# Kerry vows to pull out Iraq troops

John Kerry has called the invasion of Iraq "the wrong war in the wrong place at the wrong time" and said his goal was to withdraw US troops in his first White House term.

porters raised Iraq.

The Massachusetts senator, who has said he would have voted to give Bush the authority to use force if necessary against Iraq even if he had known at the time that Saddam Hussein had no weapons of mass destruction, has struggled to draw clear contrasts with the

thing differently than the president on Iraq," Kerry said on Monday. He denied that he was "Monday

morning quarterbacking." "I said this from the beginning of the debate to the walk up to the war. I said, Mr. President don't rush to

mate coalition and have a plan to Kerry said Bush had failed on all three counts. He called the president's talk about a coalition fighting

alongside about 125,000 U.S. troops "the phoniest thing I've ever heard.' "You've about 500 troops here, 500 troops there and it's American troops that are 90 percent of the

place at the wrong time. **GETTING OUT OF IRAQ** 

Kerry, like Bush, promised that the

### Warming

too costly and wrongly excluded developing nations.

Ministers from Arctic nations are to meet in Iceland in November, after the report is issued, to agree recom-

Climate Impact Assessment (ACIA) says the warming in the Arctic will "have worldwide implications." Run-off from melting glaciers and

the Greenland icecap could raise global sea levels and disrupt ocean circulation, it says. And biodiversity elsewhere could be affected because some migratory species breed in the Arctic.

and that "Animal species' diversity. ranges and distributions will change

Meanwhile, it says, many coastal communities and facilities face increasing exposure to storms.

And indigenous peoples would

"reduced sea ice is very likely to increase marine transport and access to resources." The thaw could open short-cut shipping routes between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. But on land, buildings, oil pipelines

industrial facilities, roads and airports could need substantial rebuilding if permafrost thaws, it says.

plunged them into despair and anguish.

"The present government used influence to bungle the trial process to let the killers go scot-free," Mohammad Nasim, son of the late minister M Mansur Ali, told The Daily

"We were hopeful about justice now appears as a distant dream."

Talking to The Daily Star vesterday Sved Ashraful Islam, son of late president Syed Nazrul Islam, said he was in deep doubt over justice as the ruling alliance made naked interference in the trial to save the

accused linked to it. The BNP-led coalition replaced four public prosecutors appointed by the past AL government with people loyal to the accused with the

intent to mangle the trial to acquit One of the accused has already

taken preparations to celebrate his 'sure court acquittal' with feasts in Nagarkanda in Faridpur, he said, quoting a newspaper report.

"It's not fair to comment before judgement ... we expect justice of hope," said Mahjabin Ahmed,

daughter of the late prime minister Tajuddin Ahmed.

She said her family was not optimistic about justice. "We fear we won't get justice,"

Poly is the daughter of AHM Quamaruzzaman, one of the four national leaders.

United States would stay the course in Iraq until the country is secure, saying: "We have to do what we

need to do to get out and do it right." He pledged to internationalise the forces in Iraq and do a better job of fighting "a more effective, smarter war on terror that he said would actually make Americans safer.

Although he declined to set a precise timetable for pulling out U.S. troops. Kerry said it would be possible if certain conditions were met such as bringing allies to the table to help with security and reconstruc-

He also said Washington should make it clear to the world that the United States had no "long-term designs to maintain bases and troops in Iraq.

"We want those troops home and my goal would be to try to get them home in my first term and I believe that can be done," he said.

If Kerry were to beat Bush in the November 2 presidential election, his first four-year term would end in January 2009.

Kicking off a Labour Day offensive in three crucial battleground states --Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Ohio -- Kerry focused on pocketbook issues as he tried to reinvigorate his campaign after new polls showed him trailing Bush by double digits.

On the front porch of Dale and Jody Rhome's house in Canonsburg, he assailed the president's economic policies and said if Americans wanted four more years of losing jobs and health care "then you ought to go vote for George Bush.

