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dengue-endemic area can have as

many as four dengue infections

cause it are maintained in a cycle

that involves humans and Aedes

Aegypti, a domestic, day-biting

mosquito that prefers to feed on

produces various clinical illnesses

ranging from a non-specific viral

fever to severe and fatal hemor-

Symptoms of typical uncompli-

cated dengue usually start with

fever within five to six days after an

infected mosquito bit a person.

Dengue infection symptoms

High fever, up to 105 degrees

Retro-orbital (behind the eye)

the fever begins. A second rash may

Interestingly, most children infected with dengue virus never

This is outside the bounds of

acceptable norms for such com-

mercial transactions, and Canada

considers this unacceptable," he

develop the typical symptoms.

Infection with dengue viruses

Dengue is primarily a disease of

during his lifetime.

humans.

include

pain

Fahrenheit

Rash

appear later

Severe headache

Nausea and vomiting

rhagic disease.

had tainted Bangladesh's image.

reaction also proved that he was

not fit for the post of OIC secretary

Razzak, a former water

resources minister, was critical of

the government for shelving the

Ganga Barrage and river excava-

tion projects and said non-

implementation of the projects

would be disastrous for the coun-

development would not be possi-

Special district

trafficking, the US State

children are trafficked from

Bangladesh every year on average

The US State Department report

put the figure between 10,000 and

20,000. Women and Children

Affairs Minister Khurshid Zahan

Haque contradicted both figures.

She said 708 women and children

have been trafficked from

Bangladesh since 2000 till April this

year. Police records put the num-

ber of women and children traf-

ficked out of the country in the last

The Ministry of Expatriates'

Hussein and the others (former

Citing Finance Minister M

general," he said.

good governance.

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Bombers kill 41

army were waiting outside the base when hot shrapnel scythed through the air. "Suddenly there was a huge

explosion. Ten or 15 others were on top of me on the street. I can't go back. No way," said army volunteer Ibrahim Ismail from his hospital bed.

"This was a cowardly attack. It is a demonstration again that these attacks are aimed at the stability of Iraq and the Iraqi people," Prime Minister Iyad Allawi said at the scene

Iraq's new defence minister promised a military crackdown on insurgents.

"We will cut off their hands and behead them," Hazim al-Shaalan said. Iraqi forces would lead the raids, with only logistical help from US troops, he added.

Visiting US Deputy Defence Secretary Paul Wolfowitz said Iraqi security forces would need "substantial help" for some time and US troops would stay in Iraq as long as necessary

OPINION POLL

But an opinion poll conducted for the US-led authority since a prison abuse scandal became public found that 55 percent of Iraqis would feel safer if US troops left the country now.

Interior Minister Falah al-Nagib blamed suicide attacks on foreigners. "These bombings are not being done by Iraqis," he said. "I think there is some link to Zarqawi."

The US military blames a group led by Jordanian militant Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, with suspected links to al Qaeda, for orchestrating much of the violence roiling Iraq.

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gress decided to form an alterna tive third force outside the domain of the BNP and Awami League. But the party leadership including its president and general secretary have deviated from that decision. They are now working to imple ment the AL's agenda, he added.

He also alleged the party lacks democratic practices within it. The alternative third force that

was slowly gathering strength over the last 15 years has been destroyed by the party's present policy and activities, he felt.

Meanwhile, the party central committee at its meetings sched-uled for June 20 and 21 is likely to take up the issue of action against the rebels, sources said.

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International Atomic Energy

Agency official told a meeting of the agency's 35-nation board of governors.

IAEA deputy director general Pierre Goldschmidt said the IAEA "acknowledges that it omitted to take notice of the oral statement made in January with respect to the sial man' for the prestigious office. importation of magnets" but he

A Saudi member of Zarqawi's group carried out a suicide bombing in Baghdad that killed 13 peo ple, including five foreign contractors Monday, the man's brother

said. The US military said a third and his son were shot dead by soldier had died after a rocket attack on a base north of Baghdad on Wednesday. A Hungarian soldier was killed and a Hungarian attack civilian driver was wounded when

an explosion hit their convoy. Since the U.S.-led invasion to oust Saddam last year, at least 612 U.S. soldiers have been killed in action in Iraq.

