floodwater in Kamalapur village in Barisal district on Wednesday night.

38-year-old Ashraful Islam in

Nalitabari and 3-year-old Tangina,

daughter of Omar Faruk, in Sadar

upazila in Sherpur in the last 24

such as Kamrangichar, Keraniganj,

Uttara, Lalbagh, Islampur,

Swarighat, Basabo, Nandipar, Badda

and Manda are reeling under water.

The flawed drainage and sewer-

age system already full of water

prevents stagnated rainwater reced-

and central regions, UNB reports.

based in Sylhet city," it says, adding:

of Dhaka city are also gradually

most places in Sunamganj town are

still reeling 6 to 10 feet under water

although floodwater started to

recede. The town was de-linked

from other districts as road links

any of the 150 flood control shelters

in Habiganj. Former finance minis-

ter Shah AMS Kibria at a press con-

ference at his Habiganj residence

Warning Centre in Dhaka warned

that the floods in Kurigram, Rangpur, Gaibandha, Pabna,

Sirajganj, Manikganj, Munshiganj,

Brahmanbaria, Narsingdi,

Madaripur, Shariatpur,

Narayanganj and Kishoreganj are

a man to death for the murder of his

wife while his sister received life

the Second Special Tribunal for

Prevention of Women and Children

Repression gave the verdict for the

murder of housewife Sharifa Khatun

Mohammad Abdur Rouf while his

sister Rokeya Khatun was awarded

life. The tribunal also fined

Mohammad Abdur Rouf Tk 30,000

and Rokeva Khatun Tk 20,000 and

directed the authorities concerned

to realise the fine from the convicts

or from their property and to give

the money to the legal heirs to the

Rouf and Rokeya set Sharifa on fire

after pouring kerosene on her body

in their rented house at Azampur at

Children Repression Prevention Act

2000 was filed with Uttara Police

Station the same day. The investiga-

tion officer pressed charges against

them on December 28,2002 and the

court framed charges against the

appeal to the High Court against the

over whether material can escape.

Others said they would wait for

"This looks to me, on the face of

Hawking's new theory to be pub-

lished before making up their

it, to be a lovely argument," said Kip

Thorne, a colleague of Preskill at the

California Institute of Technology.

theory ruled out his earlier belief

that people could some day use

black holes to travel to other uni-

fiction fans," he said through his

distinctive computerized voicebox.

"But if you jump into a black hole,

your mass energy will be returned to

our universe but in a mangled

Lucasian professor of mathematics

at Cambridge University, was diag-

nosed with motor neuron disease at

21 and told he had only a few years to

sell 10 million copies of his study of

the universe, "A Brief History of

with guest appearances on "Star

Trek: The Next Generation" and

Time."

"The Simpsons."

He defied doctors and went on to

He cemented his popular image

Hawking, a father of three and

"I am sorry to disappoint science

Hawking said his reworked

"But I haven't seen all the details."

Mohammad Abdur Rouf can

A case under Women and

1:00 am on August 2, 2002.

accused on June 3 last year.

verdict in seven days.

According to the prosecution,

on August 2,2002.

Judge Kazi Rahamat Ullah from

Man to die for

killing wife

COURT CORRESPONDENT

The Flood Forecasting and

demanded immediate relief.

No government relief reached

have been cut off.

Our Sylhet office reports that

being swamped with rising water."

'Sylhet is the worst affected area

Rail links between Dhaka and

Raging floodwater washed away

Massive plan

natural calamity affecting 40 districts. Khaleda was presiding over a meeting of the National Disaster Management Council at the International Conference Centre (ICC) at the Prime Minister's Office

(PMO) vesterday. The prime minister is the chairperson of the National Disaster Management Council comprising nine ministers and 18 secretaries. The national body on disaster manage-

mentwasformed in 1993. Besides the ministers and secretaries, chiefs of the three services were

present at the meeting. The prime minister said the government has taken all steps required to face the flood situation. Sufficient dry and cooked food and baby food and more than two crore water purification tablets are being distributed among the flood-hit people, she

Money in cash is also being distributed where required, she said, adding the health ministry has deployed more than 3,000 doctors in different

teams in the affected areas. She asked the ministers in charge of different districts to go to their respective areas and monitor relief

and rehabilitation activities. The prime minister directed the authorities concerned to increase the number of vulnerable group feeling

(VGF) cards in the worst affected areas and the areas inhabited mostly by the poorpeople.

