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the quality keeping in mind the taste

of the consumers in the present

Referring to her government's

priority on agro-based industry, she

said attention must be given so that

the farmers get fair price of their

industrial products can ensure fair

prices of the crops, she observed.

Increased export of agro-based

Members of the national

taskforce includes Federation of

NGOs in Bangladesh President

Abdul Muyeed Chowdhury,

Grameen Bank Deputy Managing

Director Khaled Shams,

Bangladesh Enterprise Institute

Chairman Farooq Sobhan, former

FBCCI president Yusuf Abdullah

Haroon, former Planning

Commission member Prof

Mamtazuddin Ahmed, Prof KM

Rabbani of Dhaka University, Prof

Fariduddin Ahmed of Dhaka

Witness account of jail killing |SMEs can start

1975) major Faruk made a phone call to me from the Bangabhaban and wanted to know about locations of the Awami League leaders on the jail premises. A prison guard on November 3, at about 3:00 in the night, informed me over telephone that inspector general (IG-prisons) directed me to go to the jail gate instantly and strengthen security measures.

I hurriedly went to the jail gate at about 3.15 in the night and when I was entering the office of the jailer, a prison guard informed me that the IG (prisons) had arrived at the jail gate. I received him at the date and took him to the office of the DIG (prisons). He told me that a telephone call from the Bangabhaban warned him that some miscreants would take some prisoners. He asked me to alert all officials working under me. He also informed me that DIG (prisons) Kazi Abdul Awal would come soon to the jail gate as a message has been sent to him over telephone. Meantime, the DIG arrived at the jail gate and went to his office room where the IG (prisons) was already waiting.

In accordance with the IG's directive, I alerted all my deputies through an alarm. Deputy jailer Abdul Zahid, Taiab Ali Mollah, Abdur Rauf, Amanullah and Ikbal Hossain arrived at the jail gate hearing the alarm. Assistant surgeon of the jail Dr Rafik Ahmed came along with two doctors. Besides, some employees and jail guards arrived inside and outside the jail gate. At

to visit Bangabhaban to identify the

room where he had allegedly been

conspiring with former president

and alleged mastermind of the

killings Khondakar Mushtaque

court to ask witness Saifuddin

Ahmed, the then deputy superin-

tendent of police and second

investigation officer, to appear in

court as he did not deposit his

statement. The verdict will be

delayed further if the court grants

About 700 undercover and uni-

formed policemen will remain on

SHARP SECURITY WATCH

The other petition appealed to

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Ahmed.

the petitions

Verdict on belated

IG from the Bangabhaban. On receipt of the phone, the IG told me that an army officer named captain Moslem would come to the jail gate soon from the Bangabhaban with some army officers. The IG asked me to receive them and take them to the office of the DIG. After my return from the office

room of the DIG, at about 4:00am, captain Moslem along with four army personnel carrying arms arrived at the jail gate. I received them and took them to the office of the DIG where the IG was sitting.

The IG was speaking on phone. Then I went to my office room. At that time, Major Rashid made a phone call to my office and wanted the IG. I informed the IG and coming to my office room, he received the phone and talked with president Khandaker Mushtaque Ahmed, addressing him 'sir, sir'. After the talks, the IG told me he

(IG) had talked with the president and the president ordered him to act in accordance with the directive of the army personnel present on the jail premises

asked the IG and the DIG to go leaders were confined.

this time, a phone call came to the Ali and Quamaruzzaman together in a room. Then, in accordance with the directive of captain Moslem, the

IG asked me to bring the four leaders together in a room. I along with chief prison guard Subedar Abdul Wahed Mridha and prison guards on duty brought the four Awami League leaders together in room-1 of cell 15. Political prisoners Sved Nazrul Islam and Taiuddin Ahmed were

confined to the first room in the eastern part of cell 15 while captain Mansur Ali and Quamaruzzaman were confined to two separate rooms in the western part of cell 15. They were brought to room-1 in the eastern part.

