Windies whip Tigers Trader

described a replay of the previous game against South Africa at Edgbaston, where Dav Whatmore's boys were shot out for 93. The only difference was that this time they batted first on winning the toss.

The match as a contest was all but over when Bandladesh lost half of their wickets for only 26 runs in only 8.6 overs. The never ending procession started when Marvyn Dillon, the most success West Indies bowler with five for 29, squared Javed Omar up and Darren Sammy took a stumbling catch at gully in his second attempt.

Ashraful played a few entertaining shots before he hooked left-arm pacer Dwayne Bravo straight down the throat of Dillon at deep fine leg.

Dillon then cleaned up both Nafees Igbal and captain Rajin Saleh to take the stuffing out of Bangladesh's middle-order. Rajin assignment as a makeshift captain ended with a contribution of only

Mushfigur Rahman and Aftab Ahmed scored 21 runs each while Khaled Mahmud delayed the West Indies celebration with the innings highest 34 not out. Earlier, the West Indies total of

259 was built around two beefv halfcenturies by their left-handed opening pair of Chris Gayle and Wavell Hinds. West Indies were looking to push the total close to the 300-mark in the last ten overs but only to be denied by a spirited bowling from

The wily right-arm pacer opener broke a towering first-wicket stand 192 runs between Gayle and Hinds in the 40th over when he had Hinds caught at long off by Nazmul Hossain. Hinds' aggressive 82

Tapash then broke the heart of Gayle by dismissing him for 99. Gayle tentatively pushed at a delivery that was leaving him but only managed to offer a faint nick behind to wicketkeeper Khaled Mashud. Mashud however had a terrible day with the gloves. The experienced wicketkeeper dropped both the openers in the early stages of their spective innings'

Bangladesh's ground fielding also looked painstakingly below standard. The only exception was a superb run out by Tapash that cut short a menacing Brian Lara's stay at the wicket.

The West Indies captain announced his arrival at the wicket after the fall of Gavle with two massive sixes against left-arm spinner Mohammad Rafique. He raced to 20 off only seven balls threatening Shaheed Afridi's quickest one-day 50. But Tapash stunned the chamnion left-hander when he picked up a firm forward defensive push from Ramnaresh Sarwan and turned and threw the ball in a flash with Lara short of his crease at the non-

JS plunges into

the probes, why not a general discussion?

"It's a ploy to rob the opposition of home in the deadly grenade attack, walkout press briefing.

Sircar pegged the opposition lawmakers' demonstration in the makers termed it as deplorable.

Entering the House at 5:36pm, soon after the end of the prime minister's question time, a number of AL lawmakers demanded floor on points of order.

would give them floor after the general question.

order in the middle of question time as per the rules of procedure," he

tion members to protest thumping

featured eight fours and two sixes.

of the rules of procedure influences

its voice that would otherwise expose the involvement of the prime minister and her state minister for alleged opposition lawmaker Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim at a post-

House as 'undemocratic behaviour' and ministers and ruling BNP law-

Deputy Leader of the Opposition Abdul Hamid said: "We staged the highest protest in a democratic way." THE BEDLAM

The speaker turned down the

opposition demand and said he "There is no scope for a point of

The refusal fuelled the opposi-

their desks and throwing files. They AL lawmakers in a body gathered in the well and shouted slogans demanding an adjournment motion

200 others at an AL rally in Dhaka. Joy Bangla ... Joy

Amid the free flow of noise, the speaker gave floor on a point of order to BNP frontbencher KM Obaidur Rahman who urged the

Taking the floor next, Health Minister Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain accused the AL lawmakers of creating noise in the House. He termed the AL's protest as a deplorable precedent in the Jativa Sangsad's history.

Foreign Minister Morshed Khan and State Minister for Home Lutfozzaman Babar participated in the question time before Magrib break at 6:10pm, but used the floor to launch a blistering attack on the

dance in public and private officers

was better and kitchen markets saw

Prices of essential commodities

higher turnout of customers.

other districts of the central, south and southwestern regions of

"Downpour still continues as the

experienced the highest 85mm rain while Kushtia. Khulna and Barisal also saw moderate rainfall vesterday. The sun did not appear in any part of the country with clouds

rainfall in most parts of Khulna and Barisal divisions and at many places in Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi and Sylhet divisions today with gradual improvement in the rain-fed flood situation

The Flood Forecasting and Warning Centre however said the flashflood situation in Comilla might deteriorate further.

