Eye infection on spread in city

ately to preserve sight.

vitis, doctors recommend.

soaked in warm water) can soothe

the discomfort with viral or bacte-

commonly prescribed for remedy.

Cortisone-like eye ointments may

be prescribed infrequently; it will

reduce many types of inflamma-

tion, but certain infections (such

as herpes) can get worse with this

Bank money

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Madariput

Police are yet to recover the money

and rifles snatched from Sonali

Bank staff at Rajoir in Madaripur on

Five Sonali Bank staff, who were

loot: 5 staff

placed on

remand

Wednesday.

medication

rial conjunctivitis to closed eyes.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Coniunctivitis or inflammation of the membrane lining the inner surface of the eyelids is widely reported in the country.

The infectious disease is caused when the conjunctiva, the cause conjunctivitis too. thin laver of the evelids, is exposed to bacteria, virus, fungus or other irritants

Usually, tears help protect the conjunctiva by diluting bacteria and washing it away and contain enzymes and anti-bodies, which kill bacteria.

The commonest symptoms of the disease are itching and redness of the eyes, inflammation and often blurred vision. But all are not necessarily the cause of the same type of illness

There are many causes of conjunctivitis. Viruses are the most common cause of the infection in the sub-continent this time of the year

Pink eye refers to a viral infection of the conjunctiva. These infections are very contagious, especially among children.

The virus is similar to the type that causes the common cold. "The key to preventing this virus spreading any further is handwashing," a doctor said.

He said. "Bacteria are an uncommon cause of conjunctivitis but the commonest cause in Bangladesh now is viral which most of the time lasts for a certain period of time, two to three weeks, before the infection disappears."

Many physicians will give a mild antibiotic eye drop for all cases of pink eye to prevent bacterial conjunctivitis. Other causes are allergies and chemical exposure but allergies can be from anything from flower pollen to fumes. Bacteria in the birth canal or

Three alleged criminals held with arms in Sylhet

BSS, Sylhet

Detectives yesterday arrested three alleged criminals from the city's Taltola area along with arms.

Acting on a tip-off, a team of DB police raided a bar in Taltola area and arrested Sohel Ahmed alias Sohel, Faysal Ahmed alias Faysal and Mohammed Abdus Salam alias Emdad.

arrested immediately after the Police also recovered three USA made revolvers loaded with six incident were placed on a three-day remand yesterday. bullets from their possession. Police said the arrested persons were allegedly involved in various



The Bangladesh Chhatra League staged a human chain on the Dhaka University campus yesterday demanding of the authorities to make the report on the police attack on Shamsunnahar Hall public.

Doctors recommend physical examination before applying any medication. The physical examination may include a check of vision, eye motion, eyelids, and the reaction of pupils to light. Antihistamines (in the form of

BSS, Jeddah eye-drops or ointments) are

A Hajj agreement was signed between Bangladesh and Saudi Arabia in Jeddah on Wednesday. The visiting Bangladeshi Minister of State for Religious Affairs Mosharraf Hossain Shahjahan and Saudi minister for Hajj Affairs Yad Amin Madani signed the agreement on behalf of their respective sides. Bangladesh Ambassador in Saudi Arabia SK Sarjil Hossain was pres-

ent. According to the agreement, 50,000 Bangladeshis would get the chance to perform Hajj this year. Of them 8,000 would be official while 42,000 unofficial At the agreement signing cere-

mony, the Saudi Hajj minister lauded the last year's Hajj management of Bangladesh government. The minister also assured that

more facilities would be extended to the intending Bangladeshi Hajj pilgrims in future.

Shadat killing FROM PAGE 12

(CMM) Court with a prayer for a seven-day remand. But the court placed them on a three-day rested by a team

Waste recycling

procedure does not follow the

requirements of separating the

organic and non-organic portion of

the waste. Before taking any power

generation project, it will require

separation of different portions of

cell BD Rahmat Ullah told The Daily

Star that they would forward the

project after the feasibility study

The business delegation also

urged the prime minister to allot the

CCCI another 1.83 bighas of land

along with the 1.93 bighas allocated

to them by the previous BNP gov-

ernment for building a World Trade

Khaleda Zia assured the delega-

Quadery, M Anwar Shawkat

Afsar, Panaullah Ahmed, Nasir

Uddin Chowdhury, Mahfuzul Hoque

Shah, Mahbub Alam, Rashed

Murad Ibrahim. Rafigur Rahman.

Chowdhury and Mohammed

tion of looking into the matter and

doing everything possible under the

existing rules of the Railways.

