## Moulana Masud

the Airport Police Station, police produced him before the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court yesterday with a remand prayer. The court sent Siraji on a five-day

Investigation Officer (IO) Sub-Inspector Anisur Rahman in his forwarding report placed before the spent for the August 17 bomb needs to be guizzed to reveal the

on Wednesday arrested Nasiruddin, brother of Indian national Giasuddin who was

from his house at Nitvanandakathi of Swarup Nagar thana in North 24 Parganas." said Officer-in-Charge

Sadrul Alam, a nephew of Asadullah Al Galib at the local DB office

Our Satkhira correspondent writes Nasir Uddin and Maniruzzaman Munna, cadres of banned Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB), were placed on

Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) of the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) Munshi Atiqur Rahman, also the IO of the bomb blasts cases in Satkhira, brought the two to Satkhira and produced them before a first class magistrate court seeking a 10-day remand.

Later. Nasir and Munna. who have already admitted to having links to the August 17 bombings, were sent to the Joint Interrogation

Our correspondent from Rangpur reports law enforcers roles in carrying out bomb blasts in some northern districts.

The JMB cadres arrested from the northern region already said the two high ranked militants, who are

Sources in the intelligence agencies said one of the two resides permanently in northeastern part of Rangpur town while the other lives in Jamalpur. They have long been

sions judge for Rangamati. Khagrachhari and Bandarban, who served as the returning officer in the much-talked-about Chittagong City Corporation election.

motive behind it.

He suffered cuts in his right abdomen, left neck and shoulder, and both hands. After receiving treatment at Chittagong Medical College and Hospital, he returned home in the morning.

Family sources said the assailants attacked when Kuddus and his wife woke up for sehri (early-hour meal) for fasting on the occasion of

itself the Jaiech Al-Taifa Al-Mansura Meantime, Kuddus said he (Army of the Victorious Community) sought security guards for his house claimed it carried out the attack on the about three months ago but no-one mosque to "punish the genocides was assigned, reports UNB. committed against Sunnis.

CCC Mayor ABM Mohiuddin Interior Minister Bayan Baker Chowdhury, Chittagong Divisional Solagh said a "terrorist pointed a finger Commissioner Mokbul Ahmed and at another person saying that he was high police officials visited Kuddus

carrying explosives... and that led to the panic. Iraqi authorities said the tragedy, which could further inflame sectarian

tensions, was a "terrorist" act by toppled dictator Saddam Hussein's loyalists and al-Qaeda's frontman in Iraq, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

The tragedy could further stoke tensions between the country's Shia majority and the ousted Sunni elite, already at loggerheads over the failure to agree on the text of a draft post-Saddam constitution.

Iraq's top Shia cleric, Ayatollah Ali -Sistani, called for unity and restraint after the tragedy, one of many which has befallen the Shia community -frequently the target of insurgent attacks and long repressed under

"All Iraqis must have unity and close ranks so as not to give a chance to those who want to provoke discord," Sistani said in a statement issued from the holy southern city of Najaf.

### Six abducted

Chakma, 45, Kanak Kumar Chakma, 55, Kali Prosonna Chakma, 45, Bhuban Chakma, 25,

Asked, a top police official said a local Union Parishad chairman has been tasked with negotiations to rescue the six. But the army sources said a rescue operation is on in the area, but did not give

#### Moudud

FROM PAGE 1

An SB official on Wednesday made him come down from his bench in the middle of a hearing, leaving the courtroom.

Terming the incident unacceptable and unfortunate, Moudud told BBC Bangla Service last night. "It is very unfortunate. Intelligence agencies can never call a justice out of the court room when he is busy performing his duty."

"It is not the order of the government. It's ignorance of that intelligence agency official. The government will surely look into the matter," the BBC reported the law minister

### ADB

FROM PAGE 20

assistance from ADB for implementing an underground metro rail system in Dhaka city as well as a Dhaka-Chittagong electric train

public its interest in an electric train service within this month, he nformed the ADB delegation.

Responding to the minister's request, the ADB representatives said the ADB is preparing a fiveyear-long plan of action for providing development support in the transport sector of Bangladesh.

be considered under this long-term The ADB also stressed the need

for a direct road link between Dhaka and Yangon. The government side said that

Bangladesh has already taken an initiative to construct a 20-kilometre road with its own funds for a direct road link.

meeting observed.

