Rebellion sees change

taken to the Prime Minister's Office in the afternoon where he met the PM and other leaders. Later, the party announced the change in the nomination, replacing Sirajul with Zafar without a parliamentary board meeting.

Sources said the BNP chairperson, Standing Committee Member KM Obaidur Rahman, PM's Political Secretary Harris Chowdhury and district BNP leaders talked to both Zafar and Sirajul before picking Zafar for the bypolls, cancelling Sirajul's ticket.

The prime minister and BNP chairperson asked Sirajul to withdraw his candidature from the race for the greater interest of the party. The last date for withdrawal of the nomination is August 14 while voting is slated for August 30.

Sources said after meeting the prime minister, KM Obaid held a meeting with Sirajul and Zafar at his (Obaid) residence in the capital. After the hour-long meeting, Sirajul and Zafar shook hands in front of journalists and posed for photographs

"Kazi Siraiul Islam has accepted the party decision and he will remain loyal to BNP," KM Obaid told reporters. "For the last few days, we were trying to resolve the conflict and finally we have succeeded to keep unity in the party," he said.

Giving his reaction, Sirajul, who had been picked by BNP Parliamentary Board last week, said, "I have agreed to withdraw the nomination paper for greater interest of the party...Nobody will win if both of us contest the polls and it would be a defeat for BNP."

Sources said the prime minister had told Siraiul that it would be very difficult for him to win the election against Zafar who has a huge number of supporters.

The Faridpur-1 parliamentary seat fell vacant on June 4 as per article 70 of the Constitution after Siraiul. who was an Awami League

Aklima finally released on bail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Aklima Akter, a 12-year-old maid who was accused of theft and confined along with adult prisoners, was released on bail from the Dhaka Central Jail on Tuesday.

She was sent to jail following a criminal case filed by her employer

Barrister Rehan Husain and his associates took up the case of Aklima following a report published in The Daily Star on August 3, stating that the minor girl was tortured by her employer and then sent to jail in a theft case

Shafigul Islam, first class magistrate of Dhaka, on Monday granted the bail petition filed by the lawyers. She was released from jail at about 12:30pm the following day, says a press release signed by Barrister

Rehan Husain yesterday. Aklima came from a poor family of Mymensingh to work as maid at a businessman's house in West Dhanmondi in the capital a few

months back. When the employers found some documents, cash and a mobile set missing on July 13, they tortured Aklima. As she denied, the employers forced her to confess the crime Finally, they handed her over to the Mohammadpur police and lodged a criminal case, the press release

Barrister Rehan Husain was assisted by advocates Ashraful Islam and Shafigul Islam, barristers Hassan, Moshiur Rahman and

MP from the constituency, joined

BNP by crossing floor. On August 4, the BNP Parliamentary Board nominated Sirajul as the four-party alliance candidate after interviewing six aspirants including Zafar.

The decision sparked resentment among party activists as the supporters of Zafar, who fought the last general election as the alliance candidate, vowed to resist Sirajul. Workers of opposition AL which is boycotting the polls, also started campaign against Sirajul.

"The BNP high-command took the right decision by giving me the party ticket," Zafar told reporters after the meeting. "I am determined to win the election.

A correspondent from Faridpur reports: The supporters of Zafar were in a jubilant mood in the constituency (Boalmari-Alfadanga) as they came to know that Zafar has got the nomination. They brought out processions and chanted slogans against Sirajul.

On the other hand, the supporters of Sirajul left the area. Seven candidates including Zafar and Sirajul submitted their

nomination papers for the byelections Sirajul as a candidate of Awami League won the 2001 election securing 126.858 votes while his nearest contestant Zafar, the

candidate of BNP-led alliance, got 119.912 votes. Since joining BNP, Sirajul faced stiff resistance from Awami League leaders and workers in Boalmari and Alfadanga. His motorcade came under attack last month when he was going to Faridour for the first time after changing party.

