# Police stayed inactive | 4 killed in 24 hrs in Barisal

Commissioner and General Secretary of district BNP Ariful Haq admitted getting such warnings from police.

"After the January 12 bomb blast, a top police official asked me over phone to move carefully," the mayor said. "But I did not take it seriously, thinking they did it just as others do so after an incident.'

He went on, "Now that I was the target of an attack, I have reasons to believe police got indications of such motives during the shrine blast investi-

Ariful Haq Chowdhury said, "Some police officials told me not to attend any meetings at the dead of night and to inform police before going to any public gathering. But it was nothing official.

Ariful added, "So far as I know, police asked almost all the city ward commissioners to move cautiously."

The five-member police team that probed the January 12 blast informed the home ministry and police headquarters about some people it suspected to be involved in the incident, but no step was taken later, a police source said.

The 50-page report was not made

Declining to give the identity of the suspected people, the source said, "The government probably did not take any step nor disclose the probe report because it was a sensitive inci-

Although the probe report did not hint further bomb attacks in Sylhet, local police guessed some key figures might be targeted and warned them unofficially, the source said. "Verbal warning was given as there were prob $lems\,in\,giving\,official\,warning."$ 

The DIG said, "Action cannot be taken against anyone on the basis of

# Father of ward commissioner files GD against **MK Anwar**

UNB, Dhaka

Father of a BNP ward commissioner of Dhaka City Corporation has filed a general diary (GD) with police against Agriculture Minister MK Anwar and his son Mahmud Anwar Kaiser.

"My father has filed GD against MK Anwar and his son as they resorted to repression on the people of Homna in Comilla and filed a number of false cases against us," Commissioner ABM Enamul Haque Quayum said yesterday.

BM Wadudul Haque, father of the commissioner of ward no 25. has filed the GD with Khilgaon Police Station.

MK Anwar is MP from the Homna constituency and commissioner Quayum also hails from the same area of Comilla district.

However, the minister could not be contacted for his comment, as one of his personal aides said he was busy looking after flood victims in his constituency.

Commissioner Qayum told the news agency that he also submitted allegation to the Prime Minister's office with evidences of activities of

the minister and his son. His father, BM Wadud, stated in the GD that Anwar and his son filed at least 200 "false cases" against his sons

and people of Homna-Megna area. Even they gave "threat" to his son,

who is discharging his duties as a commissioner, he alleged in the GD.

"As a father, I lodged the GD seeking life security of my sons and free and neutral investigation into the cases," Wadud stated.

The complainant further alleged the minister's son regularly collects toll from various sources in the Homna-Meghna area.

When contacted, Khilgaon police said that they were investigating the the probe report as it did not identify any one.

Meanwhile, local people are panicked by repeated bomb blasts causing deaths and injuries and fear recurrence of such incidents.

"In view of the prevailing situation. we can take it for granted that no probes into these incidents are going on," said an aggrieved mayor. "And if probes are on, the government does not want to disclose their outcome."

BNP leader Ariful Haq urged all irrespective of their political identity to help track down the culprits behind the bomb attacks and not to blame any one without proof. "It seems an organised gang is carrying out the attacks," he

Besides the shrine blast, a grenade attack was made on Bangladesh-born British High Commissioner Anwar Chowdhury that left him injured. Three people were killed and more than 70 injured in the incident.

Unidentified elements blasted bombs at two cinema halls and planted bombs in another cinema in the city on Thursday last. The explosion at the AL meeting on Saturday took place only 47 hours later. The mayor reportedly was the target of the attack.

## Top outlaw FROM PAGE 12

said. He received bullets on his right

According to police sources, Parimal had been wanted for as many as 15 criminal cases including murder, adduction, rape, extortion and robbery with different police stations in Barisal, Pirojpur and Jhalakati districts.

