Eight-hour hartal in Sylhet July 10

'Illegal' lease order on Singha Bari

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

An eight-hour hartal on July 10 has been called in Sylhet to press for immediate withdrawal of the illegal' lease order given by the deputy commissioner (DC) on the historic 'Singha Bari'.

The Arpita Sampatty Ain Protirodh Andolan (vested property law resistance movement), Sylhet, at a rally yesterday after-noon called the hartal and also demanded a judicial inquiry into the lease order.

The speakers also demanded fresh lease to the people who are in possession of Singha Bari. The rally was chaired by the Sylhet district Awami League President ANM

An organised group of land grabbers under the shelter of influential quarters and the district administration is out to occupy the valuable property worth about Tk 4 crore in Sylhet city's Chouhatta

The DC recently leased Singha Bari to some people without giving any prior notice to those in possession of the property. The inhabitants are feeling insecure and the DC's order has sparked a commotion among civil society in Sylhet.

Several such attempts were made in the past by land grabbers to take possession of the property.

Govinda Narayan Singha Majumder was the owner of the nistoric house known as 'Singha

Dignitaries like Rabindranath Tagore and rebel poet Kazi Nazrul slam had visited the house. Some of Govinda's successors went to India during the Pakistan period while some others were still in possession of the house.

The absentees' share was declared abandoned property in 1973. In accordance with the government provision, the abandoned portion was leased out to other co-

Bogra ammo haul

The journalists are Abdur Rouf Jalal, Bogra correspondent of the Channel -i and Iqbal Morshed Ripon, Bogra correspondent of the ATN Bangla.

and explosives haul, sources said.

They reported that arrestees Delwar Hossain and Shamim were activists of the JIB and its student front the Islami Chhatra Shibir in their evening news bulletins on Sunday. A group of more than 12 persons led by Majedur Rahman, former president of the town Shibir, threatened Abdur Rouf Jalal and asked him to send a 'corrected report' by 10:00pm Sunday stating that the arrestees were Awami League workers.

At around 12.30pm yesterday, police intercepted Iqbal Morshed Ripon while he was returning

Extortion Busstrikeon 14routesin5 dists from today

BSS, Feni

Jatrisheba Paribahan, an organisation of transport owners and workers, has called an indefinite bus strike on 14 routes under five districts from today protesting extortion and harassment of transport workers at Savedabad Bus terminal in Dhaka.

Jatrisheba Owners and Workers Oikva Parishad at a press conference at Mahipal terminal here yesterday demanded immediate arrest of the extortionists at the terminal.

home and reportedly kept him confined for 90 minutes at the SP's office and he was interrogated by the Deputy Inspector General (headquarters) Shahadat Hossain.

The ATN Bangla and the Channel-i in their late night bulletins Sunday described the three arrested men as AL workers.

Meanwhile, Delwar Hossain told The Daily Star at the thana custody vesterday that he had been a JIB worker since 1984 and ecently he vied for the 'rokon' post of the party.

Another arrestee Shamim, who was identified as a Shibir worker, denied having any link with poli-

Police recovered 62,112 Chinese rifle bullets and 120kg of explosives from an abandoned truck and Awami League leader Sayed Akhlakur Rahman Pintu's house at Jogarpara village under the Kahalu Police Station in Bogra Friday

3 customs men

letter of credit under duty exemption. The licence restricted storage of import to a maximum of Tk 1

Using the licence, Aminul imported and stored more clothes than he was allowed to and sold a significant part of the duty-free import to domestic market evading government tax of Tk 7.92 crore. He was aided by Customs Superintendent Md Shahjahan Customs Inspector Md Gulzar Hossain, and Customs Inspector Nurul Islam Bhuiyan.

The BAC Inspector Jalaluddin Ahmed yesterday filed the case with the Savar Police Station.

Anti-outlaw drive

The country's porous borders that largely run through plains and along small rivers will be plugged during the drive, the official said.

Three main underground parties -- Purbo Banglar Communist Party (PBCP), Biplobi Communist Party-Haq Group (BCP) and New Biplobi Communist Party -- are locked in perennial armed struggles in the region.

The decades old turf war between arch-rivals PBCP and BCP, believers in extermination of class enemy, has gathered pace

Sources say some of the leaders of the BCP are blessed by a section of the ruling alliance.

