### Bidisha arrested

Ruhul Amin Hawlader near the

Sources close to Ershad said he is now preparing to end the fouryear marriage with his second wife.

He was not available on the phone Bidisha, who had been receiving

the police stationed in and around it and stayed at the Baridhara house. Earlier, both uniformed and

plainclothes policemen were which the law-enforcers entered around 3:30pm, just 30 minutes sued Bidisha under pressure from her from the party.

(FIR) Ershad said Bidisha embezzled around Tk 7.5 lakh and stole a mobile phone set, according to a police source. He also alleged Bidisha threatened to kill him after the expulsion and damaged photographs and other valuables, the source said.

A policeman present at the scene said when Bidisha was shown the FIR, she shouted, "I don't believe

"As the police insisted on her going to Gulshan Police Station, she tried to jump out the window to the ground with her son Eric in a bid to commit suicide." he said.

She was eventually talked into

### Six strains pose

rate, slight devaluation of taka, and belt-tightening in revenue expenditures to allow for a larger and better

"A judicious mix of those approaches may keep the growth process steady without fatiguing macro-economic balances," he

PRO-POLLS BUDGET PITFALLS Turning to the next budget, the last

globe of pre-election political considerations dictating economic decisions. observed the report, adding, in many countries the presence of strong oversight institutions greatly reduces the scope for tampering with economic policies, which Bangladesh regretta-

Successive regimes in Bangladesh have manipulated public resources and over-stretched their decision-making authority to improve their chance of electability," it noted and warned of eight specific pitfalls of continuing with that trend.

The foremost among them, it said, are a bloated ADP and selection of projects from electoral considerations. Traditionally, in the election budget the public expenditure is made unrealistically big, undertaking such projects where money can be spent easily and quickly," said Bhattachariya.

Referring to the Tk 24,500 crore ADP adopted for FY06, he maintained, "The present government is currently

where she replied to a few questions from waiting journalists. She was the government high-ups who earlier forced the JP chief to expel taken to heavily guarded Gulshan Police Station in a van at 5:32pm. In the first information report

Tears were rolling down her cheeks as Bidisha sat in the police van with Eric in her lap.

She was confined until 10:30 last night to the police station and no journalists were allowed in. A physician from the private clinic removed a saline needle planted in one of her

Rashid, Shafiul Alam Pradhan and Sheikh Shawkat Hossain Nilu visited Bidisha at the police station.

Sources said JP leaders Kazi Zafar Ahmed and Ruhul Amin Hawlader have been working against Bidisha since she joined the

## **SUMON KILLING** Khilgaon police

the Tuesday's killing of Sumon in an 'encounter' between Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) and criminals.

Police Station did not allow Sumon's parents to file a case against the Rab, family sources said.

file a case with a court today, the sources added. The killing of Sumon, acting joint

committee of Jubo League, sparked widespread agitation in Khilgaon. Rab arrested Sumon mistaking him with an alleged criminal with the same name, and said he

### Galib faces murder charge

was killed in an 'encounter'.

OUR CORRESPONDENT,

Ahle Hadith Andolon Bangladesh (Ahab) chief Dr Muhammad Àsadullah Al Galib is now in Naogaon iail awaiting appearance n court today in connection with the is shown as the prime accused.

ordered charges to be framed against him on June 26

Meanwhile, Gobindaganj police submitted a charge sheet in the Mohimaganj BRAC office bomb blast case with the Judge's court on May 26. Galib and 18 others were exempted from the charge, and only two persons, namely Habibur Rahman alias Jubayer and Abdus Samad Raju, were charged. Both are active leaders of Jubo Sangha,

police forwarded a charge sheet to the central monitoring cell of the Home Ministry accusing 21 persons, including Galib, on charges in the BRAC office bomb blast case. After close monitoring, the cell asked that the charges be submitted exempting 19 persons, including Galib, considering deficiencies in the probe during trial

Farlier, Galib was produced before the court of Sirajganj and Bogra in connection with a different bomb blast

Porsha thana in Naogaon is vaiting for confirmation of another charge sheet against Galib in con-nection with a BRAC office bomb blast at Porsha upazila. The court fixed the next date of the case on June 28.