Injured ICS member Rezaul Karim claimed in his case that the seat belonged to them and JCD men beat them up as they protested disturbance at the hostel. 70 vessels fined

Chittagong Port and its outer anchor-

age in the last nine days and fined

them Tk 7 lakh on various charges including tax evasion, illegal opera-

The ships include three foreign

vessels -- MV Jin Shan and MV

Saloos of Panama and MV Blue Sea

Chittagong Port Magistrate M Munir Chowdhury led the drive with

the help of police and held the vessels

for tax evasion, carrying goods beyond their capacity, environmental

pollution and violation of maritime

the 300. Hag said, "As members of

the finance committee, we've

worked closely with the finance

minister for a long time. That's why

we've requested him for this special

he directed the planning ministry

officials present at the meeting to

take note of the demands the MPs

made, adding if the projects are

found viable they would approve

Explaining the PIC idea,

Mushfigur Rahman said 50 percent

of the development projects, like

road construction or irrigation

facilities, implemented through

tenders are not done properly. But, if

they are done through the PIC, the

funds would be properly used and

"The finance minister has agreed

corruption would be less.

to our proposal," he claimed

Talking to the press Saifur said

tions and environment pollution.

CU CORRESPONDENT

of South Korea.

Members

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allocation."

Around 20 rooms belonging to both the groups were vandalised during the clash. The institute was declared closed for an indefinite at Ctg port period and the students were asked to leave the hostels.

Fake lawyer of 15yr held

RAJSHAHI HEALTH INSTT

No action taken

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Raishah

The Institute of Health Technology

(IHT) authorities are yet to take any

action for Tuesday's clash between

Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) and

Islami Chhatra Shibir (ICS) activists

that left some 50 students injured

and forced the closure of the insti-

to investigate the incident, nor did

they attempt to find out the persons

responsible for the violence. The

to take the case seriously as both

the feuding groups belong to the

ruling alliance. We are waiting if they

reach a consensus," said a senior

teacher of the institute, seeking not

Dr Abdur Rahman denied the alle-

gations and said they would form a

probe committee within two weeks

and the authorities would consider

any legal action after receiving the

Rahman visited the injured students at Rajshahi Medical

College Hospital after he returned

Meanwhile, JCD and ICS filed

JCD's IHT Unit President

Shahidul Islam filed a case accusing

20 people including five ICS leaders

in his case. He alleged that ICS men

Mehdi Hasan and Monimul Islam

were forcibly staying at room 312

and they hired outsiders to beat up

from Dhaka in early hours vester-

two separate cases against each

When contacted, IHT Principal

to be named.

probe report.

"The administration is not eager

police are yet to arrest any one.

They did not form any committee

for violence

by JCD-Shibir

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A fake advocate was arrested yesterday after practicing as a lawyer at the District Judge's Court, Dhaka for 15 years.

Mohammad Abdur Rashid, son of Kazimuddin of Srirampur in Dhamrai in Dhaka, was picked up by the Brokers' Eviction Committee of Dhaka Bar Association (DBA).

The committee, led by Assistant General Secretary Shamima Akhter Shammee, challenged Rashid when he was making submissions on a criminal case in an advocate's

But Rashid failed to give satisfactory answers or show his identity card, which all advocates are required to carry.

Committee members immediately took him into their custody and turned him in to police. They also filed a cheating case against him.

Rashid told reporters he had been practicing since 1990 without having the required degree by using another lawyer's membership

Cop sent to jail for Tk 6cr seized druas

STAFF CORRESPONDENT,

A policeman was arrested vesterday on charges of embezzling seized drugs and other evidence worth about Tk 6 crore.

The Court of Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Rajshahi sent Mahbubur Rahman, a messenger of the metropolitan court police, to jail. The court also issued a warrant of arrest against prime accused Subinspector Manik Uddin Talukder.

Earlier, the current SI of the court, Tamij Uddin Tamij, had filed a case with Rajpara Police Station against Manik and Mahbubur after a primary investigation into the matter.

They embezzled evidence including heroin, phensidyl and other seized items from 40 cases in the last one year. Tamii said.

