Two cases filed

Amir Mahmudul Hasan Momtazi, Nayebe Amir Nur Hossain Nurani and 11 others for attacking the Ahmadiyyas

The plaintiffs said they had earlier gone to Shyamnagar Police Station and submitted two separate FIR (first information report), but police declined to record the cases.

The IKNMB members from a procession on the day injured 50 Ahmadiyyas and looted several houses after hanging a signboard that branded the local Ahmadiyya Complex as a 'place of worship' and asked people not to mistake that for a

injured Ferdousi, wife of his (Saidul) son Rafiqul Islam. Sheikh Alam in his case alleged that the attackers threatened to rape his daughter.

Another member of Ahmadiyya community, Ohidur Rahman, filed a case on April 19 against six people including Momtazi, Nurani and local attacking and injuring his wife Rahima

Meanwhile, police yesterday confined local Ahmadiyya missionary Sheikh Abdul Wadud and Ahmadiyya member Altaf Hossain at Harinagar police camp for eight and a half hours.

intercepted the two Ahmadiyyas at around 9:00am when they were

Ex-Bac director Hannan sent back to army

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

back former director of Bureau of Anti-Corruption (Bac) Lt Col Abdul Hannan Mridha, whose activities created controversies in the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC), to the Armed Forces Division.

The status of Hannan, who had been working in the Bac on deputation, was a reserved employee of the government, yet he claimed himself to be ACC director (administration and establishment), a post that did not exist in the commission.

arrogating to himself the position of ACC director that created resentment in the commission.

The anticorruption watchdog in January asked the government to withdraw five former Bac directors including Hannan, saying they were

vesterday in a notification said Lt Col Hannan has been sent to the Armed Forces Division for his next posting.

passing by the area. Police took them to the camp finding some leaflets in their bags.

Shyamnagar police said the government has banned such publications but the Ahmadivya leaders in Dhaka said the leaflets were not on the list of banned publications.

"There is no reason to confine them since the leaflets were not among those banned. Moreover, the High Court in January stayed the ban for four months," said Towheedul Islam, an Ahmadiyya spokesman in Dhaka.

Being informed of the confinement Ahmadiyya leaders from their headguarters in Dhaka sent a fax copy of the High Court stay order to local Circle SP (Superintendent of Police) Ilias Sharif. Receiving the fax, police released the two Ahmadiyyas at

However, Satkhira SP Abdur Rahim told The Daily Star that locals caught the two Ahmadiyyas with some books and handed them over to police He said he ordered to release them.

22 die

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upazila early yesterday, killing five people on the spot and injuring 42

Police and witnesses said the bus crashed into the ditch after it was hit by a gas cylinder-laden truck from behind at about 4:00am. Two of the dead are Anwar

Hossain, 35, and Amal Roy, 53. Fire Brigade personnel rescued the injured passengers and sent

them to Tangail General Hospital. Meanwhile, at least five people died in road accidents in the capital yesterday, according to our staff

correspondent.
Sources at Dhaka Medical College and Hospital (DMCH) said Golam Rahman, 65, injured in a road crash in Mirpur Section-10 in the early hours Tuesday, died at the hospital in the morning.

Abdul Malek, 51, a security

guard of Janata Bank Farashganj ranch, died from his wounds at the DMCH at 10:00am vesterday. He was knocked over by an autorickshaw in front of Sonali Bank Head Office in Motilheel commercial area at around 9:00pm Monday.

A businessman, identified as Ali Ashraf, 32, died when a Gazipurbound bus rammed his motorbike from behind near Joarshahara BRTC bus depot on Dhaka-Mymensingh highway at about

A 35-year-old woman was hit by speeding vehicle while crossing Dhaka-Narayanganj highway near Matuwail yesterday morning. She was rushed to the DMCH where the doctors declared her dead.

A contractor named Jahangir Alam. 35, was crushed under the wheels of a passenger bus near Rajlaxmi Complex in Uttara at about

9 trade bodies slate couple of Indian dailies' reports

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Nine leading trade bodies including the highest organisation of the country's chambers of commerce and industry yesterday expressed concern over "recent write-ups" on "terrorists' activities" in Bangladesh published in two Indian newspapers, which they said were based on misleading facts and ill motivation.

They said such reports may hamper economic cooperation between the two countries.

