30 cases shifted

case no-19(10) 2002, Bagerhat

thana case no-28(10) 2002, Kolaroa

thana case no-11(10) 2002, Satkhira

thana case no-18(11) 2002 and the

Ashashuni thana case no-10(10)

Kotwali (Rangpur) thana case no-

76(10) 2002, 77(10) 2002 and 87(10)

2002. Piraaccha thana case no-

speedy trial tribunal in Sylhet include

case number 5(10) 02 of Jamalganj

thana under Section 19(a) of Arms

Act, case number 17(10) 02 of

Jagannathour thana under Section

22(c) of Narcotics Control Act. case

number 16(10) 02 of Chhatak thana

under Section 19(a) of Arms Act

case number 08(10) 02 of Tahirpur

thana under Section 19(a) of Arms

Act and case number 10(05) 02 of

Jagannathpur thana under Section

speedy trial tribunal in Barisal include

case number 09(10) 02 of Babuganj

thana under Section 19(a) of Arms

Act. case number 52(10) 02 of

Kotwali thana under Section 19(a)

and 19(f) of the Arms Act, case num-

ber 36(10) 02 of Kotwali thana under

Section 19(a) and 19(f) of the Arms

Act, case number 13(10) 02 of

Pirojpur thana under Section 19(a) of

Arms Act, case number 05(11) 02 of

Barguna thana under Section 19(f) of

The cases transferred to the

302 of penal code.

20(10) 2002 and 21(10) 2002.

The Rajshahi Tribunal will try

The cases transferred to the

According to the provisions of the

ordinance, cases filed with the tribu-

nals for speedy trial must be dis-

posed of within 135 days from filing of

the cases. The cases shall go to the

previous courts if not disposed of

within the specified date and the

judges have to be accountable for

Six judges were appointed on

November 13 through a government

notification following the permission

of the Chief Justice. A few clauses of

the tribunal for speedy trial have also

divisional cities, will try five cases

The judges are Shahed Nuruddin

for Dhaka, Abdus Samad for Khulna,

Shah A Alam Chowdhury for Sylhet

Abdul Quddus Mia for Barisal, A F M

Aminul Islam for Rajshahi and Hasan

According to the home ministry

notification, the Sutrapur thana case

Fulpur thana case no-29(10) 2002

(arms case), Gouripur thana case no-

16(11) 2002 (arms case) and 18(18)

2002 will be tried in the tribunal of

will try the Baizid Bostami thana case

no-13(11) 2002, Sarail thana case

no-15(10) 2002. Kotwali thana case

no-42(11) 2001, Rangamati thana

case no-17(10) 2002 and Laxmipur

The transferred cases to the

thana case no-15(9) 2002.

The Chittagong speedy tribunal

no-46(9) 2000 and 52(8) 2000

The six tribunals, situated in six

been amended.

mam for Chittagong.

50 criminals

sentenced to death in a case in absentia.

Shahidur, an associate of 'Galkata' Kamal, had led an almost unhindered life for over 20 years before Kolkata police arrested him Tuesday

agency, married twice and owns a house in Kolkata. He used to help Bangladeshi criminals who fled to

Indian intelligence agency through his close friend Tanvir Islam Jov who has strong connections with the central government as well as the agency. Shuvro was arrested twice but released both the times for rea-

Joy deals in fruits and frequents many places, including Bhutan and

son of then prime minister Sheikh Hasina and was arrested on charge of deceit.

Born to a well-off family in Savar. Joy, a US green-card holder, has been living in Kolkata for about a year. He married twice. His second

man named Manotosh played the leading role in giving shelters to

He is popularly known as "Manotosh Da" among Bangladeshi

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj also stayed in Kolkata for a decade

2 schoolboys hurt in cracker

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Two students of Dhaka Pre-cadet & High School were injured in a cracker blast inside school premises at Tejgaon during the early

The victims were identified as Shahadat Hossain Shahin, 14, and Imran Hossain Rochi, 13, students

Police said, the two boys were injured in the process of making crackers on the second floor of the school premises at 2:15am yester-

Fellow students rescued them and sent them to Dhaka Medical College Hospital. Of the two, Rochi

Later, the Principal of the school filed a case and police arrested both the students yesterday.

BB autonomy

said the move would give the government more control over the BB activi-

The government wants to keep its control over the central bank because it wants to keep the provision open to take resort to the BB during any fund

He, however, noted that the central bank is still incapable of running independently. Besides, the central bank lacks enough efficient officials.

