# Anthrax vaccines

The virus found in Yangchha is a soil-transmitted bacterium and it could have been found anywhere, he added. He, however, brushed aside a possible outbreak of the disease in the area.

Tapan said he met Dhaka Central Zoo authorities and necessary steps will be taken to check further spreading of Anthrax, also known as wool sorter's disease.

M Hafizur Rahman, deputy commissioner, Bandarban, said the area, where the elephant was buried, has been made off-limits to public. They also poured 60kg lime and other chemicals around the burial ground to keep the area

Local administration is keeping in touch with officials concerned and continuously monitoring the situation, he added.

A team of veterinary doctors led by Dr Abdul Malek has been sent in the area with adequate vaccines to limit further expansion of the virus,

## ADB president

economic growth to help reduce poverty, said an ADB press release yesterday.

Chino will also inaugurate the new office building of ADB's Bangladesh Resident Mission (BRM) at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar in Dhaka. Chino and Saifur Rahman laid the foundation stone for the building in October 2002.

ADB's latest country programme for Bangladesh focuses on fewer sectors to maximise development impact. It plans to lend Bangladesh U\$\$1,368 million in loans and \$14.7 million as technical assistance for 2004-2006.

### More rains

49mm rainfall. Heavy downpour might continue for another one or two days, Met office sources said.

Light to moderate rainfall was recorded in many places across the country. During the last 24 hours, Sirajganj experienced 85mm of rain, Chandpur 65mm, Lama 43mm, Comilla 41mm and Sylhet 37mm, it added.

The Flood Forecasting and Warning Centre yesterday reported that river waters have risen at most points from 10cm to 147cm. All rivers except Ganges-Padma have seen rise in water level. Out of 85 monitoring centres, 44 registered rise, 13 recorded fall in water level while 28 remained

Our Khulna correspondent reports: Most parts of the city reeled under water due to daylong heavy downpour while the port city experienced 62mm rainfall yesterday.

### Containers

The government also plans a four-track railway link on this route in the long term, the meeting was told.

The shipping ministry asked the CPA to build an additional rail track in the port area so that at least two trains can stand on the lines at a time instead of one now. The ministry already allocated two crore for take constructing the line, one source

The shipping secretary told ournalists later construction of Pangao container terminal at Fatullah near Dhaka would help end container congestion at Chittagong port. The Pangao project is now under active consideration of the government, he

Abdul Mannan, deputy director of Bandarban livestock department, said forest officials delayed to inform them of the elephant's

Official sources said Salah Uddin Mahmud, director general of the Department of Livestock, will visit the area soon. Bandarban District Parishad

yesterday formed a two-member committee with civil surgeon and a district livestock official to look into the side-effects of the virus in the area, sources said.

The committee will also oversee measures taken by various govern-ment agencies and submit its report today (Sunday), they added.

Mohammad Ullah and Jasim Uddin, arrested on June 11 with elephant tusks, were sent to Bandarban jail, sources said.

Both will be tested to determine whether they are affected with the disease, sources said.

Anthrax is an acute infectious disease, often fatal, associated with animal contact caused by the spore-forming bacterium Bacillus anthracis. The disease most com-monly affects hoofed mammals and can also infect humans.

## WPB is likely

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criticising the top leadership, using the party's letterhead with personal phone numbers, and not attending the party office since

Saiful Huq did not attend the politburo meeting yesterday and The Daily Star could not reach him for comment. Earlier on Thursday e claimed to The Daily Star they (rebels) were the ones to represent the real ideal of the WPB.

He also said a large number of party activists will join them but they will decide their next plan of action following the decision of the central committee meeting.

WPB President Rashed Khan Menon briefly commenting on the matter said last night, "The central committee meeting will decide what organisational steps should be taken against them."

### Outlaws

Hamidul (26) of Karpasdanga Kamarpur and Jamsher of Shibpur died on the spot. At least 25 others including two children were injured and of them, condition of four was stated to be critical.

### AL may

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General Abdul Mannan and newly elected BDB lawmaker Mahi B Chowdhury's meeting with AL President and Leader of the Opposition Sheikh Hasina at her Dhanmondi residence yesterday.