Most people in Dhaka came out to city streets vesterday with increase in the number of vehicles as water receded from most waterlogged streets and residential

Officials of the Dhaka Water and Sewerage Authority said they pumped out 85 percent of water from the city yesterday using 50

"Waterlogging is there in the old part of the city and the low-lying areas inside the DND embank-ment," Wasa managing director AKH Akhter Hossain said. "Water in the old Dhaka did not recede fast due to poor drainage system.'

He said the situation inside DND (Dhaka-Narayanganj-Demra) embankment would not improve until Shitalakhya water recede as there is only one pump in operation at Kanchpur to pump out water of the affected areas.

Water receded from business hub Motijheel where streets were under knee- to waist-deep water until Tuesday. The waterlogging situation on the VIP road in front of prime minister's office also

improved further yesterday. The worst-hit Secretariat, Malibagh, Rampura, Khilgaon, Mirpur, Teigaon and Mohammadpur areas saw further recession of water but the road in front of Kakrail

mosque was still under knee-deep While trading on the Dhaka Stock Exchange is likely to resume on Saturday, banks witnessed increased transactions, staff attenon the deadly grenade attack that killed 20 people and injured over

Bangabandhu" and "You have to meet our demand..... You have to meet the adjourn motion' the opposition legislators shouted, but the speaker continued with the question

chair to continue the question time. At the height of chaos, the

speaker shouted: "Mind it, it is not street. It's the parliament chamber."

Dhaka drenched

Bangladesh

have started increasing as wholesaldepression heading for Kolkata ers raised the prices due to supply affected the southwestern part of shortage caused by the non-stop the country," a meteorologist told The Daily Star. Bangladesh Dokan Malik Samity. Southwestern district Jessore an association of retail shop owners, at a meeting yesterday decided to keep

their shops open during the government holidays to recoup losses sustained during the last few days. The Dhaka Electric Supply covering the sky. Authority (Desa) said the city's Weathermen forecast moderate power supply which was disrupted during the non-stop rain spell was normalised yesterday. "The situa-

tion is normal in 95 percent cases, said Desa Chairman Abdur Rab. Our Barisal correspondent said a tornado lashed eight villages of Bamna upazila under Barguna district injuring 40 persons yesterday morning. More than 1,000 houses, educational and religious institutions were also damaged.

PBCP cadres kill two

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Outlawed Purbo Banglar Communist Party's (PBCP) Janajuddha faction gunned down two including a ruling BNP leader in Chuadanga and Kushtia in the early hours of vesterday.

Police said up to 10 Janajuddha cadres stormed into the house of BNP leader Sweet Hossain Rana, also member of Khaskarra Union Parishad, in Roylakhimpur village in Alamdanga upazila of Chuadanga at about 4:00am. They dragged him out of his house and shot him to death.

The outlaws also blasted two hand bombs before leaving the

Police picked up a suspect, Nizam Uddin, 26, son of Biswarat Ali of same village. In Kushtia, Janajuddha outlaws

called their rival activist Rahad Ali. 36, son of Bashar Ali, of Sardarpara village in Daulatpur upazila, out of his house at dawn. They shot him in front of his house and left him dead

on the spot. Police said Rahad was a cadre of outlawed Biplobi Communist Party (BCP). The PBCP faction has meanwhile claimed responsibility for the killings.

stabbed to death

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Criminals in their second attempt knifed a furniture trader to death in Alamganj in Sutrapur yesterday after failing to shoot him dead earlie the same day.

Nasir Uddin, 22, owner of a wood and a furniture shop at Ispahani Market in Alamganj, was taking snacks at a nearby hotel. Five assailants swooped on him and stabbed in his chest at 4:45pm, witnesses said.

Korban Ali, an employee and nephew of Nasir, said they rushed him to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where doctors announced nim dead. Nasir's friends Liyakat, Hridoy, Manik and Hannan were the killers. he alleged.

Ali said Nasir had a feud with them, who opened fire on him at around 12:10am earlier and hit in his palm. He received treatment at a local hospital and came to his shop nthe afternoon Sutrapur police admitted the

ncident but could not give any details until 8:00 last night. Businessman

Mohammadpur

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

shot dead at

Masked gunmen shot a businessman dead and injured another inside a shop in Mohammadpur in the capital yesterday.