The prime minister said the relief activities would continue under a

contingency plan. The meeting was told that no food godown was affected prime minister presented the overall situation of the flood and the relief and rescue operations on the basis of information gathered by the flood motoring cell working at the PMO

round-the-clock. She said heavy monsoon rains and onrush of hilly water from the upstream caused this year's flood. However, the government could take immediate measures at the very beginning to tackle the situation as it had preparedness in this regard, she

The food and disaster management ministry and other ministries concerned began relief and rescue activities quickly, she added. The prime minister said joint secretary level officers have been sent to 26 districts for relief and rescue opera-

Members of the army, five NGOs, including Brac, are also working in different areas. More NGOs and other private organisations and individuals will come forward at their own initiatives in aid of the flood-hit people, she

Referring to worst-affected Sylhet and Sunamganj districts, the prime minister said army teams are supplying cooked and dry food to the

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, Health and Family Welfare Minister Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain, Communications Minister Nazmul Huda, Food and Disaster Management Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf, Agriculture Minister MK Anwar, Water Resources Minister Hafizuddin Ahmed and Prime Minister's Political Secretary Harris Chowdhury spoke on

theflood situation.

flood-hit people.

Red Cross

At the begging of the meeting, the

most affected by the flooding," official news agency BSS quoted the State Department as saying in a written response to a question on July 20 at a press briefing for an update on US aid to Bangladesh.

Head of Bangladesh delegation of IFRC Tony Maryon told AFP: "The overall situation is not critical yet but we are only at the beginning of the monsoon. If we have another onslaught of rains it is going to be devastating and that is what we are preparingfor."
"People are resilient, but the situa-

tion could become critical," Maryon

National and international organisations, meanwhile, have moved to extend help to people running dan-gerously short on food, drinking water medicine in the flood-hit areas where the livelihoods of around 11 million have been affected. The flooding is the worst since

1998 when Bangladesh suffered its most devastating floods.

Maryon added the IFRC appeal would raise funds to help give immediate aid to flood-affected people as well as to help rebuild homes and

replantcrops.

The United Nations Children's Emergency Fund (Unicef) is contemplating a large-scale, support programme for the flood-affected people, state-run news agency BSS

Unicefacting chief APB Senagama told BSS they would take a decision in this regard very soon after assessing and evaluating the overall damage caused by the floods. Unicef has already provided a \$75,000 grant for the flood-hit people

Senagama said his organisation also handed over 20 lakh water purification tablets, five metric tonnes of bleaching powder, 25,000 sets of diarrhoea-preventing saline and 10,000 cans of water to the government for distribution among the

He said the World Food Programme (WFP) has already given food aid. "The World Health Organisation and World Food Programme have held a meeting with Unicefon providing help and assistant for the flood victims here. GOVTWON'TSEEK

Disaster Management and Relief Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yousuf, however, said the government would not seek international help.

"The government will not seek relief [from the international communityl, instead we would seek assistance in rehabilitation to tackle the post-flood situation," he told the BBC Rengali Service last night.

On whether the government would declare the flood-hit areas as disaster-prone areas, the minister said, "That situation has not come as yet and the government is able to tackle the situation with its resources."

Dutch Bangla Bank, a private sector bank, yesterday donated Tk 50 lakh to the Prime Minister's Relief Fundfortheflood-affected people.

Bangladesh Chamber of Industry

(BCI) yesterday formed 'BCI Relief Cell' to help the flood-affected people. The BCI urged its members to drop relief materials at the cell, which will remain open to all during office hours.

