Man pulled alive from Lawyers Indonesia rubble

AP, Gunung Sitoli, Indonesia

A man heard crying out for water was pulled alive yesterday from beneath the rubble of a building demolished by Indonesia's most recent earthquake, a day after rescue teams formally called off the search for survivors.

The 42-year-old man, identified only as Hendra, was carried in a stretcher to a waiting ambulance after five days trapped in the remains of his three-story shop and

Hundreds of onlookers watched the seven-hour rescue operation. many breaking into cheers when

Hendra lived in the building in Gunung Sitoli, Nias Island's capital, with his wife and two children. He said he was the only one to survive. A doctor who treated him said Hendra suffered only minor

you very much," he said, hugging his rescuers.

Monday's 8.7 magnitude quake killed at least 548 people, most on Nias Island. With few exceptions. rescue efforts in the capital proved futile, and on Friday, search teams abandoned Gunung Sitoli to focus

ers hired by the family to look for him and his family heard him calling weakly for help and water.

'We had given up hope. Look, we had even provided coffins," Hendra's brother, Kok Ciong, told The Associated Press earlier Saturday, pointing to coffins nearby.

Rescue workers cut through the rubble and went down a hole to feed Hendra crackers and water. But they said they did not find the bodies of his wife and

Also Saturday, aid finally reached thousands of homeless and hungry victims on remote islands still reeling from the December tsunami disaster. A ferry docked in Sinabang, where most of the 31,000 people have lost their homes some 23,000 by the Dec. 26 tsunami-earthquake and the

rest by Monday's quake

The Dec. 26 earthquaketsunami killed more than 126,000 people in Indonesia mostly in Aceh province. At least 48,000 others died in 10 other countries on the Indian Ocean rim.

Govt absolves Pintu

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Mohammad Salauddin said, at about 9:30am on April 15, 1998. Pintu led out a procession in support of hartal called by the then opposition BNP. The BNP procession came face to face with that of the then ruling AL at Baby Ice Cream crossing in Lalbagh.

The SI said Pintu and his group swooped on AL leaders and activists in the procession, as well as the policemen who came to intervene, injuring a number of AL men and police including the complainant.

Police arrested Pintu and the 12 men from the spot and filed the case against them the same day. Later, all the accusees obtained bail from

A senior lawyer, on condition of anonymity, told The Daily Star vesterday he wonders how the charges could be labelled 'politically motivated'. "It's nothing but a bid to save the lawmaker from a judicial trial," he

Moreover, he questioned how the 12 accusees who are now absconding could be released from the case?

Masud Ahmed Talukder, a lawver representing Pintu, on the other hand said the government decided to take back the charges after scrutinising the case documents and finding them to be false.

Besides, Talukder pointed out that Section 494 of the Criminal Procedure Code authorises the government to retract any case filed against any person.

BIDDING PAPER SNATCHING

Pintu was also arrested on December 26, 2001 on the charge of snatching at gunpoint some documents pertaining to the auction of a bankrupt company's property.

Advocate Jahangir Alam Khan filed the case with Motilheel Police Station accusing Pintu and a number of his accomplices

Rokan for taking

appointed president and a caretaker government at the same time means a dual government system that can stand in the way of holding a free and fair election.

parties should be the president during the three-month tenure of the caretaker government mandated to hold general elections, he said.

On the provision of an immediate past chief justice's heading the caretaker government as a neutral person, Rokanuddin said: "There should be two conditions here. He state on political appointment."

"The caretaker chief should be acceptable to all parties that had representation in the just dissolved

"They should be appointed after discussions with the political par-

Those who for once have become advisers to the caretaker government should not be made advisers for a second time,

"The constitution should be amended, if necessary, to introduce the changes and the amendment should be made on the basis of a

consensus.' The outgoing SCBA president also demanded reforms to the Election Commission. "The chief election commissioner should be made on a consensus among all

Talking on the 13th amendment

Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH) where the on-duty doctors declared him dead.

Jabhed's relatives and local people alleged that some people loyal to a local Jamaat-backed ward commissioner candidate was

involved in the incident. Jabhed's body was handed over to his family after autopsy yesterday

court for fixing a new date, sometime later, for hearing the petitions saying that he would go abroad for

As the court fixed April 23 for the next hearing, he told it that he might not be able to return by that time and asked for more time. The court, however, turned him down and said it wanted to hold the hearing quickly.