#### Stop land grabbers

FROM PAGE 16 Hamid, a former speaker of the Jatiya Sangsad, alleged that the state, instead of taking punitive actions against the land grabbers, is

in fact promoting them.
"I have heard that a lawmaker has to pay a hefty amount in order to be a minister. When such is the case then how would the sate function, the deputy leader of the opposition observed.

Speaking at the round-table, Deputy Minister for Land Ruhul Kuddus Talukder Dulu said the existing land laws need reforms in order to take actions against the

'Whenever we go for action against the land grabbers, they file cases and get stay orders against the government move," the deputy minister said adding that this is one of the problems the government faces while taking measures to retrieve the grabbed land.

Unless the land laws are updated, the ministry just cannot take effective actions against the land-grabbing, Dulu observed.

Referring to country's complicated land management system, he said. "I wonder how my predecessors had managed to run the ministry. Samyabadi Dal leader Dilip

Barua told the discussion that political parties should not allow the and grabbers nominations to contest the parliamentary election.

He called on the people to unite n opposition to the illegal appropriation of land.

## 28 more fly

FROM PAGE 16 landed at the airport empty-handed.

He is staying at the residence of a friend in the capital. Gone deep in debt for the overseas job, he cannot go back home. "I am unable to return home as I borrowed money from my neighbours and relatives to go abroad and they are waiting for their money back," said the young

Babul Miah quoted the first secretary at the Bangladesh embassy in Jordan as having told the workers before leaving Jordan that 'all your payments will be made from the ministry Another returnee Delway

Hossain of Barisal, said Kazi Asif Ahmed, the first secretary, had asked for 200 dinars equivalent to Tk 16.000 each for arranging Akama' or work permit which allows a legal worker to stay, work or live in Ministry sources said the

embassy was given \$25,500 equivalent to Tk 15,30,000, which was collected from the manpower agency at fault, Golden View International, to bring back the The expatriates alleged that Abu

Soveb. the owner of Al Shahed Apparels, burnt down the national flag of Bangladesh while the expatriates were observing 21st February by hosting the flag at their dormitory When the workers informed the

first secretary about the disrespect to the national flag, he didn't take any action about the outrageous act, said the returnees.

The issue of torture on workers came to light when Kabir Hossair and seven others were sent back by the employer on March 21. They were deported as they had pressed for their wages. They held a press conference at the Crime Reporters Association office here on May 4 along with some family members of the 115 imperiled expatriates.

After learning about the matter the Ministry for Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment notified Wahidul Islam alias Raiu of the Golden View International and asked for an explanation from the embassy of Bangladesh. The agency's licence was

cancelled and an undertaking was taken that he would take all necessary measures to bring back the 'oppressed" workers from Jordan.

. Bangladesh Association of International Recruiting Agencies (Baira) sources said they have not yet received any written objection against the Golden View International travel agency.

Wahidul Islam Raju of the Golden View International is now in Jordan to arrange a safe return of the workers with the help of Bangladesh embassy.

## JCD cadres chase BCL

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entrances to the campus from 7:00am to 2:00pm to fend off the PRESS CONFERENCE

The JCD leaders at a press conference at Madhu's Canteen demanded punishment of the BCL men who filed a case against DU teachers. JCD General Secretary Shafiul Bari Babu read out a written statement where he said the BCL has tainted the image of Dhaka University by filing the case against four teachers of the Institute of Fine

Asked if they would sit with the BCL for a dialogue to bring back normalcy to the country's premier university, Babu said, "If the authorities take initiatives for a dialogue they would sit across the table to restore normalcy at the university."

On whether they would allow the BCL men in, he said, "If they (BCL) want to come on the campus, they must have to shun criminal activities and the 'bomb culture' on the campus and exclude outsiders.

President Azizul Bari Helal sought co-operation from all in resisting 'bomb attackers' on the campus. He claimed the BCI men. are staying off the campus in fear of having to face the wrath of the general students, as they blasted a bomb on the campus.