In a press release jointly issued by the trade-bodies they said two Indian dailies published news items "motivated to tarnish the image of Bangladesh" and called for immediate attention by the governments of the two countries.

The press release, however, did not mention the names of the Indian newspapers.

Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) President Abdul Awal Mintoo, Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry President Kutubuddin Ahmed, Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry President Sayeeful Islam, Bangladesh Employers' Federation President M Anis Úd Dowla, Foreign Investors Chambers of Commerce and Industry President Mahbub Jamil, Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association Acting President MA Salam, Bangladesh Textile Mills Association Chairman MA Awal, Bangladesh Jute Mills Association Chairman M Ali Behrouze Ispahani, and Bangladesh Knitwear Manufacturers and Exporters Association Acting President Habibur Rahman jointly signed the press

They said regional cooperation has become the victim of political distrust and animosities among the two countries. "Even cooperation in noncontroversial areas such as, poverty alleviation and environmental degradation, suffered set-back," they noted.

The press release said, "South Asian countries, having shared the same culture, are so cohesive that they do not require any outside elements to point out governance prob-

lems and terrorist threats. "It is, therefore, in the South Asian countries' own interest that such issues do not upset the initiatives in the recent years to achieve economic and other initiatives for the welfare of the people," the signatories said.

LU okays

FROM PAGE 16 Canada has also announced it will slap additional 15 percent duties on a range of US products.

Washington was targeted by the sanctions because the US Congress failed to repeal the legislation -- named after Democratic Senator Robert Byrd -- before a deadline of December 27, 2003.

US companies gained about 561 million dollars (463 million euros) as a result of the law in 2001 and 2002. according to US figures.

But according to the EU commission, the Byrd Amendment -- full name the Continued Dumping and Subsidy Offset Act of 2000 -- has distributed over one billion dollars in annual payments since it first came

The main recipients have been in the bearing, steel and other metal. household item and food sectors, it said last month.

It added that a "substantial" increase is foreseen for the next distribution that could start on October 1 this year if the law is not repealed. That payment alone could amount to 1.6 billion dollars, it warned.

urging the government officials to

refrain from using public transport

illegally. It warned of stern action

against unauthorised use of public

A report of the establishment

ministry says 615 development

projects were implemented from

1997 to 2004 under 43 ministries

and divisions. A total of 26.651

vehicles were purchased for the

projects but the ministries returned

355 microbuses, 1,379 jeeps, 227

cars, 534 pick-ups, 190 trucks, 18

buses, 36 minibuses, 12,537 motor-

cycles and 11,375 others.

completion of the projects.

vehicles and returned 56.

The purchased vehicles include

The ministries and divisions

returned 27 microbuses, 129 jeeps,

79 cars, 23 pick-ups, one bus, one

minibus and 39 motorcycles on

the highest 12,322 vehicles while it

returned only 17. The LGRD minis-

try is using 4,501 vehicles and

returned 61. Primary and mass

education ministry is using 2,829

The parliamentary standing

committee on establishment minis-

try in last January grilled the minis-

try's officials as they failed to submit

a report on the vehicles. Finally the

ministry on March 30 submitted a

The Anti-Corruption

The agriculture ministry is using

vehicles, the official said.

only 303 vehicles.

Govt moves

Minister M Morshed Khan told iournalists yesterday. Meanwhile, the government

yesterday formed a high powered three-member enquiry committee to investigate the attack on Bangladesh mission in Kuwait by expatriate Bangladeshi workers.

tatives from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Home and Ministry of Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment will visit Quwait after getting detailed report from the Bangladesh embassy there, Khan said.

Kuwait's incident may put a negative impact on the labour market in the Middle East, foreign minister said, adding, "So far we have known the attackers were

embassy showed reluctance to solve Bangladeshi workers' problems, Khan said, "None filed any complaint in this regard."

Our staff correspondent adds: Bangladeshi workers in Nibraj Cleaning Company in Kuwait have started observing strike demanding payment of their arrears.

The workers alleged that the company did not pay them salaries for the last five months.

The strike is affecting normal activities in some hospitals, clinics and schools including major hospitals like Al Razi, Maternity, Chest and Sensitivity hospitals, according to a report published in the Kuwait

mostly manual workers, are now working in Kuwait.

