

comparing brain scans from 15

people who stutter and an equal

number of adults with fluent

Buchel and his colleagues

"This abnormality probably

mystery.

cent of adults.

speech

Although scientists knew that

Saudi, Iran express joint opposition to **US** strike on Iraq

The foreign ministers of the United States' key Gulf ally Saudi Arabia and long-time foe Iran expressed joint opposition here yesterday to any US military action against common neighbour Iraq as Washington upped its rhetoric against Baghdad.

"We have always opposed any attack against an Arab or Muslim country and that also means Iraq," Saudi Foreign Minister Saud al-

'71atrocities

"Although the apology should have come a long time ago, and some citizen groups did make attempts to do so, we deeply feel that a message from us is necessary to acknowledge the historic wrongs, to express sincere apology and to build a bond based on honest sentiments."

The statement came in the wake of Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf's visit to Bangladesh.

"We the citizens of Pakistan welcome the statement of regret by President Pervez Musharraf in Bangladesh on the atrocities of 1971," it said.

The civil society organisations hoped that it would be possible to build solidarity in future and move towards a peaceful South Asia where people could find solutions to poverty and social injustice through a healthy political process and an empowered civil society rather than military force.

Signatories to the statement include the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan, Democratic Commission for Human Development, Pakistan Worker's Federation, Labour Party of Pakistan, Pak Christian National Party, Joint Action Committee for People's Right, Action Aid Pakistan, South Asia Partnership Pakistan, Lawvers of Human Rights and Legal Aid, Damaan Development Organisation, Sustainable Development Policy Institute, Democratic Women's Association, Progressive Women's Association of Badari. Sind NGO Forum and Inter Press Communication, Karachi,

Faisal told reporters as he was welcomed at the airport by his Iranian counterpart Kamal Kharazi at the start of a one-day visit.

Kharazi said. "We too have the same position. As we have said on various occasions, we are opposed to any attack launched against a Muslim country."

The Saudi foreign minister said he was bringing a message from Crown Prince Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz, Saudi Arabia's de facto ruler. for the Iranian leadership as part of the "continuing political consultations" between the two regional

Middle East situation and, in general terms, with the whole region," said Prince Saud, who was due to hold afternoon talks with moderate President Mohammad Khatami after a morn-

discuss and we must consult together on regional issues," the Saudi minister said.

"We want to continue our disas usual."

two Gulf powers, which were due to be followed on Sunday by a visit here by the top diplomat of another Gulf state -- Oman -- came as US officials warned Washington was determined to oust the Baghdad regime whatever it did.

US Secretary of State Colin Powell Saturday emphatically rejected an Iragi offer to discuss a return of UN weapons inspectors who fled in December 1998 on the eve of the last massive US-British air strikes on Baghdad

anonymity told this correspondent yesterday that the university might be opened after the judicial commis-

Hamas says it can deliver on threat to kill 100 Israelis

"We killed 76 Israelis in just a few days after the assassination of Yehya Ayash," said Abdel Aziz Rantissi, recalling a wave of suicide attacks known as "the engineer", was assassinated by Israel in 1996.

ministry, 59 people were killed in the revenge attacks carried out in the

Salah Shehade, 10 days before when an Israeli F-16 dropped a onetonne bomb on Gaza City.

Rantissi said the use of explo-

He also said he did not foresee an Israeli invasion of the Gaza Strip despite Israel's wish to strike the Hamas leadership which is based

strong and Israel knows that," said Rantissi, explaining what he labelled Israel's "hesitancy" to re-occupy

As to whether Hamas, which reportedly considered stopping its attacks on Israeli civilians before Shehade was slain, would be ready to call a truce in the near future. Rantissi said: "As long as Israel kills,

Rangamati

A tribal contractor was abducted by armed miscreants from Langadu

"That is Iran's position too,"

"We have a lot of things to

teacher of the university seeking sion submits its report.

salary, bonus, dearness allowance, loan and GPF. The four thana education officers who served here from 1997 to 2002 helped the other accused embezzle the money by approving forged vouchers and other documents, the FIRs said.

Three more cases against the accused are being processed, according to Inspector Mesbahuddin.