"The majority of the BCP outlaws are now going untouched in the on-going police raids," said a

"It is enshrining the PBCP belief that police are on the side of the class enemies and they should be

eliminated as well.' Police believe such a mindset triggered a spate of attacks on the law-enforcers in Khulna, Sirajganj

and some other areas in recent

A number of policemen were

PM's speech

abroad against the country. She wants to create chaos and indiscipline in the country by spreading rumours about al-Qaeda and Taliban presence in Bangladesh. In fact, they (AL) are the al-Qaeda, they are the Taliban, terrorists and killers. We need to beware of them," Khaleda told the House.

Shahid also criticised the prime minister for accusing the AL of involvement in the huge ammunition seizure in Bogra recently. "They're charging the AL with it when the investigation is under-

Khaleda earlier blamed the ammunition trade on the main opposition party.

killed and their arms and ammunition looted in the attacks.

Traditionally, the outlaws were largely armed with 303 rifles, double-barrel guns and in some cases with stenguns, smuggled into Bangladesh by gunrunners from But now the outlaws are equip-

ping themselves with sophisticated modern weapons including AK-47 and other types of assault rifles, available in Chittagong and the Chittagong Hill Tracts region.

The gaining of strength by the PBCP and BCP as well as other underground parties has posed a serious threat to peace in the southwestern region.

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia at a rally in Bagerhat on Saturday hinted a joint drive, without specifying the timeframe.

Extreme left politics trickled into the southwestern region from eastern Indian state of West Bengal where the ideology thrived in

9 addl judges

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were confirmed during its tenure in power.

After assuming power, the coalition government did not confirm services of 12 of the rest additional judges. Three of them filed writs challenging the government decision not to confirm their services in spite of the chief justice's recommendations. The Appellate Division has stayed the proceedings of the writs till September following a govern-

ment petition. The coalition government confirmed the services of nine, leaving nine more, whose fate would be decided tomorrow, in

The government has also given new appointments to 21 additional Senior lawyers have questioned the political backgrounds of some of them and launched a movement against ignoring the chief justice's recommendations.

Three children rescued while being trafficked to India: 4 held

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura

Police vesterday rescued three children from Kumiradaha village under Shoilakupa upazila in Jhenidah district while they were being trafficked to India.

A police team from Uttara in Dhaka with the help of Magura police rescued the children. The rescued children are Meem, 5 and Jehad, 3, sons of Shahabuddin Mia, a businessman

of Gawaipara in Dakkhin Khan

under Uttara Police Station and Sezan, 8, son of Zakir Hossain of the Police quoted family sources as saying Mizan, a tenant of Shahabuddin, abducted the children on June 28. Shahabuddin filed a case with Uttara Police Station

On June 29, police arrested two persons -- Jalil and Karim -- from gatala area in Dhaka suspecting their involvement in the abduct

Acting on information extracted from them, a police team from Dhaka reached Magura on Monday and raided a house at village Atharakhada under Magura Sadar Upazila with the help of local police. They arrested Maya Khatun, mother of Mizan and Ishaq Mia of the village.

Following their confessional statement police raided Kumiradaha village and rescued the children.

Mizan and one of his accompli ces Jamir Ali fled the scene, sensing

Jubo Dal leader

booty sharing. He is an accused in 14 criminal cases including four for murders with the Shyampur and Sutrapur

In another incident, Jobo Dal leader Abdul Alim alias Kulin, was shot dead Sunday night.

Kulin, 31, was getting ready to sleep at his 36 Banglabazar residence when three local youths including one identified as Ujjal Roy called him out at 11:00pm.

Ujjal took him to the Ananda Mohan Das Lane where the killers sprayed bullets on him at 11:30pm. Seven bullets pierced through

his face and five abdomen and chest. Kulin died on the spot. Police arrested two local youths

Kabir and Shahin -- yesterday morning on suspicion. Ujjal has been absconding since

Meanwhile, a furniture trader Ikramul Islam Bhuiyan Nipun was slaughtered at his residence at South Basabo in the early hours of

Moshiur Rahman Nasim and issociate Kamruzzaman Katan, both employees of the victim, confessed to killing Nipun 'to avenge his rude behaviour and poor payment'.

Mother unhappy

said. "My husband died in January

in agony at his daughter's death The grieving mother said the court allowed the killers of her daughter escape. Laila was unable to go to the court to hear the verdict due to poor health.

"Bushra was very polite and did not bother any of her neighbours," the bed-ridden mother said.

