## Draft of new court

Law Minister Moudud Ahmed said.

After formal consent of the cabinet, the draft will be finalised and sent to parliament and the parliament standng committee for final approval, he

Terming the new law "a revolutionary step" by the present government, the law minister said the initiative to formulate it was taken following the demands from different sections of people including the journalists as the existing law is incomplete and has become obsolete.

There is no clear-cut definition of contempt of court in the existing law! Moudud said, adding that the provision of penalty in the new law will remain but the other clauses will be changed.

Under the existing law, the highest penalty for contempt of court is six months' imprisonment and fine of Tk

To make the country's contempt of court law modern and realistic, the government has been examining the contempt of court laws of neighbouring countries India and Pakistan who enacted new contempt of court laws in 1976 and 1977.

Moudud also said that he informally discussed with many people particularly lawyers and experts regarding enactment of the new law.

The draft that contains detailed

definition of the contempt of court has pointed out when and where the contempt of court law will be applica-

According to the draft, when the intentional act or word of a person directly or indirectly violates or disrespects any verdict, decree, orders, instructions, writ or summon of a court, it will be considered as a contempt of

ble if the act of a person demeans the court or creates no-confidence among the people about the court or if anyone makes malicious statement about a iudge or interferes, hampers, or creates barrier to the normal process

applicable if a person makes correct statement or presents news about the activities of court in public interest with

The correct statement or news about the personal behaviour of a judge or the constructive criticism of the verdict on a public interest case. missed will not be termed contempt of

makes comments on the ongoing legal activities in the court with a clean heart it will also not be construed as a

# Killed for dowry

Mirpur police recovered Camelia's body from her house on July 5 and sent it to Dhaka Medical College and Hospital morgue. For six days the body lied there until the morgue authorities handed it over to Aniuman on July 11, as no one came to claim or receive it.

The morgue is authorised to store a body for 48 hours, 72 hours in emergency case. But after that the authorities have no other way but to mark the body as an unidentified one and hand it over to Anjuman, morgue sources

According to Halima, Camelia married her lover Monir Hossain on April 22, 2002. She was then an HSC student at Shah Ali Women's College On May 15. Monir took his wife, who was then carrying, to stay with his

Halima says Camelia's in-laws killed her and then hung the body from the ceiling to make it look like a suicide. "I don't believe my daughter can commit suicide, after she had gone through so much hardships and trials in life," she says with conviction.

'They tortured my girl for dowry killed the embryo and threatened to kill her after she had filed a case against

## Donors

FROM PAGE 1 judiciary a colonial inheritance, which ensures "certainty of expense but uncertainty of results". It called for judicial reforms and has asked the government to improve its overall performance.

The paper also advised for establishing an independent panel of eminent jurists and lawyers to hold broad consultations on judicial reform priorities and to recommend key actions

In a chapter titled 'Tackling Corruption', the paper noted that "Bangladesh still ranks low in global anti-corruption indices with its scores worsening in recent years." It asked the government to make the Anti-Corruption Commission truly operational and also came up with specific proposals including activating the civil society bodies that would raise voice against graft and monitor public finances.

The paper emphasised reform of public administration and recommended preparing a pay and employment policy consistent with macroeconomic stability and linking incentives to performance through

decompressed pay scales. The four donors account for 80 percent of Bangladesh's total foreign aid. Earlier they used to provide aid and set conditions individually. The joint strategy is aimed at harmonising the conditions and utilisation of aid and avoiding overlapping, which the donors believe would increase aid efficiency and effectiveness and eliminate duplication

## JCD men

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academic certificate The attackers led by JU unit JCD Organising Secretary Robiul Islam Robi and Tanjil, a second-year student of botany, also threatened three university correspondents with death.

However, Nur Siddiqui, Fuad Hossain and Emran Hossain Emon, JU correspondents of the Prothom Alo, the Ajker Kagoj and The Daily

Star, were not present there. The incident has triggered protests by journalists and cultural and political organisations on the cam-

JU correspondents of different newspapers and news agencies have given a seven-day ultimatum to the vice-chancellor demanding punishment of the JCD cadres involved in the incident.

