Six cops, five others

### Hartal halts life

schools, colleges and offices, disrupted

cargo handling at Chittagong port and largely emptied streets of vehicles in Dhaka and elsewhere. A small number of minibuses and rickshaws however plied.

In Dhaka, AL leaders and workers staged demonstrations near Russell Square in Dhanmondi and the party headquarters on Bangabandhu Avenue and in Motijheel Commercial area during

The Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB), the 11-party and the JSD also demonstrated near Muktangon and adiacent areas amid tight police vigilance.

About 7,000 riot police and paramilitary BDR personnel were deployed at different strategic points.

Police charged batons and dispersed procession of Awami Jubo League at Dainik Bangla crossing at around 12.40 pm injuring at least seven activists. The procession, led by AL lawmaker Asaduzzaman Noor and Jubo League leaders, was trying to march towards Paltan Maidan braving police barricade.

Police also picked up at least five Jubo League workers from the spot.

Police put up barbed-wire fences on the roads leading to the AL headquarters in the early morning and prevented any opposition demonstrations there. Only top AL leaders including Matia Chowdhury were allowed to enter the barricaded area.

CPB President Monjurul Ahsan Khan led demonstrations in Purana Paltan intersection area during the hartal hours.

A procession led by former AL legislator Haji Selim clashed with police at about 11am in front of his house in Old Dhaka.

The law enforcers clubbed a Mohila Awami League procession at Kalabagan bus stoppage and picked up three activists from the spot.

Police and leaders of Jubo Mahila League were locked in a scuffle near the Bangabandhu Bhaban on Road No. 32 of Dhanmondi at about noon when the AL's

through Mirpur Road A number of AL lawmakers helped bring the situation under control and the women activists joined a rally of the lawmakers at Russell Square. During the scuffle, police assaulted AL lawmaker

Earlier, at about 11:00 am, opposition lawmakers under the banner of AL Parliamentary Party (ALPP) brought out a procession from the Jativa Sangsad Bhaban area and after parading through Mirpur Road, they staged a sit-in near  $Russell \, Square \, for \, about \, three \, hours.$ 

Our staff correspondent in Chittagong reports: The hartal passed off peacefully in the port city. The city was by and large quiet till late noon when vehicles began to come out on the streets.

Four flights -- one of Bangladesh Biman and three of the GMG-- were cancelled because of the hartal, sources

Chittagong city AL held two big rallies

at Olonkar Crossing and Bahaddarha intersection in the morning. Police arrested 54 people, mostly AL activists and supporters, on Friday night apparently to prevent violent agitation during hartal hours yesterday

reported that the hartal disrupted life but peaceful. All sorts of vehicle remained off the

Our staff corespondent in Khulna

streets and production in mills and tories were hampered.

Police prevented pro-hartal workers m marching on the city streets.

Our RU corespondent adds: All educational institutions including Rajshahi University, Rajshahi College City College and Government Women's remained closed due to the hartal.

Our correspondent in Bagura reported that 26 people including a policeman were injured at Dhunat in chase and counter-chase between activists of the AL and BNP during the

Of the injured, 20 are local AL leaders and workers and five are BNP activists.

BNP activists also attacked the house Dhunat upazila unit AL General Secretary AGM Badsha. Police fired rubber bullets and tear gas shells to control the situation.

Police also intercepted a procession of nmilita Ainjibi Samonnaya Parishad porting the hartal.

Locals said BNP activists also hurled cocktails at AL supporters in presence of police and women of the village with brooms in their hands chased police at

The injured included police constable Jagadish Chandra Sarkar, Dhunat unit AL eaders Kudrat-e- Khuda Jewel, Shariful Islam, Ahsan Habib.

Police were deployed at different  $ints \, of the \, upazila \, as \, tension \, prevailed.$ UNB adds: Thirty-one pro-hartal

activists were injured, one of them bullet hit, in spiper attacks and police action in Sadar, Palash and Belabo upazilas of Narsingdi district during the shutdown.