The ADB also expressed its willingness to provide 200 CNG buses to state-owned Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation

The meeting was told that a high powered ADB mission would arrive in Dhaka in the first half of this month for a detailed discussion of ADB assistance to Bangladesh.

## 4 UPDF men

FROM PAGE 1 and the nationalist forces will have

Manikchhari, Ripon Chakma, 18. son of Sonaranjan Chakma of village Shibmandir in Khagrachhari, Kanti Chakma, 36, son of Parikshit Chakma of Thakurpara village under Khagrachhari and Baichchadhan Chakma, 32, son of Bailla Chakma of Thakurpara village in Khagrachhari district.

made), two light guns (LGs), one revolver, four cartridges of SBBL some important papers were recov-

FROM PAGE 1

SCBA made the call at yesterday's meeting convened at South Hall of the SCBA to protest the intelligence men's activities as well as Law Minister Barrister Moudud Ahmed's 'contemptuous comment' about the High Court verdict.

verdict on the 5th amendment, terming it 'historical'. "The judgement, in one side, projected the proper history of the country and upheld the rule of law and the constitution," said the resolution of the meeting.

Condemning Moudud's comment that the verdict was valueless and made to create a sensation, the SCBA leaders said the comment was merely a conspiracy to insult the court and turn the High Court division ineffective.

said the attorney general's moving in the court for the government against his previous client is regrettable and an act against the ethics of the legal profession.

The SCBA said the attorney general has lost the right to hold his post due to the act.

SCBA president Mahbubey Alam presided over the meeting, which was conducted by secretary advocate Enavetur Rahim, Among others who addressed the meeting were Amir-Ul Islam. Rokanuddin Mahmud, Abdul Matin Khasru, ZI Khan Panna, Sahara Khatun, Yusuf Hossain Humayun, MA Halim and

Abdul Baset Majumder. The Communist Party of Bangladesh, meanwhile, condemned the presence of intelligence men at the court and their attempt to talk with two judges.

# Govt mulls 10pc cut

purchase, telephone, electricity etc mainly in the supplies and services sectors.

The current budget has earmarked Tk 39,110 crore for the non-development projects, of which Tk 3,340 crore is allocated for the 53 items of supplies and

While talking to journalists earlier this week, Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman said he had tasked the finance secretary to work out how and in which nondevelopment sectors the government can reduce expenditure.

A finance ministry source said the ministry has initiated the process and already taken some steps. With this aim in view, the government has curtailed the ministries' authority to spend foreign aid on their own

A circular of the Finance Division last month directed all ministries if import of goods for any government development project or revenue budget goes beyond \$2 million, it will require approval of a selection committee headed by the Bangladesh Bank governor. Previously, the ceiling was set at \$5 million. The finance ministry source

said a step has been taken to defer import of goods not essential at this moment to help reduce pressure on the reserve.

To bring down inflation and ease pressure on forex reserve, the Bangladesh Bank yesterday decided to raise the statutory liquidity ratio (SLR) against deposit by two percentage points and cash reserve requirement (CRR) by 0.5 percentage points. Bankers and economists

agreed that the move will help reduce the pressure on the country's balance of payment, and thus the forex reserve also. However, they were not con-

vinced of its effectiveness in scaling down the inflation, saying for this the government will have to scrap non-development expenditure. They also suggested reducing bank borrowing by the govern-

The government borrowing rose by 15.51 percent in FY05 and by 13.84 percent in FY04 while the bank loans taken by various government agencies and institutions rose by 24.44 percent in FY05 and by 18.88 percent in FY04.

In the current fiscal too, the

## 36 candidates

FROM PAGE 20 Islami, two from Jatiya Party (Ershad) and one from Bangladesh Jatiya Party.