Prisoners confined to room-1 were shifted to other rooms and only the four leaders were brought together in that room. Then I left the room and informed the IG that the At this time, captain Moslem leaders were brought together. At that time, captain Moslem along

inside the jail, threatening them. The with the other army personnel was IG along with us then entered the present beside the IG. After having prison. Captain Moslem and the four the message, captain Moslem and other army personnel were wearing the other army personnel hurriedly khaki and black uniform, but there entered room-1 and opened fire was no badge on their shoulders. indiscriminately on the four leaders Captain Moslem directed us to take and killed them. Hearing the sound them where the Awami League of fire, we became puzzled. The We along with the army personarmy personnel then left the jail.

nel carrving arms arrived on the new FROM PAGE 12 and women entrepreneurs to work jail premises where the Awami for promotion of SMEs by arranging League leaders were confined. This adequate training for the workers, time, captain Moslem gave a direcdeveloping attractive designs, tive to bring Syed Nazrul Islam, improving the packaging and main-Tajuddin Ahmed, Captain Mansur taining quality of the products.

She said the government would give all sorts of assistance for development of the SME sector as it needs less capital but generates more employment.

A national policy on SMEs will be formulated for the first time in the country on the basis of the report submitted by the 19-member taskforce formed in November last vear with Prime Minister's Principal Secretary Kamal Siddiqui as conve-

A delegation of the taskforce formally handed over the report to the prime minister and thanked her for taking the initiative to formulate a national policy on SMEs for the first time in the country.

Thanking the members of the taskforce for preparing the report, the prime minister said she herself would look into it. She hoped that the well-thought recommendations of the taskforce would be accepted.

University, the Financial Express The prime minister said the SME Editor Moazzem Hossain and sector remained neglected for long. The government, however, has Women Entrepreneurs Association already taken necessary fiscal President Nasrin Awal Mintoo

DEAD END?

Aug 24: AL's Women Affairs Secretary Ivy Rahman dies at the Combined Military Hospital. Criminal Investigation Department (CID) tasked with the probe. Investigators of six agencies examine Hasina's bullet-riddled sports utility vehicle at Sudha Sadan.

Aug 25: Investigators visit the blast scene and collect evidence. Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) forms a probe committee.

Aug 26: The government decides to seek Interpol assistance. Investigators

Aug 28: SCBA investigators record statements of injured policemen.

Aug 29: Two Interpol experts, Jeffery Eyles and Jacquelene Pullums, arrive in

Dhaka and visit the spot. The government announces a Tk 1 crore reward for information about the assailants. The judicial commission visits the spot. Aug 30: Judicial commission records statements of the injured victims.

Aug 31: US and India renew probe assistance offer. The foreign minister rules out UN-Commonwealth-run probe.

Sep 1: FBI expert Wilson Gibson flies in Dhaka, examines Hasina's vehicle. Interpol experts Xin Hu and Marash Vucilaj also arrive.

Sep 2: Wilson holds talks with the inspector general of police.

Sep 3: Interpol experts visit the spot again. Pullums leaves Dhaka.

Sep 7: AL files case accusing Khaleda Zia of the August 21 attacks.

Sep 9: Interpol members Robert M Thompson and Frev J Bredford arrive in the capital and visit the scene.

Sep 10: Interpol team inspects Hasina's car. Hu leaves Bangladesh. Sep 11: Deadline for submission of the report ends with the judicial commis-

sion failing. Sep 12: Judicial commission gets three more weeks to submit report.

Sep 13: Thompson and Bredford leave Dhaka.

Sep 14: Last two Interpol experts Eyles and Vucilaj leave Dhaka without making comments on their finds and giving local investigators directives. CID shows Abdur Rahman, Shaibal Saha Partha, Hannan and Badshah, arrested in separate incidents, as arrestees in the grenade attack

Sep 20: Investigators say no further probe development has been made.

Hasina for arrest measures to solve the problems of of IGP to solve The prime minister stressed the grenade attack need for expanding market of the products of SMEs with attractive mystery designs and packaging along with

UNB, Dhaka

Opposition leader Sheikh Hasina has said the mystery of the August 21 grenade attacks will be revealed the inspector general of police (IGP) and inspector general (IG Prisons) are arrested.