#### Highway

CNG- run three-wheelers and five pick-up vans ablaze.

Sumi was taken to the university medical at 9:15am where a doctor confirmed her death.

A disconsolate Koli, Sumi's friend, said, " I can't bring myself to believe Sumi is no more." Many other students echoed her.

Daughter of late Sajjad Mohammad Yunus, Sumi came to the campus only 10 days ago and attended only one class. Their classes began on August 28.

The university medical centre turned into a spot of mourners as students, teachers and others thronged it to have a last glimpse of Her namaz-e-janaza was held on Shaheed Minar premises on the campus at around 2:15pm and her body was sent home in a university bus. She will be buried at their family graveyard today. The university authorities and

Savar police filed separate cases. 'We are finding it difficult to avert

accidents here as the home and communications ministries are yet meet our repeated requests to take initiatives for this," the VC said.

Meanwhile, seven people including associate professor of English department Kawsar Hossain have been killed so far in road accidents near the campus. Kawsar was killed on February 1, 2002.

#### Another criminal

FROM PAGE 1 Chief of a gang named after him, Shamim had feuds with his associates and other rival groups, and one of his men informed Rab about his location on Sunday evening, said

Mollah Shamim told Rab during interrogation that he had more firearms secreted in the Sattala

Rab along with Mollah Shamim went there in the middle of the night Sensing their presence, operatives of Shamim opened fire on the team that was returned by members of the elite force, Rab sources said.

Both sides were said to have exchanged at least 50 gunshots, in which Shamim received bullets and died on the spot.

An associate of top listed criminal Kala Jahangir, Mollah Shamim was wanted in at least 10 cases

**INQUEST, POST-MORTEM** 

Sub-Inspector Bhabesh Chandra Biswas of Gulshan Police Station prepared the inquest report at Dhaka Medical College Hospital last evening without the presence of any magistrate.

The report read 30-year-old Mollah Shamim, son of Abdur Rahman Bhuiyan of 99/5 Mohakhali at Dakkhinpara, Gulshan, died in a shootout between Rab members and his accomplices. It also said that Mollah Shamim was hit with bullets fired by his own men.

Shamim, who possessed arms and was involved in criminal activities in the locality, had marks of bullet holes on his chest, stomach, back and right hand, it said.

Dr Kamrul Islam, lecturer of Forensic and Medicine Department at DMCH, performed the one and half hours post-mortem from 4:00pm and took out a bullet from his elbow.

Meanwhile, no-one turned up at DMCH till 8:45 last night to receive the body of Shamim.

Rab handed over four other arrestees to Gulshan Police Station yesterday and filed three cases against them under arms and narcotics control acts, and obstruction to law and murder.

Rab men had a close-door meeting for a couple of hours before framing the cases, police sources

#### of Aug 21 attack, says Hasina

Opposition leader Sheikh Hasina vesterday said the BNP-Jamaat coalition government was aware of the August 21 grenade attack on her rally that left 19 people killed.

Accusing the alliance of the attack, she said as the government knows the attackers, it can win Tk 1 crore reward announced for giving nformation about them.

Hasina, also president of the Awami League, was speaking with sports leaders and organisers at her Dhanmondi residence in the after-

announcement of Tk 1crore reward was 'bogus' as the ruling alliance knows that people inside the government did it. Sports organisers Harunur

Rashid and Mobassher Hossain said they would donate Tk 10.000 to 40 people injured in the August 21 grenade attacks. They also handed over a cheque for Tk 5 lakh to the opposition leader. Dr Mostafa Jalal Mohiuddin

Dewan Shafiul Arefin Tutul, Badar Roy, Lotus Kamal, Golam Sarwer Tipu, Durjoy, Gazi Ashraf Lipu and Saiful were present.

