Indian wheat

committee, and Nur Mohammad, member of the Sadar Upazila procurement committee. told The Dailv Star that they were not informed when the government went for a fresh wheat procurement in late

In Bogra, the 3,910MT target for wheat procurement until June 30 was achieved. And 7617.307 tons wheat of the 10,000-ton new target was collected between July 25 and July 31.

The allegation of Indian wheat procurement was levelled against seven warehouses -- Sadar Upazila, Betgari, Sherpur, Mirjapur, Shukhanpukur and Sabekpara -- of one central supply depot (CSD) and 22 local supply depots (LSDs) in the

Meanwhile, some intriguing moves look set in Bogra to cover up the purchase of wheat from the Punjab Food Industries Corporation

Although the additional district magistrate (ADM) of Bogra sealed off a warehouse in the district, which stockpiled 2,000 sacks with the seal Corporation of India" -- few days back, the supplier, Parimal Shing, now claims that the wheat was homegrown and only the sacks were Indian-made.

Asked about the date-expired (2000-2001) wheat in 2,000 sacks with the Indian seal, Deputy Controller (food) of Bogra Nurul Absar said the officials concerned rejected the consignments.

Asked about how the wheat was stockpiled in a government silo, Absar said, "It was raining when the wheat was rejected by the officer-incharge of the Bogra Sadar LSD, and the wheat owner appealed to keep the consignment in an abandoned warehouse.

Parimal sponsored an advertisement in a local daily yesterday claiming that the wheat was homegrown and palatable; and the Indian plied to the warehouse were bough at the town's Galapotty at Tk 3.25 a

bag. Parimal, a first-class contractor and grains trader, further claimed in the advertisement that he supplied 42 tons wheat by the deadline and later took another consignment of 3,000 sacks to the warehouse but the LSD officer-in-charge declined to procure the wheat and "permitted me to keep the wheat in the abanble damage in rain". The roving correspondent of The

Daily Star could not contact Parimal yesterday for comments. It is widely alleged that

Helaluzzaman Talukdar, a ruling party lawmaker, was involved in the wheat scam. Talukdar, also an advisor on the district procurement committee, told The Daily Star that he advised the DC (Food) to procure

"I advised the DC (food) to purchase the wheat according to government rules and regulations, but the officials hardly followed my advice.

An allegation was brought against the MP that he recommended Parimal's application to the

But the MP defended the allegation saying, "In my recommendation, I wrote that as the wheat was rejected by the officials and not purchased by the government, the wheat should be returned to its owner.

"Before I signed, Parimal showed me a permission paper signed by the LSD OC to keep the wheat in the abandoned warehouse for three days," Talukdar claimed.

Contacted, the deputy commissioner of Bogra declined to tell anything on the plea that the matter is still under investigation.

Although president of the procurement committee, he was not informed about the fresh procurement, he said. "We have sent wheat samples to the probe body and waiting for their reports."

Meanwhile, some ruling BNP men and food officials in Bogra are said that no substandard wheat was stockpiled. The trend of defence began after the food minister's hasty visit to a few silos in Pabna Tuesday

"Have you not heard the minister saying no poultry feed was stockpiled in warehouses, so the allegations raised in the newspapers are not true," said Md. Nurul Absar, DC (Food) in Bogra.

"Besides, we purchased the wheat on suggestions of Helaluzzaman Talukdar and tried to maintain transparency," he claimed.

The DC (food) yesterday sent a copy of his primary probe report to the ministry. "In our primary investigation, we did not find any irregular-

On August 2, the DC (food) also formed a five-member departmental committee to look into the matter. Assistant Controller of Food Mahbubur Rahman heads the committee that also includes Sadar Upazila Controller of Food Abdul Kuddus, Manager of Shantahar silo Rais Uddin Ahmed, Upazila Controller of Food (technical) Amjad Hossain and District Technical Officer ATM Fazle Karim. The committee is likely to submit its report in a day or two.

Surprisingly, the DC (food) said that there was no bar to procurement rules for the imported wheat purchase. "We have no method to check if wheat is imported or not."