Rokanuddin told the court that the BNP government filed these cases against Awami League leaders with political motive. Similar cases were filed earlier against incumbent Prime Minister Khaleda Zia and the court had quashed

The court told him that it did not care about what had happened earlier and that it might not deliver a similar judgement in this case.

Rokan at this stage said he was worried at the court's 'too much interest in the cases'. He expressed the fear that his clients may not get justice and that they do not have confidence in the bench.

Ariff stood up and pleaded with the court for quick disposal of the petition and fixing a fresh date for hear-

Newly elected President of Supreme Court Bar Association Advocate Mahbubey Alam and Advocate Yusuf Hossain Humayun also appealed for more time before the next hearing.

Rokanuddin said it was impossible to take part in the hearing.

Barrister Amir-UI Islam blamed the bench for bias and reiterated the apprehension that their clients would not get justice with the bench. The lawyers then left the courtroom.

lawvers at that time that what they were doing was not proper. The court stayed proceedings of the cases at the lower court until the

India go 1-0

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caught at mid-on while attempting an awkward pull.

India captain Sourav Ganguly, criticised for his poor batting form, was bowled round his legs for a first ball duck as he shuffled across his stumps to flick, giving Navel his second wicket in two balls Sehwag cracked nine fours and

three sixes in his explosive 95-ball 108 and Dravid had six hits to the fence in his 104. Pakistan made a promising start,

Salman Butt hitting two fours in the opening over, but they lost wickets at regular intervals. The visitors, reduced to 64 for

four, were looking to consolidate when Tendulkar got the key wicket of captain Inzamamul Haq, bowling him for 37 with a quicker delivery.

The next match of the six-game series will be played in Visakhapatnam on Tuesday.

New pay scale

FROM PAGE 16 Though the IMF previously advocated cutting down interest rates, its officials yesterday advised the finance minister to the contrary, to

scale them up.

The mission also expressed concerns at the poor revenue collection, especially by the customs. Saifur told them that the customs revenue is paltry as most of the imports fall in low-duty categories. Besides, a number of customs lawsuits have blocked realisation of a good amount of money in import

duties. He said "We have initiated some steps which are expected to improve the revenue situation by the year end. Several customs cases meanwhile have also been settled, which means a substantial amount will be

added to the import duty coffer." The IMF team is scheduled to leave Dhaka on April 9, after collecting answers to some 50 questions sent to the government last month.

Charge-sheet

FROM PAGE 1 the remaining four were earlier

arrested. In the charge sheet, the IO said the charges brought against the accused were primarily proved and

they were brought under trial. The IO praved for the warrant of arrest and attachment of property against the fugitives.

Metropolitan Magistrate Towfigul Alam accepted the charge sheet and ordered attachment of the fugitives' property yesterday.

In the case filed with Mirpur Police Station, it is alleged that Sergeant Atiqur Rahman and five others went to the Mirpur house of Ratan Ali, the complainant in the case, at about 12:20pm on March 23. Identifying themselves as Rab-4 members, they wanted to know how much money he had with him.

As he replied that he had Tk 7.8 lakh in an almirah, the Rab members threatened to kill him in 'crossfire', and stole the money. Of the six, five managed to

escape in two CNG-run threewheelers waiting outside, but Sergeant Atig was nabbed by locals. Later, following leads obtained

from Atig, a joint team of police and Rab arrested Waliullah and Khorshed Alam. They recovered Tk 2,45,500 from Waliullah and Tk 10,000 from Khorshed Alam Ratan Ali filed a case with Mirpur

Police Station under the Speedy Trial (Law and Disruption) Act the same day, accusing the six people.

Kibria killing

an expected general election in 2006, political violence has escalated sharply in Bangladesh," says the release quoting the letters.

political rally in Dhaka last August, grenades were hurled at the opposition leader and former prime minister. Sheikh Hasina, in an "attempted assassination" which killed 22. The violence culminated in the recent grenade blast that killed five opposition Awami League members and led to a series of countrywide strikes called by the Awami League in February.

