# end differences

at its first workers' meeting after the dissolution of the city committee, yesterday vowed to end all differ-

The meeting held at the city BNP president Ziaur Rahman.

ahead, he added.

Syed Wahidul Alam MP, conve-

nor of the convening committee, said the new body would evaluate the contribution of the party men in forming a full-fledged committee. Dedicated leaders and workers would get due recognition so that resentment among them could not hinder party activities, he added.

Meanwhile, the meeting witnessed tension for some time when a leader of the Lalkhan Bazar unit of the BNP tried to prevent Abdus Satter, jointsecretary of the dissolved committee from making an address.

Noman tackled the situation and warned against any attempts to create trouble.

The meeting decided to observe death anniversary of Ziaur Rahman in a befitting manner tomorrow. It chalked out elaborated programmes including a rally, a discussion meeting and a programme for feeding the destitute.

the DMP commissioner to make sure

that the police did not swoop on the

agitating students. He said, however,

that he did not know of the police action

to pacify the protesting students, Prof Faiz at the DMCH said, "It is important

to stay at the hospital. I have been

maintaining constant communication

ties would compensate all the injured

students. "If the family of Shammee

emands compensation, we would

Asked about repeated accidents

on the campus, the VC said, "We had

talked to the city mayor about the

reckless movement of vehicles

through the campus roads and he has

The third-year examinations of psy-

chology department scheduled for

June 1 have been postponed due to

the death of Shammee, the vice-

Shammee's family received her body

from the DMCH morque and took it to

the northern district of Panchagarh in

Chhatra Dal (JCD) and Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) engaged in a

brawl at the DMCH morgue over who

should take the body to the campus for

the body to the campus, to which the

JCD men objected. The vice chancel-

lor, pro-vice chancellor and proctor

Ashrafur Rahman Sumon. a staff of a

private organisation, was admitted to

the DMCH with head injuries. Amit

Mallik, a third-year student of applied

physics, and Ranju, a master's student

of sociology, were receiving treatment

clubbing include Rubina Khanom Misti

(third-year, English), Rashed (fourth

year, political science), Zahid (second

vear Islamic studies). Akash (first-

year, Institute of Éducation and

Research) and Hanif Faisal (second

Shima Islam, Sagor, Shaon, Imam

Hossain, Hasnat, Sanjib, Shuvo,

Tarana Halim, Runti, Razib, Uzzal,

Shahidul, driver of a teacher's car

Shafiqul Islam, and pedestrian

Obaidur were injured in the police

first aid at different city hospitals and

Daily Samakal, Naim Parvez Apu,

press photographer of the Amar Desh.

Shamim Noor of the Daily Jugantor,

Raja of the Bhorer Kagoj, Abdur Rob of

Channel-i, Kabirul Islam Pintu of ATN

Bangla and Shaheen Molla of The

Daily Star were also injured during the

Seven opposition-backed student

organisations including the BCL have

demanded immediate arrest and

punishment to the bus driver and

helper and to the police personnel

responsible for the attack on the

press briefing at the Dhaka University

Journalists' Association also

demanded resignation of the DU vice-

chancellor and the proctor if their

11:50pm on Friday and found the

three with the truck owned by Alam

the three admitted of having involved

in robberv of trucks and garments

May 21 complained to the Rab that

one of the four trucks loaded with

the organisation's fabrics was

missing while being transported to

its central godown in the city's

arrested the three with the truck on

The Rab started search and

During preliminary interrogations,

Officials of Banalata Group on

demands are not met within 24 hours.

Rab nabs 3

goods for long, sources said

Panchlaish area.

Friday midnight.

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Transport.

The student organisations at a

A number of injured students took

Kajal Hazra, photojournalist of the

action at the fine arts institute.

Students Pinaru, Prashanto,

The students injured in the police

take the body to the campus.

THE INJURED

at the same hospital.

year, philosophy).

olice action.

**PRESS BRIEFING** 

students and journalists.

so opposed the BCL move to the

The BCL activists wanted to take

Earlier, activists of Jatiyatabadi

assured us of necessary steps.

**BODY SENT TO VILLAGE** 

**EXAMS POSTPONED** 

The VC said the university authori-

Asked why he did not go to the spot

at the fine arts institute.

with the police.'

certainly give it."

chancellorsaid

## DU student's death

they were crossing the road. It also knocked a motorcycle and injured its

on the spot, while Ranju, a student of sociology at the university, was admitted to the DMCH with critical injuries.

