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Muslim MP, said, "It is unwise and foolish to speculate who may be

responsible for this outrageous and

savage attack. But it is important that

after September 11 that there were

ncidents of reprisals against visible

Muslims. Everyone needs to be

/iailant to ensure that nothing like that

happens this time. No one who

follows the true teachings of Islam

He said the borough commander

his constituency, Tooting, had

already deployed high-visibility

schools. Muslims arriving for after-

noon prayers at mosques across the

country expressed their outrage and

sadness at Thursday's attacks, and

said they feared the impact they

would have on relations between

A spokesman for Finsbury Park

mosque said he understood people's

frustrations but was quick to con-

demn those responsible for the

attacks. "What happened today is

very, very sad for everybody, Muslims

and non-Muslims. I truly hope that

whoever is responsible for these

He said those responsible had

them and the wider community.

policing around mosques and

could condone these outrages.'

"We know from what happened

no one suffers from any backlash.

# Accord key reform proposals

on caretaker government. the AL says the post of its chief advisor should not be reserved exclusively for judges. Instead, the chief advisor and other advisors should be chosen from among eminent personalities, including judges, acceptable to 'all active political parties'. "The head of caretaker government has to be nominated on the basis of consensus among the parties.

The main opposition party further says the chief advisor and other advisors should be 'accountable to the constitution' and not to the president. The caretaker government should not take any policy decisions

The AL proposes the defence ministry should be placed under the chief advisor, instead of the president. The president should continue to be 'titular head' of the state also during the tenure of caretaker government just as in a parliamentary system of government.

The 11-party alliance stresses nominating a 'non-partisan and neutral' person to head the caretaker government. If all parties agree to this in principle, a formula can be developed for nominating such a person.

Keeping the defence ministry under the president creates 'duality in the exercise of power' during the short stint of caretaker administration, the alliance says. It calls for changing the present system.

The JSD (Inu) says in its sevenpoint recommendations that the chief advisor of caretaker government has to be nominated on the basis of a political consensus.

The caretaker government should not be accountable to a 'party-nominated' president and it has to be ensured through necessary reforms, the JSD says.

Japan or India, mainly use cylinder

gas or electricity for cooking. In Bangladesh, out of the daily

gas production of 1,450 million

cubic feet per day (mmcfd), domes-

tic users consume 9 percent, indus-

trial users 9 percent, commercial

users 1 percent, captive power

generation by industries 7 percent, power sector 44 percent and ferti-

Of them, there is no gas theft by

power and fertiliser sector consum-

ers but gas worth Tk 300 crore is

stolen a year by domestic and

industrial consumers, and in using

Petrobandla and its subsidiaries,

gas wastage by domestic users is

lower than industrial and commer-

istered domestic users steal gas

worth Tk 100 crore annually. There

are 14 lakh domestic users, and

Petrobangla believes there are

almost an equal number of unregis-

industrial and 12,000 commercial

users steal gas worth Tk 200 crore a

industrial and commercial consum-

ers take place through gas meter

tampering in connivance with the

government's meter readers or due

On the other hand, only 4,000

"Most of the gas theft among the

cial users. It is estimated that unrea-

According to data available with

captive power generators.

tered users.

year.

liser factories consume the rest.

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Cylinder gas plan

The JSD also wants an end to 'dual exercise of power' by placing the defence ministry under the

caretaker government. On electoral system, the AL oposes a 42-point reform that includes appointment of chief election commissioner (CEC) and other commissioners of the Election Commission (EC) through of the discussions with all active political parties. It suggests an independent

EC secretariat, EC's freedom to announce election schedules, allparty poll monitoring team, voter registration, an end to muscle power and black money factor in elections. electronic voting system, transpar-

ent ballot boxes and not allowing election camps. The party also proposes that persons who were loan defaulters even a year prior to elections must not be allowed to take part in polls even if they pay a certain percent-age of the defaulted amounts. A time imit should be fixed for disposal of election-related cases.

