Repeat attack at Bhola

The AL workers' conference was scheduled for a 3:30pm start. Hamid and his entourage reached the conference venue -- Kabi Mozammel Huq Town Hall -- at 5:30pm. But police requested him not to hold the meeting for 'security reasons'

At that time, the district unit of the BJP was holding an unscheduled meeting at a nearby venue.

Hamid obliged the police, left the towards Tofail's residence in the district town in his motorcade that also carried other central and district

As soon as the motorcade came in front of the deputy commissioner's (DC) office, more than 100 people, allegedly activists of the BJP, attacked it. They indiscriminately fired gunshots, hurled bombs and

brickbats, witnesses said. At one point, police fired teargas

Chhabi Rani leaves hospital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Chhabi Rani Mondal, the Awami League leader who was allegedly molested and tortured by BNP and Jubo Dal activists of Rampal in Bagerhat district on August 22 left the Khulna Medical College Hospital (KMCH) at 2:15 pm yesterday.

Dr Israel Biswas, head of the fivemember medical board that was formed for Rani's treatment, said she had completely recovered from her medical condition.

Escorted by a strong contingent of police headed by Rampal Thana OC Nasiruddin, Chhabi Rani got into the OC's jeep as she left the hospital. Rani's mother Kalidashi Mondal accompanied her.

OC Nasiruddin said Rani would be provided security, as she fears reprisal by her attackers. He said Bagerhat civil and police administration have taken all possible measures for ensuring her security at her village home in Rampal or anywhere in the district she may choose to live.

Earlier on Thursday, MAH Selim, MP, president of Bagerhat district BNP went to the KMCH to inquire about Chhabi Rani's condition

Reporter shot. strapped to tree in Brazil

REUTERS, Sao Paulo

A Brazilian radio journalist who planned to charge a politician with vote buying was shot twice and strapped to a tree with barbed wire in the poor northern state of Piaui. local news media said on Friday

Felipe Santolia of Radio Chibata was found 200 km north of the city of Teresina and taken to a hospital with gunshot wounds to his leg and

He told journalists he was rescued by local residents who found him on the tree with his arms outstretched after his two captors had gone in search of gasoline to burn him alive.

Santolia blamed the attack on a federal congressman he planned to accuse of buying votes before Sunday's general elections, local news agencies said.

No one was immediately available to confirm the reports.

The assault was the second on a journalist in Brazil this week after the owner of a regional newspaper was shot and killed by a gunman riding a motorcycle.

canisters, but failed to disperse the BJP activists. Police and the attackers chased each other and it was the law enforcers who eventually had to

Meantime, Hamid and his men managed to get in Tofail's residence. No sooner had the AL leaders and workers taken refuge inside Tofail's house, the BJP men attacked it. However, police dispersed the attackers, who then went to the district AL office and set it

Later, the AL held a small workers' conference at Tofail's house.

At the meeting, Hamid said the attackers 'tried to kill him'. He also alleged that the ruling coalition activists had set up several check posts at different points of the district to restrict their entry.

Meantime, the BJP led by Naziur Rahman Monjur denied its involvement in the attack. "None of our party workers were involved in the incident. Rather, the AL cadres, accompanying the deputy opposition leader, unleashed a reign of terror," BJP General Secretary Anwar Hossain told newsmen.

Earlier on Friday, activists allegedly belonging to the ruling BNP laid a virtual siege to the Barisal Circuit House where Hamid and two other AL lawmakers were staying to attend an organisational programme.

They were confined inside the circuit house for hours on end.

3 Indian soldiers killed in blast in Kashmir

AFP, Srinagar

Three Indian soldiers died and two were injured in an explosion at a polling booth in Indian Kashmir, officials said vesterday.

A device, which officials said was planted by Muslim rebels, exploded in Sogam village in the Lolab area of the northern Kupwara district over-

The three who died were members of the Border Security Force (BSF), a BSF spokesman told AFP

"The condition of one of the injured is serious," he added.

He said the explosion occurred inside a secondary school building which is to be used as a voting station on Tuesday when Lolab goes to the polls in the last stage of four phase elections for the state assembly.

"BSF personnel had just moved in when the explosion took place." the spokesman said, adding militants had previously planted the device inside the building.

"Our boys were sanitising the building when the explosive device went off," he said.

The vote in Lolab was due to take place during the first phase on September 16, but was postponed after the state's law minister. Mushtag Lone, who was standing as a candidate for the ruling National Conference party was assassinated on September 11.

