On the contrary, he said, the State Department in its observations rather hailed Bangladesh government for the effective measures it has taken against terrorism.

"As a responsible government, we are very much alert like other countries about it," he said, adding that the government has already banned two organisations --JMJB [Jagrata Muslim Janata Bangladesh] and JMB [Jamiyaatul Mujahideen Bangladeshl ---and also taken action against Al-

"We have done it not because we have proof, but because we want to crush at the beginning any potential threat. We won't allow any terrorism in the name of Islam," he told the

Pointing his finger to Indian journalist Bibhuti Bhusan's editorials "Terrorist Menace" in the Statesman on July 15 and 16 last year about Bangladesh, Khan said since then, different quarters and journalists have started to assert the presence of terrorists in the country.

Asked about US Admiral William Fallon's apprehension about movements of international terrorists in Bangladesh, he said what the US admiral advised is advancement in preparation and capacity building in Bandladesh to deal with any future eventuality like tsunami.

Khan said after the 9/11 attacks on America and subsequent terrorist acts in Spain and Europe everybody is concerned about terrorism I don't doubt their intention as they are sensitised after those attacks. We've to pull our resources together to fight against it."

On the issue of minority, the foreign minister said all religious groups are living in Bangladesh in communal harmony. He said: "I am proud to say that unfortunate incident (Hindu-Muslim riot) in Indian State of Gujarat had not touched Bangladesh.

He categorically said: "We don't treat any community as minority.'

On Saarc summit, the foreign minister said we have decided to propose

tied him up to force the family to

hand in the keys of the lockers.

Aziz's sister Afroza was on the

ground floor while Aziz was asleep

about 10 tolas and Tk 12,000 in

cash, the robbers asked Sony and

his aunt to open entrance to the first

floor. As they refused to comply, the

robbers stabbed Sony and his aunt

Aziz raised an alarm making the

Hearing Aziz's cry, neighbours

phoned the police. Officer-in-charge

of Uttara Police Station

Akteruzzaman Kibria took Sony and

Afroza to Dhaka Medical College

Police could not arrest anyone

At Azimpur, three to four mug-

gers stopped Public Works

Department contractor Tapash

Ghosh, 35, when he was crossing

the road at Azimpur to catch a bus

for Gulistan. He drew Tk 77,900

from Uttara Bank, Azimpur Branch,

moneybag from Tapash, the mug-

gers shot him in the right hand and

bleeding Tapash to the DMCH. He

was later shifted to the

Orthopaedics Hospital at Sher-e-

group of five to six robbers barged

into the first-floor house of Yunus

Mia on road No. 10 in block B of

3,000 in cash, three tolas of gold, a

mobile phone and a camera before

The robbers took at gunpoint Tk

In Tongi, six robbers looted Tk

In the other incident on Sunday, a

Onlookers rushed profusely

Having failed to snatch the

at around 10:00am yesterday.

took away the bag.

Bangla Nagar.

section-12 at 8:00pm.

leaving the house.

Taking gold ornaments weighing

on the first floor at that time.

Afroza Begum in the head.

and Hospital (DMCH).

until vesterday evening.

robbers to flee.

August to early September or early November for holding the stalled summit in Dhaka.

He said they will communicate the dates today to the current Saarc Chair Pakistan which had earlier wanted to know from Bangladesh about a convenient date for the meet.

We want to host the summit as early as possible on a date convenient to all member-states," the foreign minister told the reporters.

He said the government will remain busy with the national budget in June-July while August is a bad month due to rains and floods.

ssembly meeting will be held in New York where the Saarc countries will remain engrossed in dealing with world affairs and October is the month of Ramadan.

nient time for us between the end of August and early September or early November," the foreign minis-

Pakistan will now consult with other Saarc countries to see whether the dates are also convenient to them before making a final announcement of the summit date.

The 13th Summit of the sevennation South Asian forum was postponed twice because of tsunami and India's pullout on grounds developments in Nepal and

"security concerns in Dhaka" **KUWAIT COMPENSATION**

Khan said the government has sought compensation in Kuwaiti dinar 10,000 to 15,000 from the Kuwaiti authorities for damages caused to the Bangladesh mission in Kuwait in an attack on April 24 by angry Bangladeshi workers.

'As per rule, the host country is liable to pay the compensation for such damage," the foreign minister told reporters.