No military official or civilian public servant should be allowed to participate in polls within five years of retirement, it suggests. The 11-party's 12-point recom-

mendation for electoral reforms includes appointment of persons acceptable to all as the CEC and other commissioners, independence of the FC with financial powers to prepare its own budget. The EC must remain free from control of the executive branch of the government and have right to recruit its staffs, it

proposes. The combine wants transparency in preparing voter list, banning electioneering at religious places including mosques, temples and churches. keeping the candidates financial status as a public docu-

buildings have illegally taken con-

nections in connivance with the

Titas Gas people. In addition, many

registered users use appliances like

users, we can consider not expand-

ing this system. Instead, we can

focus on LPG marketing expansion

to take the clean fuel to the energy-

deprived rural and other areas of the

the potential demand for LPG is 2.5

lakh tonnes a year while the two

Another source pointed out that

To meet the present demand, the

country has to import the major part

of the LPG demand, putting a huge

pressure on the foreign currency

gas," the source said.

erly marketing them.

country.

importing LPG.

reserve.

### ment open to all and curbing money progress report on what their counand muscle power in polls. ries are doing in the global war on

terrorism

Within

hours of the London

bombings, Bush and the other

leaders issued a special joint state-

ment that was read by Blair with his

summit colleagues gathered

sombrely behind him. It condemned

"these barbaric acts" and vowed,

"We are united in our resolve to

confront and defeat this terrorism

that is not an attack on one nation,

but on all nations and on civilised

Bush said later in his own remarks to

reporters a sentiment echoed by a

who would use violence and murder

to force extremism upon the world,

would not stop them from accom-

Before the final joint statements

were issued, the G-8 leaders were

meeting with the leaders of five

African nations over ways to provide

greater support for the troubled

ing aid from the current \$25 billion to

\$50 billion. Also left out of the pledge

of support for Africa will be Blair's

other goal of getting all summit

countries to commit to raising foreign

aid to an amount equivalent to 0.7

percent of each country's economy

The leaders were expected to

"We will not yield to these people,"

people everywhere.

Martin.

the meeting.

continent.

chorus of other leaders.

Loan defaulters and their family members should be barred from participating in polls, and all candidates have to submit a statement of their election expenses within seven days of polls, it said.

JSD (Inu) comes up with a 31-point recommendation for reforming the electoral system that includes resignation of the present CEC and appointment of a new one on the basis of consensus, introduction of an 'election cadre service,' independence of the EC Secretariat holding parliament polls in a stagmanner and mandatory gered registration of political parties with the EC.

### Withdraw case FROM PAGE 1

and Sheikh Mamun of the Janakantha, Anisur Rahman, BPJA joint secretary, of The Daily Star, Wahid Hassan Raja of the Bhorer Kagoj and AKM Musa of the Sangram.

NSI constable Sanaullah in the first information report (FIR) accused them under sections 147 148, 353, 333, 389 and 114 of Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC). The FIR says the accused trespassed onto the NSI premises and took photographs violating the law.

They assembled unlawfully obstructed government officials duty and instigated others in criminal activities, the FIR reads.

Leaders of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ), Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ), Dhaka Reporters Unity (DRU) and the BPJA addressed yesterday's rally. The leaders demanded with-

drawal of the case, formation of a committee to probe the matter and publish its report and punishment of the responsible officials.

They also demanded compensation for the photojournalists, who lost their cameras, motorcycles and other valuables, and medical expenses for their treatment.

Photojournalists after the rally geezer or other gas-based devices took out a procession raising their without paying any bills. This somecameras as a symbolic protest. what justifies supply of cylinder

The case is false and mysteri ous," said BPJA President AKM "But we do not have adequate Mohsin, "The NSI handed over LPG to consider this option. We Mamun and Kabir to Ramna police shall have to heavily import LPG without raising allegation against and also face the problem of propthem. Police brought the two in front of the Jatiya Press Club at 4:30pm He went on. "Since we already without any claim," he added. have pipe-system for domestic

"The NSI has filed the case to defend their violent act." he said. "We demand that the prime minister and state minister for home should take measures for a peaceful solution.'

