

gusty wind is likely at few places over Barisal, Sylhet and Chittagong divisions and at one or two places over Dhaka, Rajshahi and Khulna

Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country,

Yesterday's highest temperature of 35.7 degree Celsius was

recorded at Chuadanga and the lowest of 21.7 degree at Srimongal.

The highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some

major cities and towns yesterday were.						
	City/Town	Temperature		Humidity in		
		in Celsius		percentage		
		Max	Min	Morning	Evening	
	Dhaka	33.2	24.6	69	67	
	Chittagong	32.8	25.0	83	72	
	Rajshahi	35.2	25.2	78	79	
	Khulna	34.0	24.4	84	67	
	Barisal	33.6	25.3	81	81	
	Sylhet	32.7	23.5	90	76	
	Cox's Bazar	33.1	25.8	82	77	

### **Ex-BUET** teacher

signed two contracts involving Tk 15.50 crore with the EWPDL in

As the government came forward to protect the low-lying lands by enforcing relevant laws, the EWPDL thought that the vessels

would not be required. Under the contracts, the developer initially paid Tk 8.52 crore in two phases. But they were very reluctant to pay the rest even after

mentioned. crore was given to Bari by the EWPDL. But the cheque bounced thrice, prompting him to go for

settling the matter at a meeting with the EWPDL officials. Sources said that the property developer had already secured a

they were not ready for the meeting and wanted to hold it at 4:30pm, said one source Accordingly, Bari along with seven of his office staff went to the

FWPDL office at the Sena Kollvan Bhaban, Ahmed Akbar Sobhan, Chairman of EWPDL, parent organisation of Bashundhara

because of serious injuries, told this correspondent, "I wanted to sit in presence of my office staff, but the (EWPDL) chairman and his three

Sadat Sobhan, Sabiat Sobhan and Syem Sobhan - - did not agree to it and took me to their conference room. Then they pressed me to deliver the vessels. But I told them it would follow payment of the dues."

He continued. " At this, they started making indecent comments

about me. I sensed danger as there were about 10 other people

As he insisted on payment of the dues, Bari said, those people in the conference room swooped on me with hockey and golf sticks. "I was vomiting and bleeding profusely and they took me to Akbar Sobhan'

They also beat up his office staff and held them in the conference room, Bari said. "They pressed me to sign a paper and warned that they

would hand over us to police." He also alleged that documents and papers he carried for the meeting were also snatched.

One of his office staff somehow managed to flee and informed Mrs

Bari about the happenings. On information, police went to the spot at about 8:30 pm and rescued Bari. But they did not take any action against the EWPDL chairman and his sons. Bari was first taken to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital and was later

shifted to a clinic for security rea-

Interestingly, a top official of Bashundhara Group went to Motijheel Police Station within 20 minutes of the incident and filed a General Diary (GD), accusing Bari and his men of attacking their (Bashundhara) officials while holdng a meeting.

Director (finance) of Ananda Group Abdur Razzak filed a case with Motijheel Police Station against others -- for confining and beating

When contacted, Akbar Sobhan denied the allegation and accused Dr Bari of making a planned attack on his men. He alleged that Dr Bari did not hand over the vessels in due time despite taking a big amount of money. "He (Bari) delivered some vessels but those are defective," he

"There are about 1000 people in my office. If we wanted to beat them up, they would not have escaped with their lives," he said replying to a

## 3 dacoits arrested

dacoity, sources said.

tive police led by an assistant commissioner rushed to the spot. The elements then fired shots and threw crackers at the policemen. Police

and Mohammad Hanif. Hanif was shot in the leg. He was

sent to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH). Police sub-inspectors Abdul

Hakim and Momen and havilder Dalil Uddin were injured as the gang threw crackers at them. They were admit-Hospital.

arrested five alleged criminals fleeing in a car at Khikhet in the city yesterday. They also recovered about Tk 3.52 lakh from their possession.

The arrested were identified as Alauddin Malek, Abdus Samad, Billal Hossain, Safigul Islam and Noor-e-Alam. Of them, Alam was admitted to

bid to stop it, a police sergeant shot

two rounds from his revolver. At Abdullahpur check post, police tried to stop the car, but it sped away braking a barricade and ignoring

A police team then barricaded the road at Khikhet footover, placing a bus and a truck on it. The gang members then got down from the car, fired shots at police and started running

The week's programmes will begin with a catalogue show of US products at Hotel Agrabad. US

Ambassador Mary Ann Peters will inaugurate the show at 11.00am. The show will remain open till September

American Week

begins in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The 'American Week' organised by

the US Embassy in Dhaka begins in

today

the port city today.