As per the decision of the meeting a committee to be headed by the BB governor would recommend monetary policies, but the central bank would have to seek approval of the policies from a Fiscal and Monetary Policies Coordination Committee.

Since this coordination committee would be headed by the finance minister-- and in a country like Bangladesh a political government always tries to protect its political interests-- "so there is every scope for political interference in the central bank activities through the committee," he observed.

A number of leading bankers of the country have also echoed the fear of the former central bank top official. Most of them have observed that the Bangladesh Bank is not yet capable of

A leading banker has questioned the proposal of accountability of the governor to the concerned parliamentary standing committee. "Standing committees here work as a pressure group of political parties. So it would definitely increase the scope of political interference in the activities of the bank as the controller of country's

tors as directors of the central bank, the former BB official and leading bankers observed that there has been no guideline regarding the selection of the two directors.

There was a provision for keeping two BB representatives in the board of directors of all commercial banks. But the provision was withdrawn in 1982 as it turned out to be ineffective. Rather it created more complications as the representatives were found working for the interest of the commercial banks when they were in the board of directors of a commercial bank. They questioned the rationale behind the move when a similar move proved

Armed Forces Day

Armed Forces who had embraced martyrdom in the War of Liberation.

After a while, Prime Minister Khaleda Zia placed wreath at the Shikha Anirban.

Later, Chief of Army Staff Lieutenant General Hasan Mashhud Chowdhury, Chief of the Naval Staff Rear Admiral Shah Iqbal Mujtaba and Chief of the Air Staff Air Vice-Marshal Fakhrul Azam jointly placed wreaths at the Shikha Anirban on behalf of their respective services.

Chiefs of the three services paid a courtesy call on the President and Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces lajuddin Ahmed at the Bangabhaban and stayed with him for some time. They also paid similar courtesy call on Prime Minister Khaleda Zia at the Prime Minister's Office at the Armed Forces Division (AFD) at Dhaka Cantonment and stayed with her for some time.

A reception to the gallantry award winners and members of the shaheed families was held at the AFD at the Dhaka cantonment. Prime Minister Khaleda Zia met with the nearest ones of Shaheed Captain Mohiuddin Zahangir, Bir Shrestho, Shaheed Sepoy Hamidur Rahman, Bir Shrestho, Shaheed Sepoy Md Mostafa Kamal, Bir Srestho, Shaheed Md Ruhul Amin, Bir Shrestho, Shaheed Flight Lieutenant M Matiur Rahman, Bir Shrestho. Shaheed Lance Naik Noor Mohammad Sheikh, Bir Shrestho, and Shaheed Lance Naik

Army-criminal shootout victim succumbs to bullet wound

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Labourer Mohammad Hakim. injured in an army-criminals shootout during a drive at Aminbazar in the city on November 13, died at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) yesterday.

Hakim and two other labourers --Abu Musa and Alamgir -- were injured in the shootout. They were admitted to the DMCH on the same day. The two others are improving, sources there said.

The joint forces arrested listed criminals Khata Masud and his accomplices Samad and Rana in In the past, lawmaker Auranga

undisturbed. He built a strong under-Naryangani police arrested two world network there constables on Wednesday night for snatching a gold chain and detaining two youths to realise money.

Constables Kuddus and Shahjahan of the district police line were arrested from the traffic police mess at Shavestha Khan Road in the town. The gold chain was also recovered, Narayanganj thana police said vesterday.

Cops nabbed for 'snatching'

gold chain

The arrested constables were in their custody when the report was filed

yesterday evening. The constables picked up Mohsin and Kazi Tushar from Galachipa area in the town and took them to the traffic police mess. There, they snatched one gold chain from Mohsin and demanded Tk five thousand from them. They freed Tushar to bring the money and held Mohsin, threatening them of filing of a case under the Arms Act for non-payment.

Getting out, Tushar complained to Narayangani thana. Police went to the mess, arrested the two constables, recovered the gold chain and freed Mohsin.