Pedestrians stopped the bus immediately after the accident and set it afire. They also beat up its driver and and clubbed the mob.

Ashrafur Rahman Suman and Amit Mallik -- were fighting for their lives at the DMCH

**THE PROTEST** 

The DU students burst into violent

The protestors fought pitched battles with the police who lobbed more than 100 teargas shells and charged batons to disperse the students. The law-enforcers also fired

The angry students pelted stones at the police during the series of clashes. They also broke down the wall of the Police Control Room at Shahbagh and set fire to the cops' bedding in their mess, just opposite the Institute of Fine Arts.

This prompted the policemen to rush out of the control room and fire at random rubber bullets at the students,

Anumber of journalists from private television channels and newspapers were also injured in the police action.

INSTITUTE

students. They fired rubber bullets, lobbed tear gas shells and beat up the students for about an hour. At least 20

harassed a number of teachers kicked at the door of the female students' common room and some examination halls. They also swore at the female students and pushed one of them into a drain.

They said three teachers, Prof Rafiqunnabi, Shishir Bhattacharya and Mohammad Yunus, were injured

compound.

craft made by students in preparation for their examinations, the students At about 3:00pm, a group of fine arts teachers forced the police to leave

police atrocities

pus without permission of the authorities and started beating us up," said Manabendra Dev. secretary of

Bangladesh Chhatra Union, DU unit. 'Police entered our institute and beat us up mercilessly. They damaged our works and harassed our teachers,

deputy commissioner (South), of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, denied the allegation of beating up any girl. "Instead, we helped the female stu-

The fine arts students later at a genera meeting called for an indefinite strike at the institute and demanded immediate resignation of university Proctor Prof AKA Firoz Ahmed, who they blamed for the incident.

They also demanded punishment to the policemen, compensation for the wounded students and restriction on movement of heavy vehicles through the campus street

**FEMALES BEATEN UP** About 50 students of Rokeya Hall took to the streets at about 1:00pm and marched to Shahbagh. They chanted slogans demanding safety on the campus and laid wreaths on the place

At least 15 female students were injured in police beating when the protestors were returning to the campus from Shahbagh

VC'S VERSION

called for June 2 in Rajshahi

MILI MURDER

Half-day

STAFF CORRESPONDENT,

The full day hartal in Rajshahi on May 30 demanding a proper probe and a speedy trial in the rape and murder case of schoolgirl Mili has been rescheduled as a half-day hartal on June 2.

The programme has been changed as May 30 is the former president Ziaur Rahman's death anniversary, Area-dwellers' Movement Council Against the Injustices on Mili said, adding that ey made it half-day considering the plight of poor people during hartals.

Mafroza Begum Mili, a student of class five of PN Government High School, was raped and later strangled to death on May 3 at the rented house where she lived.

The Criminal Investigation ing the case, identified as a sensational case by the home ministry's monitoring cell.

Following a case filed by Mili's father, police arrested the house owner's son, Fazle Rabbi Rion, his relative Saiduzzaman Minar, and their neighbour, Fazlur Rahman.

After interrogating them on emand three times, police could not extract anything.

The matter sparked heated street protests among the city In a press conference attended by representatives of socio-cultural

organisations and professionals at Barnamala School, the movement council leaders criticised police for nto the case even after a month.

They blamed two BNP lawmakers for influencing the investigation.

Police kept the arrested sus-pects on beds in the Police bar-racks, instead of in police station custody, and entertained them with food supplied from home, they

Eminent jurist Dr Kamal Hossain at a public meeting on Thursday said he would submit the memorandum of the movement council to the prime minister and will go to the court if any action is not taken about Mili's murder within 24 hours of

## Newborn dies

FROM PAGE 1 rescued him.

Bulbuli, 16, who became unconscious while delivering the child, could not say anything about the

She earlier told reporters that she had an affair with a day-labourer in her village Karak in Barguna last year and conceived by him.

## Dhaka vows

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Six insurgents were killed at remote Madhabpur in Kamalgani upazila during a fierce gunfight with Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) and paramilitary Bangladesh Rifles (BDR).