State Condoleezza Rice and Bangladesh Ambassador to the US Shamsher M Chowdhury, the legislators urged a fully independent investigation by the FBI aimed at helping to bring the perpetrators to iustice, said the press release issued by Congressman Barney Frank on April 1 in Washington.

In their letters to the Bangladesh ambassador, they said. "This latest grenade attack is part of an escalating wave of political violence in recent years against moderate forces in Bangladesh, and it appears to us that the permissiveness of at least some within the Bangladesh government and the police in allowing violent groups to operate unconstrained, and the apparent failure to investigate previous similar attacks, led to a climate of impunity that encourages a continuation of such violence. Immediately after the attack, the

State Department strongly condemned the bomb attack, and the Bangladesh government subsequently sought assistance from the US in investigating the incident.

Department, the United States wanted to make sure the FBI would have full access to all evidence and witnesses before committing to an investigation. The State Department has since signalled that the FBI is assisting in the investigation, "though it's unclear the degree to which the FBI is able to investigate with full authority and to work without interference"

In their letters to Secretary of State Rice, the legislators pointed to the recent State Department's human rights report on Bangladesh, which describes "frequent government use of police for political purposes" The release on the letters contin-

ued, "The report also describes an increase in the number of killings by security personnel, in which nearly all abuses went uninvestigated and unpunished, which creates a serious obstacle to ending this kind of political violence. Because this pattern of political terrorism goes counter to basic democratic principles, we strongly urge you to make it clear to the Bangladesh government that an independent investigation by the FBI is essential if we are to maintain our longstanding supportive bilateral relations with their

They noted although Bangladesh government reportedly charged several low-ranking activists of the ruling Bangladesh Nationalist Party in recent days, Asma Kibria, the widow of Shah AMS Kibria, and opposition party leaders questioned the impartiality and thoroughness of the investigation, particularly in light of the fact that the government has refused to

Opposition asks CJ

In a written proposal placed at the meeting, the 11-Party Alliance said amendment to the constitution is not necessary to find a person who is acceptable to all as the existing constitutional provisions are enough.

"The caretaker government must be headed by a person who is above controversies and whose nonpartisanship cannot be questioned, said Dr Kamal Hossain, president of the Gono Forum, and an eminent

He said, "If any person has partisan colour he should not take office of the chief adviser of the caretaker government and I will tell him not to be the chief adviser if anyone raises guestions about his neutrality.

saving that opposition parties as well as people have serious reservations "We hope he (former chief justice) will not do anything that may originate

crisis in the country centring an election." he said. The speakers alleged that the government has extended the retirement age of judges to ensure that Justice Hasan will take over as chief of

"The extension of the judges' retirement age has made the careobserved Dr Kazi Kholiquzzaman Ahmed, president of Bangladesh roundtable

ment ages of judges has damaged the integrity of the judiciary as many are now calculating when he or she will become head of the caretaker government.

He expressed his reservations about the concept of the formation of the caretaker government system that says the immediate past chief justice will be the head of the interim govern-

"Any sitting government through politicisation and superseding the judges can easily find a loyal person to head the caretaker government after

the end of their term," the eminent lawversaid.

10 ombudsmen in line with the constitutional provision and said the team will not only conduct the general election but also act as watchdog for all time and an acceptable person from the body will lead the caretaker gov-

AL General Secretary Abdul Jalil tabled his party proposals about electoral reforms and formation of the parties to formulate a single proposal proposals.

education to stop rigging and fake votes in elections. Jalil urged the political parties to take initiatives to educate the voters. Communist Party of Bangladesh

Khan blasted the prime minister's rigid opposition to reforming the caretaker government system and said the next Professor Muzaffer Ahmad

emphasised strengthening of the EC so that it can conduct the elections as an independent body. Journalist Ataus Samad said they should seriously think over the issue of

proportional representation in parliament. He urged all to finalise the proposals and place those to the government at the earliest possible Human rights activist Dr Hamida

Hossain stressed that the rights of the minorities and women in casting votes be ensured in the electoral reform Saifuddin Ahmed Manik, Samvabadi Dal General Secretary Dilip Barua, Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal leader