#### Israeli spy satellite crashes in sea

REUTERS, Jerusalem

A rocket carrying an Israeli spy satellite intended to boost the .lewish state's surveillance over

The Defence Ministry blamed a malfunction in the third stage of the Shavit rocket, which took off from an air base south of Tel Aviv on Monday. Witnesses saw a flash of light near coastal Palmahim base. here were no reports of casualties.

The Ofek-6 satellite -- the latest in Israel's locally produced line of spy satellites -- was destroyed when t crashed into the Mediterranean Sea. It was developed by a consortium led by state-owned Israel Aircraft Industries.

as a major setback to Israel's attempts to upgrade its surveillance system to spy on enemies including Iran which it accuses of developing nuclear weapons.

Israel's strategic defence systems are based on satellites designed to spot incoming missiles. sive for all involved," a defence

Ministry said "the source of the malfunction in the third stage is being investigated by experts from involved industries".

Elisra Group, which is 70 percent owned by Koor Industries, as also being behind the satellite's develop-

The Ofek is a free-floating satellite that orbits 190 to 430 miles above the earth. It weighs about 300 kg (660 pounds) and its standard life span is about five years.

The setback came days after Israel's missile-killer system, the Arrow II, failed to shoot down a dummy missile in a test-firing off the

California coast Israeli officials blamed a technical glitch on the failure of the Arrow missile to hit its target, but said the world's first missile-killer had passed the main reason for the test which was to identify the incoming missiles warhead.

#### WFP raises

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water levels are still high and even where people have gone back to their homes their land is still under water, preventing them planting for the next harvest.

Under the agency's emergency programme, flood victims would receive food aid in return for repairing damaged roads, dykes and embankments Half of the 74 million dollars

which the WFP is seeking forms part of the United Nation's 210 million dollar Flash Appeal. Last month, the UN also issued an appeal for donors not to forget Bangladesh. It said only a third of

the 210 million dollars it had asked for had been raised. Aid agencies warn that the postflood period can be more dangerous than the floods themselves due to the threat of disease and lack of food where crops have been ruined.

#### Escape from

FROM PAGE 12 that I was in Cox's Bazar."

"The kind fishermen gave me

money and helped me board a bus for Gabtoli, Dhaka. They also instructed the supervisor to put me in a Kurigram-bound bus," Liton added. Liton's parents, Zalal Uddin and his wife Arzina, who gave up all

hope of getting their only son back,

burst into tears when he reached

# Govt was aware | Verdict today 29 years

About 400 undercover and uniformed policemen will remain on high alert guarding the court building, high-rises in the court area and roads in and out of Dhaka Central

Among the 23 accused, three are in custody, five on bail, 12 have been evading arrest and three died. Eleven convicts in the Bangabandhu Murder Case are among the accused.

In the first information report (FIR) filed with Lalbagh Police Station on November 4, 1975, Kazi Abdul Awal, deputy inspector general (prisons), accused Captain Moslemuddin and four army officers of the killings.

"One army officer wearing khaki uniform giving identity as captain Moslemuddin attached to Bangabhaban accompanied by four army personnel wearing khaki uniform came to the jail at 4:00am on November 3, 1975. They were armed with Stengun and SLR (selfloading rifle). They entered into the iail and killed four prisoners." the FIR reads.

The then officer-in-charge (OC) of Lalbagh Police Station ABM Fazlul Karim, tasked with investigation, visited the scene of killing where a magistrate made an inquest report of the bodies. Later, a postmortem report was prepared and the OC gathered evidence from

But the infamous Indemnity Ordinance blocked the investigation and trial for about 21 years until officers of the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) opened a probe on August 18, 1996. Investigation Officer Abdul Kahar

Akand, assistant superintendent of CID, arrested Lt Col (dismissed) Syed Faruqur Rahman, Lt Col (relieved) Sultan Shahriar Rashid Khan and retired major Khairuzzaman on September 9, 1996.