Besides, seminars and cultural programmes will also be held throughout the week

The programmes include performance of American jazz trio at the Engineers' Institute on September 19 and a photography exhibition titled 'Post-September 11: Image of ground zero' at the art college on September 20.

The other programmes are seminars and discussion on economic cooperation, education in the USA, Islam and Muslim community in America, and USAID activities on AIDS/HIV prevention in Bangladesh and a video presentation on disaster

preparedness. A feature film 'Chameli' dealing with the global problem of trafficking in women and children will also be screened at Hotel Agrabad on

## Dhaka welcomes

Iraq's decision

September 21.

BSS, Dhaka Bangladesh yesterday welcomed the Iraqi government's decision to

readmit UN weapons inspectors. "Bangladesh welcomes, in principle, the decision of the government of Iraq to receive UN Inspectors as confirmed by UN Secretary General Kofi Annan," a

spokesman at the Foreign Ministry This is an important first step towards fulfilling obligations stipulated under relevant UN Security Council resolutions in this regard,

#### 1,029 children FROM PAGE 1

dren are arrested under special laws such as the Special Powers Act, the Narcotics Control Act and so on, the report says.

It also mentioned use of children in armed combat by the political parties during strikes and other

The report says till they are 18 years old children need to be protected from the harsh laws. There is a need to finalise the age limit of children for charging them with serious crimes like murder, mayhem, anti-state activities and explosives-related cases

Justice K M Hasan of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court noted that despite the juvenile correction centres and shelter home established by the government, the success rate of rehabilitating accused children is very low. "Maybe these correction centres are over-simplified," he observed.

He suggested establishment of special courts or designated courts with judges and personnel trained in line with Children Right Convention Rules and Guidelines and with knowledge of the provisions of the Children's Act 1974.

Attorney General AF Hasan Arif stressed reforms of the Children's Act 1974 and establishment of more correction centres.

The publication ceremony was presided over by President of Odhikar Dr Tasneem Siddigui, while iournalist Afsan Chowdhury reviewed the yearbook.

Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister Dr. Kamal Siddiqui, Chief, Communication and Information Section of UNICEF Naseem-ur-Rahman, and Director of Odhikar Masood Alam Ragib Ahsan were the

#### 4 burnt alive

Of the victims, Afzal, Shohag and Selim were asleep at the laundry, owned by one Masum, during the incident.

The other victim, Monir, owner of an electrical goods shop, was also asleep at his shop Fire fighters rushed to the spot

and extinguished the blaze at around 6 am.

They recovered the charred bodies from the two shops and handed them to Demra police. Police sent the bodies to the Midford Hospital for autopsy.

A General Diary was filed in this

#### AL walkout

FROM PAGE 1 At this stage, Speaker Jamiruddin Sircar gave floor to Industries Minister MK Anwar, who said there was no scope for debate on article 274. The Speaker also told Nasim he could not allow a debate on the

said article Not convinced, the AL lawmakers continued with their demand that the Chair allow Nasim to speak. At one stage, senior AL leader

Abdus Samad Azad sought the floor. As he was denied too, the AL staged a walkout.

# White House to unveil UN inspectors cyber security plan

AFP, Washington

The White House this week unveils its first formal cyber security plan amid increasing concern that terrorists or hackers may strike at vital computer networks.

The plan is to be unveiled in Silicon Valley by Richard Clarke, President George W Bush's principal adviser on combating global terrorism, who has long sounded the alarm about a potential "digital Pearl that could cripple the

Yet the plan, drafts of which have been circulated to key industry leaders, is drawing a mixed response. According to those familiar with the plan, it offers few mandates and relies heavily on individual computer users to voluntarily "secure

The need for improved computer security has become a priority since deadly terror attacks September 11, 2001, amid concerns an attack on computer networks could shut down critical functions such as air traffic control, telephone networks, banking

systems or electric power grids. The plan is expected to tougher security at various government agencies where numerous vulnerabilities have been reported. But in the private sector -- which operates the vast majority of computer systems -industry analysts say the plan offers little more than suggestions.