The schedule for the election to the nine seats allocated in favour of main opposition Awami League will be declared in 21 workdays. The AL had earlier rejected the seats.

crore from July 1 to August 20. However, there is doubt if the government's desire to cut nondevelopment cost is really

Last year too, the government took some austerity measures following the devastating floods, such as cutting cost in the supplies and services sectors by 10 percent. But, except for a handful of ministries, most others failed to rein in their expenditure in these sectors. The overall expenditure in supplies and services rather increased from the original budget by 13 percent in the revised bud-

While Prime Minister's Office brought down its expenditure from Tk 17 crore to Tk 12 crore and Finance Division from Tk 45 crore to 32 crore, the expenditure rose from Tk 577 crore to Tk 769 crore in home ministry, from Tk 71 crore to 90 crore in foreign ministry, and from Tk 4 crore to Tk 7 crore etc in commerce ministry

#### **Further rise** in oil price

The government is going to increase the prices of octane, petrol, diesel and kerosene very soon against the backdrop of everincreasing price hike of these items in the global market.

An energy ministry source said the prices of diesel and kerosene per litre may be raised by Tk 4-5 and that of petrol and octane by Tk

## Rape case filed against Rab SI

**COURT CORRESPONDENT** 

A rape case was filed with a Dhaka court yesterday against a sub-inspector (SI) of the Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) and also his wife as The accused are Ujjal of the

Ansar Camp Staff Quarters in Mirpur and his wife Arju Begum.

Josna Akhter of Bazar Road at First Colony in Mirpur filed the case with the Fifth Special Tribunal for Prevention of Women and Children Repression. After hearing, Judge Mohammad

Shamsul Arefin directed the officerin-charge (OC) of Mirpur Police Station to register the complaint as a regular case. In her complaint, Josna said Ujjal entered her house and raped her on

May 31. Ujjal's wife was holding Josna's mouth pressed when the incident took place. Ujjal threatened Josna not to disclose the incident the complainant added

Josna later went to Mirpur PS to file a case but police refused to register it as a regular case

## HC verdict unveiled

FROM PAGE 20 Hasina, also president of the main opposition Awami League (AL), said the evil forces who killed Bangabandhu have distorted the country's history and built a 'house of cards' based on false-

"The High Court verdict has destroyed their house of cards," she said at the discussion organised by the AL's student front Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL).

She said the verdict has iolted the base of the ruling BNP as it came into being through an illegal process.

"It is a shame for Bangladesh and its people that our children are learning history distorted by successive illegal governments," she said referring to textbooks on the history of Liberation War that undermined the role of Bangabandhu. The opposition leader urged all

progressive forces to unite to dislodge the BNP-Jamaat-led ruling coalition. "We will have to oust this communal and terrorist government which has done nothing for people's welfare but created a panicky situation everywhere.' She said, "We have to pledge

that we will move together to build a secular, progressive and prosperous Bangladesh.

Economist Abul Barakat said people are now living in utter miseries as prices of essentials are increasing since the present government took over. The price spiral could force the ruling alliance out of power if the opposition parties launch an effective movement on the issue, he added.

Litterateur Syed Shamsul Haque, Prof Hamida Banu and Dr Abul Kashem also took part in the discussion with BCL President Liakot Sikder in the chair

## Bashar calls

international of the three-match

The game starts at 10am local and Bangladesh time (live television coverage begins 9:45am BST on TEN Sports and Bangladesh Television) at the Premadasa Stadium. The home side won the first ODI by 88 runs on Wednesday.

The Tigers have made one change in the line-up from Wednesday's game. Veteran allrounder Khaled Mahmud has been dropped in favour of paceman Nazmul Hossain. Tushar Imran was likely to be the super-sub. "We are not thinking about

squaring the series. We just want to correct our mistakes and play our natural game." said Bashar on Thursday after morning's practice at the Nondescript Cricket Club ground "We actually conceded the first

match inside the first 15 overs when we lost too many wickets. Without the top order contributing, it is impossible to chase a big target even if you have capable batsmen up to number eight. "Our fielding was poor too. We dropped too many catches and we

need to improve on that. We are a

much better fielding side," said

Bashar after coming out of an

"The wicket was good for batting yesterday. I have to blame the batsmen for being careless. But sometimes this happens when you have a long batting line. Everyone tends to think that there are people to take responsibility down the

Ashraful's carefree dismissal just after he had come into bat. Bashar said there was no reason to get panicky yet. The batting sensation defended

the first ball he faced, disdainfully

clobbered the second to the midwicket boundary and then holed out at mid on from the third. "Ashraful has been getting us runs by playing like this recently. I blasts. had a chat with him and advised him

slower than the ones in England. police affair. "The way he played in England

would not be possible here. He will have to adjust first." Bashar also brushed aside the the bomb blasts.

when we walk out of the field," said Saarc summit, he added.