The stolen items were stored at the court police storehouse between May 15 and October 20 last year, he

Nafees dropped

FROM PAGE 16 who will join the Test squad after the one-day series.

Experienced right-arm paceman Tapash Baisya has also been excluded from the one-day side on fitness ground. The Sylhet seamer, who had been complained of an onan-off pain on his right heel during Bangladesh's tour in England, is yet to fully recover. The selectors however kept him in the Test squad

subject to his fitness. The Board, as it has always been the case, included a fresh face in the 15-man team. The new entrant this time is left-arm paceman Syed Russel, who is now touring with Bangladesh A team in England.

3 feuding Sylhet MPs

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have accepted their apology," the finance minister said in a lenient

and we will have to sit again to remove this gap," he observed.

Members of the Standing

Committee on the Finance Ministry, who met the finance minister yesterday, also expressed concerns over the feud. "Saifur Rahman is not just an MP

of Sylhet, he is the finance minister of the country and well known in the international arena. This feud has not only damaged BNP's image but also that of the country," they observed.

Mokbul Hossain MP uttered some comments hitting the finance minister and his son Nasser Rahman MP at a rally in Beanibazar upazila on July 24 this year.

Chowdhury, who is believed to be the most trusted man to the finance minister also attributed much to make a different atmosphere in the

region's politics.

Besides, the allegations that ruling party lawmaker Shafi Ahmed Chowdhury made in the parliament against the finance minister's APS Abdul Quaiyum Chowdhury, who is also the central Jubo Dal vicepresident, added to the uneasy

tion, the finance minister intervened that led to the suspension of the activities of the BNP's Sylhet district

committee on July 27. In late last year BNP Joint Secretary General Tarique Rahman

formed the convening committee of the Sylhet district unit with Ilias Ali MP as the convener. But that committee met serious

opposition from the pro-Saifur local RNP sources now hint that a fresh committee of Sylhet BNP may

be formed soon through a compromise formula with Ilias remaining the head while a pro-Saifur man as

OC beats up

FROM PAGE 16 two rival Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) groups at the station

The OC, in a bid to control the situation, chased the feuding BCL groups and forcibly picked some of them on a police van. At one stage, he pushed Jewel on the ground and later slapped him.

When Jewel gave his identity and asked why the OC attacked him, the OC become more enraged and said. "He (Jewel) would have been treated more rudely if his identity could have been known beforehand.

Witnesses said the OC was drunk at the time. When contacted over the phone in

the evening, OC Mahfuz said it was an accident out of misunderstanding and denied misbehaving with Jewel after knowing his identity. "Rather, I hugged him (Jewel) and

regretted my mistake," the OC said.
The CUJA protest programmes also include the submission of memorandum to the Vice Chancellor on Saturday and to the District Police

Regional Maoists

11-day long 4th meeting of CCOMPOSA somewhere along the Bangladeshi frontier with India by December this year. Some 50 delegates around South Asia are likely to attend, shaping future

The 17-day long third meeting was held somewhere in Jharkhand in India last vear

The CCOMPOSA is a combine of left-wing extremist organisations in four South Asian countries --Bangladesh, India, Nepal and Sri The PBCP has been reorganiz-

ing in the northwestern region for what they termed, 'avenging statesponsored atrocities on people so far' by law enforcing agencies and Bangla Bhai's Jagrata Muslim Janata Bangladesh.

As part of this, they recently trained 35 cadres from Bhutan in bomb techniques and guerrilla warfare using sophisticated arms, including AK-47s. Indian separatist

the occasion of the 33rd death anniversary of Naxalite movement founder Charu Majumder, called for an 'Extension of the existing drive of eliminating class enemies to attacks on state machineries'.

The PBCP men are frequently visiting areas and collecting money according to sources. "The PBCP

Mastar Da and Rakesh Kamal have now been leading the largest Red Flag faction since its split from the Mofakkhar Chowdhury group in the mid 90s.