Muslim militants fighting Indian rule in Kashmir have vowed to kill anyone taking part in the polls.

The incident was the third major explosion involving BSF personnel after the completion of third round of voting on October 1

On the day of polling militants triggered a landmine killing six members of the BSF who were escorting election officials to election headquarters in the southern Pulwama district.

The next morning another explosion in the same district killed five BSF personnel.

The BSF is the primary force battling militants in Kashmir and is responsible for providing security at voting stations.

Separatist strike areets Indian president

Indian President APJ Abdul Kalam vesterday arrived in India's northgeneral strike enforced by separatists, officials said.

state capital Imphal said shops and businesses were closed, while attendance in most government offices was thin. Private vehicles

The outlawed People's Liberation Army (PLA) had called for a boycott of the president's one-day visit to Imphal saying it was an attempt at "legitimising India's occupation of the state".

The PLA, which is fighting for an independent homeland for the majority Metei community in Manipur, warned of "dire consequences" if people dared to participate in official functions during Kalam's visit.

"Security forces are on high alert and we are taking no chances whatsoever," a police official said by

Kalam inaugurated a technology power project based on heavy fuel on the outskirts of Imphal and is scheduled to meet students later in

Several community groups led by the United Committee Manipur (UCM) also called for a boycott of the visit in protest at the federal governments alleged "apathy" in providing additional paramilitary troopers to prevent rebel attacks on

More than 10,000 people have lost their lives to insurgency in Manipur during the past two decades.

PM's sons

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investigation officer (IO) of the case, submitted the 'final report' to the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's (CMM's) Court, Dhaka, or September 3.

Prime Minister's Office (PMO) on August 12 for submission of the final report.

In the report, the IO mentioned that the charges in the FIR brought against the accused could not be proved as the bank had earlier given the clients (the accused in the case) until December 2, 2004 to pay the interest on the loan.

The case filed with the Motijheel police station alleged that the accused opened a current account with the IFIC Bank at its Dhanmondi Branch in the city under Rahman Shippers Limited on March 15, 1995 and filed a petition seeking a loan of Tk 2.08 crore for buying four launches. The branch then, without recommendation, sent the proposal for loan, to the managing director, IFIC Bank Limited, head office, Shilpa Bank Bhaban. The head office without following the rules of ex-procedure manual advance, issued a recommendation for a loan of Tk 2 crore, of which, the accused

two others, accused in a criminal case, were acquitted of the charges

war against Awami League. Those who had tried to eliminate Awami League in the past were ultimately thrown into the dustbin of history."

Two

The angry students withdrew their blockade at 12:45 pm after the Savar Thana police went to the spot and talked them into withdrawing the blockade

According to the twins, this is the second time that such an incident had taken place within a month. Earlier, on September 7, Shohag and Sagar were kidnapped by some other unknown people. Sagar was released near the Savar C&B bus stop on the same day while Shohag was taken to a house at Mirpur

"They pressed me for the whereabouts of Anu's family", Shohag told journalists yesterday.

Meanwhile, Anu had stopped going to school after the abduction of the twin brothers on September 7 school sources said. The school authorities advised Anu's parents not to send him to school, as they

Talking to The Daily Star, Savar Thana Circle ASP Atigur Rahman said, "As the kidnappers have targeted Anu, the other students need not worry.'

Though a case was filed with the Savar Police Station after the first incident, police could not trace down the kidnappers. Shohag and Sagar's father filed a new case with the

US wins Blix backing

"This would further clarify matters. We welcome this effort and I have the impression that ... there is broad support (among council members) for having a new resolu-

Blix would not comment on the debate on the form of the resolution, while Powell said he was "optimistic" that a firm resolution could still be agreed.

However. Russia has strongly opposed any new resolution, saying the United Nations should concentrate on quickly getting inspectors back into Iraq.

And France insists there should be two resolutions, with only the second specifying the use of military

After a week of intense diplomacy, the United States and Britain still lack sufficient support to pass a single, tough resolution on Iraq and may be forced to agree to two resoutions, US and UN officials said.

Russia or France could veto any resolution as permanent members of the security council, with the United States, Britain and China.

In addition to the veto threat, the US-British proposal is opposed by a majority of the elected members. the officials said The split would leave the United

States and Britain with little choice

but to accept a French proposal for

two resolutions, the officials said. France said Friday moves to send UN weapons inspectors back into Iraq should go ahead, despite US attempts to hold them back.