## Dhabi Group

FROM PAGE 20 In his speech, Sheikh Nahayan Mabarak Al Nahayan said, "Bangladesh is continuously developing its economy and we want to take part in the development process by coming

"The country's future is very bright, its investment incentive is lucrative There are many opportunities and the road is very straight," Nahayan added.

In his speech, Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan noted that the Gulf leader had fruitful talks with President lajuddin Ahmed and Prime Minister Khaleda Zia. "The signing of the MoU is not very important. But important is that the oil rich Middle Eastern investors are there

Energy Ministry Advisor and Bol executive chairman Mahmudur Rahman said, "Now it is proven that the world-renowned investors are visiting the country despite multifaripropagánda against

for investment deals," Khan com-

He said the Abu Dhabi Group has proposed to invest in the telecom, hospitality and pharmaceutical sectors, with a total of about one billion US

Bangladesh.

"They have already applied for operating a GSM cellular license to operate a mobile telephony network in Bangladesh and the process is going on. We hope that the investment will

He said the Bol had spoken with the group and that they had also shown interest in the energy sector.

"We plan to set up a privately run refinery in the country. And we approached the group to invest in the sector," Mahmudur Rahman said. The Group will prepare a detailed

investment proposal document with

respect to proposed projects within a

period of 90 days after the signing of

The Abu Dhabi Group, located in the United Arab Emirates in the city of Abu Dhabi, has diversified business interests ranging from the hospitality industry, construction, real estate development and management, manufacturing, company representation, offshore drilling, banking and financial services.

#### Indian HC FROM PAGE 1

Brahmanbaria, the release said the BSF patrol found that there were approximately 30-35 boats and more than 100 people aboard who were engaged in loading sand from the bank of the river Vijay inside India.

Bangladeshi criminals/persons who were on the boats with country-made weapons," it said, adding, "In selfdefence, the BSF retaliated It said one of the Bangladeshis who fired on the BSF patrol was later identified as Sadik Mia, a notorious

"The BSF patrol was fired upon by

presently staying in Bangladesh and On search of the area immediately after the incident, two dead bodies were found on the bank of the river Vijay inside India, the release

It said one of the bodies was

listed criminal of village Putta, who is

identified by the civilians of the area as that of Tahir Mia, son of late Abdul Karim Mia of village Putta, Post-Kasba, Brahmanbaria, who is a known and listed criminal. In another incident on Aug 30, BSF Border Outpost at Kukradha in Uttar Dinajpur (India) and opposite

Dinajpur (Bangladesh) observed 5-6 ing with international boundary fence and trying to cut the fence to cross over to the Indian side 'The BSF personnel challenged them to stop and surrender, but instead of paying heed to the warning, one of the miscreants threw an

iron dah with the intention of causing grievous injury," the release said In self-defence, it said, one of the BSF soldiers fired two rounds, which hit one of the miscreants, who suc-

cumbed to his injuries on the spot. Two flag meetings have been held between the BSF and BDR and the dead body has been handed over

According to Indian High Commission, "The allegation in Bangladesh media that the BSF hung the body of Afsar Ali on the fence after shooting him is completely malicious and untrue.

### No direct request FROM PAGE 1

"We have received a number of offers of assistance from friendly countries to aid the investigation process of August 17 bomb blasts," Zahirul Haque, director general (DG) of external publicity wing of the foreign ministry, told reporters at a briefing

When asked about foreign links with the bomb blasts, he said the law enforcement agencies are busy in nabbing the culprits and investigating into the matter of foreign links.

"We cannot blame any country without being certain," he added

On another query about Reuters report of Bangladesh's request to India and Myanmar to hunt down Islamist militants who may have fled there, the DG said, "I am not aware of any such requests made so directly.

country afterwards, he added. He said most of the arrested people belong to Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) and eight of them so far confessed about their direct involvement with the August 17 bomb

Answering a question about the killing of an Indian businessman in Dhaka, he said this matter is entirely a

Bangladesh has restricted visa for Indian and Pakistani nationals after He said preparations are going on

in full swing for the November 12-13 Saarc summit in Dhaka and there is no hint of further deferment. Host Bangladesh will ensure foolproof security for the guests during the

# Killed agency report

Dakkinkhan in Uttara.