Police charged baton on an AL prosion in Madhobdi bus stoppage area in Sadar upazila at about noon, injuring 20 people, including upazila AL President Safar Ali Bhuiyan and General Secretary Ataur Rahman. The injured were admit ted to a local hospital. In another incident, a Chhatra League

worker, Russel, suffered bullet injuries as unidentified attackers fired on a procession at Char Sindur Bazar in Palash a about 11:00am. He was first admitted to upazila health complex and later shifted to Sadar Hospital as his condition deteri-Police clubbed Jubo League activists

at Baroicha in Belabo in the afternoon leaving 10 wounded. The injured were rushed to upazila health complex.

In Akhaura, supporters of the AL and

League's office on the third floor of the AI

to check whether there is any way to go

from that office to any of the adjacent

buildings, from where the grenades were

Bangladesh Police has planned to form a

from the police force of ranks ranging from

constable to additional superintendent,

new squad would participate in probing

The one-member judicial commission,

with its office set up yesterday near the

judges' quarters at Kakrail, will begin its

Abedin, will later meet injured victims and

dead and injured for this. We'll also talk

with witnesses, AL leaders and journalists

who were injured in the attack," Senior

Assistant Secretary Mohammad Alamgir

of home ministry, who is providing assis-

tance to the commission, told The Daily

The commission will study the case

It will check the security measures at

The commissioner, Justice Joynul

"We've asked for certified lists of the

The source was not sure whether the

said a source at the police headquarters.

the grenade attack on AL or not.

probe today by visiting the spot.

IIIDICIAL COMMISSION

record their statements.

Staryesterday.

BOMB SQUAD TO BE FORMED

Sources said the investigators wanted

headquarters building.

## Interpol experts

advance mission, the IGP said, "It is to

decide what kind of investigators would be needed for thorough investigation into the Some other sources said the duo would

hold talks with officials of the six intelligence agencies currently probing the attack and check grenade splinters and  $other \, evidence \, recovered \, from \, the \, spot.$ 

Bangladesh Police on Friday formall sought help from the Interpol and informed the international police organisation about how many grenades were blasted, how many remained unexploded, their nature and the casualties. **SCEPTICISM ABOUT PROBE** 

Even with the Interpol experts coming to help out local investigators, many doubt whether the probe would make any significant breakthrough, as the investigators assigned in the case are the same who had failed to track down culprits behind

previous explosions. "Interpol don't have expertise like Scotland Yard or FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation, USA) to find clue to such incidents in a country like Bangladesh. The state concerned has to do it," said former IGP Nurul Huda.

"They (Interpol) can help a country to stop cross-border women and children trafficking, money laundering, and arms and drugs smuggling, and by giving information of and arresting criminals hiding abroad," he said, emphasising "They can help a country by giving information not by probing any incident there.

filed by police and AL leaders by examining ALleaders, meanwhile, questioned the reports of explosive experts and autopsy government's sincerity in tracking down and will seek foreign experts' report it the perpetrators of the attack claiming the investigators are not only insincere in their task, they are even pointing fingers at those the AL rally to find whether there was any who were the very targets of the attack.

suitability of seeking Interpol's help at

others thought it might be a ploy of the

government to avoid responsibility.

INVESTIGATORS BUSY IN MEETINGS

The officials of Criminal Investigation

Department, Rapid Action Battalion,

Detective Branch and Special Branch of

Police, Directorate General of Forces

Intelligence and National Security

Intelligence assigned to investigate the

grenade attack were busy yesterday

afternoon, CID Special Superintendent

Ruhul Amin, leader of the CID investiga-

tion team, declined to talk on the probe

saying they were in a meeting. But he could

not be reached later by repeated attempts

until 8:45 last night as his cell phones

CID Assistant Superintendent Abdur

reported to collect some evidence vester-

Rashid also kept his phone set off.