High Court order on promotion of asstt-secvs stayed till Aug 6

The Appellate Division vesterday stayed till August 6 a High Court order that had stayed for three months a government notification/SRO for promotion of senior assistant secretaries to deputy secretaries.

The court also fixed August 6 for hearing the matter in the full bench of the Appellate Division.

Chamber Judge of the Appellate Division Justice KM Hasan passed the order upon a petition placed before the court on behalf of the government by Attorney General AF Hasan Arif.

Earlier, the High Court had stayed the notification/SRO for three months and issued a rule asking the government to show cause why it should not be declared

illegal. The court order came upon a writ petition moved before the court challenging the legality of the notifi-

Rice worth TK38cr sanctioned under RIMP

UNB, Dhaka

The government has sanctioned 25,000 metric tons of rice worth Tk crore under the Rural Infrastructure Maintenance Programme aiming at creating job opportunities for the unemployed

At the instruction of Prime Minister Khaleda Zia, the allocation was finalised yesterday at a meeting of Disaster Management and Relief Ministry with Relief Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf in the

mented in all districts, includes renovation and maintenance of roads, dams, religious and public service institutions, construction of culverts, irrigation drains and tree plantation.

Earlier, the government had allocated relief materials worth Tk 56.20 crore for flood-affected dis-

Management and Relief Ebadur Rahman Chowdhury, Secretary BMM Mazharul Haque and high officials of the ministry were present in the meeting, said an official

PM stresses coordination of housing programmes

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia yesterday underscored the need for consolidation of various housing programmes and their proper coordination to help reduce the administrative expenses and thus increase the number of people of the target groups

Chairing the 8th meeting of the Housing Fund Trustee Board at the International Conference Centre (ICC), Khaleda Zia emphasised the need for coordination of poverty alleviation programmes aimed at welfare of the beneficiary groups. As a result. she said the money so saved, could be utilised for increasing the number of benefi-Finance and Planning Minister M

Saifur Rahman, Minister for Women

9 corruption

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

The District Anti-corruption Bureau

(DAB) yesterday filed nine cases

against ten people including four

thana education officers for embez-

zlement of over Tk 19 lakh from

government funds by forged means.

eight cases with Sonadanga thana

tion officers are Anwarul Islam

Siddiqui, HM Delwar Hossain, Yusuf

Ali and Abdul Aleem. The six others

are Sarder Shafiqul Islam, Shaikh

Moinuddin, Sarder Mobarak Ali, MA

Hamid Mian. Ghazi Mostafa and

clerk at the Sadar thana education

at five government primary schools in

stated that the accused embezzled

Tk 19,03,516 from government funds

from September 1997 to August

2001 by forged means in the name of

Of ten accused, five are teachers

In the FIRs, the complainant

and one with Khulna thana.

Sultan Ahmed.

Khulna city.

Inspector Mesbahuddin filed

The four accused than aeduca-

cases filed

Hug. Land Minister Shamsul Islam. Relief and Disaster Management Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf, Minister for Social Welfare Ali Ahsan Mujahid and Works Minister Mirza Abbas participated in the discussion.

PM's Principal Secretary Dr Kamal Siddigui, Bangladesh Bank Governor Dr Fakhruddin Ahmed. ASA Director Shafigul Hug Chowdhury, Barrister Mahbub Uddin Khokon and secretaries concerned were present. Describing housing as one of

the basic rights of the people, the prime minister said her government would fulfil its election pledge by meeting the basic needs of the people. In this connection, she said her government has undertaken massive programmes for poverty

"If the floodwater has to enter the

city, it has to cross a floodwall mea-

suring 8.7 centimetres. If the water

rises so high as to cross the wall, we

are talking about a major disaster,"

fringe of the city, which does not

have a floodwall, is always vulnera-

ble to flooding. The Balu river is

flowing slightly above the danger

level and the city's rainwater and

liquid waste are not finding a natural

drainage. The vast low-lying areas

He however said the eastern

said Bhuivan.

objective of our government is to integrate the people in various development activities so that they could become self-reliant.