A case has been filed with Narayangani thana against the constables under the Speedy Trial Act

Another death

ters and a son, helped the army recover a pistol and four rounds of bullet immediately after his arrest. He also told the army that he had

more illegal arms in his possession, they added. Tasu's death pushes the number of

casualty linked with the countrywide clampdown on criminals to 26 since it began on October 17. Meanwhile, the troops arrested 11 people near the Haji camp for sus-

at Zia International Airport in the early hours of vesterday. Our correspondent reports that the army arrested six people and seized 19 firearms from different parts of

pected involvement in pilfering luggage

Chittagong and Cox's Bazar. On Wednesday, the troops picked up Ahmad Khalil, president of the north Pahartali ward of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), and Hasan Jahan Arzoo, general secretary of the Hathazari upazila unit of the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), at an

iftar party at Fatehabad on Wednesday. Later, acting on Arzoo's confession the troops nabbed Fateyabad union Jubo Dal President Mohammad Idris Wednesday midnight and seized one country-made pistol and one revolver

hidden at a brick kiln near by. The army also arrested Asif Ahmad Bakul, allegedly an arms smuggler, at Chandgaon and Monir, an accused in multiple criminal cases, at Lalkhan Bazar in the city on Wednesday mid-

In Cox's Bazar the troops seized 12 firearms and arrested one Nurul Alam

Our Narayangani correspondent reports that the army arrested a notorious criminal at Kashipur area of Fatullah and recovered four automatic firearms along with ammunition.

The army also arrested the suspected ringleader of a criminal gang based at the now-closed Adamjee Jute Mills, while trying to bribe officials at an army camp Thursday noon.

The troops also arrested six listed criminals.

Our Khagrachhari correspondent reports that the army caught six criminals and seized three guns in a raid at Hasinpurvillage in Dighinala upazila.

In Khulna, the joint forces arrested 13 people Wednesday night, our

Inventory report of closed AJM to be finalised by Dec 15

BSS, Dhaka

The inventory report of the closed Adamiee Jute Mills (AJM) will be finalised by December 15 and eight thousand non-Bengali people who are residing in the AJM compound will be shifted to elsewhere very

The decisions were taken in a high powered meeting of the Advisory Committee of the closed mills here yesterday with Jute Minister Hafiz Uddin Ahmad Bir Bikrom in the chair.

State Minister for Industry Prof M Rejaul Karim who is a convenor of golden handshake process of the AJM workers and employees, chairman of the Privatisation Board Enam Ahmed Chowdhury, Former Minister Zahiruddin Khan, Jute Secretary A F M Sarwar Kamal, secretary of the Disaster Management and Relief Mozaharul Hoq and Acting Chairman of BJMC joined the meeting.

Buriganga FROM PAGE 12

ended at 4 pm. It would resume tomorrow (Saturday).

Yesterday also, the demolition team was equipped with a bulldozer from the Rajuk, seven tugboats and barges .lt was accompanied by scores of policemen and a magistrate of the Narayanganj district administration. Army personnel kept a close watch on the drive.

Liaquat, Arman on remand

his men with valuable news. At the moment, however, we do not want to disclose his name simply because it may alert quite a few other members of the same group. We are now trying to ascertain the nature and importance of the news that the subject passed onto Ziauddin and his friends." Das also added that the contact persons of this entire group have been identified. "Some of them stay in the posh Banani locality in Dhaka." he informed. "We feel that the ring will be busted within the next one week."

In Kolkata, however, the police are maintaining a tight hush-hush over the arrests and the raids that they are conducting. Yesterday they conducted a raid in a hotel situated in the New Market area in Central Kolkata in search of three "suspects". However, the raid was not successful, as the suspects had left the hotel on Wednesday night. A few more raids are expected at three hotels in South Kolkata and in suburban parts of the Meanwhile, Liaquat Hussain and

Arman Khan were vesterday (November 20) remanded to judicial custody till December 5. They were produced at around 3.30 p.m. in the afternoon in the chief metropolitan judicial magistrate's court, with Justice S.C. Mishra hearing the case. Both Liaquat and Arman had to plead for themselves, as they did not have any lawyer representation. Liaquat said. " It's a conspiracy against us, as we are politically affiliated with a party in Bangladesh. When we were arrested we were not carrying any arms." The public prosecutor informed the judge that the police

Gulshan, Uttara, Fakirerpool and Old

There are some points like

The bird population is declining

Although the Wildlife Act, 1973

Last Monday, many pet shops

At least ten pet shops had spotted

were found selling a wide variety of

wild birds in the Katabon-Elephant

dove, rose ringed parakeet, alexan-

drine parakeet, blossom-headed

parakeet, red munia, green munia,

black-headed munia, white-throat

munia, hilly mayna and some finches.

some species like koel, lovebird,

pigeon are bred in cage and known as

Although they are not bred in cage,

Elephant Road, Moghbazar, Bangla

Motor, Tongi, New Market and Thatari

Bazaar where water birds are sold

fast for a cluster of reasons -- habitat

destruction, hunting and illegal trade

bans such activities, none complies

with the law, said the experts.