The JCD also demanded compensation for the family of slain student Shammee Akhter Happy and arrest and punishment of the bus driver and those who ransacked the proctor's office. **BCL BLAME** 

BCL General Secretary Nazrul Islam Babu, talking to The Daily Star. castigated the authorities for what they said was their mishandling the campus situation. He added the JCD has damaged the culture of student politics by creating unrest at the university

Babu said they are not coming to the campus as there are no classes and examinations.

About the dialogue, he said, authorities have not contacted with them about the issue, adding they would sit with authorities only after the expulsion of the rampaging JCD men whose pictures were carried by

Eighteen teachers' representatives in the DU senate, the highest policymaking body of the university. yesterday condemned the government's alleged bid to create a "cadre

vice-chancellor has degraded his office by submitting himself to the whims of the JCD.

Prof RIM Aminur Rashid, Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique, Prof ABM Faruq, Prof Kazi Shahidullah, Prof Sharif Ullah Bhuiyan, Dr Sadeka Halim and Dr Rahmat Ullah are among others, the signatories to the

MORE PROBE TIME

The nine-member probe committee, from which three members have stood down, sat at its first meeting vesterday and asked of the authorities for 15 more days to wrap up the investigation. Its head and DU Treasurer Prof Syed Rashidul Hasan said he has directed the officials to get him video clippings photos published in the newspaper and other materials for the enquiry.

sor to the university if there are any barriers to investigating the recent campus incidents, as both the student organisations (JCD and BCL) have filed cases over the

### Power Division

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should be decided through negotiation since it is not an unsolicited proposal. Besides, the proposal should be approved by the government purchase committee before making any final agreement.

It said no additional power will be required until 2010 if the ongoing government projects are implemented in time. However, due to the poor pace of the implementation process of these projects, Tata's power could be useful, the division added.

It said Tata will construct the power generation line from Barapukaria to Ishwardi maintaining the standard of the Power

The government can give backup power to Tata by arranging separate agreement if necessary the position paper said adding that appointment of a neutral consultant to assess any imminent danger caused by load fluctuation on the

The committee requested all stakeholders to submit the position paper on the set matrix before June 9 to prepare the second round negotiation scheduled for June 19.

The position paper will also be presented to the ministerial committee on June 12 to identify any major loopholes, sources added.

# Scorchers to linger

cant changes in weather patterns. sources said. In 1960, the system was totally the opposite of the current situation, with the monsoon setting in by May 14, 16 days earlier than usual.

Usually the monsoon sets in Kerala on June 1, taking one or two days to reach in the country. But it is yet to set in Kerala, and weathermen anticipate it will arrive in a day

occurring in some parts of the country is not due to the monsoon, but to westerly wind.

come down and that rain may occur in different places of Raishahi Dhaka, Svlhet, Khulna and Barisa and Chittagong divisions. They also forecasted that the ongoing heat sweeping over

Rajshahi, Faridpur, Patuakhali, Ishurdi and several other places of Khulna division will go down. sisted yesterday in Satkhira,

recorded at 38.8 degrees Celsius, while the temperature in the capital was recorded as 34 degrees Celsius Our Khulna Correspondent

life of the public.

offered special prayers at all mosques on Friday, as well as today, for rains to bring relief from the heat wave.

an adverse impact on economic activities of the public. The supply of fishes and vegetables to all markets in the city declined sharply, causing prices to rise. A drought has threatened many

crops, including jute, in the neighbouring upazilas of Khulna district. Citizens are also in the grip of a severe crisis of pure drinking water, reportedly due to a fall in the level of underground water. Our Dinajpur correspondent

and caused several others to

The heat has also been hampering the harvesting of paddy, as labourers are unable to stay in the crop fields for long under the blazing

#### **Schoolgirl** raped, murdered Woman rescued

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj** 

from brothel

An 11-year-old schoolgirl was raped and strangled at Laxminagar in Fatullah upazila, while Narayanganj police rescued a woman forced into

Prostitution yesterday.

Nipa, daughter of Akhter and a class VI student at Muslimnagar High School at Char Rajapur, went missing since Friday morning. She went her aunt Feroja Begum's xminagar house on Thursday, family sources said. Fatullah police yesterday recov

ered her body from a crop field in Purbapara in Laxminagar. "The killers raped her and strangled the victim with her torn clothes," a police official said.

