DCC ward commissioners, who are

accused in criminal cases, has raised

ment failure, police-criminal nexus,

administrative weakness plus much-

hyped legacy of the previous govern-

ment have been identified as major

reasons for the steady law and order

harassment, political blessings for the

criminals, and inadequate manpower,

budget and logistics in the police

department have frustrated the gov-

ernment drive against crime, home

Intelligence agencies are on round-

the-clock vigil to foil such attempts.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs yesterday

sent a special report to all foreign

missions in the capital about the

measures the government has

taken to ensure security during the

Puja and the financial assistance

Neutrinos hardly interact with

The Nobel jury described Davis'

matter at all and are therefore very

detection as an achievement "con-

siderably more difficult than finding a

particular grain of sand in the whole of

by building a neutrino detector that

captured a precious dozen particles,

which came from a distant, exploding

University of Pennsylvania in the

United States, Giacconi is president

Davis is professor emeritus at

star known as a supernova.

Koshiba took that research further

provided for the occasion.

difficult to detect.

the Sahara desert."

Nobel for physics

In another development, the

the home ministry sources added.

Moreover, use of police for political

Political intervention, law enforce-

fresh controversy.

ministry officials say.

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Durga Puja

Crime curve

crimes also restored public confidence

in the government, with the special

courts pronouncing verdicts in some

sensational murder cases in the

Nevertheless, ruling party men

were found involved in most of the

crimes as reported in the media. Intra-

party conflicts also led to some sensa-

tional killings, including those of four

Dhaka City Corporation ward commis-

The donors have also expressed

The special drives the government

The special drive to nab 23 most

Even worse, the BNP nominated

Of late, police protection to some

The ghostlike particles found by

Davis, 87, and Koshiba, 76, are

called cosmic neutrinos, while

Giacconi, 71, was credited with the

thinking was that the universe was

balanced and slowly moving. Today,

that cosy perception has been truly

Instead, the cosmos is now seen

as a place of awesome violence,

where enormous energy bursts

lasting less than a second can atom-

ise planets and strip the surface off

stars, where super-massive black

holes lurk that are so powerful they

was awash with this form of radiation.

agonisingly long experiment, carried

out over 30 years, which proved the

sun's nuclear energy comes not from

the splitting of atoms, or fission, but

tic tank, filled with 600 tonnes of dry-

cleaning fluid, at the bottom of a gold

mine to detect neutrinos - the parti-

cles spewed out by the billion in the

sun's process of forging helium from

His work entailed placing a gigan-

rather from their uniting or fusion.

Davis has been honoured for an

Little of this would have become

even steal light.

deep space.

consigned to the history books.

A few decades ago, conventional

discovery of cosmic X-ray sources.

many listed criminals for the April 25

wanted criminals has proved a major

failure, with only four put behind the

bars. Others are at large and report-

edly enjoy ruling-party blessings.

municipal polls.

concern at the steady rise of crimes

and asked the government several

times to contain the law and order

initiated sparked off public discontent

instead of arresting the upward crime

shortest possible time.

to interview witnesses to Iraq's

Sabri told AFP on his arrival in Qatar

on the last stop of a tour of three Gulf

states that Bush was repeating "tricks

and clear falsifications with the aim of

justifying his military campaign

Baghdad is rebuilding facilities for

producing nuclear, biological and

chemical weapons, the White House

Monday released two satellite photos

depicting three factories in Iraq

believed to be part of the weapons

Britain and Russia, meanwhile,

appeared to move closer to a French

proposal for a two-step process by

the Security Council on Irag, with a

first resolution detailing the mission of

weapons inspectors and a second

threatening military action only if their

In a boost for the French position,

Russia, Baghdad's Soviet-era friend,

vesterday said it was ready to accept

new UN resolution on weapons

However, Deputy Foreign

Minister Yury Fedotov told Russian

news agencies that any UN resolu-

tion must avoid "unreasonable'

demands on Irag, which has been

sensitive to demands it open eight

tightly guarded presidential "palaces"