Bikalpa Dhara Bangladesh (BDB), a political party, yesterday formed a flood relief cell to collect relief materials. The BDB members will start collecting relief materials across the city from tomorrow. Jatiya Samajtantik Dal (JSD) yes-

terday urged the political parties to form a national committee to tackle

Mirpur student | Flood fury brings back | PM asks rescued from Mymensingh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police rescued an abducted school student of Mirpur from Mymensingh and held six captors on Wednesday,

two days after the abduction. Unknown criminals abducted class nine student Mizanur Rahman, 15, from Lalkuthi in Mirpur at around 11:00am on Monday. Later by phone they demanded a ransom of Tk 2 lakh

for his release. His parents lodged a case with Mirpur Police Station. Police impersonating Mizan's guardian continued talks with the abductors. They set Wednesday as the date for payment at Hotel Tajmahal in Mymensingh.

At around 1:00pm Wednesday Mirpur police caught Jasim and Manjur from Hotel Tajmahal. Following the leads extracted from them, they eventually rescued Mizan from near Shambhuganj bridge and arrested four others -- Mintu, Tofael, Foysal and Mostak. The abductors all

hailed from Mymensingh. The boy, however, was not handed

over to his parents yesterday. The Court of Metropolitan Magistrate, Dhaka yesterday sent the six abductors to jail and asked police to produce Mizan on Saturday. Police said the court might return the boy to his parents the same day.

FROM PAGE 12 tomorrow for his outstanding contribution to strengthening the relationship between Bangladesh and France. French Ambassador to Bangladesh Michel Lummaux will

confer the award on him at a ceremony in Chittagong tomorrow.

French President Jacques Chirac announced Nizam's name for the

The Legion d'Honneur, created by Napoleon I, is France's highest decoration that is bestowed by the government to honour persons for their distinguished service in mili-

EC to ask

The commission yesterday also directed the Gazipur-2 by-polls EIC to investigate another allegation lodged by Awami League on Wednesday against the director general of Directorate of Agriculture and a deputy director of Directorate of Primary Education. The AL accused the two officials of committing the same kind of law- and codeviolations as the surgeons by seeking votes for Mannan.

According to yesterday's decision, the EC will send a letter to the health secretary asking him to start departmental disciplinary proceedings against the health officials and inform the commission about it within the next three months.

Newspapers are regularly coming up with reports on violation of electoral rules and public service norms by government officials.

EC sources said there are provisions for stern punishment for such violations. If one breaks an electoral code of conduct, he might be fined Tk 20,000, and for violating a public service code a range of departmental actions, including suspension of service, might be meted out to.

Army *

FROM PAGE 1

another Election Commissioner M Munsef Ali observed on their visit to polling centres. The report also reviewed media reports on the by-

The HC bench of Justice Abdul Wahhab Miah and Justice Zinat Ara also issued a contempt rule on July12 on four government officials who were instructed on June 29 to deploy necessary numbers of army personnel at polling centres on the day of election.

The HC issued the rule after Bikalpa Dhara candidate Abdul Mannan filed a contempt petition against Prime Minister's Principal Secretary Kamal Uddin Siddiqui, Defence Secretary KM Ehsanul Haq, Home Secretary Omar Farooq and acting Principal Staff Officer of Armed Forces Division at the PM's office Iftekhar Illias Rasul.

The EC asked Returning Officer

"We earlier said army personnel

High Court about it in writing,"

Munsef Ali told The Daily Star yes-

On a surprise visit, the acting

CEC inspected nine polling centres

in Ramna-Tejgaon constituency but

did not find the army there. The

voting over, he said the court order

was violated, as the government did

not dispatch army personnel to each

the defence secretary replied to the

HC on Wednesday, but two other

respondents the home secretary

and acting principal staff officer of

Armed Forces Division at the PM's

office -- could not be known to have

The PM's principal secretary and

(RO) Mia Mostak Ahmed of the by-

Tigers

us. If we lose tomorrow it will be over for us," he said after a practice session at the Premadasa Stadium where Bangladesh will play their first match underlights in the tournament.