Expressing her wonder as to why not a single attacker was arrested as yet, she said the BNP-Jamaat alliance does not want to reveal the truth and bring the attackers to iustice.

Hasina, also the Awami League (AL) chief, was addressing a delegation of Sammilito Nagorik Samaj, led by journalist Kamal Lohani, at her Dhanmondi residence yesterday

The AL president said the speaker is the custodian of parliament in a parliamentary democracy but the incumbent speaker did not even phone her following the August 21 grenade attacks that she survived

"It is unfortunate for the nation that the speaker did not even phone or inquire about the Leader of the Opposition." Hasina said.

She called upon the intellectuals of the country to gear up their moveture. ment against the 'misrule' of the BNP-Jamaat coalition government. Dhaka University Teachers Association President Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique, former DU VC Prof AK Azad Chowdhury, Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury and journalist Shafiqur Rahman were also present.

BRTA official held for car theft link

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police arrested Mohammad Aminul Sarkar, an inspector of BRTA (south region), who is now also serving as an assistant director (engineering) in the same region, with a stolen vehicle and forged documents from Motijheel on Saturday.

Gulshan police said the vehicle seized from Sarkar was stolen from Gulshan 1 area on September 4 and the recovered vehicle had the same engine number as the stolen one. But Sarkar forged the blue book of the vehicle and changed its chassis number

Police also said Sarkar is involved with the organised carjackers in the capital and provided them with forged papers for the stolen vehicles.

Gulshan police produced him before the Chief Metropolitan Megawati Sukarnoputri in Magistrate's Court on Sunday with a Indonesia's first direct presidential seven-day remand prayer but the election vesterday. court rejected it. Megawati's one-time chief security

Saifur terms Lissner

Senators blast Bush over Iraq war

said

can be attributed to inadequate

manpower. McCain, R-Ariz., said

problems began arising shortly after

the dash through the desert to take

"We made serious mistakes right

after the initial successes by not

having enough troops on the

ground, by allowing the looting, by

not securing the borders," McCair

"Airstrikes don't do it; artillery

Baghdad the capital in April 2003

Urge him to rethink policy

AP, Washington

Senators from both parties urged the Bush administration on Sunday to make a realistic assessment of the situation in Iraq and adjust its policies aimed at pacifying the country

But Bush readied a firm defence of his Iraq policy and a sharp new attack on rival John Kerry's stance for a speech yesterday.

"The fact is a crisp, sharp analydoesn't do it. Boots on the ground do "McCain told "Fox News Sunday." sis of our policies is required. We Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz., said Bush didn't do that in Vietnam, and we saw 11 years of casualties mount to had pointed out from the beginning that the risks of combat in Iraq. the point where we finally lost," said Sen. Chuck Hagel, a Vietnam War "I find it shocking that some veteran who is co-chairman of people are surprised by the fact that it is a long and difficult conflict," Kyl President Bush's re-election com-

mittee in Nebraska. said "We can't lose this. It is too "What's important is that you important," Hagel, R-Neb., said on have a leader who recognizes that CBS' "Face the Nation." there are difficulties, but who is

A major problem, said leaders of committed to prevailing: who has a firm idea of what he wants to accomthe Senate Foreign Relations Committee, was incompetence by plish, confidence in his commandthe administration in reconstructing ers in the field, and who doesn't the country's shattered infrastrucsend mixed messages to the troops or to our allies, or most importantly

The chairman, Sen. Richard to our enemies," Kyl said. Bush planned to use that line of Lugar, noted that Congress appropriated \$18.4 billion a year ago this attack against Kerry on Monday, seeking to counter increasingly week for reconstruction. No more than \$1 billion has been spent. "This hard-hitting language the is the incompetence in the adminis-Massachusetts senator has been tration," Lugar, R-Ind., said on using on Bush's Iraq policy. In a speech in New Hampshire