### Wite, daughter FROM PAGE 16

Banshkhali Police Station. government LPG plants annually Osman will be produced before produce 15,000 tonnes. Privately owned Union LP Gas (ULP) plant he court today. bottles 40,500 tonnes a year by

Police recovered the bodies and sent them to Chittagong Medical College and Hospital (CMCH) for autopsy.

### SSC results

told The Daily Star yesterday

The law enforcers including

police, Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) and ansars have been asked to gear

up patrol in the city streets, he said.

The officers-in-charge (OCs) of the 28 city police stations including

the newly-formed six ones had talks with their officers who should swing

into action in case of any 'hint' of

us, we think we could place the third

trolley beneath the aircraft by this midnight and start dragging it off the

runway provided the hydraulic jacks reach here from Dhaka in time."

information of his criminal activities.

beaten up by a mob at Amlirtek in

Mohammadpur vesterday morning.

nugger, Abdul Quader Zilani, 23,

across

capital.

terror attack.

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Int'l flights

Contractor

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business rivals.

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Station.

nigh alert.

The LPG cylinder that contains FROM PAGE 16 about 12.5 kg of gas is sold mainly if the northern districts at Tk 400 each. Often, there are artificial crises of LPG due to corruption by a section of distributors and plant staff, raising ued till April 7 the price up to Tk 600 each. The gas sector is one of the top appeared at the SSC vocational revenue earners of the government. examination Petrobangla's affiliates in fiscal 2003-04 earned Tk 3,328 crore, Security giving the national exchequer Tk ,570.8 crore. Petrobangla's sale of FROM PAGE 16 456 billion cubic feet gas in that at all key point installations (KPIs) fiscal saved the country Tk 12,000 crore in foreign exchange, averting import of petroleum.

G-8 fails to clinch deal Innocent FROM PAGE 16 However, an inhabitant of Barkharia The United States, which is now village under Batiaghata upazila giving an amount equal to 0.16 and an operative of the Janajuddho

percent of its economy, objected to the setting a numerical target. faction of the outlawed Purbo Banglar Communist Party (PBCP) Even less progress was made on Blair's other summit goal getting America on board with the other Zahid alias Sabuj is also in the Khulna Jail at present. He had been countries to make major reductions arrested in another case under n emissions of the gases that some Batiaghata thana of murder haphave blamed for global warming. pening a month before journalist

According to a draft communique on climate change obtained by The Associated Press on Friday, the United States, the only G-8 country that has not ratified the 1997 Kyoto Protocol on global warming, was successful in rejecting Blair's call for setting specific targets and a timetable for reducing greenhouse emissions. The communique was to

"Our collective freedom has acknowledge the split between the come under attack today by those United States and the other countries in a section that said "those of us who have ratified the Kvoto Protocol welcome its entry into force and will said Canadian Prime Minister Paul work to make it a success." That was the document's only mention of the Despite the changes to the summit schedule, all of the leaders treaty put into effect this February Bush contends the Kyoto accord's stressed that the terrorist attacks curbs on greenhouse emissions would wreck the US economy plishing what they set out to do at

### Road crash FROM PAGE 16

Anwara was the sister-in-law of State Minister for Cultural Affairs Selima Rahman while Saida was

pledge to double assistance by 2012 the daughter of her brother in-law. to reduce poverty and fight disease in Injured Asif Jewel, medica Africa, the world's poorest continent. That meets a key Blair objective. officer of National Institute of Cardio though the pledge doesn't mention the British leader's hope of increas-

Vascular Diseases, her wife Mona Farzana, medical officer of Dhaka Medical College and Hospital (DMCH), and car driver Manik were rushed to the DMCH in critical condition. The victims were going to their

village home to join a family programme.

# **OIC: 'Islam prohibits**

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bv 2015.

He expressed his solidarity with Blair and the British people "in their resolve to fight terrorism and uttered his confidence that the solidarity of the civilised world will overcome the scourge of terrorism."