Dhaka sell jungle birds.

mainly for consumption.

needed some more time to file a chargesheet against the two. The judge after the hearing sent the two men to 14 days of judicial custody. This decision was a bit surprising because criminals charged under the antirowdv act are sent to police custody and not judicial custody.

When the judge asked the public prosecutor whether any other offence had been committed by the two other than illegal possession of arms, the PP replied in the negative. More surprising was the presence of Jayanta Gupta in the court. I t was his residence that Liaquat

and Arman had rented at 188 Garia

Gardens. The police had been telling the media for the last couple of days that they were desperately looking for Gupta, as it would help them in solving some tricky problems. They had also stated that Gupta had been absconding However. Gupta candidly stated that he had not run away. "I have come here for humanitarian reasons. Arelative of Liaquat is still staying in my residence. She is unwell and I am looking after her." The police or the public prosecutor never informed the court that the two arrested were Bangladeshi nationals. Apolice officer said. "We have kept the passports of Liaquat and Arman with us, but we nave not seized them.

A section of the media reported that Arman Khan was originally a Pakistani national who had come over to Dhaka in 1994. He still had an uncle working for the army in Pakistan. However Home Secretary Amit Kiran Deb completely quashed the report. "We do not have any proof of the two being involved in acts of terror. The notion of

The prices of birds vary depending

on colour and habit. Ahilly mayna sells

at Tk 1,000 to 4,000, a parakeet at Tk

150 to 300 and a pair of munias at Tk

like squirrel, languor, rhesus monkey

and mongoose are up for sale.

doves was priced at Tk 150.

mostly in the evening

Besides birds, some wild animals

At Thatari Bazaar, a pair of spotted

Wayside traders at Elephant Road

In winter, the trading goes high due

to the presence of migratory birds.

Hunters net the birds in the haors of

Sylhet and Sunamganj, said a trader.

as Tk 1,200 and a pair of egrets or

pond herons or darters sells at up to

for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

Bangladesh, at least 42 bird species

are endangered, some critically, in the

country. And for the illegal trade, the

Apair of ducks is priced at as much

According to International Union

sell wild duck, egret, pond heron,

darter and some other waterfowls

Legal cover for poachers

I do not know how such rumours are spreading. The case is still in the investigating stage and until we have concrete proof of their being involved with terrorist organizations, we cannot mark them as terrorists." This incidentally is a rare instance when a high official like the home secretary of a state has spoken on the arrests of two foreign nationals.In the court, there were many Bangladeshis openly stated that they were being harassed since they had allegiance to one particular political party in their country. Most of them had entered West Bengal before the army opera-

tions to arrest criminals in Bangladesh

Meanwhile, the deputy high com-

Arman being a Pakistani is also bogus.

missioner of Bangladesh in Kolkata, Tauhid Hussain, is yet to get a feedback from the Indian foreign ministry regarding his request to send back Liaguat and Arman to Bangladesh. The police also failed to give any clear answer as to whether these two will be sent back to Bangladesh or not. In fact top police officers of the state are trying to maintain as much secrecy as possible over the issue. On Wednesday, during the briefing to the media they had not mentioned the arrest of Syed Hussain. Hussain, believed to be a rival of Liaquat, has 20 cases pending against him in Bangladesh. His name is ninth on the list of criminals that the Bangladesh government had sent to its Indian counterpart.

situation is getting more critical for wild

species of birds have totally disap-

peared from the country, including

king vulture, Bengal Florican, pink-

headed duck and nakta. And the pink-

headed duck does not exist in the

consumption of a large number of

home and migratory birds every year

(wildlife) of the forest department,

admitted to the wildlife trading. The

department will launch a drive against

life expert, said the regulations would

the traders will catch birds at will, he

which has existed for years, did not

hold even one meeting in ten years,"

Syed Kazi Jaker Hossain, a wild

With the trade getting a legal cover,

"The Wildlife Advisory Board,

the traders soon, she assured.

greatly damage the wildlife.