They also broke pens in front of the administrative building at 1:30pm as a symbolic protest and took out a silent procession on the

Progressive cultural and political organisations stage today a token sit-in on the administrative building premises at 10:00am, demanding security on the campus.

and employees will also bring out procession and hold rallies on September 25 to press home their

at a rally of the council at the Jativa Press Club vesterday with Co-Convenor Gias Kamal Chowdhury in the chair. Co-Convenor Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury announced the programme.

the government's dilly-dally over the mplementation of the sixth wage poard despite the cabinet decision. They warned the newspaper

owners against any conspiracy regarding the formation of the wage

The meeting was addressed among others by Co-Convenor of the council Fazle Imam. Member Secretary Ruhul Amin Gazi. Joint Member Secretary Monzoorul Ahsan Bulbul, member Abul Hashem, Khairul Islam, Altaf Mahmood, Elahi Newaj Khan Saju, Shah Alamgir and Sardar Farid. Joint Member Secretary Md Motiur Rahman Talukder conducted the

brought out a procession that paraded different roads in the city.

An extended meeting of the unit chiefs and deputy unit chiefs of different newspaper units, presi-August 1 strike a success.

## ACC to report

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and Campaign (ACRC) wing of the sion at a meeting yesterday.

corruption, the ACRC will host a web site, where it will the assets of its staff, and also recommend the ACC to do the same.

"The ACC has the power to ask anyone to state his or her assets. We think before we do that we should make ourselves as transparent as possible and declare our own assets first," Miah told The Daily Star yesterday.

When asked why has the ACRC aken the decision instead of the ACC nucleus, Miah said, "We want to set an example through our wing believe all other ACC staff will do it but that should come after the commission takes the decision based on the wing's proposal."

The ACC Act dictates that the commission will file its reports and recommendations to the president. Accordingly, the ACRC is preparing three reports -- one on the existing legal and framework defects to fight corruption and the remedial measures, the second to identify sources of corruption and to recommend actions to deal with them, and the third laying out an anti-

corruption research plan. "These reports will be voluminous and require a lot of research work. It will take time, but we shall do it on a priority basis." Miah added

In this connection, the ACRC plans to exchange views with high officials of the National Board of Revenue, customs and income tax officials, police, staffs of the office of the auditor and comptroller general and the education ministry.

"We have chosen these organisations because most of the allegations of corruption come against them." Miah explained.

## Opposition

opposition camp as we have agreed to hold agitation programmes against the government jointly and from a common platform," Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) President Hasanul Haq Inu told The Daily Star ending the meeting.

"We have mapped out strategies of agitation to make the government concede to the reforms proposals and in the first phase, we work to drum up people's support," Inu said.

Dhanmondi office also decided to hold similar mass contact programmes across the country after July 30 when AL chief Sheikh Hasina returns home after her US

AL leaders Amir Hossain Amu Tofail Ahmed, Abdul Jalil, Suranjit Sengupta and Obaidul Quader, 11party leaders Rashed Khan Menon. Bimal Bishwas, Azizul Islam Khan, Dilip Barua, Advocate Zahirul Islam, JSD leaders Syed Zafar Sazzad, Sharif Nurul Ambia, Mainuddin Khan Badal, and NAP leader Advocate Ismail Hossain were

announced the electoral and caretaker government reforms proposals to ensure free and fair elections. The proposals include appointment of the chief advisor and other advisors of the caretaker government, and chief election commissioner and other commissioners on con-

Meanwhile, Bikalpa Dhaka Bangladesh (BDB) and Jatiya Oikya Mancha will announce electoral and caretaker government reforms proposals this week from a joint press conference, says a press

# Killing spree in 'crossfire'

But soon after a number of people with no criminal records fell victims to the 'crossfire', panic had started to pervade cross sections of the

society The law enforcers, however, have been relentless in their attempts to show the innocent victims of crossfire as criminals by coming up with false criminal records against them. But investigations by newspapers have nullified the claims by the law enforcers while corroborated those of the victims' families.

Law enforcers beat up some people at their offices and later gunned them down outside, describing the deaths as results of 'crossfire'. But it all reminded the people of the death of Independent University student Rubel at Detective Branch office in 1998. The idea that anyone may fall victim to such incidents began to creep into the consciousness of the people.

The government had constituted special forces -- Rat, Rab, Cobra, and Cheetah -- one after another to contain rampant crimes. Besides, with the inception of those forces. the government had tried to give people the impression that even stringent laws like Speedy Trial Act have failed to yield expected results.