Bashar said that all-rounder Mushfigur Rahman and paceman Tapash Baisya are expected to return missing the last game. Tareo Aziz will have to sit out but the team management was yet to choose between Rajin Saleh and Manzarul Islam for the

'I have to continue opening with Ashraful. Rajin is going through a lean patch but still I hope he will end his

"We will finalise the team before the match after having another look at the wicket," said team manager and national selector Golam Nawsher.

seven wickets two days ago: Sri Lanka skipper Marvan Atapattu will be looking forward to earn a bonus point and book a place in the

areas stranded more than two crore people in 41 districts.

Experts warned that the floods in the central and northeastern districts are likely to worsen as most rivers are surging high above the

Analysts described rain run-off as the main cause of flooding in Asia. While most rainfall is absorbed into the soil and lakes in rural areas, in concrete and stone-built towns and cities precipitation literally swills around with nowhere to go, AFP

The Red Cross said it would launch an international appeal to raise 3.2 million dollars for victims of floods in Bangladesh, while warning the situation could become "criti-

cal" if more heavy rains fell. Thousands of people are living their days out with a little or no food and drinking water as the government is yet to provide adequate relief. The government has so far distributed 15,250 tonnes of rice, Tk 1.58 crore in cash and more than Tk 47 lakh in housing assistance.

Eleven people, including two women, were injured in Pabna when a non-governmental organisation was distributing beaten rice among flood victims yesterday.

The death toll from floods has climbed more than 100 since the beginning of monsoon that bucketed down heavy rains causing floods in two other South Asian countries India and Nepal.

Salma, 5, and Halima, 7, daughters of Halim Mia, drowned in

Elect AL man

FROM PAGE 1 governance," Hasina told a protest rally in Tongi.

The rally was organised to protest killing of Sumon Ahmed Majumder, a leader of AL's youth front Jubo League and prime wit-ness in the murder case of AL law-maker Ahsanullah Master, who hailed from the constituency.

Hasina also urged people to observe a dawn-to-dusk hartal across the country tomorrow to

protest Sumon's killing.
Sumon, vice-president of Jubo
League's ward No. 10 unit of Tongi,
died in hospital in Tongi on July 15 from wounds he allegedly suffered during torture in custody by Rapid Action Battalion (Rab). Referring to Sumon's killing,

Hasina questioned Rab's activities and said, "It appears Prime Minister Khaleda Zia has given the Rab men thelicence to kill." She said the special force was

formed to curb crime, but it is not arresting criminals loyal to the ruling coalition. It is yet to arrest the ruling BNP-backed criminals who killed two policemen in broad daylight in Motijheel recently. "Instead, Rab men are killing innocent opposition activists."

Nurul Islam Sarker, a leader of BNP's youth wing Jatiyatabadi Jubo Dal and main accused in the Ahsanullah murder case, is yet to be nabbed, Hasina added. "Sumon was killed in a bid to cover up evidence of Ahsanullah Master killing," Hasina

The AL chief also alleged the ruling alliance has been killing her party's prospective leaders in a planned way to wipe the AL out of the political landscape.

She said the government earlier withdrew the supervising officer of the investigation into the Ahsanullah killing as the officer stumbled into ruling alliance activists' involvement in the killing.

Senior party leaders addressed the protest rally which turned into an electoral campaign as hundreds of slogan-chanting people joined it, seeking votes for AL candidate Jahid Ahsan Russell, also elder son of Russell also addressed the rally

and sought people's mandate. Earlier, Hasina visited the Tongi

residence of Sumon and condoled his bereaved parents and other family members.

molecular fingerprints of their.

contents and emit only a generic

"I am now ready to concede the

bet," said Hawking, 62. "I offered

him an encyclopedia of cricket, but

John wouldn't be persuaded of (its)

muscle disease and is confined to a

wheelchair, accepted the bet in 1997

when Preskill refused to accept

black holes permanently destroy

For over 200 years, scientists have puzzled over black holes, which

form when stars burn all their fuel

and collapse, creating a huge gravi-

Hawking now believes some

He gave brief details of his U-turn

"I always hoped that when

material oozes out of them over

billions of years through tiny irregu-

last week and expanded on them at a

conference in Dublin after making a

Stephen conceded, there would be a

witness -- this really exceeds my

expectations," said Preskill, point-

ing at the banks of TV cameras in the

of debate provided by the so-called

"black hole information paradox,"

He said he would miss the years

last-minute request to speak.

everything they suck up.

larities in their surface.

packed auditorium.