The investigation officer of the case,

The investigation team however

Contacted over telephone in the

holding meetings.

remained turned off.

such an early stage of investigation, while

security lapses and talk with policemen "Adequate number of police were not who were posted there deployed that day [August 21] at the "We'll also try to find out how the meeting venue. And, instead of looking for nades went there. But our main target the attackers after the blasts, they fired tear will be to make a suggestion on how to stop gas shells at our people," AL General Secretary Abdul Jalil told The Daily Star last recurrence of such heinous incidents,

Alamgirsaid. The government formed the judicial "They've failed to arrest any of the commission on August 22. But the AI culprits and are now destroying the rejected it, asking for an international evidence by opening the area to general inquiry to ensure fair and neutral findings. Some AL leaders also doubted the

SCBABODYMEETINIUREDTODAY The six-member SCBA inquiry committee went to Police Lines Hospital in Rajarbagh

last night to record the statements of eight  $\stackrel{-}{\text{police}}\text{men injured in the incident}.$ "We'll go to other hospitals if we've time today," Dr Kamal Hossain, chair of

the independent probe committee, told The Daily Starprior to the visit. Reiterating his public appeal for

assistance, Dr Kamal said, "We need witnesses and evidence and request all, if they have any, to contact us in the Supreme Court." "We'll soon send letters asking people,

especially journalists and photojournalists, for their accounts and photographs on the incident. The SCBA committee began their work

Friday last and recorded statements of AL President Sheikh Hasina, her car driver Abdul Matin, personal security officers retired major Shoeb and retired major Mamun, AL leader Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir, and Jubo League Chairman Jahangir Kabir Nanak and General day and visited Muktijoddha Janata SecretaryMirzaAzamMP.

AHMADIYYA DISPUTE

#### **Prof Kabir Chy** asks for united stand against bigots

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

South Asian People's Union Against Fundamentalism and Communalism urged the nation yesterday to be united against fundamentalist and communal forces after the bigots' threat to seize Ahmadiyya headquarters in Dhaka.

The fundamentalists could not stand up to the progressive democratic groups, said the union president and also national professor Kabir Chowdhury in a statement on August

"Their effort to knock the mosque and complex of Ahmadiyya community down was foiled," he stated.

"The pro-liberation and progressive democratic forces with the help of different social, cultural and political organisations again proved the futility of the fundamentalist groups in the country," he added.

If police and law enforcement agencies perform their duties properly, it is impossible for any outfit to commit crime, he said adding that united resistance can stop all evil deeds against the state.

Kabir Chowdhury however thanked all who attended the fundamentalism resistance programme on Friday.

An extremist group earlier declared to demolish the Ahmadiyya mosque and complex at Bakshibazar in the city

### Hearing on Dipu's

implicate any criminal cases against Dipu and issue any arrest order or

However, they could not submit any certified copies of the HC order due to the hartal and prayed for adjournment of the remand hearing for a week, the lawyers said. Uttara police produced Dipu and

his accomplice Zahidul Islam Rana before the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court at 4:00pm under a tight security. Police said Dipu and Rana are

criminals, who always use firearms to commit offences in the city. They need to be remanded to find out the clue to their arms and other accomplices. Police arrested Dipu Chowdhury

son of former state minister for shipping and Awami League leader Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhuty Maya, from a buying house in Gulshan.

In the case filed with Uttara Police Station Friday, Mohammad Sagar Chowdhury, president of Friends Club, alleged Dipu and his two accomplices intercepted them in front of Rajuk College in Uttara and snatched away at gunpoint Tk 20,000 and a Samsung cellphone set worth about Tk 18,000 at about 12:30pm.

#### AL leaders

member bomb-squad within inside my body," Obaidul Quader told days to probe bomb explosions from now The Daily Star yesterday. Members of the squad will be drawn

"To take out all the splinters from his (Quader) body, it will take several surgeries that may deteriorate his health condition," said Anian Lal Ghosh, the on-duty doctor.