He said Bangladesh's stance is 'very clear" in this regard. "Bangladesh has never allowed insurgents or international terrorists to operate on its soil. We'll never allow them in future.' Meantime, emerging from a

meeting with police high-ups, State Minister for Home Affairs Lutfozzaman Babar yesterday told reporters the government will allow no 'internal' or 'external' terrorist group in Bangladesh. He said the crackdown on terror-

ist activities is a 'continuing pro-Both Babar and Hemavetuddin

said the identities of the killed insurgents could not be known.

Replying to a query, Hemayetuddin said a clear dictate has been issued from the government's highest level for immediate elimination of terrorists or insurgents wherever found.

"Friday's incident has proved we're determined to root out any insurgents and our forces are always active to accomplish their

Asked whether the Rab-BDR joint operation came as part of the government's bid to 'better' its relations with India, he said, "We have always been consistent to keep good ties with India.'

## Dhaka in top

FROM PAGE 1

and standardisation, and building appraisal skills, besides one specifically for the country's chief information officers (CIOs).

Abdul Moyeen Khan, minister for science and information and communications technology, at the programme said the introduction of an IT law is on the cards.

The minister expressed the hope that the law would foster the growth of IT industry by creating an enabling environment

Venuprasad said a major output of this project would be the establishment of an ICT Access Centre for Small Businesses in Narsingdi.

As small and medium enterprises (SMEs) move up the value chain, they would be potential subcontractors for large projects being executed in domestic and overseas markets, he added.

He said the objective of the project is to assess the potential of the ICT sector and develop it, focusing on small businesses, as a source of economic activity in Bangladesh

# Hartal hits Narsingdi

and son of former lawmaker Shamsuddin Ahmed Esaq, BG Rashid Nowsher, joint secretary of district BNP and Rokeva Ahmed Lucky, wife of late Shamsuddin Ahmed Esaq.

nomination paper under the banner of Nagarik Committee.

ted nomination paper as an independent candidate.

Sirajul Mia (Ind) and Krisak Md Sadek (Ind).

fielding one candidate from them.

gathered at Bazar Crossing in the town and held a rally protesting the nomination of Khairul Kabir Khokon, who is a resident of

Chanting slogans against the nomination, they also burnt an effigy of Khokan and declared him

The anti-Khokon demonstrations

Tigers learn

Mesbahuddin Bhuiyan Iran, BG Rashid Nowsher and Harunur Rashid Harun

The rebel BNP leaders also threatened to continue the hartal if the nomination of Khokon was not withdrawn. They bitterly criticised the BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan for giving the nomination to an outsider.

They declared the local BNP leader Tofazzal Hossain and Arif Mridha unwanted in the town for influencing the nomination in favour of Khokon.

The agitated supporters of rebel candidates also burnt the copies of two national dailies--Inqilab and Ittefaq--for what they claimed "false and biased" reports in favour of Khokon and declared the Narsingdi correspondents of the two dailies unwanted.

Meanwhile, shopkeepers kept their shutters down and motor vehicles remained off the roads during the hartal.

Authorities deployed four platoons of armed police and two platoons of paramilitary BDR at different strategic points of the town to ward off any untoward incidents

The parliamentary seat fell vacant following the death of Shamsuddin Ahmed Esaq on March

# Tata, govt agree

Chittagong. But the government wants Tata to cut down on its land requirement on the ground that Bangladesh is a landscarce country, sources said. They said if the government provided the land according to Tata requirement, around 600 residential houses would have to be relocated from the proposed area.

The Group wants 30 years' guarantee on gas supply but the government is ready to offer 15 years' guarantee right away and another 15 years subject to new gas reserves being available.

"With the present level of gas reserves the government cannot guarantee Tata for supply of 2 TCF gas for 30 years," a government high official said, preferring anonymity.

Tata also demands installation of additional pipelines or enhanced pipeline diameter -- more than 20 metre -- for supplying gas to their projects with standard pressure. But the government maintains that Tata construct the necessary pipelines on

Both sides agreed to appoint experts for finding out imminent problems in the national power grid if the government supplies power to the 420,000-ton heavy steel plant.

The Group wants a dedicated power transmission network and backup power supply facility from the Power Development Board in case of emergency and the government is positive to the demand, according to the sources. The government will formulate

fresh guidelines for Tata to supply its captive power to the National Grid. Bangladesh has no such guidelines, sources added. The government has also no

open-pit policy either for coal exploration although Tata prefers the openpit system. The government has asked Tata to brief it in detail about the open-pit technology by June for prior assessment.