## Damage repair FROM PAGE 12

"Foreign assistance is required to rebuild the infrastructures as the current floods caused heavy damage, particularly to physical infrastruc-

Addressing briefly the public gatherings at Doleshar College, Hasnabad, Par Ganderia, Mandail Maternity, Kalindi and west side of the second Buriganga Bridge, the prime minister said she came to tell the flood victims that they should not feel helplessthey are not alone at this iuncture.

"BNP and the government are with vou...I have come to see your sufferings and extend help," she told the affected people.

The prime minister claimed that there had not been any scandal or corruption at any place centring relief operation--relief goods were being upplied to each and every floodstricken person across the country.

She also assured the flood-hit people of cash assistance for rebuilding of their houses.

The prime minister thanked various organisations and affluent people of the society for donating to the Prime more well-off people would come up in aid of the flood-affected people.

Local MP and State Minister for Labour and Employment Amanullah Aman also addressed the gatherings.

Communications Minister Nazmul Huda, Shipping Minister Akbar Hossain, Prime Minister's Political Secretary Harris Chowdhury and BNP women's wing leader Bilkis Islam accompanied the prime minister.

## High alert

and Tourism Mir Mohammad Nasiruddin visited ZIA and inspected the special security arrangement in the wake of the threat. The intelligence agencies are now trying to trace the

Over 1,000 security forces, including 500 officials of the air force, army, Rab and police, searched Shah Amanat International Airport in Chittagong after the bomb scare spread.

Five flights of Biman, GMG Airlines and Phuket Air took off amid tight

# Dhaka disagrees

reports on human trafficking in previous years, but were put up to tier 2 after a year.'

Reaz Rahman, adviser to the government on foreign affairs, told reporters that Dhaka has explained its difficulties in stemming the flow of human trafficking to the visiting US team, but also maintained that the government is very determined to make every possible effort to meet the challenge.

"We'd continue the process as part of our commitment to the people, not merely to graduate to tier 2 of a particular report," said Morshed.

The continuation of Bangladesh in tier-3, Rahman said, would project a negative image of the country and might even deter possible General System of Preference facility as well as military assistance.

Withdrawal of nonhumanitarian and non-trade US assistance could follow, if the visiting US team judge Bangladesh to have made inadequate efforts in improving the human-trafficking

No country, however, has ever been slapped with such sanctions by the US for being marked as tier-3

The US had given Bangladesh a deadline till August 14 to make significant efforts' to comply with related US laws on human trafficking in persons in order to have a reassessment. The visiting US team. lead by Mark Taylor, a senior official at the State Department, would return to US and have till September 14 to re-assess Bangladesh's position in tier 3 and give its report to Secretary of State Colin Powell.

# Khulna bigots

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demand they will press for Laying siege to Kadiani mosque at Nirala Residential Area will follow the rally slated for Friday after jum'a prayers. Mohammad Salah, ameer of IKNMB's Khulna unit in a press conference announced the programme yester-

Speaking at the press conference Saleh said the holy Ouran does not entitle Ahmadiyyas to enter the holy Makkah and Madina, wed any Muslim girl and be buried in any Muslim grave-

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisa

Four people, including a Jubo Dal leader, were murdered in separate incidents in Barisal within a span of 12

The victims are Helal Molla, 26, organising secretary of Jubo Dal Chandshi Union unit under Gournadi upazila, Mafuza Khanam, 23, of Chandipur under Kotwali Police Station, Yunus Bepari, 40, of Nayakhali and Ali Ahmed Bepari, 102, of village Bonga under Mehendiganj upazila.

Pannu and his accomplice Palash Mollah on Monday night slaughtered Helal for having an extra-marital affair with his wife Nilufa Begum. Locals later caught the killers, beat them up and handed them over to Gournadi police.

Unknown criminals strangled Mahfuza and dumped her body into a canal in the early hours yesterday as Mahfuza refused to withdraw an acidburnt case she filed after her sister Jovnab Khanam Eva and father Oari Abdul Majid were killed in acid attack on August 28, 1998

Yunus was stabbed by his opponents following a land dispute on Monday night. He succumbed to his injuries at a local hospital vesterday morning.