Moscow's announcement came

matic relations with China have, in

conformity with international law

and the principle of one China,

undertaken in formal agreement or

understanding with the Chinese

Government not to establish any

ties of an official nature with

In recent years, the Chinese

embassy said, Taiwanese authori-

ties have "vigorously" launched a

campaign of "pragmatic diplomacy"

to cultivate official ties with countries

having diplomatic relations with

China in an attempt to push "dual

recognition" and achieve the objec-

tive of creating a situation of "two

firmly against this scheme," the

The embassy hoped that all

newspapers in Bangladesh would

understand and support the

Chinese government's "solemn and

reasonable stand for the One-China

It urged the newspapers to main-

tain vigilance about "Taiwan author-

ity's attempts to split the motherland

number of religious detainees, but

Islamabad has arrested and

detained numerous Muslims and

non-Muslims for their religious beliefs

Islamabad's efforts to curb reli-

"Sectarian violence and tensions

gious extremism and militancy had

continued to be a serious problem

throughout the country," the report

situation has deteriorated after the

October 2001 national elections",

which brought Prime Minister

Khaleda Zia and her BNP party to

practise the religion of their choice;

however, police, who generally are

ineffective in upholding law and

order, often are slow to assist mem-

"Citizens generally are free to

In Bangladesh, "the law and order

only achieved mixed results, it said.

and practices, the report noted.

of China by various means."

"The Chinese government is

China" or "one China, one Taiwan,"

inspection in Iraq that does not

mention the automatic use of force.

To bolster Bush's claim that

But Iraqi Foreign Minister Naji

weapons programmes.

against Iraq".

programmes.

work is interrupted

across the country.

Taiwan."

statement said.

Principles.

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Opposition's representatives even if they don't give the names," she

The CPA delegation, led by Thomas Cox, arrived in Dhaka on October 7 on a seven-day visit. Other members of the delegation are Dr Roger Berry, Ben Chapman, David Drew, Gareth Thomas and

prime minister told the delegation that her government was working hard to attain a self-reliant econ-

Mentioning that her government different programmes that have shown substantial development.

The prime minister said her government is interested in trade access and export of Bangladeshi goods, particularly to USA and

due to "wrong policy" of the past The prime minister said her government is committed to privatisation of losing public concerns. "I want to project Bangladesh as a self-reliant coun-Referring to the conditions laid

by the donors for foreign assistance, she said it is very difficult for a democratic government, as it is accountable to the people She, however, said relations

with the donors are very good and mentioned the recent meeting with them where Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman was present.

Khaleda Zia, during her meeting with the CPA delegation, emphasised on assistance for training of Bangladeshis at various levels from the Commonwealth.

The delegation lauded the government's efforts for selfreliance in the last one year. Prime Minister's Principal

Secretary Dr Kamal Siddiqui and British High Commissioner in Dhaka Dr David Carter were pres-

Attack on N'gani temple: Nine arrested **OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj**

connection with the attack on a

temple at Pagla in Fatullah thana at

Shivkarunamovee Laxminarayan

Temple and destroyed eight images

Fatullah on Monday night and

arrested the nine for their alleged

Dulal, Nur Hossain, Sagar, Rahim,

court here yesterday. The court

placed them on a three-day remand.

Samad looted fish from their pond a

few days back, which was protested

by Islam. He might have been killed

as a sequel to that, Islam's son said.

stabbed a young man to death by at

Lal Kuthir in the city's Mirpur area

was stabbed in the back. He was

rushed to the DMCH where on-duty

doctors declared him dead. The

Awlad remanded

Awlad Hossain, arrested in connec-

tion with the double murder at

Segunbagicha on Saturday in the

city, was placed on a four-day

before the Chief Metropolitan

Magistrate's Court with a prayer for

Ramna police produced Awlad

In its forwarding report, police

Mamun-or-Rashid, 25, and

said they want to question Awlad

who might be involved with the

Khairul Islam. 23. residents of

Mirpur, were shot dead by unidenti-

fied gunmen inside a two-storey

filed a murder case with the Ramna

Police Station in connection with the

Habib, 26, a final year student of the

refused to take any case in this

regard. However, the police said they

did not receive any complaints. The

victim is under treatment at the

Dhaka Medical College Hospital

earned the wrath of local activists of

necessary arrangements to observe

the death anniversary of

Bangabandhu Sheikh Muiibur

Rahman on August 15 defying

threats by local BNP men not to

passenger launch capsized at

Kholamora Ghat and the local people

requested another launch to help out

the passengers on board, it ignored.

