DISCUSSION ON JAIL KILLING

Assassins, this govt are linked: AL

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Awami League (AL) presidium member Suranjit Sengupta yester-day said the government has established state terrorism in the country by destroying the judiciary. He said the verdict of historic Jail

Killing Case on October 20 and politically-motivated appointment of 19 additional judges in the High Court on August 24 again proved

He expressed this view at a dis-cussion on Call of the Jail Killing Day organised by Shaheed M Mansur Ali Smriti Sangsad at the National Press

There is a link between the conspirators, who assassinated Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and the four national leaders, and the govern-ment, he alleged. That is why the self-declared killers were acquitted and those who died received capital punishment, he added.

AL central leader Abdur Razzak said the assassination of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, four national leaders, controversial Jail Killing Case verdict and the August 21

carnage are inter-linked.

The defeated forces in the Liberation War have planned to wipe out the AL and its allied forces and establish a communal government, headded.

Former home minister Mohammad Nasim blasted the killing of people in the name of 'crossfire'. "If those are real shoot-outs, why aren't the Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) members receiving a single bullet?" he asked.

Presidium member Tofail Ahmed said the government launched these operations as it failed to maintain law and order in the country.

Presiding over the discussion, Prof Abu Sayeed, former state minister for information, said it is

the peoples including Ahmadiyyas. Amnesty International (AI),

meanwhile, expressed deep con-

cern for the safety of the country's

Ahmadiyya community following

threats issued by Islamist groups

during Salat-al-Jumaa yesterday to

raid what they termed were

Alimadiyya places of worship. International Khatme Nabuwat

Movement, Bangladesh (IKNMB),

the most aggressive group of anti-

Ahmadiyya agitators, yesterday

threatened the government with a

massive countrywide movement if it

does not pass a bill in the current

parliament session proclaiming the followers of Mirza Golam Ahmad

apparently a failure that despite all the crises plaguing the country, the

pro-liberation forces couldn't be

Communist Party Bangladesh General Secretary Mujahidul Islam Selim, Workers Party President Rashed Khan Menon, Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal acting President Majnuddin Khan Badal

Mainuddin Khan Badal,

Bangladesh Mohila Awami League

General Secretary Fazilatunnesa Indira took part in the discussion.

Explosives

recovered

in Tangail

destroyed

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Tangail

The grenades, mortar shells, mines

and other explosives recovered in

Magontinagar village in Modhupur

Thursday were destroyed yesterday.

by Lieutenant Hasanuzzaman of

Shahid Salahuddin Cantonment

explosives were kept there during

destroyed the explosives.

the Liberation War in 1971.

while digging his pond.

An 11-member special team led

Modhupur police think the

Police and local sources said

some labourers hired by Abraham

Mangsang found the explosives

Police later recovered nine 36-MH grenades, 12 mortar shells, 14 anti-personnel mines, 200 GC-

Primer, 100 meter detonating cord,

four pager switches, 80 non-electric

detonators, one fuse for anti-tank

mine and huge amount of explo-

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia leaves

Madina and stay there for three days. She will offer special prayers on the night of Lailatul Qadr at Masjid-e-Nabawi.

Makkah and perform umrah. She is scheduled to return home on November 13.

FM hands over PM's letter to **Bhutanese**

forthcoming Saarc (South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation) summit in Dhaka

the summit of the regional forum. Khan also conveyed greetings of Prime Minister Khaleda Zia to her Bhutanese counterpart, foreign

on King Jigme Singe Wangchuk at the royal palace. During the meeting, King Wangchuck praised the role of Prime Minister Khaleda Zia in promoting peace and development

minister, extended an invitation to the king to visit Bangladesh. The king expressed his willingness to pay a visit to Bangladesh at a convenient time.

Outlaw lynched

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Accusing the coalition govern-ment of betraying them by deterring

their men from approaching Ahmadiyya mosques, Mamtazi said, Beware, we will throw you out of

forward march of the soldiers of Islam in Bangladesh," he chal-

The IKNMB ameer also condemned the foreign diplomats for what he said was meddling in the country's internal affairs and visiting the Ahmadiyyas at Nakhalpara.