Rezaul Karim Badsha, secretary of Bogra district BNP, told The Daily Star that the food minister himself visited the warehouses and found no low-quality wheat. So, any further report on it would be futile, he

Uttara plots cancelled has suggested any punitive action

against the Rajuk officials who

committed the 'irregularities and

corruption' in allotting the plots, he

said. "I don't know of anything like

were nominated for the plots have

already collected their primary

allotment letters from Rajuk.

Meanwhile, the persons who

It was learnt that about 15,000

people applied for 226 plots at

sectors 9,10,11,12,13 and 14 of

Uttara in 1997 after Rajuk invited

BNP-led coalition government is planning to allot those to their own people, the insiders added.

Meanwhile, the Rajuk Board, the highest body to cancel any plots in its territory, is yet to approve the since it has not received an order to this end from the ministry till yesterday, said a member of the Rajuk

The Rajuk chairman could not be reached on his phone yesterday despite repeated attempts.

bids for the plots. The probe body members who The applicants deposited Tk recommended the cancellation of 50,000 each against their applicathe plots were also in the Rajuk tions. Rajuk selected names of 301 committee that allotted the last year, people including ministers of then AL government, MPs, leaders of the sources said.

After taking office, Minister for AL and Rajuk officials on July 9, Housing and Public Works Mirza The plots were allotted to 11 AL Abbas formed a four-member inquiry committee headed by Joint ministers, 61 MPs of different par-Secretary Shahid Alam to investities, nine justices, 58 journalists, 71 gate the 'irregularities' in allotting freedom fighters, 30 poets and the plots. Other members of the artists, 139 Rajuk and government committee were Rajuk Board memofficials, 618 businessmen, 161 ber (Estate) Mostafizur Rahman. expatriates, 31 affected land own-Abdullah Al Mamun (Finance) and ers and 390 to others.

Deputy Secretary of the ministry However, former prime minister Fazlul Karim Sheikh Hasina on her return from Talking to The Daily Star yesterthe US cancelled the allotments and day, Abdullah Al Mamun, member of asked for re-allotment of the plots as Rajuk Board (Finance), said the it created public outcry since most of probe committee found some the plots were allotted to the people loyal to the AL. irregularities in the allotment of plots and recommended their cancella-

ban.

August 15.

On May 4, 2001, Rajuk published a fresh list of plot allotment in national dailies including the names of the 301 people. Later, the Estate Department of Rajuk sent allotment letters to the persons separately.

Sources said there were only 246 plots in the Uttara project and Rajuk is acquiring about 700 acres of land for the rest 2441 plots. Rajuk also planned to get bank loans worth about TK 400 crore for development of the lands.

mourning day to defy the official

ently to thwart the AL bid to observe

August 15 as the national mourning

presidium also resolved on observ-

ing all other programmes including

a half-day hartal, discussion meet-

ing and feeding of the destitute on

protest the cancellation of the

national mourning day and to press

home the demand for expediting

1996, the AL also observed hartal

on August 15 demanding trial of

Bangabandhu's killers.

Before its return to power in

the trial of Bangabandhu's killers.

The hartal has been called to

Yesterday's meeting of the AL

The ban was imposed appar-

When asked if the probe body AL to defy flag law

However, he declined to say

what kinds of 'irregularities' were

Also a member of Raiuk's allot-

ment committee of these plots, Al

Mamun said. "We did not find any

irregularities when we allotted these

last year as it was a big project. But, I

believed there were some irregulari-

half-mast was part of the state

But after succeeding the AL

government, the coalition govern-

ment of Prime Minister Khaleda Zia

has meantime scrapped the

mourning day and all its official

On Tuesday, a government

announcement said the national

flag rules have been amended

banning hoisting of the national flag

at half-mast on any day other than

February 21, the International

Mother Language Day, and other

government-announced special

This prompted the opposition

party that has censured the govern-

ment for scrapping the national

tion.

there.

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programmes.

programmes.

asked to "immediately enforce" the Cyber Act and the Software Copyright Act. The meeting finalised a guideline for prompt action, bringing the

function of all the ministries under egovernance. A committee will be formed to make recommendations for further development of fixed line phones and infrastructure of the BTTB as

Ministries concerned have been

well as improvement of its services so that subscribers can get BTTB service "easily, quickly and cheap". The Awami League government allowed WorldTel to provide three lakh fixed line phones in private

sector but the deal was delayed after the Bureau of Anti-corruption (BAC) found irregularities in the deal. The country has an estimated demand of 35 lakh telephones in the

next five years.

critical condition.