SM Nurul Hossain, Bushra's uncle, said he was happy with the verdict. He also said Hena, sisterin-law of Kader, masterminded Bushra killing. "I am afraid she might put us in more trouble," Nurul added.

Moniruzzaman Tuhin, cousin of Bushra, said they were afraid Hena might avenge herself on

Chapter closed

FROM PAGE 1 dead after breaking the door open.

During the dark incident, Bushra's father Serajul Islam, a retired assistant commissioner of police, had been in the US for

Bushra nicknamed Phool, a first year honours (marketing) student of City College, finished her study for the July night and for good went to bed after having coffee and was killed, said Laila Islam after the incident. The inquest report brought in the horror of rape before her death.

Bushra's family has long been living in the house that belongs to her maternal uncle. As Bushra was the only daughter of her parents, she would have inherited the property, according to an investigation. She was killed over a land grab move by the people, convicted by a women and children repression prevention tribunal yesterday.

Islam, coming back home from the US, trashed the idea that the killers of his daughter sneaked into her bedroom through a window from outside. He said the killers came through the door that connects Bushra's room with the drawing room of the house.

Islam, who had experience of working with the Criminal Investigation Department, said the broken part of the window of the bedroom does not allow any grown-up man in. Islam died this

Fresh areas flooded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Most of the rivers continued to rise yesterday, inundating fresh areas in a number of districts, disrupting communication and raising the number of marooned people by

Water level rose at 53 out of 85 monitoring points on different rivers and crossed the danger level at 15 points.

The Flood Forecasting Centre attributed the rise to continued heavy rainfall and onrush of water from the upstream. The flash flood situation in the Meghna and the South Eastern Hill basins, especially in Sylhet, Sunamganj, Moulavibazar, Habiganj, Netrakona, Khagrachhari and Cox's Bazar are likely to deteriorate further, it said.

Officials of the Water Development Board said the Brahmaputra-Jamuna and the Ganges-Padma continued to rise at all points yesterday.

Our Chittagong correspondent reported that over one lakh people still remained marooned in five

Man to die for killing teenage girl in Sylhet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

A man who stalked and knifed a teenage girl to death in Golapganj upazila in Sylhet was sentenced to death by a local court yesterday.

District and Sessions Judge Mohammad Ismail Miah handed down the punishment to Kola Miah, son of the late Monohar Ali of Ghoshgaon village, for killing Joitun Begum,14, daughter of Azir Ali of the neighbouring Lakshmanabad village

On the night of September 9 last year, Kola tried to kidnap Joitun, when she came out of her sister's house, also in Ghoshgaon village. As the girl tried to resist his

attempt, Kola stabbed her. Earlier, Kola proposed to marry Joitun and began to stalk her every-

The girl's family lodged a complaint with the village elders who asked Kola to refrain from such

But he continued to disturb Joitun, forcing the family to send her to her sister's house. Salik Uddin, brother-in-law of the victim, filed a case with the local police who submitted the

chargesheet on November 14 last The court examined 10 witupazila of the district although the

The affected areas are Fatikchhari, Hathazari, Mirersarai, Raozan and Sandwip.

situation started improving yester-

Road communication between Chittagong and Khagrachhari and Rangamati resumed as floodwater was receding. UNB reported from Kurigrm

serious turn in many areas, creating panic among people Some 450 families have been rendered homeless and about 1,000 acres of land washed away at Hatia of Ulipur upazila, Mogolbashi in Sadar upazila and Ghorildanaga of Bazarhat upazila

that with the rise of water level in

different rivers, erosion has taken a

Erosion is eating into the Dharala Town Protection

by the Brahmaputra, Teesta and

Embankment at Mogolbashi. Locals said although Tk 50 lakh has been allocated to protect the district town by changing the course of Dharala river, its implementation is yet to start.

UP chairman shot dead in Madaripur

UNB, Madaripur

Unidentified assailants shot dead a Union Parishad chairman at Baghmara bazar in Shibchar upazila yesterday morning.

Police said a gang of five sprayed bullets on Farooq Hossain Bhuiyan, 40, Chairman of Nilokhi Union Parishad, when he came to a phone shop at the bazar at around 8-30am. Farooq died on the spot.