Dr Rafikul Islam, also known as Tutul Daktar and Alam, Bikash Ranjan, Tara Pada Roy, Atul Biswas Titas, Fazel, Ratan, Titas, Tara and Abu Sayeed Maker are accompanying him.

leaders, businessmen and landlords in a span of ten years. They have been hiding since the anti-outlaw operations by JMJB beginning in . April last year.

enforcing agencies, which never proved sincere", said Rafigul Islam, a resident of Taherpur in Bagmara. The law enforcing agencies here.

closely monitoring the situation.

Cops raid office

Police Station earlier this week Charges were framed against them

the government's works, plundering power plant equipment, illegal gathering of more than five people at the power plant site, sabotaging the power plant and committing

The maximum penalty for these charges is capital punishment.

the late 1990s, but due to his close connections with the ruling parties no action was previously taken

"We have raided Captain Reza's office at the Sena Kalvan Sangstha today," said Sub-Inspector Mahbubur Rahman, also the investigation officer of the case. "We did not find any of them. But we will continue the raid."

Meanwhile, a source close to Captain Reza told The Daily Star that Reza and most of his cohorts fled to Singapore soon after Thursday's clash at the Mymensingh plant site. "There is still one of the LIPPS directors in Dhaka who has more than a crore taka in cash. His job is to try to tackle the situation," the source said.

Captain Reza's political backing in the "alternative powerhouse" of the government has also withdrawn support because "the prime minister herself became angry at the audacity of Captain Reza, who has been systematically trying to take over the RPCL by illegally off-loading the government shares there,"

A good number of RPCL and REB officials, who received benefits of different kinds from Captain Reza, including gifts like apartments, are now maintaining a low

Following the Thursday incident, the RPCL board unanimously decided to cancel the contract with LIPPS following a "legal scrutiny" However, a well-placed REB official who has reportedly received Tk 30 lakh in bribes from Captain Reza beforehand, is now trying to slow down this process, insider sources

There is no need for any legal scrutiny. The parent organisation, Lahmayer of Germany, no longer

has also bought the RPCL shares of LIPPS illegally. So, there is no stakeholder here to consider--it's entirely Captain Reza's property and the RPCL can cancel the contract right away," said a RPCL

Captain Reza and his companies have been keeping RPCL hostage for a long time, draining out millions of dollars by manipulating power plant tenders, sub-contracts, connance contracts

A few months back they tried to off-load the government share of RPCL and kicked out government representation there. The government, which remained aloof before that time, decided to take steps and restored the government shares. After that the intelligence agencies

started dogging Captain Reza. Last week, the REB-RPCL officials were visiting the plant site to tion against Sky Engineers, a subcontractor for the underconstruction third phase 70 MW power plant. But LIPPS people resisted their entry, gathered hundreds of people and threatened the officials against any attempts of entry there. To tackle the situation. REB-RPCL officials had to contact the Prime Minister's Office before gathering police reinforcement and

chief of LIPPS, while the third phase plant is being built by German company Seimens, which is also represented in Bangladesh by the chief of LIPPS. This contract was awarded without any negotiation and LIPPS facilitated the deal as consultant

failed to save his own market." said companies Alsthom and Siemens, which built both the existing two units of the Mymensingh plants-which were very costly. Plus his company, LIPPS, remained as the consultant for the RPCL all along. Last year, RPCL lost a German

grant of 45 million euro dues to the corrupt role of LIPPS, which was exposed by The Daily Star. Allegations of corruption against Development Bank and German donor KfW in the past.

influence over RPCL to resist an auditing by the German government. The German government's chief of LIPPS illegally remains present at RPCL board meetings and there are many irregularities in

Assam rebels blow up rail track

AFP. Guwahati

Separatist rebels blew up a railway track in restive Assam state yesterday, cutting rail links between the remote northeastern region and the rest of India, police said.