The scandal over abuses at USrun prisons in Iraq has severely damaged Washington's image in the country.

The Pentagon acknowledged vesterday the military had been improperly holding a suspected "terrorist" in a prison near Baghdad for more than seven months without informing the International Committee of the Red Cross. Defence Secretary Donald

Rumsfeld ordered military officials to hold the suspected member of the Ansar al-Islam group last November at the request of then-CIA Director George Tenet without telling the ICRC, officials said. Pentagon spokesman Bryan

Whitman said the United States now planned to give the ICRC access to the unidentified man. In March, Maj Gen Antonio

Taguba, the US Army officer who investigated abuses at the Abu Ghraib prison near Baghdad, criticised the practice of holding "ghost detainees."

BNP, AL MPs FROM PAGE 1 not stopped is that many in the

ruling party are involved in it," said Shajahan, prompting BNP lawmaker SA Khaleq to speak. On a separate point of order,

Khaleq accused the AL lawmaker of extortion. "He (Shajahan) is the number one extortionist," said the BNP lawmaker, who has transport business.

In a counter-accusation Shajahan then said, "He (Khaleq) has taken toll even from me and I ve related documents. He also grabbed public land.'

Earlier, Speaker Jamir Uddin Sircar expunged the word 'extor-tion' from the communications minister's speech. He however did not say anything about the allegations raised by the two lawmakers against each other.

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nominating a 'controversial per-Lawmakers from the main

Arambagh Club opposition Awami League, led by Leader of the Opposition Sheikh Hasina, pilloried the ruling coali-FROM PAGE 1 tion for the defeat in parliament on Jishan Group who were angry with Wednesday, saying the debacle stemmed from the nomination of Bhulu for his refusal to withdraw a case that implicated them in the an anti-liberation and controvermurder of his son Farid two years

Dengue strikes back **Robbers shoot** dead father,

FROM PAGE 1 the city.

son at Ctg

bers faced strong resistance from

the inmates, they opend fire, leav-ing Ghani and Ahad dead and five

The injured are Ghani's two other sons Abdul Qaiyum and

Abdul Naeem, daughters Parivn

and Jasmine and an unidentified

neighbour. Of them, Oaivum was

shot in the abdomen and admitted

to Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH).

However, some locals sus-

pected that the killing might have

been a sequel to past enmity. The

gang reportedly took nothing from the house, they said.

Ghani's injured son Naeem filed

a case with Mirersarai Police

Shahudul Haque of the alleged

The police official was arrested

immediately and turned to Ramna

Quamruzzaman, Babar's per-

sonal secretary, lodged a case with Ramna Police Station the same

night accusing Baten of offering

against AL leaders and workers.

Earlier, the district unit of AL

AL leaders Abdul Jalil, Tofail

Ahmed, Kazi Zafar Ullah, Obaidul

Kader, Akhteruzzaman, Nazma

Rahman, Jahangir Kabir Nanak,

Mirza Azam and two sons of Ahsanullah Master, Sohel and

alliance government.

Rabid, were present.

ago might have killed him.

Motiiheel Police Station.

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Bank rules.

right direction.

state-owned banks.

named

illegal benefits.

provision for jail term.

said Investigation Officer of the

case Shahabuddin Azad of

Bhulu, a contractor, was also the

acting joint secretary of Dilkusha

Curb on rowdy

sion of wrong information to the Bangladesh Bank and directors

The government is also chang-

into the expiry of deadline

becomes a defaulter. The new

definition, however, puts a bor-

rower on the defaulters' list as

soon as their loan is marked as

classified under the Bangladesh

The central bank earlier deter-

mined the size and nature of bank

boards and the tenure of direc-

tors through a circular, which will

Banking sources believe the

amendments will definitely help

the banking sector move in the

A top official of a nationalised

commercial bank said the

amendment will improve the

working environment in the

the rank of general manager do

not get such facility," noted the

official, who asked not to be

Officer association leaders

Trade union leaders are

nstance, the government

also take such unethical and

also be incorporated in the Act.

slain leader.

bribe to the state minister

Hasina

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others injured.