The dead was identified as Abul Hossain, 54, owner of a movie house n Kishorganj and a poultry farm in

Injured Shah Alam, a friend of Hossain, was admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH). Witnesses said the assailants

wearing raincoats and masks stormed into Alam's chicken feed shop at Katasur at about 7:30pm. sprayed bullets on the two persons and fled after confirming Hossain's Hossain was rushed to the DMCH

where doctors declared him dead. Witnesses and injured Alam alleged the attackers are Liakat, younger brother of slain crimilal Galakata Mujibar, and Shamim and

Mukul, sons of the local ward com-

missioner of Dhaka City Corporation. But it could not be confirmed. Hossain's relatives told reporters at the DMCH he was the complainant of an attempt to murder case against the attackers filed with Mohammadpur Police Station about two months ago. The attempt was on the life of his son-in-law Sohel.

Massive plan

Jatiya Sangsad during the prime minister's question-answer session.

The project will include building of a flood control embankment, development of drainage system and construction of bypass road on the embankment, she said in reply to a question from Muhammad Giasuddin (Narayanganj-4). The prime minister said flood

cannot be controlled completely due to natural reasons. Its severity can be reduced and measures taken to mitigate sufferings of the people. She, however, said the country

does not possess all the keys to reduce severity of flood as its origin s not in the country. The prime minister stressed the

need for regional and international cooperation for permanent solution to floods and use of the huge water resources. She said the government has

approved a water management policy for flood control and water management

Referring to holding of an indepth national workshop on flood in the city on September 7-9, Khaleda said the government will adopt an integrated programme in light with the recommendations of the workshop to control flood and reduce its

Court orders

reinvestigation. The hearing on the

petition was held Monday. The tribunal ordered to track a specific cellphone subscriber and the owner of a private car allegedly used for the murder. It also ordered to include the private car owner in the charge sheet as either an

accused or a witness. The cellphone might have been used to inform the killers about Rabbani's visit to KEPZ where he was not scheduled to go that day, sources said. The charge sheet has not mentioned the private car, which was allegedly used by the killers.

The prosecution lawyer in the petition said the investigation is "defective" lacking details as no-one of the victim's relatives or KEPZ officials was made witness. State lawyer PP Quamrul Islam Chowdhury Saiiad also pointed some "defects" in the investigation, saying it lacks some clues.

The court ordered to submit the report of the reinvestigation by September 28.

Rabbani, former chairman of Chittagong Port Authority (CPA) and director general of shipping, died at Bamroongrad Hospital in Bangkok on April 24. He was bullet-hit in an attack on Muradpur Road on April 11.

10 lakh inside DND

our house. Stranded in our house. we are living in a miserable condi-

A resident of Konapara, M Mizan, said, " The situation now is much

worse than even during floods." Narayanganj Deputy Commissioner (DC) S M Harunar Rashid said about 16,000 people have moved to 31 temporary shelters set up on Tuesday in four

unions -- Fatullah, Kutubpur,

Godhnail and Siddinganj. No such shelters have been set up as yet in the affected areas in

The Water Development Board using for pumps is pumping out stagnant rainwater into the river Shitlakkhya round the clock and the situation will improve in a few days,

Under local initiatives, another pump at Sarulia of Demra is pumping out rainwater into the DND canal. But disruption of power supply is impeding the efforts.

Salauddin Ahmed, a canal was dug inside the DND dam at Sarulia of Demra to drain out rainwater, which has now over flown the canal. The local lawmaker, union parishad chairmen and members and the district administration are

distributing relief among the

affected people. The district admin-

istration yesterday distributed 10

At the initiative of local legislator

tonnes of rice and Tk 20,000 in relief, the DC said. Over the last 20 years, lakhs of people have built houses in the areas turning them into entirely unplanned residential areas People mostly from lower middleincome and low-income groups

started living in the area buying small plots despite the lack of basi amenities. In the early 80's, people started settling in the areas within the DND dam, constructed as an irrigation project for farming during the Pakistani period.

2 more boat

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identified as police sub-inspector Iman Ali, 50. The identity of the other victim aged about 30 could not be known.

Iman Ali, hailed from Gopalpur Natore, was in-charge of Natoarpara police outpost in Kazipur upazila.