Khaleda Zia asked for proper evaluation of the activities of the Housing Fund while stressing the need for restructuring the two committees of the Trustee Fund. The prime minister said the

objective of her government is to turn poor and distressed people into productive forces providing them with necessary help and support so that they could become independ-

Referring to the river erosions, road constructions and water logging problems, and ailing people of different parts of the country, Khaleda Zia underlined the need for formulating a national level comprehensive and coordinated plan be asked to send reports of their respective districts in the light of their experiences for formulating the

Dengue danger FROM PAGE 1 In the meantime, a total of 26 people were infected with dengue in last 24 hours from 6pm yesterday.

Presently, three children, all under 3 years of age, were admitted In Dhaka Shishu Hospital with dengue fever. In Nibedita Hospital the number of Dengue patients is

The number of patients who are admitted in different city hospitals with dengue infection is Red Crescent Holy Family Hospital 6, Al-Raji private clinic2, Central Hospital 4, Comfort Nursing Home 4, Dhaka Medical College Hospital 3 and Suhrawardi Hospital -2.

Low-lying areas

the Surma 36cm at Kanaighat. ministry would hold national level

further fall at all points.

and Madaripur districts

these regions are likely to improve.

24 hours until 9am vesterday.

of the brain seem to be disrupted,' said Dr. Christian Buchel of the University of Hamburg.

Padma 53cm at Goalando and 80cm at Bhagyakul, Meghna 47cm at Bhairab Bazar, Kushiyara 52cm at

Kurigram, Rangpur, Bogra, Gaibandha, Sirajganj, Jamalpur, Sherpur, Pabna, Tangail, Mymensingh and Manikganj will continue to improve as the Brahmaputra-Jamuna registered

points to help improve flood situation in Rajbari, Munshiganj, Shariatpur

continued to flow above the danger level deteriorating the flood situation in Kishoreganj, Narsingdi and Brahmanbaria districts. Although the Surma registered

further rise at Kanaighat while the Kushiyara registered fall in 24 hours yesterday, the flood situation in

recorded rise and 23 recorded fall in

Alamshid and 33cm at Sheola, and However, the flood situation in

The Padma receded further at all

The Meghna at Bhairab bazar

Out of 46 monitoring stations, 22

year-old's domestic statistics, in his

first year of first class cricket, are

impressive. He averaged 35 with

bat, hitting three hundreds, as well

as taking four wickets a game with

part of a four pronged pace attack,

including Chaminda Vaas, Dilhara

Mohamed Ashraful, Habibul

Bashar, Tushar Imran, Alok Kapali,

Naimur Rahman, Khaled Mahmud,

Khaled Mashud (capt), Mohammad

Raffigue, Moniurl Islam and Tapash

Sri Lanka (from): Sanath

Jayasuriya (Capt), Marvan

Atapattu, Kumar Sangakkara,

Mahela Jaywardene, Russel

Arnold, Aravinda de Silva,

Tillekeratne Dilshan, Upul

Chandana, Hasantha Fernando,

Chaminda Vaas, Chamila Lakshitha

Gamage, Dilhara Fernando,

Muttiah Muralitharan, Pulasthi

Gunaratne, Charitha Buddika

"The agitating female students of

the hall asked the police officials,

'Why do you come here'? 'We are

here following an instruction from

the home ministry,' one brown-eyed

police officer replied," the statement

coming from room No. 235 and

outside the first gate of the hall, all

the police personnel swooped on

the students. They beat up the

students indiscriminately, dragged

them, used abusive words and

threw them into the police van

outside the hall..." continues the

detained some of them on instruc-

tion by Luci and Shanta, president

and general secretary of the hall unit

of the (Jatiyatabadi) Chhatra Dal,

"Sensing trouble, I came back to

my room on the second floor of

Honours Building and locked it from

inside. I put off the lights and went

4:00am, someone knocked at the

door and used invectives asking for

the door to be opened. Then, two

entered the room. They were look-

They picked up a girl from the room

7:00am the following morning

fearing further harassment by police

"After a few minutes, at about

the statement added

back to my bed.

after beating her up.

and the JCD activists."

"Police beat up the students and

"Between 2:30am and 3:00am,

Fernando and Buddika Fernando.

He is set to play on Sunday as

Bangladesh: Al Sahariar,

his medium pace.