Contacted, Director of the power

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the city wastes.

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Shahedul Alam

Jahirul Islam

Zahurul Haque

communications sector.

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They are guards Ishaq remand. Majumder, Omar Ali Fakir and They we

Hajj agreement signed with KSA **Diesel soot poses** cancer risk

REUTERS, Washington

Tiny soot particles emitted by dieselfueled cars, trucks and construction equipment are a major contributor to the cancer risk from air pollution, the US Public Interest Research Group said yesterday.

The environmental group said its findings showed that the Environmental Protection Agency should enforce tough anti-pollution standards for diesel trucks, buses, farm tractors, bulldozers and fork-

"Americans in every state and county in the continental United States and the District of Columbia were exposed to diesel soot at levels that exceeded the California EPA's cancer benchmark concentration in 1996," PIRG said.

PIRG said its review of scientific studies in recent years found that Americans on average face a 1 in 2,100 risk of developing cancer in their lifetimes from breathing pollutants in the outdoor air.

That is nearly 500 times greater

than the 1 in 1 million health protecthis summer it would consider tion standard established in the federal Clean Air Act, it said. trade emissions credits in a more The vast majority of the airborne

pollution cancer risk is linked to tion curbs, rather than produce diesel engines, according to the cleaner trucks and buses. group Diesel engines emit a mixture of this flawed approach and honor its

gases and fine particles that contain some 40 chemicals, including benzene, butadiene, dioxin and mercury compounds

Last month, the EPA released a report that concluded for the first time that diesel exhaust is a likelv human carcinogen. Diesel fumes can also cause eve irritation, nausea and respiratory problems.

The EPA report, based on exposure to exhaust from diesel engines built before the mid-1990s, did not attempt to quantify the cancer risk.

Last year, the EPA issued stantrucks. bulldozers and other vehidards to clean up dirty diesel trucks cles emitted more than 519,000 and buses, which it said would prevent more than 360.000 asthma tons of diesel soot into the air. PIRG attacks and 8,300 premature deaths said annually

But the Bush administration said

Freedom fighters' council demanded

claimed.

alleged

they mentioned.

press club.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

District commanders of a faction of Bangladesh Muktijoddha Sangsad (an organisation of freedom fighters) has demanded formation of a national freedom fighters (FFs) council and cancellation of regulations for registration of the FFs

They also demanded handing over of power to the 'democratically elected' central command council of the sanasad.

being subjected to torture since the The demands were made by present government took over. district commanders of the faction Many of them were shot dead or led by Ahad Chowdhury at a press wounded by rival groups. conference at the Jatiya Press Club now in the city to attend a meeting vesterday.

They blamed State Minister for Liberation War Affairs Redwan Ahmed for 'abuse of power, misappropriation of funds and for tarnishing the image' of the FFs.

They alleged that Redwan Ahmed declared himself chairman of the sangsad soon after the fourparty alliance came to power last year and 'forcibly occupied' the sangsad's central command council office at New Eskaton in the city. Redwan did not participate in the liberation war and his name was not

addressed by Abul Hashem, Abdul Motaleb Patwary and Badrudozza Badar, district commanders of Cittagong North, Narsingdi and Gopalganj respectively. They claimed that around 70 commanders of the 65 organisational districts of the sangsad would

The press conference was

included in any list of the FFs, they

crore' from the accounts of the

sangsad with the Soanli Bank's

cantonment branch 'without any

reason.' the district commanders

against him for his 'illegal' activities,

The FFs filed around 18 cases

They also said the FFs were

The district commanders are

of the 'executive committee' of the

sangsad to be held today at the

The state minister 'drew Tk four

attend the executive committee meeting.

Gibbs grinds

Businessman drugged, killed STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A businessman was drugged and killed and his body dumped into an isolated place of Killar Mor at Lalbagh in the city Tuesday.

The victim, Mohammad Kajal, 25, was a businessman of Riazuddin Lane in the city's Lalbagh

Unidentified miscreants called allowing diesel engine makers to him out of his residence on Monday evening took him to a restaurant at market-oriented approach to pollu-Killar Mor and fed him drugged sweets. As Kajal fell unconscious the gang carried him to an isolated "The administration should reject place and took away Tk 20,000 and commitment to fully implement a mobile phone from him. Later. clean air standards for diesel trucks they dumped his body into a garbage disposal container at Killar Diesel engine manufacturers

Being informed, Lalbagh police recovered his body and took it to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where the on-duty doctors declared him dead.