ABC's "This Week." "Exactly right," interjected Bush "will step up his critique of Delaware Sen. Joseph Biden, the John Kerry's policy on Iraq of committee's top Democrat. He said retreat and defeat," said Bush later: "This has been incompetence campaign spokesman Scott so far. Five percent of the \$18.4 Stanzel. "Our troops deserve billion that George Bush keeps ... better than to hear Kerry's cambeating the other candidate up and paign pushing pessimism and lack about the head for how he voted and of faith in the mission." didn't vote, and he's released 5

percent.' Sen. John McCain, who has campaigned often with the president, said mistakes in Iraq generally

Ex-general leads Indonesian vote

good but official estimates were not **REUTERS.** Jakarta

mmediately available. Monday's run-off capped a drain-An urbane former general who ing election season in Indonesia that promises to fight terror and clean up began with parliamentary polls in government headed for an overwhelming victory against incumbent April

The direct ballots -- a rarity in the Muslim world -- showed Indonesia's democracy has matured six years since the downfall of longtime strongman Suharto and after predictions of violence between rival party supporters proved unfounded.

But the poll was held under the shadow of possible attacks by Islamic militants linked to al Qaeda Sent 9 killed wounded 182 in a car bombing at the Australian embassy in Jakarta, the third major strike in two years.

escaped with 30 tolas of gold ornaments, US dollars 4,500 and Tk auiz injured victims. Aug 27: SCBA investigators visit the spot. The state minister's relatives who live on the 2nd floor of the building were not in the residence Police arrested Jahangir, Rafiq and Chan Mian from the area suspecting their involvement with the Police could not give details of

petition filed by Sharfuddin. NBR officials said he moved the money elsewhere after the High Court stay.

State minister's

breaking open the door and

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35,000.

seize goods and products over 'misdeclaration' and difference of the value of products. The importers

NBR cases, delays sending papers related to the first hearing on writ petitions to the offices concerned. The case gets weak as a result and the petitioner gets interim orders from court taking advantage of the loopnoles, the NBR official pointed out.

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the arrestees until yesterday. NBR seeks that the four were killed as they FROM PAGE 1

The court framed charges against Obaidur and 20 others on October 12, 2000 and began its

The area has been off-limits to Of the accused, Obaidur, Nurul people who are not involved with the verdict and traffic barred from Jail Mazar, Chawkbazar Crossing and the western and eastern sides of the Jail Road since midnight last office.

night. Detectives equipped with video cameras will mount a sharp watch to avert any trouble **CASE CHRONICLE** In the first information report (FIR)

metropolitan magistrate. The investigator sketched a map of the scene, recorded state-

statement to an additional chief

ments of witnesses and seized 53 items of evidence to press charges during the heist. against 21 people, including Obaidur, on October 15, 1998. Former president Mushtaque Ahmed and former secretary crime

Mahbubul Alam Chashi were dropped from the chargesheet, as they died during the probe. The chargesheet mentioned

refused to join Mushtague's cabinet after the killing of Bangabandhu Sheikh Muiibur Rahman.

high alert guarding the court building, high-rises in the court area and roads in and out of Dhaka Central trial on April 12, 2001

Islam, Shah Moazzem Hossain, Taheruddin and retired army majo Khairuzzaman got bail soon after the present government took

The signed Khairuzzaman to a foreign ministry job last year. Faruk Rahman, Sultan Shahriar Rashid and Bazlul Huda are now in custody, as they are convicted of

government also reas-

then file writ petitions with the High Court, secure an interim order and get the products released. The Office of the Attorney General, assigned to conduct the

The Office of the Attorney is also burden thousands of government cases and it cannot always attach special attention to the NBR cases, which is why the cases remain at the bottom of the list of business. "That's why we have asked for formation of a special High Court bench dedicated to disposal of the NBR cases," the official said, wishing anonymity. A retired justice, who spoke on condition that he not be named. said, "Any aggrieved citizen can file a writ petition, but the presiding judge needs to see if the petition is acceptable before issuing a stay order. Nowadays the tendency is to pass random stay orders without judging the merit of the petitions."