The Muslim World League based in the holy city of Makkah, also denounced Thursday's "criminal and ugly act which aimed at killing innocent civilians."

Islam "categorically and unequivocally prohibits" such crimes, said secretary general Abdullah al-Turki in a statement carried by the official Saudi Press Agency.

He called on the United Nations to "undertake a collective and coordinated action to combat terrorism ... which has no country or nationality and is not affiliated to any

religion." Saudi Arabia's grand mufti yesterday strongly condemned the deadly blasts that rocked London saying Islam strictly prohibits the slaughter of innocent people.

The explosions that ripped through central London's transport system, "targeting peaceable neonle are not condoned by Islam and are indeed prohibited by our religion," Sheikh Abdul Aziz alin

people is unfair, because they are alien to the religion," said Sheikh, who heads the Council of Senior Ulema. Saudi Arabia's highest religious authority.

In a message to British Prime Minister Tony Blair, Bangladesh Prime Minister Khaleda Zia said "I am deeply shocked and grieved to learn about the explosions across London. Bangladesh strongly condemns this mindless criminal

acts against the innocent people." 'This tragic event should strengthen the resolve of our nations to work together in fighting the menace of terrorism," she said.

The Pakistani President, Pervez Musharraf, offered his condolences to Britain for the loss of life, and called for "a joint fight against terrorism'

"The people of Pakistan stand ogether with the people of United Kingdom in this very trying moment," the president said in a message released by the Pakistani oreign office to British Prime

Minister Tony Blair. "It is imperative that we stand together and further strengthen our bonds of cooperation to eliminate this menace," the president said.

both her legs, one is more badly

injured than the other. She is in

ntensive care at the moment," said

anything at the moment, she's not

Amid the chaos, there were

"We have had huge numbers of

touching scenes of humanity.

it's a big city phenomenon.

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last two weeks.

added.

Shops reopen

"She has no recollection of

Malavsia is ready to cooperate in the probe into the blasts in London, nietar to which medical centre the aspirant should go for a check-up before

# London Muslims

Road, an area just to the west of central London which for decades has been associated with the capital's Arab population.

Balu died in a bomb attack by

12 this year to the State Minister for

Home Affairs said the police

arrested his innocent son Zahid on

July 3 last year implicating him in the

murder of Dainik Janmabhumi

She further alleged that investi-

gating officer (IO) of the case

Ínspector Mohiúddin of the

Detective Branch (DB) of Khulna

Metropolitan Police (KMP)

demanded a big amount of money

"When refused. Inspector

Mohiuddin sent my son to court on

July 7 showing him arrested in the

journalist Balu murder case and

identifying him as PBCP

(Janajuddho) operative Zahid alias

Sabui." Jannatun Nahar said in her

yet to respond to Jannatun Nahar's

appeal to release her son and take

punitive action against the IO for

falsely implicating her son in the

When contacted, Inspector

Mohiuddin and Assistant

Commissioner of DB Zahur Ahmed

The Ministry of Home Affairs is

as bribe for letting her son off.

editor Humayun Kabir Balu.

extremists on June 27 last year.

After the bomb attacks, which Foreign Secretary Jack Straw said later "bear the hallmarks" of Osama bin Laden's global network al-Qaeda. British Muslim groups condemned the carnage. "These evil deeds make victims of

us all," the Muslim Council of Britain Zahidur Rahman's mother (MCB) said in a statement. Jannatun Nahar in a petition on May

"The evil people who planned and carried out these series of explosions n London want to demoralise us as a nation and divide us as a people. "All of us must unite in helping the

police to capture these murderers.

Rahman--who had been due to travel through Aldoate station at the time of the first blast on Thursday morning only to be called into work an hour early--agreed.

"Whoever has done it, it is not good at all. Islam is a religion of beace, and it does not agree with things like this. I hope the British government and the police work hard to catch the people who did this," he said.

Standing on the street beneath the minarets of the East London terrible actions is caught and given Mosque, mosque worker and community activist Abu Hanyfa said he feared the sort of revenge attacks on Muslims seen in the United States following the September 11, 2001 error attacks.

