Panam Nagar's fate

architects, newspersons and cul-

tural activists, the government

invoked the Antiquities Act 1968 to

declare the town as a protected site.

years. Now it is our home, our hope,

our everything. We cannot leave it

for the sake of heritage," Maya

Begum, president of Panam Women

nently allocate these houses to us

the historic town echo the same

sentiment. "We will sacrifice our

lives, Not Panam," reads one. "It's

our right to live here," proclaims

to the beginning of the 20th, Hindu

landlords and merchants put up the

residential quarters on both sides of

the road, bringing together contem-porary Mughal architecture and

Two bridges on the Pankhiraz canal between Dulalpur and Panam

add to the archaeological riches of

have been living in the historic

buildings since 1965 when the

original owners left them behind

buildings, treated as vested enemy

property after the war, for 99 years

directed the authorities concerned

to list the structures on more than 10

acres in Sonargaon upazila in

Narayanganj district.

But the government's step to

protect the heritage is so far limited

ject concept paper to the govern-

ment for the preservation of the

town. The government will probably

include the project in the next

Annual Development Programme," said Dewan Delwar Hossain, the

and Cooperatives Minister Abdul

He said the government was

concerned over the threat and was

Deputy Leader of the Opposition Abdul Hamid sparked

the heated debate condemning

Khaleda's remarks on a point of

deliver such an speech that

inspires criminals. She should

withdraw the remarks," he

in parliament today adjourning

the business of the House. If we are

not allowed to talk, we will walk

out of the House," Hamid threat-

Taking floor on another point of

order, AL lawmaker Sheikh Fazlul

Karim Selim said the premier

violated the constitution making

"The speech should be with-

*The prime minister cannot

"We want to discuss the matter

Mannan Bhuiyan said.

probing it.

demanded.

such a speech.

AL walks out

"We have just submitted a pro-

to the official declaration.

The current residents leased the

In March 2003, the president

during the Indo-Pakwar.

from the government.

The residents of Panam Nagar

the old town.

From the end of the 19th century

rather taking them away from us."

'The government should perma-

The graffiti on most buildings in

Association, told The Daily Star.

"We are living here for the last 40

director of the archaeological

department.
"When the government will take

the project, we will discuss the matter with local residents and

convince them to shift to some-

"Virtually we are yet to do any-thing with Panam Nagar. But hope-fully in the next year we will be able

to start renovations to the relics and preservation of the town, "he added.

town as a protected site, some local residents continued putting up new

houses in the preserved area with the intent of making some quick money in damages from the govern-ment during eviction.

The new structures appeared

incongruous with the historic build-

iron grills falling apart.
But some local residents under-

were destroying by careless use as residential houses and trade cen-

the government for the protection of our heritage. But people, afraid of

not getting proper compensation,

are planning protests against the government decision," one of them

Archaeological department

sources said they would conduct a

survey in the area to find out real

property owners.
"Compensation will be given to

US firm hired

FROM PAGE 1 abroad will be engaged on a three

year contract to suggest ways of reducing wastage, losses and lend-

ing rates, recovering default loans

a consulting firm for Agrani Bank

The government also appointed

Mohammad Nasim, home

minister of the past AL govern-

ment, said no responsible head of

government could make such an

speaking on their points of order,

Law Minister Moudud Ahmed

apparently signalled to BNP back-

counter the opposition attack.

bencher Moazzem Hossain Alal to

Mashiur Rahman, another BNP

legislator whose comments on the

issue on Tuesday also sparked an

AL walkout, to the shouts of pro-

test by the main opposition depu-

ties who demanded statement

from a ruling coalition

the din of the House, the angry AL

legislators stormed out of the

chamber.

As Mashiur's voice rose above

Mashiur in his speech said the

opposition leader was misleading

people dishing out false informa-

tion about threat to her life.

But the chair gave floor to

While Selim and Nasim were

irresponsible comment.

and choosing good borrowers.

under the programme.

said, requesting anonymity.

real owners." Dewan said.