According to an estimate, about 85 per cent of the country's total population have no telecommunications access. The country has some 7.5 lakh fixed line telephones and

Thony was sent to the DMCH in a

station, Mizanur Rahman, told our

correspondent that Rabi and Thony

were listed snatchers and toll collec-

tors. Rabi. son of one Kala Amir Ali.

was a resident of Golachipa area in

the town. Thony is the son of one

Harun-ur-Rashid of Jamtala area in

Narayanganj police arrested four

persons in connection with the

incident. They are Fazlu, Selim,

Babul and Alamgir. No case was

filed in connection with the incident

till yesterday evening, our corre-

Rabi was a small trader and not a

snatcher or toll collector. He was

killed because of old rivalry, he

Reazul Karim, a worker of Latif

Bawani Jute Mill, and his friend

Tapash had gone to Bhanga Bazar

Kala Amir claimed that his son

spondent reported quoting police.

The OC of Narayanganj police

2 gunned down

More cell phone companies about 8.5 lakh mobile phones provided by four mobile companies.

The BTTB has installed 1.37 lakh phones during the last 10 months and would provide 1.5 lakh connections in the next four months, sources quoting the post and telecommunication minister as saying.

The meeting expressed dissatisfaction at the high tariff of mobile phone calls and proposed for a reduction as such high call charges pose an obstacle to communica-

People would soon be able to pay

their utility bills and taxes from their

home through Internet, meeting

sources said quoting Science and ICT Minister Dr. Abdul Moyeen Matters relating to ICT education quality, syllabus, application on completion of course at the ICT

institutions and running of centres in

There are now about 1,500 local and foreign ICT institutions and centres in the country. The meeting decided to bring these institutions into a disciplined format so that

Tapash had an altercation with

the Bazar Committee President.

Abdur Razzak, which resulted in a

brawl. As Razzak cried out for help.

Tapash ran away. People nearby fell

DMCH where he died at about 3 pm

yesterday, hospital sources said.

The body has been sent to the

In the other incident, Jamal

Hossain, 20, was beaten severely

by a mob as he and two others tried

to snatch fabrics from a rickshaw

van on July 16 at Faridabad in

Shyampur area in the city. He died

at the DMCH yesterday, sources at

In another incident, a 40-year-old

fish trader named Zahir Hossain

was injured in a shootout between

two armed groups at Tikatuli at

Zahir was admitted to the DMCH

hospital morgue for autopsy.

Fatally injured Karim was sent to

upon Karim and beat him severely.

the country were also discussed.

maintained, ensuring that the graduates come out as competent IT professionals for jobs at home and

For this purpose, the institutions should be brought under the guidelines of Bangladesh Computer Council, the meeting observed. The meeting was, among others,

attended by Finance and Planning Minister M Saifur Rahman, Science Information Communication and Technology Minister Dr. Abdul Moyeen Khan, Post and Telecommunication Minister Mohammad Aminul Islam, Commerce Minister Amir Khosru Mahmood Chowdhury, economist Dr. Mohammad Yunus and FBCC President Yussuf Abdullah Harun Bangladesh Computer Samity (BCS) President Mohammad Sabur Khan, Principal Secretary to the PM Dr. Kamal Uddin Siddiqui, Science and ICT Secretary Karar Mahmudul Hasan and Commerce Secretary Suhel Ahmed Chowdhury.

24-hr transport strike in Ctg. Sylhet divns

UNB, Chittagong

Sarak Paribahan Malik Sramik national budget.

The owners and workers of some 73 organisations under Oikya Parisad brought out a procession in the city yesterday in support of the

tomorrow

Oikva Parisad has called a 24-hour transport strike on 174 routes in Chittagong and Sylhet divisions from 6am tomorrow to press home their 6-point demand, including withdrawal of increased tax on transport sector imposed in the

Meanwhile, Oil-Gas and Road-Shipping Sramik Karmachari Parisad has decided to go for a 72hour countrywide strike from September 7 demanding withdrawal of the government's decision to sell out oil and LP gas companies.

Shrimp lords destroy

the hospital said.