But, its inability to deliver on many

pressing social and economic

ssues and the failure to live up to

the promise to improve worsening

law and order, and contain corrup-

tion and price hike of essential

commodities have somewhat

Repeated assurances by the

prime minister and her cabinet

colleagues on curbing violence and

corruption have done very little to

restore public confidence. The

ignominious exit of President AQM

Badruddoza Chowdhury because of

his being neutral at the insistence of

the ruling BNP dealt a heavy blow to

Lack of co-ordination among the

executive wings made the govern-

ment's task all the more difficult.

Growing discontent and fear among

the civil servants owing to the

wholesale transfer, termination,

forced retirement and unprece-

dented contractual appointments

reshuffle in the council of ministers

since May did no good to the minis-

ters either, who were too worried

about their future to go about their

The 60-member council of

ministers proved more of an impedi-

ment to effective functioning of the

administration due to conflicts of

interest between the ministers and

Interference by different ruling

party quarters often led to flouting of

rules and regulations in the appoint-

ment, transfer, termination and

promotion of senior bureaucrats

and a break-up in the chain of com-

Imprudent decisions and delay in

decision-making and implementa-

tion also affected governance. The

government's willingness to restore

discipline in the administration and

stop its politicisation has not yielded

mand in the administration.

much in last one year.

senior civil servants.

Continued speculations about a

stagnated the administration.

dented the achievements.

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the confidence

"There is currently no obstacle to continuing preparations for the inspectors' mission." foreign ministry spokesman Francois Rivasseau

man Richard Boucher on Friday refused to confirm that a compromise was likely but did admit that the debate was "intricate and intense.

Russia also condemned the latest US and British air raids in Iraq, urging Washington and London to use their energies in the cause of

sovereignty and territorial integrity, which must be respected according to UN resolutions, are not to be allowed," the foreign ministry said. Meanwhile, stepping up its

campaign against Iraq, the US Defence Department said it had detected signs Baghdad was trying to conceal weapons of mass destruction before any inspections take place

Agency (CIA) said Iraq has resumed production of chemical warfare agents and has a large scale biological weapons production capability. A CIA document said that "since

And the Central Intelligence

(UN) inspections ended in 1998 Iraq has maintained its chemical weapons effort, energised its missile programme, and invested more heavily in biological weapons; most analysts assess Iraq is reconstituting its nuclear weapons programme.

missile and biological weapons facilities damaged during 1998 US-

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sector were not encouraging either.

Police excess on female students at

the Shamsunnahar Hall of Dhaka

chemical and biological infrastructure under the cover of civilian production.

"Baghdad has begun renewed production of chemical warfare agents, probably including mustard sarin, cyclosarin, and VX," it said.

Tk 10 lakh snatched in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An armed gang looted Tk 10 lakh from two employees of a garment factory at DOHS in the city yester-

The two employees of Hamim Group withdrew Tk 85 lakh from a Sonali Bank branch in Cantonment area for payment of workers' salary. They put the money in two bags -- Tk 70 lakh in one bag and Tk 10 lakh in another bag.

On their way back to office, an armed gang allegedly led by one Kala Faroque stopped their vehicle in front of Road No 23 and snatched away a bag containing Tk 10 lakh.

Brigadier General (retd) AKM Shajahan and Brigadier General (retd) Saidul Hossain who happened to be there at that time caught one of the gang members named Sumon along with a pistol.

COURT CORRESPONDENT The Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court. Dhaka, yesterday rejected the bail petition of A F M Bahauddin

> Nasim, former assistant political secretary to Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina, in connection with a sedition case. Judge Ahmed Jamil Mostafa

Sedition case

rejected

Bahauddin's

bail petition

passed the order, after scrutinising the relevant documents of the case. In his order, the judge mentioned

that the case is now under investigation. So, the petition for bail is rejected. The defence lawyers on August

21 submitted a criminal appeal, seeking bail from the Judge's Court after a bail petition was rejected by the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's (CMM's) Court, Dhaka.

The CMM's Court on August 13 rejected the bail petition of Nasim.

Nasim, also joint-convenor of Awami Sechchasebok League, was arrested at the Zia International Airport on February 27 on charge of

smugaling foreign currency. Later, he was shown arrested in a case filed with Madaripur Sadar police station on charge of firing gunshots on the motorcade of the then opposition leader Khaleda Zia.

Mohammad Dulal Uddin Akhond, ASP of CID, Faridpur Zone, Dhaka, on March 11 filed the sedition case with the CMM's Court, Dhaka, against Nasim.