"It's really a laudable decision of

After the declaration of the old

'Pichchi' Hannan remanded in arms case

both sides, Magistrate Shafiq Anwar went to see Hannan in the van and

Hannan was taken to the court

Police earlier sought each of 10

days' remand against the top crimi-

nal in three cases of carrying illegal

firearms, possessing drug and

launching assault on police.

The court also fixed July 19 for

hearing on a 10-day remand prayer in connection with the Sub-Inspector

Munshiganj jail

contempt of

court charge

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday ordered

the superintendent of Munshiganj

ail to appear before it in person

and explain as to why he would not be held in contempt of court. Judge Syed Zahed Monsur of the Artharin Adalat-4 passed the order against Jail Super Mohammad Obaidul Haq for repeatedly violating a court order.

The court directed the jail super to appear before it within 3

super to appear before it within 3 days from the date of receipt of

Earlier the court in a money-

laundering case sentenced Nitya Nanda Mondol to six months civil

jail on May 24 this year. Following

the judgement, Sirajdikhan Police arrested Nitya Nanda Mondol and sent him to Munshiganj District Jail.

of money as per the order, the court ordered the jail super to release Nitya Nanda. A special messenger of the court Abdul

Motin delivered the release order

on July 1. But the jail super did not

receive it despite the messenger showed his identity. The court sent him again on July 5 but to no

After repeated violation of the court order, the judge yesterday brought proceedings for con-

DB man turned

for assaulting

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Authority (Desa).

commissioner

Locals yesterday held a Detective Branch (DB) of police sub-inspector and turned him to Sutrapur Police

Station for allegedly assaulting the local ward commissioner and con-tractors of Dhaka Electric Supply

A group of local people held Jasim with his gun and five bullets on Bhajo Hari Saha Street at around 2:15pm when he, his brother-in-law

and Ripon were beating Liakat Ali,

Dhaka City Corporation commis-sioner of ward No. 77, sources said.

contractors were installing electric poles on Bhajo Hari Saha Street

when local youths Ripon and Jamil

the pair beat the labourers, they added.

asked the contractors to erect the poles elsewhere but in front of their

As the contractors refused to pay,

Other sources said the youths

demanded toll from them.

According to witnesses, Desa

After making the full payment

Elite anti-crime force Rapid

Humayun Kabir murder case.

hazat in a prison van under tight security. He was lying in the van

during the 30-minute hearing.

granted the remand.

arrested in a Savar clinic, on a 10-day

remandin an arms case.

authorities concerned to place two other cases for remand hearing after

completion of the remand period. Defence lawyers submitted three Action Battalion nabbed Hannan in a Savar clinic on June 26, a day after shooting their way through police dragnet in Uttara.

After hearing arguments from

blamed for 70pc super faces launch disasters

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

in the last 26 years and 70 percent of those happened mainly for faulty design of the vessels, said a study con-ducted by Nirapad Noupath

Bastabayan Jote.
Currently over 8,000 launches ply
the water routes, but only 2,000 have

day on the occasion of first anniversary of MVN as reen launch disaster. While presenting the study, Mohammed Samsuddoha held that lack of coordination among Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA), Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Corporation (BIWTC) and Department of Shipping mostly accounts for launch disasters.

accounts for launch disasters.

The study suggested that the BIWIA and Department of Shipping should be given the authority to approve launch design.

It also said the authorities should

detect the faulty vessels and fix a spe-cifictime frame to ban those.

Zia first

Major Zia arrested the regiment commander, Lt Colonel Janjua. Ziaur Rahman then gathered the battalion officers, junior commissioned officers and soldiers, and proclaimed Bangladesh as an independent country at 2:15 amon March 26, 1971.

The reprinted book contains the other countries, refugee problem, tales of genocide and torture, and

Dalilpatra' (The Liberation War of Bangladesh: Documents). Publication of its 15 volumes com-

the newly formed Ministry of Liberation War Affairs was assigned with reprinting the book on October 23 of the same year. This new edition which has Bangla

and English editions costs Tk 3,000. A total of 2,250 sets of the book have

Jasim, who joined them later, started beating the Desa labourers at one stage of the altercation.