6:15pm yesterday.

claimed.

and a worse impact on the fragile ecosystem in case of a cyclone like Sources in the district adminis-

tration and the Forest Department said thousands of acres of forestry have been plundered over the last They said influential people

always played the key role in manipulating the laws at the local level to obtain long- or short-term leases of the lands for projects Lack of awareness among the

local people and a promise of cash incentives for shrimp cultivation have encouraged the trend, they Moreover, these islands are so

remote that the ever-constrained local administration is unable to monitor and guard the forests. The grabbers first obtain a map

of the area and submit a prayer to the district administrator saying the land is state-owned and barren, and a lease could be issued for cultivation of shrimps, which could earn the

country foreign currency. "The district administrator or the deputy commissioner then sends the file to the assistant commissioner (AC) (land) at the thana level to investigate the matter and report back. In turn, the AC asks the tahshildar, the petty official under

him, to investigate," explained a

"If Shipon (the cousin of Bappi

who killed the boy) needed the

money, he could have told me so. I

would have given him whatever he

needed. But he snatched away my

no meaning for me," the mother

whined, lovingly clutching a dress of

her dead son. "Please. let me see

my Lalu once more." And then she

As the mother mourned, Bappi's

father Alfu Mia encountered another

trauma. He had no time for grief, or

tears for the son who would never

come back to their life, was busy

searching for the body of his child in

A team of Kotwali police was also

looking for the body. Police circu-

lated messages through walkie-

talkie to the police stations around

To mourn their schoolmate,

The students brought out a

mourning procession at about

11:45am and marched to the Court

Building. They demonstrated on the

court premises, shouting slogans

and demanding punishment to the

Some students told The Daily

"How can an innocent boy like

Star that they demanded the trial of

Bappi murder case the way the

Bappi be killed in such a cruel way,"

said a shell-shocked student. "Our

only sorrow is that we will never get

Bappi back in classroom. He will

Shihab murder case was done.

students of the Armenitola Govt.

High School did not attend classes

the river Shitalakhva.

the Shitalakhya.

killers of Bappi.

fainted.

"I have lost everything. Life has

only son," said a grieving Roksana.

source in Cox's Bazaar By the time, the applicants

become very active, bribing at every step of the administration and making sure that the final report matches their claim of a 'barren land' and the lease is secured. The forest officials may be excluded from monetary benefits in the process of obtaining lease of coastal forests under the cover of barren land. In response, they will protest the action, being deprived of what thev consider to be their share.

The UNO of Moheshkhali, Jamal Uddin, also acting AC, (land) and magistrate of the thana court, recommended leasing-out of 302 acres of 'state-owned land' at Dhalghata to one Sekandar Ali on July 27 -- a case in point.

The recommendation from the UNO was signed after a report by the tahshildar who reported that 'the land in question at Dhalghata was totally barren and highly appropriate for shrimp cultivation'

The UNO conveniently ignored appeal by a group of people from Dhalghata, who signed a petition, in which they said that the 'paira bon' or the mangroves in Dhalghata would face total depletion if leased out for shrimp cultivation.

The mangrove depletion in the coastal regions means that the existence of the huge population

never play again on the field."

Another student procession

went to the Jatiya Press Club after

parading different city streets. The

Metal Businessmen Association

also brought out a procession in

Armenitola to condemn and protest

the killing. They also demanded

exemplary punishment to the kill-

decrying the killing were hung in the

school and other parts of the Old

Armenitola Govt. High School, was

abducted by his first cousin Shipon

from his Becharam Deuri residence

on Monday noon. Shipon took him

to an unknown hideout. At about

5:00pm, he called Bappi's father to

his shop and demanded Tk 20 lakh.

Shipon told him that Bappi was

confined in a staff quarter at

Jatrabari and would be killed unless

agreed to pay but asked Shipon to

hear his son first before handing

over the money. But Shipon refused

to do so. A shattered Alfu Mia could

not take any decision and went to

his shop to talk to his friends. Later,

gang decided to kill Bappi after

failing to get the money. They first

took the boy to the residence of his

friend Ranjeet at Demra Dellapara

and later to the residence of another

gang member, Shankar, at

accomplices took Bappi on a boat

ride on the Shaitalakhya. Sometime

later, a starving Bappi fell asleep on

In the evening, Shipon and his

Chanpara and confined him there.

Sources said Shipon and his

he informed the Kotwali police.