The Sirajganj Sadar bound boat from Kazipur capsized in the Jamuna Sunday morning with 60 to 70 passengers aboard when it was caught in a whirlpool.

Italian envoy

remarks when he met Opposition Leader and AL President Sheikh Hasina at her Dhanmondi residence in the morning. He also conveyed his sympathy to those injured in the grenade attacks.

During the meeting, they also discussed national, regional and international issues of mutual interests, Hasina's Press Secretary Abul Kalam Azad told newsmen.

Hasina's Political Secretary Saber Hossain Chowdhury, AL International Affairs Secretary Syed Abul Hossain MP and former ambassador Farruk Chowdhury were also present.

River water talks end

home today.

hosted by New Delhi.

"There is no discord between us, there are divergent perceptions. But, we need to converge them, said Vinnod K Duggal, India's water resources secretary who led his country's delegation in the talks, at a press briefing after the meeting.

"Six issues have been agreed on

and adopted at the meeting but we both felt that we need a long-lasting solution," Duggal added without elaborating the issues. Echoing his counterpart, Bangladesh Water Resources Secretary Omar Faruque Khan said the two sides have agreed on a number of issues. "However, there

are some pending technical issues which need to be resolved," he told the briefina. "Both sides maintained that the points discussed were too technical and will need to be reviewed by

scientists and academics of both the countries before public disclosure." Sources said the experts at the meeting have sought a fresh report from the JTG elaborating the present status of discussions and seeking necessary guidelines from the JRC to quickly resolve the highly technical issues.

joint expert committee headed by the water resources secretaries discussed ways to work out an acceptable modality of sharing waters of the Teesta and six other common rivers -- Dharla. Dudhkumar, Monu, Khowai, Gumti and Muhuri.

The JTG, which was formed to analyse technical issues including water flows of the common rivers, navigability and impact on agriculture and ecology, will submit its report to the JCE which will meet

again before the next JRC meet. The experts hope the JTG report would narrow the gaps towards

reaching an amicable solution and

help the JRC make a "fair political

decision" on water sharing issues.

The Indian water resources secretary said the Teesta river would set the precedent in water sharing and the other rivers would

"This is for the first time we are behaving like a family," said the Bangladesh water resources secretary as the two heads of delegations embraced each other in front of iournalists shortly after the meeting held at local hotel. The Indian delegation will return

the last seven years to work out a water sharing formula for the seven common rivers especially the The Bangladesh experts proposed for keeping 20 to 30 percent

of Teesta water reserved in the lean

period to keep the river healthy and

The JCE has been working for

sharing the rest equally. But India proposed for keeping 10 to 12 percent of Teesta water reserved in the lean period and wanted to share the rest on the basis of the size of the river's catchment area. The cathment area of Teesta in India is larger than that in Bangladesh.

the dry season (November to May) has declined to around 4000 cusec in recent years from 5,000 cusec. Bangladesh wants an immediate agreement to get its due share of the Teesta waters to prevent an ecological disaster. Meanwhile, the Indian delega-

The water flow in the Teesta in

tion chief yesterday called on Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan and apprised him of the progress in the discussion of the JCE.

Morshed said Bangladesh and India should strengthen bilateral cooperation for better management of their water resources.

Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh Veena Sikri was present during the meeting.

The first prey of the violent mus-

clemen was Rashid, whom they

beat up and dragged for a long way.

Attacked by them, some of their

rivals iumped from the first floor to

room, broke into and lay it waste in

his absence. They later found him in

a corridor, hit and chopped away at

him until he lost consciousness,

ness, his rivals beat him up again

and dragged him to the hall gate,

where Gazi, Shamsuddoha and

Shaheed kicked away at his chest

and beat up for the third time, the

locked so that no one can go to

hospital to donate blood to Mahbub

until police broke the padlock after

one hour and a half, the students

said. None of the hall's house tutors

came forward to help when the

The gang also kept the gate

When he regained conscious-

students of the hall said.

students narrated.

The gang next went to Mahbub's

2 critically hurt

FROM PAGE 1 Mahbub's transfer to the CMH for

The central committee of the student wing of ruling BNP at an emergency meeting yesterday expelled 10 members of its Jahurul Haque Hall unit for their involvement in 'anti-organisational' activities.