None was arrested till yesterday

9-yr-old girl

convict raped and then strangled his domestic help Tahera Khatun, 9, daughter of Rafiqul Islam, at his residence on September 13, 1997. Local people found the body of the victim at Mondap playground

the following day and informed the Police recovered the body and sent it to a local hospital for

Tahera's father filed a case with Pirganj Police Station accusing Saju Mia on September 14, 1997.

A total of ten witnesses gave their depositions during the trial. Judge Mostafa Kamal handed down the judgement.

\$236m IDA credit

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institutions to better manage rural transport infrastructure.

Under the other agreement, \$37 million, equivalent to Tk 214.60 crore, would be provided for the Central Bank Strengthening Project (CBSP).

The credit will be provided at a service charge of three-fourths of one per cent a year repayable in 40 years including a grace of 10 years. The closing date of the project will be December 31 this year.

In addition to the \$37 million IDA credit, the Bangladesh Bank would provide \$9.13 million for the project.

The project is aimed at strengthening the central bank to enable it to play its due role as the country's monetary authority, bank regulator and supervisor. It is also designed to enable the

central bank to lead the design

and implementation of a medium

to long-tem reform programme in

order to achieve a sound and

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ing rumours about al-Qaeda and

efficient financial system.

The project consists of three parts: (I) Strengthening the legal framework. (II) Reorganisation and modernisation of Bangladesh Bank which include human resources development and automation of the bank and (III) Capacity building including strengthening the research department, accounting and auditing standards, and enhancing Bangladesh Bank's regulatory

and supervisory capabilities. IDA will provide \$9.12 million, equivalent to Tk 52.90 crore, for a Telecommunications Technical

Assistance Project (TTAP). The credit carries the same service charge of three-fourths of one per cent a year repayable in 40 years, including a 10-year grace.

Posts Telecommunications Ministry Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC) will jointly implement the project in four years starting from September.

the three categories. The finance minister had first declared to withdraw the proposal

Duty rebate facility on taxi cabs has been stretched to vehicles of 1250 CC instead of 1301 CC and

instead of the proposed 15 per The parliament also okayed a Tk 65,558.19 crore expenditure for the next fiscal including Tk 44,736.19

outlay.

910 cut motions were moved against 95 demands for grants.

"In the new budget, no fresh tax has been imposed on the poor, instead they have been given tax exemption. Initiatives have been taken to augment revenue earning by bringing solvent people under tax net,

Government and Rural Development and Cooperatives MinisterAbdul Mannan Bhuiyan said the AL is trying to make the parliament ineffective and calling hartal one after another to create chaos.

hartal mania," he said.

Bhuiyan, also BNP secretary general, advised the main oppogiving up street agitation.

On the budget, Bhuiyan said it is aimed at self-reliance and poverty eradication.

MPs to get NAM flats soon

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Apartment blocks built in the city for foreign dignitaries at the Nonaligned Movement (NAM) Summit would be allotted to the Members of the Parliament soon.

Deputy Speaker Akhtar Hamid Siddiqui told the Jatiya Sangsad last night he hoped each MP would be allotted a comfortable NAM flat by July.

Taking part in the discussion Jatiya Party lawmaker Moshiur Rahman Ranga said he would withdraw his cut motion on Housing and Public Works Minister Mirza Abbas' proposed revenue expenditure in housing sector provided he got assurance for a flat. Ranga said he was in need

of a good residence. In response, Mirza Azam said funds constraint delayed comple-

tion of NAM flats. The cozy apartment block was built opposite to the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban to accommodate delegates of NAM Summit scheduled to be held in Dhaka in 2002

Traffic sergeants

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and Hafizur Rahman were exonerated from the charges as they were not directly involved in the misconduct.

Three other officers sergeants Shoebur Rahman, Mustafizur Rahman and Russell Arafat were referred to the designated court for contempt of court proceedings to be drawn against them.

The incident happened at Farmgate on June 23 when the High Court judge, travelling in a car flying the Supreme Court flag, challenged the three on-duty police sergeants for unlawfully blocking his way to make way for the car of a police official.

But instead of offering any apology, the arrogant officers misbehaved with the judge.

"It is nothing personal. The incident is related to the dignity of the court and the Constitution. Their audacity had crossed the limit ... The prestige of the High Court would be jeopardised if they are allowed to go unpunished, said Justice Chowdhury during the

The court ordered the release of officers Obaidul Hug and Hafizur Rahman under the condition that they will give an undertaking that they and their subordinates would respect the Supreme Court flag in

Budget passed

minimum income tax amounts for professionals, businessmen and

The proposal was to slap a minimum Tk 12,000 in income tax on businessmen and professionals and Tk 30,000 on company directors. This has been changed to Tk 3,600 for persons belonging to all

company directors has been

in its entirety. But he slapped the lump sum amount reading the mood of the House.