Unidentified criminals stormed into the house of Ali Ahmed early vesterday and slaughtered him.

The reason behind the killing could

# AL blasts govt

elite force has been indiscriminately killing people in the name of curbing

Government or any of its force has no right to kill people without proper trial and such activities are against the constitution and all norms of human rights, ALCWC members observed.

Rab personnel killed at least nine people including the key witness of AL vmaker Ahsanullah Master murder case since the force swung into

At the end of the two-day meeting at party's Dhanmondi office, the ALCWC decided to stage demonstrations across the country, except Dhaka, on August 13 to protest the recent bomb blast in Sylhet and killing of a Bangladesh Chhatra League leader in Gopalganj. Similar demonstration would be held in Dhaka on August 21.

The highest decision making body of the AL also formed 26 subcommittees to monitor party relief operations for flood-hit people across the country. The committees would also keep an eye on government-run relief operations to "unearth incidents of looting of aid by ruling alli-

The ALCWC meeting also decided to participate in the upcoming byelection of Netrakona-2 and pour as ava polls of next month.

## Four suspects

FROM PAGE 12 'Bartoman Dinkal' carried a story on the arrest in its August 2 issue. The police also recovered a revolver loaded with eight rounds of bullets from one of the arrestees, they said.

## JS body

FROM PAGE 12 complete the investigation

"I asked the convenor several times to sit and complete the probe report, but he did not respond," Ataur told The Daily

"Why will I be on the subcommittee if it does not work," he said, adding he would ask the standing committee chairman to drop him from the subcom-

## 3 get death

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Station the same night. On June 13, 2001, Khoshrul Huq, assistant superintendent of police, pressed charges against 15 people in the case. The case was transferred to Rajshahi Divisional Speedy Trial Tribunal on March 29 this year from Khulna Divisional Speedy Trial Tribunal

# Clarification

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money. It may be mentioned here that the Swiss development assistance channeled through the government is not significant," ERD said.

It said Switzerland has actually a small bilateral programme in Bangladesh and there are only four Swiss-funded development projects currently under implementation by the Local Government Division and the Ministry of Primary and Mass Education. The projects are running

## Erratum

partial judgements

We regret any confusion arising out of computer errors. The correct version of the judgement will be published in its entirety on the same page in its 15

# US embassy in Lanka

threat was or when the embassy planned to reopen for issuing visas and other consular services. "We are currently evaluating the situation, we can't

say when we will reopen," Long said. Asked if the embassy feared a terrorist strike, Long said: "We don't want to speculate.

Diplomatic sources said two upper floors of the embassy, located within a high-security zone of the capital, were

closed initially following receipt of a letter which contained some unidentified "powder".

Fearing an anthrax-type attack, the embassy shut its air conditioning system, switched off fans and ordered staff to leave, the source said.

Most Western diplomatic missions here had stopped accepting mail from unknown sources to prevent anthrax

# Changes in admin

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He said all the five secretaries are holding posts at vital ministries and hinted that they might be removed

The government, meanwhile, continued making changes at the high end of the administration. It yesterday appointed Additional Secretary Kazi Abul Kashem as the secretary-in-charge of cultural affairs ministry.

On Monday, the government transferred Mesbahuddin Ahmed, secretary to the president, to the Ministry of Defence, Abu Solaiman Chowdhury, the secretary-in-charge of cultural affairs ministry, replaced him.

The post of defence secretary fell vacant with the expiry of the contract of KM Ehsanul Hag.

SM Shamsul Alam, secretary-incharge of the Power Division under energy and mineral resources ministry, was appointed as one of the members of the Planning Commission. Alam was replaced by secretary-in-charge of the Implementation, Monitoring and Evaluation Division (IMED) under planning ministry Ehsan Shamim.