Experts say the confinement and

Shirina Khatun, additional director

world now.

upset the wildlife cycle.

In the last century, at least six

JS debates mosques

each of the 300 constituencies

"Before 1987-88 only Tk. 20,000 to 25.000 was allocated against each constituency, and later on the allocation was raised to Tk. 50.000. In 2001 we raised the amount by Tk. 10.000 and this year we enhanced the amount to Tk. 90,000," Shahjahan

At the request of the minister BNP awmaker Amzad Hossain Sarkar later ithdrew the resolution.

AL MP Shamsur Rahman Sharif of lamented that the government backed out from serving a religious cause just to save a small amount of money. He added that allocation of Tk. 3 lakh to each constituency would have cost the government only Tk. 9 crore a year.

Earlier, BNP MPs Akhtaruzzaman Mia, Abul Kalam Azad, Giasuddin Selim, AL MPs Shahjahan Khan, Shamsur Rahman Sharif, Jatiya Party lawmaker Golam Habib Dulal and Jamaat MP Mia Golam Parwar spoke briefly supporting the resolution.

Sarkar's resolution apart, Jatiya Sangsad yesterday did not accept two other private members' resolutions one on setting up of a branch of Shishu Academy at Laksham in Comilla and

the other one on setting up of hatcheries under public sector in each of the upazillas

Earlier, once the day's questionanswer session was over, the Speaker took up the bills brought by private

Speaker Jamiruddin Sircar sent two private members' bills to the parliamentary standing committee on the private members' bills and resolutions for scrutiny. One of the bills on controlling the dresses of private security forces was piloted by BNP lawmaker Md. Rustam Ali Farazi while the other one on amendment of industrial relations ordinance was put forward by Jatiya Party MPGM Kader.

Though AL lawmakers brought 34 separate notices disapproving a presidential ordinance on speedy trial tribunal and it was there in the day's agenda, the Chair adjourned the session till 1:15 pm on Sunday dropping that last agenda for the day.

Both the Leader of the House Prime Minister Khaleda Zia, and the Leader of the Opposition Sheikh Hasina skipped yesterday's parlia-

New Pakistan premier

supported Saturday's inauguration of the new assembly 330 Mps have been One MP from a small provincial

party abstained in protest at what he said was the failure of all parties to stand up to the military regime. International cricket hero-turned

politician Imran Khan, sitting in parliament for the first time since he set up his own party in 1996, voted for Islamic bloc candidate Maulana Fazlur Rehman. PML-Q candidates also won the

key posts of house speaker and deputy speaker in a secret ballot among legislators on Tuesday.

The party's victory in the three posts guarantees Musharraf -- the army chief who has made himself president until 2007 - will hold sway over the first civilian government since his 1999 coup.

A portly tribal elder from southwest Baluchistan province where he was twice chief minister, Jamali is widely viewed as pro-establishment and the kind of pliant politician Musharraf is believed to have wanted as head of the next govern-

Syed Zafar Ali Shah from the anti-Musharraf Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N). "He has been picked up by the

establishment. He lacks public acceptance." Shah told AFP. "His government cannot be

called a new setup. It is a showcase of the old military regime with a democratic coating." Political analyst Muhammad

Afzal Niazi said Jamali would have little room to manoeuvre, hemmed in by Musharraf's militarydominated National Security Council on one side, and a fiesty opposition over whom PML-Q and its allies command only a narrow

"He will have a multi-party coalition with a thin majority, which in itself is based on the support of (PPP dissenters). He also faces a strong opposition," Niazi said.

In a televised 70-minute address to the nation on the eve of the vote, Musharraf said he would formally hand over power in "a day or two" but would still play a role in the country's affairs.

"The ship of the nation has been steered clear out of the stormy seas

"Jamali will be worse than a and is well set on its destination," he of the chamber behind the candi- rubber stamp prime minister," said declared in the late Wednesday speech, wearing a traditional Pakistani tunic "Now it is the duty of the elected

> government to get the country its due place. "But I would continue to perform my important role for the security

> and progress of Pakistan." Critics say Musharraf's rewriting of the constitution has guaranteed

he and the military will be more powerful than the elected parlia-He has empowered himself to sack the parliament, and cemented

a permanent role for the military in

politics by placing the top armed

forces chiefs on a National Security

Council tasked with overseeing the Lauding his achievements over the past three years, Musharraf said he had eradicated corruption, turned the economy around, and improved roads, ports and

"Neat and clean trains are running. These trains are running on time. Everyone is appreciating

even the railways.