But experts and rights bodies decried the launches of the forces as temporary solution and demanded for a permanent one.

With crimes spiralling out of control, the government launched army-led Operation Clean Heart on October 17 and limited success of the drive gave the government reasons to boast about the law and order for some time.

To sustain the success, Rapid Action Team (Rat) comprising the policemen with para-commando training from the army was launched on January 25, 2003. As Rat failed to bring tangible results, army personnel were included in the team

suffering from acute scarcity of food

Meanwhile, Dharla

their danger marks at various

points, Water Development Board

The Karotoa also crossed the

Netrokona, Sherpur and

Mymenshingh districts that has

witnessed flash floods is now

and drinking water, and sanitation

has reached the flood victims.

(WDB) sources said.

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and the force was renamed Rab (Rapid Action Battalion) on April 14

last year. Besides, the government had launched a special drive with different agencies of the police in every ward of the capital and another drive styled Operation Spider Web in the southwestern region in 2003 to net criminals. But both the drives were considered to have been largely ineffective.

The government formed Cobra in June, 2004, with members from Detective Branch (DB), Criminal Investigation Department (CID) Special Branch (SB), and Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) to work in the capital.

In yet another such move, Cheetah, consisting of DB men, hit the road on September 24 last year. As the Rab started actions in the

name of 'crossfire' immediately after going into full-fledged operation in June, 2004, the police also sprang to similar actions. In a few months, they surpassed the Rab in 'dealing with criminals'. The government earlier had

given the army personnel indemnity from prosecution for killing 54 people during Operation Clean Heart, but no such measures has yet been adopted for the law enforcers responsible for the deaths of 378 people in 'crossfire', 'shootout' and 'encounter'.

While heart attack was cited wholesale as causes of death during Clean Heart, the law enforcers these days trot out the same old story of 'crossfire' where the victims get arrested and killed either in 'crossfire' or 'encounter' or 'shootout' during operations for recovering illegal firearms at deserted places. mostly in the small hours.

The police and Rab authorities send to newspaper offices the same press releases containing the same old story, with only names of the victims and recovered firearms

Flooding in 35 upazilas worsens

districts and paralysed daily life, our

In Barisal district, parts of Salta-

Barisal correspondent reports.

The releases keep claiming that the victims had got shot and died while trying to flee during a gunfight between the law enforcers and the arrestees' accomplices.

As the donors and international rights bodies press the government to stop extra-judicial killings, the government decided to blanket the killings with legal covers and announced that executive enquiries would be carried out into all the deaths during police and Rab oper-

But the Police Regulations of Bengal, which say firearms should not be used other than in emergency situations, oblige the authori-

parties termed those enquiries mere

enquiry involving the judiciary and professional bodies, saying that executive probes into the extrajudicial killings are bound to be partial since the law enforcers are carrying out the acts with the goahead from the government.

For a permanent solution to mony by the witnesses.

## 15 suicide bombers

Iraq wing has declared is a new campaign to seize control of Baghdad. By far the worst incident was the blast near a Shia mosque which

caused devastation in the mixed Sunni and Shia town, in the centre of a violent area dubbed by US forces the "triangle of death.' A suicide bomber blew up a fuel truck near a crowded vegetable market outside the mosque. In addi-

tion to the 98 killed, hospital sources said 75 wounded were being treated. including 19 in a serious condition. "This is a black day in the history of the town," Musayyib police chief Yas

Khudayrsaid. "After the bomb I went over there and found my son's head. I could not find his body," said Mohsen Jassim of

nis 18-year-old son. On Sunday, angry crowds railed against the authorities outside buildngs gutted by flame, while bulldozers swept aside the burned-out wreckage

"The police banned trucks from entering Musayyib, yet they let in a fuel tanker. This is crime! The police are all agents (of the insurgency)," shouted

At a tense session in parliament politicians assailed the government for failing to maintain security and called for local militia to be formed to replace

failed police and soldiers. The plans of the interior and defence ministries to impose security in Iraq have failed to stop the terrorists. We need to bring back popular mili-

tias," senior parliamentarian Khudair al-Khuzai told the chamber. al-Qaeda in Iraq, which has urged hundreds of suicide bombers from across the Arab world to come to Iraq to wage holy war, has claimed responsibility for the latest bombing campaign and said more violence would follow, although it did not explicitly claim the Musayyib attack.