Drawn to touts

know how she will repay a loan with such high interest, but still she insists on going. "I am very poor. I want to go abroad to earn money," she said in her local dialect.

Monowara could not even name the agency to which she paid the money, as she waited at the Bureau of Manpower Export and Training (BMET) on the April 21 afternoon to attend a briefing session for job seekers abroad.

Like Monowara, as many as 500 people, most of them young, gather at the Bureau every day to receive training on working abroad. They are among what experts say are the ranks of those desperate to leave this country, either because they are jobless or not satisfied with the small earnings they receive from agricultural work or small-scale busi-

"Though I earn money from agriculture work, I have a future, which is why I am going abroad," said Abdul Khaleque of Keraniganj in Dhaka. He paid Tk 1.60 lakh to a local agent for a working visa.

Noor Ahmed from Jessore echoed similar views. "I became frustrated over the situation in the country so I want to go to Jordan," he says, even though he has not lined up a job. Instead he hopes to find one when he arrives through his brother, who has lived there for several years.

Job seekers currently pay several lakh taka to secure work abroad, between Tk 1.50 lakh to 2.50 lakh for jobs in the Middle East, and as much as Tk seven lakh to migrate to Europe by air or by road. More than one thousand people

leave Bangladesh every day for foreign jobs through legal means. Several hundred more leave the country illegally, the source said. Last year, 2.72 lakh people migrated for overseas employment, the highest number in recent years. More than 60 per cent of them went to Saudi Arabia Desperation compels them to

take great risks along the way, and many are ready to spend months in detention camps or to languish in

foreign jails, the source said Officially around 2,500 Bangladeshis are now languishing in foreign jails. But unofficial sources said the number might be

as high as 7,000. In addition, migrants also run the risk of lifetime debt. Monowara, for example, may never be able to repay her loans.

"I am sure she will not be able to recover the money with such a poor salary because she will not be able to save more than 100 rials after food expenditures," said Ziaul Hasan, a Bangladeshi who worked in Saudi Arabia for the last six years.

"A Bangladeshi has to spend at least 300 rials per month for food in Saudi Arabia," said Hasan, a former electrician in the Kingdom.

"Unemployment and lack of opportunities in the country are the main reasons which have made the younger generation desperate to leave the country," said A K M Shamsuddin, secretary in charge of the ministry of expatriate welfare and overseas employment.

become rich quickly, which prompts them to seek foreign jobs though many of them are not at all aware about the hardship or difficulties in getting a job abroad," said a high official of the BMET.

of skills and knowledge about the language of the country concerned are the two major barriers for Bangladeshis seeking to secure foreign jobs.

Opposition plans

the issue of electoral reforms will top the meeting agenda, the party insiders said. The party leaders are now busy with the May 9 election to Chittagong City Corporation. "The May 12 meeting of the

Central Working Committee composed of all members of the Awami League central committee will discuss the issue for the first time.' a senior policymaker of the party said "The leaders will give their opinions on a draft report on the caretaker government and EC reforms, which has been prepared by party advisers and their suggestions a concrete proposal will be finalised.

added.

The left 11-Party alliance and Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal have drafted a set of proposals on the issues, but the opposition camp will make a common proposal on the basis of the drafts. The left-leaning parties will sit with AL President Sheikh Hasina shortly, once she returns to Dhaka from Rangpur, to devise a strategy for movement on the electoral reform

"The Awami League will coordinate its reform proposals with other parties who have already made some proposals on the issue," AL General Secretary Abdul Jalil told

set of proposal on the issue.

Jatiya Party Chairman HM Ershad is scheduled to place his formula for the reforms today.

Senior leaders of the opposition parties believe it will be suicidal to go to the next national election under the existing caretaker provision and

Indications are also there that the opposition parties may altogether sit out the next election should the BNP-led coalition government reject their demands. The AL and its allies have agreed to boycott the polls if the government rejects their

"We are in informal talks with other opposition parties including similar decision," an AL presidium member said.

ment of a new chief election commissioner (CEC) when incumbent CEC MA Syed's term ends on May 22. The opposition parties in their draft reform proposals have asked the government to appoint a new CEC in consultation with the major political parties.