He said the Kuwaiti authorities have taken strong action against the attackers and also asked the companies concerned not to take advance guest workers or deceive

Earlier, the government had

FROM PAGE 16 Jhuma, 11.

Injured people and witnesses said the reserved bus of Insaf Paribahan carrying about 80 'Zakerans' (devotees) slipped off Barisal-Faridpur highway when a truck from the opposite direction hit

Local people and highway patrol police immediately started rescue

Three people died on the spot and 35 seriously injured were taken to Barisal Sher-e- Bangla Medical College Hospital (SBMCH), where four of them succumbed to injuries.

Fifteen others with minor injuries were given first aid. Police detained the truck driver

but the bus driver and helpers of the truck and bus fled. A correspondent from Tangail

10 injured in an accident on Tangail-Mymensingh highway Sunday

Of the four, Tonny, 3, died on the spot while fatally injured Arif Hossain, 20, Arshed Ali, 40, and Farid Miah, 32, died at Kalihat Upazila Health Complex.

to the health complex and Tangai General Hospital.

and fell into a ditch at Betdoba under Kalihati upazila at about 6:15 pm, police and witnesses said.

removed from the post of general secretary of Feni district Awami League. Hazari has been absconding since 2001.

cards against the persons responsible for a "bad image" of the main

action against Hazari has been taken following a probe report, which was submitted to AL chief Sheikh Hasina a vear ago.

policymakers of the main opposition party are trying to enhance its image before the next general election by erasing the "black spots," party insiders said.

within our party if we want to campaign against criminals of BNP-Jamaat alliance." said an AL leader. Hazari, accused in 40 cases since 1968, is currently awaiting trial in 16 criminal cases. He was

tion. Since then, police could not

"The party high-command has enough reasons to take action against him," a senior AL leader said

Referring to media coverage of the godfathers' activities during the Awami League rule (1996-2001), he said, "We cannot allow such troublemakers to take a rebirth."

Hazari. The committee examined all the previous allegations against A number of victims of Hazar

and his men's torture that included journalist Tipu Sultan also submitted atements to the committee. The Amnesty International and

Hazari of torturing Tipu, said a committee member He said the committee had

prepared a 500-page document against Hazari.

March 28, 2003 discussed how the 'godfather' image of Hazari of Feni, Shamim Osman of Naravangani Abu Taher of Laxmipur and Abu Hasnat Abdullah of Barisal eroded AL's votes in 2001 election. The meeting had also decided to rid the party of such leaders.

CMP chief removed

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for a second term in office. The CMP commissioner, after declaration of the polls schedule, made a number of arrest which apparently amounted to harassment and intimidation, said the EC. a quasi-judicial body, in its judge-

On the performance of the CMP commissioner in the CCC polls, the EC said, "CMP Commissioner M Amzad Hossain has failed to perform his duties impartially and his action is not [conducive to] creating an environment which is necessary for free and fair election."

The EC also observed that the CMP commissioner violated the electoral code of conduct by escorting and providing the state minister for civil aviation and tourism, who is also a mavoral candidate, with police protection after the election schedule was announced

The Nagorik Committee filed a complaint with the EC on April 17 and mayoral candidate Mohiuddin himself lodged another against the CMP top officials.

They alleged that the CMP commissioner instructed some plainclothesmen to pick up Nagorik Committee Secretary Mahbubul Haque from Majhirghat office on April 21 although there was no case or warrant against him. As the local people opposed the action, the police opened fire resulting in the death of two people"

They also alleged that six leading workers of the Nagorik Committee were arrested without any charges after the declaration of the polls schedule. Besides, the CMP commissioner "was seen participating in the election campaign" with ruling alliance candidate Mir Mohammad The Nagorik Committee leaders

maintain that free and fair election is not possible until the CMP stops harassing their workers.

commissioner to answer the allegations and heard both sides on April 30. The CMP commissioner, during hearing, denied all allegations.

Chief Election Commissioner MA Syed yesterday reviewed all documents for over three hours and delivered the judgement. After the judgement, Election

told journalists that they had unanimously taken the decision after reviewing all relevant documents submitted by the parties.

code of conduct and failed to act impartially, said the EC.