Tata also wants to consume 3 million tons of coal a year for their power plant and remaining 3 million will be sold out in the local and overseas market.

The Indian conglomerate has sought special fiscal incentives other than those the Board of Investment and Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority provide. It has also asked for permission to export its products after fulfilling Bangladesh's

providing the special incentives by creating a special investment zone

"A special investment incentive under the special zone can be allowed in line with the government

both sides agreed on appointment of a consultant for assessing the possibility of cross-border rail transportation for Tata raw materials as well as finished goods. The wrap-up meeting decided

that the communications secretary would write to his Indian counterpart soon for settling the issue between the governments Both sides decided to start the

second round negotiation on June 19. The negotiation committee will submit a report to the government with some recommendations and observations in a couple of days, sources said Finance Secretary Zakir Ahmed Khan headed the government com-

Additional law secretary Kazi Habibul Awal, Land Secretary Abdul Alim Khan, Gas and Mineral Resources Division Secretary AKM Zafar Ullah Director General (Middle East and ia) of the foreign ministry Ruhu Manzer Hussain, Tata's Bangladesh operations head; Alok Tvagi and Avisek Das of Tata Chemical: Indronil Sengupta, Saniay Gattani, Sreekanth of TISCO: Suresh

Singh, Bharat Vasani, Vikram Munje, Zia Mody and Murray Ashdown of the Tata Group Centre were also pres-The government and the Tata Group on May 9 agreed to kick off formal negotiations on May 25 and wind it up by August 31 to clear the

way for signing the investment contract before November 30. Tata on April 20 formally submit-

ted a \$2.5 billion investment proposal for setting up a 1000 MW power station, a steel mill with an annual production capacity of 420,000 tonnes and a one million-ton fertiliser

# 2 'criminals' killed

tea stall at Mridhabari in Demra at about 5:00pm Friday. Police

Hospital (DMCH) for autopsy Relatives received the bodies at the DMCH morgue last night. The wounded policemen--SI Jahiruddin and Constable Rafiqul

Police Lines Hospital. Police retrieved a 9mm pistol with two bullets, one magazine, and three cartridges from the scene.

BDNEWS from Rajbari reports: Majibar Rahman Budhai, a leader of outlawed Sarbahara Party and chief of local 'Budhai Bahani', was killed yesterday noon at remote Mourat union in Rajbari.

village in Mourat union of Pangsha upazila, was a convicted offender and accused in a number of cases. Two policemen--Mohammad

Kamal and Rijibul Islam -- were also injured in the gunfight and rushed to a local hospital. Tipped off that a band of outlaws

outlawed party operatives somehow got aware of the police presence, and fired on them, said police. As police in return fired off shots Budhai was hit by bullets and died

managed to escape from the scene. Police recovered a shutter oun four bullets, and four cartridges from the spot.

College and Hospital premises. Rajbari Superintendent of Police "What shall I answer to baba? Shammee was part of his heart. How shall I return home without her, stand before baba?" Mala was

## 11 killed, 70 hurt FROM PAGE 16 driver managed to flee. A correspondent from Gazipur

"Shammee got up early in the morning, took breakfast in a hurry and then went to a hospital at Mirpur to visit her sick brother Akhter Hossain Bakul at about 7:00am," Luba, a fellow student and roommate of Shammee said,

Shammee said she was a very On information, police rushed to gentle girl devoted to study.

"I cannot believe I will never

# 200km border

some other border and port areas," an intelligence officer

Primary investigations into the recent grenade attacks indicate that Indian rebels supplied some of the grenades, he said, adding but so far there has been no evidence of the insurgents themselves making the attacks.

He said the Bogra arms haul in 2003, in which the police by fluke recovered 100,000 bullets and 200kg explosives from a truck, also revealed links with the Sylhet border region and Indian insurgents. A number of people were arrested in deep forests of the region in this connection He also said that the probe into

the killing of former finance minister Shah AMS Kibria also found that the grenade used in the attack came from Chunarughat border area.

A source involved in the operation said, "Indian insurgents sometimes intrude into Bangladesh and take refuge in remote hilly areas with the help of local smugglers." They sometimes even visit the nearby towns, where their local accomplices provide them with shelter.