Station.

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offer of bribe.

police.

SP Baten

But, in the last two years there STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg has been no such study, which implies the DCC presently has no knowledge on density and locality A former union parishad member

ofAedes population. robbers at a village in Mirersarai upazila in the early hours of yester-"Dengue may make a massive comeback as it attacks in a cycle. In day. Five others were injured in the last two years we have had no significant attacks. But, surely we The dead are Abdul Ghani, 55, have the infection and we also have and his son Abdul Ahad Mintoo, 24. the vector or the transmitters to According to police and locals, a cause widespread infection like that in 1999 and 2000," said a leadpang of 15 stormed into the house of Ghani at village Baro Komaldaha ing entomologist. at about 2:15am. As the gang mem-

The DCC's preparation on checking Aedes population meanwhile has been going very slow. Sources in the corporation said, few of the 10 zones have sufficient stock of the larvaecide for spraying. In fact, in the last one month there was virtually no spraying of larvaecide due to lack of it.

Rain favours Aedes in breeding. In many areas, the millions of eggs already laid by the mosquitoes will start hatching soon and those carrying the dengue virus start the deadly transmission, experts apprehend.

There are four types -- DEN-1, DEN-2, DEN-3, and DEN-4 -- of the dengue virus. As infection of one of these serotypes does not provide the patient with cross-protective immunity, so a person living in a

Canada questions

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Acting High Commissioner Philippe de Varennes pointed out the inconsistencies of the bid. "We wish to ensure that our companies can compete on equal terms with those from other countries," the letter said.

He noted that the fourth retender of the project closed on December 23 last year despite the fact that Lavalin previously sub-mitted a bid which complied with withdrawal of false cases filed all major tender technical requirements "They (BNP-Jamaat) have planned to kill and eliminate our

"Three companies had been found technically qualified for the popular leaders one after another," she said urging the people to unite against the killtender, including one which appeared to have been manifestly not qualified under the tender ing, repression and misrule of the specification," he pointed out, adding that the PDB finally opened financial bids of only two bidders -brought out a silent procession in Sumitomo and Lavalin. the city and offered doa for the

"It appears to us that [PDB] is now negotiating terms of the ten-der exclusively with Sumitomo.

ADB finds

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there are views that it has rather turned into an opaque body by removing a shred of check and balance as well as transparency and accountability in the activities of the organisation," the mission's report said.

It maintained that part-time

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loans for the poor and middle class people to resolve their housing problems.

It also called for creating a 'Land Bank' comprising lands from both urban and rural areas for putting up dwellinghouses. the tropics, and the viruses that

The policy discouraged alloca-tion of plots to individuals and pro-posed construction of highrise housing clusters for groups of peo-ple ple

The policy favoured planned roads and utility facilities in the housing clusters to preempt future problems.

The policy also called for stopping the flow of the poor to urban centres, but did not suggest any antimigration measure Some speakers proposed for a more elaborate national human settlement policy.

Prominent urban expert Professor Nazrul Islam recom-mended offering housing to the poor in both urban and rural areas.

He also asked the authorities to preserve old buildings considering their archeological value. Representatives from utility

service providers, government finance institutions and private and public housing organisations were Severe joint and muscle pain present at the seminar. The rash may appear over most of the body three to four days after

The policy-framers decided to meet at another meeting to finalise the policy incorporating expert opinions.

Proshika chief FROM PAGE 1

granted him bail in nine out of 15 cases filed by the Bac. The bail orders, however, are yet to reach the Dhaka Central Jail, where he has been confined to from May 22.

Dr Kamal Hossain and Barrister Amir-ul-Islam moved the bail petitions while the Metropolitan Public Prosecutor Abdullah Mahmud Hassan stood for the state.

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any competition in international forums and would never compromise on its sovereign and independent foreign policy.

"Bilateral relations with the neighbours have further improved in the recent times," she said.