Chhatra League, Awami League's

The victim's family alleged that

they went to Keraniganj police

station but police refused to file any

But the duty officer at Keraniganj

thana said they were not aware of

any such incident and none went to

the police station to file any com-

Philip Morris

ordered to

pay \$28b to

US tobacco giant Philip Morris was

Friday ordered to pay a record 28

billion dollars in damages to a 64-

year-old lung cancer victim who

argued that the firm failed to warn

for two days before ordering the

firm, which had a market value of

around 83 billion dollars based on its

Thursday share price, to pay the

largest award ever granted to an

Betty Bullock, who began smoking

at the age of 17. She was diagnosed

with terminal cancer in February

She claimed she had suc-

cumbed to the tobacco company's

advertisements years ago that

made smoking appear glamorous

and hedged on the issue of whether

smoking was addictive and caused

The punitive damages went to

A jury in Los Angeles deliberated

her of the dangers of smoking.

ex-smoker

AFP. Los Angeles

individual smoker.

2001.

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student front.

saving the life of the zookeeper.

Sources said the report also focused on some irregularities in zoo management and recommended various points in this regard.

When contacted, the Director General of the Department of the Livestock Services Md. Nurul Islam told The Daily Star yesterday that after submitting the report to the ministry they would take proper actions as per the recommenda-

"We need to modernise the zoo after consulting with the authorities,' he added.

Second ODI

SOUTH AFRICA (from): Shaun Pollock (captain), Herschelle Gibbs, Graeme Smith, Jacques Kallis, Martin van Jaarsveld, Boeta Dippenaar, Dale Benkenstein, Justin Ontong, Lance Klusener, Mark Boucher, Errol Stewart, Allan Donald and Makhaya Ntini

Over-billing

the complaint. Many subscribers do not receive their bills regularly because of the BTTB's unreliable bill distribution system

Instead of replying if the BTRC would allow the BTTB to go ahead with the proposed provisions, Quader said. "We hope the telecom ministry would guide the BTTB

Being overseas, the telecom secretary could not be contacted in this regard.

Deuba govt sacked

be met.

Sources close to Deuba told AFP Gyanendra asked him to resign during a meeting at the Royal

Palace on Friday, but he refused. Gyanendra described Deuba as 'incompetent" and said the new caretaker prime minister would

"We have relieved the incompe-

parties, who said elections could not be held freely and fairly because the increasingly powerful Maoist rebels had vowed to disrupt the polls.

second thoughts and asked this

week for the election to be delayed until November 19, 2003.

According to Nepal's constitu-

tion, elections must be held within

six months of the dissolution of

parliament but Friday's develop-

ments have thrown into serious

doubt whether that requirement will

terday released a statement saying

all preparations for the polls had

been suspended following the

Double murder

When the guard opened the gate in

good faith, two of the gang members

took position at the gate while the

sounds of gunfire from a ground

floor room," Malek said, adding that

he heard the gang members

exchanging heated words just

king's announcement.

The Election Commission yes-

In his national speech,

elections, but would not be able to stand in them

tent prime minister Sher Bahadur Deuba, who has been unable to hold the election on the specified date, from his post and also dissolved the council of ministers."

"We have suspended the elections to the house of representatives scheduled for coming November 13," he said.

May when Gyanendra, on Deuba's advice, dissolved the 205-member parliament and brought forward the elections to November two years ahead of schedule.

Three snatchers caught, beaten up in N'ganj

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

Three snatchers were caught and beaten up by local people at 'Panchabati' in Fatullah thana vesterday

According to police, a gang of three snatchers way laid an NGO worker at Panchabati at around 12:30 pm while he was returning to his office in a rickshaw. As he (NGO worker) cried for

help, local people rushed to the spot and caught the three named Kamal, 20. Selim. 18. and Salam. 20. They beat the snatchers merci-

lessly and later handed them over to Fatullah police.

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DB teams raided different city areas and arrested them. Police also recovered three firearms and 60 bullets from their possession.

Police said the arrested persons were involved in many killings in the city. Two of them were involved directly or indirectly in the killing of Newton, police said.

Russell and Ayub are known as 'shooters' and an they are members of a gang led by 'Kala Jahangir', one of the 23 most wanted criminals in the city, police said.

Probe report

tions of the report.