"The operation is continuing as planned and we warn the enemies of God of more to come. We ask our Muslim brothers around the world to pray for God to grant us victory," said an al-Qaeda Internet statement on Saturday.

Sunday began with three more suicide car bombs in the capital, police sources said. One attack, at a police checkpoint in the east of the city, killed three and wounded 14. The second, at a checkpoint in the south, killed one and wounded three. The third, near the former election commission headquarters, killed three and wounded

al-Qaeda had claimed responsibility for two attacks by late morning. Iraq has often experienced several

## 5 Bangla Bhai men

FROM PAGE 16 disclosing his name," said Aslam Iqbal, officer-in-charge of Boalia

Police Station. The arrestees demanded Tk 4 lakh from him a week ago, identifying themselves as operators of Bangla Bhai, but agreed to take Tk

1.5 lakh after negotiations. Rubel collected the money in a polythene bag from the businessman in front of General Post Office.

Police followed the boy and arrested the extortionists when he was handing the money over to them in Dar Kharbona

government took power in April. But US generals have said the situation was improving, with just six suicide car bombs countrywide last week, the fewest in nearly three months.

The sudden upsurge began on Friday, when 11 suicide car bombers struck US and Iraqi military targets throughout the capital and

on the highway heading south. Those attacks killed more than 32 people and wounded more than 100. On Saturday, apart from the Musayyib blast, strikes throughout Iraq killed at least 16 people, includng three British soldiers in Amara in the south and one American soldier

near Kirkuk in the north. In Baghdad, tense Iraqi police officers -- frequently the target of suicide bombers -- have manned extra police checkpoints throughout

Friday's and Saturday's bombings followed a thwarted triple suicide attack at a gate to Baghdad's fortified Green Zone government compound on hursday. A suicide car bomb on Wednesday near a US patrol killed 27 people, mostly children.

The US military has described the bombers as akin to "precisionquided" weapons and has made tackling them, and tracking down where the bombs are made, a top

## JS body

FROM PAGE 16 the meeting that the arms and ammuni-

tion were shipped from Hong Kong and that more weapons were added to the consignment in Singapore before being brought to Bangladesh. "We want to know about the security

measures taken to prevent such arms smuggling in future," Shawkat told reporters after the meeting held at the tiya Sangsad Bhaban. Committee Chairman Mahbubur

Rahman told the reporters that they will

discuss the matter at an upcoming meeting. "But we are not optimistic about how much we will be able to discuss due to shortage of time," he The meeting also blamed the Directorate of Military Land and

Cantonments for failure in recovering armed forces' land from illegal occu-Members of the committee observed that the right of the armed

forces on their own land could not be established due to mismanagement. irresponsibility and negligence of the Referring to the 100.26 acres of land

Dhalamkot and Jowar Sahara, the members said the armed forces paid the money for acquiring the land and later the verdict of the cases also came in favour of them.

However, the directorate instead of establishing its right on the land went for negotiations and the people, who had already been paid, claimed 40 acres of land for them, the committee members

"The payment had been made, the verdict was in favour of the armed forces. There was no necessity to go for discussion with the people who had received the payment," Mahbub, also former army chief, said.

Khan's name cropped up during ar

investigation into an alleged bomb plot

on a London target in 2004, but secu-

rity services decided not to put him

under watch, the paper reported

quoting an unnamed senior govern-

immediate comment.

Investigators are linking the

\_ondon bombings to Osama bin

Laden's al-Qaeda network, which

carried out the September 11 attacks

in the United States in 2001 as well as

the Madrid commuter train bombings

Saturday branded the Islamic extrem-

ism of al-Qaeda and similar groups an

"evil ideology".

"It is not a clash of civilisations -- all

civilised people, Muslim or other, feel

"But it is a global struggle, and it is a battle of ideas, hearts and minds, both

Blair strongly rejected the notion

But in a significant break with

that the London bombings were a

response to his decision to take Britain

Labour Party ranks, former govern-

ment minister Clare Short said in an

interview to be broadcast Sunday she

had "no doubt" there was a connec-

evulsion at it," he said in a speech.

within Islam and outside it," he said.

Prime Minister Tony Blair on

in March 2004.

nto the Iraq war.