Hawking, who has a crippling

form of radiation.

superiority."

tational pull.

Hawking loses

The ntv is one of three private satellite channels now operating in Bangladesh.

The prime minister expressed the hope that the TV channels would project real life, values, beliefs, culture and struggle for prosperity of the countrymen and society in their programmes.

She demanded of all the elec-

tronic media to give importance to the issues of children, cooperation Narayanganj snapped as fresh areas went under water. Floodwater is for the advancement of women and backward masses and not to forget the expatriate Bangladeshis. rolling to submerge more areas in Dhaka, especially on its eastern fringe. People from different areas In her speech the prime minister

regretted that she could not appear at the magnificent function in a cheerful mood as a vast area of the country is under floodwater. The prime minister urged all, especially the affluent, to stand by

About 10 lakh people living close to the DND flood control dam are the flood-hit people.
She requested the media, includpassing their days in anxiety, as the embankment has become vulnera-

ing the ntv, to encourage all to stand by the suffering humanity.

The prime minister said she felt proud of freedom of press and expression being ensured by her

party.
"We were the first to open sky in
Bangladesh," she told the function. ing from lanes and by-lanes in the Unicef in a report to the UN Information Minister M Shamsul headquarters in New York says the Islam and ntv Managing Director floods in Bangladesh are getting Enayetur Rahman also spoke at the worse as heavy monsoon rains triggered new flooding in northern

Ministers, MPs, diplomats, elite and media men attended the func-

at present according to reports reaching from Unicef field-staff 2yrs on

FROM PAGE 12 "The low-lying areas on the outskirts programmes on the campus protesting the failure to punish the

Students of the hall yesterday demanded publication of the judicial probe report and taking actions

against the unlawful raiders. At a press conference, they also demanded of the university authorities to declare July 23 'university

Their programmes on the day include silent procession from the hall at 10:00am and a memorial meeting at the hall auditorium at 4:30 pm, an exhibition of photographs on the police atrocities at the same venue and a candle procession at 12:01am tomorrow.

Monalisa Sahrin, Nafisa Nipa, Eshita Shaheed Shams, Asma Sultana, Nasrin Sultana Chhuti and Mahmuda were present at the press conference.

Police had stormed the hall late at night on July 3, 2002 and dragged about 100 students from their beds, assaulted and abused them and also charged batons leaving more

Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) has also taken up programmes on the occasion. They include candle procession from Central Shaheed Minar to Shamsunnahar Hall in the early hours of July 23 and discussion at the hall the same day, demonstration at Aparajeyo Bangla and a photograph exhibition on the police atrocities at Battola on July 25.

Govt warns

FROM PAGE 1 by Tk 4 a kilo over the past one week while the price of rice has been up by Tk 1 to Tk 2 a kilo," said Masud Alam,

a retailer at Karwan Bazar. He said Paisom is selling at Tk 16 to 17 a kg and Najirsail at Tk 20 a kg, which were Tk 14 to 15 and Tk 13 a weekago.

"We are selling beef at Tk 110 a kg and mutton at Tk 170 a kg while their prices were Tk 100 and Tk 160 a week before," said Faisul Islam, a meat

"We are selling lentils at Tk 45 a kg, which was Tk 44 a week before," said Masud.

He was offering a kilogram of foreign onion at Tk 16 and local onion at Tk 24 a kilogram yesterday. "Last week, we sold imported onion at Tk 15 and local onion at Tk 22-23."