Family members said Alfu Mia

the money was given.

Bappi, a class III student of the

Numerous posters and banners,

Search for Bappi's body continues in Shitalakhya

would be threatened.

Asked, Jamal Uddin said he recommended the lease at Dhalghata on the basis of his tahshildar's report. About the Sonadia Island, Jamal

lease the land out to anyone and whatever 'they' have done is totally "In Sonadia, only four acres are private, the rest belongs to the state

claimed that the authorities did not

and the authorities have not leased "In 1994, the government

planned to convert the island into a tourist spot and the scheme is still being considered." he said. The UNO said that there is a

government policy to encourage shrimp cultivation and there must be a government policy to stop this

In Dhaka, Minister for Environment and Forest Shahiahan Sirai told The Daily Star that he would soon visit Sonadia to see for himself the extent of environmental degradation. He said that he would consider the interest of the people while protecting the environment.

Alamgir Farid MP could not be reached for comments despite repeated attempts.

the lap of Sharif, another accom-

plice of Shipon. He was then stran-

of his accomplices, Ripon and

Zahid Hasan, when they were

returning home after the killing

Before that, police arrested the

parents of Shipon -- Rafiqul Alam

and Hena Begum -- from their

Demra residence. Police also

arrested another person, Bhola

Nath of Demra, friend of Shankar

abduction and killing of Bappi.

Shipon told the police that he had a

meeting with Sanjeet, Ripon and

Sharif on Sunday to abduct the boy.

yesterday gave confessional state-

ments before a metropolitan magis-

trate. They were produced before

the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's

Court at 1:00pm after a one-day

they abducted Bappi on Monday

and took him to Demra. They said

Sanjeet telephoned Bappi's father

and asked him to pay Tk 20 lakh as

ransom by 8:00pm. After the ultima-

tum was over, they took Bappi to the

Shitalakhya river. At one stage,

Sharif strangled Bappi while

Shankar, another accomplice, held

his legs tight. Then they dumped the

After recording their statements

Shipon's father Rafiqul Alam and

the magistrate sent them to the

the other arrested person, Zahid,

are now on a three-day remand for

interrogation. Hena Begum, mother

of Shipon, was sent to the jail as

body into the river.

Dhaka Central Jail.

They told the magistrate that

Shipon, Ripon and Sanjeet

Later, Shipon admitted to the

and Sharif, yesterday.

Police arrested Shipon and two

gled and thrown into the river.

One gets life term for killing wife in Sirajganj

BSS, Sirajganj

Additional District and Sessions Judge's Court here yesterday sentenced Tofazzal Hossain Fakir to life term imprisonment for killing his wife Jamela Khatun.

Judge Abu Ahmed Jamader also fined him Taka 10,000, in default, to suffer another year of imprisonment.

According to prosecution, Jamela Khatun, 25, daughter of Kobad Ali Fakir of village south Bhormohini under Ullapara upazila, was murdered by her husband Tofazzal Hossain of the same village on January 9 in 1996.

Victim's father Kobad Ali Fakir filed a case with Ullapara police station the following day.

Police recovered the body and sent it to Sirajganj General Hospital for autopsy. Resident Medical Officer of Sirajganj General Hospital submitted autopsy report stating that Jamela Khatun was tortured to death and marks and injury were found in her body.

Police submitted charge sheet against husband Tofazzal Hossain on August 29, 96.

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mysteries of cosmology," he said. 'If the speed of light were nearly infinite in the first split second it

would explain why the universe is so uniform, for example, on a large scale," he said. If his theory stands up, Davies said, it would be the biggest scientific revolution since Albert Einstein's theory of relativity --

which the new hypothesis would demolish. One of the most important elements of Einstein's theory that energy equals mass multiplied by the speed of light squared (E=MC2) is that the speed of light - 'C' in the

equation - is an absolute constant.

hated this," Davies said. "His entire

Einstein would have absolutely

theory of relativity was founded on the notion that the speed of light is an absolute fixed universal num-"If these results hold out, we

need to start re-examining the very nature of space and time," he said. 'It also affects other branches of physics like thermodynamics and quantum physics, the very basis of

all our fundamental physical theories - if these observations are correct - seem to be in the melting pot," he said. Davies said it also needed to be tested whether light was continuing

to slow or whether it had hit a cosmological "speed bump" billions of years ago.