Acting Chairman of Land Appeal Board Abul Quasem was appointed as the secretary-in-charge of the IMED. The government also cancelled the

contractual appointment of Chairman of Power Development Board (PDB) Sayed Abdul Mayeed and appointed

Mukhlesur Rahman Khandaker, chief inspector of the Office of the Chief Inspector of Electricity, as the PDB

Official sources said the state minister-in-charge of the Power Division expressed serious dissatisfaction following the transfer order of his secretary and removal of the PDB chairman as well as fresh appointments to those posts without informing him.

They said the state minister met several senior ministers and talked to top officials at the Prime Minister's  $Of fice \, in \, this \, regard.$ 

## Karnaphuli bridge shut for repair

UNB, Chittagong

Karnaphuli bridge at Kalurghat was vesterday closed to vehicular traffic for six months for repair.

Four ferries are on service to transport the vehicles round the clock on the busy highway linking Cox's Bazar and Teknaf.

The government will soon start repairing the century-old bridge at a cost of Tk10 crore

Officials said 2,500 vehicles and five

# Blasts at Turkey

said he was fast asleep at the Pars Hotel when the blast ripped through a room two floors below him at around 1.40 a.m. (6:40 p.m. EDT).

"There was a really loud explosion and the room shook," he said, his foot bandaged after he cut it on broken glass. "The corridor was filled with smoke. It was a scary experience."

Anatolian said one of the dead as 31year-old Haydar Baydar from Van in eastern Turkey and the other as Mahdi Pooliki from Iran. It said seven were wounded -- two Dutch citizens, two Chinese, a Ukrainian, a Turk and a Turkmenistan national

Officials at police headquarters declined to give details. Istanbul, Turkey's largest city and commercial capital, has been targeted repeatedly by bomb attacks in recent

There was no claim of responsibility for the latest blasts, but Kurdish militants, far-leftists and radical Islamist groups have all carried out bomb attacks

Pars Hotel staff said someone had telephoned 10 minutes before the blast to say there was a bomb in one of the rooms. There were 37 guests in the hotel at the time, mostly Iranian.

The other explosion happened on the second floor of the Holiday Hotel in Sultanahmet, the historical heart of Istanbul where many of its Byzantine and Ottoman monuments are located.

Police sealed off the area around both hotels and forensic teams searched through the debris for evidence. Anatolian said police also searched several other hotels for suspects and further explosive devices.

## Waterlogging FROM PAGE 12

the lakes because these recharge underground water, purify the water that flows to the main rivers, regulate the temperature of Dhaka City and maintain the water flow of the rivers in the winter," Abu Naser said.

Badiul Alam of Bangladesh Environment Journalists Forum said Raiuk is the biggest encroacher of the lakes and canals of Dhaka. Most of the encroachments have political links, he alleged, adding that without political goodwill it is not possible to stop illegal encroachment.

Architect Mobasher Hossain of Bapa urged civil society's involvement in the water management and ecology preservation projects of the govern-

# Madarsa

month leave at home

shot him at close range.

around 1:00am.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

patrol came under attack. Robbers shot dead an expatriate at Two explosions rocked Baghdad's Madarsa in Satkania upazila on Monday midnight. The victim, Nurul Amin, 50, was

scheduled to return to Saudi Arabia tomorrow after spending a three-Police said the incident occurred at

West Sikderpara of village Madhyam Rampur under Madarsha union at A band of 10 to 12 armed robbers stormed Nurul's house to commit a roamed the streets, said an AFP correrobbery. But Nurul courageously

Other inmates and neighbours rushed Nurul in a critical state to the Unazila Health Complex, where he ling that part of the country said.

"Terrorists in a car attacked an The gang stole cash, ornaments armoured vehicle in which the and other valuables worth around Tk Ukrainians were patrolling," Polish Colonel Artur Domanski was guoted as saying by the PAP news agency.

"The soldiers returned fire and the attackers' car was completely destroyed" in the incident at Wasit, he said.

Domanski said there were no I Ikrainian casualties

passed at Numaniyah, some 150km southeast of Baghdad.