The doctors also said the patients might face minor physical problems in future with splinters that could not

#### Manzurul Imam

him. Daulatpur police said he along with some other Janajuddho operatives was planning a killing operation.

The arrested extremist and some other operatives opened fire at Rab and policemen when he was taken to Prashadpur bridge area for recovery of more arms from his possession. The Rab responded with 22 rounds of fire that left Imam killed on the spot. Other operatives managed to escape, said Bagerhat police superintendent.

Imam was absconding since the AL leader was gunned down on August 25 last vear in front of his house at Shamsur Rahman road under Khulna thana. Of the three other accused in the case, Shukur Gazi is now in jail, Abdur Rabbi alias Ripon is on bail and

Ganesh Banerjee is still absconding. Rickshaw driver Saidul Islam, who was carrying the AL leader, was also injured in the bomb attack and gunfire and succumbed to his injuries later.

#### AL for int'l probe FROM PAGE 1

out the investigation," he said, doubtng the government's neutrality in nvestigation.

The government sought Interpol's assistance on Thursday in investigating the grenade attacks an AL rally on Bangabandhu Avenue that killed 19 people and injured 200 others

But the decision did not satisfy the AL that demanded an independent international body to probe the incident on its own rather than assist the government or the police. Jalil believed the grenade attack

took place as the government held back for months the investigation of bomb blasts in Sylhet and other places and the recovery of a series of huge arms caches in Bogra, Chittagong and Dhaka.

"We demanded an international probe after every incident, but the government ignored it," he said.

### Ensure fair distribution

would be provided with housebuilding materials like corrugated iron sheets and cash for rebuilding their

The meeting was told that the government would rehabilitate all the 27 lakh small and marginal farmers under its post-flood rehabilitation programme. Steps have already been taken to provide seeds and fertilisers to such farmers free of cost and also to provide them with agricultural loan.

The prime minister thanked all officials involved in the relief distribution and flood management at upazila district and divisional levels and the joint secretaries as well as the ministers and public representatives for ensuring fair distribution of relief during the deluge Minister for Food and Disaster

Management Chowdhury Kamal Ibne

Yusuf, Agriculture Minister M K Anwar Pime minister's Political Secretary Harris Chowdhury, Deputy Minister for Food and Disaster Management Asadul Habib Dulu, Cabinet Secretary Sadat Hossain, Principal Secretary Kamal Siddiqui, secretaries concerned, six divisional commissioner attended the meeting.

The prime minister cautioned against any irregularities in the distribution of VGF cards, which have already been started in the affected areas under seven districts. She said the army personnel were

helping the local administration and also the people's representatives in preparing the lists of VGF card holders. When completed, she said, the list would also help identify the vulnerable families in the calamity-prone areas of

### 2 killers of Yasmeen

FROM PAGE 12 VICTIMS' VOICE

Yasmeen's mother and kin, relatives of the seven killed by police and locals have shown mixed reactions at the news that two of the rapists are going to be hanged, for which they are happy.

But most of them also demand punishment of the police personnel responsible for the shooting on August 26 and 27 in 1995 on innocent people resulting in the seven deaths. The relatives of the dead also complained the government did not keep its commitment to rehabilitate the bereaved families.

Referring to a statement of the then nome minister, Rafigul Islam, in parliament, Monoranjon Shil, vice president of Dinajpur district Jatiya Party, told The Daily Star Friday the commitment to employ one member of each of the seven families is yet to be kept by the government. The affected families are still in dire straits, he

Rezia, wife of Siraj, one of the seven killed in police fire, said suffering from financial woes she had to send two of his sons to Rajbari Orphanage in Dinajpur. Every day heralds new hardships for her, as she has no one to Yasmeen's mother Sharifa said she

is glad to know that two of the convicts are going to be executed, justly. The policemen who killed the seven townsmen must also be punished, she Sharifa is also dissatisfied over the

insincerity of the department responsible for taking care of the Yasmeen memorial plaque at Dosh Mile Roa. "It's nearly ruined now. The department concerned doesn't care for it at all," she complained. Mamotaz Begum, a women leader

of Dinajpur town, even alleged that a vested group, which wants to erase the memory of Yasmeen from the mind of Dinajpur's people, tried to remove the memorial plaque from Dosh Mile Roa.