The IO also arrested Shah Moazzem Hossain, BNP lawmaker KM Obaidur Rahman and Nurul Islam Manzoor on September 29, 1996. Taheruddin Thakur, shown as an arrestee in the case on November 3, 1996, gave a confessional statement to an additional chief metropolitan magistrate. The investigator sketched a map

of the scene, recorded statements of witnesses and seized 53 items of evidence to press charges against 21 people, including Obaidur, on October 15, 1998. Former president Khondakar Mushtague Ahmed and former

were dropped from the chargesheet, as they died before the probe started. The chargesheet mentioned that Mushtaque and his associates pressed the four national leaders to oin his cabinet after the killing of

secretary Mahbubul Alam Chashi

Bangabandhu On refusal, several army officers backed by Mushtaque picked up some Awami League (AL) leaders and activists including the four leaders on August 23, 1975 and sent them to Dhaka Central Jail, where the four were killed.

The court framed charges against Obaidur and 20 others on October 12, 2000 and began its trial on April 12, 2001. Of the accused, Obaidur, Nurul

Islam, Shah Moazzem Hossain, Taheruddin and retired army major Khairuzzaman got bail soon after the present government took office. The government also reassigned

Khairuzzaman to a foreign ministry job last year. Faruqur Rahman Sultan Shahriar Rashid and Bazlul Huda are now in custody, as they are convicted of murdering Bangabandhu. The accused on the run are retired resalder Moslehuddin, Lt Col

(dismissed) Khondaker Abdur Rashid, Lt Col (relieved) Shariful Haq Dalim, Lt Col (Retd) SHMB Noor Chowdhury, Màj (retd) AKM Mohiuddin Ahmed, Lt Col (Retd) AM Rashed Chowdhury, Major (relieved) Ahmed Shariful Hossain. Capt (Retd) Abdul Majed, Captain (relieved) Kismat Hasem, Captain (relieved) Nazmul Hossain, Dafadar dismissed) Marfat Ali Shah, Pasha is believed to be dead.

The trial was complete in 278 workdays with the deposition of the complainant Kazi Abdul Awal.

AK Rov. Ahmed Jamil Mostafa. Molla Mostafa Kamal and Motius JUSTICE DELAYED

The then officer-in-charge of

diet may have contributed to his

condition, has been deluged with

get well messages from around the

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world since Friday.

president's hospital room.

Clinton family said in a statement.

#### Maya's son remanded Lalbagh Police Station ABM Fazlul Karim opened the probe as the

investigation officer and Saifuddin

Ahamad, deputy superintendent of

police (DSP) of the CID at that time,

took over the charge on November

occurrence, but the complainant

not visit the scene and record state-

ments of witnesses without permis-

sion from the home ministry, as a

three-member judicial probe com-

mittee headed by Justice Ahsan

in 1976, the home ministry said a

judicial probe was on and it would

for the Indemnity Ordinance promul-

gated after the assassination of

dents Abul Hossain, MG Mostafa,

Fazlul Karim and Khaleguzzaman

were tasked with the probe later and

they vainly wrote the home ministry

on several occasions seeking

permission to launch the probe until

The home ministry in an order on

August 17, 1996 gave the green

light to the probe what the CID

restigators opened the next day.

21 years in the wilderness, the AL

government of Sheikh Hasina

repealed the Indemnity Ordinance

on November 12, clearing legal

government, after taking office in

2001, cancelled the appointments

of four special public prosecutors

who conducted the case under the

AL. without explanations, on

December 3 the next year in the

resigned on March 24 this year,

saying there were 'unwarranted

the special prosecutors, alleged

when the witnesses were giving

statements on January 18, defen-

dant and BNP legislator Obaidur Rahman told him: "Who are you?

You are in charge of what? I will take

assigned public prosecutor of the court Abdullah Mahmud Hassan to

cooperate with the special prosecu-

tors in running the case, triggering a

'festering discord' between the

special prosecutors and the public

overall responsibility of running the

case on March 21 that gave the

special prosecutors an impression

that the government did not want

months after Syeda Zohra Tajuddin,

seeking trial in the High Court.