Chairmen of parliamentary standing committees on five ministries called on the prime minister. They are Maj Gen (Retd) Mahmudul Hassan (industries ministry), Barrister Ziaur Rahman Khan (foreign affairs), GM Fazlul Huq (post and telecommunica-tions), Abdul Hai (social welfare), and Delwar Hossain Sayeedi (reli gious affairs).

Prime Minister's Political Secretary Harris Chowdhury, who was present at the meeting, told reporters that the meeting was part of a continuous programme for interaction between the standing committee chairmen and the Leader of the House.

The prime minister expressed satisfaction at the performance of the parliamentary standing com-mittees when the chairmen apprised her of the activities of their respective bodies.

During the discussion on Hajj management, the Leader of the ouse asked the standing committee on religious affairs ministry to

take adequate measures for keep-

ing the Hajj management free from

all sorts of irregularities. She appre-

ciated the progress in the rehabili-tation of the old, children and

On the matters of post and

telecommunications ministry, the

have to survive in the present world

She appreciated the measures

physically handicapped.

Politics dominates budget talks

UNB, Dhaka

Advocating secularism and democracy, Razzak urged the The Jatiya Sangsad yesterday opened a hectic general discussion government to stop patronising the fundamentalist forces for what on the national budget for FY2004-05 as the treasury and opposition he said was salvaging the country's benches apparently focussed more image. on partisan politics than economic He also criticized the governissues or new fiscal measures.

ment for nominating a "controver-Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman placed a Tk 57,248 crore budget in parliament on June 10 for sial" person like Salauddin Quader Chowdhury for the post of OIC secretary general. consideration of parliament mem-Referring to Chowdhury's postbers. The new budget, expected to election reaction, Razzak said his be passed by parliament on June statement threatened to jeopardise the Bangladesh's relationship with the Islamic world. "Chowdhury's

will be effective from July 1. Jamaat-e-Islami member Maulana Abdul Khaleque Mandal initiated the debate, saying that the new budget would contribute to making Bangladesh self-sufficient. He suggested measures for development of madrasa education.

Abdur Razzak, Atiqur Rahman Atique and Delwar Hossain of Awami League and Harun-Or Rashid of BNP took part in the discussion till 8:00 last night.

The two sides blamed each other for wrongdoing and project-Saifur Rahman's remarks that ing stories of successes during their tenures in office and spent most of ble without good governance, the their time on discussing political issues instead of the budgetary AL member said the government has failed to improve law and order, curb corruption and ensure measures

Abdur Razzak came down heavily on the government for patronising Jamaat and other fundamentalist forces and warned that these forces would emerge as Frankenstein and some day put them in deep trouble.

Department report said. He said the fundamentalist allies of the government were out to destroy the spirit of independ-Advocate Salma Ali of Bangladesh National Women Lawyers Association recently said ence and trying to harm Islam in the name of religion. at least 7,000 to 10,000 women and

"The BNP does not perceive that their main enemy are their allies within the government," Razzak said and demanded a stop to religion-based politics.

He referred to the activities of Bangla Bhai, Harkatul Jihad and Mujahideens as well as the recent discovery of training camps in Hathazari in Chittagong and said their activities have earned Bangladesh the label of a "terrorist" nation.

He alleged there were two bomb four years at 416. attacks on Hazrat Shahjalal Shrine in Sylhet following provocative Welfare and Overseas speeches by Jamaat member Employment, meanwhile, has Delwar Hossain Saidee and decided that a woman going observed that the bomb attack on abroad for jobs will have to obtain the British High Commissioner approval from the ministry.

Saddam

years of authoritarian rule

said they would detain.

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said the justice minister. leaders now in detention) will take "We are ready to guarantee the place within two weeks," Allawi said in an interview on the Qatarprotection of Saddam Hussein, but based satellite television Al-Jazeera given the difficult security situasatellite. tion and if we feel we have the need. we can cooperate on this question with the coalition," Hassan said.