# Youth gunned down

his foster parents' house in Islambagh Thursday. But he was found in front of Al-Madina Traders near his house the

Angered, Delwar Hossain, foster father and uncle of Russell, slapped him that left the victim unconscious. Russell was rushed to Mitford

Hospital at 9:00pm where he died two Rehana Begum, Delwar's wife, told reporters that Russell left the house without any notice and her husband beat up him to punish him for his

husband is innocent," she claimed. Police arrested Delwar from his house Friday night

A trawler repairer and sand trader Abu Taher, 40, meanwhile, died of bullet

irresponsibility. "We had been looking

after him since he was three. My

wounds at Chest Diseases Hospital  $yesterday\,after\,struggling\,for\,four\,days.$ 

Local extortionists known as Tuka Group shot Taher of Durgapur, Feni, in Satarkul in Badda Tuesday afternoon as he refused to pay them Tk 500 as toll.

Police, meanwhile, recovered the stabbed body of an unidentified man of around 48 and in lungi, from Agargaon in Mohammadpur Friday evening.

#### Hindu arson

Nekmamud Traders Association offered six bundles of tins for rebuilding the houses three days back, but the families have not yet seen any sign of them.

 $Some\,40\,ruling\,BNP\,men\,torched\,the$ 22 houses of the Hindu families to grab their land on behalf of Abdul Zabbar, a

# Pond stands in way

Industries Corporation (BSCIC), the authority to implement the project by June 2006, fears missing the deadline as it is getting late to finalise the PCP, let alone having the project approved by the Executive Committee on the National Economic Council (Ecnec). The BSCIC was scheduled to start working on the project on July 1.

The BSCIC on June 2 last year prepared the PCP, but it was not finalised, as the government remained undecided about the value of the land and the type of industries. The Planning Commission at a pre-Ecnec meeting on June 21 laid down fresh guidelines for the BSCIC to prepare a fresh PCP.

The difference of opinion about the pond and road has however been delaying the PCP finalisation for the last two months, sources said.

An official of the ministry, asking not be named, said although thousands of people lost their job overnight, the government is yet to start work on the park, let alone creating

The revised PCP says the park will have 455 plots -- 332 for garment units, 81 for weaving and 42 for dying, finishing and printing units -- of half bigha, one bigha and two bigha area. Each bigha has been priced at Tk 60

The park will be set on 292 acres, of which 198 acres will have industries, while the rest will be used for infrastructure including a container yard banks, insurance companies, a police station, a power station and motels

## Opposition parties plan

use of hartal' by the AL.

Bikalpa Dhara is also confused about joining the united movement, as it is not sure about the next step of opposition

"All the mainstream opposition parties have agreed to launch an oustgovernment movement and are now working out the ways to kick off it," AI General Secretary Abdul Jalil told reporters at his house vesterday. Talking to The Daily Star, ISD

President Hasanul Haque Inu said at vesterday's meeting he would ask Hasina, also the AL president, about the strategy of the movement. The opposition parties earlier turned down Khaleda's talk offer, saying her call

was cosmetic and bent on diverting

people's attention from the grisly

grenade attack in the heart of the capital. "The prime minister's glib statement to sit with the opposition parties is nothing but a political stunt to divert people's attention from her government's involvement in the grisly attacks," Jalil told reporters. Political analysts believe the prime

minister's call will not bear any fruit in the tense political situation. They say the government's prime