"The Bikalpa Dhara Bangladesh leaders sought Awami League's support in the Dhaka-10 by election as we are not contesting it", said AL leader Asaduzzaman Noor, who was present at the " Sheikh Hasina told them a

decision on the issue will be taken after discussing it at party forum

Abdul Mannan said, "The Awami League chief appreciated our struggle against the BNP-Jammat-led coalition government and said her party leaders and workers will also work for me, if necessary.

Hasina congratulated Mahi on his recent victory in the Munshiganj-1 by-election against the BNP candidate.

# Morshed blames

countries before the election, the minds of the voters changed following many developments in the global scenario," he said

Bangladesh declared its candidature in March last year and by that time a war started in Iraq which caused new polarisation in the world politics, Morshed explained.

The war split the Middle East into many groups on many issues. "Each country takes its position in line with national self-interest and global scenario," he observed. Still, Bangladesh will try to play its vital role in the organisation," he

"Even after the defeat, we have assured the newly elected secretary general of our full co-operation in performing his duty and upholding the causes of Muslim Ummah.'

He also brushed aside the notion that vying for the post alongside Malaysia will strain bilateral relations between Bangladesh and Malaysia. "The foreign minister of Malavsia will come to Dhaka very soon to talk about strengthening bilateral issues," he told journalists

responding to a query. Asked whether manpower export to Malaysia stopped after Bangladesh threw its candidate for the OIC post, the foreign minister said Kuala Lumpur did not resume manpower recruitment from any of the countries with whom signed Memorandum of

Understanding recently. Khan also ruled out any negative impact on Dhaka's relations with some important OIC members following the statement of defeated candidate Salauddin

Quader Chowdhury that the pro-Israel lobby won the election. "The statement made by the Salauddin Quader Chowdhury was completely his personal opinion which has nothing to do with the government or the state's stand in

He expressed his ignorance

about the role of Israel or any force outside the OIC in determining who will be the next secretary "The Israel issue also never featured in any of our discussions," he claimed. Asked if the US had any role in the election, the foreign minister replied in the

Explaining Bangladesh's deba-cle in the election, the foreign minister said there were many reasons for the defeat including some regional grouping in the organisation. There are at least three groupings in the OIC looking after the interests of Asian, African and Arab countries.

The recent Arab League conference possibly helped change the mind of many Arab countries in this regard. There were also many backstage parleys centring the election, the minister said without elaborating. Besides, the proximity of Turkey to the trouble point Middle East might have swung the Arab votes in Turkey's favour.

Morshed said this is for the first time that the process of democratisation of the OIC has initiated following the direct election for the post and Bangladesh can claim the credit for democratising the OIC by participating in the election.

Earlier, only some influential roups in the organisation played the decisive role, he said.

The foreign minister also declined to accept the suggestion that the recent visit of US Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld ended in futility. Morshed said Rumsfeld never asked Bangladesh to send its soldiers to Iraq, as every country is capable of making its own deci-

Morshed is leaving Dhaka for China via Bangkok today to attend the ACD (Asian Cooperation Dialogue) Foreign Minister's meeting and is likely to return home on June 30.

## **Robbers loot** 55 shops in Banshkhali

UNB, Chittagong

Robbers looted Tk 13 lakh from 55 shops at a market in Banshkhali upazila on Friday night.

Police and witnesses said gang of 16 robbers came to Miabazaar in two pick up vans at about 9:00pm and looted cash from the shops at gunpoint.

Sensing the presence of patrol police, the robbers left the market firing blank shots.

They also looted valuables and cash worth about Tk 8 lakh from 12 houses at Boruapara, 1.5 kilometer from the Miabazaar, at

Separate cases were filed with Banshkhali Police Station.

### **SQ Chy's remarks** on Hasina exposes his perverted mentality: AL

UNB, Dhaka

Awami League Joint Secretary Obaidul Kader yesterday lam-basted Salahuddin Qader Chowdhury, adviser on parliamentary affairs to the prime minister, for his outrageous remarks on Sheikh Hasina.

In a statement, he said by his remarks Chowdhury has manifested his perverted mentality, which might pollute politics and

About remarks on the AL lawmaker Suranjit Sengupta, Kader said Chowdhury exposed his serious communal attitude.