Commissioner, Detective Branch, Gazi Jasim Uddin.

constitutional provision, all the executives are to assist the EC in discharging its duties. **ECRULING HAILED**

The Nagorik Committee leaders yesterday hailed the EC directive for withdrawal of Amzad Hossain from the post of CMP Commissioner.

The leaders at a press confer-

Assistant Commissioner (AC) Gazi Jasim Uddin from the charge'. Mohiuddin, also general secretary of Chittagong City Awami League, congratulated the EC on its taking

24 families receive

total amount of compensation. "BGMEA is not giving the money," he said, adding that BGMEA is merely dispensing the funds.

A compensation giving ceremony will be held at 10:00am today at BGMEA's office in Karwan Bazar.

that the money is not enough. Speaking to The Daily Star by telephone after the WSF press conference yesterday, Dr. Hamida Hossain, founding member, Ain O Salish Kendra (AŠK), said, "As this accident was not an ordinary one, compensation according to the labour laws is not enough here. Rather the actual compensation has

to be calculated.' Shirin Akhter, of Karmajibi Nari read out the written statement, while Hamida Hossain of ASK, Syeda Rezwana Hasan of the Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (BELA). Zafrul Hasan of the Bangladesh Institute of Labour Studies (BILS), Taslimur Rahman of the Bangladesh Legal Aid and

Shirin Akhter said BGMEA must inform the victim's relatives that they will be able to go to court for proper proper compensation of the victims.

recently visited a hospital in Savar and found many of the victims had left without fully recovering. "BGMEA is providing little cost for their treatment. It is not enough,

Move finally FROM PAGE 16

technically responsible for the

funds if legal migrants, who own the wage earners' fund, question its use for aiding illegal migrants. "We might ask the civil aviation ministry to refund the money that is to be paid by the expatriate ministry or think of other measures," the state minister said.

Nepal communist

FROM PAGE 16 of Nepal-UML, was released on Sunday three months after Gyanendra sacked the government, suspended civil rights and detained top politicians, blaming them for failing to tackle a deadly Maoist insurgency.

Another communist leader, Amrit Kumar Bohara, was also freed, Kathmandu district administrator Baman Prasad Neupane said.

But UML officials said hundreds of other activists were still under detention and new arrests were being made, despite the lifting of the

Authorities have not given any numbers of those detained during emergency, but say so far about 600 people have been released. The king, faced with mounting

international pressure to restore

democracy and free politicians, bowed at the weekend and lifted the emergency but has retained all extraordinary powers he assumed on February 1 The royal government had cut off

all phones and blocked Internet access when it imposed the emergency to prevent politicians from organising protests, but restored andline services after a week.

"Mobile phones have just started." a Reuters correspondent said on Monday, using his mobile phone for the first time since Feb. 1. Other users also reported their mobile phones were working.

The latest moves by the government came as fissures emerged within the powerful Maoist group fighting to overthrow the constitutional monarchy in one of the world's 10 poorest nations.

Maoist rebel chief Prachanda who uses only one name, accused his deputy Baburam Bhattarai of defying party decisions.

"The party hopes that he will overcome his weakness and follow the process of changing himself, the elusive chief of the guerrilla group said in a statement made available to Reuters on Monday. He did not elaborate.

Nepal's army, which has been deployed to crush the Maoists, had claimed earlier that there was a split between Prachanda, thought to be a hard-liner, and Bhattarai, who led the rebel group in failed peace talks with the government in 2003.

Meanwhile, thousands of people marched through Nepal's capital on Sunday in May Day protests calling for democracy and an end to direct rule by King Gyanendra following his power grab three months ago.

It was the largest demonstration in Kathmandu since Gyanendra sacked the government as demonstrators marched in two separate protests organised by unions to commemorate the May Day labour holiday and used the occasion to call for an end to the king's direct rule, witnesses said.

Officials estimated the two rallies at more than 5,000 people, who stayed away from heavily-patrolled restricted areas around the king's

Police did not stop the protests against the monarch despite a ban on criticism of the takeover reaffirmed Saturday after the king lifted

Protestors displayed signs such as "Long Live Democracy, Down With Autocracy" in the peaceful march. (Reuters, AFP)

three young men, and began putting pressure over the telephone to their families once he arrived to pay the remaining nine lakh fifty thousand. The families, fearing for their children, eventually paid the second amount to Sarwar's brother-in-law.

ng, but the broker and his associates rebuked their protests. They finally returned home empty-handed on April 12, reporting

that many youths cheated by brokers are languishing in Sudan. The father of Shiplu filed a case last Saturday against Sarwar with

the district sadar thana. Sarwar, meanwhile, is absconding

2 bank

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light until noon on Sunday, as the day was a public holiday on the casion of the May Day.