Enhanced duty rate on liquid petroleum industrial bitumen has also been withdrawn, keeping it at the previous rate of 7.5 per cent

crore non-development outlay and Tk 20,822 crore development While passing the finance bill,

"I'm shocked by their degraded

"The conscientious citizens of the country should declare their real income with honesty and pay

Military Hospital. showed up in parliament at 1:30pm despite doctors' advice to take rest

At the beginning of his speech, Saifur said: "I'm very sick. But as I presented the budget, I feel obligated to be present in the House during its passage.

creating jobs by raising invest-

prepared a three-year Interim Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper and the budget mirrored its objec-

Minibus hijack bid in city foiled

Driver killed, two hijackers held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police foiled an attempt to hijack a minibus but the driver was killed by the alleged hijackers in the city Sunday night.

Two of the alleged hijackers --Shahidul Islam and Parvez were arrested after a gunfight with the 10-member gang, which left constable injured. The rest fled.

Two men hired a minibus of Alka Transport Company Limited from Mirpur Section-12, saying they would go to Shyampur. When it reached near the Martyred Intellectuals' Graveyard at Mirpur, eight other youths got into it with rope and some clothes. They blindfolded and tied driver Wahidul Islam

 $and\,conductor\,Abul\,Kashem.$ Kashem said one of the gang members then drove the minibus (Dhaka Metro- Ja 11-1848) towards Savar and tossed both of them out at Karnapara.

"A passer-by freed me at about 2:00am and a night guard of nearby Deen Islam Market infomed police, who came to rescue us. But Wahidul was already dead," the

conductor said. Wahid's mouth, throat, legs and hands were tied with rope and

While the gang was driving back to the city, a patrol team of Kafrul police chased it towards Mohammadpur. The gangsters then hurled bombs and opened fire on police. Constable Tarigul Islam was injured and admitted to the

Orthopaedic Hospital. Two cases were filed with the Mohammadpur Police Station. one for carrying explosives act and

the other for attacking police. The arrestees will be produced before court today. They resided at Asad Gate New Colony slum and were involved in extortion for long, police said.

who shaped Hepburn's character

life, but compared to my mother

and father, I'm dull," she once said.

thing anyone needs to know about

me is that I am totally, completely

the product of two damn fascinat-

ing individuals who happened to

She scored her first major suc-

cess on Broadway in "The

Warrior's Husband" (1932), not

long after graduating in 1928 from Bryn Mawr college in Pennsylvania

be my parents."

"I've had a pretty remarkable

"The single most important

Katharine Hepburn

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alongside Humphrey Bogart, Cary Grant and Bette Davis.

She was nominated 12 times and won Oscars for "Morning Glory" (1933), "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" (1967), "The Lion in Winter" (1968) and "On Golden Pond" (1981). As the straitlaced missionary's

sister opposite drunken river boat

captain Bogart in "The African Queen" (1952), or the society girl in "The Philadelphia Story" with

Cary Grant (1940), Hepburn com-

bined regal attitudes with just enough humanity to endear her to audiences. The first award came only a year after making her first film, "A Bill of Divorcement" (1932). She kept making a huge variety of movies until retiring in 1994 when she appeared in "Love Affair", "One

Love. She also starred with Cary Grant, John Wayne and James

Hepburn was born in Hartford,

Connecticut on May 12, 1907, the

second of six children of a wealthy

surgeon and a suffragette activist,

Christmas" and "This Can't Be

A short-lived marriage to a broker Ludlow Smith ended in She went on to have a series of relationships, including a three-year affair with reclusive million-

with a degree in drama.

aire Howard Hughes.

that I have qualities that are offensive to people -- especially men. I'm loud and talkative and I get on to subjects that irritate. Spencer Tracy was the love of her life however even though it was

an often stormy 25-year-long

witnesses examined. The verdict

was delivered after 49 workdays of

the trial that began on August 4 last

case dropped Runu Kader from the

chargesheet, but the court included Runu while framing

during announcement of the

verdict, but Hena shouted in

apparent anger after the judge left

the courtroom. Hena also passed

out in the courthouse when the

judge was reading out the high-

charges on August 4, 2002.