August 25 the same vear

not get fair justice in the lower court.

on August 21 fixed September 7 for

the delivery of the judgement.

FIR in 1975

Malvipara. P.S. (not clear), District-

Raishahi and Road No. 3. Plot No. 46.

More details about the incidents will be

The dead bodies of 4 (four) Prisoners

still laying in the Jail. Necessary action

may kindly be taken taken in the matter,

(Content has been published unedited)

American will enjoy this basic right.

selected elevators were sealed off,

and extra security staff were on

The ninth floor of the hospital and

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Sd. K. A. Awal.

Dated 4.11.75.

D.I.G. Of the Prisons

Central Jail, Dacca.

Dhanmondi R/A. Dacca

The trial was halted for 10

Mahmud Hassan was given the

The government, the same day,

Advocate Anisul Hague, head of

face of strong public protest.

interference' in the case.

steps to remove you."

prosecutor.

them to fight it.

But they were reinstated on

The special prosecutors

The BNP-led four-party coalition

obstructions to the trial.

December 15, 2002.

After taking office in 1996 after

inform him in time

angabandhu.

December 1994.

When he sought the permission

The trial could not be launched

CID senior assistant superinten-

Uddin Chowdhury was constituted.

declined to show him the scene.

Saifuddin went to the place of

The DSP was told that he could

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday placed Rashedul Hossain Chowdhury Rony, son of Awami League leader Mofazzel Hossain Chowdhury Maya, on a two-

Police showed Rony arrested in a robbery case filed against his elder brother Dipu Chowdhury.

Detective Branch (DB) of police arrested Rony from his Baily Road billiard club Sunday evening and later handed him over to police.

Uttara police produced him before the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court at 4:00pm yesterday.

In the report submitted to the court, police pleaded the court for showing him arrested in the robbery case. The report claimed Rony, an extortionist, possesses arms and may have link to the robbery. Rony needs to be quizzed to learn more about the robbery, they said, praying for a seven-day remand.

The defence lawyer, however, claimed Rony is innocent and said no case or GD was filed against him. The defence prayed for his bail and cancellation of the remand prayer.

Hearing both sides, Metropolitan Magistrate Nani Gopal Biswas showed him arrested in the case and granted the remand prayer.

#### Foreign currencies FROM PAGE 12 into his bag, a customs official at the

"I often visit Dubai and bring cosmetics and computer accessories." said Ahsanul, son of Abdus Sattar of Radhanagar village Shamshernagar upazila of Moulvibazar.

Customs officials handed him over to Airport Police Station and denosited the currencies to the customs warehouse

#### Rab takes

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Sources said they are now working to find out the addresses and possible hideouts of the people listed as suspects on the basis of the video footage of the grenade attacks. Once they've done this, the leads will be disseminated among Rab, police and intelligence officials to launch a crackdown to net the suspects.

A series of grenade blasts on an Awami League (AL) rally on August 21 killed 20 people and injured over 200 others.

An intelligence official seeking anonymity said they are yet to confirm name or address of any of the suspects. **JUDICIAL COMMISSION** 

The one-member Judicial Commission formed to probe the August 21 carnage has sent letters requesting depositions to all the dignitaries and Awami League (AL)

wife of slain prime minister and one leaders who were on the dais with AL President Sheikh Hasina during of the high-profile victims of the iail killing Tajuddin Ahmed, filed a the grenade blasts. petition on January 26 last year Besides, the commission has asked the authorities concerned to In her petition, the AL presidium

provide names of the intelligence member said she feared she would officials who were posted on Bangabandhu Avenue on August The HC rejected the petition on The commission will enquire whether they carried out their duties The arguments were complete properly. Special Branch, on August 7 this year and the court Directorate General of Forces Intelligence and National Security Intelligence personnel are likely to

be among the summoned. The commission, headed by Justice Md Joynul Abedin, has already recorded statements of 76

Sources said the commission did

#### not work yesterday, a holiday.

DU teacher

Siddique said.