Locals claimed Jasim chased Bhuiyan said, "Direct or indirectly, the Liakat with his gun as the ward commissioner reached the spot to entire populace excepting a few Rajakar and Al-Badr had taken part in settle the matter.

Sutrapur police, however, failed to provide details about the incident. The duty officer said the DB official was kept at the police station for a peaceful settlement of the dispute.

However, Jasim was not arrested as they did not receive any official complaint against him till 9:00pm, he added.

Quoting Jasim, police said he (Jashim) did not do anything wrong and locals attacked him when he

reached the scene hearing that his relative was in trouble.

Liakat was not available for comments despite repeated

Acting CEC

vote has no validity as it was held in violation of the court directive. The EC should cancel the poll and arrange it afresh for the sake of democracy, he argued.

Rahman said they did not come to the EC with election dispute case.
"We have challenged the validity of
the election held in violation of the court orders."

Mannan filed an appeal to the EC on July 3 challenging the validity of holding the by-election that violated the High Court's orders.

2 CHT children suspected to

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Bandarban

pected to be polio affected and remain under treatment in the Bandarban General Hospital

Kamichhara Para and Mrangkhaymukh of Naikhiyang upazila were admitted to the hospital on July 4 and 6. Their stool samples have been sent for tests to the central laboratory of Department of Health in Mohakhali, Dhaka.

two children are suspected to be affected by polio, but it can not be confirmed until the test results are

100 percent success in vaccination remains only on paper as the polio vaccination programme often does not cover the remote area of Bandarban, local people's representa-

Civil Surgeon Mahfuzur Rahman Talukder said he has directed his staff to provide polio vaccines for 200 children of Kamichhara of Naikhyangchhari upazila.

affected children in different areas of the district," Mahfuzur added.

Ching, alleged that no children of Kamichhara Para, Melai Para and Anjhiri Para received polio vaccine during the last half decade.

Her daughter caught severe fever three weeks ago. Now her legs are almost paralysed and she can not

8 killed

yesterday morning, killing two on the spot and injuring ten others.

One of the dead was identified as Babul, 20, son of Mohammad Sayedullah of Shampara under Chatkhil upazila of Noakhali. Identity of the other could not be

Of the injured, four were admitted to Laxmipur Sadar Hospital,

PM for AL's

tempt of court against the jail super and directed him to appear before it in person.

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The prime minister hoped that the main opposition would soon give the names of their members for the

essential items were discussed. It was observed that the prices of essentials remained stable though floods caused some temporary rise in the prices of essentials at some places.

ever necessary to keep the prices of essentials within the reach of the common people, the meting was told. The meeting also stressed the need for strengthening family plan-

drawn immediately."

Desa to become

sources said. The company will be

given specific financial and technical targets, including reduction of system-loss, they added.

At present, Desa has a 20 to 23 percent system-loss, which is considered to be too high, as it does not generate power or make large-scale power transmission. Sources said more than 50 percent of this socalled system-loss is nothing but

Asian Development Bank (ADB) will provide \$100 million to Desa to clear its dues and another \$860,000 as infrastructure support for turning it into a company. Desa presently owes Tk 2,700 crore as arrears (over Tk 5,500 crore as cumulative arrears) to PDB. On the other hand, consumers owe Tk 1,300 crore to Desa.

In line with donors' recommendation, Desa was formed in 1991 by separating the Dhaka unit from PDB with a hope to arrive at improved

performance and reduced systemloss. But, within a few years, it had turned out that Desa's performance was even worse than PDB.

Donors then started to hammer away at turning a part of Desa into a holding company. Accordingly, in 1997, Desco was formed and started operating in Mirpur -- the worst performing and theft-infested zone. Although the take over by Desco did not improve the scenario much, donors kept on urging to bring more zones under it.

In recent years, the government gave Desco the capital's most profitable zones of Gulshan, Banani and Uttara. With these zones under its umbrella, Desco's performance now looks good. But, power sector experts say Desco really has not improved the power distribution service in any way, as bill collection in Gulshan, Banani and Uttara had been much better all along.

Pvt infrastructure

vehicles and to be collected by the private investor. The proposal is also for increasing the toll rates every three years on the basis of inflation.