Angry locals set the launch ablaze for

ignoring their request. Later,

Kenariganj police filed a case charg-

ing 14 Awami League leaders and

activists under the Law and Order

As all the accused went into

Moreover, on July 31, when a

the ruling BNP long ago.

The victim's family said Habib

Habib was instrumental in making

Habib's family

threw him into a nearby ditch.

Abul Hashem, father of Mamun.

building at Segunbagicha.

incident took place at 8:00pm.

Double murder

for four days

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

remand yesterday.

a seven-day remand.

double murder.

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(DMCH).

observe it.

In another incident, miscreants

The victim, Abdus Sobhan, 25,

Two stabbed

Police raided different areas of

The arrested are Masum, Jhony,

The arrested were produced in a

Unidentified miscreants attacked

midnight on Sunday.

of deities at the temple.

involvement in the attack.

Asadul, Masum and Milon.

COURT CORRESPONDENT Nine people have been arrested in

Businessman Giasuddin Bhuivan Nani and his wife Ishrat Jahan Ivy, arrested on charge of killing their maid, were sent to

the Dhaka Central Jail yesterday. The Investigation Officer (IO) of the case produced them before the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's (CMM's) Court, Dhaka at about 3:00 pm on com-

The IO in his forwarding report stated that important information, derived from them during the remand, were verified. So, he prayed for keeping them in the jail custody till submission of the

After hearing, the Magistrate Mamun-Al-Rashid sent the couple to the Dhaka Central Jail.

Domestic help Masuda was dumped in a jungle in

Dhanmondi police recovered the body from the jungle the following day and arrested the couple in connection with the

Khodeza and Shilpi -- gave their judicial statement before a magistrate on Saturday.

SI Jakiur Rahman of Dhanmondi thana filed a murder case accusing three persons Giasuddin, his wife Ivy and driver Ali alias Mostafa Ali has been absconding since the

AL to record

one year, Hasina, at her October 10 and 20 programmes, will highlight peoples' sufferings under the new

opponents by the government", the sources said.

Besides, she might give a call for unity of all democracy-loving progressive forces to fight the govern-

The AL Presidium finalised the programmes at its meeting on Monday last, the sources said.

Last ODI

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in the playing eleven for today. Bangladesh will travel to Bedford after today's affair to play a four-day practice match against South Africa Country Districts that starts from October 12.

This will be the only practice match for Bangladesh before the two-match Test series starts from October 18.

Mahima murder

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Police arrested Uzzal while the rest three have been absconding

since the incident The investigation officer (IO) of the case submitted the chargesheet

on March 5 accusing the four BNP-Jamaat activists.

25 prosecution witnesses were recorded. The arguments in the case ended on September 26.

Puthia police filed Mahima suicide case accusing Uzzal, Selim. Farid, Faruk, Mosharraf Hossain, Abdul Khalek, Sekandor Ali, Abdul Mutalib. Jahangir and Shariful.

Of them, six including Uzzal are now in iail while the rest are still at

The case is now under trial

Nobel Literature Prize tomorrow

AFP, Stockholm

on Thursday, the Swedish Academy

a Thursday.

and literary critics.

Britain's Doris Lessing, Hugo Claus of Belgium, Cees Nooteboom of the Netherlands and Peruvian writer Mario Vargas Llosa are also rumoured to be in the running this

Last year, the prize went to Trinidad-born British author V S

off on Monday with the announcement of the winners of the Nobel Prize for Medicine to Britons Sydney Brenner and John Sulston, and H Robert Horvitz of the United States for gene research.