During Friday's operation, in which six suspected Indian insurgents were killed, the joint Rab-BDR contingents raided not only the remote border areas in northeastern Moulvibazar and northern Sherpur districts but also some houses in Srimangal and Kulaura towns. According to intelligence, these houses were used as shelters for Indian insurgents and gunrunners.

More than 300 Rab and BDR nen took part in that operation.

They also raided some areas in Srimangal where the indigenous Tripura and Monipuri peoples live and some Khasi villages in near Kulaura border.

"Insurgents from Indian State

of Tripura are physically similar to

the Tripura. Monipuri and Khasi

an Indian insurgent outfit. selves as Sunil Chowdhury and

Hasia Dev Barma, one in Homerjan as Mahbub Maitas, two n Srimangal as Tanu Singha and Pradip Kumar Singha, and three in Kulaura as Ram Shan, Kooler and Tei.

addresses, which the police are trying to verify. "According to the bits and pieces of information we have collected so far, the National

Liberation Front of Tripura (NLFT) has been split into several factions in recent times. Many of these factions are known by the name of their leaders," a source in the operation said. "We believe the arrestees belong to the NLFT factions." he added.

Col Gulzaruddin Ahmed, who led Friday's crackdown, told The Daily Star, "The operation was against suspected gunrunners. We shall go for similar action in future too, if we receive information about any gunrunning.

## Iraqi car bomb

exploded prematurely, police said. Insurgent violence has killed around 650 people so far this

mat in Baghdad said a security guard taken hostage in an ambush three weeks ago was probably dead after seeing a video of a bloodied body broadcast by an al-Qaeda linked Islamist group. A diplomat told AFP that a bloodied body shown on an

Islamist website was very likely that of Japanese hostage Akihiko Saito, a former French legionnaire captured three weeks ago in Irag. "I saw the video and it is very probably the body of Akihiko

Saito," the Japanese embassy's first secretary Akira Yamara said. 'He appears to be dead.' Earlier a US Marine was killed during fighting in the town of Haditha, northwest of Baghdad,

yesterday. The Marine was killed on Thursday when a rocket-propelled grenade exploded near his posi-

where US forces are conducting a

security operation, the military said

tion, a statement said. A second marine was reported killed in that operation, in which 10

suspected militants, including a Muslim cleric, have also died according to the US military.

The operation in Haditha. known as Operation New Market is designed to hunt down militants hiding out in the lawless Anbar

Haditha, 200 km northwest of Baghdad on the Euphrates river, has been the scene of frequent attacks on US and Iraqi security

## Tk 24 lakh looted

Uttara, Premier and Standard Bank

in a motorbike to deposit the money at the local branch of the City Bank. When they reached near Kadamtali Shubhapur Bus station,

while his cousin ran for shelter. The muggers took away the money kept in a handbag, and fled

the scene in the same three-

# Blasts in Indonesian

FROM PAGE 1 officer among the wounded.

trained staff. wounded and they are quite weak. Many of them suffered wounds in their internal organs," said Sofia Latuperisa, a dentist helping the

National police spokesman

Jemaah Islamiyah is a Southeast Asian extremist organisation said to have connections with Osama bin Laden's al-Qaeda network.

"I'm not saying at the moment that this is the work of Azahari's group. However, since he has been at large for so long it is possible that he has recruited new members in

ity because the patterns, the use of bombs, are the trademarks of that group.'

of Sulawesi. Further police security warnings on Thursday prompted the United States to shutter its diplomatic

with the Bali bombings, a car bombing that killed 12 people at Jakarta's JW Marriott hotel and an attack last year on the Australian embassy in which 10 people died.

Ken Conboy, a security analyst in

Jakarta, however, doubted that Jemaah Islamiyah would pick such a remote target, saying the incident was more likely to be an unusually violent manifestation of ongoing troubles in Sulawesi.