To thwart the IKNMB bid to capture Andolon Joint Secretary ATM Hemayetuddin, Khelafat Andolon Secretary General Zafrullah Khan, IKNMB Secretary General Nazmul Haq and leaders Abu Zafar Kashemi, Abul Kashem and Gazi Ataur

League and different left-leaning section during the demonstration. INBRAHMANBARIA

Instructed by police, Ahmadiyyas omitted Azan for Salat-al-Jumaa at Bhadughar Mosque in Brahmanbaria fearing it might

and patrolled the area since the October 29 had attacked the mosque, injured 11 Ahmadiyyas and vandalised their houses, from

approaching the mosque.

gripped by tension as the Nabuwat

activists has threatened to punish the locals for protesting the October NARAYANGANJ

Local anti-Ahmadiyya operatives who, after failing to capture the mosque on October 8, had threatened to make another bid vesterday or the coming Friday, were not seen

40 lawyers

bodies to probe the mark sheets scandal involving lawyers practising in Chittagong courts.

who had been listed as allegedly involved in doctoring their certificates, have stopped coming to court for the past few days.

Meanwhile, sources said the Chittagong University authorities too have decided to take punitive action against 2400 examineees for doctoring mark sheets during the period of 1983-94. A probe body in 1996 detected the irregularities.



for Saudi Arabia tomorrow to perform umrah and offer fateha at the Rawza Mubarak of Prophet Hazrat Mohammad (SM).

premier

BSS, Thimpu

ministry sources said.

The foreign minister later called

in Khulna

An armed cadre of outlawed Purba Banglar Communist Party (PBCP-Janajuddho) was lynched by a mob

in the city yesterday Police recovered the body of Mohammad Shumon alias Shujan, 24, from behind Khulna Circuit

ing road under Khulna Police Station, Shujan was the

prime suspect of bomb attack on Sekander Zafrullah Khan Shacchu, seniorvice-president of city BNP.
According to the officer-in-

Shujan's father alleged that his son was beaten to death by police vesterday noon.

Filipino woman mugged in city

city's Demra area yesterday. Her name could not be known immediately. Demra police said she is married to a Bangladeshi national and resides at Konapara.

Police and locals said while she was passing through Katherpool area at Konapara at around 6:45pm, a gang of three muggers took away her

the muggers. Shafiqul Islam, the mugger, was badly beaten by the locals. He received first aid at Dhaka Medical College and Hospital (DMCH).

No case was filed till late in the

Extortionist injured in mob beating dies

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An extortionist injured in mob beating at Mirpur on Wednesday died at Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) yesterday morn-

ing. He was identified as Faisal alias Boltu, 22.

A mob caught Boltu and two of his accomplices-Nayan and Jhantu-- when they went to Shah Ali kitchen market at Mirpur to collect toll.

Nayan was beaten to death on the spot while Jhantu and Boltu were admitted to the DMCH in critical condition.

Meanwhile, a truck driver died when his truck plunged into a jheel near Novodoy Housing in Mohammadpur late Thursday

Police and firefighters retrieved the body of Mohammad Mamun, 25, hailed from Fatullah in Narayanganj, after an hour.

The truck was carrying sand to the housing project.



led a group of six EU envoys to express solidarity with the civil society in resisting capture of the mosque by bigots.

They open their heart

FROM PAGE 12 is now working as a photographer in

"I've asked my parents not to arrange my marriage before I am 20 and they've agreed," she said.

"If a girl conceives before 20, she runs the risk of facing severe health complications," she reasoned. She told Princess Alexandra that they want to be self-dependant and

contribute to their families. Rashida Begum, supervisor of Kishori Abhijan centre in Ashura village, said initially they met with difficulties while bringing the girls under their project. "But now par-ents realised the situation and are interested to send their daughters to

On fees and other charges, she said, "Girls deposit only Tk 2 every month and it is refundable.'

The Danish princess went on a visit to another Kishori Abhijan centre in Surpur and exchanged her views with the parents. "We don't want our daughters to

get married before 20. We want them to be educated so that they can be aware of their rights, "Sheuli Begum, a parent, told Alexandra.

"I got married at the age of 12 which was a big mistake in my life. I don't want to see my daughter face

the same," she explained.