The Cabinet Committee had rejected this proposal in January last, suggesting a revision. But it was placed again yesterday without any revision and so the committee turned it down once again.

does not reflect the socio-economic realities and is more tilted to helping the investor make profit than actually benefiting the citizens.

"Just consider that, in addition to the tariff, there will be Vat [valueadded tax]. It would make the flyover so costly that people will try to avoid it," said a source, "and in such a case, the flyover will only intensify the traffic jam in its adjacent areas." Belhasa-Acom JV and Associates

joint venture of the United Arab Emirates, Bangladesh and India, was selected in January for the task on condition that the DCC would further negotiate the deal. The local government ministry intents to give

Belhasa a 15-year tax holiday. Sources said a certain 'Bhaban' is pushing the tariff structure as it has

According to government estimate, the flyover will cost Tk 670 crore and will be set up within 30 to 36 months on the Boot basis. The ING Bank of the Netherlands will lend \$80 million and Commercial Bank of Dubai 75 million derham for the project. The developer will arrange the rest of the fund on its

Ex-Enron

FROM PAGE 12 or criminal activity.'

Lay continued to place the blame for the financial irregularities that triggered the company's bankruptcy filing in December 2001 on more junior executives, notably former chief financial officer Andrew Fastow.

Fastow has pleaded guilty to two counts and is cooperating with prosecutors in exchange for a 10-year jail sentence, while Lay's other lieutenant, former chief executive Jeffrey Skilling, pleaded not guilty to 35 counts in February.

In the indictment, the government alleges that Lay was a major figure in the conspiracy to mislead the world about Enron's financial health, particularly after taking day-to-day control of the operation once again in August 2001.

Specifically, prosecutors contend that Lay tried to cover up the comings standing in virtual ruin with the images carved on their pillars and walls were peeling off, doors and windows rotting and rickety cast pany's ballooning losses as it headed towards bankruptcy in late 2001, after the abrupt departure of its thenscored the value of the heritage they

Morshed Khan leaves for Vietnam July 12

Foreign minister M Morshed Khan leaves for Vietnam on July 12 on a three-day official visit at the invitation of his Vietnamese counterpart Nguyen Dy Nien.

The two foreign ministers will hold talks on July 13 on bilateral, regional and international matters, an official source in the foreign ministry said yesterday. During his stay in Hanoi, Khan is

scheduled to address a meeting of the leaders of Vietnamese Chamber of Commerce and Industry (VCCI). Khan will call on Vietnamese Prime Minister Phan Van Khai on

July 14. He will also pay a courtesy call on President Tran Duc Luong the same day.

The foreign minister will return

home on July 15.

Independent MP FROM PAGE 1 privileges in favour of his demand

and said he will consider the matter.

Shahin, a former BNP leader from Moulvibazar, alleged, "The BNP lawmaker, also son of the finance minister, can disregard even his father as he spoke against BNP chairperson and Prime Minister Khaleda Zia and Joint Secretary General Tarique Rahman. "Khaleda Zia and Tarique

Rahman are of no importance in politics of greater Sylhet as long as Saifur Rahman is alive," Shahin quoted the BNP lawmaker as saying. Shahin termed Naser Rahman a

by-product of the parliament, as he came to the House through a byelection.

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Shariful Alam, a government official, yesterday at Hatirpool kitchen market. The price of sugar, which was

Tk 1,400 per 50kg a couple of days ago, now stands at Tk 1,460. Price of palm oil has increased

by Tk 1 per litre to Tk 38 and that of soybean by Tk 2 to Tk 50. Fishermen at the city markets

now ask as much as Tk 1,000 for a 2kg hilsha fish. Mutton is being sold at Tk 140 per kg, Tk 10 up from what the price was just two days ago. Small fishes have become scarce and dearer, too. During the last week, vegeta-

ble prices have increased by Tk 2 to Tk 8 per kilo. Price of tomato has shot up by Tk 10 to Tk 40 and green chilli by Tk 4 to Tk 24 a kg. There is no vegetable in the

market bellow a price of Tk 10 per

"Prices of all items, particularly vegetables, have shot up. Last week I bought eggplants for Tk 20 per kg; now it stands at Tk 28," said M Jainal Abedin at Karwanbazar kitchen market. Vegetable traders however put

the blame on heavy rains. "The recent heavy rainfalls have damaged vegetable farms in many areas, giving rise to a crisis and a price inflation," said M Razzab Hossain, a trader at Hatirpool