Meanwhile, three Iraqi civilians were killed and several others injured when in Al Ournah north of Basra at the weekyesterday, quoting hospital sources.

A British soldier was killed Monday during clashes with insurgents in Iraq's main southern city of Basra, the defence ministry in London said.

area of control," a ministry spokesman said, without elaborating. "The situation has now calmed

## IORDANIAN BUSINESSMAN KIDNAPPED

day alleged that police had falsely She said the BNP MP is a political rival of AL leader Muhibur Rahman, a dollar ransom for his release, his son said Former AL lawmaker Shah Azizur

> Salaymeh, 63, said he had no other details on Monday's kidnapping

kidnappers are negotiating a ransom with him and they had reached agreement on a sum of 250,000 dollars", the

# US forces call for

freed in the strife-torn country in 24

"My son phoned me from Iraq to tell

me he was released by his kidnappers

who asked for no ransom," said Robert

Antoun, adding that the businessman was

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US military fired a missile into a residential area, destroying an empty house after a

centre and smoke was seen rising from the cleric's northeastern stronghold as US military jets roared overhead.

half hours when a US patrol came under repeated attack as it drove through the centre of the sprawling slum.

Four insurgents were killed early yesterday when they attacked a Ukrainian patrol in central Iraq, a spokesman for the Polish-led multinational force patrol-

down," he said. The spokesman said the victim was the ninth British soldier to die in Iraq this

yesterday. Sameh a son of Jamal Sadek al-

But the victim, a father of three, had contacted a friend "to tell him that the

Lebanese businessman Antoine Antoun, kidnapped July 31 in Iraq, was released vesterday, his father told AFP in Tripoli, raising to two the number of Lebanese

# Goss picked as new

FROM PAGE 12 former CIA intelligence officer himself -was the right man to lead the agency at a time of unprecedented threats against

"He is the right man to lead this

America. "Porter Goss is a leader with strong experience in intelligence and in fighting against terrorism," said Bush.

work of the CIA is vital to our security," he added. Goss, a Florida Republican, said he was honoured to be the president's choice to lead the CIA, which has been criticised for failing to provide enough intelligence to prevent the September

mation on weapons of mass destruction "What many Americans don't realise is we've got a lot of people around the globe doing very, very hard work -- long

11, 2001, attacks and giving false infor-

Goss, 65, had been considered the leading candidate after Tenet resigned as CIA chief on July 11. The CIA currently is being run by an acting director.

coming days with a number of executive orders Bush is expected to issue for intelligence reforms after recommendations from the commission that investigated the September 11, 2001, attacks.

he would not support someone from Congress in that job and complained Goss would be too partisan. The committee would have to hold

confirmation hearings for the new CIA

of West Virginia, the senior Democrat on

the Senate Intelligence Committee, said

# Man hanged

# for killing wife

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

A man was hanged at Rajshahi Central Jail yesterday for killing his wife, five years after a Pabna court ordered death

penalty to him. The convict, Rezaul Haq Raja of Sujanagar in Pabna, was hanged in the early hours in presence of Fazlul Hag, senior superintendent of Rajshahi Central Jail, Jailer Abu Sayeed, Rajshahi Civil Surgeon Fazlul Haq, representatives of district magistrate, superintendent of police and additional magis-

trate, jail sources said. Raja was earlier brought from Dhaka Central Jail. His body was handed over to his brother Siraj at around 7:00am.

On August 4, 1999, Jahangir Alam then judge of Special Court for Women and Children Repression Prevention. Pabna, sentenced Raja to death for murdering his wife Salma Khatun over

# Deaths darken Rab

Anwarul Igbal at a meeting on Sunday said deaths in Rab custody will be investigated if autopsy or forensic reports show they were killed, and the  $persons\,responsible\,will\,be\,tried.$ 

Senior lawyers at a seminar

recently noted that police or Rab will

be held responsible for any deaths in their custody. The Rab was introduced to curb organised crimes and bring listed top criminals to book but the elite force appears to concentrate more on nabbing drug addicts, drug traffickers

and sex workers. An elite force's primary engagement in such operations has also raised questions about the objectives of its formation at a huge expense of public money.