17.101 crore.

FROM PAGE 12 adding that police are looking for the

owner of the phone. Illegible in due course. The incident has DU Teachers Association (Duta) been report verbally by the inspector meanwhile, in an emergency meet-General of Prisons Rangladesh. To the ing protested the death threat. "We'll Secretary to the Government of the ask the university authorities to People's Republic of Bangladesh. ensure Mansur's safety," Duta Ministry of Home Affairs, Dacca. President Prof AAMS Arefin Yesterday (3.11.75).

#### Poorest ADP

In 2002-03, the government was able to implement Tk 15,408 crore projects out of the revised ADP of Tk

shipping and health ministries were the low performers in implementing project aids last fiscal year. Post and telecommunications ministry could implement only 12

Post and telecommunications.

percent of the foreign aid allocated to it while health and shipping ministries utilised 46 percent and 24 percent of the foreign aid allocated to them. Communications and energy and mineral resources ministries

with over 90 percent utilisation A planning ministry official said the original ADP is reduced every vear despite objections from the implementing ministries, but ultimately, even the scaled-down revised ADP remains partially

were the two highest performers

utilised M Hafiz Uddin Khan, former adviser to the caretaker government and also the chief of the Public Expenditure Review Commission, said the government fixes ambitious targets without considering its implementation capacity.

'That's why the government should fix the ADP size in a realistic way," he told The Daily Star. "Otherwise, low-quality and politicallybiased projects would be implebe abandoned.

### No move taken to bring

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In the late 1970s the government of then president Ziaur Rahman employed those self-confessed killers in diplomatic missions in different countries to represent Bangladesh. Meanwhile, the government sanctioned widow allowance for Mahfuza Pasha, wife of Aziz Pasha, convicted in Bangabandhu murder case

The Awami League government n 1996 relieved Abdul Aziz Pasha of his government duties, as he was found guilty of breaching the service rules and regulations. But after coming to power in October 2001. the BNP led coalition government overturned the decision and reinstated his status as retired instead of sacked at the request of Mahfuza Pasha. It entitled Mahfuza Pasha to her deceased husband's pension and other financial facilities.

The AL government initiative to bring the killers of Bangabandhu and four national leaders before the court stalled when BNP returned to power in 2001.

Even the special cell of the foreign ministry created by the AL government to facilitate return of the 12 convicted men to Bangladesh and track their movements became inonerative. Since then, neither the foreign nor the home ministry, could provide any news on the whereabouts of the seven convicted "All activities and operations

regarding the return of those 12 have stopped because that's what the government wants," said an official who was involved with the special cell. Bangladesh signed an extradition

treaty with Thailand in 1998 and brought Bazlul Huda, one of the convicted, from Thailand on November 8, 1998, the day the verdict on Bangabandhu Murder

case was delivered. The then AL government was seeking to sign more extradition treaties with other countries. They even held several discussions with the United States and Canada about

signing extradition treaties. But since the BNP led coalition came to power in 2001 no country has been approached with intent to

sian such a treatv. Of the accused, Obaidur, Nurul Islam Manzoor, Shah Moazzem Hossain, Taheruddin Thakur and retired army major Khairuzzaman

were releaséd on bail in 2001. Lt Col (dismissed) Syed Faruk Rahman, Lt Col (retired) Sultan Shahrvar Rashid Khan and Major (retired) Bazlul Huda, however, are

#### Security hiked

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the western and eastern sides of the Jail Road since midnight last night. The special and detective branches equipped with video cameras will mount a sharp watch to avert any trouble. Police will escort the judge and

the public prosecutor from home to court, while security will be provided for all involved in the verdict. Sources said the Rapid Action

Battalion and paramilitary Bangladesh Rifles have also been directed to keep their maximum forces on guard.

## Iraqi car bomb blast

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the most wanted Saddam Hussein aide still on the run, in an embarrassing climbdown a day after top officials reported he had been seized in a raid by Iragi forces.