Begum, filed a case with the Ramna Police Station in this regard but none has been arrested.

FROM PAGE 1 Potchefstroom yesterday: **SOUTH AFRICA** Smith c Omar b Talha Gibbs c Al Shahriar b Taposh 153 Pollock c Al Shahriar b Talha Kallis c Moniurul b Mahmud Dippenaar c Mahmud b Talha Benkenstein c Mahmud b Taposh2 Ontong c Mashud b Taposh Klusener c Omar b Talha Extras: (b-1, lb-3, w-3, nb-2) Total: (For 8 wkts in 50 overs) 301 Fall of wickets: 1-63, 2-79, 3-186, 4-

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Kapali, Khaled Mashud, Khaled Taposh

Victim's mother, Mamtaz

DU abuzz with life demand for allotment of seats in

Stewart not out Donald not out

267. 5-283. 6-285. 7-287. 8-299 Did not bat: Makhaya Ntini Bowler Monjurul Taposh

Talha Kapali Mahmud Sanwar BANGLADESH: Hannan Sarkar, Al Shahriar, Javed Omar, Tushar Imran, Sanwar Hossain, Alok

Mahmud, Talha Jubair, Baisya, Monjurul Islam.

A case was registered with Kotwali police in this connection.

Durga Puja FROM PAGE 1

He said that two control roomsone at the Home Ministry and one at Nagar Bhaban would be established during the Puja to avert any untoward incident.

Among others, State Minister for Home Lutfuzzaman Babar, State Minister for Water Resources Gautom Chakrabarti, Maior General (Rtd) C R Datta, President of Bangladesh Puja Observation Committee Anil Chandra Nath, President of Mohanagar Sarbajanin Puia Committee Sawpon Kumar Saha and General Secretary of Jubo Dal Goyeshwar Chandra Ray spoke at the meeting. Police Commissioner Abdul

Kaiyum, Professor Nim Chandra Bhaumik, Ranabir Ray Chowdhury, Jayanta Sen, Basudeb Dhar, Ward Commissioner Sarika Sarkar and other ward commissioners of the city were also present at the meet-

Zookeeper's death

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Ismail was killed by two black bears Monday, when he went inside the cage to feed them.

Meanwhile. Fisheries and Livestock Minister Sadeque Hossain Khoka visited the zoo vesterday and joined the milad mahfil for Ismail.

The minister assured zoo employees of meeting their logical demands of the 15-point charter, including a handsome compensation to Ismail's family, a permanent iob for his wife and monthly risk allowances for animal caretakers.

Later, the minister discussed various factors in running the zoo properly at a meeting with zoo officials.

Meantime, Omar Faruq, zoo curator, told The Daily Star yesterday that the authorities were trying their best to run the zoo properly. However, Faruq has admitted that the zoo is faced with some problems

About training for animal keepers, the curator underscored the basic training for them on the zoo animal rearing

Contacted, Director General of the Department of Livestock Services Nurul Islam told The Daily

Star that the government would take the next action on the basis of the inquiry committee report.

such tragic incidents as Ismail's death." he assured.

FROM PAGE 1 The meeting decided that an agreement on the issue would be signed between the government and rickshaw and rickshaw-van owners and workers' organisations within the next 10 days. The agreement will be signed on the basis of con-

Home Minister Altaf Hossain Chowdhury, State Minister for Home Affairs Lutfuzzaman Babor. Communications Secretary Syed Rezaul Hayat and Local Government Secretary AYIB Siddigui attended the meeting. DTCB Executive Director

present, said an official release.

We will try to enhance the administrative capability to avoid

Rickshaws

sensus between the two sides.

Commerce Minister Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury and State Minister Barkatullah Bulu, Prime Minister's Political Secretaries Haris Chowdhury and Alhaj Mosaddek Ali were present in the meeting. The CCCI delegation included its

senior vice president Alhaj Ershad Ullah and directors M Shahjahan, M Mahabub Ali, Syed Jamal Ahmed, Afsar Ahmed Chowdhury, MA Bakar, M Nurun Newaz Salim, Kamal Mostafa Chowdhury, Anisuzzaman Chowdhury,

Mahtabuddin Khan, BRTA Chairman Jalaluddin, DMP Commissioner Abdul Qayyum and representatives from different rickshaw and rickshaw-van owners and workers' associations were also

Shohrab Howlader, microbus driver, from the Detective Branch of Ibrahim and cashier Hafizul Islam. police from Jurain area of the city Rajoir police produced them on Tuesday. Unidentified gunmen shot and

before the First Class Magistrate's killed Shadat, commissioner of Court, Madaripur, with a prayer for DCC ward No. 90. at Uttara Model a 10-day remand. Town On Sunday.