As Mannan did not go home until noon on Sunday and his family members failed to contact him over phone, they went to the bank and found the bodies.

High officials of the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) and the Detective Branch (DB) of police visited the spot.

The bodies were handed over to their family members after autopsy A case was filed with Savar Police

Car bombs, attacks

appointed a partial Cabinet after other attacks.

ing Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari, told The Associated Press on Monday that parliament will swear in the new government Tuesday after al-Jaafari appoints officials to the government's two unfilled deputy prime minister positions and the five Cabinet posts

On Sunday, Iraqi militants released a video purporting to show Irag's latest foreign hostage: an Australian who said he is married to an American and lives in California.

20 miles south of Baghdad.

ping district in southern Baghdad, police Lt. Ali Hussein.

seven wounded by the explosion, which had targeted a police patrol in the area, said police Lt. Col. Salman Abdul Karim Al-Fartosi. No police were hurt, he said.

to dent support for the militants by including members of the Sunni Arab minority in the new Shiadominated Cabinet. Sunnis, who held monopoly power during the rule of Saddam Hussein, are believed to be the backbone of Iraq's insurgency. However, the partial lineup named by al-Jaafari excluded Sunnis from meaningful positions.

Insurgents have used their spectacular attacks and hostage takings to drive home their opposition to US-led forces and their Iragi In another attack in Baghdad on

Abdul Karim.

northern Baghdad, but no Americans were hurt, said US Army Master Sgt. Greg Kaufman. In Tal Afar. 90miles east of the

Syrian border, a car bomb exploded Sunday at a tent where mourners had gathered for the funeral of Sayed Talib Sayed Wahab, an official of the Kurdish Democratic Party, said deputy provincial governor Khisru Goran

wounded, the US military said.

Baghdad on Sunday and at least five American soldiers were injured

three months of political infighting, at least 123 people, including 11 Americans, have been killed in a slew of bombings, ambushes and

now served by acting ministers.

The British Foreign Office also announced three arrests in the abduction of a British aid worker believed slain last year, saying they were made Sunday morning during a coalition raid in an insurgent area In Monday's attack on the shop-

the car bomb set fire to a six-story apartment building with a shop on the ground floor and destroyed at least three cars parked nearby, said Six civilians were killed and

US and Iraqi officials had hoped

Monday, Maj. Gen. Rashid Feleih, the commander of a special Interior Ministry security force, narrowly escaped when a roadside bomb hit his four-car convoy, damaging one vehicle, said police Maj. Mousa Elsewhere, a roadside bomb

exploded near a US military patrol in

Goran, who also serves as a

in the blasts, said Sqt. Andrew liller, a US military spokesman. A videotape obtained by Associated Press Television News on Sunday showed a man identify-

Australian national living in the San Francisco area with his American wife. He said he came to Iraq almost a year ago to work on reconstruction projects with the American military Wood's American wife. Pearl. said she had seen the tape and the man was indeed her husband. The captive appealed to

President Bush, Australian Prime Minister John Howard and Californian Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger to order coalition forces out of Iraq and let Iraqis look after themselves, saying he did not

"My captors are fiercely patriotic." They believe in a strong united Irag looking after its own destiny," Wood said on the tape. A militant group calling itself the

Shura Council of the Mujahedeen of

Despite the unrelenting violence Irag's national security adviser said the fledgling government was

"There is no shadow of doubt in my mind that by the end of the year, we would have achieved a lot,' Mouwafak al-Rubaie said in an interview with CNN. "Probably the

back of the insurgency has already been broken." The British Foreign Office, meanwhile, announced on Sunday three arrests in the abduction of a British aid worker believed slain last year, saying they were made after an early morning sweep of an insur-

Embassy in Baghdad, said he was not aware of any confessions.

Hassan, the British Embassy said in Baghdad. The Iraqi official, who spoke on condition of anonymity. said they included a purse, a woman's clothing and Care documents signed by Hassan.

and Iraqi citizenship, was abducted in Baghdad on Oct. 19 on her way to

Station and constable Nur Jahid of the Kotwali Police Station.