According to official statistics a total of 39.24 lakh Bangladeshis are working abroad, 19.87 lakh in the Kingdom alone. Their remittances are a huge source of foreign exchange earnings, bringing the country a total of \$31.68 billion since

"Besides, people want to

According to Shamsuddin, a lack

"There is no bar for a Bangladeshi citizen to go anywhere in the world except Israel," said S M Wahid-uz-Zaman, director general of BMET. He said the bureau gives permission to every one who presents proper documentation for

they finalise the proposals.

The AL Central Working Committee will sit on May 12 where

"Reforms proposal may take a new shape after the city corporation election if the ruling alliance attempts to rig the voting," he

President of the Workers Party of Bangladesh Rashed Khan Menon said they would focus on reforms to the caretaker government system and the EC in their next antigovernment movement. Menon said they are trying to agree to a common

"We are hopeful about [having a final proposal] before May 22 when a new chief election commissioner takes office," Menon said on the possible date for finalisation of the

without getting the EC strengthened.

Jatiya Party of Ershad for taking a The opposition will closely watch the government move on appoint-

"We will react sharply if the government does not consult the opposition parties in appointing the new chief to the Election Commission." a senior AL policymaker told The Daily Star, wishing anonymity "We have already made our

position clear that we want reforms to

the caretaker government system

and a strengthened Election

Commission for a free and fair election," AL presidium member Suranjit Sengupta told The Daily Star. 'The appointment of the caretaker chief and chief election commissioner will be made on the basis of a consensus. Only persons acceptable to most of the political

The opposition parties are also demanding that the powers of the president, a constitutional figurehead, be curtailed during the care-

parties can be made the chiefs," he

"The defence portfolio should be transferred from the president to the caretaker government during the election period as the president is a party man," AL presidium member Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim told The

Woman ward commissioner escapes gun attack in city

BDNEWS, Dhaka

An elected woman ward commissioner of Mirpur escaped a gun attack allegedly by the killers of her husband in city's Mirpur area yesterday morning.

Runu Akter, commissioner of ward No 12, claimed that the goons fired shots and hurled a number of cocktails on her Paikpara residence in a bid to kill her. The incident created panic among the dwellers of the area. Runu accused the notorious

criminals of Mirpur--Shahadat, Khorshed, Jahangir, Mintu, Ali Akbar, Abul Kalam, Bohulun and "Pa-kata" Sohel--of the attack. The culprits were also accused of killing her husband Mister. The Rapid Action Battalion (Rab), however, said they did not find any evidence of cocktail explo-

sions at the spot. "The Rab collected

some cartridges from the spot, but

no sign of explosion was found in

front of Runu Akter's house," said a Rab official requesting anonymity. According to Rubel, 28, nephew of commissioner Runu, seven goons attacked on their two-storey building at 321, Ahmadnagar, Paikpara, at around 7:40am and fired at least two rounds of bullets. "The criminals also hurled cocktails." he said adding that the killers of Mister might have been involved

in the attack After the incident, the law enforcers went on a manhunt to nab the criminals.

No case was filed so far, said Mirpur police.

India test-fires multi-target missile

AFP, Bhubaneswar

India test-fired yesterday a multitarget missile on its eastern coast,

defence ministry officials said The Trishul (Trident) missile was fired at 1:00 pm (0730 GMT) from the testing site in Chandipur, 200km northeast of the Orissa state capita Bhubaneswar, the officials said. An official said the test, the ninth

since 2003, was successful. The surface-to-air missile is nowered by solid fuel and can target aircraft and counter sea-skimming

It is one of five developed by India since 1983 and can deliver a 15kilogramme (33-pound) warhead up to 15 kilometres (7.5 miles) away. India last tested a missile in February while rival Pakistan con-

ducted a test of a short-range, nuclearcapable missile on March 31.

The nuclear-armed neighbours routinely conduct missile tests despite a formal peace process begun in

January 2004 to end their longstanding dispute over the Himalayan region of Kashmir, trigger of two of their three

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The rejection decision came when the EC Secretariat officials pointed out that the policy on poll observer does not allow an organisation, which does not have any previous experience, to function as poll

Meeting sources said a senior official told the CEC that he personally knows some of the Bar Council leaders who have strong political