Jewel, Atique Al Hassan Mintu, Abbas, Shaheed Uddin Shahed, Awal, Hiron, Monir, Shuvo and Lutfor JCD President Sahabuddin Laltu and General Secretary Azizul Bari Helal approved the decision at the

The expelled JCD activists are

hall unit Organising Secretary

Shoeb Khandoker, Gazi Sultan

Union building. However, at 8 o'clock last night two JCD central leaders were seen at Madhu's Canteen reassuring the expelled goons saying nothing would happen to them. Dormitory sources said the clash

meeting held in DU Central Student

began at about 10:30pm Tuesday when a JCD gang including Gazi, Atique, Abbas, Shamsuddoha Sumon. Shaheed. Mustafizur Rahman, Abdul Hakim, Shuvo, Hannan, Helal, Arefin, Hiron, Monir, Shuvo and Lutfor, led by Shoeb tried to occupy Room No. 331 belonging to a fellow activist. The gang members misbehaved

students were shouting for help, they added. DU Proctor AK Firoz Ahmed and with Mahbub and Mostak Ahmed JCD leaders Sultan Salauddin also a JCD man, as the two barred Tuku, Jawanta Kumar Kundu, Saiful them from capturing the room. Furious, the gangsters departed.

Islam Firoz and Amirul Islam Khan visited the wounded at the DMCH. only to return armed with iron and The DU authorities are bearing wooden rods, hockey sticks, the medical expenses and would machetes and choppers looking for form an investigation committee into Mahbub and Mostak. They ransacked rooms Nos. 201, 203, 204, the incident, Proctor Ahmed told 205, 215, 245 and 2007, besides

3 US vigilantes jailed in Kabul

tenced three Americans to between eight and 10 years in prison for illegally running a private jail and torturing suspects in a "private war

An Afghan court yesterday sen-

Jonathan Idema and Brent Bennett received 10-year terms while co-defendant Edward Carabello was handed an eightyear term by the special tribunal in Kabul which has been hearing the case since mid-August.

They were accused of kidnapping, jailing and torturing at least eight Afghans as part of a "private war on terror".

Their four Afghan accomplices were sentenced to between one and five years in prison. Before the verdict, lawyers for

the US defendants said they would The trio were arrested in July for allegedly running a private prison and counter-terrorism operation in west Kabul and jailing and torturing

at least eight Afghans. Since court proceedings commenced on August 16, Idema has claimed that he was carrying out genuine anti-terrorist operations in coordination with the US Defense Department and Afghan authorities a claim denied by both governments. US media have described Idema as a bounty hunter.

International troops deployed in Afghanistan have confirmed that they assisted Idema on three senarate raids, presuming him to be a member of the US special forces.

had taken into custody a man pre-

sented by Idema as a terrorist

The US-led coalition also said it

suspect but had later released the The case has illuminated the shadowy world of private security contractors in Afghanistan and strengthened calls by rights groups for the US-led military to open its detention centers to independent

inspection. The trial had been marked by chaotic scenes and organisation and was adjourned several times, on one occasion last month when the Federal Bureau of Investigation handed over key documents to the defence part-way through a hear-

Opposition's

ruling BNP, for the grenade attack, saying Jamaat made the attack to take revenge for their defeat in 1971 and destroy the country's noncommunal democratic system.

"Anti-liberation forces wanted to make Bangladesh a neo Pakistan by killing Sheikh Hasina and destroying non-communal democratic politics." he said calling upon the people to get united and eliminate extremists by ousting the BNP-Jamaat coalition government. The 11-Party alliance began their

joint march from the city's Muktangon that terminated at Addressing a rally at Muktangon, the 11-Party leaders accused the

government of trying to save the

criminals of the August 21 grenade

attack on the AL rally. The 11-Party coordinator, Advocate Abdus Samad, said the BNP-Jamaat alliance along with imperialist and communal forces were trying to destroy all achieve-

ments of the Liberation War. JSD President Hasanul Hag Inu led a separate march from the city's Noor Hossain Square.

Deluge leaves

FROM PAGE 12 Prices of potato, green papaya, eggplant, plantain and lady's finger however saw a moderate hike until yesterday, while those of rice, fish and groceries remained stable by and large.