Rebels also blew up a gas pipe-line and attacked three power facilities overnight, a police spokes-

They routinely step up attacks before India's August 15 Independence Day. This year there had been about two dozen attacks. since the weekend, officials said, including one which killed four people and wounded nine in a market Wednesday's blast at Tihu, about

70km outside Assam's main city of Guwahati, damaged a "vital section of rail track", police said. This disrupted train services

between the rest of India and the northeast, a railway spokesman said.
"Repairs have begun but the

complete restoration of the tracks is expected to take at least 24 hours," he said. On Tuesday two policemen were

seriously injured when suspected militants attacked a road patrol outside the Nalbari police station in the west of the state.

Militants also blew up a stateowned Oil India Limited gas pipeline in eastern Tinsukia district and damaged three power transformers in separate attacks, police said.

There have been about two dozen explosions targeting inno-cent civilians, vital installations, and security forces since Saturday,' Assam Chief Minister Tarun Gogo

Police blame the attacks on the outlawed United Liberation Front of Asom, a rebel group fighting for an independent Assamese homeland since 1979. More than 10,000 people have lost their lives to insurgency in the past two decades.

About two dozen rebel groups in India's oil-rich northeast are fighting for secession and routinely boycott Independence Day, which marks India's independence from Britain, as a "black day".

Pm's Dais

9 decorators handed over to India

The nine Indians, who were arrested while making the podium for Prime Minister Khaleda Zia's meeting at Laksam Stadium, were yesterday handed over to Indian authorities

Official sources said the trespassers were sent back to India through Bibirbazar border checkpost in Comilla Sadar upazila at 10:00am

Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) Bibirbazar border outpost Subedar Abdul Hye and OC (Watch) Lutfur Rahman were present from Bangladesh side while Sonamura sub-division (Tripura) SDPO Sanjoy Roy, Deputy Collector and Magistrate Sudhangsu Sarker and the BSF Srimantapur Company Commandant BP Singh from the

The deported Indian nationals are Dulal Sutradhar, 25, Haricharan Debnath, 22, Kalipada Saha, 35, Dilip Das, 40, Goutam Bhoumick, 35, Anu Dev, 20, Dipen Dey, 22, Mahadev Ghosh, 31, and Khokon Das. 40. Special Security Force (SSF)

personnel held the nine Indians on March 11 this year while they were putting up the stage for the prime minister's scheduled public meet-Later, the meeting of the prime

minister was cancelled for security concerns. The Indians were report edly "hired" to make the podium.

Meanwhile, a magistrate court fined the nine Tk 200 each and sentenced them to seven days imprisonment in June for their illegal entry into Bangladesh.

They were handed over to Indian authorities following a home ministry order on expiry of their

75 houses

FROM PAGE 1 knock down the rest of the illegal structures," a BIWTA official said

asking not to be named. The BIWTA team did not face resistance during the drive, but a large number of police was on hand

to foil any such move. Locals alleged they were not given enough time to shift or remove the structures from the bank. 'We were certain that our houses

would not be demolished as the drive was supposed to be conducted here on Monday." Rahmat Ali said. "How we can stop the drive when our ward commissioner Dipjal has

Zakir Hossain. BNP Ward Commissioner and film actor Monwar Hossain Dipjal had assured them of protecting their houses, he added, "I had nothing to do but witness that a two-storey building of my brother was knocked

down," he aggrieved. Another inhabitant of Sinnirtek claimed at least 2,000 houses and shops have to be demolished if the BIWTA plans to completely clear the

area from Sinnirtek to Diabari. Earlier, the BIWTA demolished over 50 illegal establishments on the first day of the drive on Monday

BIWTA sources said they have

Desa grilled over graft

body to submit its report in a month.
"We will go for action after receiving the recommendations from the parliamentary body," State Minister for Power Igbal Hasan Mahmud told reporters after the meeting held at the

The government decided last July to convert the state-run Desa into a company for making the powersupply system in Dhaka more stable and effective. The decision was taken as part of the ongoing process of reforms in the power sector--a move largely prompted by persuasion of the same donors to the sector who had earlier prescribed the formation of the

trying to curb corruption in the Desa since the last two years. However, it expressed frustration as a new system called Performance Target three months ago, also failed to curb the irregularities in the organisation.

which the Desa describes as system loss, the meeting sources said.