The customs authorities also

filed with Lalbagh Polic November 4, 1975, Kazi Abdul Awal, deputy inspector general (prisons), accused Captain Moslemuddin and four army officers of the killings.

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, shown as an arrestee in the case on November 3, 1996, gave a confessional

Ashes war

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On the other hand, Australia captain Ricky Ponting said the semifinal against England, their oldest international rivals, was just another game "It's another game of cricket," he

said.

"That's the way we are approaching it. We had a look at some footage of the English players but more importantly we spoke about what we want to do and how we want to approach it."

World champions Australia have won the last 14 limited-overs matches between the two teams and England's last win was over five years ago, in January 1999 in Melbourne

Nevertheless, Michael Vaughan's men are an improving side and home hopes are high that England can end their losing streak on Wednesday.

But Ponting said part of the reason for Australia's success against England was an ability to ignore the hype

Ponting has also said that his bowlers have been working out a method to stop the six-hitting exploits of England all-rounder Andrew Flintoff.

"We have to test him out tomorrow, hopefully with the plans we worked out. Hopefully we can execute them well.

ering Ba The accused on the run are retired resalder Moslehuddin I t Col (dismissed) Khondaker Abdur Rashid, Lt Col (relieved) Shariful Haq Dalim, Lt Col (Retd) SHMB

Noor Chowdhury, Maj (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, Dafadar (dismissed) and

Abdul Hasem. Lt Col (relieved) Abdul Aziz Pasha died last year. The trial was complete in 278 workdays with the deposition of

complainant Kazi Abdul Awal. Six judges who sat the case are Golam Rasul, Sheikh Rezwan Ali, AK Roy, Ahmed Jamil Mostafa, Molla Mostafa Kamal and Motiur

Custodial

Rahman.

deaths FROM PAGE 1 Deputy Attorney General Adilur

Rahman said the government is working to make the section 54 more pro-people Referring to speedy trial he said the constitution of the country guarantees

quick and fair trial for everybody to ensure justice. Former adviser of the caretaker

vernment Major General (Retired) Moinul Hossain Chowdhury was the moderator of the session. He said only the rich in this country get anticipatory bail from the High Court (HC) while the poor, who cannot afford to attend the High Court for bail. Referring to the reported move to

grant the World Bank (WB) 'immunity from prosecution,' he said the issue has been wrongly presented in the press

"It (immunity to the WB) is diplomatic immunity and our press is not educated enough to understand that," Moinul said. Santosh Kumar, Director (Investi-

ation) of National Human Rights ommission in India, said custodial death has to be taken seriously.

Last year, human rights commis-sion in India received more than 70,000 complaints and many of those re about custodial death, he added.

Ruling party lawmaker Khandokar Mahabub Uddin Ahmed said the fourparty alliance government has no reservation about setting up a national human rights commission.

Dr Mizanur Rahman Shelley executive member of Bangladesh Society for Enforcement of Human Rights, also addressed the session.

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neither the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) nor Interpol is probing the August 21 grenade attack.

He made it clear that both the organisations are only extending technical support to local investigators. On Powell's letter, he said the US secretary of state once again expressed deep concern over the assassination attempt on Hasina

and killing of people on August 21. "We also made the point that the

agencies failed to prevent the assassination attempt are now entrusted with investigation into the

incident," Saber said. He said the cabinet ministers and uling party lawmakers are making sweeping comments in parliament and street rallies, prejudicing the nvestigators. "It's clear what will be the outcome of the probe under government control," he added.

AL General Secretary Abdul Jalil, Kazi Jafarullah and Syed Abul Hossain were also present.

British House of Commons member Una King, meanwhile, met Hasina at Sudha Sadan vesterdav and expressed deep concern over the assassination attempt.

In about an hour-long meeting, the British legislator said the British Parliament has already taken a motion in a bid to discuss soon the terrorist activity in Bangladesh.

King also discussed terrorist activity and huge arms and ammunition hauls across the country and noted with dismay that no-one has been arrested so far.