Mainuddin Khan Badal Hunger Proiect Executive Director Dr Badiul Alam Maiumder. Gono Azadi League Party Acting President Azizul Islam Khan, Communist Kendro's Dr Asit Baran Roy and JSD Joint Secretary

Teletalk suspends

subscribers will be notified of the announcement via mass media and at different exchanges. Earlier on Thursday, Teletalk

Bangladesh Limited, managed by Bangladesh Telegraph and Telephone Board (BTTB), made the subscription open to the public. It started distributing subscription forms at 10 centres across the city. The commercial launch of the

much-publicised mobile phone service, fifth in the cellular industry and first ever in public sector, was however marred by violence. At least 50 people were injured because of mad rush for subscription at different distribution points on Thursday.

Meanwhile, rush for the stateowned mobile phone connections at different distribution centres in the city did not lessen despite reported poor service of the phone and police harassment.

from Maghbazar Exchange. None, however, was reported to be hurt in the incident.

Some of the prospective subscribers even spent the Friday night in front of the form distribution centres to get a place ahead of others in the queue.

have a connection, have already grown frustrated with its service quality. "The call completion rate is very poor," said Istiaq Ali, who managed to secure a connection on the first day. advice attested by the Bangladesh

call," he added. Another subscriber alleged that the network is so poor that it does

not even work while moving from

one room to another. Police yesterday dispersed

blamed the Teletalk authorities for the disorder in distribution of forms. They said the forms were inadewere distributed vesterday. Some of the queuing subscribers

have been wearing black badges to protest the launch of the mobile phone under a new company, the country, resulting in a decline in

JU meet

They however failed to demonstrate yesterday as 50 to 60 activists of Jativatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) led by its JU unit president forced them to give in. The JCD also threatened them of dire consequences if they staged further demonstrations.

Mallick, however disputed the allegation and claimed they had rather expressed their solidarity with the botany students Teachers and students of the

department are agitating simultaneously against the appointment bid since March 22, refraining from attending classes and examina-

and left-leaning organisations held a teacher-student protest rally in front of Social Science Faculty at 11:00am. The rally demanded that the JU authorities desist from appointing

teachers to favour their own people or gain politically.

(40), Rafigual Islam (38), Abdul Karim (37), Amichha Bewa (62) and Sazir Uddin (51) critically injured. They were admitted to Domar Upazila Health Complex

said the train carrying two hundred passengers met with the accident as there are no sleepers and rocks between the rail tracks. He added that the train escaped a major accident as it was moving only at 30 km per hour.

from Chilahati to Parbutipur. All trains moving on this route are at high risk of accident.

Power Cell

taces

Projects (IPPs), according to

formed by Scottish company Rendel Palmer & Tritton in 1997, which has experience of some infrastructure projects. Manning Industries is mainly involved in installing used equipment. On its website, it claims that it has helped develop a 120 MW power project but does not say what role it played. It also lists that it was Nigeria but without giving the name

A few months ago, one of the businessmen lobbying for Cadogan for Meghnaghat -3 project told this correspondent that he had strong backing at the Prime Minister's Office (PMO). Although his proposal

when the Meghnaghat-2 power project has not been approved due to flaws in its bidding.

Clampdown

FROM PAGE 16 Over 20 per cent of some 1.25 lakh Bangladeshis migrating to Saudi Arabia annually go on an individual visa, sources said

"Sponsors often leave the sponsored people without any job and many people going abroad on such individual visas stay without any job for several months and create social problems there." said a high official at the Ministry of Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas

"The cases of visa advice are being thoroughly verified to check any fraudulent practices," he said, adding, "A person will not get clearance for leaving the country on an individual free visa unless he shows confirmation of a specific job there." However, the individual visa

Embassy in Saudi Arabia will not come under this restriction, he said. The State Minister for Expatriates' Welfare Mohammad Quamrul Islam said, "The restriction

restriction, the minister said, "I will go to Saudi Arabia on Monday for a week-long visit and observe the situation there. I will take a decision after returning home. The minister will meet the labour

Saudi Arabia is the largest manpower market for Bangladesh, with over 15 lakh Bangladeshis now working there. Meanwhile, manpower exporters

Pope slips closer

pontiff's dying hours. Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said the pope's overall heart and breathing conditions had not changed and remained "very serious.'