Price of every 100 eggs has increased by Tk 20 to 30. Of the spices, cumin has

become dearer by Tk 30 per kg and onion by Tk 3. Strangely, price of ginger has decreased by

2 US soldiers

FROM PAGE 12 Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB) in Toronto, supported by another fugitive American soldier Brandon The IRB set a refugee status hear-

ing for October 20, 21 and 22 for Hinzman, said board spokesman Charles Hawkins

FROM PAGE 12 Kim Il-Sung governed the Stalinist country for 46 years until his death by building a personality cult around him and his family. North Koreans still call their deceased leader "eternal president."

DCC ups outlay

FROM PAGE 1 crore in road digging fees, Tk 25 crore in 'bazar salami, Tk 23 crore in market rent, Tk 1.50 crore in community centre rent, Tk 5 crore from bus terminals, Tk 11 crore from cattle markets and Tk 6 crore in rickshaw

licence fees.

About holding tax, the mayor said without increasing the tax, the DCC is going to introduce self-assessment system this month to collect it in all the 90 wards The DCC has Tk 85.76 crore

arrears of holding tax. Of the amount, Tk 14.03 crore is due from government, semi-government and autonomous organisations and Tk71 crore from general taxpayers, he men-

On waste management, Khoka said the corporation does not have

adequate manpower and funds for this. It has only 7,000 cleaners while 17,000 are needed and it spends Tk 60

crore in the sector. "Dhaka will be a clean city if we can spend Tk 150 crore a year for waste management but it is quite impossible for DCC," the mayor said.

He hoped implementation of the proposed seven-kilometre-long Jatrabari-Gulistan flyover will begin this fiscal year.

The DCC has allocated Tk 1 crore to establish a cemetery for Buddhists to meet a longstanding demand of the community, the mayor said.

The budget presentation cere-mony attended by DCC ward comioners was held at Mahanagar Natya Mancha auditorium.

UK envoy talks

FROM PAGE 1

the investigation would end. This was Choudhury's first meetng with Morshed upon his return from London on July 1 following treatment of his wounds. The first Bangladesh-born British envoy was flown back to the United Kingdom on

May24 for treatment. Both Choudhury and Morshed told reporters after the meeting that they briefly discussed the investigation into the grenade attack but declined to comment on the incident.

"It's a matter of investigation. Let the probing process complete first," said Choudhury, reaffirming that the attack would not strain his ties with Bangladeshi people. It was unfortunate what hap-

pened, but my affection for this country and the people has not changed and will not change," said the high commissioner and added he was 'very happy' to have returned to Dhaka

His meeting with Morshed came a day after his brief meeting with Adviser to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Reaz Rahman on Wednesday. On his meeting with the foreign

minister, the British envoy said bilateral issues were discussed and the outcomewas positive.

Later, Morshed told reporters it

was a routine meeting covering bilat-eral, regional and international issues, including the Middle East and Iraq situation.

On a query regarding the investiga-tion into the bomb attack, the foreign minister said it constituted a 'small portion' of the bilateral talks and a particular agency is working on it.
"We want to get to the bottom of it."
Asked if they discussed the issue of

sending Bangladeshi troops to Iraq, he said Bangladesh's position on committing troops remains unchanged and added the new UN resolution on Iraq is a step in the right direction. The foreign minister said the matter would be considered if and

when the Iraqi people and an elected Iraqi government want Bangladesh to help lessen their sufferings. He said, "We must assess our capability", as around 12,000 Bangladeshi troops are engaged in peacekeeping operations around the

18 Rohingyas rescued

days ago and made an overnight stay at Nasir Boarding at Khatunganj in Chittagong before coming to Dhaka. Some of them said they have relatives in Saudi Arabia and were going there to find jobs.