The Home Office in London had no

# UK readies new laws

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Europe sought to distinguish between Islam and terrorism, arguing for their some Muslim intellectuals have

As the massive police investigation nto the blast spread further across the globe, most British Sunday newspapers splashed the first image yet seen of the four bombers together across

Luton station, north of London, it shows Hasib Hussain, 18, Shahzad Tanweer, 22, Mohammed Sidique Khan, 30 and Germaine Lindsay, 19, toting large rucksacks as they prepared to take a train to the capital on the morning of July 7.

"Together, the four bombers," read the Mail on Sunday headline next to the grainy picture.

London's Metropolitan Police released the photo in the hope of jogging the memory of potential witnesses as part of an inquiry which has now stretched to four continents. Police have warned of possible

Tayyip Erdogan condemned the blast at Kusadasi – particularly popular with British tourists – as a "terrorist attack", without blaming a specific group.

identities had already been widely reported -- as the suspected perpetrators of two of the subway blasts. Hussain and Tanweer had previously been named.

Khan, Hussain and Tanweer were Britons with family roots in Pakistan, from the Leeds area in West Yorkshire, northern England, while Lindsay, a Jamaican immigrant to Britain, lived in Aylesbury, northwest of London.

nvestigators to Pakistan and Egypt has spread to Jamaica, with British officials confirming that local officers interviewed Lindsay's father, Nigel, at the request of London police.

eigners," Sultan said, adding that a

### Pak forces FROM PAGE 16

Pakistani soldier was also killed. Five men believed to be the militants' local Meanwhile, 20 rebels including five

foreigners were killed in a joint operation by Afghan and US-led forces in south-eastern Afghanistan, officials said yesterday amid rising militant activity.

Mohammed Zahir Azimi told reporters

"The enemies launched rocket attacks on ANA bases in Spera and Lewara districts of Khost province on Thursday and Friday in which one ANA solider was killed," defence ministry spokesman General Mohammed Zahir Azimi told reporters.

forces launched an operation with coalition air support in which 20 enemy elements were killed, their bodies were left on the spot," he said.

# EU envoys meet

The EC, however, brushed aside such allegation saying there is no scope for such irregularities as polling agents of the contenders examine the boxes before the polling begins in accordance with the electoral laws.

The EC. which uses ballot boxes imported from Germany, used over 2.5 lakh ballot boxes in the last election and the number will exceed 3 lakh in the next polls, the EC officials

EU delegation assurance of considering their offer The EU ambassadors at the meeting assured the EC of extending their all-out cooperation in conduct-

CEC MA Aziz, however, gave the

and fair manner. "The European Union is ready to provide any help to the Election Commission to hold the polls free and fair," the UK ambassador told reporters after the meeting. "We offered to provide transparent ballot boxes free of cost for the usage in the next elections as we hear various allegations of stuffing ballot papers in the ballot boxes,

While talking to reporters, CEC MAAziz ruled out the EU suspicion of

Peemsterboer of the Netherlands On opposition's reform

On the 14 opposition parties' demand for electoral and caretaker government reform, the UK envoy said they think a discussion between the government and the opposition can take place both in and outside parlia-

"We prefer such discussion in parliament. But it can take place outside, too, because a detailed discussion may not take place in

The CEC also echoed the same

Asked whether the EC will initiate any step in holding such dialogues among the political parties, CEC Aziz said the EC is not certain about participation of the major political parties in an EC initiated discussion.

parties will attend the discussion, we will take steps," he said. "Everybody expects both the camps will sit at the

FROM PAGE 1 had made the public announcement on May 12 requesting for Expression of Interest (EoI) as published in the daily newspapers

In order to implement the programme of economic reform and modernise the banking sector, a key component is privatisation of the Rupali Bank by divesting its government-owned shares to an interested and eligible strategic investor, the

Currently the government holds 93.26 per cent of the total issued share capital of Rupali Bank.

submitted that the impugned public announcement is ultra vires of the Station. Banking Companies Act as it prevents the participation of employees' associations of Rupali Bank in the tender for purchasing its shares.

and protection groin at different points, local people said. Erosion of the Jamuna and Dhaleshari rivers has taken a seri-

The EC expressed its lack of interest to introduce such ballot boxes in the next polls. Senior officials of the EC secretariat said it is not possible to introduce new ballot boxes due to the huge number of

ing the next parliamentary elections, which they already termed crucial for Bangladesh's democracy, in a free

he added.

irregularities during elections, saying, .the poling agents of the contenders examine the ballot boxes prior to beginning of voting." The EU delegation also included heads of missions Neils Severin Munk of Denmark, Borje

proposals

ment on the issues.

parliament," he said.