duty now is to identify criminals behind the grenade attacks rather than opening

a dialogue with Hasina, but the Khaleda

administration is placing greater emphasis on the dialogue than progress

They said the ruling coalition did not allow any discussion on opposition notices in parliament since taking office. The speaker rejected all the notices demanding discussion on vital issues including law and order, price hike of essentials and corruption because of the government's opposition. If the government allowed discus-

could be resolved and the necessity of dialogue with the opposition outside parliament would not be necessary, they Jatiya Party (Manju) Chairman Anwar Hossain Manju said Khaleda's eagerness to meet Hasina, who escaped the attacks with grievous inner ear

injury, was only to express her sympathy

sion in parliament, many vital issues

Proper and impartial probe into the crime is more important now than a meeting between the political archrivals, he said.

"I don't know what has prompted the government to think for a national consensus through dialogue with the opposition instead of tracking down the criminals through an international probe," said Saber Hossain Chowdhury, political secretary to the AL president.

#### **Govt rubbishes** hartal salary-cut report

The government yesterday described as baseless a report published in a Bengali daily that besides taking action against 1.50 lakh officials and employees, their salaries will be deducted, as they were absent at their workplaces during the hartal hours of August 24 and 25.

The government in a clarification said it did not take a decision as yet, neither did it issue any directive in this regard, said an official handout last

According to the clarification, the government officials and employees including the women, remained present at their workplaces defying hartal on August 24 and 25 and performed their respective duties in a disciplined manner.

So, the report on taking action or deducting salaries of the government officials and employees is totally baseless, said the clarification.

#### men hacked to death OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jessore

Jubo League

A Jubo League activist was hacked to death by his party rivals in Jessore town vesterday

Iamshed, 22, son of Sirajul Islam of Kashba Kazipara in the town. Police and witnesses said Jamshed came under attack while he was cross-

The victim was identified as

The attackers hit him with sharp weapons and left the spot immediately. Jamshed was admitted to Sadar Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries at about 1:45pm.

ing Dartana Bridge at about 12:30pm.

Friday night's incident in which Jubo League activist Saifuzzaman babu of Arabpur area was seriously injured by Iamshed and his accomplices at  $Er and ah\, village\, under\, Sadar\, upazila.$ Police arrested Jubo League activist Aminur, in the town for his alleged

involvement in the killing. They also

seized two sharp weapons used in the

Locals said the killing was a sequel to

### Attack on lawyer condemned

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Awami League yesterday condemned the attack on Advocate Yusuf Hossain Humayun of the Supreme Court.

Advocate Humayun suffered

injuries in his throat and eye in the attack by unknown criminals on Saturday morning. He is one of the organisers of the Supreme Court Bar Association

August 21 grenade attack. In a statement, AL General Secretary Abdul Jalil blamed the attack on the BNP-Jamaat-backed criminals who are 'trying to wipe out

committee formed to probe the

the secular and pro-liberation forces'. In another statement, Bangladesh Bar Council also protested the attack on the lawyer and demanded stern action against the culprits.

The signatories to the statement include Council Vice-Chairman Barrister Rokanuddin Mahmud Mahbubey Alam, ZI Khan Panna and PC Guho. In a joint statement, Sammilita

Ainjibi Samannaya Parishad Convenor Barrister M Amirul islam, Joint Convener Barrister Shafique Ahmed and Advocate Shahara Khatun said such attack again points to the deteriorating law and order situation.

#### Charges FROM PAGE 12

the run while the rest are now behind bars at Khulna District Iail. Humayun Kabir Balu, editor of

Dainik Janmabhumi, was bombed to

death on June 27 at his office on Haji Ismail Road under Khulna Police Station. Two separate FIRs were lodged --

one for the murder while the other under the Explosive Substances (Amendment) Act, 1987.Sub Inspector Maruf Hossain filed the FIRs on June 28 naming 10 Purba Banglar Communist Party (PBCP-Janajuddho) operatives as the

#### Ministries FROM PAGE 12 government agencies other than the

ones involved with maintaining law The circular has asked the Office

of the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) not to clear bills that do not concern the law-enforcement agencies and are of an amount higher than the allocation in the revised budget for the supplies and services sector. The current budget has allocated Tk 3,170 crore for the sector

The circular also discouraged foreign tours on government money.

were out for the first time in weeks, sweeping debris off roads lined with battle-scarred buildings, ripped up by US

Meanwhile, six Iraqi policemen were shot dead and 11 people wounded vesterday when gunmen travelling in two minibuses opened fire on a checkpoint in the restive city of Baquba, north of Baghdad, medics said.