The Interior Ministry said in a

statement that tests showed that a man in Iraqi custody was not Izzat Ibrahim al-Douri, who was sixth on a US list of the 55 most wanted members of Saddam's regime and had a \$10 million price on his head. "The person that has been arrested, after appropriate medical

tests, was not al-Douri but some-

body related to him, who is also

wanted by the state," the ministry said The statement followed 24 hours of confusion during which the Defense Ministry and two Iraqi ministers said Ibrahim had been captured near the town of Tikrit,

to be contradicted by other officials. The two ministers gave a detailed account of how Ibrahim had been captured after a battle in which 150 of his followers were killed or captured when they tried to thwart his arrest.

But the regional National Guard

commander in Tikrit, and US forces

Saddam's former powerbase, only

in the area, said they knew nothing about any such battle and had no information on Ibrahim's capture. The confusion raised new guestions about the effectiveness and unity of Irag's interim government as it prepares for national elections in January and tries to crush a stub-

born insurgency and tackle a wave of kidnappings. There was no immediate explanation from the government on how so many top officials had been so wrong on the reported capture. It was the second time the government has had to make a major

retraction since it took over formal sovereignty in June.

gas to a major electrical plant south of the northern Iraqi city of Kirkuk was attacked yesterday, a local police official told AFP. "This morning at 11:25 (0725

GMT), unknown attackers set fire to a gas pipeline in the Taza region' some 20km south of Kirkuk, police colonel Ali Mustashar al-Obeid

Sabah Shaku, an official for the Northern Electricity Co told AFP that the attack "had had serious conseguences for the Bavii electrical plant which produces 400 megawatts per day and supplies the whole of

### AL, JSD, WP

FROM PAGE 12 oust-government movement.

They accused the government of its involvement in the grisly attacks and also of patronising religious extremists in the country. The programme was announced on August 31 as part of nine-day

agitation programme until September 9. "The Awami League and other parties will declare fresh programmes afterwards," said AL General Secretary Abdul Jalil. The AL and its front organisa-

have made all necessar preparations to turn today's ogramme into a big showdown. The AL could not bring out a

scheduled mass procession on

August 21 as at least 13 grenades

were hurled at the rally addressed

by Opposition Leader Sheikh

Hasina and most of the senior AL leaders. The attack left 19 people killed and over 200 hurt. Abdul Jalil, meanwhile, in a

#### statement yesterday urged party leaders, workers and commoners to join today's programme and give a no-confidence to the ruling alliance.

FROM PAGE 12 Kasuri said he had reiterated Pakistan's allegations about human rights abuses by the Indian army in Kashmir and stressed the dispute

countries and what has caused three wars between us and a near war in 2002. And that was the issue of Jammu and Kashmir." "We are not imposing preconditions. But it's a matter of common sense, it's a matter of historical

Kashmir," he said. Kasuri later spent half an hour with Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, but left without

making further comment. The neighbors embarked on a peace process in January with a new sense of purpose and opti-

pated, especially after India's center-left Congress party won back power in May, replacing the Hindu nationalist Bharativa Janata Partv.

differences. The ministers announced a short list of agreements but no significant

November on a railway to link the India's state of Rajasthan and Coastguards and maritime security forces would also hold talks to establish communication links,

to discuss proposals for nuclear and

building measures. Speaking off the record, a Pakistani official said the two sides had also agreed to hold "politicaltechnical" level talks to discuss establishing a bus link between the capitals of divided Kashmir across

the heavily militarized frontline.

depends on what happened privately as opposed to what was said publicly. Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf is due to meet the Indian prime minister for the first time on

Shaukat Aziz is also due to visit India on a tour of South Asia later Kasuri to visit Pakistan.

their talks on Wednesday, while topranking foreign ministry officials will meet again in December. India claims all of Kashmir, while Pakistan seeks implementation of