The members of the parliamentary body discussed the condition of two Desa substations in Narayanganj where officials did not prepare bills for an average 45 lakh units of electricity the last three months despite

introduction of the new system. The documents disclosed that in Fatullah alone the Desa officials did not charge bills for 5,014,361 kwh (kilowatt hour) electricity in May and 4,952,303 kwh in June this year.

The average value of the lost electricity was Tk 16,296,673 in May and Tk 16,094,984 in June, according

tricity at Tk 2.5 to Tk 4.

The system losses of the Desa

remained almost unchanged--even increased in some areas--while the haka Electricity Supply Company reduced system losses from 46 percent to 14, observed the commit-

A senior official at the Power Development Board (PDB) said the Desa officials doubled their irregularities anticipating the possibility of

dissolving the organisation. Thus the corruption and irregularities in the Desa have eaten up about Tk 2,000 core in last ten years. At present, the Desa owes Tk 3,229 crore to the PDB while it has unpaid bills of Tk 1319 crore.

"Everyone from the top to bottom in this organisation are corrupt. We should think seriously whether the organisation should exist or turn in to a holding company," committee member and ruling BNP lawmaker Sardar Shakhawat Hossain Bakul told the reporters.

Committee Chairman Shahidul Islam told reporters at his office that the Desa officials earlier assured the committee that they had initiated steps to reduce system losses and realise the long pending bills. But instead of any improvement, the situation is deteriorating, he said. "We asked the subcommittee to

probe the irregularities and identify the officials involved in the malpractice." the committee chairman said The subcommittee was also asked to submit its report in a month, otherwise it will be dissolved." On the ongoing load-shedding

across the country, the lawmakers observed that it is not fair to reduce power supply to villages as the villagers regularly pay the electricity bills. The state minister for power however told the committee that the

situation is improving. Awami League lawmaker and committee member Syed Abul Hossain declined to comment on the

Baufal newsmen

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Muhammad joined hands with the ruling party men in intimidating the local journalists. He told their family members that the MP has ordered him to implicate them, the newsmen, in non-bailable cases. A few of the senior local journal-

set up a BNP office there. They opened the club but could stay only a short while, as BNP men shouted threats and were about to launch an attack. The press club

members fled in fright. The henchmen of Shahidul esterday noon celebrated what they dubbed a victory over journalists, assembling at the house of Madanpura Union Parishad Chairman Rafigul Islam, a close ally

Shahidul, also the upazila BNP president, yesterday flatly denied Tuesday's incident and claimed he and his party do not and never did believe in the politics of terrorism. However, he said over cellphone "It [the belief] does not mean we will

lerate everything done in the name of freedoms of press and According to reports, on Shahidul's command, a 25-strong

The abductors took Moniur to the upazila engineer's office at around

1:30pm, where Shahidul Alam beat him up brutally. Led by Aminul Islam, correspondent of daily Ittefaq and president of Baufal Press Club, local journalists

rushed to the upazila office complex to save their colleague. But BNP cadres attacked them too and The newsmen then informed the district police superintendent of the incident, but as of filing of this report last evening no case has been

lodged in this connection. Monjur meanwhile remains in hiding with other journalists. A wide range of professional and human rights organisations have condemned the barbarity and demanded punishment of the persons responsible for it. Barisal Reporters Unity and journalists union vesterday announced a protest programme against the 'repression

of journalists by ruling party cadres', Locals said MP Shahidul is an

In the past, he had assaulted Al-Mamun, local correspondent of daily Prothom Alo, Jitendranath Roy of Jugantor and Kamruzzaman Bachchu of Janakantha. He even had threatened to cut the hand of

Benapole port back

shipment yard.