## British MPs

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along the Gaza-Egypt border on Friday.

"They just reported the incident to us and as I said we will follow that up with the Israelis," the official told Reuters on Saturday. Asked whether it was Israeli soldiers who fired at the group he said: "I think it's too early to say".

Israel Radio quoted one of the parliamentarians, Baroness North-over, as saying that soldiers in an Israeli observation post opened machinegun fire at the group as they toured a neighbourhood of Rafah on Friday.

It quoted Baroness Northover of the Liberal Democrats as saying the shots continued when the group approached a United Nations vehicle that was escorting them around Rafah and that a bullet hit a procedure life. nearby building.

An Israeli army spokesman said the military was looking into the report.

Israeli soldiers have been accused of firing at U.N. convoys and foreign diplomats touring flashpoint areas in the West Bank and Gaza Strip several times since a Palestinian jurising began in Palestinian uprising began in September 2000.

Palestinian gunmen have also been accused of firing at diplomatic convoys. In March 2002 a Palestinian gunman killed two peacekeepers near the West Bank city of Hebron, according to a Turkish officer who survived the

## 14 Nepali cops

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In Monday's assault the policemen were on a search mission for Maoist hideouts in the insurgencytorn Nepalgunj district when their truck was blown up by underground explosives.

It was the deadliest attack in Nepal since King Gyanendra on June 3 swore back in Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba, whom he had fired two years earlier and replaced with a handpicked royalist government.

Deuba has appealed for new talks with the Maoists to end the conflict, which has also devastated Nepal's fragile tourismdependent economy

But the rebels have refused to accept the premier's legitimacy.

On Friday, however, he received a boost when Nepal's communist party said it would join his government.

The communists, who were the main opposition in parliament in 2002, urged other parties to join Deuba's government, which wants a broad coalition to negotiate with Maoist rebels.

All political parties in Nepal other than Deuba's own had until Friday refused to join the government until the king explicitly renounced any role larger than that of a constitutional monarch.

## 45 feared killed

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(telecommunications) company Al-Atheer was brought to Basra hospital after an attack on the road to Zubair," said Ismail Mulla, an official with the emergency ser-

An Iraqi policeman assigned to protect oil installations and an oil worker were also killed in the attack, which happened about three kilometres (two miles) south Basra at about 9:15am (0515 GMT), a local police officer said. A US soldier was killed in a

firefight with insurgents near the Iraqi city of Baquba, north of Baghdad, on Friday evening, a US military spokeswoman said.` "A 1st Infantry Division soldier

died on June 18 after anti-Iraqi forces engaged his unit with smallarms fire at about 7:00pm (1500 GMT) near Baquba," she said (Reuters, AFP)

The EC Secretariat also sent letters on June 15 to the Armed Forces Division and the home

## First ever nat'l conference on disability held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Action on Disability and Development (ADD), a British-based organisation, yesterday organised a national conference for disabled people, first ever in Bangladesh, in the city with a call for ensuring basic human rights for for ensuring basic human rights for the physically challenged popula-

About 2500 disabled people from country's 23 districts took part in the daylong conference at Dha-nmondi's Women Sports

Speaking at the conference, economist Atiur Rahman called for the incorporation of disabled people in the country's development pro-He said malnutrition in preg-nant women is one of the major causes for children being born disabled.

Road accidents and various crimes, especially acid violence, make a lot of people disabled across the country every year, he added.

Dr Rahman urged the commercial banks to come forward with credit facilities without any inter-

est and collateral for disabled people.

Editor of the Weekly 2000 Shahdat Chowdhury said disabled people, if given proper social assis-tance, could contribute signifi-cantly to the country's well-being.

"Our society shying away from accepting physically challenged people exposes nothing but its own disability," Shahdat said.

Speaking at the concluding session as the chief guest, adviser of the last caretaker government Rokia Afzal Rahman said physically challenged people must increase their confidence. She urged all to come to the aid of disabled people. Journalist Ataus Samad observed that attitude of the entire society towards disabled popula-

tion is not positive at all. He said drama and movies that portray physically challenged people ill shouldn't be allowed to

"Medical science has shown that there's no problem in marriage between physically challenged people and the others," Samad said adding an education channel tailored to the needs of the disabled people should be introduced.