The investigation officer of the

Kader and Ruhul appeared calm

"In my relationships, I know

Bushra murder case

of the charges.

FROM PAGE 1 Kaniz Fatema alias Hena, sister-inlaw of Kader, and Sufia Begum, their domestic help, were cleared

The murder of Bushra ranked

second among 198 cases, which are under review of the home ministry's monitoring cell. Different courts have so far handed down verdicts on 21 cases, including the killing of Bushra, nicknamed Judge Sarkar Abul Mansur

issue warrant of arrest against the fugitives Kabir and Runu and set the acquitted free, if not wanted in any other case. Kader, Ruhul, Hena and Sufia

Ahmed asked the authorities to

were in the dock during the announcement of the verdict. The convicts can appeal to the High Court against the judgement in seven days. The punishment will

filed the case with the Khilgaon Police Station without accusing anybody, a day after the killing, and

lights of the judgement, which took him one hour since 12:02pm. Bushra, daughter of late Serajul Islam, was killed over a land grab move by the convicts. Serajul was an assistant superintendent of

Bushra's mother Laila Islam

He said the government would

Dismissing the criticism of the

continue to work out policies and

budget for taxes, he said: "You

demand development but don't

want to pay tax, they cannot go

Criticising the Awami League

"If the AL takes office again, it

(AL), he said the government did

not expect any idea from the party

as they did not have any develop-

will take 40 years to fix the econ-

omy. They don't have any knowl-

He said macroeconomic stabil-

ity could be established after the

edge about fiscal management.'

both at once.

ment concept.

reforms on the basis of the paper.

filed a supplementary first inforing on June 17 in the absence of two mation report accusing the six of the accused, with 17 of the 34 people on September 2, 2000.

morality and ethics," he said.

the last minute over Saifur's speech at the House as he was undergoing treatment at the Combined The minister, aided by some,

Although Saifur began to speak in a mild voice, he raised it at times getting agitated. His fellow front benchers, however, asked him to keep calm making signs.

Saifur said the government

"If politics is sound, mobilization of internal resources will rise and their proper utilisation will

nation.

"If we work together, there will be stability and greater foreign investment," he added.

Khaleda tags AL

Taliban presence in Bangladesh. In fact, they (AL) are the al-Qaeda, they are the Taliban, terrorists and killers. We need to beware of them." Khaleda said. Khaleda, also leader of the house, was speaking in the budget discussion. Referring to the recent ammunition and explosives haul in Bogra, Khaleda indicated that the

opposition was involved in it and

there was no scope to create

misgivings among people in this

She asked the AL to help the government recover 'the rest of the arms and ammunition'. The prime minister warned

the opposition activists against

arrests with arms and said no

more mercy would be shown to

She also asked the AL not to threaten the government with ouster from power through a snap poll by December this year. "Instead of engaging in destructive activities by importing arms and ammunition, you (AL) should better return to parliament and serve the people,"

Blasting the main opposition party for calling hartal, Khaleda

said nothing happened in the country to justify hartal. " They

(AL) have been engaged in destructive politics all along and never in politics of public welfare. That is why people rejected them in the last parliamentary polls." Without directly referring to female activists of the AL, who are very active in enforcing hartal and participate in processions, the prime minister said, "After doing all sorts of misdeed, their (AL) leaders and workers are now afraid of coming out on the

streets and that is why they gather

some women from different

places. And what are these

women doing? (They are) Damaging vehicles and throwing

Turning to the new budget, the prime minister said its main thrust is on alleviating poverty and that multidimensional steps have been taken to achieve this

defended the budget against criticisms by the opposition and various other quarters. In no way was it an anti-poor budget

The leader of the house

welfare programmes which would directly benefit the poor, she observed.

The budget is so well tailored that the opposition has had nothing to say against it and that is why it is not in the House, she Earlier, taking part in the budget discussion, Local

"They have to come out of the

sition party to stop thinking of a snap poll and return to the House

be effective from the day of their arrest, the court said. The judge completed the hear-

Saifur talks of new law

due taxes," he said. Earlier, uncertainty hanged till

and spoke sitting in his chair with the permission of the Chair.

He said the budget was aimed at

Saifur called upon the opposition to return to the Jatiya Sangsad for the development of the nation. He said budget needed insightful analysis in parliament and if the

opposition remained absent it

would be very unfortunate for the

present government took office.

breathe add pace to development."