Wholesalers and retailers attributed the supply shortage to floods. "Because of floods, supply of cow and goat are becoming scarce, pushing the price of beef and mutton gradually," Faisul said. Echoing Faisul, Masud Alam

said, "If the flood situation continues to worsen in the next two or three weeks, the prices of essentials would rise further.'

Pass rate

FROM PAGE 12 from Govt MM Ali College of Tangail and Muhammad Abul Bashar from Tejgaon College of Dhaka shared the third position with 705 marks to their credit. In the Bachelor of Arts (BA),

them, 16,117 passed. In Bachelor of Commerce (BCom) 10,730 appeared and 4,803 passed. In Bachelor of Science (BSc) 7,362 appeared while 1,786 came

36,578 examinees appeared and of

out successful. In Bachelor of Social Science (BSS) 19,548 appeared and 8,339 passed and in Bachelor of Music (BMus) four examinees passed out of six. The NUVC attributed the poor

showing in BSc results to shortage of good teachers and inadequate allocation for science education. The VC said from the next year the degree results will be posted on a

website and they will come out within three months after the end of examinations. Prof Aftab described this year's result as better compared to last

Among others, two ProVCs of NU Prof Khalilur Rahman and Prof M

Aminul Islam, Treasurer Prof Syed Abul Kalam Azad and Controller of **Examinations Mohammad Ibrahim** attended the result announcing ceremony.

Ctg arms haul

Department (CID) headquarters in Dhaka by an official order withdraw

him from the cases.
ASP Nawsher yesterday received the dockets of the two cases from the public prosecutor concerned and Chittagong police commissioner and left for Dhaka in the afternoon, sources said.

He is expected to report to the CID headquarters today and take part in a meeting with high officials of the law enforcing agencies to form an investigation cell as per their advice, said Assistant Commissioner of Detective Branch of Police Mosharraf Hossain.

9/11 hijackers

FROM PAGE 12 of the Sept. 11 hijackers boarding their final flights that fateful morning. It shows most of the hijackers in Washington were pulled aside to undergo additional scrutiny after alarms went off at metal detectors but then were permitted to board American Airlines Flight 77.

The video also shows an airport screener hand-checking the baggage of one hijacker, Nawaf al-Hazmi, for traces of explosives before letting him continue onto the plane with his brother, Salem, a fellow hijacker. Al-Hazmi had been added to a US government terrorism watch list just

weeks earlier.

The disclosure of the video late Wednesday came just before the release of the final report by the Sept. 11 commission, which is expected to include a detailed accounting of the events that day.

Details in the grainy video are difficult to distinguish. But an earlier, preliminary report by the commission describing activities at Dulles is consistent with the men's procession through airport security as shown on

No knives or other sharp objects are visible on the surveillance video. Investigators have said the hijackers at Dulles were believed to be carrying utility knives either personally or in their luggage, which at the time could legally be carried aboard planes if the blades were less than 4 inches long and were not considered "menacing, There is no indication on the video that security screeners questioned the hijackers about any knives.

US Marines

FROM PAGE 12

Meanwhile yesterday, Indian officials in Baghdad were working with Egypt and Kenya to free seven of their nationals whose kidnapping was announced Wednesday, an Indian official said from New Delhi on condition of anonymity.

The group that captured the seven said it would behead a captive every 72 hours beginning tomorrow night if their countries do not announce their intentions to withdraw troops and citizens from Iraq and warned that every Kuwaiti company dealing with Americans 'will be dealt with as an American."

The threat came two days after the Philippines withdrew its 51troop contingent from Iraq, giving in to the demands of militants holding a Filipino truck driver. The driver, Angelo dela Cruz, returned to the Philippines yesterday, two days after

The cell led by ASP Nawsher will carry out extensive investigation into the arms case to furnish the court with a supplementary charge sheet and into the smuggling case to

prepare a charge sheet, sources said. ASP Kabir Uddin was the second IO of the cases filed in connection with illegal possession and smug-gling of the huge consignment of deadly weapons hauled at Chittagong Urea Fertiliser Limited

(CUFL) jetty on April 2. He submitted the charge sheet in the arms case on June 12, which could not be immediately accepted by the court due to some major inconsistencies it had with the first

information report in the case. Chittagong Metropolitan Session Judge Fazlul Karim after two phases of hearing accepted the charge sheet on July 19 suggesting departmental action against the first IO -- then the officer-in-charge of Karnaphuli Police Station Ahadur Rahman, and rectification of the inconsistencies detected in it.