# DCCI, Ficci term budget

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Tk 8,000 crore in FY2004-05, to be added to the Tk 58,090-crore total investment figure of the current fiscal. The target for FY06 is to increase investment by Tk 12,000 crore and for FY07 by Tk 16,000

As the rationale of the target, the

BoI executive chairman cited 'the investment success' of the recent years. He said the country received double investment in the last three years compared to that in the In their address, both the chamber chiefs praised the government

for proposing increased facilities

for the agriculture sector, but they also pointed out the budget's discouraging aspects to industry. They felt the proposed 7.5nercent import duty on raw materials and 25-percent on finished goods, besides withdrawal of tax

holiday, will make it tough for the

BoI to achieve its targets.

The Ficci president said the reduction of duty on finished goods from 30 percent to 25 percent would hurt the local industries and halt the growth of assembling industries, as imported finished goods would flood the market. Jamil said all the economies

developed in manufacturing sectors started growing with assembling industry and, after gaining the necessary technical know-how and expertise, they went for manu-In his speech the DCCI presi-

dent demanded continuation of tax holiday, as he said, "withdrawal of tax holiday will discourage new

Fazle Hasan also pointed at poor law and order, and inadequate infrastructure and utility facilities as the other major hindrances to boosting investment.

# Waste extravaganza

The Water Development Board (WDB) in the proposal sought to spend Tk 38.21 crore or four percent of the total project cost on buying 416 motor cars in 'a show of officials' obsession with luxury'.

It also wanted to dedicate two percent of the project cost or Tk 14.70 crore to buying 62 photocopy machines, four heavy-duty photocopiers, two colour photocopiers, 510 computers, 123 air-conditioners, 102 slide projectors, 13 multimedia projects, 102 fax machines and 12 laptops.

The WDB proposed to employ 508 officials and employees under the project in what the planning tically huge manpower as water  $resources\,ministry\,staff\,could\,carry$ out most task.

The project, seen by many as the use of a sledgehammer to crack a nut, also wanted to spend Tk 29.07 crore on 125 man months of foreign consultants, and another Tk 77.49 crore on 4,852 man months of local consultants.

The WDB wanted to bankroll

2.27 percent or Tk 21.71 crore for construction of buildings and four percent or Tk 41.04 crore for training of officials and employees. The project, generous in funding unnecessary and inflated components, showed reservation about its most vital component --

Tk 67.61 crore agriculture support service and deleted it from the WDB proposal. "Some engineers and water ministry officials wanted to make personal gains by inflating the project cost," said a planning ministry official, adding: "My ministry is not going to allow this

kind of built-in corruption.'

The planning ministry has asked the WDB and the water resources ministry to redesign the project in the light of increasing agricultural output and cutting poverty with focus on irrigation. The water resources ministry should discuss with local adminis-

The World Bank had earlier proposed to fund Tk 538 crore in oans and the Netherlands wanted to give Tk 132 crore in grants for the project in an arrangement under which the government would

contribute the rest.

tration, people and parliamentari-

sealed a deal on loans with the WB nas asked the government to get the project approved by the Executive Committee of National Economic Council (Ecnec) by May 31 before signing it. After the WDB submitted the

The government has already

proposal to the planning and finance ministry through the water resources ministry, it triggered a

The WDB has so far carried out 200 such projects. "It's dubious the proposal has

the water development board has enough experience in similar activities," a source said. "The WDB has countrywide field-level workers and this project

sought so many consultants when

is not so unique that it will need over 508 employees.' Expressing surprise over the WB approval of the project, he said: How the World Bank that advocates good governance and anticorruption crusade can give nod to

such a project?" "So far I know the WDB had negotiated all the project compo-

# EC yet to get govt

conveyed to Prime Minister Khaleda Zia the EC decision to ask for deployment of army personnel in each polling centre to ensure a free and fair pol

But the EC did not receive a response from the government till vesterday. "We are not sure whether the

government will respond to our decision favourably. We are waiting for the government's reply Election Commissioner KM Mohammad Ali told The Daily Star yesterday. "According to the constitution, the executive body has no alternative to carrying out the Election Commission directive for holding a free and fair election.