Bethlehem.

Suicide bomber kills 11

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Adom, the Jewish equivalent of the Red Cross, said that women and children were among the victims. Meir Ohayon, a 42-year lifelong

resident of the area, blamed the Israeli

government for its repeated failure to stem the flow of suicide bombers and gunmen into the Jewish state. "I'm very angry with the Israeli government which has been unable to

protect its citizens "I'll vote for the party which sup-

ports separation and dialogue" with the Palestinians, he said, a day after Labour elected as its leader Haifa mayor Amram Mitzna, who advocates both in his manifesto for Israel's general election in January.

Mitzna said he would quickly resume talks with the Palestinians and dismantle Jewish settlements in Gaza. marking a clear alternative from Prime Minister Ariel Sharon who refuses to make any peace moves until all attacks cease. Sharon is under increasing pres-

sure from the right ahead of his own

Likud party primaries next week, when

he faces a challenge from hardline

Foreign Minister Benjamin

Netanyahu, who favours expelling

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. "I've lived in this neighbourhood for

42 years and I'm waiting to see how many of my friends are dead." added Ohayon gloomily, standing near the wreck of the bus on Mexico Street. There was no immediate claim of

responsibility for the blast, but a Gazabased leader of the radical Islamic group Hamas said the grisly attacks described by human rights groups as war crimes - would go on. "There is no reason to stop them,

Abdul Aziz Rantissi told Qatar's Al-Jazeera television channel "Such operations must go on," he

said, without claiming any responsibility for the Jerusalem bombing. "The vast majority of the Palestinian people support such attacks," he added in a telephone

interview from Gaza City. "Resistance is the only path to liberation." For its part, Israel said the latest attack blocked further talks on a USbacked international peace roadmap.

"It's all very well to talk about a roadmap, but roadmaps go nowhere while Israeli citizens are not able to drive in safety on their own roads to go to their workplace or to school," government spokesman Ron Prosor said Israeli security sources said the bomber was thought to be 26-year-old

Palestinian Nael Abu Hlayel from

Several Israeli jeeps and a tank moved into Bethlehem before dawn, despite an August security agreement whereby Israeli troops quit the town, reoccupied like much of the West Bank since a spate of June suicide

Six Palestinians were arrested, including two men identified by Israel as wanted "terrorists" linked to Arafat's Fatah faction.

The bus attack came a day after Israel's national bus company, Egged, said it is suing Arafat's Palestinian Authority for 11 million dollars in damages over its alleged role in suicide bombings and shooting attacks on its

Jerusalem mavor Ehud Olmert on Thursday blamed Arafat for the latest attack, while Raanan Gissin, a spokesman for Sharon, said Israel would "respond rapidly to stem a wave of terrorist attacks".

Promotion logjam

There are 376 vacancies of deputy assistant secretaries have qualified for promotion to the post.

The SSB comprises the cabinet secretary, the comptroller and auditor general, the principal secretary to the prime minister and secretaries of finance, law, establishment and home ministries.

The board divided on promotion of the officials of 1982 to 1991 batches, the sources said.

Some members favoured promo-

board has no authority to promote any official outside vacancies.

ianored seniority. Some 800 senior assistant secretaries have achieved upwards of 85

tion of additional officials, arguing that promotion of only 376 out of 2,000 may nger the rest By contrast, some argued that the

Due to controversy and refusal by the Prime Minister's Office, the SSB finally postponed the meeting indefi-

The government set a criterion to pick skilled and competent officials with brilliant academic and service background and fixed for eligibility a minimum of 85 marks out of 100 divided into 55 for ACR, 25 for educational qualification and 20 for discipline and transparency -- a criterion that has

marks to qualify for the promotion. Recently, officials were promoted to

oint secretary on the basis of marks Officials said the top bureaucrats now members of the SSB, did not hesitate to select for promotion the officials who outnumbered vacancies. The incumbent principal secretary to the prime minister, for instance, was

made additional secretary along with

many others outnumbering the vacant Most junior officials blamed the promotional backlog on the so-called CSP (Civil Service of Pakistan) bureaucrats who 'mislead every government and conspire to deprive

juniors of promotion'. The issue of promotion turned more complex, as the 1991 batch officers led by an assistant private secretary (APS) to the prime minister mounted pressure on top bureaucrats

to include them in the promotion list. The stalemate in promotion has been accentuated by the pressure of the APS of 1991, who want to outpace those who joined office in 1982. It is alleged that the APS of 1991 became more influential after the BNP's

assumption of power. The sources said the senior assistant secretaries who will be left out of contention, are likely to go to court.