"Yes, Saddam and the others will be handed over to the Iraqi "But this is for us to decide," the government. Their trial will begin as soon as possible, God willing minister said, reflecting the desire for his government to take charge An unkempt, long-haired and of the deposed president, blamed bearded Saddam was captured by for many of the deaths and disap-US forces on December 13, after he pearances of hundreds of thouwas found hiding in a hole on a sands during the Baath party's 35farm near his hometown of Tikrit. Saddam could stand in the dock Human Rights Minister of Iraq's special war crimes tribu-Bakhtiar Amin said the US-led nal, accused of the large-scale killing of Shia Marsh Arabs in coalition and Iraq needed to forge a partnership not just on Saddam southern Iraq in the late 1980s and but also on the 4,000-5,000 prison-1990s, the gassing of Kurds in 1988. ers they US-dominated forces have the invasion of Kuwait in 1990 and the torture of Iranian prisoners during the 1980-1988 war with "The security dossier, including

Sources said the Canadian government officials will also visit the Prime Minister's Office soon to register their protest. The PDB argues Sumitomo's bid did not violate tender process and it does not want to sit on the bidding as the project has already been delayed for one reason or

observed.

another. "This additional cost was optionally there in the original offer of \$83 million. So, we did not really add this extra cost," said a top PDB official, requesting not to be

named. Since September 2002, a lobby belonging to the alternative powerhouse of the government has been trying to make the PDB to sign the deal with a certain company,

upgrading accounting and audit

ing standards, share pricing of

initial public offerings (IPOs),

possible future integration of the

country's two bourses, divestment

of government holdings in public

and private companies, restructur-

ing of the Investment Corporation

of Bangladesh (ICB), regulatory

sources said.

also said Iran had failed to mention in written statements made in February and March to the agency the importation of magnets.

IAEA director general Mohamed ElBaradei told reporters: "This is not a major mistake. Iran could have corrected it."

He said a resolution the IAEA board is to consider on Iran's nuclear program will "reflect" the mistake but "this technical correction doesn't change the fact that we need more transparency from Iran" in reporting on its nuclear programme

The IAEA is investigating US charges that Iran is secretly developing nuclear weapons.

Bush disputes 9/11 panel's no-Saddam link conclusion

AP, Washington

President Bush yesterday disputed the Sept. 11 commission's finding that there was no "collaborative relationship" between Saddam Hussein and the al-Qaeda terrorist network responsible for the attacks. "There was a relationship between Iraq and al-Qaeda," Bush insisted following a meeting with his Cabinet at the White House.

"This administration never said that the 9-11 attacks were orchestrated between Saddam and al-Oaeda," he said.

"We did say there were numerous contacts between Saddam Hussein and al-Qaeda, for example, Iraqi intelligence agents met with (Osama) bin Laden, the head of al-Qaeda in Sudan.

The independent commission investigating the Sept. 11 attacks said Wednesday that no evidence exists that al-Qaeda had strong ties to Saddam Hussein.

Although bin Laden asked for help from Iraq in the mid-1990s, Saddam's government never responded, according to a report by the commission staff based on interviews with government intelligence and law enforcement officials. The report asserted that "no credible evidence" has emerged that Iraq was involved in the Sept. 11 strikes

party BNP shifted the blame onto the AL, saying its hate campaign against the prime minister's parlia mentary adviser brought the defeat for the nation.

Salauddin also came under fire for reportedly terming the win of Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu of Turkey and his supporters as a victory for the "Jewish lobby".

Foreign Ministers of the OIC.

But diplomats say Bangladesh had only secured five written endorsements including from Saudi Arabia, Indonesia and Brunei.

Army FROM PAGE 1

Mahi B Chowdhury swept back to

added.

knows it.'

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The CEC sent the application to the home secretary and the inspec-tor general of police (IGP) asking them to take necessary steps

Replying to another query the CEC said by-election to Gazipur-2 constituency will be held after the election in Dhaka-10.

been vacant since Ahsanullah Master MP was gunned down on Mav 7

the key ruling

His loss went against Dhaka's repeated claim of strong support m at least 30 countries before he left for Turkey on June 12 to attend the International Conference for

parliament from Munshiganj-1 by-election while Abdul Mannan is contesting the Dhaka 10 byelection against BNP candidate Mosaddek Ali Falu.