According to law enforcers, Ripon's associates opened fire on the Rab members as soon as they reached the area, prompting them to retaliate. Ripon received four bullets in the chest during the incident and died on the spot. No Rab men, however, were reported to

bullets from the spot. Sutrapur police took Ripon's body to Dhaka Medical College Hospital at 8:00am yesterday.
In Jhenidah, detectives raided a

bridge in Bhaina village of 8:00pm Sunday, following information that several JSD Gono Bahini cadres were holding a meeting

The Gono Bahini cadres opened fire on the law enforces, according

In September, the UN General

'So we have worked out a conve-

ter told the journalists.

them by non-payment.

Robbery spree in city Sunday. They also looted Tk 10,000 from the adjacent shop of Liakat. locality, raised an alarm, the robbers shot him in the chest and hit another local, Monsur Ahmed, in the head with revolver butt prior to fleeing the

> local hospital and moved to the DMCH vesterday afternoon. Tongi police filed a case but failed to arrest anyone until yester-

scene. Dulal was first admitted at a

upheld the lower court verdict reducing the punishment of two lifers to seven years. Fauzia Rahman Chapa, mother of a son and wife of Shahidul Alam,

husband was on a visit abroad. The court upheld the life imprisonment of Shahidul's brother Zahurul Islam Kamal and reduced the punishment of Nasiruddin Jamal, another brother of Shahidul,

and their brother-in-law (dulabhai) Zillul Bari to seven years. The court in its judgment directed the convicts, who were set free nine years ago, to surrender before the

trial court immediately. On an appeal against the district

court verdict, the High Court acquitted them on benefit of doubts in April

Ahmed, Abdul Malek and Khondker 19,000 at gunpoint from the shop of Sobhan Mia at the wholesale flower Mahbub Hossain appeared for the market in Tongi Bazar at 6:45pm on

They took him to the Himel Hotel at the Goalghata intersection at 3:15am yesterday 'to search for firearms and to arrest his associ-

have been hurt in the incident. The law enforcers claimed to have recovered a revolver and five

Horinakundu upazila at around there, reported our Magura corre-

As police fired back, regional

inquiry team to Kuwait for on-the-

spot investigation and find the clue o such attack. The government has also instructed Bangladesh embassies in all Gulf countries to remain aler against such incidents in future.

Sharon ally quits over Gaza pullout

REUTERS, Jerusalem

Right-wing Israeli cabinet member Natan Sharansky resigned yesterday in protest at Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's planned withdrawal from Gaza. a sign of widening internal rifts ahead of the pullout.

Underlining growing tensions on the Palestinian side too, Islamic militants dismissed an order by President Mahmoud Abbas's government to stop carrying weapons on Gaza streets. Sharansky, whose writings on democracy have impressed U.S.

ing that Sharon's formula for "disengaging" unilaterally from conflict with the Palestinians could invite "In my view, the disengagement plan is a tragic mistake that will exacerbate the conflict with the Palestinians, increase terrorism.

President George W. Bush, quit as

diaspora affairs minister, complain-

genuine peace," he said in an open esignation letter. He later told Reuters: "I am against one-sided steps. I believe that the peace process can be successful only if there is reciproc-

and dim the prospects of forging a

men dead

district yesterday.

Infighting

leaves 3 BSF

UNB, Dhaka Three Indian BSF (Border Security Force) men were killed in an infighting following a quarrel among themselves within Indian territory opposite Bangladesh's Hakimpur border point in Chapainawabganj

136 Battalion stationed at Ramnagar border observation post "appeared drunk" when they locked horns in a brawl. The incident took place at about

Bangladesh Rifles (BDR)

sources said the BSF personnel of

The locals informed the BDR about the gunshots and the BDR men saw through their binoculars three BSF men lying dead across NIKUNJA HIGH-RISES

Raiuk notice

the air traffic.

govt

HC orders

not unlawful UNB, Dhaka The High Court (HC) yesterday in a rule ordered the government to explain within four weeks why the notice of Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakha (Rajuk) asking for dismantling of 111 high-rises in

to explain why

Nikunja residential area should not be declared unlawful. The court, however, directed the respondents to maintain status quo

until disposal of the rule. Rajuk on August 28, 2003 had served the notices on the owners to dismantle their buildings located near Zia International Airport as those are causing impediments to