FROM PAGE 16 'We received the first Indian truck at 10:30am after complete closure for last 20 days," said Abu Hannan, the custom superintendent at the trans-

that had enforced the strike visited the check posts of both the sides to observe the resumption of operation. They also talked to the officials at Petrapole on the other side of the

border and discussed about smooth

operation of export and import

They also held a meeting with the port users for accelerating the operation and clearing the stranded trucks loaded with export and import

stranded on both sides of the border due to the 20-day long shutdown, they said. Following the resumption of operation yesterday, the Benapole

customs house faced tremendous pressure and around 200 bills of entry were submitted for clearance of goods by afternoon. Port officials hope export and

collection will resume in full scale from today. "We were in hardship as there was no income for the last 20 days. We had to spend days almost starving because we do not get payment when there is no work," said Abdul

Latif, an elderly goods handling worker Many such workers, who work for very meagre amount of money for handling goods, went to their village

Meanwhile, the border became tense in the morning yesterday following assault of a Bangladeshi

Bangladeshi passport bearer Jamal Uddin for refusal to give Tk 200 as bribe, sources said, adding that Jamal ran to the Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) camp and lodged complain commander, the BSF Petrapole post commander Suresh came to the BDR post and officially apologised to BDR for the incident. Following BDR-BSF meeting, the situation

14yr-old graft

Now-defunct Bureau of Anti-Corruption (Bac) filed the case with

give any information about the case

Moudud, former chairman of BCIC and former industries secretary AKM Mosharraf Hossain and the ther deputy prime minister Dr MA Matin were accused in the case. The Bac accused them of causing

tion of money by themselves or by helping others obtain financial bene-The accused serving the then military ruler HM Ershad had changed their party, as Moudud and

Baridhara hideout under the Special Powers Act, 1974 on December 20, 1990 and shown arrested in the case

Mosharraf on July 29, 1991.

trial on September 26, 1991 and the court framed charges against Moudud and Mosharraf on March 28, 1992 On April 18, 1992, the HC stayed

On August 25, 1992, an HC

Huda's showdown

this month to strengthen the JAF committees Claiming that there is no internal feud among the JAF members, Nazmul Huda, who addressed the meeting as chief guest, said, "A group is creating conflict in the Forum to destroy it." He asked the JAF members to be united to foil a conspiracy

against the Forum and drive out those

blocked the way of JAF's victory in the

involved in the conspiracy.

Bar Council election in the past by describing half of its 25,000 lawyer voters as illiterate one day before the election. He reminded the rally that one such leader hails from Gopalganj but has never taken any stand against a leader from Gopalganj (assumed to be Sheikh Hasina) or competed

against her in any election He also asked the JAF members to work in a body to make successful the JAF convention scheduled for Expressing support for the High Court order that banned agitation on

the SC premises, Huda said, "We've

gathered here today to ensure our

stance against those who are violating the order, no matter which party they belong to. 'We will resist the violators of the order and file a contempt of court case if necessary," he said, adding that the members of Sammilito Ainjibi Samannov Parishad set fire to a copy of the court order at a grand rally which accounts to be contempt of

The court was pondering to take "contempt of court action" for this, he said. "But at the same time, the progovernment lawyers' organisation, JAF, violated the court order in the same manner by holding a grand rally on the SC premises on August 5."

Several speakers at the meeting asked Nazmul Huda to dissolve the incumbent JAF central committee

second floor of the Bar building, entered the meeting venue and welcomed Huda when he arrived. of a convening committee of JAF's SC unit, which Huda announced on August 3 dissolving the incumbent committee, chaired the meeting

Shahjada Mia addressed the meeting among others. On Tuesday, without mentioning

Mohammad Chowdhury Alal and

Helaluddin Mollah, Golam

FROM PAGE 1 Confectionery, for possessing rotten

owner of Unity beverage for provid-ing water to Asia and Meghna mineral water company. Earlier the court fined Asia and Meghna water company for packaging water without permission from the Bangladesh Standard and Testing Institute (BSTI).

The participants also chanted slogans

that no JAF committee will be a strong

youths, who had been waiting on the

Prior to the meeting, more than 100

one if Huda is kept outside.