The police have picked up four men including her two cousins for quizzing.

Meantime, police rescued a woman forced into prostitution from a house and arrested prostitutes Shahida, 23, and Sima, 18. Police said the victim, a garment

worker in Nitaiganj, eloped with her boyfriend from her Chitrashal house in Bandar upazila on Friday morning.

Abandoned by her boyfriend, she met the prostitutes, who lured her to

the house in Sheharchar. Hearing her cries when two 'customers' showed up, locals rushed to the spot and called in

#### **AL** questions Tarique's authority to talk security issues with US

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Awami League (AL) yesterday asked the prime minister to explain in which capacity her son and BNP's Joint Secretary General Tarique Rahman had discussed national security issues with the high intelligence officials of the US. "How a person having no portfolio

in the government can discuss national security issues of Bangladesh with another country's intelligence officials," AL leader Saber Hossain Chowdhury posed a question at a press briefing. Quoting newspaper reports on the recent visit of Tarique along with

director general of the National Security Intelligence (NSI) to the US, Saber said many secret security issues were discussed in their meetings with the US officials. 'The presence of a nongovernment person in such meetings

the question how secure our national security agency is." The AL leader said. "The NSI chief should not maintain relations with a joint secretary general of a political

KILLING OF HAZARIKA

Saber said the government has killed Gias Hazarika in the so-called crossfire to save those who had harboured the Chittagong-based notorious criminal and to halt investigation of the crimes Hazarika had

committed. "The killing of Hazarika will halt investigations of the crimes he was involved in that included a number of murders and arms trading, especially the much-talked-about 10 truck arms smuggling in Chittagong," he said.

He protested repeated killings in the victims' political identity.

criminal records are proof of Jamaate-Islami's huge network of notorious criminals. "Gias Hazarika used to train the armed cadres of Islami Chhatra Shibir, the student wing of Jamaat." he alleged.

gated Hazarika to dig out information about illegal arms trading in the country. Saber said.

#### **AL lawmaker**

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allegiance to her leadership and announced his joining the BNP, founded by late president Ziaur Rahman Addressing the function, the

She said her party is working for people's welfare and development

of the country. But the opposition is hindering development activities by calling issue less hartals. BNP Standing Committee Member KM Obaidur Rahman,

MP, Food and Disaster Management Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf, Faridpui District BNP President Shahjada and Gopalganj District BNP President MH Khan Monju also addressed the function.

#### Foreign ministry FROM PAGE 1 A foreign ministry spokesman

on the frontier. The position of Bangladesh on the issue is well

He said Bangladesh does not allow insurgent or extremist groups on its soil to conduct operation against any neighbouring or distant

## Altaf made RU VC

FROM PAGE 1 hours and assaulted the RU proctor, registrar, two assistant proctors, a syndicate member and four senior téachers demanding confirmation of their jobs and cancellation of 'secret recruitment' of another 150 teachers. officers and staff

The demonstrators claimed that sensing his removal on Friday night. Faisal signed appointment letters of the 150 on back dates, all Jamaat lovalists or relatives of pro-Jamaat The agitation forced Faisal Islam

Faruki to issue a notice cancelling all

ad hoc appointments since January 1 this year. The assaulted include Registrar Abdus Salam, Proctor Shamsul Alam, assistant proctors Shafiur Rahman and Mokhlesur Rahman, Syndicate member Prof Nurul Absar, RU Teachers Association (Ruta) President Nazrul Islam, Ruta General Secretary Abdul Hai

Belaluddin and Arabic department Chairman Abdul Hague. The demonstrators led by Rafiqul Islam Sardar laid a siege to the VC's residence at 10:00am and

Talukdar, Dean of social science

faculty Sadekul Islam,

Shamsuzzoha Hall Provost

They also demanded cancellation of the fresh recruitment.

They assaulted the RU officials and teachers during the siege as police took no action. They dragged the registrar around the VC's resi-

At one stage, they also scuffled with police.