The three traffickers hail from Teknaf of Cox's Bazar. The alleged ringleader, Morshed, told reporters they were going to perform pilgrimage in Saudi Arabia. He said he would get 200 rial for flying each one of them to Saudi Arabia.

"We are sure they were brought to Dhaka to be trafficked out of the country," Officer-in-Charge of Motijheel Police Station AKM Rafiqul The victims however said they came to Bangladesh during the refu-gee influx in 1991-92 and have been living in Teknaf since then. Police are trying to find out the

route they used for coming all the way from Myanmar. They also believe there are other people involved with the racket, both in Bangladesh and-Saudi Arabia. The eight children would be taken into safe custody, policesaid. The assistant commissioner of

police of Motijheel, Rezaul Haque, said the three traffickers would be charged under the Foreigner's Act and women and children trafficking

5 GIs killed in Iraq

FROM PAGE 12

Under the new security law, the prime minister has the right to declare a state of emergency in a limited area and for a limited time. It also grants him the right to ask judges to issue arrest warrants and impose restrictions on the movement of foreigners. Human rights experts said the

measures infringed on individual freedoms, but the government defended the move as a vital response to the insurgency, noting that there were checks on Allawi's powers.

Away from Samarra, low-level violence bubbled on elsewhere with a high-ranking official from Saddam

Hussein's now dissolved Baath party killed in a bomb blast in Baghdad and a national guardsman shot dead Alongside the attacks, insurgents have embarked on a kidnapping

campaign in recent months, targeting foreigners in particular in a bid to pressure their governments to withdraw troop contingents or civilian

An Islamic militant group released a videotape, broadcast on Al-Jazeera television Wednesday, threatening to behead a Philippine hostage in 72 hours unless Manila withdrew its

7 shot dead

The fifth man was named as Nahed Abu Awda, aged around 40, and a member of Hamas' Ezzedine al-Qassam Brigades military branch. The identities of the other two

victims were not immediately known. Medics said that one of the bodies had been recovered by an ambulance team from Beit Hanun but was being prevented from returning to hospital by soldiers who had opened fire on their vehicle.

wounded. 'As part of the ongoing operation

in Beit Hanun, forces were operating on the outskirts of the town when Palestinians opened fire, critically

identified hitting four gunmen," he

Witnesses reported seeing battle, although it was not clear

The latest violence brought the

Palestinians and 925 Israelis. The gunfight erupted when Israeli troops pushed into the town centre, backed by Apache helicopters which intermittently opened fire on the

contractors from Iraq.

Troops swarmed into Beit Hanun

10 days ago in a bid to end the firing of

Qassam rockets into Israel by

Palestinian militants, shortly after

one of the makeshift rockets claimed

its first Israeli lives.

Dozens of Palestinians in the town

have been injured or killed since the

outset of the incursion, which Israeli

Defence Minister Shaul Mofaz said

would continue until a planned

Israeli withdrawal from Gaza by the

Three people were found dead at their relative's house at Ludurpur

village in Jagannathpur upazila of the district yesterday morning. Mahmud Ali's maternal cousin

Abdul Motalib, 40, and his nephews

Muhammad Mujahid, 25, and

Babul Mia, 22, came to his house on

Wednesday night, and went to sleep

9:30am, Mahmud started calling

them but did not get any response.

found their bodies lying on the floor.

On information, police rushed to the house, recovered the bodies and

sent them to hospital morgue for

As the three did not wake up till

Later, he broke open the door and

3 found dead

in sleep

in a separate room

FROM PAGE 12 Abu Khirdid, Zaher Abu Khirid and Naim al-Qafarna, all in their 20s. The group is loosely affiliated with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement.

An army spokesman said that an Israeli officer was also critically

wounding an Israeli soldier," the spokesman told AFP. "A massive exchange of fire then took place, during which troops

At least 10 other Palestinians were injured in the incursion, two of them

seriously, al-Asali said. another four bodies on the field of the

whether they were dead or injured. overall toll since the September 2000 start of the Palestinian intifada, or uprising, to 4,169, including 3,173

Mahmud filed an unnatural death (UD) case with local police Motalib and Mujahid were

residents of Ludurpur village while Babul of Budrail village.