The Bar Council appealed to the EC for permission to engage 86 of its members to observe the CCC A number of organisations have

already applied to the EC for permis-

sion to observe the polls, but only those who observe polls regularly will be allowed to do the job, said sources. Responding to an application by ABM Mohiuddin Chowhdury, the incumbent CCC Mayor and also a

contender for the mayoral post, the

EC has asked the home ministry to

take necessary measures to ensure security for him Besides, it summoned the Chittagong Metropolitan Police commissioner to appear before the EC on April 30 to answer the allegations against him of partiality in discharging duties. The EC also asked the leaders of the Nagorik Committee who demanded with-

ments in support of their allegations. The EC formed a one-member inquiry committee to probe the alleged rigging at the April 20 by-election in ward No 63 of Dhaka City Corporation. EC Deputy Secretary AKM Salimullah has been asked to submit the probe report in two weeks.

drawal of the police commissioner

to appear before the EC with docu-

In the polls, local lawmaker's men allegedly captured the polling centres and attacked opposition candidate who later in protest boycotted the polls. Meanwhile, the government

yesterday announced public holidav

for areas under Chittagong City

Corporation on May 9, the election All government, semigovernment, autonomous, semiautonomous and private offices institutions and agencies in the CCC area will remain closed on that day so that the voters can cast their

Fuel station

votes, said a handout yesterday.

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and arrested four employees Shahadat, Jahid, Tanjir and Akash -on charges of fraud. However, the owner, Gausuddin Khan, has gone into hiding.

A case has been filed with Mirpur Police Station.

About 25 buses and trucks in the early hours yesterday refuelled from the filling station, but after driving a kilometre or two the vehicles came to a stop.

On suspicion, the drivers ran a

test on whether the 'fuel' lights, but it

did not, police quoted one of the drivers, Didar Alam, as telling them. The drivers then informed Mirpui police of the matter. The investigation officer of the case, Shajahan Miah of Mirpur police, said many drivers have

complained to him that the filling

station has been selling adulterated

fuel for long. The police have sent the arrestees to court with a five-day remand prayer for each of them.

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he said while talking to reporters at the Bogra Parjatan Motel

Joy said he is yet to take any decision about joining politics. He said, however, "I will enter politics if people want."

Joy, grandson of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, did not give any response when asked whether he would contest the next general election.

Joy joined several rallies organised by the Awami League during his three-day visit to his ancestral home at Fatehpur village in Peerganj upazila of Rangpur along with his mother Sheikh Hasina.

BNP deputies demand

stituencies," Mohmammad Saidul Haq, the Ione Awami League parliamentarian participating in the meeting, told the press. "The finance minister seemed to consider the

proposal," he added. Saifur on the other hand told the press soon after the meeting, "The MPs have one line of thinking and I have a different line. As the finance minister I have to take policy decisions for a sound monetary management I cannot sacrifice ... sound monetary management [for temporary political gains]."

About involving MPs in tax collection Saifur said, "The MPs all agree that if tax collection is not increased the development process will be stalled. They suggested forming committees, which would include them, so that they can help

mprove the situation. Chairman of JS Standing Committee on Forest and Environment Ministry Nazimuddin Alam remarked. "The election is ahead. We need to bring the prices of essentials down or face consequences in the election." He also expressed the opinion that "there should be more subsidy for the agriculture sector and more allocations for road constructions.'

"Due to corruption," Alam observed, "the tender process for any development work always slows down. This should be taken care of to ensure speedy implementation of projects.

Chairman of JS Standing Committee on Planning Commission Akbar Ali said, "About 40 percent of the government expenditure is wasted. Such wastage is especially rampant in the education sector.

"For example, in a union there are 12 madrasas where the number of teachers exceed the number of students. We have also seen a madrasa where there are only 10 to 12 students; and again most of them cannot even pass the exams," he added.

The chairman of the committee on establishment ministry Shakhawat Hossain Bokul, quipped, "If stringent measures are not taken against corruption, the government policy on poverty reduction will not be successful. That's why the MPs are needed to be involved in the anti-corruption

GM Siraj, chairman of the com-

Faizee

FROM PAGE 16 Bar Council cancelled Faizee's enrolment certificate for providing it

prove the allegation regarding his LLB certificate untrue The rally organised by Sammilito Ainjibi Samannay Parishad was held at the Supreme Court Ainjibi Samiti Bhaban. It gave reception to the newly elected office-bearers of Supreme Court Bar Association

with false information and failure to

(SCBA). "It will amount to dishonouring the court, if the word 'justice' is used before the name of Faizee." former law minister Abdul Matin Khasru