'The plan places the onus on remedying these problems in the wrong places," said Russ Cooper of the Internet security firm TruSecure.

"It is calling on individuals to

secure themselves ... what would be better would be better to require Internet service providers to prevent malicious intruders from corrupting

But Harris Miller, president of the Information Technology Association of America, a high-tech industry group, said government mandates are not the best way to improve

"This plan is not about government dictating to the private sector," said Miller, who has viewed a draft of

"It is about setting out clear desires and objective and ways to get there. That is exactly the way you want to go. You don't want bureaucrats in Washington trying to dictate things; silly mandates like that don't

### Power decentralisation

parishad and the zila parishad should take place simultaneously to save public money and time, they suggested.

Responding to the possible tripartite power tussle among the upazila nirbahi officer (UNO), the local MP and the upazila chairman, they said appropriate frameworks should be set up and jurisdiction be specified so that all parties can take

part in development activities. Opposition, constructive criticism and involvement of three parties to development planning, in turn, can ensure transparency and accountability of the upazila

parishad, they pointed out. The tradition of non-party elections to the local government bodies should continue to stave off political manipulations that hamper local development.

Women union parishad members vented anger for their figurehead role in official activities. The women members elected from reserved seats alleged gender discrimination

The discussants demanded specific guidelines in the union

The union parishad chairmen and members present at the meeting demanded that public waterbodies be handed over to the parishad.

The parishad should be authorised to collect tax and other duties to come out self-reliant, they

Later in the day, Chairman of the Sahapara Union Parishad in Gaibandha Mahbubur Rahman presented the budget for 2002-2003 of the parishad at a discussion meeting in the Rebeca Habib Girls' High School ground.

Mahbubur Rahman, adjudged the best chairman of Gaibandha. inspired villagers to volunteer in road repair, tree-planting and blood donation to make the union parishad an example of participatory development.

At the meeting, Badiul Alam Majumder, country director of Hunger Project, said that if people unite, creativity and industry are utilised and local resources properly are used, development will go

The LGSG held a press conference on the new premises of the ing in association with the Dinajpur Paurashabha and the Community Development Association (CDA). The LGSG also organised a

discussion meeting at the city's Lokbhaban auditorium, with the paurashabha chairman, commissioners, local union parishad chairmen and members, NGO representatives and members of the civil society present. Sved Mosaddek Hussain Labu.

chairman of the Dinajpur Paurashabha, said representatives of the local government bodies could not work properly due bureaucratic influence. At the meeting, Prof. Yunus said

the local government should be a responsible authority, which stays close to people The LGSG will submit recom-

mendations to the government on how the four-tier local government can be stronger. The LGSG formed on January

10. 2002 consists of some visionary economists, academics, experts on local government bodies, elected public representatives and journal-

## Ruling party flouting JS rules

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overnight debate on law and order. The AL president also described the "deliberate attempts by the

treasury bench" to push a muchawaited discussion on deterioration of law and order down the order of the day on Monday night. She also criticised the govern-

ment for keeping the Central Shaheed Minar under siege, curtailing press freedom to cover programmes inside the Sangsad Bhaban and deploying huge contingents of police on the Dhaka University and Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) campuses following their indefinite closure.

As it was too late for the Sangsad to take up discussion on law and order Sunday night, the Speaker deferred it and ruled he would allow the discussion at the end of a scheduled one-hour question-answer session the next day, Hasina told

newsmen yesterday. However, "the ruling party compelled the Speaker to violate his own ruling" as the guestion dragged

on for nearly two hours, she added. Moreover, he allowed deliberation by ruling party lawmakers on unscheduled issues and disposed of other notices before the discussion on law and order finally started at around 11:00pm, Hasina said. The former prime minister also said the Treasury Bench "wanted to provoke us into staging a walkout"

by raising a debate on her deroga-

tory remark about the president so

that "the law and order situation was not discussed". "But we showed utmost patience and did not react to the scathing attack," she said. On the walkout, the opposition

leader said her party was compelled

to stage the walkout at 1:45am

when the Chair repeatedly denied floor to the AL lawmakers, allowing ruling party MPs to present personal explanations one after the other. Hasina was also critical of the Leader of the House and Prime