"Our decision is very much logical and lawful. We have taken the decision considering ground reality," said the commissioner. Earlier, the CEC said it will not be possible to hold the by-election

in a free and fair manner without army deployment in each polling Political Secretary to the Prime Minister Harris Chowdhury meanwhile told The Daily Star on Friday

he did not know of the CEC's letter.

sion about the security for the by The uncertainty over the army

deployment has prompted the Bikalpa Dhara Bangladesh (BDB) candidate for the by-election to file a writ petition with the High Court esterday seeking its directive on the government to implement in full the EC decision to hold a free, The BDB candidate, Abdul Mannan, in the petition applied for army deployment in the constitu-

army personnel in each polling centre in line with the EC decision. The High Court division bench of Justice MA Matin and Justice Tarik Ul Hakim yesterday heard the petition. The court will also hear the case today.

Mannan said ruling BNP candi-

ency five days before the poll. The

petition also sought deployment of

date plans to rig the election and the government is dilly-dallying over implementing the EC decision to meet that end. Barrister Rokanuddin Mahmud, counsel of Mannan, argued in the court yesterday for implementation of the EC decision

if the by-election in the seat is to be

held free and fair.

## Sundarbans

the forest at some point is sure to be destroyed. "So, we are planning for alternative employment for the stakeholders whose livelihood depends on this forest," Tariqul who hails from a district close to the Sundarbans announced.

"Whatever we introduce -micro-credit or VGF -- for the stakeholders dependent on the Sundarbans, we have to ensure that it goes to the genuine recipients," he added.

The forest minister said the bio-diversity conservation project the ADB had launched was suspended due to management complications and conflicts. "We are now trying to resume the project. But, this time we want to reform the infrastructure and rearrange the management system first, to assure a proper project implementation."

Meeting sources said the ADBfunded SBCP was aimed at safe-guarding the mangrove forest's environmental integrity and biodiversity; but before being suspended around 30 percent of the US\$ 77-million project fund was spent with almost zero achieve-

Citing his experience during project work, an SBCP consultant said, though the project caused losses for the forest department, poor stakeholders and laymen in the Sundarbans, a section of government officials, forest robbers and influential locals have gained a lot from it.

the Sundarbans Reserve Forest, the consultant said it is decaying, and the situation will further aggravate if the local stakeholders' dependence on it for their livelihood continues. According to meeting sources, the Mef secretary, while narrating

Sketching the current state of

said he found the project accountant did not know even how to prepare a balance sheet. The project director however laid the blame for the project's suspension on foreign consultants, saying they had always

given false impressions about the

his surprise visit to a project site,

rate of project implementation. Prof Ainun Nishat of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), who was present at the meeting, told The Daily Star that the government at present is redesigning the suspended SBCP. To him the government moves appear to be very positive, as "it wants to replace the existing policy of resource mobilisation from the Sundarbans with a more pro-biodiversity policy."

building separate infrastructure and management for conserving the Sundarbans' bio-diversity, as it is not possible with the existing ones," Ainun said. He said the current mandate of the forest department is to enhance revenue collection from

all forests, including the

"There is no alternative to

Sundarbans; but the meeting has decided to change this policy and make it pro-conservation. On suspension of the \$77million ADB project, Ainun said there were objections from both the government and the donor sides against different aspects of the SBCP. The forest department, local NGOs and various stakeholders also complained that the

project design was faulty. The yesterday's meeting has asked the project consultants to work out a conservation-oriented management system for the Sundarbans that would be able to address its problems adequately.

## 30 crocodiles

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donate the crocodiles as gifts to the

"It is a costly gift from the crocodile bank. It is a gesture of goodwill and friendly relations between the two countries as the gift costs over Tk 1 crore if counted in Bangladesh currency," Moklesur added.

"We lobbied to get these croco-

diles as gifts for the past two years. After the Indian government gave the green signal, the authorities of crocodile bank invited us to receive the gifts for our safari park and zoo,' he said. "We will release the crocodiles

here for breeding. We have five acres of natural lake in the safari park in Dulahazara where the crocodiles will start a new life. The safari park was developed in 1998 over 2,300 acres of land in

natural lake and forests. Forest officials said two elephants were released in the safari park last week and three more are expected to be released shortly to enrich the park.