"It seems to me that JI likes to get more bang for its bucks. They go for the really flashy stuff in places that the media can cover pretty quickly, he told AFP.

earlier sectarian violence in the nearby town of Poso and Indonesia's eastern Ambon city. The bombing is the most serious

and Christians in December 2001, leaving 1,000 people dead before the government brokered a peace

Earlier this month, three Muslims arrested in Central Sulawesi over

minor bomb blast told police that their mission was to waged a "jihad" or holy war in the province to highlight the plight of Muslims world-

# Ctg BNP pledges to

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The Chittagong city unit of the BNP,

ences to strengthen the party. Office at Nasiman Bhaban called upon the party loyalists to work in unison in keeping with the ideals set by the founder of the party, the late

Addressing the meeting, Fisheries and Livestock Minister Abdullah Al Noman, also a member of the newly formed convening committee of the city unit, said differences of opinion are nothing unusual in a large party like the BNP. But there is no scope for political vengeance in this party, and all have to work with amity to take the party

intersection at about 11:30am while

Shammee died from her wounds

helper, who later managed to flee off when the police appeared at the scene Two other injured in the accident --

protests as soon as the news of Shammee's death spread on the campus. They went on the rampage damaging vehicles on the streets in the university, Shahbagh and Chankharpool areas.

more than 100 rounds of blank shot.

injured many. They entered the Institute of Fine Arts and Central Public Library and indiscriminately clubbed the students.

MAYHEM AT FINE ARTS The police entered the Institute of Fine

The students alleged that the cops

during the police action on the institute The angry policemen also damaged the sculptures, artworks and

the institute. The students then came out of the institute and painted some pictures on the road, protesting the "We were demonstrating peacefully. But the police entered the cam-

Shiplu, a fine arts student, said. Shahriar Rahman, assistant

dents. We entered the institute to drive CALL FOR PROCTOR'S QUIT

of occurrence.

The elite force is now trying to Vice-chancellor Prof SMA Faiz told recover the looted goods worth over The Daily Star that he had spoken to

Meanwhile, Advocate Asaduzzaman, president of Narsingdi district Awami League (AL), submitted his

District AL Vice-President Engineer Shawkat Ali also submit-

The others who submitted nomination papers are Shafigul Islam. district president of the Jatiya Party (Ershad), Mamtaz Begum Sufi (Bikalpa Dhara), Billal Hossain (Ind) Shahadat Hossain Munna (Ind) Ferdous Rahman Shwapan (Ind).

The rebel BNP leaders reportedly took an oath that they would unitedly fight against Khokon,

In the morning, the protesters

unwanted in the town.

The government assured it of exclusively for Tata

rules," another high official said. As for cross-border export-import,

mittee at the meeting attended, among others, by Industries Secretary Nurul Amin, Home Secretary Safar Rai Hossain.

Nagarajan and Markand Desai of Tata Power; Alan Rosling, Sukran

released Anis at 2:00am yesterday while kept Babu in their custody. Bodies of the two were sent to Dhaka Medical College and

Islam-- were admitted to Rajarbagh

Budhai, a resident of Rupivat

was preparing to commit crime in Mourat, a police team went to the area to carry out a raid. But the instantly. His accomplices however

Anwar Khan told BDNEWS that locals have greeted Budhai's death with iubilation.

30, of Motlab upazila in Chadpur.

morque for an autopsy.

adds: A shopkeeper was run over and killed by a truck at Noozor in Sadar upazila early yesterday. Witnesses said the driver of the speeding truck, which was plying the Dhaka-Tangail highway, lost control of the steering and crashed wiping her tears. into a roadside shop, killing on the snot the shopkeeper Kamrul Islam,

the spot, recovered the body and sent it to Gazipur Sadar Hospital

ball when he offered a simple catch behind the wicket off Steve Harmison's second delivery. Harmison was on a hattrick when the tall right-arm paceman

bowled Mashrafee-bin-Mortuza with a leg-stump yorker. But number ten Anwar Hossain not only denied the Durham quick his hattrick but also featured in the best partnership for Bangladesh in the match

along with crisis-man Khaled Mashud. They added 51 runs for the ninth wicket much to the delight of a strong Bangladeshi expatriate presence in the crowd who

cheered even a defensive shot.

Mashud scored 44 and also

showed that there was no devil in the wicket until a vicious bouncer from Andrew Flintoff ended his and Bangladesh's innings. The feisty wicketkeeperbatsman struck five fours in his

nearly two-and-a-half hours stay

at the wicket while Anwar sup-

ported him with an invaluable 13. Mashud's knock ensured that Bangladesh scored more runs than their first innings effort of 108 and lasted more overs. But that was too little for them to avoid their 21 innings defeat in 37

Bangladesh will get a week to recover from the Lord's disappointment before the second Test starts at the Riverside in Durham from June 3.

