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A High Court Division bench yester-

Opposition Leader Sheikh Hasina, before the court at 11:00am today.

Nazrul Islam Chowdhury and

The bench comprising Justice

Copies of the writ were sent to the

home secretary, inspector general

(prison), inspector general of police

(IGP), additional IGP, district magis-

trate of Dhaka, chief metropolitan

magistrate and senior officials of the

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## Moudud faces colleague wall in HR body creation

#### Delay in commission deeply disappoints donor

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Differences of opinion among ministers are blocking the efforts to establish a national human rights commission, Law Minister Moudud Ahmed said yesterday, as a donor agency representative expressed dissatisfaction at the government's failure to form it.

"I had a great difficulty convincing my cabinet colleagues about the commission which is now under consideration of the cabinet," Moudud told an international conference co-organised by the law,

justice and parliamentary affairs ministry, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Australian High Commission, Dhaka.

The law minister's statement came when Jorgen Lissner, United Nations resident coordinator to Bangladesh, expressed dismay over the delay in establishing the com-

"I am deeply disappointed that a national human rights commission is yet to be established although four vears back former law minister (Abdul Matin Khasru) told me that

as we have established new hospi-

tals there," Saudi Health Minister

Hamad bin Abdullah al-Manea said

during official talks with his coun-

terpart Dr Khandakar Mosharraf

Hossain at the Secretariat yesterday.

another team to Bangladesh to look

into importing medicine.

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He said Saudi Arabia would send

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he wanted to see a commission before their tenure was over,' Lissner told the International Conference on Institutional Protection of Human Rights: Role of National Human Rights Institutions.

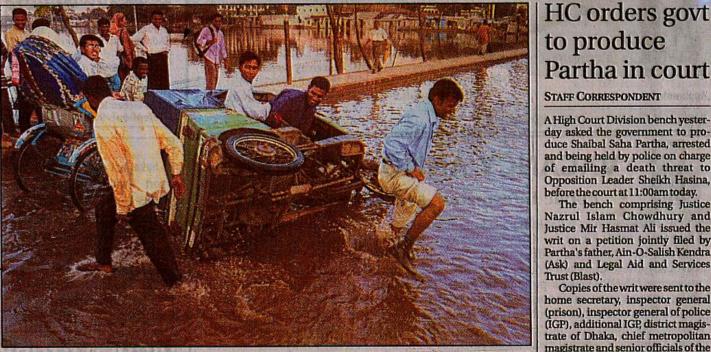
"I am deeply disappointed not for myself but for the people of Bangladesh where a large section of people are denied of human rights," Lissner said, adding national human rights commissions were found effective in most countries to protect people's rights.

Moudud hoped his government would establish the commission as

early as possible and added: "We are committed to setting up the commission. I hope I will be able to convince my cabinet colleagues about its necessity."

He also said the government is changing laws to ensure people's access to justice fundamental to human rights.

To ensure human rights, Bangladesh has all preconditions such as independent judiciary, free media, effective parliament and acceptable election process,



A crowd watches the passengers pull an autorickshaw back to its wheels yesterday after it fell sideways into a ditch

Central Jail including its superinten-

## Riyadh seeks more doctors, nurses

Saudi team due shortly to assess prospect of medicine import

AGENCIES, Dhaka

Saudi Arabja is keen to take in more doctors and nurses from Bangladesh, which fears a shortfall of jobs at home after a major drive to trainhealth experts.

"Bangladeshi doctors and nurses in Saudi Arabia have shown great expertise and we need more of them

Verdict on jail killing case tomorrow

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court is set to pronounce its verdict on the historic jail killing case amid tight security tomorrow, 29 years after the assassination of four national leaders who gave political leadership to Bangladesh's birth.

The judgement, scheduled for September 7, was put off as Judge of the Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court Mohammad Motiur Rahman could not turn up in court because

Syed Nazrul Islam, acting presi-SEE PAGE 11 COL 1

## Low standards can't match high Saudi doc demand

RAFIQ HASAN

Only 650 Bangladeshi doctors fetched employment in Saudi Arabia against a demand of over 4,000 physicians around two years back, according to officials at the Ministry of Expatriates Welfare and

Overseas Employment. Another group of 350 doctors, however, has been selected and is in

the process to leave for the kingdom, the officials said.

on the potholed, submerged road linking Gulshan 1 to Badda.

The Saudi government had placed a demand for over 4,000 doctors and paramedics in 2002 for the Saudi state hospitals and health complexes. But Bangladesh could not fulfil the demand as many doctors failed to qualify in line with the requirements set by the Saudi

Many doctors however declined to go to the kingdom despite being SEE PAGE 11 COL 7

Sircar accused of letting BNP diatribes against AL

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Awami League (AL) yesterday accused Speaker Jamir Uddin Sircar of purposely allowing the treasury bench to spit venom against the main opposition during a general discussion in parliament on the

August 21 grenade attacks,
"He has no guts and he acts at the
directives of the leader of the House," AL General Secretary Abdul Jalil alleged while addressing a press conference at the party's Dhanmondi office.

## Million children to face severe malnutrition

Unicef, WFP appeal for post-flood rehabilitation to avoid situation

UNB, Dhaka

Over a million Bangladeshi children will face acute malnutrition if immediate actions are not taken during post-flood rehabilitation efforts,

two UN agencies warned yesterday. The United Nations Children's Fund (Unicef) and the UN World

Food Programme (WFP) in a joint

press release raised the alarm about what may follow the devastating

Floods have already made children vulnerable to various diseases including diarrhoea. This is a very critical time for over half a million pregnant women and breast-feeding mothers, who face the risk of SEE PAGE 11 COL 4

#### Pak pacers contain India

REUTERS, Birmingham

Pakistan's seamers produced a top dismiss India for just 200 in the ICC Champions Trophy Pool C decider at Edgbaston on Sunday.

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#### AHSANULLAH MURDER Case shifted to speedy trial tribunal

COURT CORRESPONDENT

ferred the Ahsanullah Master, MP murder case to the Speedy Trial Tribunal-1, Dhaka for its quick

The home ministry yesterday in a gazette notification said the case has been transferred to the tribunal from a magistrate's court in Gazipur for public interest. Up to 20 gunmen opened fire on

Ahsanullah at a rally of Awami Shechchhasebak League, the volunteer front of Awami League, in Noagaon near the legislator's house SEE PAGE 11 COL 4

#### Blow up tomb of Bangabandhu

Letter of Mufti Hannan found with instruction to madrasa teacher

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Mufti Abdul Hannan, prime accused in the sensational Kotalipara bomb plot, in a letter reportedly from Afghanistan has instructed a local madrasa teacher to blow up the tomb of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at Tungipara of Gopalganj district.

Tungipara police recovered the letter on September 18 from Mufti Masudur Rahman's room in Gaohardanga Madrasa hostel. Mufti Masud, the recipient of the letter, is known to be a follower of Mufti Abdul Hannan. He teaches at the Madrasa. SEE PAGE 11 COL 5

#### JCD expels central office bearer

Suspends another:

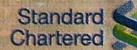
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), the students' wing of ruling BNP, yesterday expelled its International Affairs Secretary Syeed Iqbal Mahmud Tito and suspended the membership of Library Secretary Asaduzzaman Palash for their "involvement in anti-organisational activities".

JCD President Sahabuddin Laltu and General Secretary Azizul Bari Helal endorsed the decision, said a press release signed by JCD Office Secretary Omar Faruque Safin.

The decision follows a demand SEE PAGE 11 COL 3





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