Islamic Pakistan. A revolt against New Delhi's rule began in Indian Kashmir in 1989

and has killed more than 40,000 people. India accuses Pakistan of aiding the militants; Pakistan denies

### Moreover, a pipeline supplying India, Pakistan make

over the Himalayan region could not be sidelined. "Regardless of the words we use and the gloss we put, we are all aware of what has been the cause of perpetual tension between our two

experience that if we wish to put our relations on an even keel we'll have to tackle the issue of Jammu and

But much of that hope has dissi-

A cease-fire has held along the frontline in Kashmir for almost a year, but there has been no apparent progress in resolving deeper

breakthroughs. They agreed to hold 'technical level" talks in October or Pakistan's Sindh province.

while experts would also meet again

### conventional weapons "confidence

unravel a dispute over what documents Kashmiris would use, he "I wouldn't be too despondent, but it would have been good to see a few more concrete agreements, said a Western diplomat. "But a lot

The talks in October would aim to

the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly this month. Pakistani Prime Minister

this year, while Natwar Singh said he had accepted an invitation from The two foreign ministries will issue a detailed joint statement on

U.N. resolutions on a plebiscite to decide whether the Muslim-majority territory should be merged with mostly Hindu India or folded into

### REUTERS, Canonsburg, Pennsylvania

Democratic presidential nominee

Under pressure from some Democrats to change the subject from national security -- regarded by many as President George W. Bush's strongest issue -- Kerry tried to focus exclusively on the economy and other domestic topics at a neighbourhood meeting but sup-

president "I would not have done just one thing differently than the president on Iraq, I would have done every-

war, take the time to build a legiti-

combat casualties and it's American taxpayers that are paying 90 percent of the cost of the war," he said. "It's the wrong war, in the wrong

Among conclusions, the Arctic

The report also says "Arctic vegetation zones are projected to shift, bringing wide-ranging impacts"

face major economic and cultural impacts, it says. Ultraviolet radiation known to cause skin cancer and immune system disorders in humans - would also rise sharply. The report also concludes that

Families of nat'l

when the previous Awami League (AL) government initiated the belated trial process. But justice

the accused.

my father's killing, but the way the government has interfered with the trial process has slimmed down the

ASM Sayeed, husband of Poly Syed, quoted her as saying.

The Awami League chief said the

arch-enemy Iran has crashed into the sea shortly after lift-off, officials and defence sources say.

The loss of the satellite was seen

'Such incidents are very expensource said about the lost satellite. In a terse statement, the Defence

It named Israel Military Industries (IMI), Rafael, Elbit Systems and the

Dafadar (dismissed) and Abdul Hasem. Lt Col (relieved) Abdul Aziz

Six judges who sat the case are Golam Rasul, Sheikh Rezwan Ali,

Clinton's heart "We are fortunate to have great Clinton, a legendary consumer of health care coverage -- and conjunk foods who has admitted that his tinue to hope for the day when every

Bush and Kerry both called hand throughout the complex, Clinton as did Vice President Dick according to the medical staff. Cheney, who has suffered four heart A doctor who tested Clinton's attacks and underwent his own heart last week showed that the quadruple bypass surgery in 1988. former president had "multi-vessel British Prime Minister Tony Blair coronary artery disease," a condisent a message of support, and a tion sometimes treated by inserting huge number of bouquets have reportedly been sent to the ex-

and their daughter Chelsea at a secure wing at the hospital. "We feel so blessed and grateful for the thousands of prayers and messages of good will we have received these past few days," the

a balloon into arteries to open clogged passages. But Clinton's arteries, suffering Clinton spent the weekend with from years of cheeseburgers and French fries, were too extensively his wife, US Senator Hillary Clinton, blocked for that.

will accept bypass grafts well, and I have every hope and every expectation he should do well," doctor Anthony Pucillo told the New York Ever the politicians, they added:

"His heart muscle is normal. He has good targets, good vessels that

mented while priority projects would