There are 162 Kishori Abhijan centres in Chandina in the district. These centres take a two-hour class once a week on reproductive health. women empowerment and provide life-skill training. "We've included local commu-

nity in our programmes and sit with them every month to motivate them to shun child marriage," said Rashida Parveen, manager of Adolescent Development Programme of the Brac education

Mugging

250 people for drugged uncon-sciousness since October 16, records of the hospital revealed.

Passengers of the inter-district buses, trains and launches are easy prey to such mugging. Besides, this prey to such flugging. Besides, mis type of mugging happens also to people riding rickshaws and auto-rickshaws (CNG), police said. Abdus Sattar, 27, a rickshaw-puller, had fallen prey to muggers at 11 in the night near the General Post

Office. He said they stalked him all along and while he was resting at a wayside tea stall they made friends with him and offered a cup of tea. "Soon after I had drunk the tea, I

became unconscious. I can't recall what happened to me then," Sattar, who was undergoing treatment at the DMCH, told The Daily Star on In most cases, unrelated people

ring the victims to the hospital. Doctors or nurses at the hospital have to wait until the victims' family members can be contacted.

An 'artending' doctor at the

DMCH said, "We are supposed to conduct a thorough medical checkup of such a victim. But lack of coordination hardly allows us carry out

DU probe reports

FROM PAGE 1
Officials said the DU administration

exclaimed, "I don't know we remains incomplete in our probe." does not keep any record of the probe bodies' activities. Sometimes, the authorities are at a loss about who is probing what.

They said many an investigation committee does not submit a report. Perhaps, it is better too, as the handful of reports that manage to come about invariably meet an ignomini-ous fate -- of being put in mothballs, in dungeons of oblivion, forever -and only a precious few of them succeed in prompting any action or getting some attention to their rec-

ommendations.
DEVIOUS PROBE INTO DU 9/11 Referring to the September 11 attacks on an opposition student combine and considering its gravity, Prof Hasan said, "We hope this probe report would be made public, as people have the right to know the

DUVice-chancellor Prof SMA Faiz said the Syndicate, too, is inclined to publish at least the recommendation part of the investigation report.

The investigation body into the DU 9/11 headed by Pro-VC Prof AFM Yusuf Haider in its interim report on September 20 named three leaders of the BNP-backed Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) as the masterminds behind the day's violent incidents including ransacking of the DU Teachers Association president's office. Acting on the interim report, DU Syndicate, the highest decision making body of the university, expelled the three JCD adherent

The 9-member committee submitted its 'final' report on October 13 accusing seven JCD leaders, includ-ing the three, and one of AL-backed Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) of being the prime perpetrators of the crimes.

A meeting of the Syndicate on October 14 asked the DU Disciplinary Board (DB) to take appropriate action against those charged by the enquiry committee for the DU9/11.

tioned against the accused belonging So it was no surprise, they said, that the DB in its meeting on October 24 could not discuss the 9/11 probe

But the next DB meeting on

But, talking to The Daily Star, a member of the probe body, Dean of Social Science Prof Harun-or-Rashid,

actually has no sincere intention to take action against the attackers on the rally of the opposition combine, BCL President Liaqut Sikder told The

student community would go for very tough programme."
STALLING KHOKON MURDER PROBE

Two probe committees, one headed by Prof Hasan and the other by ahurul Haque Hall House Tutor Nizamul Haque Bhuiyan, were the hall by members of a rival faction.

Khokon was beaten black and blue on September 15 and suc-cumbed to his injuries three days

to submit report within one week are yet to come up with them, even after seven times the allotted time.

staffs of the dormitory we have found some 12 students directly involved in the physical assault that led to He said his committee needs yet another week to finalise its report. CAM IN ROKEYA HALL? NO

Two probe committees, both headed Rokeya Hall Provost Dr Tazmery SA Islam, were formed to investigate the planting of a video camera in a

The committees in this case did submit reports to the VC. But they claimed no camera was fixed in any toilet of the dorm. It was just a rumour spread by tabloid newspa-

lished. The report of the 5-member

committee formed on April 17 to enquire into an assault on Shahin Mollah and Baki Billah -- correspon-dents of The Daily Star and Sangbad besides ransacking of some medicine shops by JCD cadres, was never disclosed