Motihar thana BNP President Ansar Ali, General Secretary Mukhtar Hossain and some other party leaders were also mauled when they tried to rescue the regis-

At around 3:00pm, on orders of the outgoing VC, the registrar issued an official letter cancelling all ad hoc recruitment. The employees ther

withdrew the siege The proctor later said recruitment of the 544 employees damaged the

university's image. The government had first rejected Aminul's candidature as the VC in the wake of intelligence reports that his brother finances Jamaat from

abroad, sources said. The pro-VC also may be replaced

Faruki is likely to be made a member of the University Grants demanded confirmation of their jobs Commission, the sources added.

## JP caught in knot game

Ershad, however, cannot go against the government as 15 cases are pending against him. He was compelled to expel his wife from the party after a highly influential young BNP leader met him last week in a bid to keep the JP away from the opposition alliance.

arrested Bidisha after Ershad filed a case accusing her of vandalising their Gulshan house. Sources said the policymakers of

the four-party alliance want clear assurance from former president Ershad that his party will not join the AL-led alliance, if not support the four-party in the next parliamentary election.

four-party alliance ahead of the last parliamentary election. On the other

alliance won 49 seats, AL 9 and JP 14 in the 2001 polls. But the fourparty secured about 66 lakh votes while the AL and JP in total got 76 lakh votes that shows a bright prospect of an AL-JP alliance. The JP votes will be a major

factor in Dhaka and Sylhet divisions also, if it joins AL as their combined strength can outplay the ruling alliance. In Dhaka division, the AL obtained over 78 lakh votes and JP

eight lakh, as against about 75 lakh votes bagged by the alliance candidates. The alliance, however, won 56 seats and AL 31. The JP failed to win any seat in this division. In Sylhet division, the AL-JP combined strength was 16.50 lakh votes as against 13.51 lakh secured by the alliance candidates who won

out any victory. The alliance apparently is in safer position in the Chittagong

division. In Chittagong, the AL candidates got 34.71 lakh votes to win four seats and the JP returned emptyhanded obtaining 1.41 lakh votes. On the other hand, the four-party candidates polled 52.84 lakh votes to bag 53 seats.

southern Khulna and Barisal divisions shows a tough contest if AL forms an electoral alliance with the

In Barisal division, the ruling

alliance obtained 15.61 lakh votes with 18 seats while the AL obtained 11.46 lakh votes winning three seats. The JP did not win any seat in this division but its candidates secured 2.21 lakh votes.

candidates polled 2.13 lakh votes but failed to win in any constituency RANGPUR-DINAJPUR REGION The Ershad-led JP has strongholds in 33 parliamentary constituencies n Rangpur, Nilphamari

eats in Rangpur. Ershad's party has a huge public support in almost all districts in Rajshahi division and the party candidates fought neck and neck against the BNP and AL candidates

the 1990 mass upsurge. a serious trouble in the next election f the AL and JP join hands. On the other hand, the four-party alliance

substance with it." DNC Assistant Director AAM Hafizur Rahman told The Daily Star. Rabeya is a regular drug smug-

gler, who used to smuggle drugs from Pakistan and other neighbourms officials said

Bangladeshi passport, which shows she hails from Munsipara under Kotwali Police Station in

Bangladesh and stays at city hotels. they added. . Rabeya visited Pakistan seven times in the last five months. "In the last 21 months, she visited

ports with her. The customs officials were scheduled to turn her in to the

include increasing manpower export from Bangladesh to Qatar, agreements on cultural cooperation, preservation of bilateral investment as well as bilateral trade between the two countries, and

Prior to the PM's visit the state minister for the foreign ministry of Qatar will pay a two-day (June 11-12) visit to Bangladesh, the sources said.

established on 15 June 1964 by 77 developing countries. The Joint Declaration of the 77 countries issued at the end of the first session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) in Geneva. Beginning with the first Ministerial Meeting of the G-77 in Algiers in 1967, a permanent institutional structure gradually developed. Although the membership of the G-77 has increased to 132 countries, the original name was retained because of its historic significance.

Apart from the multilateral twoday summit, the PM's visit is also being considered as a scope to progress on some issues discussed between the two countries during the official visit of the Emir of Qatar to Bangladesh in the second week of April this year.