In an indication of his worsening health, a mass was celebrated during the morning in the pope's presence, but significantly he did not take an active role in the ceremony as he had the day before.

Navarro-Valls said the pope's overall condition remained

"The general, cardio-respiratory

and metabolic conditions of the Holy Father are substantially unchanged and therefore are very serious," he As of dawn Saturday, the pope

appeared to be moving in and out of consciousness, he said. Navarro-Valls said in answer to questions that "we noticed a reduc-

absolutely does not mean, technically, that he is in a state of coma. "When spoken to, he opens his eyes and remains conscious. At times it seems he is sleeping or that

tion in his consciousness. That

he is resting his eyes." He said a new medical bulletin would be issued by 6:00 pm (1600

Hundreds of pilgrims who had kept up a traditional all-night vigil for the dying pope stayed in St Peter's Square, overlooked by the apartment of the leader of the world's 1.1 billion Roman Catholics.

Achille Silvestrini, said after visiting the pope Saturday morning. "I saw him very relaxed," he said adding he had praved beside the

The pope "gave signs of recog-

nising people." an Italian cardinal.

pope and kissed his hand. In the last communique, issued shortly before 7:00 pm Friday, Navarro-Valls said the pontiff's condition was worsening, his breathing had become shallow and his blood pressure was falling.

"The pope has an extraordinary

physique and at the moment even

his doctors are surprised" at his will

to live, said Corrado Manni, an

anaesthetist who has been present

at several of the pope's 10 surgical operations "I believed that, given the conditions described in the medical bulletin, yesterday he was nearly

finished, but he's still not.

"That's surprised everyone a little even me who has known him well for so long," the doctor said. The pope was lying under white

blankets in the centre of his room,

propped up by pillows, according to Cardinal Mario Francesco Pompedda who went to see him on

"I was captured by the beauty of this smiling look. He clearly wanted me to understand that he recognised me," Pompedda told the daily

La Repubblica. For many newspapers, however, the pontiff was already spoken of in the past tense. The Turin daily La Stampa published a full obituary on its front page, entitled "John Paul II 1978-2005.1

Others were more restrained. La Repubblica headlined "the last hours of the pope" while the Corriere della Sera led with "An embrace for a dying pope" as it recounted what it called the pope's "day of agony". The pontiff, who has Parkinson's

fined to a wheelchair, suddenly took a sharp turn for the worse late Thursday, when he was given the last rites. The crowd in St Peter's Square swelled to nearly 70,000 at one point late Friday after reciting a

pope's windows. lions of others also prayed for a pontiff who has led the Roman

Born Karol Wojtyla in a small town near Krakow, southern Poland, he is the first non-Italian pope in more than four centuries and the 263rd successor to Saint Peter -- one of the disciples of Jesus

and contributed to the collapse of communism in Eastern Europe.

sex in a world struggling with Aids. In the Philippines, a bastion of Roman Catholicism in Asia, Church leaders held prayer vigils for a pope who President Gloria Arroyo said

man. "The pope is in his death

FROM PAGE 16 but the court fixed today for record-

ing statements of the witnesses.

will submit written statements to the court today pleading not guilty, court sources said. Earlier, the tribunal recorded statements of prosecution wit-

son Zabid Ahsan Sohel. About 20 gunmen fired on a rally of Shechchhasebak League, the volunteer front of the AL, and killed Ahsanullah Master at Naogaon near the legislator's house in Tongi on May 7 last year.

Schoolboy Omar Faruq Ratan was also killed and at least five others were injured in the incident. The investigation officer (IO) on July 10 last year pressed charges against Nurul Islam Sarker for

Dhaka committed

FROM PAGE 16 General of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (Saarc) Chenkyab Dorji when he called on her at her

mentioned that the forum leaders in the last summit gave specific recommendation for strengthen

ing the Saarc secretariat. Dorji, the eighth secretary general of the forum, took over charge on March 1, 2005 for a three-year term and was now paying routine visit to member-countries to consult the leaders and take guidance for

empowerment of women and edu-He said the member-countries can draw a lot of benefits from the

institutions and practices in

steam to the site where the chopper. call sign "Shark 02", went down," he

Australian military since 18 service-

he was pulled out.

scratches and dehydration. "Thank you very much, thank

on other towns. Hendra was found after labor-

children. "It was the most challenging operation we have ever taken part in," said C.W. Ong, head of the Singapore search team.

along with the government at the end of the government's tenure, since he is elected by a party and cannot work neutrally during the time of election." he said. He added that having a politically

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About the advisers, he said,

Rokanuddin said.

political parties."