Hall on July 23, 2002 was stowed away for good by the DU authorities. The fate was the same for a horde of other investigation reports, Commenting on this issue VC Faiz

uses a diplomatic approach saying there is no official barrier to publish-"I will be your president regardless ing a probe report if the Syndicate of your faith, and I don't expect you to permits. Treasurer Hasan on the other hand is straightforward and says the truth is DU probe bodies do

Indians kidnap

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Police early yesterday rescued a staff of Nasir Tobacco abducted four days ago from a village in Kushtia while an Indian gang kidnapped a garment trader from a bordering village in Chuadanga on Thursday night. Aziz and Faruk, two alleged cadres

of outlawed Purbo Banglar Communist Party (PBCP-ML) on Monday took Sahinur Rahman Sahin to Dohokola, a remote village of Sadar upazila on the pretext of show-ing him a bridegroom for his daugh-ter and abducted him, Kushtia police

Shahin, 30, is an assistant accountant of Nasir Tobacco at Daulatpur upazila in the district. Later, one Taleb introducing

imself as regional leader of PBCP-ML demanded Tk 10 lakh over cell phone from Shahin's father as On information, Apurbo Hasan, sub-inspector (SI) of Sadar police,

arrested Taleb's father Golam Safi, from his house at Dohokola and pressed Taleb to release Shahin on Thursday evening over cell phone. Later, the SI went to Dohokola paddy field at about 4am following

paddy heid at about 4am following Taleb's words and rescued Shahin blindfoldedwithhandsandlegstiedup. In Chuadanga, an Indian gang picked up Abdur Razzak, a Bangladeshi garment trader from bordering village Hariharnagar in Jiban Nagar upazila on Thursday night and demanded Tk 20 lakh for his release

Local people said the gang of eight led by Indian citizens Obaidul and Munna, entered into Bangladesh territory through Hariharnagar border point and picked up Abdur Razzak at gunpoint

atabout8:30pm.

Razzak hailing from village
Amtoli of the area was involved in hoondi business and smuggling with the gang members in the border areas, some local people said, adding that the abduction might have followed squabbling over the illegal trading.

He could not be rescued till late in

the evening yesterday.

Meanwhile, police could not trace out the bride Kajali Khatun of Daulatpur and schoolgirl Samapti of Jhenidah kidnapped on Wednesday. As many as 108 people including

43 school and college students were abducted in the district during the last ten months. Of them 13 including three school students were killed, 12 are still missing and the rest bought their

Bush vows

our friends the Israelis to have a peaceful Palestinian state living on their border," Bush said. "It's very important for the Palestinian people to have a peaceful, hopeful future. Bush did not go as far as British

Prime Minister Tony Blair in declaring that the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is the world's most important political "I agree with him that the Middle East peace is a very important part of a peaceful world," said Bush. One factor

in Mideast peace talks is Palestinian

leader Yasser Arafat, whom a senior Palestinian official said was in a coma in a French hospital. Bush reaffirmed his policy, enunciated in June 2002, of an independent Palestinian state existing at peace with Israel. The US-backed plan for peace, known as the road map, called for the new Palestinian state in 2005. "My

hope is that we'll make good progress,

Bush said. The president sees the war in Iraq as part of a drive to establish a stable democracy in the Middle East, a model for the rest of the region. "And I fully understand that that might rankle some, and be viewed by some as folly, Bush said. "I just strongly disagree with those who do not see the wisdom of trying to promote free societies around the world."

After a US election in which voters said the primary issue was moral values, Bush cautioned against suggestions that the United States was becoming politically divided by reli-

agree with me necessarily on religion. Bush said. "As a matter of fact, no president should ever try to impose religion on our society. ... The great thing that unites is the fact you can worship freely if you choose, and if you you don't have to worship."

Arafat

uprising against Israel.

All the branches of the Palestinian security services were placed on maximum alert late Thursday while senior representatives of all the main Palestinian factions were to meet in Gaza City.

Mohammed al-Hindi, the head of Islamic Jihad in Gaza, said the high committee of Palestinian and national Islamic factions -- an umbrella organisation which includes the Islamist movement Hamas and Arafat's Fatah faction -would meet at the local offices of the Palestinian parliament.