After hearing, the magistrate placed them a three-day remand. Police yesterday arrested man-

School teacher ager KS Moshiur Rahman, Senior FROM PAGE 12 Officers ASM Hasan Ali Farooki and morning. They stabbed the school teacher and fled the seen leaving Sved Nuruzzaman of Sonali Bank him seriously injured. Madaripur Regional Branch, Local people rushed Ashraf-Manager Zahurul Haq of Duttpara uzzaman to Narayanganj General Branch, Manager Arabind Ray and Hospital. Cash Officer Golam Kibria of A case was filed with Fatullah Shibchar branch under Section 54 Police station

(CrPC) Police recovered the microbus that used by the miscreants from Madhu Khali on Faridpur-Jessore highway on Wednesday. They also arrested owner of the

of the Criminal Procedure Code

vehicle and an employee of Jamadar Petrol Pump in connection with the incident.

CIA faces Senate heat Technology (BUET). Unrest at the DU and the BUET was part of their (AL and other

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know? I'm not sure about that." said Shelby, a frequent critic of the CIA. The questions about CIA cooperation on Iraq comes as the House and Senate are working out a resolution backing the use of military force in Iraq if President Bush

deems that necessary. It is also the latest conflict between intelligence agencies and the committees that oversee them. The panel and its House counterpart are conducting a joint inquiry examining intelligence failures leading to the Sept. 11 attacks.

Inquiry staff have pointed to a series of missed clues which, if taken together, might have pointed to the attacks. CIA officials have suggested those clues became obvious only with the benefit of hindsight and say their personnel did the best they could with the limited resources provided by Congress.

Last week, Tenet sent an angry letter to leaders of the committees

enactment of a law to provide

The Mayor and ward commis-

sioners blasted police for their

failure to maintain law and order.

They also held police responsible

"Inadequate training and lack

of commitment on the part of

police are the main reasons

behind the deaths of ward com-

missioners," Khoka told the meet-

been able to solve the 'mysteries'

behind the murders despite the

fact that 'hundreds of clues' are

be cleared off bribe and corrup-

He noted that police ought to

"One simply cannot think of

getting justice without bribing

Khoka said the government

should impose some sort of

restriction on the use of mobile

phone, as it is evident that mobile

The mayor said police have not

for the killing of four ward commis-

sioners in five months.

ing at the Nagar Bhaban.

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police." he said

tion.

security for the ward commission-

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ers.

after a senator revealed that a briefing book prepared by inquiry staff suggested that a CIA official would "dissemble" - give misleading responses - if asked certain ques-

tions. Graham said he doesn't believe the question of cooperation is related to that letter.

Tenet had expected to attend Wednesday's briefing, but was summoned to meet with President Bush, said a US intelligence official, speaking on the condition of anonymity. Tenet informed the committee several days ago that he would not attend. Instead senators heard from John McLaughlin, the CIA's deputy director, and Robert Walpole, the national intelligence

officer for strategic and nuclear programs. The disputes centre on two classified National Intelligence Estimates requested by Congress. The estimates are prepared by the National Intelligence Council, a

Ditch home minister

group of senior analysts who report

A request from a lawmaker for the intelligence community to perform a similar estimate on its own clandestine operations in Iraq had been declined by the CIA. Such estimates are performed to assess foreign nations' and groups' capabilities, not American operations.

and buses," PIRG said.

new technology.

regulations.

to Tenet.

such as Caterpillar Inc have tried to

delay the rules, contending they

need more time to buy and instal

as construction equipment and farm

tractors do not have any diesel

emission standards, but the EPA

has said it will consider adopting

In 1996, diesel-fueled cars

Currently, off-road vehicles such

Late Tuesday, the CIA gave lawmakers a National Intelligence Estimate requested by lawmakers dealing in part with Irag's weapons of mass destruction capabilities. Graham said that estimate was presented too late to allow senators to read it before the Wednesday morning briefing.

Graham said that "several of the questions we asked were purposely omitted," including the effect of military action on neighbouring states

Graham said he asked officials at Wednesday's meeting why they omitted the details. Their response "was unsatisfactory," he said.

Yet, an influential quarter, in

alleged. The public works secretary,

divisional commissioner, deputy

commissioner and the district judge

will also attend today's meeting,

among others.