The scans showed differences The two countries have fought in the language areas of the brain two of their three wars over the between the two groups. The disputed Himalayan region of researchers are planning further studies to determine why it persists Attacks inside Indian-ruled

in some adults. Kashmir, where an Islamic insur-There is no cure for stuttering gency against Indian rule has but behavioural therapies can been raging since 1989, were rife improve the condition, which is during July, with fatal grenade three times more likely to occur in attacks and ambushes reported boys than girls.

Speaking before a large group

Hanif's son gets bail in arson case

COURT CORRESPONDENT

The Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court. Dhaka vesterday granted bail to Awami League (AL) leader Sayeed Khokon, son of former mayor of Dhaka Mohammad Hanif.

Khokon is accused in a case in nnection with a fire incident at Chawkbazar telephone exchange in the city on April 30

Judge Ahmed Jamil Mostafa passed the bail order upon a bond of Γk 30,000 with two guarantors.

However, Khokon will not be released from Dhaka Central Jail as he is serving a 30-day detention under the Special Powers Act, 1974.

The court said that the charges brought against Khokon were not primarily proved. Moreover, the complainant of the case did not include the name of Khokon in the FIR of the case, and three other coaccused were granted bail earlier.

Earlier, the CMM's court rejected the bail petition of Khokon on June 30. On July 10, his lawyers submitted a criminal appeal to the Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court for his bail.

Khokon, who was an AL candidate from Dhaka-7 constituency in the last parliamentary election, was arrested from his Banani residence in the city on June 29 under Section 54 of the CrPC for making "provocative statements against the government" at AL public meetings.

On July 1, he was shown arrested in a regular case in connection with the fire incident at Chawakbazar telephone exchange.

show cause within two weeks why the detention of Khokon would not be declared illegal

a rule asking the government to

The High Court on July 6 issued

The HC issued the rule upon a writ petition challenging the legality of the detention order.

Kushtia press

"Shahana Bhabi is the new queen of

angered the drug traders, said the newspaper owners. They said the gang led by Manna and Nasim made the attack to stop

exposing their misdeeds.

drug business in Kushtia" that

Three other dailies affected by the damage of the printing press are Dainik Bajropat, Dainik Bangladesh Barta and Dainik Ajker Alo. Manjoor Ehsan Chowdhury, Editor of Dainik Andoloner Bazar,

alleged that despite information about the death threat and locking up of the press, police did not take any action to prevent the criminals.

Newsmen in an emergency meeting vesterday afternoon condemned the attack and demanded punishment to the attackers.

ADB pipeline

The ADB needs the government decision by this month to process the fate of 250-million-dollar western region gas pipeline by

know our decision by the end of this month to determine whether it will go for the project or not," Mosharraf The minister made it clear that

pipeline will not be viable.

The pipeline can supply 500

million cubic feet everyday," said the minister.

capable of financing such a big project. If ADB declines to provide

required but Bangladesh is not

said such a pipeline would be useless, as gas can not be distributed through a 12-inch pipeline. "We already have a 24-inch

pipeline up to Bheramara and proposed some export to make the He urged the members of the two committees to submit their reports immediately to take a deci-

The two committees -- one on reserves and another on utilisation -- are now at the final stage of preparing their reports. The committees have long been saying they will

last week and asked the govern-

ment to let it know the decision on gas export by this month to determine the fate of the pipeline project.

"ADB's condition for exporting gas is not a new development, rather it tagged the condition when the project was formulated. And the reason was that Bangladesh cannot offer a big market for such a pipe-

December. "ADB's financial year is from January to December and so it must

the ADB would not go for the project if Bangladesh decided not to export gas as, he said, in that case construction of a 500-kilometre 30-inch

policemen and a policewoman ing for some girls according to a list. "I was lucky to escape the swoop that night and left the hall at about

nillion cubic feet of gas per day and the western zone can consume only 200 million cubic feet. "So, the ADB

has proposed to export the rest 300 He said export is commercially

fund for it, ultimately the countrymen would be deprived of gas. Asked about ADB's proposal of a 12-inch pipeline without the condition of export, Mosharraf Hossain

pipeline up to Ishurdi. The ADB had agreed to provide fund for a 30-inch project viable." the minister said.

sion. "After getting the reports, I'll send those to the prime minister and the Cabinet for the decision."

submit the reports shortly.