"There is always the worry about problems like what happened after 9/11," he said, warning that terror attacks in Britain could aid the appeal of extremist far-right groups like the British National Party (BNP).

"Relations are good and most refused to say anything as the people are sensible. But you have charge sheet of the case has extremist groups like the BNP. and the concern is that people might feel However, a KMP senior officer slightly more receptive to their mesassured of an impartial inquiry into sage," he said. "This will make relations difficult,

but we will deal with it as a community and see what happens." Abdul Hasib, 64, who has lived in

London for more than 40 years, confessed he was also concerned as he left the mosaue.

"I am very, very shocked. No one expected this. Since I have been in Britain. I have been welcomed as a Muslim. I hope nothing will change now," he said.

The Guardian reports: A backlash against British Muslims began almost mmediately as news of the bomb explosions spread.

The MCB received more than 1,000 emails containing threats and messages of hate, several reading: "It's now war on Muslims throughout Britain."

Government planning for how to cope with a terrorist attack has included how police and the authorities will calm community tensions and crack down on any surge in hate crimes directed at British Muslims.

On Thursday night an emergency meeting was held of the Muslim Safety Forum (MSF), where top police officers and representatives of Muslim communities met to discuss the policing of terrorism and other issues.

Azad Ali, chair of the MSF, said, "This is the biggest test for commu-nity relations. The years of planning, of ifs and buts -- now the time has come. Our concern is of the potential backlash. We have already received numerous reports of spitting, verbal abuse and attacks."

any hate crimes as a result of the

"Our aim is to prevent a backlash,

Sadiq Khan, London's only

we've got to work hard to prevent

tensions and deal robustly with any

At the Finsbury Park mosque in walk around by themse ves. The north London, worshippers said people responsible should realise passersby had shouted abuse and they have done nothing but made rattled the entrance gates in the hours after Thursday's bombings. things harder for all true Muslims.' In the nearby Paradise café, Within hours of the attacks police Assas Aziz said that he had received forces across the country were sent a call from his parents in Algeria. advice from the Association of Chief "They wanted to know that I was Police Officers (ACPO) on how to OK first, but they also said they felt counter any backlash. very sad and sorry for what hap-Assistant Chief Constable Rob pened today. I think like me they are Beckley, who leads for the ACPO on embarrassed as Muslims about what policing faith-based communities, has happened because we are said. "We will deal verv robustly with

the allegation. Saudi recruiter FROM PAGE 16

governments, the official told The Daily Star.

There are a number of anomalies in the current migration process, which allows sale of one visa to multiple job seekers. Dishonest agencies often take the opportunity

petition

Balu murder case.

already been submitted.

and cheat the fortune seekers. Besides, migration to the Middle East countries bypassing government clearances often creates situations leading to abuse of the workers and tarnished image of the country.

Baira President Mosharraf Hossain, MP appreciated the Sanarcom proposal, saying they will further examine it.

"If signed, the agreement will hopefully bring positive result both for Baira and the government," the official said quoting Mosharraf as saying

Sanarcom has to convince the Saudi government first, Mosharraf said, adding, he does not see any apparent problem on the part of Bangladesh government for the unified contract system.

Abdul Alim, Baira executive member, at the meeting asked the Sanarcom to present to the Saudi government the monopolistic situa-tion created by the Gulf Cooperation Council-Approved Medical Association (Gamca).

The Gamca makes a decision as

nothing to do with Islam and called for all communities to pull together. That sentiment was echoed by Anas Altikriti, spokesman for the Muslim Association of Britain. "In the past three or four years, British people have proved that they are

iustice."

strong and resilient, and Muslims and non-Muslims have worked together to support each other. We must continue to do that in the face of what has happened today.

"The people responsible for these attacks are not true Muslims in any way and we have no hesitation in condemning absolutely these terrible actions."

He urged Muslims to help the emergency services and police in whatever way they could.

"We have faith in Britain and British people that we as a country will not be defeated by this."