"If we are given assurance that the

HC stays

on May 14. public announcement had said.

Moving the petition, Dr Kamal Hossain, counsel for the petitioners.

> and a half kms east to the lone firing range of the Bangladesh Army at

CEC said.

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### ties to conduct a full executive enquiry to justify the use of firearms. Heads of police and Rab said that the executive enquiries so far

did not find fault on the part of any of their members for any of the deaths in crossfire while rights bodies, legal experts, civil society, and opposition

They demanded an independent

arrest declining law and order. experts suggest bringing reforms in the police, raising their morale, keeping the judiciary above politicisation and influence from the executive, strengthening the lower courts, ending political patronisation of the criminals, ensuring justice in the trial of the criminals and testi-

Gaibandha district have been submerged with sudden rise water level in all the rivers, our Gaibandha correspondent reports.

Fresh cracks developed at

Kholabari, Goderhat and Kuthipara along the town protection embank-Water level of the Jamuna is flowing above the danger level reports our Bogra correspondent

referring to the water board Gushing water is posing threat to the Jamuna embankment at Titparol, Chandonbaila, Sheorabari of Sariakandi and Dhunot upazilas

ous turn, reports our Tangail corre-

At least 10,000 people who have rendered homeless due to the erosion have taken shelter on different flood control embankments and are passing their days

under the open sky in utter misery. EC wants

repeal the previous one in the run-up to the 2001 parliamentary polls, sources at the EC said. Sources close to the CEC said he

had approved it by promulgating an

ordinance. However, a month later, he

the elections in free and fair manner. EC secretariat officials said the candidature of a candidate should be declared null and void if he or she is found guilty of repeatedly violating the electoral rules. But in absence of necessary legal authority, the EC cannot take stern actions against the candidates for breaching the electoral rules. Electoral enquiry committee, which is formed to act to prevent violation of electoral rules during electioneering in parliamentary polls, can do nothing more than slapping

fines, senior officials said. Asked about the opposition agenda for reforms in electoral and caretaker government systems, the CEC said many of the proposed reforms are acceptable. "We will review all the proposals [reforms] and then take decision," he said. "Everything however depends on the politicians, they have to decide on the issues," he observed

**VOTER LIST WITH PICTURES** The EC is considering introducing voter lists with voters' pictures at the divisional headquarters level. "We are just discussing the possi-

bility, and yet to take any decision," the

The EC has yet to decide whether to prepare a new voter list or update 3 killed

filed with the Hathazari Police Mirerkhil is situated some one

dition of Sayeed was stated to be critical, sources said. An Unnatural Death case was

community's increased integration. mentioned their feeling of responsibilreform proposals by the EC and the then president Shahabuddin Ahmad

their front pages. promulgated another ordinance to Taken from the security camera at wants the provision back again to hold

further attacks, and on Saturday a British woman was among five people killed when a bomb destroyed a minibus in the Turkish seaside resort. Turkish Prime Minister Recep

On Saturday, police formally named Khan and Lindsay - whose

A probe which has already taken

Meanwhile, Israeli newspaper Maariv claimed Sunday that Khan had gone to Israel two years ago to help plan a suicide attack in Tel Aviv, in which a young British Muslim killed three people when he blew himself up According to a report in Britain's

Sunday Times newspaper, the country's domestic intelligence agency MI5 opened a file on Khan last year but closed it after ruling that he posed no

# helpers were arrested.

The rebels including three Chechens and two Uzbeks were killed after firing rockets at Afghan National Army bases in the Spera and Lewara districts of Khost province, defence ministry spokesman General

"In response, Afghan and coalition

lawyers, experts and professionals,"

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a clean heart. the appeal of which is vet to be dis-

If a person publishes an article or contempt of court.

Monir's family " Halima recounts the trials of her daughter. "Her in-laws then sent her to jail for three months in a false case, handed her over to police calling her a prostitute, sent her to a shelter home for the

destitute and physically tortured her if

After Camelia's death, her brother-

she contacted me," she goes on.

in-law Shahriar alias Khokon filed a case of unnatural death (UD) with Mirpur Police Station, but he or any one else of his family never went to receive the body that resulted in her burial unnamed, unidentified. "I'll find out the body of my daughter. I'll file case and plead to court for a

fresh autopsy, if the last one has

reported it as a suicide." Halima said

on Saturday with a vengeance, as she

fears her in-laws might have bribed or

Mirpur police said they were vet to

In three separate petitions, she

also accused them of destroying

evidence of the crime and sought cour

order to exhume Camelia's body and

to re-conduct the autopsy.