Dhaka in the dark

detained nine wanted Bangladesh criminals only to release seven of them later on, according to the Indian press. Chief of the special branch of Kolkata police Soumen Mitra confirmed to the journalists there on Monday the arrests of Liaquat Hossain and Arman Khan along with illegal arms.

"We want quick deportation of the arrestees if they are really Bangladeshi nationals so that we can put them in the dock at home, the foreign secretary said.

"I simply don't know", he said when asked why the Indian authorities were keeping Bangladesh in the dark about the arrests, which was the case in the recent arrest of another Bangladeshi named Ataur Rahman at the New Delhi airport on charge of carrying fake travel documents.

Asked to comment on the ndian press reports that linked Liaguat and Arman with Al-Qaida networks, the foreign secretary said: "The sweeping allegations linking Bangladesh with Al-Qaida

unacceptable. We expect sensible, objective reporting of the Indian press." "There is definitely a pattern of similarity between the Indian

and ISI are totally baseless and

media reports and the recent comment by a top political leader of that country," he said in response to a question. "We find it disturbing.' Chowdhury said India does not need an extradition treaty with

Bangladesh to deport the Bangladeshi criminals. "Extradition treaty can't be signed in a hurry as it is a time-consuming legal process. Deportation is possible on the basis of goodwill. understanding and Cupertino." To another question, he

observed that India's demand to deport ULFA leader Anup Chetia cannot be linked with Bangladesh's demand for deporting Liaquat and Arman. Anup Chetia was convicted in a

specific case, he noted, but the case of Liaquat and Arman is altogether different.

Shahidur operated a travel

Shuvro established links with the

sons unknown.

Banakok During the Awami League rule, Joy swindled many, posing as the

wife is an Englishwoman. On his return from a recent visit to Kolkata, a political activist told The Daily Star that a Kolkata business-

explosion

hours of yesterday.

of class nine and eight respectively.

was in critical condition.

running itself independently.

financial sector," he said Regarding inclusion of two deposi-

Munshi Abdur Rauf, Bir Shrestho. He stood in solemn silence to pay She presented some gifts to them. Khaleda ∠ia herself received a gift as wife of Shaheed president Ziaur Rahman, Bir Uttam, from

A reception to the gallantry

gallantry award winning officers and soldiers. the Naval Headquarters at Banani. Chief of the Naval Staff Rear Admiral Shah Iqbal Mujtaba met with the daughters of Shaheed Md Ruhul Amin, Bir Shrestho, members of other shaheed families as well as serving and retired naval officers and sailors who had received gallantry awards.

family members and some of the

Marshal Fakhrul Azam also hosted a reception to the Liberation War heroes. Younger brother of Shaheed Flight Lieutenant M Matiur Rahman, Bir Shrestho, wife of late Air Vice Marshal Mohammad Khademul Bashar, Bir Uttam and members of other shaheed families belonging to the Bangladesh Air Force were present on the occasion at the Air Headquarters.

roll of biri worth Tk 3,20,44,500.00 was recovered from their posses-Police sources said, a Mahanagar DB team arrested Mobarak Ali, an officer of Al Arafah Islami Bank at

North South Road. The team

arrested Mofiz from Archipur area,

Leader of the gang Monir was prested in front of the Al Razi The other person, Ripon, was

A case has been filed against the

Qaidamunnesa, mother of Shaheed Sepoy Hamidur Rahman, Bir

award winners and shaheed families belonging to the Bangladesh Army was held at the Dhaka Cantonment Officers' Club. Chief of Army Staff Lieutenant General Hasan Mashuud Chowdhury met with brother of Shaheed Captain Mohiuddin Zahangir, Bir Shrestho, mother of Shaheed Sepoy Hamidur Rahman, Bir Shrestho and father of Shaheed Sepoy Md Mostafa Kamal Bir Shrestho and other shaheed

A similar reception was held at Chief of the Air Staff Air Vice-

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Hospital at Farmgate, and his wife. Shahar Bhanu, from their residence picked up from Kaliganj Bazar area

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