9/11 panel

FROM PAGE 12 to receive a copy just before the 11:30 a.m. EDT release Thursday on the commission's Web site and in book-

The president, bracing for a report that will be sharply critical of the government's intelligence-gathering, said Wednesday he looked forward to reading it. He also said his administration was doing everything possible to combat terrorism, a major theme of

his re-election campaign.
"Had we had any inkling whatsoever that terrorists were about to attack our country, we would have moved heaven and earth to protect America," Bush said. "I'm confident President Clinton would have done the same thing. Any president would." One administration official said

the 575-page report concludes that Bush and Clinton took the threat of al-Qaeda seriously and were "genuinely concerned about the danger posed by al-Qaeda," but didn't do enough to stop the terrorist organisation headed by Osama bin Laden. There was a "failure of imagina-tion" to provide either Bush or Clinton

with new options particularly military approaches to deal with al-Qaeda, the official said. There also was a failure to adapt to the post-Cold War era, and people just kept trying the same kinds of things that didn't work, the official While administration officials

offered a preview of the report, their summary was far from a complete accounting of the commission's Less than four months before the presidential election, the commission's work already has ignited parti-

san debate over whether Bush took sufficient steps to deal with terrorism in the first year of his administration. As expected, the report will propose a national counterte-rrorism center headed by a new Cabinet-level national director of intelligence. The director would have authority over the CIA, FBI and other agencies, while congressional oversight also would be

The commission described a rapidly changing al-Qaeda threat that has become more dispersed and

All examinees

and Arpara College in Magura, Chuadanga Poura College in

Chuadanga, Nazirpur United College in Barisal, Hemayet Uddin College and Sher-e-Bangla Fazlul Haque College in Jhalokathi, Shahid Bulbul Govt College in Pabna, Gulta Bazar Shahid M Mansur Ali College, Zindani College and Dobila Islampur College in Sirajganj, Banshbaria Degree College in Natore, Adarsha College and Mohonganj Degree College in Rajshahi, Gabtali College in Bogra, Raigonj College in Kurigram, Shyampur College, Cantonment Public College, Rangpur Model Collge, Maulana Keramat Ali College, Mirzapur Basiruddin College, Chawkesabpur College, Radhakrishnapur College in Rangpur, Nawabganj College, Mogarpara Degree College, Mainul Hassan Mahabiddalaya in Dinajpur, Thakurgaon Govt College and Abdur Rashid College in Thakurgaon, Mirza Golam Hafiz College in Panchagarh, Akbar Ali Khan Technical and Commerce College and Nurul Amin Majumder College in Comilla, Char Jabbar Degree College and Baliakandi College in Noakhali, Agrasar Balika Mahabiddalaya and Paschim Patiya AJ Chowdhuri College in Chittagong, Chowdhury Sabrunnessa Mahila College in Sherpur, Bara Chapa Union Adarsha College in Narshingdi, Dr Moslem Uddin Khan College in Shariatpur and Alhaj Mockbul Hossain Degree College in Dhaka.

While the colleges with cent

percent pass rate are: Central

Women's College, University

Women's Federation College,

Mohammadpur Mahila College,

BDR College and Bangabandhu

College in Dhaka, Dhadda Moazzem

Hossain Chowdhury College and

Chandpur Govt Mahila College in

Chandpur, Bijoy Sarani College and

Isapur BMC College in Chittagong,

Kadirdi Degree College and

Nabokam Pally College in Faridpur,

Kachua College, Shahid Smriti

College and Shahid Sheikh Abu

Naser Mahila College in Bagerhat,

Matibhanga Degree College, Safa

Pirojpur, Terosree College in Manikganj, Kabirhat Govt College in Noakhali, Haji Zafar Ali College in Kishorganj, Sonargaon Kazi Fazlul Haque Mahila College in Narayanganj, Khan Shaheb Komoruddin College in Khulna, Upashahar Mahila College and Shammilany Mahila College in Jessore, Kotchandpur Poura Mohila Degree College in Jhenidah, Kalisuri College in Patuakhali, Bhadeswar Mahila College in Sylhet, Dinajpur Govt Mahila College in Dinajpur and Anandapur Mahila College in Comilla.