Robbers stab 15 Chinese embassy FROM PAGE 12 bus passengers, international arena," it said. "All countries maintaining diplo-

loot Tk 3 lakh in Magura

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura

Robbers stabbed 15 bus passengers and took away Tk three lakh in cash and other valuables from them in the early hours of yester-

Police said, a gang of ten robbers attacked Khulna-bound bus (Dhaka-Metro-BA-11-1221) from Dhaka near Shibpur Aziz Pipe factory on Faridpur-Magura highway at around 1:05 am.

Critically injured passengers, identified as Mahibur Rahman, 45. Riazat Ali. 50. Ahsan Habib. 26, Idris Ali, 45, and Hasan Ali, 23, were admitted to Magura Sadar

10 hurt as police, AL men clash in Khulna

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

At least ten people, including three policemen, were injured in a clash between police and Awami League activists at Khalishpur on Monday

The trouble began at about 8:00 pm when ASI Amirul, constables Mosharraf and Shah Alam raided Awami League office near People's Jute Mills to arrest listed criminals Abid, Shoma, Jinnah, Nashu, Babu, Liton, Ripon and Babul Rana.

AL and BCL men attacked the policemen when they caught two listed criminals belonging to Chhatra League. On receiving information, a police team led by Khalsihpur thana OC rushed there and clubbed others at the AL office, leaving seven BCL activists injured. OC said AL and BCL activists

were holding a secret meeting at the party office with the listed criminals. A case was lodged with Khalishpur thana yesterday.

Bush softens stance

It also came hours after British

Foreign Secretary Jack Straw said in

Paris that London, which along with

Washington has been backing one

tough resolution, too might be pre-

pared to accept the French proposal.

Nations was edging closer toward a

compromise with Washington that

could avert US threats to go it alone in

Iraq despite strong global opposition

of the UN Security Council, China,

said it was "in close contact and

consultation" with other countries on

the Iraqi question, but refused to

for military action, but a foreign

ministry spokeswoman said Beijing's

position remained "very clear" that

Iraq should allow an immediate

at the start of a whirlwind tour of the

Middle East and the Gulf aimed at

persuading regional leaders the

threat posed by Iraq means military

Straw, who is due to travel on to

Jordan and Kuwait later Tuesday and

Iran on Wednesday, with some of his

interlocutors more concerned about

the risks inherent in an armed inter-

vention in Iraq than the danger posed

They also feel priority should be

It will not be an easy task for

action may be required.

Straw later opened talks in Cairo

return of UN weapons inspectors.

China has opposed Bush's calls

comment on Bush'a latest warning.

The other veto-wielding member

to the campaign.

The two moves meant the United

The winner of this year's Nobel Literature Prize will be announced

The Nobel Literature Prize is the only Nobel Prize whose announcement date is revealed only two days in advance, and the prize winner's name is traditionally made public on

French poet and art critic Yves Bonnefoy, American authors Norman Mailer, Philip Roth and South Africa's J M Coetzee are all said to be on the short list for the prestigious prize this year, according to Sweden's publishing houses

The 2002 Nobel season kicked

The Physics Prize was to be announced today, followed by the Chemistry and Economics Prizes on Thursday and the prestigious Peace Prize on Friday.

after Bush telephoned Russian given to restoring peace between the President Vladimir Putin to lobby for a Israelis and Palestinians. 93 police academy employees protest

by Saddam himself

non-payment of salaries

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi Ninety-three employees of Sardah Police Academy observed a six-hour work abstention yesterday to protest non-payment of salaries for 26

The employees along with their family members also brought out a broom procession and staged a brief sit-in in front of Charghat Upazila Nirbahi Officer's office. Sources claimed that services of

the 93 employees were brought under the national pay scale in June 1993 but the payment of salaries was abruptly stopped in August 2000. Washikuzzaman, acting principal

of the Academy, later told journalists that disbursement of salaries was "put on hold" following detection of "irregularities during employment".