But, according to the agency's report, the CID failed to squeeze out any significant information from them even after 14 days of remand. Although there was specific information that two arrestees--Saleem of Manikgani and Shahabuddin of Chittagong-possessed firearms no attempt was made to recover them. A case was filed against one of the five, Moulana Bakhtiar Hossain who had fought in the Afghan war, for possessing a Pakistani passport. The rest were shown arrested under Section 54 of the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC) without any specific charges.

the government on how one of the arrestees, Bakhtiar, had cut a deal with the CID to get free by paying Tk 5 lakh. The agency had recorded Bakhtiar's conversation on mobile with his father about this whole arrangement.

moved to get free. He got the president of an Islamist NGO, Al Markajul Islam, to lobby for his freedom. Markajul President Moulana Shahidul Islam contacted then two top officials of the home ministry and the Special Branch (SB) of police for the release of Saleem. The militant was later freed on bail. According to the report, an administrative officer of the home ministry made a secret deal with the CID for the release of Bakhtiar and his team for Tk 5 lakh.

#### Murder case FROM PAGE 1

Abdullahel Bagui recorded the statement of the complainant and directed the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) to submit a report

anniversary on August 16 and 17. They further threatened him not

10.000 as toll, otherwise he would be tortured to death by police.

that night. Around 1:30am that night, police raided their house at Shahidnagar in Lalbagh area. Sensing police presence, Sumon tried to escape by jumping down from the roof of the house, but fell on a live electric wire

doctors declared him dead around 2:00am. Autopsy report showed Sumon was electrocuted, Dolly added. Later when She and Sumon's

father went to Lalbagh Police

Station to file a case, police forced

textbooks have already been approved for private publication. alongside the National Curriculum and Textbook Board, under privatisation of textbook project

Prof Gazi Md Ahsanul Kabir. State Minister for Education ANM Ehsanul Hague Milon and other top officials of the ministry

The two ministers were nonetheless upbeat as they emerged from the talks arranged after Turkey, a mainly Muslim but strictly secular state which enjoys close ties with both capitals, played a key mediat-

for the establishment of a Palestinian state.

"This is a historic meeting," the Israeli minister said. "We see this meeting as the beginning of a new period, the beginning of open and

to hold separate press conferences later in the day.

requested anonymity, told AFP from Istanbul that the talks were encouraged by the recent developments in the Middle East towards a peaceful settlement, but denied that full diplomatic ties were on the agenda.

The agency report also said one Mamun Alam working at the SB office supplied the SB's secret reports against the arrestees to Islam Chairman Mufti Shahidul Islam. Shahidul contacted some influential persons and political leaders, including lawmakers of the Awami League, a top SB official and a Mymensingh superintendent of police for the release of the mili-

Later on April 11, 1999, when a writ petition against the arrest of the two foreign militants was filed, Deputy Attorney General Shafi Uddin Ahmed commented that the case was weakened by filing it under Section 54 of the CrPC and that the case would have been stronger if sedition charges had been brought against them. But according to the agency report, CID ASP Abdul Kahhar Akand said the sedition case could not be filed for lack of time and necessary evi-

### SSC exam

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The structured questions, based on a given situation, will be divided in four parts to test the examinee's understanding of the topic, perception, ability to apply that perception and analytical skill

The structured questions are being introduced as part of reforming the education system. "The reform programme consists of four components including unitrack curriculum, privatisation of textbooks, school based assessment (SBA) and examination reforms to uplift the standard of education,' Class nine students are going to

follow the new system under unitrack curriculum from 2006, the minister said. The existing multi-track education system is going to be replaced by

unitrack system. The 40-vear old

multi-track secondary education system has become outdated and students pass the SSC without acquiring 'unified knowledge' of the core subjects like humanities and social studies, the minister noted. Unified knowledge under a unitrack education system will

enable them to make a well-

informed choice of which area of studies they want to specialise on after completion of SSC, he added. Regarding the public apprehension that allocation of 30 marks for SBA from class six to nine may be subject to manipulation by school teachers, the minister said that the marks will be given on a student's extracurricular performance, class attendance, conduct, punctuality

ever, is not going to be a part of the SSC exam right now, Farruk pointed The SBA system has been piloted at 50 schools to study its applicability and more studies will be conducted before its introduction

and leadership qualities. It is, how-

according to the NCTB Chairman

were present at the press confer-

## Israeli, Pak FMs hold

without diplomatic ties between the Islamic republic and the Jewish

ing role to bring them together. In a joint press conference with

"Pakistan has therefore decided to engage with Israel," he told reporters at a top Istanbul hotel where the talks were held but did not elaborate on what sort of an engagement his country was plan-