Dulahazara with potentials for a

"We have developed a sanctuary

of 400 acres of land for the elephants

only inside the safari park for their

comfortable stay," said Tapan Dey, project director of the park. He said the elephants used for timber extraction in Rangamati hill district by Bangladesh Forest Industries Development Corporation (BFIDC) were brought

to the safari park on the basis of

departmental transfer. "But the elephants will have enough food here and they can feel a bit relaxed now as they are no more required to join timber extraction workhere," Tapan added.

Moreover, a pair of tigers and another of lions are expected to be brought to the safari park from Dhaka zoo soon, the officials said.

# Saudi says chief

assassinations and kidnappings" was one of four gunmen shot dead Friday night, said an interior ministry statement read on state televi-

The four "were besieged in a gas station in the Al-Malaz district in Riyadh by security forces, and a heavy exchange of fire" ensued, it

The television showed photos of the bloodied dead bodies of Muqrin and the other slain mili-The statement and footage

came after a communique in the name of al-Qaeda was posted on an Islamist website denying that the network's Saudi chief had been "Following the lies... about the death of Abdul Aziz al-Muqrin, we affirm that such allegations, spread by the tyrants in Saudi Arabia, are intended to undermine the morale

of the Mujahedeen on the Arabian peninsula," said the communique

posted on the site http://alsaha.fares.net. The statement, whose authenticity could not be ascertained, said a n o t h e r m o r e d e t a i l e d communique would be released.

Mugrin's death was first reported by security men at the scene of Friday night's gunbattle in the center of the Saudi capital.

The ministry identified the other slain gunmen as Faisal bin Abdul Rahman al-Dakheel, a militant on a top-wanted list who appeared in footage on websites showing the killing of an American resident.

It did not name the US national, but appeared to be referring to video footage of the killing of Robert Jacobs, a Riyadh resident who worked for the Vinnell Corp that helps train the Saudi National The third was named as Turki bin Fuhaid al-Mutairi, one of three

gunmen who escaped after a

shooting and hostage-taking rampage that left 22 people dead in the eastern oil city of Al-Khobar last The fourth was Ibrahim bin Abdullah al-Draihem, who help planned the bombing of a residential compound in Riyadh last

November and committed "other crimes," the ministry said. A security man was also killed in the clash and two were wounded,

the interior ministry said.

Twelve militants suspected of nvolvement in the attacks on Westerners were arrested, but their names would not be divulged in the interest of the investigation, the ministry said. The statement said security forces seized three cars, one of which was used in the June 6 shoot-

ing attack on a BBC crew in Riyadh

that left an Irish cameraman dead

and a British journalist critically wounded They also seized machine guns, pistols, ammunition, three rocket-propelled grenade launchers, 16 pipe bombs, 10 hand grenades, documents, a large number of CDs, in addition to 132,800 riyals (35,400 dollars) and another 2,900 dollars

in US currency. The death of Johnson, who worked with aerospace giant Lockheed Martin, triggered a wave

# of anger and revulsion in the United States with officials from

### President George W. Bush down vowing to avenge it.

said in the northwestern US state of Washington.

Bush vowed. "We must pursue these people and bring them to justice before they hurt other Internet photos said Johnson had

JS occupation. It said the group "slaughtered the American prisoner Paul Marshall Johnson after the ultimatum set by the Mujahedeen to the

expired. The kidnappers had given the Saudi government a 72-hour ultimatum to release hundreds of

of the beheaded captive. One showed him in a pool of blood, head placed on his back, another showed the head on the back with a knife resting against the forehead,

Jubeir, diplomatic adviser to Saudi Crown Prince Abdallah bin Abdul Aziz, said in Washington. Since Johnson's abduction last Saturday -- the same day another US national was killed in the Saudi

Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry had stern words for the Saudis as he denounced the beheading as "a grotesque act." "It is essential that we have the

full cooperation of the Saudi gov-ernment in tracking down these terrorists and destroying al-Qaeda. This must be our nations highest priority," Kerry said.