He said the authorities are considering resuming the payment of salaries to 37 of the employees but fate of the remaining 60 is uncertain.

bers of religious minorities who have

reports of atrocities committed

between Muslims and Hindus, it said

they were "exaggerated" the report

play a significant role in the conflict,

which essentially is rooted in linguis-

tic, ethnic, and political differences",

freedom had improved" due to the

ceasefire process between Colombo

and the rebel Tamil Tiger separatists,

which came into effect in February,

cant change in the status of respect

for religious freedom" after the ouster

of the hardline Islamic Taliban regime

"Before the... collapse of the

In Afghanistan, there was "signifi-

In Sri Lanka, "religion does not

'The status of respect for religious

Though the BNP acknowledged

been victims of crimes," it said.

added.

the report said.

the report said.

last November.

Road accident kills 5 in

Egypt both want Iraq disarmed

peacefully "if at all possible," Straw

said in Cairo after his talks with

President Hosni Mubarak, but added

that "we want to see the disarmament

of Iraq's weapons of mass destruc-

tion and an end to its defiance of the

Maher backed the need for UN

inspectors to resume working in Iraq

as soon as possible, but cautioned

that "Rewriting the rules in the middle

of the game may not be the best

Arab League chief Amr Mussa

Iraq has agreed to the return of

Britain and the United States say

weapons inspectors, but is waiting

until the United Nations sets out the

a 1998 arrangement under which

inspectors required permission to

enter the presidential palaces and

other sensitive sites needs to be

permanent members of the Security

Council are unable to reach agree-

ment over how to deal with Irag, UN

chief arms inspector Hans Blix has

been forced to delay the return of

Deputy Prime Minister Tareq Aziz

attended the opening of an Arab

congress in support of his country.

In Damascus, meanwhile, Iraqi

disarmament inspectors.

While the five veto-wielding

also said he saw no urgent need to

launch an invasion of Iraq after

Egypt's foreign minister Ahmad

United Nations."

solution.

removed.

meeting with Straw.

terms of their mandate.

Five people including two women were killed and 55 others injured yesterday in a road mishap on Barisal-Kuakata highway in Amragachhia under Amtoli Upazila in the district.

35, died on the spot. The other two,

Of the injured, 10 were admitted to the Amtali Thana Health Complex in critical conditions; 20 to the Patuakhila General Hospital and three each to the Patuakhali Clinic and Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital.

Hospital sources and passengers said the accident occurred when the driver lost control of the bus overloaded with passengers. The bus was going to Barisal from Kuakata.

the Hazara ethnic group, which is

predominantly Shiite Muslim, was

particularly severe." the report noted.

tions even though its constitution

provides for freedom of religion and

permits the practice of all faiths, the

faced various restrictions on their

celebrations in the Himalayan king-

dom, especially after the massacre of

the royal family in June, the report

Tibetan community leaders were

asked by local officials to refrain from

public celebrations of festivals during

the period of official mourning. During

the second half of 2001 Tibetan

community festivals had to be

observed in private, the report added.

Last year, Tibetan Buddhists

report said.

noted.

Nepal had some religious restric-

Barisal

Three of them were identified as

succumbed to their injuries at the

The driver fled the scene after the

A CORRESPONDENT

Kalpana, 45, Bacchu, 35, and Shafiq, Farida, 35, and an unknown male

US flak for Bangladesh Taliban, repression by the Taliban of

scribers, sources in the BTTB said.

operators suggested that the government deregulate international traffic by legalising VoIP under a scheme and also allow the private sector to operate the ITX.

Commission (BTRC) has recently said a move is under way to legalise VoIP by early next year, which will be cheaperthan ISD calls.

The country has over ten lakh

70,000 of them have ISD connections. And the BTTB has about seven lakh landline-phone subscribers, with two per cent having ISD connection

The ITX project will be on a full turnkey basis. International telecom equipment suppliers will also provide design and drawing of the project and supply, install and commission its required equipment, the BTTB sources said.

and the rest making ISD calls through

The vendors will also supply related software for the proposed system and related facilities.