Shalom, for his part, said the meeting heralded a new era in oilateral ties.

useful mutual relations. He praised the "courage" of

Pakistani officials, who

Turkey said the two countries were

looking to "normalise ties" in a bid to set up diplomatic relations and that a formal agreement could be announced at the UN General Assembly later this month, to be attended by leaders of both coun-

"It is premature to speak about

establishing diplomatic relations,

but it is definitely a step towards

normalization of relations," the

spokeswoman for the Israeli embassy, Sharon Bar-Li Saar, told Israel already has a close relationship with Pakistan's neighbour and arch rival India, but a spokesman for the Israeli foreign ministry said "any improvement in our relations with Pakistan would not be at

expense" of other nations on the sub-continent. Israel currently has full diplomatic relations with only three Arab states -- Mauritania. Egypt and Jordan -- and a handful of Muslim majority states including Turkey.

historic pullout of troops and settlers from the Gaza Strip would help bridge the gap with the Arab and Muslim world. Pakistan has long said it will not recognise Israel until there is a long-

It has been hoping that the

Gaza Strip. address to the American Jewish Congress in New York on September 17 to speak about his campaign for moderation in the

language daily, said the talks were "in response to Israel's keenness to establish contact with Pakistan."

## Cops focus conclusion about the killers," he said, "But we believe he was killed due to a business feud," he added.

yesterday.

Ahle Hadith community, for jihad (holv war). Without mentioning the names of the kingpins, the sources said the

students, mainly members of the

Rangpur resident went on hiding

three weeks before the August 17

incident while the other stayed in

Rangpur for two days before August

17, supplying bombs and assigning

Rangpur resident left for Saudi

Arabia to take up a job at the King

Fahad University. The law enforc-

ers, however, believe he is still

military training from a Middle

Eastern country and used to train

receiving training at a place near

RCCI School and College around

three months ago. The militants

instantly threatened him with life

and asked him not to disclose it to

reports: Regional leader of the JMB

homb squad Abdur Rashid was sent

to the district iail vesterday after

being shown arrested in the bomb

blasts case in Khulna. Police will

produce him before a court tomor-

Meanwhile, a district court sent

Tariqul Islam, a Jagrata Muslim

Janata Bangladesh (JMJB) mem-

ber arrested in Faridpur on

Wednesday, on a four-day remand

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia, chair-

person of the BNP, was present in

the discussion meeting as an audi-

Bhuivan said many conspiracies

were plotted against the BNP but

those could not halt the advance-

ment of the BNP none can stop the

forward march of the BNP by bomb-

ing and damaging the country's

property as people remain with the

BNP is getting people's support as

the party carries out programmes

and best party, Bhuiyan said and

hoped that the party will again come

to power with support of the people.

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Mosharraf Hossain, RA Ghani,

Tanvir Ahmed Siddiqi, Khandokar

Mahbubuddin Ahmed, Moudud

Mayor Sadeg Hossain Khoka

among others, addressed the

progress has been achieved during

the BNP rule. But he claimed there

are some orphan leaders who

campaign abroad against the coun-

Hossain said a deep-rooted con-

spiracy is going on against the BNP

to build up strong unity to face all

which is also equivalent to that sin.

"After receiving the letter, if any

media publishes any news referring

Mujibur and his previous contribu-

tions, we will bomb blast again on

their media office and target per-

Despite fears of a sectarian back-

lash from the tragedy, the caretak-

ers of one Sunni mosque sheltered

scores of the wounded and survivors,

and displayed identification cards of

gents, predominantly Sunni Muslims

were responsible for triggering the

stampede by firing mortars at the

mosque and then deliberately spread-

An al-Qaeda-linked group calling

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It will welcome those who do not

Bomb threat

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Iraq holds

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Health Minister Mosharraf

Saifur Rahman said massive

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BNP is the most popular, biggest

BNP standing committee mem-

wwith a remand petition.