The attack happened on a main road in the eastern Al-Tahir district of the city at about 4:00 pm (1200 GMT), said Brigadier General Abdul Salam Mahmud.

Police manning the checkpoint came under a hail of bullets, before the gunmen took flight in their minibuses.

A doctor said six people were killed and 11 others wounded -- nine of them police officers. The fighting flared in Sadr City, an

gunbattles broke out between militants and US forces. US soldiers in Humvees drove through the impoverished neighborhood with loudspeakers, demanding people stay home because coalition forces were "cleaning the area of armed

men," according to an Associated Press

reporter at the scene. Sporadic gunfire

could be heard. Saad al-Amili, a Health Ministry official, said three people were killed and 25 were wounded in the skirmishes

Militants fired assault rifles and rocket-propelled grenades at American troops patrolling the area, said US Capt. Brian O'Malley of the 1st Brigade Combat Team, adding that US forces suffered no casualties

As the battles raged, insurgents fired round of mortars into a crowded eastern Baghdad neighborhood, killing two boys washing cars in a street near the former Iraqi National Olympic Committee building, said Interior Ministry spokesman Col. Adnan Abdul-

The dead teenagers were taken to a nearby morgue, where tearful relatives pounded their chests in grief and others al-Sadr stronghold in Baghdad, as agged and kissed the boy's bodies. At least six other people were injured, said Bashir Mohammed of Baghdad's al-

foreign journalists and contractors stay.

One 120 mm mortar shell fell near Firdous Square, the roundabout in front

### PM holds image

world leaders project it as a model for moderate and tolerant nation.

secretaries who attended the meeting at the Prime Minister's Office expressed their satisfaction over the government's decision to seek Interpol help in the investigation into the grenade attack on the AL rally in Dhaka, saying it was the best international probe available.

After the rally bombing, world eaders, including George Bush and the European Union presidency, expressed grave concern over the wave of recent bomb blasts and the rise in persecution of

Bangladesh was becoming Talibanised when it was propagated in the past," Morshed said, reiterating that the parties or leftist extremists.

Ahmadiyyas in Bangladesh, US Assistant Secretary of State Christina Rocca during her April visit said: "Bangladesh is going off-track from its tolerant tradition.' In January, US Congressman and

Joseph Crowley said, "Religious intoler ance is taking a grip on the country." Referring to AL dissatisfaction over the probe even after Interpol involve-

ment, Morshed said the Interpol was the

#### 3 Shibir men

Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) to Ohaka on Thursday for producing before

He was arrested for damaging

vehicles during hartal on August 24,but later he was falsely implicated with the bomb blast case, party sources alleged. Police also produced Bidhan Kumar Saha, a central committee member of

granted a 4-day remand.

BCL, before the magistrate court, which

Meanwhile, the daylong hartal passed off almost peacefully here. Police picked up five pickets from different areas during Train and air services were normal with lesser number of passengers. Vehicles were off the streets while the

shutters down.BDR and armed police were on patrol. The city Awami League (AL) held a rally led by the city mayor and city AL

commercial establishments kept their

fighting body under the United Nations. The seven of 11 living former government the Awami League is degrading the importance and significance of

minorities, especially of the Ahmadiyyas. "No one had believed that

government was committed to looking into any international or domestic splinter groups of religion-based political After reviewing the state of

Member of the Congressional Committee on International Affairs

### overloading

of trucks

18 monitoring stations at important

The decision was taken at a meeting

construction of the stations by the Roads and Highways Department.

structures such as shops, bazars and

# 'DNA analysis' spots

which appear in spam, but never in non-spam mail Their work, said Rigoutsos, was

know are bona fide spam. If we run a pattern analysis on those, it can see letters that appear frequently.