The BTTB has recently joined the international consortium of 12 countries "SEA-ME-WE4" to hook up its telecommunication network with the transoceanic undersea cable sys-

Ctg General Hospital

bing of the government property is now the biggest impediment towards making the present hospital into a modern 250-bed hospital, conscien-

The hospital area has been a den of the notorious criminals and a safe haven for anti-social activities including mugging, burglary and prostitution, for last few months

mercial community centre! The gang is being led by a section

has now 70 beds of 'free charge' while the rest 80 beds are 'paying beds' charging a very nominal fee. The hospital offers services to patients of

different categories and diseases, and it has wards of surgery, medicine, gynae,

eye, pediatrics, pathology and dental. Kalam Chowdhury, member secretary of the Action Parishad,

underscored the need for effective measures to help make the hospital into a full-fledged 250-bed hospital.

He demanded immediate eviction of illegal encroachers from the hospital area, appointment of a supervisor in place of civil surgeon and erection of boundary wall around the hospital on an emergency basis.

"The morgue at the hospital compound also requires immediate relocation." he added.

The commercial capital of the country is fast expanding. So does the number of inhabitants day by day. But the availability of medical services for the huge population, especially for the poorer and lower class section, and other relevant facilities have not increased proportionately in Chittagong.

It's true the city is surrounded by thousands of private clinics and diagnostic centres. But the hard truth is that those surely are not meant for the poor patients. So, their hopes and destinations are the government hospitals like CMCH and the General Hospital

In such a situation, people here believe that Chittagong General Hospital badly needs immediate development and upgradation. The authority or government should deal decisively with the criminals or for that matter, any sort of impediments

Crime takes toll on investment

Dhaka Medical College, at 1:30pm "Politics aside, the law and order while he was on his way back home plays the most important role in from the DMC campus. The attackers trade and investment, both local and severely beat him up with iron rods, foreign. The government needs to hockey sticks and hammers and do something more than routine works to improve the situation." Keraniganj police reportedly

Dr Debapriya Bhattacharya, executive director of the Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), speaking at the seminar said there are two basic preconditions for the development of market economy protection of the private property and enforcement of contracts. These are determinants for investment, especially foreign direct investment (FDI).

"However, regrettably, its seems that our most precious property -our lives -- are very much unprotected. So, how can we ensure security of material property? On the other hand, it seems that currently, only the contracts for the killers are being honoured. How do we expect people to get into investment contracts in this situation?" said Dr Bhattacharya. Mahbub Jamil, chairman and

Bangladesh Ltd, said there would hardly be any new investment if the people do not have security of their lives. Talking on the overall investment situation, he listed many problems starting from difficulties in getting

visa to hassles at the airport which

managing director of Singer

work as disincentives. He also said it now seems that

being ethical and honest is a crime. President of the Foreign

Investors' Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) Waliur Rahman Bhuiyan said there are three types of businessmen in this country - honest, not so honest and dishonest to the core. "The problem is that those of the last category are taking away the level playing field from the other two types, making their life difficult." Professor Wahiduddin Mahmud,

former finance minister M Syeduzzaman, French Ambassador Michel Lummaux, Danish Ambassador Niels Severin Munk, Chiarperson of the Bangladesh Women Entrepreneurs Association Rokia A Rahman, Secretary General of the Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI) CK Hyder, Editor of The Financial Express Moazzem Hossain. Chairman of the Tariff Commission Prof. MA Taslim, Executive Chairman of the Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority M Mofizur Rahman and Dr Zaidi Sattar of the World Bank spoke on the occasion attended by leading busi-

They listed healthy growth in remittance, revenue earnings and picking up of export as some of the

nessmen.

positive trends in the economy. But they pointed out that the recessionary trend in investment has been

continuing. Pointing to import decline, Prof. Mahmud said it is a sign of stagnation in the manufacturing sector, as capital machinery and raw materials constitute a major portion of the total

He also said despite massive price fall in three major items apparel, frozen foods and jute goods export is picking up in recent "This shows the resilience of our

export sector. But the resilience will be put to real test in the coming years once the quota regime is withdrawn after 2004," he added. Talking on the recent economic

trends. Dr Bhattacharva said the healthy growth in remittance has helped improve the foreign exchange reserve, now equivalent to 2.4 months' import bill. However. Prof Mahmud mentioned that the recent growth in

inflow of remittance is not sustain-

able and would come down in future. "Continued recession in investment coupled with an upward trend in inflation may put the fiscal programmes as well as the growth prospect under threat," Dr

Bhattacharva said.