Tests.

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23 on December 23

diesel," an official in the ministry The prices of kerosene and diesel were equally raised to Tk 15.5

in October 2001, Tk 17 in December

2001, Tk 20 on May 1, 2004 and Tk

price hikes on January 6, 2003,

when the kerosene price rose to Tk

The fuels witnessed separate

Kerosene price

## 17 and diesel's to Tk 20. Indigenous

FROM PAGE 16 Criminals killed Sabina Bashki, a Santal woman, on April 16 allegedly after gangraping her. Police recovered her acidburnt body from a river the next day.

The demonstrators marched in

a procession with placards that

read, 'Give security to the

Shantals', 'Save the Shantals', and 'Punish the killers and rapists of Sabina Bashki'. Chaired by Master Joyram Saren, they also held a rally on Baderganj Shahid Minar premises

Saren asked the upazila nirbahi

officer to transfer the officer-in-

in the afternoon.

charge of Badergani Police Station and change the investigation officer of the case for their alleged neglect He said the killers are threatening to kill the indigenous leaders if

BSF kidnaps confirmed the abduction. The BDR authorities yesterday sent a letter to the BSF, protesting the incident. The BDR asked the BSF to release the Bangladeshi national

## through holding a flag meeting at zero point at Kushkhali but the BSF is yet to respond, the CO said. The incident created tension in

Last words

father at Panchagarh over cellu-

lar phone from a phone shop at

Shammee's father Majharul Haque was waiting for his beloved who will never return to call him baba. Shammee's elder sister Sharmin Akhter Mala, referring to

Shammee's last words to father,

said Shammee was the youngest

among three siblings and their

Mala told her father that she

dreams revolved round her.

Shahbagh.

would take Shammee to their village home at Panchagarh after her viva tests. Seeing the wailing Mala, tears rolled down the cheeks of surrounding people, creating a heart-rending

scene on the Dhaka Medical

"Shammee was thought to be lucky because there was a mark of sandal-paste on her forehead but what kind of fate she met?" she

Soma, another roommate of

see Shammee again," Soma

peoples. They easily melt into their communities, making it difficult for law enforcers to detect

> frightened to resist their trespassing, as they come well-armed, said the source. As of last night, the authorities could not learn the identities of the

them. Local villagers are also too

six men aged between 25 and 35 years killed in Friday's action. Sources said no one has come forward to claim the bodies.

Locals said their appearance and accent are unlike

Of the nine people arrested

Bangladeshi people.

Friday, the authorities could confirm the identity of only one, Dr Abdus Samad of Jhenaigati in Sherpur, who is suspected to have links with the United Liberation Front of Assom (Ulfa), Of the rest, the two arrested in Kamalgani introduced them-

They claimed to be Bangladeshi and cited some local

Rab Director of Intelligence Lt

Meanwhile, a Japanese diplo-

FROM PAGE 16

five muggers who were waiting there in a CNG-run autorickshaw, opened fire on them at around 4pm Alamair received bullet in his head

A medic at the town's main

Anang Budiharjo said no foreigners were hurt but the nature of the incident suggested the hand of Azahari Husin, a fugitive Malaysian bombmaker allegedly allied to the

that area," Budiharjo said.

National police chief Da'i Bachtiar earlier this week said Azahari was suspected to be behind a series of bomb threats to oil firms on the island of Borneo, to the west

missions across the world's largest Muslim country, while security was stepped up other potential extremist targets. Azahari is wanted in connection

Indonesia's Vice President Yusuf Kalla, who was due to visit Tentena on Sunday, said he believed the attack was the work of those behind

single incident in Sulawesi since

fighting broke out between Muslims

deal in December 2001. Sporadic violence has continued and a report last year by the International Crisis Group blamed recent Christian deaths in Poso on Mujahidin KOMPAK, an outfit with loose affiliations to Jemaah

province, where the core of the insurgency is based. More than 1,000 Marines, sailors and Iraqi troops are involved.

They were heading for Kadamtali

hospital told AFP they were struggling to deal with the casualties due to limited supplies and a shortage of "Around 20 people were badly

Jemaah Islamiyah militant group.

"We do not rule out that possibil-

Islamiyah.