Advocate M Shamsul Alam, head BNP's Law Secretary Advocate Joynul Abedin, BRTC Chairman Advocate Taimur Alam Khondoker, Barrister Mahbubuddin Khokon Deputy Attorney General Golam

Huda's name, the leaders of the dissolved committee asked to resist those who are creating conflict in the

jam and jelly.

sweetmeat shops Tk two thousand each in the Uttar Sajahanpur for their unhvaienic environment. They also fined Tk 25,000 to 'Price Club, a department shop, for selling products without expiry dates.

that line, he added.
"They have met me and admitted their mistakes. As a senior minister I

tone.
"The feud had created a gap among the BNP leadership in Sylhet

The trouble erupted after Syed

Comments from district BNP Convener M Ilias Ali MP against city BNP President Ariful Haque

In a bid to quell the volatile situa-

men collected money from two businessmen in Sakoa and Baroihati in Bagmara a few weeks ago," said a witness.

The group killed some 50 political

"People here are hostage to the operatives. They hardly trust law

nowever, said there was nothing to worried about as they were

source added.

holds any share of LIPPS because Captain Reza bought them off. He

sultancy and operation and mainte-

investigate an allegation of corrup-

Captain Reza represented the

The LIPPS chief asserted strong initial investigation found that the

meeting discussion.

According to sources, Baufal Police Station Officer-in-Charge Nur

ists yesterday morning did brave MP Shahidul's declaration on Tuesday to do away with Baufal Press Club and

of the MP. They slaughtered a goat and made a feast.

speech...[that] journalists will write whatever they wish and practise media-terrorism BNP cadre group led by one Rafig Talukdar picked up Monjur from his

college campus on Tuesday noon for Kamruzzaman and other reporters if reporting a looting of some 100

Called by the BDR Benapole post

Benapole C & F Agents Association

Around 6,000 trucks had been

import business as well as revenue

home during the strike and they are now coming back, he said.

passenger by Indian Border Security Force (BSF) staff. A BSF jawan mercilessly beat up

Former industries minister

Mosharraf joined the BNP and Matin the Naziur faction of Jatiya Party. Moudud was arrested from his

The case was transferred to the Special Court for Dhaka Division for

division bench in an order mentioned that the stay granted earlier would be extended until disposal of the rule

Without mentioning the name of Khondoker Mahbubuddin Ahmed MP, a leader of the other faction, Huda asked all to be aware of him as he

Urea in biscuits!

Abdul Fattah filed a case against the

The same court also fined two

Another mobile court led by

Besides, the selectors recalled leftarm spinner Abdur Razzak, who had his action under scrutiny by the ICC on his debut in the Asia Cup in Sri Lanka last vear.

rebels ULFA and KLO imparted the week-long training to over 150 operatives around South Asia. Their recent posters, put up on

under various clauses of the Special Powers Act and the Bangladesh The charges include hindering

This is the first time the government acted against a corrupt axis that has been draining out millions of dollars from the RPCL through manipulating power project deals plant operation and maintenance contracts and sub-contracts. The Daily Star had been reporting against Captain Reza's deals since

Sky Engineers is owned by the

LIPPS were raised by the Asian

along the Buriganga.

identified about 400 illegal encroachments that include semipucca houses and shops on the banks of the Buriganga and the

Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban.

Desa.
The parliamentary body has been Achievement, which was introduced

Examining the documents provided by the Desa, the parliamentary watchdog yesterday observed that the Desa officials do not charge any bills for at least 40-50 lakh units of electricity each month at its 34 substations. This causes a loss of significant amount of money each month,

to the Desa documents.

The Desa sells each unit of elec-

by BNP cadres on Monday

chased them away.

which includes a rally this morning. infamous godfather of extortionists and musclemen and often uses abusive word against media and media professionals.

maunds of Hilsha fries called Jatka they would write against him

A seven-member delegation of

when asked by journalists. They even could not say when Moudud had filed the quashment petition. Motifieel Police Station on February 24.1991

financial loss of Tk 530.23 crore to the state by misuse of power. They were also accused of misappropria-

on February 28, 1991. The investigation officer pressed charges against Moudud and

e stay order on different dates.

ne proceedings of the case until June 1 and issued a rule upon the government. The HC later extended