"We will discuss the dangerous situation, especially what will hap-pen if the president were to die," Hindi told AFP. "Inshallah (God willing), we hope he will recover."

Israelis were meanwhile trying to absorb the implications of the apparentend of the Arafatera. Some could barely contain their delight with Hatzofe, the mouthpiece

of the Jewish settler movement,

running the headline "Arafat Alive -Until the Current is Shut Off". Israeli ministers have been trying to avoid commenting on Arafat's condition amid the conflicting reports about his status. Neither do they want to be seen endorsing a

potential successor. However Arafat's death has the potential to galvanise the moribund bilateral peace process, with former Palestinian prime minister Mahmud Abbas emerging as the front runner

in the succession race. Abbas has been acting head of both the Palestine Liberation Organisation and Fatah since Arafat's

CID may quiz 'Kala' Mahbub today in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Cig

Criminal Investigation Department (CID) might resume quizzing Kala Mahabub, a close aide to the prime accused in Jamal Uddin abduction,

today as his condition was improv-ing at Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH), sources said.

Mahabub, the second in com-mand to the principal accused Kashem Chairman, was undergoing treatment at the CMCH till yester

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab), Chittagong arrested Mahabubul Alam alias Kala Mahabub, 42, from Kanchannagar of Fatikchhari on Monday night and handed him over to CID on Tuesday night. He fell sick soon after the handover and was admitted to the CMCH. Earlier during interrogation under Rab custody, Kala Mahabub

made contradictory statements as to the fate and whereabouts of Jamal Uddin Chowdhury. Jamal Uddin Ahmed Chowdhury, Chittagong-based magnate, was

abducted on July 24, 2003.
Officials of CID, tasked with probing the sensational abduction, said if interrogated, Kala Mahabub might give vital leads to the abduc-tion and the victim.

Meanwhile, Nazma Begum, wife of Jamal Uddin, talked to Kala Mahabub at ward No. 26 of the CMCH on Thursday. Kala Mahabub denied his involvement in the abduction.

Both the Rab and CID officials claimed to have obtained sufficient information that clearly links Kala Mahabub to the abduction.

respectability before they were all out in

Bangladesh top-order in Chittagong,

removed two batsmen in his first over. Nafees Iqbal edged the medium

pacer's second delivery to Styris at

Kyle Mills, who destroyed the

Aftab shines but

stage were tottering on 125-6, reached their target with 32 balls to spare. Once again it was Chris Cairns that relieved the pressure with a huge six and four off Manzarul Islam. But unlike his power-

packed knock in Chittagong, the world-class all-rounder scored a watchful 51-Before Aftab almost derailed the New Zealanders, Matthew Sinclair (62 off 73 balls) and Nathan Astle rattled 74 runs for

he opening stand. Coming in as second change, the medium-pacer had Astle caught by Javed Omar for 29 in his second over. Astle, who pulled Tapash Baisya over square-leg for a six and hit two fours, istimed a pull to give an easy catch at

mid-wicket. The 19-year-old Aftab trapped Hamish Marshall lbw for two with the

Sinclair, who scored fifty off 65 balls, was stumped by Khaled Mashud off Mohammad Rafique.

Man-of-the-match Aftab, bowling for the first time in his fourth ODI appearance, then removed big-hitting Scott Styris' off-stump before winning

lbw appeals against Craig McMillan and Brendon McCullum. The third and final match will be played at the same venue tomorrow but there was bad news for Bangladesh who will miss captain Habibul Bashar who suffered a fracture in his left toe while batting. Earlier, Bangladesh failed to make most of a perfect batting pitch due

to the dismal top-order batting. The Tigers were reduced to 52-5 but Khaled Mashud's 41 gave the total some

second slip before opening his account while Aftab followed in similar style, sneaking the ball behind the wicket to McCullumon four. There was no respite for the local boys as left-arm pacer James Franklin sent back Habibul Bashar for a 12-ball

Franklin also got the better of opener Javed Omar (12) when the opening batsman while trying to negotiate a yorker, dragged it on to his stumps.