Minister Khaleda Zia's absence from the Sangsad during "such an important discussion". "She is not at all concerned about the law and order downslide as she has already given her verdict

that the opposition is responsible for

whatever is happening across the country. Hasina blamed the ruling alliance's armed cadres for the rise in murder, rape and other incidents of violence across the country and alleged that since coming to power the BNP-led government had

released 45,000 criminals from jails.

donors had also expressed concern at the sharp decline in law and order. the finance minister put the blame on the opposition She regretted that when the

Hasina also said when the

opposition "is trying its best to make the parliament functional", the government "wants to make it nonfunctional" "We wanted to discuss important

issues like dengue, wheat scam, price hikes of essentials but the prime minister did not entertain these issues at the Business Advisory Committee (BAC) meeting. The current session was made short and scheduled to be prorogued before Wednesday, designated for the prime minister's question-answer session," she said.

Deputy Leader of the Opposition Abdul Hamid, Chief Whip Abdus Shahid and senior party leaders Abdus Samad Azad, Zillur Rahman, Suraniit Sengupta, Abdur Razzak and Shah AMS Kibria were also present at the news conference.

The parliament secretariat once again denied access of camera crews of private electronic media to the Sangsad Bhaban for coverage of the news conference.

# Sharp fall in FDI flow

India attracted \$3.4 billion, up from \$2.3 billion in 2000 while Pakistan received \$385 million. up from \$305 million.

Sri Lanka, meanwhile, saw a three per cent dip in FDI to \$172 AFP adds, China took over

from its special administrative territory Hong Kong as the largest recipient of cross-border private investment in Asia and in the developing world.

But the two separate customs areas continued to dominate FDI flows into the Asia-Pacific region.

China shed three years of stagnation as foreign companies poured 15 per cent more investment into the country compared to the previous year, reaching 46.8 billion dollars in 2001. That momentum was boosted

in the first half of this year following accession to the World Trade Organisation (WTO), with inflows to the Asian giant rising by 19 percent compared with the first six months of 2001. "The upward trend in FDI is

likely to be sustained in the com-

ing years, particularly in the light

of the country's accession to the

WTO," the report said. Investment in Taiwan also remained at "historically high

levels" (four billion dollars), thanks to the island's WTO accession, it added.

In the absence of any global scale mergers in 2001, FDI in Hong Kong dropped by 60 per cent to 22.8 billion dollars. UNCTAD said the fall from a record 62 billion dollars in 2000 accounted for much of Asia's decline.

But the Chinese territory continued to reinforce its position as a business hub, with 3,237 multinationals maintaining regional offices there, eight percent more than in 2000.

The overall Asian data does

not include Japan, which is listed under a separate group of developed countries. "Japan's domestic investment fell in 2001 (six billion dollars), but

its investment abroad grew by 21

percent to 38 billion dollars and is expected to keep growing," the report said. Meanwhile, a doubling of investment in Kazakhstan's natural resources, including oil, gas and metals, helped drive up

Central Asia's FDI by 88 per cent

to 3.6 billion dollars.

Overall flows to Southeast Asia stagnated at 13 billion dollars notably due to continued divestments in Indonesia because of the uncertain political climate in recent years. However, most of the Asian

"tiger" economies continued to attract more investment, the report indicated. FDI in Singapore rose for the first time in four years, increasing by 59 percent to nine billion dol-

Foreign investment in Thailand grew by one billion to 3.8 billion dollars.

Inflows to the Philippines also climbed from 1.23 billion in 2000 to 1.8 billion in 2001. UNCTAD said Vietnam was

"entering a new era as a host to FDI", helped by bilateral trade agreement with the United States and accession talks with the

## Bappi murder

FROM PAGE 12 for ransom. They took Bappi to Demra, strangled him and dumped the body in the river

Sitalakhya the same day. Bappi's decomposed body was found floating on the river at Kutubpur Gudara Ghat on August

Four of the five accused, now in the custody, were produced before

"The excuse used to launch an aggression has been totally

Weapons inspectors were pulled out of Iraq shortly before a bombing raid in December 1998 led by the United States and Britain, which accused Baghdad of failing to cooperate with the UN teams.

Russia, which remains close to Baghdad, welcomed Iraq's offer, while China expressed relief, but other members of the UN Security Council were more wary.