Explaining this, the Rab director general however said all criminals have links to drug trade. The home ministry recently empowered the Rab to take any crimi-

nal on remand. The step followed

reported police refusal to allow Rab

personnel to take to their office and quiz any person on police remand. On July 10, officer-in-charge (OC) of Uttara Police Station Mirza Hassan Mahmud was 'closed' apparently for not handing over a remanded accused to the Rab.

Of the people who died in custody, Sumon Ahmed Majumder, who was vice-president of Tongi municipal ward No. 10 unit of Jubo League, died at a Tongi hospital on July 16 allegedly due to Rab torture during interrogation while in custody. Rab arrested Debashish, an alleged

accomplice of 'Pichchi' Hannan, at a

clinic in Savar on June 26 and sent him

to Dhaka Medical College Hospital

(DMCH) with leg injuries, where doctors declared him dead. Shopkeeper Shajahan Ali of

Mohammadpur died on July 9 at the DMCH a couple of days after Rab arrested him from Jigatola with a Minar and Jumman of Charkuthipara at Kushtia town died at

Kushtia General Hospital after Rab

arrested them with firearms. Minar

died on July 10 and Jumman on July 19. Septuagenarian Tofazzal Hossain of Charkuthipara in Kushtia reportedly died as a (Rab) team threatened to drown him in a river on July 21. On July 20 at midnight, a Rab team

stormed into the residence of retired lt.

colonel Sirajul Islam at New DOHS at

Mohakhali on a tip off that criminals

were hiding there but the whole exer-

cise proved futile Family members of 'Pichchi' Hannan, who was on the police list of top 23 criminals, and the old deed writer of Rayerbazar, Mohammad Ali, also alleged that Rab members killed

Hannan died in crossfire as his daughter alleged that he was killed at the directive of a lawmaker of Dhaka. Sources said had 'Pichchi' Hannan remained alive, activities of many political big wigs, who patronised him,

Questions have been raised also

about Rab's claim that 'Pichchi

Meanwhile, around two years back, top criminal 'Kala Faruq' was shot dead by police allegedly when he was fleeing from custody. He was reportedly a sidekick of an influential BNP  $minister\, and\, was\, killed\, at\, his\, directive.$ 

might come to light leading to their

arrest and trial.

# Midnight murder in

resisted, resulting in a scuffle with the

gang. At this stage, one of the robbers

succumbed to his bullet injuries

The victim was the son of Nurul

Trader abducted

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

An armed gang on Monday abducted a

businessman from Gangni upazila in

Meherpur as he failed to pay toll to

On August 5, the same gang

demanded Tk 20,000 from pulses

supplier Hamidul Islam, son of Noor

As the trader expressed his inability

to pay the money, the gang stormed

into Hamidul's Durlavpur village

house and picked him up at gunpoint

at around 8:30pm. They later

demanded Tk 2 lakh for his release.

Gangni police, however, said none

Nunu's wife Nasima at a press

conference at Sylhet Press Club yester-

Rahman and former unazila chairman

Muhibur Rahman also attended the

With stringent security in place,

People going to mosques are being

will visit Sylhet on August 12 and visit

Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College

Hospital to see the AL leaders, activists

and others injured in Saturday night's

Hasina will exchange views with

Like the Milky Way, NGC 3949 has a

blue disc of young stars peppered with

In contrast to the blue disc, the

It is a member of more than 50

galaxies located in the direction of the

Big Dipper, in the constellation Ursa

It is one of the largest galaxies in this

The image was created from data

taken with the Hubble Space

Telescope's Wide Field Planetary

Separate exposures through blue,

visible and near-infrared filters were

combined to make the natural colour

The US space agency Nasa

announced on Friday that one of the

four instruments on board the Hubble

Space Telescope has stopped working.