"This message deals with the

ing meeting with Kharazi.

cussions with our Iranian brothers The consultations between the

Syndicate

A political leader of Hamas said over the weekend that the group's militants were capable of following through on threats to kill 100 Israelis for every one of its leaders slain

after Ayash, a Hamas military leader According to Israel's foreign

Hamas already claimed Wednesday's blast at Jerusalem's Hebrew University, which left seven people dead, in reprisal for the assassination of the group's military chief.

sives in the Jerusalem attack rather than that of a human bomber did not indicate "a change of strategy" and that "similar operations had been carried out before.'

there. "Getting into Gaza is no easy journey, the resistance here is very

deports and detains our people, we Contractor abducted in

upazila headquarters here Friday. Police quoting local people, said

Rupak Chakma, 35, who works with the district council and the facilities department, was abducted by armed tribals for refusing to pay

The armed wing of Hamas, the Ezzedine al-Qassam Brigades, on Thursday threatened to kill 100

attack against one of its leaders. Rantissi also said the Israeli-Palestinian conflict can only end when a Palestinian state is established within Israel's 1948 borders. basically advocating the disappear-

gees who lost their homes in 1948 were allowed to return to their lost property inside Israel.

Shazneen case FROM PAGE 1

Ullah adjourned the hearing till August 7. During the cross-examination, Latifur Rahman told the court that he did not know whether the investigation officer (IO) of the case included

the names of 'invitees' as prosecumany people came to his residence

youngest daughter of Latifur Rahman. Chairman of Transcom. was raped and murdered at their Gulshan house on April 23, 1998. Latifur Rahman filed a murder case with Gulshan police accusing

After six months' investigation, Mojibur Rahman, ASP of CID, Dhaka, filed a rape case with the same police station, accusing seven people including Shahid.

Accused Shahid, Hasan, Badal,

Shani Ram, Minu and Parvin were

present in the court yesterday. Special public prosecutors Arfan Uddin Khan, ABM Sharfuddin Khan Mukul and Mahbub Ahmed and advocates Saima Khanam. Mohammad Ali Hossain and Anisur Rahman appeared for the complain-The Shazneen murder case.

pending with the First Additional

Metropolitan Sessions Judge's

Court. Dhaka, was earlier staved by

the High Court The stay order will

remain valid till disposal of the rape

Trial of the rape case began in the special court on July 9 last year.

will continue our struggle.'

Israelis in retaliation for any fresh

ance of the Jewish state. But he added that, in the meantime, Hamas was willing to consider a truce for up to 10 years if Israel was to withdraw from the West Bank and Gaza Strip and if Palestinian refu-

principal accused Shahidul Islam alias Shahid, Judge Kazi Rahamat

He said, after Shazneen's killing, to express their shock. "I was on good terms with my neighbours", Latifur Rahman said.

Shazneen Tasnim Rahman, 15.

Shahidul Islam alias Shahid, a domestic help at his house, on April

The programme to be imple-

State Minister for Disaster

for at least 24 hours more. The water levels in the Brahmaputra and the Ganges basins are receding. Therefore, the 'water pressure is increasing in the rivers around the city,' he pointed out. As long as the sea level is below the level of the inland floodwater,

middle order against Bangladesh.

Sri Lanka have chopped and

changed their side over the past two

years, desperately trying to identify

the correct combination at the top of

the order, a fast bowling all-rounder

"He is an experienced player,

and a reliable number six batsman.

who knows how to play in the middle

order," Internet reports quoted

captain Sanath Jayasuriya as

"We haven't had a regular num-

ber six batsmen for some time. We

have tried out a few youngsters but

they failed to perform up the mark

at four throughout most of his

career, is looking forward to the

challenge of playing at the pivotal

adjust to, perhaps changing the

style of my batting," he revealed

after the team's final practice ses-

sion. "It's a tricky position - some-

times you will need to accelerate

whilst at other times you have to dig

Eighteen students have given their

statements to the commission at its

temporary office at the National

Academy for Education

Management (NAEM) in the city in

last three days. Thirty students have

Some police officials and officers

deployed at the hall on the day and

the JCD leaders of the hall may

come up with their statements to the

and oral statements to Justice M

Tafazzal Hossain said over a 100

police personnel, mostly male,

entered the hall on July 24. They

swooped on the students, beat them

up, dragged them out of their beds

and rooms, swore at them and took

some 18 of them to the Ramna

Some JCD leaders of the hall

instructed police to beat up and

arrest the girls who were demon-

strating against them during the

police harassment. The following

morning, the JCD activists also

instructed police at the hall entrance

to arrest the students as they were

the hall were with the JCD activists.