Khalifa Al Thani discussed a number of issues like increasing economic ties between the two countries and allowing more flights of the Qatar Airways between Doha and Bangladesh assured Qatar to con-

Ėmir of Qatar Sheikh Hamad Bin

Bangladesh Airlines on the route.

A final agreement may be reached during the upcoming official discussion between the two countries, the sources said.

### Tk 6,850cr lost

cost may stand at Tk 7.000 crore in the coming fiscal year because of load shedding and low voltage. In the fiscal year 2004, the commercial sector has been the worst

culture 8 percent.

2,000 crore. The agriculture sector which also includes forestry and fisheries, lost around Tk 518 crore.

IS THE FACTOR Lalmonirhat, Kurigram, Gaibandha, Panchagarh, Thakurgaon and

in all the elections since JP's fall in The statistics of previous elections indicate that the BNP may face

ing countries into Bangladesh, the Security officials said she carries

Rangpur. But she does not have a house in

said a top customs officer. He suspects Rabeya carries several pass-

## PM to visit Qatar

Besides the summit, her visit will also mark official discussion on bilateral issues between Doha and Dhaka, according to sources. An inter-ministerial meeting will take place at the foreign ministry this morning preparatory to the PM's

avoiding double taxation.

The Group of 77 (G-77) was

As the largest Third World coalition in the United Nations (UN), the G-77 provides the means for the developing world to articulate and promote its collective economic interests and enhance its joint negotiating capacity on all major international economic issues in the UN system, and promote economic

Dialogue, after analysing last year's figures predicted that the economic

of 58 percent loss, followed by industry with 34 percent, and agri-The CPD report says the commercial sector lost Tk 4,000 crore and the industrial sector about Tk

#### Graham Thorpe celebrated his 100th Test with 66 not out and together with Bell added 187 runs for the unbroken fourth wicket.

police station when the arrest was made. Witnesses said he left the apartment at about 1:00pm and sent the party's International Affairs Secretary Golam Mosih to Gulshan Police Station to file the case.

treatment at ZH Sikdar Medical College and Hospital at Gulshan, fled the clinic Friday night dodging

incapable to execute such a grandiose public investment programme and thus raises the apprehension about

misuse of the earmarked resources.' In the ADP for FY06, the Local Government and Rural Development Ministry has been awarded with the highest 28.4 percent increase in development allocations, with as high

as 75 percent hike in Block Allocation, which certainly look suspicious, he The CPD report then turned to another major hazard. "In their pursuit to generate election finance," it said, the government often tempts to award tax relief or tariff rebate to its powerful

The report also warned against the

practice of bringing in hard-term

foreign loans of questionable value

and elite supporters.

previous regime.

The present government in fact made a big issue about the suppliers' credits contracted by the earlier regime, only to revive most of them under conspicu ous circumstances." it pointed out. Reversing its professed stance, the report mentioned, the present govern-ment has already signed up \$347

million such hard-term foreign loans

as against the \$425 million by its

non-banking financial institutions

eceived licence and 29 in 1996-2001.

The present government so far has

tion of the financial sector, entry of new

The report also identified another

banks will only put new strains on the

pre-election malpractice, of unscrupu-

lous transactions in privatisation of

In 1991-96, a total 25 bank and

issued nine such licences. The pitfall in this area, the report said, is that such licences have often been issued based on the 'right contacts with power elites.' rather than for the 'right professional and business credentials'. "But, given the current need for consolida-

state-owned enterprises. "The privatisation of Rupali Bank will be the test case in this regard," said

against him, it added. Sources said Rah took Arman to their headquarters after arresting him from House-29 on Road 14/A in Dhanmondi at 8:00am on Friday. Rab later conducted several

along with another top criminal, Liakot and four others in Kolkata New Market area on November 19, 2002 with two

50.000 for information on the where abouts of Arman, one of the top 23

criminals in the country.