FROM PAGE 12 University (DU) and the Bangladesh University of Engineering and

opposition parties) 'conspiracy' to

destroy the education sector, they

said and urged the students to

from the BUET, the Jahangirnagar

University and different colleges in

Chhatra League (BCL) also held a

rally on the campus. Speakers at the

rally criticised the four-party alliance

government for its 'failure' to keep

the universities open. The govern-

ment was responsible for the 'stale-

authorities of the universities have

to be impartial to do so.

Demanding restoration of a

mate' at the universities, they said.

the city also joined the rally.

Leaders and activists of the JCD

The AL-backed Bangladesh

guard against this.

different halls to genuine students. Progressive Students Unity

(PSA), a forum of left leaning students, also brought out a procession and held a rally on the campus.

Besides, the 'Students Against Atrocities' would hold a rally and bring out a procession on the campus on October 6 to celebrate the 'victory of their movement' in the last week of July, protesting police raid at the Shamsunnahar Hall and resignation of the then DU VC Prof Anwarullah Chowdhurv and proctor Prof Nazrul Islam. The programme was announced at a press confer-

ence on the campus vesterday.

Alamgir

congenial atmosphere on the cam-FROM PAGE 12 puses, the BCL leaders said the

Anti-corruption (BAC) filed the case on May 13 this year.

He was shown arrested in the Earlier the BCL formed a 'human case on August 13 and was granted chain' on the campus in protest bail on August 24 by the against police atrocities at the Shamsunnahar Hall recently and in Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court, Dhaka.

Police apathy FROM PAGE 1

FROM PAGE 12 the city air clean

CNG-run

having multiple criminal charges against them and belonging to the ruling BNP, were shot dead since the DCC polls on April 25. According to various sources, either the defeated candidates or their local rivals were involved in the killings.

And four ward commissioners, all

Ward commissioners, particularly those having criminal records and at loggerheads with their rivals, asked for police protection after the killings of two commissioners, Saidur Rahman Newton of ward No. 8 and Binav Sarkar Bina of ward No. 72, on May 10 and May 22 respectively.

The two killings sent jitters among other ward commissioners. Many of them restricted their movement and confined themselves in their houses, fearing attacks.

With the recent killings of two favour of removing the present government-leaning ward commisarchitectural structure. had recently sioners in a span of only 72 hours, made some strong lobbying resultthe demand for police protection ing in the administrative meeting was once again raised. this afternoon, a FPC leader

The government this time enhanced their security by deploying police forces at their residences. They have also been advised not to move without police escort.

"Follow all rules," Huda said and added that any lawbreaker would be taken to task. If any passenger has a complaint, he can contact the BRTC authorities at telephone numbers to be posted on each three-wheeler,

he said. State Minister for Energy Mosharraf Hussain, also addressing the ceremony, assured the taxi owners and drivers that an adequate number of CNG filling stations

would be set up by December this vear "The government will hand-over

200 CNG-run vehicles to the BRTC and 200 more to owners by the same time," he added.

Among others who addressed the function were SA Khalegue MP. BRTC Chairman Taimur Alam Khondoker and Taxi Owners' and Drivers' Oikkya Parishad Chairman Fazlul Haq.

Earlier, the BRTC signed a contract with Uttara Finance and Investments Ltd yesterday for supply of Bajaj four-stroke CNGdriven taxis.

DCC ward commissioners to resolve various issues. The mayor assured families of the slain ward commissioners of all out support and financial assistance. Earlier, a munaiat was offered

police escort as miscreants could easily identify us. Rather, plainclothes police should be with us," one commissioner told the mayor.

tion of separate law and order committees comprising elected ward commissioners at their respective wards to monitor the law and order. He asked lawenforcers to be more efficient in

phone has been used in the killing their task The DCC chief stressed the of many ward commissioners. need for consensus among the

ministry's dilly-dallying over issuing them license for firearms.

license for firearms at the earliest for their safety and also firearms at a cheaper price.

They demanded issuance of

Many ward commissioners

refused to take uniformed police-6 ordered the authorities concerned men as escorts when they move not to dismantle the present court around the city. "It is more dangerbuilding. ous for us to have uniformed

The mayor suggested forma-

seeking divine blessings for the murdered ward commissioners.

Court FROM PAGE 12 responded positively and on August

"One with no source of income

should not be allowed to use mobile phones which require considerable usage and mainte-

nance cost," the mayor said. The ward commissioners expressed anguish over the home