"Thanks to our joint efforts, we managed to avert the threat of a war scenario and go back to political means of solving the Iraqi problem, Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov said.

French Foreign Minister Dominique de Villepin said the fivemember council "must now hold Saddam Hussein to his word.'

with a Downing Street spokesman saying: "Saddam's regime has a long history of playing games." His regime has flouted a whole

Britain also reacted cautiously.

raft of resolutions. Let's see what they are offering," the spokeswoman added. British Prime Minister Tony Blair is the only European leader to have given wholehearted backing to

his government has put more emphasis on reviving UN arms inspections than on Saddam's "The Iraqi decision is what the international community, including China, has always hoped to see,

Bush's hard line on Iraq, although

Chinese Foreign Minister Tang Jiaxuan told Xinhua news agency. "China will, together with the international community, continue to strive for the political settlement of the Iraqi issue within the framework of the United Nations."

Under the terms of the disarmament programme imposed on Iraq after the 1991 Gulf War, the UN must verify that Saddam no longer has biological, chemical and nuclear weapons in order for crippling UN sanctions to be lifted. In his letter to Annan, Sabri

emphasized that Baghdad's actions were in response to Annan saying recently that the inspectors' return should be "the indispensable first step" towards "a comprehensive solution that includes the lifting of the sanctions imposed on Iraq" after its 1990 invasion of Kuwait. Bush had warned the council that if it fails to act to force Baghdad

to comply with 16 resolutions he

says Saddam has flouted -- includ-

ing those aimed at disarming Iraq --

then Washington will be forced to act unilaterally. In a toughly-worded speech Thursday to the UN General Assembly, Bush laid out five demands of Saddam: scrap his biological, chemical, and nuclear weapons programs and stockpiles; end support for terrorism: end

#### Agarwal, Modi

persecution of Iraq's civilian popula-

FROM PAGE 1 of the four PCBs. The managing director of One Bank sent his reply vesterday while others sent theirs on Tuesday.

After press reports on the finan-

cial scam, the BB started investigation into the bank transactions of Giridhari Lal Modi and Uttara Group Om Prakash Agarwal and the Doel Group on August 10. The probe has revealed dubious transactions through different bank accounts, suggesting links with illegal hundi business. The anti-

money laundering department of

the BB has asked the Bureau of

Anti-corruption (BAC) to take legal

action against people responsible for the scam, sources said. The central bank probe also found that the proceeds of appare exports by the business groups did not come to the country, which is a punishable offence under the for-

eign exchange regulations.

tion; free or account for non-Iraqi citizens missing since the Gulf War; and end all efforts to circumvent UN economic sanctions.

Annan sought to put a positive spin on the move, saying Bush's speech had "galvanised the international community" to put pressure

The inspectors in the UN Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission, and their chairman Hans Blix were "ready to continue their work," said Annan. The Iragi move followed days of

intense diplomatic lobbying by the United States to drum up support for a tough new council resolution to force Iraq to disarm. "I have had quite a number of bilateral meetings, and I think the

political dynamic has changed and there is a great deal of pressure for Iraq to come into compliance," US Secretary of State Colin Powell said The first hint that Iraq might be buckling to pressure came in an

announcement by its official INA news agency that Saddam had chaired three meetings with top ides in Baghdad within 24 hours. Later, Annan and Sabri canceled a scheduled meeting.

states that Iraq should let the inspectors back. "The Arabs are closer than ever, this is a real achievement "he said Annan acknowledged that the Arab states had played a key role. and singled out Arab League secretary general Amr Musa, for "his

France's de Villepin said a key

factor was unanimity among Arab

convince Iraq to allow the return of the inspectors.' A spokesman for Blix welcomed the Iraqi statement and said: "We are ready for immediate talks in New York on the practical arrange-

strenuous efforts in helping to

ments" for resuming inspections. Blix told the German daily Frankfurter Allgemeine in a story published Sunday that "the first inspections could happen with two weeks," and that "a large enough group could be put together" in a

He said Tuesday after briefing the Security Council that it would probably take a year to complete the inspections, and only if "there is

#### cooperation in all respects by Iraq.' Massive hunt

FROM PAGE 1

of Asraf Ali, was sent to Tesunia village under Akkelpur upazila in Joypurhat. The body of Rezaul, son of Abdur Razzak, was sent to Ragunathour under Bera upazilla in Pabna. The body of Sadekul son of Abu Bakar, was sent to Pardigri under Tolarhat upazilla in Chapainababganj. The body of Shusanta Chakma, son of Monoj Kumar Chakma, was sent to