Barrister Badruddoza appeared

for petitioner Mosaddeq Ali. 5 journalists FROM PAGE 16 killed, 111 injured, nine arrested, two abducted, 32 assaulted, 292 threatened and 120 sued, while in 2003. 65 journalists were injured, 19

ncreasing day by day and cadres backed by political parties are responsible for the incidents, the report said Expressing deep concern over the situation, Odhikar said assaults on journalists might be reduced if punitive actions were taken against

FROM PAGE 16 He will also sit with six other finance

ministers of South Asia under the million dollars loan for flood rehabili-

the new World Bank (WB) president and seek his clarification whether the WB will continue its present policy of "programme-based loans" or revert to "project-based loans."

Ten of the injured were admitted

The accident occurred when a Tangail bound passenger bus from Sagar Dighee skidded off the road

A case was filed with Kalihat

AL fires Hazari

opposition party.

Sources said the disciplinary

Hazari has been fired as the

arms case on August 10, 2003.

in his reaction to Hazari's expulsion.

In June 2003, the AL had formed a three-member committee to enquire the criminal activities of

French Embassy in Dhaka voluntarily provided reports, accusing

A meeting of AL secretariat on Bigots hit back FROM PAGE 1

commissioner and a CMP assistant

The full commission headed by

On the basis of the evidence and records and circumstances, it has been proved that the CMP commissioner has violated the electoral

anything about Assistant CMP The EC secretariat yesterday sent the EC order to the home ministry. In accordance with the

The EC summoned the CMP

Rights activists, however, insist

Services Trust (BLAST) and others

compensation even after taking this interim compensation. She vowed that WSF will agitate as need be for Hamida Hossain apprised the meeting that her organisation

under its jurisdiction, but as the and forcibly sent them back to ministry has no fund allocated for such incidents, the expatriates ministry has stepped in, Major (Rtd) The minister added that measures might be taken to repay the

"At one stage, Ripon struck Majid

on the head with a wooden stick. leaving him seriously wounded," he added. Majid was rushed to DMCH where he succumbed to his injuries

The accident occurred as the boiler owner Nazrul Islam, son of union parishad member Nurul Islam Mollah, launched it without checking

a couple of days back, sources said, A case accusing Nazrul Islam has been filed with the Bagmara

Police Station.

diate arrest of the rapists.

them, local sources said.

I wo singers FROM PAGE 16 protest by all sections of people. Rallies were held and proces-

sions brought out demanding imme-

Two workers unions had jointly

brought the two artistes to take part in a function at Sutibari Haat. They were staying at Gayabari Union Parishad (UP) building on the night of April 30. A gang of about 10 broke into

their room late at night and raped

Labour leader Mofazzal

Hossain, Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal

leaders Liaquat Ali and Jahangir

protesting the incident. Locals of Sutibari told newsmen Alam, son of the Goyabari UP chairman, Shamsul Haque, UP secretary, Nural Hague, UP member, Amzad Hossain, former UP member and Salman Ali, Mahbub

The chairman threatened the two

victims not to disclose the incident

Dinajpur, they alleged. Tension prevailed in the area. The officer in charge of Dimla Police Station with a contingent of police visited the spot on Sunday.

were among the rapists.

Laith Kuba, an adviser to incom-

want to die.

Iraq claimed responsibility for the kidnapping. The group previously said it abducted a Turkish national who was freed in September. More than 200 foreigners have been kidnapped in Iraq since Saddam Hussein's regime col-

making progress against the insur-

gent area 20 miles south of An intelligence official with the Iraqi Interior Ministry said five Iraqi suspects had been apprehended and confessed to a role in killing Margaret Hassan, the director of Care International in Iraq. Martin Cronin, first secretary at the British

Hassan, 59, who also held Irish

2 killed in 'crossfire'

Rab men arrested Ripon, a the spot. The others managed to resident of Nasiruddin Sarder Lane escape after the half-an-hour gunin Sutrapur, from a club in fight, said police. Dholaikhal at 9:00am Sunday. DB Sub-Inspector Tansen constables Islamul and Al Amin were wounded, police claimed,

> accused in 13 criminal cases including 12 for murder, sent the number of deaths in such incidents in Jhenidah district to 25 since November of last year.