Arriving at Finsbury Park mosque for afternoon prayers, members said they were stunned and saddened by the morning's events.

Mohamed Islam, 30, had witnessed the explosion at Tavistock Square. "I saw people lying in the road. It's very shocking just to think about it now. The people who did this are not people, never mind Muslims. They are not fighting for their faith or any other noble cause, they have killed and injured innocent people

today and I am discusted by that." Standing in the rain outside the mosque, Ahmed Ka, 57, said the bombings were "truly awful". But he believed that relations between Muslims and non-Muslims will not be affected. "This is a strong multireligious society and we are all involved in what has happened this morning. Muslims would have been caught up in it on the buses and

trains, we must come together, not separate now." But Ahmed Osman, 36, said he feared for the safety of his wife and children.

"There will be more suspicion aimed at us and I worry that it will not be safe for my wife or daughter to

to court injunctions barring actions by the authorities against the culprit industries and other users," says a source involved in the gas distribution system.

'The industries in recent years focussed on captive power generation to avoid load shedding, and they consume as much as 85 mmcfd gas. But the users steal certain portion of gas in this process too," he added.

"Theoretically, domestic gas supply is very costly and too difficult nage. In many buildings, you will find only one or two registered burners while the other flats in those

### Waterlogging

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retention ponds, are either clogged with rubbish or permanently blocked by encroachers.

Experts say restoring the retention ponds could drastically improve the waterlogging problem of the city. An expert at the Drainage Circle of the Dhaka Wasa told The Daily Star that if these designated retention ponds are not restored, nothing can be done to stop serious waterlogging in the city.

"Look at Hatir Jheel, if it is not saved from being filled up, Maghbazar, Tejgaon, Gulshan, and Baridhara will reel under waist-deep water with the slightest rain," the Wasa expert said requesting anonymity.

Mudassir Hossain, executive engineer of the Mechanical Pump House Division of the WDB, said the number of pump houses should also be increased in the DND and Goranchadbari areas to protect hundreds of thousands of new settlements every year. He also said the retention ponds must be turned into water parks to protect them from the encroachers.

"We have to remember that the city instantly loses its gravitational drainage power as soon as the monsoon arrives and these ponds are the only places where rainwater should accumulate before being mechanically drained out," Hossair said.

Dhaka Wasa's original plan to create a pond over 600 acres of land at Kalyanpur, approved by the previous government, was mysteri ously shelved later. Nowadays, the entire lowlands of Kalvanpur are a display of hundreds of signboards of real estate developers and private landowners. Hundreds of acres of land have already been filled up for erecting housing complexes, and the actual pond along the pump house has become a narrow stretch of water body.

In Goranchadbari, the Rajdhani Unnavan Kartripakkha (Rajuk) has launched one of the largest landfill activities in the country under the Uttara Phase-3 plot project. Thousands of acres of lowlands are

being filled up in the area exposing the cantonment, airport, Mirpur and Uttara areas to serious waterlogging in the near future. "We have two options," said an expert on the drainage system of Dhaka Wasa, "either we protect these retention ponds within the

embankment or we buy hundreds of mechanical pumps to protect us from inundation in the near future. "Counting the cost of around Tk 25 crore for the installation of each

pump house, I think we are better off protecting the ponds on an urgent basis," the expert said requesting anonymity.

### Khaleda's

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Replying to a question, he said in what form Japan will seek Dhaka's support will be decided during the meeting of Prime Minister Khaleda Zia with her Japanese counterpart Junichiro Koizumi.

Takashima said a joint communiqué will be issued after the meeting. He, however, said it is too early to say if Japan's desire foi Bangladesh's support to the draft UN resolution will be included or not

in that official document. The G-4 countries--Japan Brazil, Germany and India-- have already received commitment from 27 countries willing to co-sponsor the draft framework resolution in the UN General Assembly.

Takashima expressed the hope that the draft resolution would be supported by two-thirds of the members in the UN General Assembly

bsite'www.educationboard.gov.b Riyadh.