Two robbers FROM PAGE 16 College Hospital (CMCH) where the

Khulshi area. Following this state-ment, a joint team of Khulshi and Panchlaish police took Rashed to RN Steel Mills in North Pahartali under Khulshi at around 2:30am. Accomplices of Rashed who had

rifle bullets, six blank cartridges and one bullet of pistol from the scene.

Zafar Ahmad, father of Rashed told journalists at the morque that his son had been a tempo driver a few years ago and later entered the crime

Rab-4 with investigating the charges

operations in Moghbazar, Keraniganj. Savar, Ashulia and Nababganj to nab nis associates and recover illegal Arman told law enforcers he had been staying in Dhanmondi for about three years since his bail in Kolkata in

Back to Bangladesh Arman rented

11 for murder, Arman ruled the under orld in Moghbazar-Malibagh Eskaton areas of the capital after

on-duty doctors declared him dead. The police recovered an LG three live cartridges and three rifle bullets from the spot. The other robber Rashed con-

been waiting there fired at the cops to snatch Rashed. Police also retaliated with eight rounds, one of the bullets hitting the fleeing Rashed. Rashed was rushed to the CMCH

The bodies of Khorshed and Rashed were handed over to their relatives after post mortem yester-

recovered three firearms, 146 bullets and three mobile phones while arresting Arman. The home ministry tasked

November 2002. He was arrested

a flat in Dhanmondi for Tk 12,000 a month and had a domestic help On December 27 in 2001, the vernment announced a bounty of Tk

An accused in 14 cases including

Liakot was arrested by Rab on October 2, 2003. In a raid in Dhamrai upazila yesterday afternoon, Rab-4 arrested listed top criminal Masud Rana alias Masud. Police sources said Masud, who

## him with police stations in Šavar

fessed to having more firearms in

but succumbed to his injuries there. Police recovered two LGs, five

STAFF CORRESPONDENT Khilgaon police yesterday refused to register a case in connection with

Sub-inspector Sattar of Khilgaon

convenor of ward No. 25 ad hoc

Khajur Ali murder case, in which he Galib was taken to Gaibandha from Naogaon on May 21 in connection with a bomb blast incident at a Takier bazar open stage drama under Palashbari upazila. The court

a front organisation of Ahab. Police sources said Gobindagani

**GOVT SLAMMED** incident and murder case.

state" on the campus through the JCD. In a statement, they said the

strong in the system that the monsoon is unable to get set." The delay underscores signifi-

Met office sources said the rain

The highest temperature per-

reports that, up to Friday noon, the heat wave claimed 10 lives, including an under-trial prisoner at the Dinajpur Medical College Hospital,

"I have also asked the law advi-

Generation Company of Bangladesh and the construction should require a licence by bringing some changes in the transmission

national grid will also be required.

panied by frequent load shedding of electricity, has disrupted the normal Khulna City experienced day temperatures of 38.8 degrees Celsius yesterday. City dwellers

and domestic animals will swell i the hot spell persists, sources said.

countries.

hand, the AL policymakers still believe the JP will join them before the next election **CALCULATION OF VOTES** IN 2001 POLLS Rajshahi division, the ruling

is unbelievable." observed Saber. also political secretary to AL chief Sheikh Hasina. "This has also raised

n 10 constituencies. The AL candinolled 13.76 seven seats and JP 3.41 lakh with-

name of crossfire by involving Rapid Action Battalion (Rab), and said, "Awami League, in principle, is against all extra-judicial killings whatever the The AL leader said Hazarika's

The police could have interro-

prime minister said the BNP believes in peaceful politics. "People will accept those who will work for people," she said.

Prime Minister's Political Secretary Haris Chowdhury, BNP MPs from Faridpur and leaders of district BNP, and its front organisa-

Bangladesh is taking positive action known, he added.

yesterday said it is unfortunate that the allegation came when

Finally, the police yesterday

The BNP policymakers have no faith in Ershad as he had quit the

Woman FROM PAGE 16 heroin was hard to detect as the smugglers have mixed some other

## Airport police last night.

visit to Qatar. The agenda of discussion Qatar Airways flights to Dhaka and Qatar investment in Bangladesh.

and technical cooperation among

Dhaka.

hit, accounting for maximum share

was Bell's maiden century in his third

for comment yesterday.