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday placed dreaded criminal 'Pichchi' Hannan,

remand in an arms case. Uttara police produced Hannan beforethe Court of Chief Metropolitan Magistrate at around 11:00am with a prayer for 30 days' remand in three cases, 10 days' for each of them. However, the court granted 10 days'

The court also directed the

separate petitions seeking bail and cancellation of remand prayers.

Design faults

Study reveals

About 500 launch accidents occurred

registration, revealed the study.
A roundtable was organised by two
non-government organisations,
Nirapad Noupath Bastabayan Jote and
Supra at the National Press Club yester-

FROM PAGE 1 Major Ziaur Rahman mutinied and

roles, speeches and statements of political leaders and the elite, and documents on political changes before the Liberation War. Its contents also include declaration of the Liberation War, documents of people's participation in the war, descriptions of the war, roles and statements of expatriate Bangladeshis, roles of

description of the victory. In 1977, Zia undertook the project to collect Liberation War documents and compile them into a comprehensive historical documentation. Renowned journalist and poet Hasan Hafizur Rahman edited the book titled Bangladesher Swadhinota Juddho:

pleted in 1986. After the BNP-led coalition govemment had come to office in 2001,

been published. At its launching ceremony yester-day, LGRD Minister Abdul Mannan

the Liberation War."

Rajuk removes FROM PAGE 12 on the day a report was published in The Daily Star," said Emdadul Islam, chief engineer of the Rajuk (Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha), capital's development authority. However, Rajuk officials were

sand-filled land of so-called plot No. 5 in the 35-acre area of the waterbody. Emdad said they would remove sand from the sand-filled parts as

undecided about retrieving the

Recently the Rajuk put fence along Banani Road No. 2, opposite to Nam (Non-Alliance Movement) buildings, to prevent Dhaka City Corporation from filling a portion of the lake with wastes," he added. The Gulshan-Banani-Baridhara Lake has been encroached from all

sides, the chief engineer said add-

ing, "Without proper demarcation

of the lake areas, encroachments will be hard to stop."
"ATk 105 crore lake development project is now awaiting the Planning Commission's approval, and once the project is implemented the lake could surely be safe from grabbers,"

have polio

Two indigenous children are sus-

Samaching Chak, a three-year-old girl, and Maa Thay Ching Marma, 8, of

The resident physician of Bandarban, Aung Shai Pru, said the

The health department's claim of

"We are also in search of other

Zing Ma Chak, mother of Sama

FROM PAGE 12 In Laxmipur, two people were killed and five others injured when a Laxmipur bound passenger bus from Dhaka skidded off Begamganj-Laxmipur road and fell into a ditch

while the rest released after first aid.

standing committees and play effective role in the committee to strengthen the parliamentary During the meeting, the prices of

The government would do what-

ning programme at grassroots level. Cancer patients FROM PAGE 12 Dam officials expressed gratitude to

Alo and The Daily Star for publishing advertisements on cancer awareness free of cost. Eminent child specialist Prof MR Khan, member of Dam's governing body, Dr MA Hai, director of Dam cancer hospital, AKM Delwar Hossain, project director of the Uttara cancer hospital, among oth-

ers, addressed the press conference.

ammunition recovery from

Salauddin Quader Chowdhury's city

residence could not be announced

Metropolitan Sessions Judge

Sources said the court failed to

The case was filed with Kotwali

Sajedul Karim fixed July 21 as the

next date for announcing the judg-

pass the judgment yesterday

because the verdict copy could not

Police Station on May 29, 2001

following a recovery of firearms and

ammunition from the Goods Hill

residence of Salauddin Quader

The recovered items included six

guns, one Spanish made pistol, six

hundred bullets, four bullet-proof

Police pressed charges against a

driver and a security guard of the

residence but dropped those against

Quader Chowdhury, who is also the

adviser to the prime minister.

jackets and some other weapons.

here vesterday.

be prepared.

Chowdhury MP.

Verdict in case

the management of The Prothom

against SQ Chy shifted to July 21 STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg Judgment in the trial for firearms and

Sources said the tariff proposal

N Korea