This year about 7 60 lakh candi-"Attributing to Islam acts of individual or collective killings, dates took the SSC examination that started on March 10 and continbombings, destruction of properties and the terrorising of peaceable Some 37,000 candidates

Razak said yesterday. Razak, who is also Defense

Minister, said he was confident that Britain would not bow to those responsible for the attacks

Kolias, 45.

said.

blood.

### Touching scenes

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Some have been penetrated by pieces of the bus, others by pieces and sensitive places in the capital to of nearby buildings such as glass. prevent any untoward situation," SM The hospital said it treated 58 Mizanur Rahman, commissioner of Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) casualties. Some 27 people were kept in, with around 10 of them classified as seriously injured.

He said similar instructions have The blasts, which rocked the been given to police administration underground rail system and a bus the country, adding that bomb squads have been kept on

during the morning rush hour, killed at least 37 people and injured The commissioner said they have already beefed up police around 700, according to police.

Ryan said that some of the victims guard at every strategic point includ-ing the entry and exit points of the may have sustained serious injuries which were not yet apparent.

"One of the features of an explosion, which we know from blasts in Northern Ireland and Israel, is a condition known as blast lung or shock lung, where people sustain a lung injury which leaks over time, he said.

"They appear fine but they slowly deteriorate," he went on. "We have people here who were in the bus blast and appear to be well but it is important that we watch them

At the Roval London Hospital near Liverpool Street Station, staff treated 183 patients from two of the incidents. Eight of them were critically injured, including one whose heart had stopped, and six people underwent surgery.

The rescuers yesterday removed the left rear-landing wheel of the aircraft after trying the whole Michael Henning, 39, a broker, from Kensington, west London, walked out of the facility with a International flights from the patch over his eye and cuts on his airport now may resume within next two days, airport sources said. face caused by flying glass in the bomb blast between Liverpool Street and Aldgate.

"I was travelling to Tower Hill to a meeting, and nearly got into the carriage where the bomb went off. but thought it looked busy, so went Police, however, could not give any in the next one. I was about 10 feet (three metres) from where the They suspect Ali was killed by his bomb went off." he said. Meanwhile, a mugger was

"I saw silver travelling through the air -- that was the glass -- and a vellow flash." he said.

Many people, both the injured Police said locals caught the and family members, were in shock.

while he was snatching money from a person at about 7:00am and beat At the Roval Free Hospital in Hampstead, George Kolias fought back tears as he told how his "We rescued him in a critical teenage daughter Danielle was condition and took him to the DMCH caught up in a blast travelling in the where he died at 8:40am." said the underground. duty officer of Mohammadpur Police

"She has hurt her chest and

migrating to Saudi Arabia There are allegations that Gamca-enlisted medical centres charge more fees from the job seekers and even do not give them

fitness certificates if they fail to pay in excess. Waleeda has given assurance that his organisation will place the issue before the Saudi government for consideration.

The Sanarcom chairman along with four other members arrived in Bangladesh on Thursday.

He said the demand of the Bangladeshi women as housemaids is now increasing in Saudi been able to tell me anything," he Arabia for their Islamic identity and fast learning capacity.

"But of course they need more training," the Baira official said

people walking in off the street quoting Waleeda The Saudi delegation holds a offering to help which has been meeting with Expatriate Minister very, very reassuring," said Ryan. "Even the builders working on a Major General (retd) Quamrul Islam today. site have been offering to donate

### "There is something about Bangladeshis London -- there is a huge resilience here," he said. "I've seen it before, FROM PAGE 1

Commissioner (HC) in the UK Mofazzal Karim told BDNEWS over telephone.

The High Commission is keeping close contact with the British govone, which has been on fire for the ernment on the development following the ghastly bomb attacks, the Most of the parts of the rig for HC said, adding, "We also condrilling the second relief well have veyed the message of condolence already arrived from Unocal's Moulvibazar gas field by barges along the Surma river, said a Niko from Prime Minister Khaleda Zia to the British government."