There was hardly any leafy vegetable in sight in the kitchen markets yesterday, as "most of them

baskets of faded goods. "The supply dearth comes mainly because farmers can't go to fields that are submerged in water to collect vegetables and also due to the communication disruption caused by damaged or submerged roads at the city's various entry points," said Shah Alam, a vegeta-

ble retailer at Karwan Bazar. "We expect a good deal of vegetable supply from Jessore, Rangpur, Pabna and other areas of the northern region by tonight, if weather improves somewhat," he added.

Youth dies in Rab

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the arms, but returned empty-handed," Addition Superintendent of Police Mosleh Uddin of Rab media cell told The Daily Star yesterday. During the raids, Zinnah started sweating and was sent to the DMCH

No-one of Zinnah's relatives went to the DMCH morgue to claim his body until 8:30 last night. The Rab official further said Zinnah was hacked in his head near

where he died, he added.

Jagannath College in Old Dhaka about 15 days back. There were some stitches in his head, he added. Kotwali police said Zinnah, son of Abdul Malek of Court House Street, is accused in two cases under Narcotics Control Act and also suspect of two murders.

3 beheaded bodies found in Iraq

Car bomb kills 2; US apologises after journalist killed

AFP, Baghdad

US soldiers discovered three heads and decapitated bodies, thought to be of Iraqi civilians, on a roadside north of Baghdad yesterday, a US military spokesman said.

"First Infantry Division soldiers discovered the bodies ... on a roadside west of Balad at 7:05 am (0305) GMT) ... At this point, we're assuming they're Iragi civilians." said Master Sergeant Robert Powell, based in Tikrit.

"The bodies were found decapitated. The remains were all found toaether. An AFP correspondent saw the

numan remains after they were brought back to Balad and said the decapitated torsos were tattooed with inscriptions. "The bodies were unrecognisable and it seems they were killed

Lieutenant Colonel Hameed Ahmed n Balad. Doctor Adel Ahmed of the town's hospital estimated the three had

several days ago," said police

been dead for around five days. Earlier an Iraqi national guardsman and a civilian were killed and 10 other people wounded in a car bombing yesterday in the Sunni insurgent bastion of As-Suwayrah, just south of Baghdad, the interior

"A car bomb exploded by a traffic control point, killing a national guard member and one civilian," ministry spokesman Colonel Adnan Abdel Rahman told AFP.

He added 10 others were

wounded. A massive car bomb killed

47 people outside a police station in

Baghdad Tuesday, while 12 policemen and their driver were killed by gunmen in Baquba, north of the Meanwhile US military apologised on Wednesday for the death of journalist following a Baghdad helicopter strike and warned civil-

despite US efforts to minimise collateral damage. "I am sorry he lost his life," Major General Peter Chiarelli, commander of US troops in Baghdad. told angry colleagues from Al-Arabiya, whose fixer Mazen al-

"We regret the loss of any inno-

cent civilians and we do everything

in our power to limit these losses in

combat operations." Colonel Jim

Tomaisi was killed on Sunday.

ians to keep out of combat zones

McConville, aviation commander in the 1st Cavalry Division, told a news conference. The 28-year-old Palestinian journalist had been working for the pan-Arab satellite station as a fixer for over a year as well as as a

reporter for Saudi television, cover-

Tomaisi was killed after rushing

ing the Iraq conflict.

added.

down from his apartment in Haifa Street to give a report to a Reuters camera on clashes between US troops and insurgents because Al-Arabiya's own crew were blocked from entering, a colleague said. "He just wanted to get the best

footage. The sad part was that six

hours before he was at my engage-

ment party," said producer Nasseer Younis. "He was hit in the thigh, the arm and the back. Residents took him to hospital and he died there." Younis

rockets, were dispatched to Haifa Street after a suicide bomber drove a car into a Bradley tank and six soldiers were wounded in clashes with insurgents early Sunday. Iraq braced for more violence after 73 people were killed in a string

of attacks by suspected Sunni Arab

Two helicopters, laden with

insurgents as the US government shifted billions of dollars to Iraqi security forces. Ten people were killed and six wounded in fresh exchanges of fire between US marines and the insurgents in their bastion of Ramadi

west of Baghdad, the health ministry Ten people had been killed and

22 wounded in clashes there amid

the frenzy of violence on Tuesday.

A massive car bomb exploded outside a main Baghdad police station, killing 47 people, mainly prospective recruits, in the latest effort by insurgents to dissuade people from backing the force they deride as a US proxy.