But the slide stopped with a 57-run sixth wicket stand between Rajin Saleh and Khaled Mashud that helped the Bangladesh pass the 100-run mark. After the match Bangladesh coach DavWhatmoresaid, "It was a close finish and I think it was very good for the crowd. We had a disappointing batting show

again and if we can't put on a decent total

on board, we can never think about 'Our gain from the match was to see the boys fight after scoring a modest

Vettori praised the Bangladesh effort. "We were never under pressure because we had a batsman like Cairns in the wicket. The way Bangladesh defended a small total, was really bril-

Donors may shy away

FROM PAGE 1 producers and the rest by joint ventures and the public sector, including

Power generation in the last three years since the BNP-led coalition took office has, however, been abysmal. Only AES Meghnaghat Power Plant was commissioned with a generation capacity of 450 mw and that too under the private sector during the time. Fifteen new power plants are under the process of procurement by the government and only four of them

sources. Siddhirganj, Barapukuria, Baghabari and Tongi power plants are expected to feed the national grid 730 MW power by next year. The fate of commissioning of the rest of the power plants hangs in the

have been awarded, according to

balance, donor sources said. Wallich in the letter to the prime minister expressed frustration of the LCG with the power sector and observed that no significant generating capacity has been brought on

stream in the last two years.
"You have often said that supply of reliable power is key to Bangladesh's continued economic progress. Businesses need electricity, investment and job creation depend on power being available: irrigation and rural enterprises need power; and public safety, schools and health facilities all need electricity to work," the letter reminded the premier.

According to the Power Development Board (PDB), on a specific day in October, 49 percent of the 2894 mw electricity produced and supplied went to the capital and the rest was split among other parts of the country that suffered acute power The public and private power

plants are currently capable of gener-ating 4680 mw electricity and 2520 mw of it is supplied to the national grid from the plants set up between 1991 and 2002. From 1991 to 1995, 510 mw was added to the grid and 1200 mw from 1996 to 2001. In 2002, 450 mw was added to the grid, according to the

The WB channelled \$80 million of the \$116 million funds it had set aside or Sirajganj Power Plant under the \$150-million Private Sector Infrastructure Development Project to post-flood reconstruction work. The WB move came in an apparent

reprisal for cancellation of awarding of ob to Summit Group for installation of the Sirajganj plant by the Prime Minister's Office because of alleged links of some top executives of the

group to main opposition Awami

eague.
Sources said the donors found the explanation of the government on the cancellation of the awarding of job unacceptable. They said that the donors are least bothered about political leanings of investors and that they only care about their competence.

The donors are also unhappy about the government's foot-dragging on adopting some of the prescribed power sector reforms by 2006 including a time-bound strategy to complete the sector unbundling and corporatisation, financing new generating plants, improving governance and accountability of the state-owned enterprises and preparing urban distribution companies for private

sector participation.

Donor sources said the WB, Asian Development Bank (ADB) and other donors made a commitment to participate in the power projects, but they are now rethinking the decision. They have been disheartened by the increasing political interference in the development of the power sector, lack of transparency and other ques-

tionable practices in generation

capacity and procurement processes and insufficient progress on fulfilling

existing commitments by the government on power sector reforms, an energy sector mission of the WB said Visiting ADB Vice-president Liqun Jin on Monday expressed displeasure at the mismanagement in the power

sector at a meeting with the state The independent power producers are also now wary of investing further in the sector after the bitter experience they had had in the Sirajganj plant,

The ERD letter for negotiations to resolve the problems has not cut much ice with the donors, who would insist on the government's submitting progress report every six months, beginning January 15 next year, summarising actions taken to advance the government's three-year roadmap for power sector reforms, sources said.

meet with the LCG at least once a year, the first meeting to be held not later than March 31 next year, to brief them on the progress with implementing power sector institutional and policy reforms, among other things. The LCG members are in discus-

The government would also have to

sion among themselves about whether to sit with the officials or the prime minister for the proposed negotia-

Kadiani non-Muslims. Against this background, the AI press release yesterday said, "The government of Bangladesh must take decisive action against anti-Ahmadi agitators who have contin-ued to attack members of the Ahmaddiya community. These groups have been allowed to attack Ahmadis with impunity." ATNAKHALPARA MOSQUE

the Ahmadiyya mosque at Nakhalpara in Tejgaon, a large number of civil society members led by Justice K M Sobhan went there and took position inside the mosque yesterday morning. South Asian People's Union against Fundamentalism and Communalism, Ekatturer Ghatak

Dalal Nirmul Committee, Awami

parties were the leading organisations that mobilised the anti-IKNMB civil force. Among the prominent civil society members were Shahriar Kabir, Salma Haq, Ferdousi Priyobhasini, Doulat Ara Mannan, Kazi Mukul, Ruhin Hossain Prince, Abu Osman Chowdhury, Abdus

Samad, Meer Hosain Akhter and Ali

The six-member ambassadorial

delegation of the EU countries led

by Ambassador of the Netherlands

Hasan Tarun.