Defending the EC's decision on my deployment in each polling centre, the CEC said it was not taken on a whim, rather it was a very well thought out decision.

The EC made the decision after considering appeals from the voters and the candidates and also the report of the electoral inquiry committee on the constituency, he

While asked about the Munshiganj-1 by-election where army was not deployed in each polling centre, the CEC said, "The prevailing situation in Dhaka-10 constituency is different compared to Munshiganj-1 and everybody

Meanwhile, BDB yesterday lodged a complaint with the EC about attacks on its activists and supporters while they were campaigning for BDB candidate Abdul

through investigation.

Gazipur-2 constituency has selected a private management team to run the Agrani Bank, but many potential senior bankers declined to head the team under trade union threats.

members from government and We're also investigating private sector could bring in fresh whether the executive positions he ideas and ensure the check and used to hold in Arambagh Sporting balance and accountability in the Club and nearby Dilkusha Club capital market regulator. have any link with the murder."

On separation of dealership from brokerage operation, the mission said, due to some distinct characteristics of Bangladesh's capital market, the firms concerned have chosen to withdraw altogether from dealer business. "In this regard, dealers, or firms trading for their own account, are believed to perform an important economic function in terms of providing greater depth and iquidity to the capital market," the report pointed out.

Explaining further the negative Explaining turtuer the most of dealership- brokerage taking illegal loans and facilities from their own banks. The separation, the mission said, amended Act will put the maxihas been noted that in the past mum penalty at Tk 10 lakh with a brokers performed the function of underwriter and that valuable capacity has been lost in requiring ing the definition of bank loan that brokers not act in the capacity defaulters. Presently, a borrower of underwriter.' failing to repay loan six months

On segregation of merchant banking, portfolio management and stock brokerage, the ADB audit team pointed out that deposittaking commercial banks are also being permitted to conduct merchant banking activities through a 'separate' wing of the bank, without establishing a subsidiary or affiliate company, in compromise of the objective and spirit of the separation of roles and functions.

"These are in fact departments of the banks concerned and have no capital earmarked as investment for the purpose. There have been allegation that the commercial banks are in fact employing depositors' money without pru-dential compliance and provisioning requirement," the report said.

It also pointed out that due to a number of non-compliance of "Trade union leaders who are policy conditions, the market third or fourth class employees continues to suffer from lack of get to use bank cars for personal investors' confidence similar to and family purpose round the that in the post-1996 period. clock. In contrast, officers below

It said a total of 58 out of the 95 conditions tagged to the loan conditions are presently being complied with. Prior to release of the first loan tranche, only 35 out of 52 conditions were met, while 17 conditions were met before release of the second tranche. Out of the 20 non-tranche release conditions against any reforms. For only six were met, according to the report.

> The report also pointed out to a number of unresolved issues in some key programme areas that caused the less-than-expected outcomes. The issues include

tramework for the insurance sec tor, reform the Department of Insurance, and regulatory framework of pension and provident funds.

It said that the halfway measures taken in the areas of privatisation and ICB restructuring diminished the immediate programme effects.

prime minister reminded that Bangladesh Telegraph and Withdrawal of the profitmaking listed companies from the Telephone Board (BTTB) would original privatisation list has diminished the significance of of competition. privatisation through the stock "while continued exchanges, taken by the board and suggested presence of ICB remains an obstamore intensive programmes for improving the important public cle in creating a level playing field in the mutual fund industry," the mission pointed out in assessing utility service. the unmet conditions.

also reflected in the fact that

annual increase in the number of

listed companies has remained

stagnant at around eight to nine

during 2000-2003, compared to 15

trading value increased from the

Tk 170 million and Tk 205 million

during 1998-2002, yet it decreased

to Tk 67 million in 2003. The num-

ber of IPO remained at eight to 10

during 2000-2003 compared to 18

1994 have remained constantly

negative during 1995-2002, except-

ing a slight positive span at end of

which can be feasible only if it is an

the mission observed, adding

establishment of a consolidated

for designing a roadmap.

to 16 during 1992-1995.

ministry

provident funds.