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connection.

They noted that at an opposition

In their letters to Secretary of

According to the State

He proposed formation of a team of

caretaker government. He urged all after reviewing their individual party Stressing the need for voters'

election must be conducted under a caretaker government acceptable to

(CPB) President Manjurul Ahsan

Gono Forum General Secretary President Abdus Samad, Ganotrantri

"It takes several efforts to make a

hundreds of prospective subscribers who were queuing in front of Maghbazar exchange from the early morning. Some people sold a place

collected forms from their colleagues at Maghbazar exchange. the flow of remittances.

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The JCD president, Parvez

Teachers and students' represen-

tatives from different departments

. Vice-chancellor Khandaker Mustahidur Rahman said, "The selection committees have made the best choices. The syndicate will now decide about the appointment.

Four bogies

FROM PAGE 1 derailed at the southern end of the

The incident left Shahida Begum

The derailed coaches have vet to

FROM PAGE 1

Cadogan Consultants was

In Bangladesh, power project implementation authorities like the Power Development Board and Power Cell seek companies having experience in building at least 300 mw power projects for setting up 450 mw plants.

was in contradiction with the government policies, he was hopeful that it The lobby is pushing the project

masterminding the assassination of

She assured Bangladesh's "fullest support for expansion of Saarc activities". In this regard she

moving the Saarc process. The former chairman of Planning Commission and Nationa Environment Commission of Bhutan praised Bangladesh for what he called tremendous success in the social sectors like rural development, poverty alleviation

Bangladesh. He particularly mentioned microcredit, PKSF, Grameen Bank and Brac. Dorji, who is visiting Dhaka for the first time after taking over as Saarc secretary general, agreed with the leadership that topmost priority should be given to Safta

agreement and put special focus on

Director General

disease, severe lung and throat problems and has long been con-

series of prayers, but as the hours passed the numbers dwindled to several hundred gazing up at the Across the world, from his native Poland to Indonesia, from the Americas to the Middle East, mil-

Catholic Church for more than a quarter of a century.

However he also alienated many Catholics with his conservative social views, especially dealing with

was "a lasting source of strength in a troubled world." In Poland, too, the press prepared for the death of their country-

Ahsanullah murder

Police Khaleguzzaman, leader of a Nurul Islam Sarker and others four-member Criminal Investigation Department (CID) team that probed the case, also accused 29 others for the killing after the 60-day probe

nesses including victim's brother complainant Matiur Rahman and against Nurul Islam Sarker and 29 others on October 28 last year and its trial began on November 2 the same year with the deposition of the complainant. Eight of the accused including

> Sarker, Mohammad Ali and Monir are on bail. Jativatabadi Chhatra Samaj leader Nurul Islam Dipu and 17 others are absconding. Special Public Prosecutor Abdul Latif Talukder and advocates Mahbub Ahmed M Saiwar Hossain

Mohammad Ali, Sahara Khatun and

Momtazuddin Mehedi appeared for

Nurul Islam Sarker are now in the

custody while Alamin, Pappu

9 Australians

the state.

McGuire was quoted as saying by an AAP reporter on board the Kanimbla. "We believe the rest of the personnel died," he said.

The Australian Defence Force in

Canberra confirmed a helicopter

from the Kanimbla had crashed but

could not comment on the death toll. saying it was awaiting details of the The helicopter had been ferrying an emergency medical team from the Kanimbla to the Nias's Amandraya region as part of relief efforts following the 8.7 magnitude earthquake which ravaged Nias and

McGuire said seven of the dead

He said he had immediately

were male and two were female.

several hundred people dead.

men, including 15 members of the crack Special Air Service regiment, died when two Black Hawk helicopters collided during a training exercise in Queensland state in June

"We demand that the judiciary be separated as soon as possible. I think the government is intentionally making delays in doing so."