Kees Beemsterboer joined the civil society members before Jumaa. The other delegates were the ambassadors of Germany, France, Italy, Sweden and Denmark. To the Ahmadiyya leaders present, the envoys expressed their

concern at the ongoing anti-Ahmadiyya agitation and push. Praising the civil society's proactive role to maintain religious harmony in the country, Beemsterboer said, "We are here not to take stand against any one. Our main intention is to stand by the Constitution of Bangladesh that guarantees freedom of religion and

expression to all its citizens."
IKNMBACTION Members of Dhaka Metropolitan Police and Armed Police Battalion (APBn) stood guard at the mosque in the morning. Contingents of police, APBn and paramilitary Bangladesh Rifles were deployed at Nabisco intersection in Tejgaon before Jumaa. Some 5,000 IKNMB zealots came

in several processions from different

mosques after Jumaa and gathered

Addressing a demonstration there, IKNMB leaders said

Ahmadiyyas have no right to live

at the intersection.

with the identity of Muslims in IKNMB Ameer Mahmudul Hasan Mamtazi said, "We will not do any harm to you (Ahmadiyyas) if you live here as members of a non-

Strong watch keeps Muslim minority sect. But you will

not be allowed to identify yourselves

as Muslims or your places of wor-

ships as mosques. Threatening the government of paralysing the country if it does not legislate in the current parliament session proclaiming Ahmadiyyas non-Muslims, he said no govern without fulfilling their demand.

office if you do not meet our 'No-one will be able to stop the

Ruling coalition partner Islamic Oikya Jote Secretary General Abdur Rab Yusufi, Islamic Shasantantra

Rahman also spoke at the rally. Traffic on Tongi Diversion Road remained suspended for two hours as IKNMB activists kept it blocked from Mohakhali to Satrasta inter-

incite the bigots to attack their mosque, reported our Brahmanbaria correspondent. Riot police guarded the mosque morning to bar the zealots, who on

police activism drove away the Khatme Nabuwat members, who had threatened to burn down the mosque and Ahmadiyyas if they pray there any more. The town continues to be

shortlisted lawyers. Chittagong bar had formed two

Bar sources said that the lawyers,

The prime minister will arrive at

From Madina, Khaleda will go to

Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan yesterday handed over a letter of Prime Minister Khaleda Zia to Bhutanese Prime Minister Lyonpo Yeshey Zimba inviting him to the

Accepting the letter, the Bhutanese prime minister said he was looking forward to attending

Khan, on behalf of the prime

House at about 7:30 pm. Son of Abdul Hamid of TB cross-

charge (OC) of Khulna Police Station, Shujan was an extortionist and accused in several criminal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT A Filipino woman was mugged in

handbag that reportedly held Tk 22,000 and some documents.

As the woman cried for help, locals rushed to the scene and caught one of

students temporarily.

But sources said some top JCD leaders have been lobbying against any punitive measures being sanc-

October 27 with Prof Faiz in the chair did make a surprising move. It asked the DU proctorial body to reexamine the 9/11 incidents and submit a 'complete' report within two weeks' time, in other words, to do the drill all over and implying the investigation report to be 'incomexclaimed, "I don't know what

He warned, "If the authorities try to save the Chhatra Dal cadres, the

formed to look into the killing of JCD activist Mahbubul Islam Khokon of

The committees that were asked On October 19, the DU treasurer said, "Interviewing students and

toilet of the girls' dormitory last

The reports are yet to be pub-

Even the 150-page probe report on police atrocities at Shamsunnahar

not reveal but conceal the facts. Thus the DU adds a new definition to the word 'investigation' and lives up to it too.

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