British High Commission's Political Councillor Allan Shaw and Tower Hamlet Deputy Mayor Shafiqul Huq accompanied King.

Wrong lies in use

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He was speaking at an international conference on Institutional Protection of Human Rights at a city hotel.

"There's nothing wrong with the section. The problem lies in the way it is applied. We need to train the law enforcing personnel to avert abuse of the section," he said adding many other countries too have similar criminal code.

He also said that inadequate number of judges virtually adds to backlog of cases. Human rights commission could be of great use to overcome such backlogs.

Designated plenary discussants on the second day of the conference organised jointly by law ministry and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) observed lack of awareness and fact-finding mechanism, political influence and corruption in judicial institutions often deprive victims of human rights violations of access to justice. They said counter-terrorism

actions in recent times have proved to be undermining human rights.

Director of Australia-based Asia Pacific Forum of National Human Rights Institutions Kieren Fitzpatrick stressed the importance of taking subregional approach to human rights protection mechanism.

One-year-old girl rescued

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab)-3 yesterday rescued a one-year-old girl abducted on Sunday and arrested four from Sadarghat in Kotwali

Tajrian Niyanta Niha, daughter of Prof Mohammad Shafiur Rahman, head of chemistry department at Khulna University of Engineering and Technology, was abducted from Rahman's rented house in Bangshal.

Jasim Uddin, 22, cousin of Niha, picked up her at 11:45pm and demanded Tk 10 lakh for her release by phone.

After negotiations, the captors agreed to release her for Tk 2 lakh and asked Rahman to hand over the sum at Alam Market in Sadarghat.

Plain-clothes Rab members raided the spot. rescued Niha and arrested Jasim and his accomplices Monir Hosain, 21, Ali Hossain, 23, and Murshida Akhter

Regional platforms like the Saarc and Asean may initiate such an approach on the basis of cooperation and coordination.

In development programmes, a human rights based approach focussing on the most disadvantaged section of the population will strengthen human development as well as capacity development perspectives, said AH Monjurul Kabir of UNDP Bangladesh.

Despite presence of authoritarian executive organs of the state media in Bangladesh have always extended support and space for human rights movement, said New Age Editor Enayetullah Khan.

Human rights activists and nongovernment organisation (NGO) representatives from Australia, Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Indonesia, Thailand and the Philippines are taking part in the three-day conference.

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by his father Shantibhushan Saha, Ain O Shalish Kendra and Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust (Blast) on September 19.

Partha said in the statement that four days before the first information report (FIR) was filed against him, the police on August 25 called him to the cyber café where he had allegedly sent the e-mail threat from, whisked him away to an undisclosed place and kept him there blindfolded for four days.

He added that the day the FIR was filed, August 29, he was taken to Dhanmondi Police Station blindfolded and mentally tortured. He was offered financial inducements to confess to his involvement in the August 21 bomb attack, which was also the basis for the court's order to

defendants to follow sections 4 and 5 of Article 35. Section 4 of Article 35 of the constitution states, "No person accused of any offence shall be compelled to be witness against himself [sic]" and Section 5 states, "No person shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman, or degrading punishment or treatment."

Partha made the statement after the court had ordered the defendants to produce him before it by 11:00am yesterday.

remark on HR body undiplomatic

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman vesterday expressed dissatisfaction at comments of the United Nations resident coordinator to Dhaka on the delay in establishing a national human rights commission in Bangladesh.

"The comments were uncharita-ble and undiplomatic," Saifur told reporters after a meeting with the members of the Planning Commission (PC) on its premises vesterday.

"He can't make such undiplomatic comments as a representative of a multilateral agency in the country," Saifur added.

Jorgen Lissner, UN resident coordinator to Dhaka, on Sunday expressed disappointment that despite promises made years ago, Bangladesh is yet to set up a national human rights commission in the context of widespread human rights violation here.

"I'll talk to the law minister about how the comments were made," the finance minister added.

Registration

FROM PAGE 12 of those school ignored their pleas to address the issues.

"The schools are charging high fees as there is no regulations," said one guardian. "But most of them do not have qualified teachers, library, laboratory or playground."