Parody poster FROM PAGE 16 The others, while returning after

The victim's father Haji Zafor Ahmed filed a case with the Bandar Police Station while police arrested one Nuru alias Nuraiya, 22, in this

February 15, 1996 elections in which no parties other than the BNP The amendment was made ithout detailed discussions with other parties in the parliament at that time, he said. "Now is the time to

think about changing the 13th

become an issue of political debate

working under restrictions after the

High Court in a judgement in a

contempt of court case had warned

the media. "Whether the law on the

after the 13th amendment."

The post of chief justice has

He said the media here is now

the caretaker government provi-

sion, he said, "It was made in the

parliament formed after the

contempt of court is more important than the freedom of press is a big issue." Rokanuddin observed. "The press has been playing an important role in establishing the

truth. If the press works under

limitations, the freedom of press will

media think that the press has the

right to write about the judiciary.

He said the people and the

be hampered." he said.

Rokanuddin wondered whether a minister who commented that the Appellate Division has no iurisdiction to fix time for separation of the iudiciary should be charged with contempt of court 'if nine government officials who tampered with

court directives on separation of the

judiciary face contempt charges'.

Why magistrate General (AAG) Firoj Shah's submitting vokalatnama for Samiruddin complainant of the robbery case. The court said that an AAG cannot

appear in favour of the complainant

in a criminal case. It then asked

Attorney General Hassan Ariff to

Bhuiyan, Barrister Abdullah Al

case against Chittaranian Nath and

10 members of his family including a

dead man and four minor children on

February 4, allegedly following a

On March 1. Barrister Rabeya

look into the matter.

Mamun and Advocate Sheikh Akhterul Islam drew attention of the court to news reports that said four babies had to appear before the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court in Chittagong for bail in the robbery case filed by a next-door neighbour. Alhaj Samiruddin had filed the

dispute over land. The High Court on March 1 issued a suo moto rule on eight government and police officials and the plaintiff

treatment.

Attorney General AF Hassan

As the court stood by its decision.

The attorney general told the

Workers Party chief Rashed Khan Menon also requested the immediate past chief justice not to assume office of the caretaker government chief

the next caretaker government. taker government questionable,' Economic Association at the

Echoing him, Barrister Amir-Ul Islam said, "The extension of retire-

A few people, who were able to

in the line for as high as Tk 500. Many people standing in the line

Domar station at the Chikan Mati

The driver of the train, Fazlul Haque,

There are no sleepers and rocks at different points on the rail lines

apparently a joint-venture between an Irish company called Cadogan Engineering, and Manning Industries of Texas, US. Both the partners lack experience in implementing Independent Power

involved in a 600 mw project in location or details of the project. It further claims to have experience in power plants of 2.5 mw to 125 mw but gives no project reference list.

would make its way, he added.

Employment.

is to ensure that none should go abroad without confirmation of job. Asked about the duration of the

fear the move will have a negative impact on manpower exports from

(Saarc and BIMSTEC) of the Foreign Ministry Ruhul Amin and Saarc Secretariat Director for Agriculture and Rural Development Sufiur Rahman were present

-- as Bishop of Rome. Elected pontiff in 1978 at the age of 58, he revolutionised the papacy

throes." the Gazeta Wybrocza said.

Later, the home ministry shifted the case to the Speedy Trial Tribunal-1 for its quick disposal. The tribunal framed charges

Assistant Superintendent of

FROM PAGE 16 with leg fractures and other injuries,"

incident. nearby islands on Monday, leaving

ordered the Kanimbla to the site where the helicopter crashed. "That location is a very remote location." he said, adding that the trip would take about six hours to

said. If confirmed, it would be the deadliest incident involving the

poverty alleviation. minister in Saudi Arabia and discuss Police resorted to mild baton He said the Saarc should make a increasing manpower export there. quate in number. Some 7.000 forms programme for achieving UN charge to restore order for the Millennium Development Goals. second consecutive day yesterday Prime Minister's Principal as thousands of people queued for Secretary Kamal Uddin Siddiqui, alleged that BTTB officials who hours to collect subscription forms