BNP calls AL

Our Khulna correspondent

The Jamalpur-dweller had

A local said he saw the militants

hiding in the country.

the JMB militants.

anvone, he said.

for interrogation.

ence member.

Ahmed.

The locals believe that the

court said Siraji supplied money attacks. The IO added that Siraii mystery behind the excessive financial transaction Meanwhile, West Bengal police

arrested from Satkhira recently, suspecting his link to JMB. "We have information that Indian police arrested Gias's brother Nasir

of Kalaroa Police Station Arju Mian. Our staff correspondent from Chittagong reports: A five-member joint team of police, Directorate General of Forces Intelligent (DGFI), National Security Intelligence (NSI), Special Branch (SB) and Detective Branch (DB) of police continued interrogating

An interrogator said they are yet to find any lead from Sadrul.

Meanwhile, Ahmad and Abdus Sattar Mollah, arrested from Chittagong and Dhaka on Tuesday and Wednesday with three others, including Sadrul, were placed on a seven-day remand each in the August 17 bomb blasts cases.

an eight-day fresh remand for the third time yesterday.

Cell (JIC) in Dhaka for further interrogation. seem reluctant for mysterious reasons to arrest two militant kingpins, who are relatives of JMB chief Abdur Rahman, although they are certain that the two played pivotal

relatives also, had a strong network in four districts--Rangour, Kurigram. Lalmonirhat and Nilphamari.

Ctg high official Hearing his cries, family members and neighbours came forward in aid of Kuddus, also district and ses-

Asked if his role in the May 9 CCC polls or in conducting trials in the CHT districts prompted the attack, Kuddus told reporters only a probe into the attack may reveal the

Shab-e-Meraj.

# at the hospital and his house.

suspects are being interrogated. "We are yet to come to any

Dhaka Medical College and

Hospital (DMCH) morgue per-

formed the autopsy yesterday and found two bullets in the head and stomach. Officials of Indian High Commission received the body of Majid from the morgue at 2:00pm

Unknown assailants gunned down Majid in front of the Heritage Inn Guesthouse in Banani at 11:00am when he was getting onto

and Teiendra Chakma, 45.

would also consider providing financial help in widening the Dhaka-Chittagong highway from the existing double lanes to four Nazmul Huda sought financial

The government would make

The financial assistance would

The ADB can provide assistance for completion of the project, the

An AK47 rifle, one SBBL gun (US

gun, seven bullets of AK47 rifle and SCBA

The Bar leaders welcomed the

The resolution of the meeting

extended fielding session.

order. When asked about Mohammad

to settle down before playing strokes because wickets here are

verbal exchanges between Khaled Mashud and Muttiah Muralitharan on Wednesday. "Sledging is nothing new in cricket and we forget such things

Countries usually take precautionary measures if any untoward incident takes place in neighbouring countries, so that criminals cannot enter their

When asked the DG denied that

The agency submitted a report to

Another arrestee, Saleem, also

After the agency informed home ministry about the secret deals, the CID formed a probe team. The team was provided with the audio tape of the conversations between the home ministry's administrative officer and the CID officials on the secret deal. But no action was taken

after an investigation. In her complaint, Dolly mentioned that the three informers appointed by the two policemen threatened Sumon for his active role for observing Bangabandhu's death

to observe any Awami League

programmes, and demanded Tk

The complainant also said that around 7:00pm on August 18, the informers called Sumon out of his electronics goods shop at Shahidnagar and threatened him again with death demanding Tk 10,000. When he finally gave them Tk 600, they threatened him to kill

when Nirob hit him. He was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where

as a system, he assured. A total of 35 secondary level

### them to register an unnatural death case instead of a regular one.

Shalom, Kasuri hailed Israel's pullout from the Gaza Strip, which he said constituted a turning point

Musharraf in "supporting peace between Israel and the Muslim World". The two ministers are expected

Pakistani President Pervez

Israeli diplomatic sources in

#### term solution to the plight of the Palestinians. But it recently praised Israel's historic withdrawal from the Pakistan's President Pervez Musharraf is due to make a rare

Muslim world. Dawn, Pakistan's oldest English-