The ongoing protest of the SC lawvers will be pursued to restore people's confidence in the court, he Former SCBA president

Advocate Ozair Faruk said that despite having no qualifications for the job, Faizee by holding the office of additional judge is in fact indulging in a crime and undermining the court.

ing Faizee in holding the office too are responsible for undermining the court." Faruk added. "If recruiting judges on the basis of political consideration continues, the judiciary will soon experience a

"Even people who are support-

severe crisis," Barrister Tanya Amir Vice Chairman of Bangladesh Bar Council Barrister Rokanuddin Mahmud. Barrister M Amir-UI Islam. Barrister Shafiq Ahmed, Advocate Abdul Baset Majumder, the newly elected SCBA President Mahbubey Alam, Secretary Enayetur Rahim

Faizee attends court amid boycott

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Additional High Court Judge Faisal Mahmud Faizee, whose licence to practise law as an advocate was cancelled Sunday, continued his work yesterday amidst ongoing boycott of his court by the lawyers.

Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) yesterday observed a halfan-hour sit-in in front of Supreme Court Annex Building from 10:00am as part of their continual protest at Faizee's performing judicial tasks. Addressing the programme, SCBA leaders reiterated their demand that the chief justice withdraw Faizee from the bench.

The Bar leaders said that they would continue the boycott.

Bangladesh Bar Council on Sunday cancelled Faizee's certificate of enrolment for providing false information during enrolment and his failure to disprove the allegation regarding his LLB examination results.

mittee on shipping ministry, said,

"The government should consider

extending the opportunity for whitening black money, continuing tax holiday and lowering of interest rates. But the suggestion did not meet with positive response from the finance minister meeting sources

said. Saifur rather asked Siraj to refrain from speaking like a businessman. Meeting sources quoted Saifur as telling the meeting that the deputies from rural constituencies want higher prices of farm produces while those from urban areas want lower prices of the same. He said it is hard

to make a balance between these two opposite demands. Talking to newsmen, Awami League lawmaker Saidul Haq said, "We have asked the minister to take steps to control the price hike and inflation. People are suffering immensely. But the minister seemed to be of the opinion that unless prices of their produces are high the farmers will not get just return of their investments."

He said the BNP lawmakers in the meeting also alleged that development allocations are not being equally distributed among the constituencies. In some areas, the government allocated as much as 90,000 metric tons of wheat under the Food for Work programme, while in some areas there was no allocation at all.

Haq also reported that Saifur

blamed Awami League for launch-

ing an international campaign to

tarnish Bangladesh's image. "In

reply, I told him, if you do construc-

tive work, you can prove our allegations baseless to the international community." Haq, member of a JS standing committee, was invited to the meeting along with the members of four

BALU MURDER

other committees

Charges pressed against 8 outlaws

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna Detective police yesterday pressed

charges against eight outlaws for killing Humayun Kabir Balu, editor of the local daily Dainik Janmabhumi and president of Khulna Press Club, on June 27 last year. Founder of Janajuddho faction of the outlawed Purbo Banglar

Rashid Malitha alias Tapan, is on the chargesheet as the mastermind behind the killing. He is absconding. Rashid's second-in-command BDR Altaf, who carried out the murder plan, has been left out of the chargesheet as he died in 'crossfire'

last year at Paikgachha in the dis-

Communist Party (PBCP) Abdur

The others chargesheeted include Zahidur Rahman alias Sabuj, Shadhin, Ripon and Khora Nazu, now in jail custody. The rest three are still at large. Inspector of Detective Branch (DB) of Khulna Metropolitan Police

Abdul Hamid, investigating officer of the case, submitted the chargesheet to the Court of Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (CMM). Humayun Kabir Balu was killed

front of his office-cum-residence on Islampur road in the city. A case was recorded with Khulna Police Station without naming any accused. The case was transferred

Earler, a chargesheet under the

Explosive Substances Act was

in a bomb attack by the outlaws in

submitted to the CMM's court on August 28 last against the eight outlaws Janajuddho faction had claimed responsibility for the murder of

Humayun in messages faxed to

examining the plaintiff's statement

local newspapers.

to the DB in July 1ast year.