"It's a planned killing," investiation officer Sub-Inspector (SI)

In the morning, her parents awoke to find her not in the bed. As they got down to the ground floor to search for her, they found the door opened and Mokbul and his wife

financial year (FY) is a little higher than the current one; but in terms of percentage of budget per sector,

Education budget has been on a

decreasing curve since the inde-

it faces a downward trend

outgoing budget.

pendence of Bangladesh, observed noted intellectual Badruddin Budgetary allocation for education has slid to 13.4 percent in the proposed budget for FY2004-05, down from 21.14 percent in

FY1972-73. It was 14 percent in the

This crucial sector is likely to get

Tk 7,680 crore in FY05 against Tk 6,740 crore, also the year's highest allocation, in FY04. The sector received Tk 6,871 crore in FY03. Umar said although the government claims to allocate the highest budget for education sector, but in reality it is a combine budget of three ministries -- Ministry of

Primary and Mass Education, Education Ministry and Ministry of Religious Affairs. "Of the allocation, a major portion is always channelled to military education in institutions including cadet colleges and military academies," he pointed out,

madrasa education.

Rasheda K Chowdhury, director of Campaign for Popular Education (Campe), said, although the finance minister has announced to recruit 35,000 new teachers, yet there is no allocation for teachers' training and learning

students and educational institutions. Teachers' salaries and infrastructure expenditures also gobble up a big chunk of the educational The Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), a leading think-tank, has already proposed to the govern-

# tion for education is around 2

## knock their country out even if Italy

2 draw against Denmark and I don't think it will end 2-2 -- that is a very unusual result," said Sweden coach Lars Lagerback on Saturday.

But it is a game we want to win -- we will not be fixing it to draw. "There is absolutely no question that we could arrange anything.

You would have to have the cooperation of all 22 players and even then, who knows? -- the referee could give a penalty to change the score. "At this level you try to do every-

The killers are "trying to intimidate America. They're trying to shake our will. They're trying to get us to retreat from the world," Bush

"America will not retreat, America will not be intimidated by hese kinds of extremist thugs,

A statement accompanying the been beheaded by Mujahedeen guerrillas from the Fallujah Squad, reference to the Iraqi city that has been a hotbed of resistance to the

tyrants of the Saudi government

militants detained here. Websites carried three pictures

The body was found Friday in a remote area of Riyadh, Adel al-

capital -- Washington and Riyadh had steadfastly insisted they would strike no deal with the hostagetakers.

Grandfather

FROM PAGE 12 They said he might have killed the girl to take revenge on her mother. "Mokbul received Tk 15,000, a wristwatch during the marriage and

Khorshed Alam told The Daily Star The girl was sleeping with her mother on the first floor while her

### diverted for the non-productive In this context, Umar remarked that cadet colleges and madrasas

materials in the proposed budget "Teachers' training and learning materials are vital to raise the standard of education," she added. Rasheda also noted that the increased allocation does not go

spending, she added. ment to gradually increase the budget allocation for education by 5 percent of the GNP (gross national product). Current alloca-

was Denmark's own final and they

Olsen said it was possible to try

"We have to play for a win and

to play for a 0-0 draw, but not a 2-2

keep in the back of our minds that

2-2 is good enough to qualify," he

group with four points from two

matches and Italy follow with two

after drawing both of their games

against the Scandinavians.

Bulgaria, who lost to both, are

Sweden and Denmark head the

were desperate for victory.

## adding a substantial part is also Sweden rule

beat Bulgaria in their final Group Č

"Of course nothing is impossible in football and it could end 2-2.

"This has not even been men-

draw conspiracy theory.

already eliminated.

## Sweden striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic also dismissed the 2-2

thing you can to win, it is not in our tioned by any of the players. All we want to do is win the game, there is minds to do anything else. Earlier, not even a possibility of anything Danish coach Morten Olsen said the game against their neighbours

still was pressing further for a gold chain as dowry. As Selina failed, he beat her a week ago," said a local.

grandparents were on the ground oor, he said.

leeping, he added. "The surroundings suggest someone living in the house has killed the child," SI Khorshed said.

# Budgetary provision

create discrimination among the

with the increased number of

## "It is not possible to play for a 2-