The guardians said many English medium schools lack purpose-built infrastructure, adequate lighting, ventilation and toilet facilities.

"Basically, these are not educational institutions rather business houses," said a guardian. He said another business is that most of the schools compel the students to buy stationery and school uniforms from their designated shops.

The guardians further allege the schools do not maintain any teacher recruitment policy and they do not have any managing committee. "They don't want to form managing committee in fear of strong action from guardians," said a guardian.

A managing committee, elected by the guardians of students, is mandatory to run educational institutions in private sector, according to government rules.

groups said Yudnoyono would win 62 percent, with Megawati getting 38 percent according to a sample taken from across the world's most populous Muslim nation. Some 151 million people were eligible to vote.

Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono,

minister, had won 59 percent of 10

million votes counted as of noon

Ă coalition of independent survey

GMT, the election commission said.

Megawati had 41 percent.

Showing the caution that has led many analysts to predict he lacks the boldness to tackle Indonesia's chronic problems. Yudhovono refused to get carried away by the projections.

But he sought to reach out to Megawati, who in public has refused to shake his hand since he quit her cabinet in March after a bitter row over his presidential ambitions.

"I need to think about the reconciliation steps I must carry out between my side and Megawati's camp if, God willing, I am really elected, Yudhoyono told SCTV television

Most observers said turnout was

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were called in to probe the attack. But they are yet to find any lead to the incident despite the fact that seven experts of Interpol and US's Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) assisted them.

Declining to say anything about the probe, the investigation officer of the case, CID Assistant Superintendent Abdur Rashid told The Daily Star yesterday, "I can only say the investigation is on."

2 top Sunni

FROM PAGE 12 In the northern city of Mosul, a car

packed with explosives blew up in a residential neighborhood, killing its two passengers and a passer-by. police at Al-Salaam hospital said. Police had been searching for the vehicle, which was reported stolen earlier Monday.

It was not immediately known who was behind the gunning-down of two Sunni clerics, who belonged to a grouping of conservative clerics that opposes the US presence in Iraq and has emerged as a powerful representative of Iraq's Sunni minority.

The association is believed to have contacts with Sunni insurgents, though it denies any links with them. It has interceded often in the past to win the release of foreign hostages and had a role mediating between city officials in Fallujah and the US military in April, when American forces were besieging the city

Tens of thousands of police were on high alert, although there were no reports of incidents long after polls closed.

"I'm in Jakarta, (and) probably visited about 12 or 15 polling stations today. There are absolutely no probems or no reports of any difficulty here," said Glyn Ford, chief of a European Union observer mission.

Despite the running count of results issued by the election commission, the final result will only be declared on Oct. 5. The presidential inauguration is scheduled for October 20.

CAMPUS VIOLENCE **3 JCD leaders** to face action

As a probe body formed by Dhaka

University authorities yesterday

submitted its interim report charging

three leaders of Jatiyatabadi

Chhatra Dal (JCD) with ransacking

the office of DU Teachers

Association president and assault-

The DU Syndicate yesterday at a

However, the VC could not be

The nine-member committee

headed by Pro-VC Prof AFM Yusuf

Haider was formed on September

11 and asked to submit a report in

Haider Chowdhury, general secre-tary of JCD's Sir AF Rahman Hall

unit, Jashim Uddin, convenor of its

Business Faculty unit, and Istiaque

Ahmed Nasir, former finance secre-

guilty of ransacking the office room

of Dhaka University Teachers

Association (Duta) President Prof

AAMS Arefin Siddique, Jashim of

beating up Sahabul Haque Sabu,

staff reporter of Daily Ittefaq, and

Nasir of assaulting Mokarram

Hossain Shuvo, university corre-

spondent of the Daily Prothom Alo,

Sources said Haider was found

The accused students are AZ

meeting entrusted Vice-chancellor

(VC) Prof SMA Faiz with the respon-

sibility to take action against them,

reached for comments on the syndi-

DU CORRESPONDENT

ing two reporters.

sources said.

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