CMP chief FROM PAGE 1

Hospital.

and fixed May 26 for the hearing. Ghat worker Md Shahjahan, 55, was shot dead and at least 25 others including three cops were injured in the clash at Maheerghat area under Doublemooring thana on Thursday night prompting arrest of Mahbubul Haq Atley, adviser of the Ghat Sramik Union. Another ghat worker Md Shahabuddin, 35, succumbed to bullet injury on Friday morning at Chittagong Medical College and

Shamsuddin in his case said accused Nurul Karim, Farhad Kabir and Afsaruddin opened fire on the ahat workers from their shotaun. rifle and SMG and shot 55 rounds without any "provocation" on the orders of SI Abdus Salam. The 13 cops sued in the case are

sub-inspectors (SI) Abdus Salam, Sirajul Islam and Azahar, constables Nurul Karim, Farhad Kabir, Moshahed Hossain, Abu Taher, Abdul Quddus. Liton and Piiush Sing, traffic Sub-Inspector Kausar Ahmad, Assistant Sub-Inspector Harunur Rashid and Bangladesh Ansar member Md Afsaruddin.

Shamsuddin also implicated 10 to 11 unidentified plainclothes police and criminals in the case. Awami League (AL) Joint

Secretary Obaidul Kader in a press conference at the office of Nagorik Committee, which is backing ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury in the May 9 Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) mayoral polls, briefed journalists about the case.

in Jyotindranagar on the day.

Plaintiff Saidul said the attackers

Nabuwat leader Nur Hossain for Begum and looting their house.

Ahmadiyya leaders said the police

Despite a government warning of punishment for using non-existent post and involving former Bac staff in the commission. Hannan issued several office orders and notices

hampering ACC's work The establishment ministry

Morshed Khan, a UNB report says Bangladesh and India have agreed to maintain good neighbourly rela-

tions through constructive engage-

The expression of intent came

"Bangladesh is always commit-

ted to maintaining natural friendship

and we both are working on that,"

Morshed told reporters at the for-

when Morshed had meetings with Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and External Affairs Minister Natwar Singh separately in Jakarta on the sidelines of the justconcluded Afro-Asian Summit.

eign ministry yesterday. Citing the Indian prime minister's desire, Morshed said the two foreign ministers are likely to sit together and take the steam out of the present irritants through negotiation. Morshed, who led the

Bangladesh delegation to the Afro-

Asian Summit, also apprised Prime

Minister Khaleda Zia of his talks with

Asian and African leaders at the

Another UNB report from Khagrachhari says: Tension escalated in Lachharipara frontier of the district yesterday as the BDR resisted a BSF attempt to erect barbed-wire fence. According to sources, over 100

Indian construction workers gath-

ered within 150 yards of

Lachharipara border point early

yesterday with BSF troops march-

ing nearby. The Indian workers continued their work despite a request by the BDR to stop erecting the fence. They however stopped working when the BDR jawans started blowing whistles. Earlier on Monday, the BSF men

tried to construct fence within 150

yards of Ramgarh-Kashibari-

Lacharipara border several times

but failed facing resistance from the Meanwhile, our correspondent from Rangpur reports: The BSF did not hand over the bodies of two Bangladeshi nationals to the BDR until vesterday afternoon.

BDR of Lalmonirhat Battalion-

19, and Dinajpur Battalion-14

separately sent strong protest

letters to the BSF demanding return

of the bodies. The BDR also urged

their counterpart to stop killing innocent Bangladeshi citizens. An official of BDR Rangpur Sector yesterday told The Daily Star correspondent that Indian police picked up the two bodies for performing autopsy. The BSF would hand over the bodies to BDR after

autopsy, he hoped. Kaligani upazila in Lalmonirhat district and Asraful of Faripur village in Thakurgoan district were shot

dead by the BSF on Sunday, the The families and relatives of Uttam and Ashraful were passing

remain in high alert, Foreign

reports BDNEWS. The team comprising represen-

Times newspaper.

Dhaka, Delhi agree

days with anxieties since their bodies had been taken away by the Indian border guards. The BDR and BSF kept tight vigil

along the Lalmonirhat and

Thukurgoan border following the

killing of the two Bangladeshi

PM directs stern

About allegations that the

Around three lakh Bangladeshis,

Commission, meanwhile, initiated an inquiry to find out the "missing" vehicles. It also issued letters to some ministries seeking informa-

report.