The High Commission contacted official yesterday afternoon. With with the community leaders, Tower the rest of the parts expected to Hamlets Mayor, Tower Hamlets arrive within two more days, work is councillors and requested the on to prepare the drilling pad, he community leaders there so that the A local logistic firm has been Bangladeshis living in the UK are not harassed without any reason, Karim said.

Only some 8-10 High Commission officials and employees could attend the office on Thursday as many had to return home from the middle of their way to office after the bomb blasts, he said.

He could not go to East London area, where most of the people are Bangladeshis, as police prohibited him, the HC said, adding, "Tomorrow I will offer the Jumma prayers at the East London mosque. I hope will be able to meet many of the Bangladeshis there and know about them in detail."

More than 50 people were killed and hundreds were wounded in a series of bomb blasts in London that rocked the subway and tore open a packed double-decker bus during the morning rush hours on Thursday.

associated with these people. "But this has nothing at all to do with Islam in any form. I do not understand what these people feel or think. All I know is that they are not following the teachings of the Qur'an and are not Muslims.'

### Blasts kill over 50

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FROM PAGE 1 reach one of the bombed underground carriages near Russell Square station in central London as the surrounding tunnel was unsafe. Meanwhile, AFP says, Metropolitan Police evacuated Liverpool Street Station after a suspicious package was found.

The station was one of the multiple targets of Thursday's bomb attacks on.

Blair said no survivors were trapped underground and the task now was to retrieve bodies. Andy Trotter of the British Transport Police said the number of bodies still trapped was not known, but one police source said it could be more than 10.

"This was a crowded tube train at rush hour in central London with several hundred people on board," Trotter said.

Andy Hayman of the London police specialist operations branch spoke of the "extreme circumstances" under which rescue services were working, saying they faced the hazards of tunnel collapse, vermin and "dangerous

substances" in the air. "Just imagine an explosion that far into a tunnel," he said. "I think we can all respect the sort of things our people are actually confronting.

Havman said the bombs were believed to have contained up to 10 pounds (4.5 kg) of explosives and could have been carried onto the trains and bus in backpacks.

Police said they had no specific ntelligence warning of the attacks. Home Secretary Charles Clarke said the blasts "came completely out of the blue."

The New York Times said timing devices rather than suicide bomb ers set off the explosions and Blair

stressed there was nothing so far to suggest suicide attacks. Fears of more attacks kept

commuters and markets jittery. "We have to have ... maximum consideration of the risk of another

attack and that's why our total effort today is focused on identifying the perpetrators and bringing them to ustice," Clarke told BBC radio.

He said investigators were examining a statement from the 'Secret Group of al-Qaeda's Jihad in Europe."

The email statement by the previously unknown group said, Our Mujahideen have carried out a blessed invasion in London and here is Britain now burning with fear and terror...We have repeatedly warned Britain and have kept our promise.'

Clarke said, "We monitor now very intensively a wide range of Web sites...and this one and their claim is something we certainly take seriously."

An Internet statement from another group, calling itself the 'Organisation of al-Qaeda - Jihad in the Arabian Peninsula" praised the attacks and said Rome would be targeted next.

Britain and Italy backed the USled war in Irag, and London had been on high alert since al-Qaeda's September 11, 2001, attacks on the United States

The blasts battered financial markets, but oil prices recovered to near \$61 yesterday as analysts said the attacks were expected to have a limited impact on the global economy and oil demand. British shares also recovered their losses, but sterling slid further against the dollar

Dipu's body FROM PAGE 1

not available.

Akhter, 42, and Assistant Headmaster Khorshedul Hoq Khashru--were arrested on Thursday after Dipu's mother filed a

three-day remand yesterday. Parents and relatives vesterday reiterated their demand for exem-

responsible for Dipu's death. They also sought help from different organisations to run the

tasked with transporting the rig and started working on Tuesday.

exhumed yesterday, but it had to be postponed as the magistrate was

Meanwhile, two teachers of the school--Headmistress Shaheena

murder case. They were taken on a

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