Homeward

FROM PAGE 12 tional flights or divert other flights to touch Kuala Lumpur for carrying Bangladeshi workers, meeting sources said. Asked whether the Bangladeshis

would be given free ticket to come home, a high official at the expatriate welfare ministry replied in the negative. They do not need free ticket because they worked there for several years and earned lot of money, he pointed out.

The government is thinking of providing logistic support to those workers who went there through legal procedures, the official said.

The Malaysian government has given an ultimatum that all workers staying in that country without valid documents after August 31 would face severe punishment including imprisonment, physical assault and around half a million foreign workers this year, most of them from Indonesia, the Philippines, India, Pakistan and Bangladesh.

police did not seek for her remand.

Meantime, the abduction and

killing of Bappi have left the teach-

ers and students of the Armenitola

Government High School and the

Old Dhaka residents dumbfounded.

ate and exemplary punishment to

the killers of Bappi.

school.

They have demanded immedi-

Apall of gloom descended on the

school and the locality where Bappi

lived. And obviously, his killing

figured in any gathering either at tea

Govt. High School held a meeting

yesterday to express concern at the

incident and stressed increasing

security of the students of the

this correspondent that they have

taken up a number of steps to

ensure security for the students.

She said no student would be

allowed to go outside the gate

Lutfozzaman Babar visited Bappi's

residence yesterday evening and

ordered the investigating authori-

ties to submit the chargesheet of the

Dhaka City Mayor Sadeq

Hossain Khoka also visited the

Meanwhile, our Narayangan

correspondent in a late night

desptach reported that Shankar

was arrested from Chanpara at

Rupgani at 7:30 last night. Later on,

residence of Bappi in the morning.

State Minister for Home

during school hours.

case within a week.

he was sent to Dhaka

Head Mistress Obaida Banu told

The teachers of the Armenitola

stalls or business establishments.

NSU VC for colleges conducting exams, giving certificates

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

By allowing the colleges in the country to conduct examinations and award degrees on their own will bring a radical change in the education sector since it is a hard task for National University (NU) to do the job smoothly, said Moslehuddin Ahmad, founder president and vicechancellor of North South

He was speaking at a press conference to disseminate his proposal for decentralisation of educational authorities in the city yesterday.

"This is obviously an unmanageable task for NU to conduct examinations and award degrees to all affiliated degree colleges in the country fairly," said Moslehuddin Ahmad adding "Discrimination in assessment by different examiners or losing the examination scripts during their transportation is a common incident when (NU) conducts the examination.

The process, however, should begin on selective basis in both

government and private colleges since the overall quality of education is not the same in all colleges, the vice-chancellor mentioned.

He stressed the need for establishing new accreditation bodies or expansion of University Grants Commission (UGC) to monitor the quality of education in the colleges.

Moslehuddin Ahmad also underscored the need for curbing private coaching and publication of note books by introducing necessary laws. Deficiencies in the learning of students can be taken care of within the college if the teachers help the students after class hours, he

The vice-chancellor, however, admitted that the process of transferring authority to the colleges for awarding the degrees would require a long time. Before that changes in the examination system like introducing semester system, setting question papers covering wider range of syllabus and above al shunning the political influence wil

Ex-VC, proctor blamed

police to look into the matter," he continued. Along with female police and two

male police officers, the assistant proctors then went to room No. 235 where angry students held the JCD activists captive. "We were also confined inside that room for three hours." he maintained. Talking to the journalists, Dr

Kalimullah mentioned that the JCD nine minutes.

the residents of the room boiling water in a pan. Asked why, Shanta, the general secretary of JCD hall unit, explained that they plan to students in their defence.

averted had the university authorities dealt the matter apolitically," he observed in retrospect.

ties of issuing a press release on their behalf of which they had no knowledge.

Shafiullah also refuted the charge of ordering the police to arrest some female students.

students. Former VC Prof. AK Azad

Chowdhury, acting president and general secretary of DU Teacher's Association (DUTA) Abul Khaer and Sharifullah Bhuiyan also appeared before the commission yesterday to give their opinions.

journalists that the commission in particular asked them about the

BUET

three students, including Muki, on August 5 for their involvement in Sony killing.

campus to avoid further incidents. Earlier, the BUET authorities

banned students' politics on the campus for an indefinite period.