The death of Mainuddin, an

adding that they seized a country

made gun and four bullets from the

They were again produced before court yesterday on completion of their remand and sent to the Dhaka Central Jail after recording their confessional statements under section 164 of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

Saturday and took them on a one-

The police also produced the accused policemen, manpower brokers and CAAB officer in the same court yesterday with a petition for five-day remand. The court granted one-day remand for each of

As Dulal, 30, a resident of the

SC overturns

one of the owners of REPHCO murdered in her house at Fakirbari Road in Barisal City, when the

Additional Attorney General Abdur Rezaque Khan stood for the state, while Khondker Mahbubuddin

Mantu, alias Kanak, 50, received bullets in the line of fire and died on arrested, two abducted. 41 assaulted, 90 threatened and 62 sued Attack on journalists only for publishing of reports has been

Announcement Three immigration

auspices of the ADB. "We will discuss bilateral and regional cooperation issues at the meeting. "The ADB will provide 700 million dollars this fiscal, including 180

tation," Saifur noted. "So far ADB has given Bangladesh seven billion dollars in loan and it is the biggest institutional donor now. In Washington, Saifur will meet Jalil said more actions are on the

"We have to get rid of godfathers

awarded life imprisonment in an The joint forces of army and police raided Hazari's house in Feni in his absence on August 17, 2001 during the caretaker government and seized huge arms and ammuni-

Commissioner AK Mohammad Ali

The EC, however, did not say

ence said the decision substantiates the allegation that Nagorik Committee candidate Mohiuddin Chowdhury had made against the CMP commissioner. However, they expressed discontent over 'the exemption of

matter, since travel agencies fall Quamrul Islam said.

> FROM PAGE 16 power plant.

JS body to

to place bills STAFF CORRESPONDENT

speaker's nod

seek

PVT MEMBERS' BILLS

A parliamentary body yesterday decided to ask the speaker to allow the private members to place their bills, already scrutinised, in the House on the first private members' day in the upcoming budget session of the Jatiya Sangsad.

committee on private members' bills and resolution also decided that it would send the resolutions of yesterday's meeting and the summary of its activities to the speaker requesting him to take necessary "I will meet with the speaker and

The parliamentary standing

Chairman Justice Mozammel Haque told The Daily Star yester-Speaker Jamiruddin Sircar is

submit our resolutions to him after

his return to Dhaka." Committee

now on a visit to northern districts. Yesterday's decision came against the backdrop of alleged interference by the executive in the activities of the parliamentary body The committee had earlier criticised the role of the speaker and law minister that hindered the submission of private members' bills.

2003 sent a letter to the law minister seeking his recommendations on 15 private members' bills instead of giving his (speaker) go-ahead to place the bills in parliament. On February 3 this year, Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Moudud Ahmed in a letter

to the speaker suggested taking

prior approval from the leader of the

The speaker on October 27,

House before tabling any private members' bill As the speaker is yet to take a decision on the matter, the committee members said, the fate of the 20 private members' bills is now in a state of uncertainty.

Hossain Nurani and Montazi when

they were marching towards

Ahmadiyya mosque on April 17, the

After hearing, the court ordered

Shyamnagar Police Station officerin-charge to investigate the matter and submit report.

Man killed

case read.

FROM PAGE 1 grocer Mohammad Ripon's selling adulterated oil to him the previous day and pressed Ripon for taking back the oil, their altercation turned into a scuffle, said duty officer of Gulshan Police Station.

after an hour. Police arrested Ripon. 3 Killed

the steam pipelines, police said quoting experts. Set up ten years ago, local upazila parishad renewed licence of the boiler after Nazrul Islam's name

taken up May Day programmes in Gavabari union of Dimla and

Alam and others addressed rallies Dilip and Monjur Hossain Monju

US team

Later, the team left for Dinajpur to visit Barapukuria Coal Mine as the US firm wants to set up a coal-fired

KDP spokesman in the nearby city of Mosul, said the car plowed into the funeral tent and exploded, but the US military said it was not a suicide attack. About 25 people were killed and more than 50

palace and government offices.

the state of emergency imposed after his power grab.

3 more

FROM PAGE 1 Sarwar then flew to Sudan with the

After six months in Sudan, the ouths began protesting the cheat-

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