"If you do this, effectively you get small collections of letters so you can think of these as a vocabulary of sorts. If you have lots of data to work with, your vocabulary will be able to describe the

that it will not be fooled by cunning replacements of "S" with "\$", a common ploy used by spammers to bypass conventional e-mail filters. The Chung-Kwei method builds up its database of known true-spam

patterns it spots.

patterns and constantly adds new It compares its vocabulary with emails which it knows do not contain spam. So, an incoming message hit

Witnesses said at least four mortars also landed within an hour in the same area in Palestine street, a main Baghdad thoroughfare, as cars drove by. Panicked

people scrambled for safety.

Kindi hospital. A separate volley of mortar rounds also fell near the Palestine Hotel, where

of the Palestine where US forces helped Iraqis topple a statue of Saddam Hussein on April 9, 2003. The shell didn't explode and could be seen sticking out of the

largest international investigative organi-

"This is the best way to go if an international probe is wanted," said Morshed, adding, "We can't do anything else as this is the right way.' "By demanding the resignation of the

sation and the only international crime

"We don't see the blasts on August 21 as an attempt to assassinate the leader of a particular party, but an assault on the nation and its democracy."

the blasts," he said, adding the govern-

ment was committed to bringing the

the perpetrators to be brought to book," Of the 11 former secretaries, Faruk

are in the US and Ataul is sick, the foreign

of the National Advisory Council on road transport in the city yesterday, with Communications Minister Nazmul

#### factories on the highways to ensure smooth transportation and safety of the

"Obviously algorithms that pertain to pattern discovery are applicable to a vast range of problems," Rigoutsos explained to BBC News Online.

Instead of looking at strings of

protein, Chung-Kwei uses Teiresias to

identify strings of character sequences,

helped by the large volume of spam, which they received at their own workplace. "We have lots of e-mails that we

"One of the properties of the algorithm is that it will spot two or more occurrences. It doesn't matter where they are in the message.

data in a different form. The algorithm can be trained so

spam patterns in it, it was scored

training messages that are all spam and

22,000 training messages that are all

white [non-spam].

processor. If an hour later we have more spam, we can add to the collection so we keep on learning more and

algorithm to be the only anti-spam tool that uses pattern discovery in this way. Some tools look at the route an email has taken and its origins; others

of individual words that statistically make up spam messages.

The research was originally

reported in the New Scientist maga-

### 18 stations to be set up to check

The government has decided to set up points on major highways to check overloading of trucks and other vehicles

Huda in the chair. The meeting was told that around Tk 71 crore would be required for the

actions against those responsible for overloading trucks. The meeting also decided to file cases against the owners of illegal

highly. Chung-Kwei succeeded in spotting almost 97 percent of junk "We experimented with large collections of e-mail. We have 66,000

Various anti-spam programs use several techniques to spot and kill junk mail, but IBM believes the Chung-Kwei

accepted addresses. Others use Bayesian combinations

is let loose to protect inboxes.

"We did not receive any conclusive results from the bomb blasts that took place during their (AL) reign and we did not demand their resignation but wanted

Chowdhury, CM Shafi Sami, Farook Sobhan and Ataul Karim did not attend the meeting Farook is in India, Faruk and Shafi

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The government decided to take

# chief Badar Uddin Ahmed Kamran.

with this pattern analysis will be rejected if it contains a large proportion of the same vocabulary patterns. If a message received had a lot of

"To train 88,000 messages takes about 15 minutes on a normal single

involve identity verification and black and white listing of accepted and not

The system has to go through some more pilot studies and testing before it