Khagrachhari. State Minister for Home Lutfozzaman Babar, State Minister for Power Igbal Hasan, Inspector General of Police Modabbir Hossai and Deputy Inspector General of Police Shahidur Rahman Bhuiyan went to Sirajganj General Hospital vesterday afternoon to see the condition of the 18 injured police-

They also visited the police camp

and talked with local people. While talking to The Daily Star. IGP Modabbir Hossain said a team comprising officials from different departments is investigating the incident.

arrested and punished.

sation for such incidents.

He said the outlaws will be

Some local people while talking

to this correspondent alleged that

innocent villagers were held by the law enforcers He said families of the policemen killed in the incident will be given a compensation of Tk two lakh each as per the prime minister's earlier announcement regarding compen-

again. I knew that history had all

along gone a similar pattern. A

superior force claiming itself to be

civilised fought an inferior force,

which is claimed to be barbarous.

This goes on. And as the world grew

## 11th September in Ctg

ent positions as regards the root cause of the terrorist attack on the Towers. I thought the Palestine issue was the crux of the matter, but he thought terrorism had gone beyond Palestine

On the second day of the confer-

ence (29th September), as Prof

Rorty was delivering his speech as

the chief guest, President Bush had already ordered invasion of Afghanistan and Prof Rorty commented that he was not sure if it was the right strategy. On the fourth day, we came down from Nagorkote to Kathmandu and Bob invited us to his residence for dinner. As we assembled at the precincts of his bungalow he made a welcoming speech from atop his

roof, and I liked his unequivocal

expression in urging us to feel that

the terrorist attack was not only

America's wound, but also the At the party we were introduced to Bob's wife. She was an Asian. His counterpart, the ACC director from Dhaka, John Kinkannon also had an Asian wife. Perhaps the world is bracing itself against disintegration by forming greater amity through interracial marriage

At the hotel as I retired to bed my mind went all over Bob's words larger and larger, people from the less developed parts of the world migrated to the metropolises of the West to America mainly. So the question between the civilised and the uncivilised got mixed up, and the edifices and the monuments and such landmarks became the legacy of the whole world, not of one nation's in particular. The wall dividing a native and a foreigner is so thin in a cosmopolitan country like the US that the terrorist attack of 11th September may be considered as very badly made because it had not respected the harmonious coexistence between the races in America. The last survivor to be rescued from under the WTC debris is Genelle Guzman-McMillan, a 29year Trinidadian illegal immigrant working at the 64th floor of the North Tower when the building was hit. She has survived, but many others have not. Who is paying the price for what? Terrorism is non-militarised

action and, therefore, more fatal for

### No change in temperature

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary divisions during the next 12 hours till 6pm today.

Met Office said.

The sun sets in the capital at 5:59 pm today and rises at 5:46 am

unknown to me in the conference February this year to build 50 vessesIs for the property developer for carrying earth for filling low-lying lands around the city.

the vessels were built, the sources Recently, a cheque for Tk 2.64

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shots fired by police.

Fresh election

2 in Kashmir AFP, Srinagar

by Indian security forces. anyone participating in the vote and launched a bloody campaign in the runup to the ballot, killing two candi-

Anantnag, which heads to the polls in the third phase October 1.

But police caught them and seized the car (Dhaka Metro Tha-11-Cases in connection with the

violence kills

Election-linked violence flared anew vesterday in Indian Kashmir, leaving two people dead, after India

districts was marred by widespread coercion and intimidation of voters

#### incidents were filed with the police stations concerned

declared itself pleased with a "satis-

factory" turnout in the first round of

that the voting yesterday in five

Separatists, however, claimed

controversial assembly elections.

Islamic rebels had vowed to kill dates including the state's law

But only scattered violence was

reported during the tightly guarded

polling, which saw 44 per cent of

1.49 million eligible voters turn up to vote, according to official figures. Militants, however, unleashed a new round of attacks today, hurling a grenade at a car carrying activists of Kashmir's National Conference party in the southern town of

#### FROM PAGE 12 Dinajpur Press Club Monday mornparishad manual on jurisdiction. union parishad, the upazila