College and Aftabuddin College in

23 cops

FROM PAGE 1 In a small number of cases, however, patients do show symptoms of dengue haemorrhagic fever (DHF), a disease that now and then brings in death. Physicians have advised every

one contracting the disease to be immediately hospitalised and be in complete bed rest for seven days after recovery. The DF a viral disease transmit-

ted by aedes mosquito, causes sudden onset of high fever, severe headache, joint and muscle pain, and skin rash. Skin rashes may appear on the patient's body three to four days after he is infected with the virus. The rashes may spread from the chest to arms, legs and face.

Nausea, loss of appetite and altered taste sensation are also common symptoms among the DF patients. This variety of dengue is usually harmless and subsides within a week.

The DHF type, on the other hand, though has all the signs of the DF category yet may lead to internal bleeding and even death. Both types of dengue are caused

by any one of the four virus serotypes -- Den-1, Den-2, Den-3 and Den-4 -- of the genus Flavi Virus. Infection with any of these

serotypes does not produce crossprotective immunity. So, a person living in a dengue-endemic area may catch the disease up to four times in his lifetime.

Bangla Bhai

some newspapers as the government has found no existence of him," said Nizami while addressing the press conference at its central office. He also accused newspapers saying they have links with Bangla

"If they (newspapers) do not have any relations with him (Bangla Bhai) then how do they publish exclusive interview of Bangla Bhai," the Jamaat Ameeradded. He also criticised newspapers for

publishing 'excessive' news on Bangla

"The way Bangla Bhai has been presented by some newspapers made people wish to become Bangla Bhai and get news coverage," Nizami told the press conference. Asked if the government's image

would be tarnished as Bangla Bhai is still at large even after the prime ministerial direction to arrest him, Nizami replied, " The image of the government will not be damaged rather newspapers that publish reports on Bangla Bhai will lose their credibility." Secretary General of Jamaat-e-

Islami Ali Ahsan Mohammed Mujahid

said the government will certainly take legal actions against Bangla Bhai ifheistracedout. Referring to some recent comstarting eleven. ments made by Opposition Leader Shiekh Hasina regarding links between Jamaat-e-Islami and some militant organisations, Nizami

militant group.

The Jamaat leader said "Jamaat-e-Islami never dreams for Taliban style revolution rather it wants to establish an Islamic state in a systematic man-

claimed his party has no links with any

Regarding recent incidents of death threat to some intellectuals, the Jamaat leader said question of involvement of Jamaat-e-Islami with such incidents cannot arise at all. Replying to another question ng country's flood situation. Mujahid said the government may

declare some areas of the country

"flood-affected" but the situation is

not serious enough to call those areas 'disaster-prone". The press conference was also attended by Jamaat-e-Islami Assistant Secretary General Kamaruzzaman, Abdul Kader Mollah, ATM Azharul Islam and Nayeb-e-Ameer of Jamaat-

e-Islami Maqbul Ahmed.

top-order batting failure, urged his men to stand tall ahead of the Sri

election to submit a report on army Lanka game. deployment, but the RO, also Dhaka "Tomorrow's match is crucial for divisional commissioner, did not senditintime. were not deployed at each polling centre. We have now informed the

run drought tomorrow," said Bashar.

The hosts are expected to retain the same side that crushed Pakistan by

replied to the court yesterday. They were asked to reply in 10 days. The HC scheduled the hearing on the issue for July 24.

polling centre.

Rasul Nizam