Two black bears killed Howlader

on Monday at the Dhaka Zoo, when he went inside the cage to feed them

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Hannan Sarkar, Sanwar Hossain, Rafigul Islam and Anwar Hossain.

properly.

have a "clean image" He said the new prime minister would prepare the nation for the new

"Since it would take some time to make further arrangement, we have invested the executive powers in us and we have ourselves assumed governance of the state authority, he said. The constitutional crisis began in

The decision backfired with strong resistance from opposition

Deuba and his cabinet then had

others went inside. "Shortly afterwards, six to seven more persons entered the house. Four took position on the building premises while the rest went inside." the guard said. "About 10 minutes later. I heard

before the murders. "The miscreants left the building soon after the killings and went towards the DRU office," said a worker. Witnesses said three of the gang members fled on a motorbike.

"I rushed to the room and saw two bullet-hit persons groaning in a pool of blood," said the guard. Alhaj Abul Hashem, owner of the

house, sold the building to a demolition firm at Tk 4.20 lakh two weeks ago. He had a plan to construct a multi-storied building on the plot.

American Taliban Johnny Spann, whose CIA agent court for the first and only time son Mike was killed during the during his trial. "I realise that many prison uprising in which Lindh was

understanding, those feelings will change.' Lindh told the packed courtroom how he had studied Arabic in Yemen and then went to a Koranic school in Pakistan until May 2001. Then, after three weeks of military training in Northern Pakistan, he travelled to Afghanistan in June, received more training, and was deployed as a foot soldier to the front lines in the north-

still are but I hope that with time and

east province of Takhar in "I went to Afghanistan because I believed it was my religious duty to assist my fellow Muslims militarily in their jihad (holy war) against the Northern Alliance," Lindh said. He added: "I have never under-

stood jihad to mean anti-

Americanism or terrorism. I con-

demn terrorism on every level-

unequivocally." He later

emphasised that he "did not go to fight against America, and I never Lindh also condemned bin Laden and his followers, and admitted that it was a mistake to join the Taliban, "Had I realised then what I know now about the Taliban, I would never have joined them," he said.

ble for his son's death. Spann said. describing the sentence as "unjust." Soon after his capture Attorney General John Ashcroft declared that Lindh's "allegiance to those terrorists never faltered." In recent months however the image of the

captured, was allowed to address

the court. Lindh was partly responsi-

Lindh's parents, members of San Francisco's "Flower Power" generation of the late 1960s and early 1970s, were in court for the hearing along with his brother Connel Lindh.

bearded "enemy combatant" has

Khaleda

FROM PAGE 12 Patal, MP, State Minister for Health Amanullah Aman, MP, State Minister for Power Igbal Hasan Mahmud Chowdhury, MP, and PM's Political Secretary-2 Mosaddek Ali were among others present in the

Tareq Rahman, senior jointsecretary general of BNP, also was present in the meeting to know about the situation ahead of the first anniversary of the government on October 10.

in Manipur AFP, Guwahati

eastern state of Manipur amid a A police spokesman in Manipur's

also remained off the roads.

telephone from Imphal.

the day.

The IO got approval from the

embezzled Tk 1.086 crore, the case alleged

The BAC filed the graft case on May 13, 2001, in which the accused were granted bail by the High Court. Meanwhile, Tareg Rahman and

Hasına FROM PAGE 12 with fire by waging an undeclared

schoolboys

Mazar Road and was released later.

could not ensure his safety.

Savar Police Station yesterday.

welcome," said Blix

told reporters

US State Department spokes-

"Any actions that violate Iraq's

It said Iraq largely has rebuilt

authorities concerned have been made mandatory. The government has started

Technology resulting in its closure the Shihab and Trisha murder cases put the education sector in a limbo. and the Simi suicide case are also the positive sides of the gover-

judiciary and legislation-- in last one vear. Rather, bickering between the judicial and executive wings of the government has stalled steps towards separation of the judiciary. On the political front, both government and opposition failed to act responsibly. The BNP and main opposition Awami League are still far from agreeing on crucial issues.

the absence of the opposition for the best part in last one year. The government, the ruling BNP to be precise, has a public stance against violence and reiterated time and again that party men engaged in criminal activities would not be spared. But instances are there where the ruling party leaders and activists were involved in incidents

is aimed to strengthen governance at the grassroots. Also, funds are being allocated outside the annual development programme to set up

at Upazila, prior permission and

implementing a decision to employ University and the subsequent events leading to the resignation of female teachers at private schools its vice-chancellor, and the student and madrassah agitation at the Bangladesh The speedy trials of a number of University of Engineering and sensational murder cases including