However, Prof. Mahmud said

inflation is still low compared to other countries in this region. The increasing trend in inflation is mainly due to the expansionary policy of the government.

M Syeduzzaman said because of low savings rate, the country has to depend on foreign direct investment, aid and loans. "But the major problem is we take too much time to take decisions on major foreign investments, which sends wrong signals to investors," he added.

CAMPE study FROM PAGE 12 per cent in sample 3,800 villages, it

added.

However, one major improvement seen during the last few years is gender equity in enrolment. Children of the socio-

economically-disadvantaged groups are trailing behind their advantaged counterparts in enrolment. There are no literate persons in 39 per cent of the households, 42 per

cent in rural areas and 22 per cent in urban areas, and there are villages where the net enrolment rate in primary schools is as low as 20 per The report also said the rate of women teachers in primary schools

has risen to 40 per cent. The survey covered 281 villages, 30,051 households, 22,239 students and 150,028 people in all the 64

known to us without the "eyes" given to us by X-ray astronomy, the science of looking for X-ray sources in the

energy spectrum that emanate from Giacconi and others constructed Tokyo home the first orbital instruments to detect a source of X-rays outside our solar tions, dating back 15 years, that he system and proved that the universe would get the award, Koshiba said: "It

> Davis and Koshiba will share half the prize of 10 million kronor (1.10 million euros/1.07 million dollars). while Giacconi will receive the other

They will receive their prize, along with the other Nobel laureates, from Sweden's King Carl XVI Gustaf at the official ceremony in Stockholm on

BTTB grips

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A lot of illegal VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol) operations are going on in the country. As international traffic is a large avenue, illegal VoIP is a huge loss of revenues.

Chief of the Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory

mobile phone subscribers, about

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tious citizens say.

The criminal gang and their cohorts got encouragement, as the authorities concerned seem blind to it, and they have built 'so many' illegal structures and a 'slum' around the

of hospital staff and criminals. Among them some were identified as Aminul Islam, Kala Miah, Amin, Abul Bashar, Monir Ahmad (retd), Nurul Amin, Solaiman, Jahangir Alam, Abul Kalam, Humayun Kabir and the family of former staff Sheikh Chand, sources said.

while talking to this correspondent

of Associated Universities Inc in Washington, DC, while Koshiba is professor emeritus at the University "I am very happy. That's all I can

say," Koshiba told reporters at his Asked about the annual expecta-

becomes such a big deal every year. Now I can go back to more quiet life."

demands by ISD callers due to the growing number of cell phone sub-

Private sector mobile phone

hospital. They even go to the extent of using a newly constructed building of the hospital as a temporary com-

Sources said, the 150-bed hospital

towards achieving that goal.

PM: JS bodies

"We will keep the provision for

Baroness Uddin. During the discussion, the

inherited a ruined economy, Khaleda said the government in the last one-year had tried its best to overcome the situation by taking

Mentioning the closure of Adamjee Jute Mills, she said the government was forced to do so

Maid murder Couple sent

to jail

pletion of a two-day remand.

Begum, 45, was killed allegedly by landlady lvy at her Zigatola residence in the city's Dhanmondi area on October 3 and the body

Meanwhile, two other domestic helps of the businessman --

FROM PAGE 12 and challenges it faced over the last

At her October 10 speech, Hasina will focus on "breakdown of law and order, violations of basic human rights and repression on political

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against the rapists named Uzzal Salim, Farid, Faruk,

In the case, depositions of 21 of

Disruption Crimes (speedy trail) Act. hiding, Habib took care of the legal matters for them, which also infuriated the local BNP men, the family