It was the deadliest attack since a car bombing outside police headquarters in Baquba on July 28 killed 70 people. Rebels also gunned down 12

policemen and their driver in Baguba Tuesday as gunmen sealed off a street and riddled a police minivan with bullets. The two attacks were both claimed in the name of the Tawhid

wal Jihad (Unity and Holy War) group of alleged al-Qaeda operative Abu Mussab al-Zarqawi. Worried about the daily pattern of assassinations and car bombings, the United States moved Tuesday to shift more than three billion dollars

The US administration's decision to divert 3.46 billion dollars from medium- and long-range reconstruction programmes to short-term security projects and economic development was based on a comprehensive review of spending under the Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund.

in reconstruction aid to Iragi security

25th BCS

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jects, the release added. The commission also reserves the right to correct the published results if necessary.

including age, educational qualifica-

tions or selection of optional sub-

schedule and seat arrangements for the written tests, which will be published in newspapers. The applicants have been asked to preserve the admit cards of the

The PSC will later announce the

preliminary test as no new cards will be issued for the written tests.

(Results on pages 8 and 9)

'Email sender',

FROM PAGE 12 Partha was arrested on August 26 allegedly for sending email to the daily Prothom Alo with a threat to kill Hasina within seven days. He was remanded for seven days twice, but police failed to come up with any

concrete evidence of his involve-

The Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested Abdur Rahman from his house at Sector 10 in the Suburban. Uttara on September 4 and recovered a foreign revolver with 13 bullets. He was also taken on a 10day remand for interrogation.

The other two-- Hannan and

Badsha -- were arrested on

September 8 from Mogbazar on

charges of bomb explosion during

an AL-enforced hartal. They were

sent to Dhaka Central Jail the next day, as investigation officers did not

seek for remand. 6 including

superintendent of police (ASP) (A circle) to enquire the incident and submit a report for further action. sources said. Abul Kalam Azad, Hulli's father, alleged in a case filed with a magistrate's court that SI Jahir along with

The court directed the assistant

Shain arrested Hulli, 25, without showing any reason Saturday at 10:30pm from Mohastangahr. They beat up Hulli and handed him over to constables Rahim and

his accomplices Abdus Satter and

Gowur of Shali Dabi Ghat police box who also hit him by their rifles. As Hulli fell sick, he was sent to a hospital where doctors declared

him dead Sunday morning

Delhi to be asked

UPDF, and Bangladeshi criminals there. The list was presented to the Indian side during a meeting between Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) and India's Border Security Force (BSF) in January.

ised mechanism between the two countries to discuss security and border management issues. The meeting comes a week after Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan reiterated Dhaka's position that no Indian insurgents exist in Bangladeshi and invited his Indian counterpart to verify it.

Dhirendra Singh, who arrived in Dhaka yesterday to lead a 12member delegation to the talks, may also ask for the erection of a fence within 150 yards of the 'Zero Line' at specific locations, implementation of the land-border agreement. coordinated patrols along the border, consular access to Indian prisoners in Bangladeshi jails and Farooq is also likely to ask Delhi

Boundary Accord, 1974, commonly

known as the Mujib-Indira treaty, for

a quick resolution of the disputed six

and a half-kilometre border. Bangladesh ratified the treaty in 1974 but India has dragged its feet on the issue since then, official At a BDR-BSF meeting in April the Indian side handed over a list of 195 Indian insurgent groups alleg-

command of the outlawed New Biplobi Communist Party (NBCP) was shot dead in 24 Parganas in West Bengal of India. Sources say Dhaka will raise the

implementation of the revised

The talks today are taking place as part of the three-tier institutional-

Indian Home Secretary

Travel Agreements of 2001. to ratify the Indo-Bangladesh Land

edly operating from Bangladesh while Dhaka presented a list of 140 Bangladeshi criminals in India. On September 9, the second-in-

matter at the current meeting and ask that no members of such outlawed anti-Bangladesh groups, terrorists and criminals should be

some others. Hall sources said Shoeb at a are now under water," Motiur said. meeting with his followers in his At the markets, most of the room, No. 3009, directed them to vegetable vendors were found despoil their rivals' rooms and oust sitting nonchalantly with a few them after beating, though he denied the allegation.