DPHE men

was no chain of command.

against the 24 officials, including the

Siddiqi observed that the depart-

Expressing his determination to

take legal and punitive measures

against the corrupt officials, he said

the present government, immedi-

ately after its assumption of power,

tions and found the 24 senior offi-

cials involved in graft to the tune of

several hundred crores of taka

meeting, LGRD and Cooperatives

Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan

directed the officials concerned to

fix priority and take urgent steps to

sink tube-wells in the worst affected

Besides, he asked the officials to

Additional Chief Engineer

(works) of the DPHE Khurshed

Alam told the meeting that arsenic

has been found in 268 upazilas in 61

Quoting a survey conducted by

the DPHE and the British Geological

Survey, he said that irrigation was

not the major cause for the arsenic

take steps for supply of arsenic-free

surface water to the affected areas.

arsenic contaminated areas.

Speaking at the yesterday 's

investigated the corruption

during the Awami League rule.

ment over the years had turned into

a "dean of corrupts" and that there

former chief engineer and 11 execu

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tive engineers.

The government ban on public gatherings at the Central Shaheed Minar on the Dhaka University campus also drew public flak. No remarkable improvement was noticed in functioning of the three state organs-- executive,

including the law and order, both in parliament and outside. The parliament remained ineffective due to

of violence and extortion and so on. As for local governance, the government has taken some positive steps. The recent decision to revive the Upazila and Gram Sarkar systems and reform the local bodies

local infrastructure. To encourage planned township

problem and that deep-tubewells building design approval by the Developments in the education were generally safe. Saifur: WB-IMF aid

Bangladesh is also a shareholder of World Bank and IMF, he added. "If the two institutions do not pursue their designated roles, then what is the use of having their offices in member countries?' Referring to his meeting with World Bank president James D.

Wolfensohn, Saifur Rahman said

the Bank chief was "quite happy"

with Bangladesh's economic poli-

cies, and its success in containing

fiscal deficit and expenditure, and increasing reserves and revenues. But social and banking sectors need much more improvement, he said, echoing the World Bank chief's suggestions. "We need more reforms in banks to remove the weaknesses there.' The finance minister claimed

some successes in the law and

order situation in the country, but

said that no security agencies could

check "intentional deterioration of

achieve good governance in all

law and order" by certain vested quarters. "There is no state sponsored terrorism." he asserted. Multilateral agencies always speak for good governance: not in case of Bangladesh alone, but for all countries of the globe, as good governance gives the basis of development with equity and justice, he said. "We'll also have to

About the growing protests against World Bank-IMF policies, the finance minister said none was happy with these two agencies. They have no success stories in last five years, he said. "World leaders are also becoming confused with their policies... there must be a change in World Bank-IMF approaches. A process of soul-searching has.

however, begun within the two

agencies. In a press interview, the

IMF boss himself confessed his

agency's loopholes, he said.

During his meeting with the World Bank chief, Saifur Rahman also criticised the Bank for prescribing the same remedy for all countries. "I told Wolfenson that a suit for Kenya won't fit Bangladesh." Instead of pursuing blanket

policies, the bank should tailor

policies suiting the needs of the

individual country, he said.

Saifur candidly expressed his critical views on multilateral agencies in his interview with The Washington Post that prominently appeared in the front page of the prestigious US newspaper on September 30. Before joining the World Bank-

to disclose anything about the IMF meeting in the US capital, the The body of the maid was put in a finance minister attended the sack and taken out from the house Commonwealth Finance Ministers' conference in London, where he

In their statements, Khodeza and Shilpi told the magistrate that Ivy used to beat them up on various pretexts. On the day of incident, the

Maid murder

and the girl fell unconscious. Later, Masuda's body was shifted to a toilet of the house. The two domestic helps were asked not

landlady pummeled Masuda to

death at noon. She was repeatedly

kicked on the belly. At one stage, lyv

pressed her leg on Masuda's neck

at about 3:00am on the following day, the maids told the magistrate.

also participated in other business and economic forums. He also opened a foreign exchange outlet

Apart from global parleys, Saifur

Finance Secretary Zakir Ahmed

Khan, ERD Secretary Anisul Haq

Chowdhury and Bangladesh Bank

Governor Dr Fakhruddin Ahmed

accompanied the finance minister

also met non-resident Bangladeshis

(NRBs) during his stays in USA, UK

for Bangladesh in Rome.

and Italy.

during the tour.

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remand.