PM opens

otherwise influenced the report.

get the post-mortem report. Tru her words, Halima yesterday filed a murder case with the Court of Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Dhaka against four in-laws of Camelia and her husband Monir.

The court fixed the date of hearing on the petition for exhumation today and ordered Mirpur police to merge the other petitions with the UD case.

wholehearted cooperation. The prime minister unveiled the plaque of gas supply at Silimpur in the town and pressed a switch to ignite the gas into flames Addressing the inaugural func-

tion, she said Bangladesh would

have to be self-reliant in exploring

and extracting newfound national

resources like gas. The country has to pay a big share of its gas as it still has to depend on foreigners for exploring and striking the underground resources.

"Moreover, we have to undergo

tions." the premier told her audi-Khaleda said no-one could stake claim to the precious mineral resources of Bangladesh, and much several difficulties could be averted if the country had that

Initially, only 561 subscribers -

541 domestic consumers, 19 gov-

expertise.

she added.

various problems and complica-

ernment organisations and one commercial user -- have got gas connection in the district. Natural gas was discovered 50 years ago and it took as much time to reach Bogra, the prime minister said. Half a century has elapsed due to a lack of peace, stability and

continuity of development process,

nomically to check wastage considering the value and utility of the national resource. Khaleda expressed the hope supply of gas will open up new avenues of economic development in the underdeveloped northern

The function was addressed,

among others, by Energy Adviser

Mahmudur Rahman and Whip and

Bogra District Minister in-charge

She urged all to use gas eco-

## Tk 64 lakh

Rezaul Bari Dina

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at 11:00pm, the customs officials asked the Dubai-bound passenger of flight No. BG-005 about the foreign currency he was carrying As his answers did not satisfy the customs officials, they informed

their superior officials and brought

him to the customs hall, said a customs press release yesterday. Later, they collected his luggage and found 3,99,500 Saudi riyal worth Tk 63.92.000. The customs seized the money under the Customs Act for smuggling and money laundering, and

handed it over to the airport store-

24-hour strike FROM PAGE 16

Journalists and newspaper workers

The programme was announced

Speakers at the rally condemned

Earlier, journalists and workers

dents and general secretaries of press union and employees' unions will be held on July 30 to make the

ACC headed by Commissioner Prof Maniruzzaman Miah took the deci-As part of a campaign against

danger mark in Gaibandha. The flood control embankments at 47 points in Rangpur, Kurigram, Lalmonirhat. Gaibandha. Nilphamari, Bogra and Sirajganj districts are now threatened by erosion of the major rivers, reports BSS quoting WDB officials. The overall situation in

spondent reports. Continuous heavy downpour for four days has created water logging and flash floods in different areas of Barisal, Patuakhali and Barguna

This is a major development in the

The meeting held at the AL's

present at the meeting. On Friday, the AL, 11-party alliance, JSD and the National Awami Party (NAP) jointly

> Matsson of Sweden, Jacques Andre Costilhes of France, Deitrich Andreas of Germany Esko Kentrschynskyj of EU, Pietro Ballero of Italy, CSM

### problems while little government aid Bagda embankment in different areas of Uzirpur and Agailjhara upazilas have been washed away. Bridge Bazar, Narayanpur, Brahmaputra and Jamuna and High tide flowing on the down-Gaghot rivers are flowing above stream of the Meghna and its

branches has over-flooded the river

banks and is washing away shoals

Water logging has gripped most

Newly transplanted Aman crops

on about 50,000 acres have gone

under water and fish worth cores of

taka have been washed away in

seven affected upazilas of the

sures and over 5,000 ponds in the

seven upazilas have been flooded,

Patuakhali district fishery officials

Sadar, Amtali, Taltali, and

Patharghata upazilas have been

marooned and about 100 farms in

Fresh areas of five upazilas in

these areas have been flooded.

At least 20,000

Twelve hundred shrimp enclo-

in different areas.

district.

of the Patuakhali town.