According to the mission, six of Blanc warns the seven performance indicators prove that investors' confidence in FROM PAGE 12 the country is yet to recover. It is

Blanc, a star of the 1998 World Cupwinning side, said that he had heard many people saying that France's other Group B games against Croatia and Switzerland were little more than formalities

"The market capitalisation in "That attitude would be the terms of GDP percentage remained worst thing the French team could at 3.3 percent in 2003 compared to do," he told L'Equipe newspaper.

3.7 percent in 1995. The average "Giving full respect to your opponent is the best way to ensure range between Tk 1.5 million and that you perform to the best of your Tk 25 million during 1992-1995 to abilities and win the game.

> "That shouldn't be too hard to do for them as without being catastrophic, there was nothing exceptional about the way France played against the English.

in 1994 and 27 in 1995," the mission The reigning champions trailed noted in its report to the finance England 0-1 going into injury time, but two late goals from midfielder According to the report, "Net Zinedine Zidane turned the game portfolio investment liabilities that around reached US\$ 106 million at end of

Blanc said that while the escape act had worked against England, it would be stupid to count on that happening again.

Turning to Croatia, Blanc said The report said the Capital Market Development Programme tit was true hat they lacked the talent of the 1998 side that made it should be a comprehensive one, through to the World Cup semifinals before losing to France 1-2.

integral part of a government owned long-term development Blanc was sent off in that match strategy, or a roadmap covering all after a Croatian player simulated the sub-sectors concerned, like being hit by him and the former stock market, debt market, insur-Marseille and Manchester United ance industry, and pension and stopper was tragically forced to miss the final in which France defeated Brazil 3-0. Such a roadmap is still missing,

"In 1998 I remember (coach) Aime Jacquet telling us that they regulatory commission for non-bank institutions and the capital were a team of tough nuts, many of whom played for major foreign market can be part of the agenda clubs," he said.

the detention of prisoners, is the Iran object of a partnership between us and the coalition," he said. Saifur Iraqi spokesman Gurgis Sada said he believed the Americans FROM PAGE 1

wanted to be sure Saddam was in a BSS adds: Information Minister Shamsul Islam said the govern-ment has no plan to cancel quota secure facility after Bush said Tuesday he needed to know the jailed dictator would not be released.

"I think the Americans wanted assurances, by their guarantees, that all details will be taken care of system with regard to advertise-ment," the minister said responding to a question from treasury bench member Hafiz Ibrahim in before transfer," he said.

New prime minister Iyad Allawi said late Tuesday the United States would hand the ousted president over to the new Iraqi government for trial before it transfers sovereignty to Iraq on June 30.

"The transfer of Saddam

Say sorry for Iraq war

pers.

policy.

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The conclusions of the independent panel dealt another blow to Bush's justification for overthrow-Saddam Hussein's regime, which was also charged with possessing as yet undiscovered weap ons of mass destruction.

"This is not just a matter of the president's diminishing credibil-ity, although that's disturbing enough," The New York Times said

"The war on terror has actually suffered as the conflict in Iraq has diverted military and intelligence resources from places like Afghanistan, where there could really be al-Qaeda forces, including Mr. bin Laden.'

Bush, the daily added, is responsible for his government's actions since September 11. "That includes, inexcusably, selling the false Iraq-al-Qaeda claim to Americans.

"There are two unpleasant

alternatives: either Mr. Bush knew he was not telling the truth, or he has a capacity for politically moti-vated self-deception that is terrifying in the post-9/11 world," con-cluded the Times.

system of newsprint for newspa-

parliament yesterday.

"There is no existence of quota

He told the House that the

advertisements of newspapers are

centrally distributed through

Department of Films and Publications under a specific

But the Washington Post pointed out that the 9/11 panel's report "has not denied there were contacts" between Saddam's regime and al-Qaeda, shoring up the Bush administration's conten-tion that it never suggested Iraq was behind September 11 but that it did have long-established ties with the group.

It criticised Bush administration foes for seizing on the com-mission's sentence that it found no credible evidence" linking Iraq to September 11 to claim the White House has been lying.

"The accusation is nearly as irresponsible as the Bush administration's rhetoric has been," the Washington Post editorial said.