NBCP cadre killed in 'crossfire'

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A cadre of outlawed New Biplobi Communist Party (NBCP) was killed in a 'shootout' between his accomplices and police at village Dhuliarchar in Pangsha upazila under Rajbari district early yester-

Three police personnel including a sub-inspector (SI) were also injured in the incident.

The killed NBCP cadre Aiyub Ali alias tiger Ali, 38, was also secondin-command of a local gang called 'Buro Bahini' and accused in 10 cases including 4 of murder.

A team of Pangsha police raided the Dhuliarchar field of the village when SEE PAGE 11 COL 3

formally inaugurate gas supply from the gas plant set up at a nearby area for processing unrefined gas from the wells, sources said. Unocal is now performing differ-

ent tests on its well no. 2 and well

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

US company Unocal will start gas

production in its Moulvibazar gas

field on April 5, official sources said.

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia will

MOULVIBAZAR FIELD

no. 3 drilled at Kalapur area in Srimangal upazila of Moulvibazar district two kilometres off the Magurchhara site. The final flare test on the wells will be performed

on Friday while pressure and leak-

age tests on the 24-kilometre long

Unocal to start gas

production April 5

The inauguration was earlier scheduled for March. But reasons like delay in the process of land acquisition for the pipeline from the

pipeline began vesterday

gas plant to the national grid at Muchhai of Habiganj, excessive rain in September last, and others delayed the work.

The US company also faced problems with the Department of Forest as the forest officials refused to allow Unocal to lav pipeline and construct the 2.7-kilometre road through the reserve forest in the Lawachhara National Park near the

Ban on rally on

Violating a government ban on any

programme on the Jatiya Sangsad

Bhaban premises during a session,

Ministry of Women Affairs yesterday

held a rally on the South Plaza of

the permission to hold the

programme on the occasion of

International Women's Day, despite

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JS compound

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

violated

parliament.

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Members of a bede (river gypsy) community show a cobra spreading its hood at a human chain rally jointly organised by the community and Grambangla Unnavan Committee at Shahbag in the

city yesterday.

The rally was

held to press

demand of edu-

cation for gyp-

sies' children.

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STAFF CORRESPONDENT

of women

Jatiyo Oikya Mancha President Dr Kamal Hossain said direct election to the reserved seats for women in the parliament is necessary for ensuring their political rights.

RESERVED SEATS IN JS

direct election

Dr Kamal for

"Indirect election to the 45 reserved seats in the parliament will not reflect the true representation of women," Dr Kamal said while speaking as chief guest at a discussion meeting organised by Jatiyo Nari Oikyo Mancha at city's Muktangon to mark the International Women Day.

Dr Kamal, also the president of

Gono Forum, said women's rights is still unrecognised although they are contributing to the country's economy and different social sectors. Referring to the provision of indi-

rect election to the reserved seats for women, he said women who are loval to particular political parties would be chosen for those seats. The Oikyo Mancha president also

said women have to be united to establish their political, social and economic rights

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HR, democracy best tools to counter terrorism

Hasina tells Madrid summit

BDNEWS, Dhaka

Leader of the Opposition Sheikh Hasina yesterday said human rights and democracy are the best tools in hand for any success in the counterterrorism measure and to confront global terrorism.

"Terrorism is anti-thesis to both human rights and democracy, as by its very nature, terrorists acts are often indiscriminate targeting innoAwami league president, was addressing as special guest at a four-day international summit on "Democracy, Terrorism and Security" in Madrid, Spain, according to a message received in Dhaka

Arranged by Club de Madrid, Spain's King Juan Carlos formally inaugurated the summit of former heads of the states and governments yesterday, in which more than 200 participants from 52 countries from across the globe are

of past

A United Nations executive said

of the past and counterproductive

era, but today it is a bad habit. It is

Hartal a thing

Says UNDP resident chief before

launch of report on general strike

here yesterday that hartal is a thing before the March 10 launch of an

"Hartal is a good idea for the past economy and society, he said such

In her speech, Hasina said terrorism has lately become a buzzword for the governments around the world, but they are far from gaining any grip on it. "It is mainly because of the way terrorism have always been approached by the international community where there were more divisions than

"Even disregarding statements like one's terrorist is other's freedom fighter, the fact differing and narrow national interests have failed to

Resident Representative Jorgen

extensive research report on impli-

cations of hartal on Bangladesh

strike costs huge on the country's

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Talking to the news agency

Lissner said.

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Two infants found dead

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police recovered bodies of two infants, including a newborn, from two places at Khilgaon and Dhanmondi within 18 hours since

Monday afternoon. On information Khilgaon police recovered the body of a girl aged around eight months from a soil-pile of an empty plot at 219/Cha/1 Meradia, Bhuiyapara, yesterday at

The body was covered in clay

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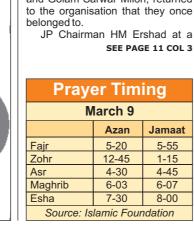
Firoz Rashid ditches BJP for Ershad

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Kazi Firoz Rashid, secretarygeneral of the ruling four-party coalition partner Bangladesh Jatiya Party (BJP), rejoined the Ershad-led Jatiya Party (JP) yesterday.

Along with him, two other BJP presidium members, Fakrul Imam and Golam Sarwar Milon, returned to the organisation that they once

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cent civilians and violates rights," Sheikh Hasina, who is also the JMJB threatens

with death STAFF CORRESPONDENT

ex-JPMP

Former lawmaker of Rajshahi-3 constituency Sarder Amzad Hossain on March 1 received a letter from the recently banned Islamist militant outfit Jagrata Muslim Janata Bangladesh (JMJB) threatening him with death.

The letter dated February 24 termed Amzad Hossain an anti-Muslim Murtaad (one deviated from Islam) and a foreign agent, and said so his death will be enforced according to Muslim Shariah (law) if Allah nem

The JMJB in the letter also said it has decided to punish Fazle a i