deployed in front of the house,

challenge for the next budget will be to sustain the investment demand without jeopardising the macroeco-Perhaps, "no single policy instru-ment can fully diffuse the gathering clouds on the horizons of macroeco-nomic situation," maintained Bhattacharva. He suggested a combination of three approaches -- adjustment of interest rate so as to make it positive compared with the inflation

under the current government, the CPD warned of a number of "hazards of policymaking in the period of politi-cal transition which Bangladesh is bracing for in 2006" There is a tendency across the

ates from Dhanmondi in the capital filed a case against him under the A Rab team of about 40 took Arman to Dhanmondi Police Station at 6:30pm yesterday and filed a case for possessing three unauthorised fire-arms and bullets, seized when he was

When contacted, the duty officer at

the police station said Sub-Inspector Abdur Rouf of Rab-4 filed the case.

She declined to give details, saying

'We have no record. They (Rab) have

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab)-4 that

arrested Arman and two of his associ-

arrest Friday morning

About 40 Rab men in uniform and 10 others in plainclothes produced Arman before the Court of Chief Metropolitan Magistrate at 7:50pm. Our court correspondent said Arman, in lungi and shirt, was wearing

Rab prayed for a 10-day remand.

Metropolitan Magistrate Shamsul Alam asked Arman if he had any

lawver and if he wanted to say any

thing but he replied he had nothing to

The magistrate then placed him on

Although Rab and police sources

Riverside ground yesterday.
Javed was batting on 60, the first
Bangladeshi to score a half-century in the

series, after England declared their first

innings defeat and needing two sessions

to bat to avoid the ignominy of becoming

Set to score 343 runs to avoid an

conduct the investigation.

a bullet-proof vest.

confirmed his arrest on Friday, there was no official information about his arrest and where he was kept. A Rab press release sent to The Daily Star at 8:20 last night said they

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Javed leads

on their lunch score of 447-3.

a seven-day remand.

only fifth team to have lost a Test match inside two days, the Tigers started impressively with Javed and Nafees Iqbal producing 50 runs by the 12th over. And had it not been an error of judgment by square-leg umpire A Hill that cost the wicket of Nafees (15), a little nick from Raiin Saleh (7) and an awful shot by Mohammad Ashraful just

an over before tea. the tourists could

have been better placed going into the

Javed, who has been the lone

performer among the Bangladeshi

batsmen, finally got the reward for his perseverance. He reached his 50 with

slash outside the off-stump for three

final session of the day.

But he played some exciting shots for his half-century. It was also the highest score by a Bangladeshi surpassing Hannan Sarker's 59 in the Dhaka Test in 2003. Earlier, England resuming the day on 269-3, clobbered 178 runs in 36 overs with Ian Bell transforming his overnight 57 to an unbeaten 1ĕ2. It

Test appearance.

Criminal Arman

sector," it maintained.

taken away all records and they will Italian-made 9mm pistol and was freed

> hails from Chauhat union, was nabbed from Madhobmondir area of Dhamrai.

> About a dozen cases, including seven for murder, were filed against

land grabbers.

"Bidisha was brought to Gulshan Police Station after she was arrested in connection with a case filed by her husband," Obaidur Rahman, deputy commissioner of DMP (north), told The Daily Star.

getting downstairs of the house

hands, through which blood was oozing. Jatiya Party leaders Kazi Firoz

refuse to register case against Rab

Sumon's parents, however, will

However, the met office forecasted that the temperature will

reports that the heat wave, accom-

The number of deaths of poultry

The heat wave in the city has had

In Khulna division, the AL candidates obtained 31.62 lakh votes winning eight seats while the alliance nominees bagged 37.98 lakh votes securing 27 seats. The JP

Dinajpur districts, where the party won 14 seats in the 2001 elections. The BNP bagged all seven seats Bogra and the JP secured all six

will win if they manage to earn JP's

Pakistan, India and Nepal 17 times. However, the voting calculation in

sider the matter after calculating the trade volume of its official carrier Biman

FROM PAGE 16 Dr Debapriya Bhattacharya, executive director of the Centre for Policy