M-16

detectives who recovered an M-16 rifle from their possession. Police said the rifle was purchased a year

rules for calling police into the

refused and requested for female

leader Halima Begum Lucy rang up the VC from her mobile phone at around 1:48am. and talked for over Dr. Kalimullah stated that while in confinement in Room 235, he saw

throw the hot water on the agitating "The situation could have been

Mohammad Shafiullah also accused the erstwhile DU authori-

The female students who were arrested on the eventful night and a JCD activist in their statements earlier alleged that Shafiullah asked the police to arrest the agitating

Sharifullah Bhuiyan later told

FROM PAGE 12 Police arrested Togor, but Muki is still absconding.

The BUET authorities expelled BUET authorities have taken

tight security measures on the

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Lablu, 32, -- were arrested at the Uttara Model Town Sunday night by ago and kept in Chittagong.

campus under the university act

They informed the commission that

provost of the hall concerned to cal Prof. Sultana Shafi also appeared before the commission and began her deposition yesterday. The commission mainly asked her about the infrastructure of the

Talking to the newsmen, she said the male police entered the hall and charged baton on the students Denying charges of requesting the VC to call for police, she said, "I told the VC to take initiatives to bring normalcy in the hall under the uni-

roctors for not cooperating with he

she should have done more to resist the police, she asked, "What do you want me to do? Fight against ar entire battalion of police?

Meanwhile, Dr. Anwar Hossain chairperson of the Bio-Chemistry department, who was beaten by the police on July-28, in a letter to the

commission expressed his willingness to share his experience. He requested the commission to send an official to record his state-

recovering from a broken leg. Two cops hurt

Two policemen were critically injured in an attack by an accused in

Police said Shah Jamal, 30, the accused, attacked SIs Moksedu

Jamal, at about 2,30am. shot but failed to arrest Jamal.

They, however, arrested Jamal's two brothers -- Yusuf Ali and Ayub Al who were among the accused. Police arrested Ismat Ara. wife of Jamal, and Parveen Akhter, wife of

tion with the attack. Three cases were filed against seven people, including father and

The injured policemen were rushed to Sadar Hospital and later

But it will take time as it needs

Local residents blame the Rajuk

proper planning and a huge amount

for not taking necessary steps to

save the lake water from contamina-

tion. Lack of initiatives by Rajuk wil

increase the contamination, they

of money, he added.

Under waste siege

system in Uttara Model Town, rain water flowing into the lake during the rainy season carry pollutants into it. The Bangladesh Fisheries

Development Corporation (BFDC) is cultivating fish in the lake without taking any steps to clean the water. The southern part of the lake in Sector No. 3 and 5 is being severely polluted as pollutants are flowing into the water through a sewer point. An official of BFDC said they

to take necessary steps to stop flow of waste into the lake. "But, the DoE has failed to take any step to check pollution of the

He however said lack of coordination among different bodies including Rajuk, DoE, and BFDC

On the other hand, the WASA is

struction of a sewerage network in the area, sources said. When contacted, WASA Chief

them seriously, police said. Police said no pilgrims were passing in the area when the explosion took place. Three more militants were killed

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Thursday, while another died ir neighbouring Kupwara district police said. died in Kashmir since the eruption o

twice as high.

in a fierce encounter in the Nowgam sector of northern Baramulla district

there was no specific rule, saying, it is customary for the VC or proctor or the police if required. hall and asked her to come or Saturday to finish her testimony about the incident, she told the

> versity law." She also blamed the assistant

on that night. Reacting to a suggestion that

ment to his home where he is now

in attack by accused in criminal case

UNB, Gazipur

a criminal case at village Tekipara ir Sadar upazila in the early hours of

Momin and Sultanuddin with a kitchen knife when they along with their five other colleagues from Joydevpur thana went to his house to arrest four accused, including

In the face of attack, police fired a

another accused, Marfat, in connec-

wife of Jamal.

shifted to Pangu Hospital in Dhaka.

sewerage network in the area.

have already requested the Department of Environment (DoE)

lake water." he added.

has thwarted implementation of any project to keep the water clean. yet to take up any project for con-

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an insurgency against Indian rule in 1989. Separatists put the death tol