Imaging Spectrograph, stopped work-

ing on 3 August and went into what

Nasa officials call a "suspended mode".

track down the source of the problem

and Nasa has convened an Anomaly

Review Board to determine whether

Hubble's other instruments are all

the failed instrument is recoverable.

operating normally.

Engineers are currently trying to

The STIS, or Space Telescope

bright central bulge is made up mainly

the press at Sylhet Circuit House.

Hubble sights

our galaxy's large-scale structure.

bright pink star-birth regions.

of older, redder stars.

Major (The Great Bear).

HUBBLETROUBLE

Camera 2 in 2001.

cluster.

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additional armed police are now

guarding the markets, shopping malls

clock. BDR personnel are also there.

implicated her husband in the crime.

lodged any complaint with them till

50,000 from Nurul's house.

in Meherpur

local extortionists.

sources said.

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5:00pm yesterday.

close friend of Nunu.

press conference.

checked.

Sylhet police

had implicated him in the blast.

Box, family sources said.

Earlier, clashes raged for three and a

Sporadic gunfire and mortar rounds continued to explode in Sadr City. Shops remained boarded up and the main road closed to traffic as armed militiamen

4 INSURGENTS KILLED

Separately local police said three Iraqi civilians had been injured when a booby trap exploded as a Ukrainian convoy

insurgents clashed with Danish soldiers end, Danish daily Politiken reported BRITISH SOLDIER KILLED

"I can confirm that there was a soldier killed this afternoon in Irag. There have been a number of other casualties as well, during fighting with insurgents in our

A Jordanian businessmen has been snatched from his Baghdad home by an unknown group demanding a 250,000-

and important street points round the LEBANESE HOSTAGE RELEASED Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina

# treated for dengue in various city hospitals in the city, the health directorate

important agency at this critical moment in our nation's history. The

hours in dangerous situations," said

His nomination will be joined in the

When Goss' name was first floated for the position, Senator Jay Rockefeller

# 2x3

## Non-stop bus strike on 20 routes **OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal** Bus owners and workers enforced

indefinite bus strike on 20 routes

under Khulna and Barisal division

yesterday demanding cancellation of

route permits of BRTC buses plying

these routes under private manage-

owners and workers at a joint meeting

at Pirojpur town on Monday called

alleged that BRTC bus service on

these routes was hampering their

business. They vowed to continue the

Khulna, Bagerhat, Pirojpur, Jhalakati,

Patuakhali and Barguna yesterday

suffered much. They were compelled

to travel by tempo, rickshaw van and

adds: Gopalgani Motor Workers

Union vesterday called off transport

strike in the district following an

assurance given by the authorities

the strike on July 31 to press home

Motor Workers Union enforced

Our correspondents from districts

also reported hundreds of infants in the

flood shelters falling sick every day.

Many of them are said to have no access

shelters is very grave as children go

untreated for shortage of necessary

medicines." said a doctor requesting not

saline and drugs to treat diarrhoea and

other diseases but don't have enough

antibiotic drugs to treat children

areas, diarrhoea outbreak continued to

spread. Yesterday, according to the

health directorate, one more died of

diarrhoea while 9013 more were affected

2,640 people fell ill with dysentery

vesterday. So far people affected by the

In the meantime, 52 more people

were reported to have contracted den-

gue, that claimed lives of five since last

June. A total of 1,789 people had been

The health directorate also said that

taking the tally to 1,28,091 since July 12.

Meanwhile, in the flood affected

infected with pneumonia.

disease number 12,103.

She said, "We have enough oral

"Pneumonia situation in some flood

concerned to meet their demand.

their three-point demand.

Pneumonia

the main reasons for the sickness.

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to medicines vet.

to be named.

Our Gopalganj Correspondent

other transports.

Due to the strike, passengers of

 $strike\,until\,their\,dem\,and\,was\,met.$ 

the strike on all the 20 routes.

Fourteen associations of bus

Bus owners and workers vesterday

expected home within a few days.