Assistant proctors deployed at the

hall gate did not utter a word at the

They said some house tutors of

Some witnesses, who gave their

statements yesterday, told The

Daily Star that the policemen also

abused the students. " 'Come down

dears... let's start...' one of the

policemen said when we were at the

balcony of the third floor," said a

leaving fearing further atrocities.

Most of the airls in their written

commission today.

Police Station

registered for giving statements.

Already Sri Lanka's most capped

Police brutality

"It's a position that I will have to

De Silva, accustomed to batting

during the past couple of years."

number six position.

the side out of trouble.

and I am sure that he will perform.

meetings with the representatives from road transport sector every three months to resolve the problems of the sector

on the eastern fringe are thus being submerged as usual. Bhuiyan also said the Buriganga is still flowing 27 centimetres below the danger level and it will remain so Alamgir Hossain, MA Chhakur Mollick, Emdad Hossain Matin, M.

FFWC engineer said. Transport strike

BSPS President Prof M Abdur Rashid Khan, Secretary General M Ashraf Khan, Additional Secretary General M Saiful Alam and other leaders Saifur Rahman Mantu, MA Baten, AKM Shamsuddin, Tawkir Ahmed Kennedy, M Golam Nabi, M Yunus, Saleh Mohammad, M

One-day test after Test

played a staggering 275 games, De Silva is taking his second coming

will take it tour by tour," he said. "As

soon as I feel that I am going to be a

burden on the side, I wouldn't want

opener Romesh Kaluwithrana out,

Jayasuriya will open the innings with

49 one-day matches, but has been

shunted up and down the order so

much that it's unsurprising he aver-

bed down at number three: "We

have been trying things out, playing

him up and down the order, but we

have a lot of faith in him and want

him to play in our one-day team all

rounder deemed crucial to the

side's chances in South Africa has

taken plenty of wrong turns in the

past year, so the management will

Fernando they have unearthed the

be praying that in Hasantha

According to another student,

A girl arrested while giving her

one policeman waving his baton

said, "We'll do such things that you

statements to the inquiry commis-

sion quoted another policeman as

saying, "All of them are prostitutes.

Put them on the foot rest of the

Another witness said, "I saw a

policeman saying to a girl when she

was showing her ID 'You whore...

your identity will be checked at the

police station...you will be beaten

student from the hall, pull her

dresses and throw her into the

NAEM premises, two students said

the 18 girls who the police were

confined inside a tiny, congested

and filthy custody at the Ramna

Police Station. They also said the

on-duty policemen also let loose a

The students added that at the

time they asked the Officer in

Charge of the Ramna Police Station

Lutfor Rahman to make a call to

A female student in written

statement submitted to the judicial

commission yesterday says, "At

around 12:30am, two male proctors

along with seven or eight police

women and at least 20 to 25 police-

men took position in front of room

No. 235 belonging to Luci, the JCD

their guardians, but he refused.

volley of expletives on them.

police van," said another student.

"I saw the policemen drag a BBA

Talking to journalists at the

never get married.

police van.

The search for a fast bowling all-

Atapattu.

Sangakkara batting at three.

ages a disappointing 24.62.

the time, as he's a key player.'

With De Silva in and pinch-hitting

Sangakkara has already played

Jayasuriya now expects him to

"I don't want to think long term I

Osman Gani attended the meeting. State Minister for Communications Salahuddin Ahmed, Deputy Minister Asadul Habib Dulu, Communications there is no warning of danger. But in Secretary Syed Rezaul Havat. case the sea level rises, there might BRTA chairman Jalal Uddin and be a 'possibility of a repeat of the prolonged flooding of 1998.' But up senior officials from the communicato now, the water level in the tions ministry were present.

one step at a time.

to stay any longer."

Waterlogged, not flooded FROM PAGE 12 Meghna at Chandpur and in the sea Mirpur, Kaliganga 72cm at Taraghat, is much below the danger level, The