PBCP men gun down Bangla **Bhai cadre**

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An accomplice of militant leader Bangla Bhai was gunned down allegedly by the members of Purbo Banglar Communist Party's (PBCP) ML-Red Flag group at Tilakpur in Joypurhat district yesterday.

The victim, Abdul Jalil of Atrai upazila of Naogaon, had survived several attempts on his life before. Jalil, a former PBCP member who joined Bangla Bhai's group Jagrata Muslim Janata Bangladesh (JMJB) last year, guided Bangla Bhai to identify the PBCP men.

Police said a group of five outlaws shot Abdul twice on the chest and head from point blank range and later slaughtered him. The incident took place at Tinmatha intersection at Tilakpur at around 9:30am, the police added. Earlier, the killers took Jalil at the

scene asking him to help them in one of their operations. As the killers were fleeing, locals

informed through mobile phones caught Ruhul Kuddus and Sajal at Barofola village of Badalgachhi in Naogaon, Police seized a knife, six bullets in two magazines and a motorcycle. They threw the pistol into a pond before being caught.

Ctg mob FROM PAGE 16

one LG, one airgun, and ten rounds of bullets and cartridges from their possession. The incident took place only four

days after the lynching of six robbers at adjoining Patiya upazila on Saturday and two days after two muggers were beaten to death in the city on Monday evening According to police, a gang of 25

robbers, led by notorious Salim Dakat, broke into the house of Abdul Mannan, 40, in Sonaichharikul village under Hashimpur union of Chandanaish upazila at around 1:30am. Sensing the robbers' presence when Mannan tried to escape through the back door, the robbers shot him from close distance, killing him on the spot. The dacoits then started looting

the house

Meanwhile, hearing the gunshot and cries for help, people from the neighbouring villages came forward. They promptly encircled the entire village and captured the two robbers while rest of the gang managed to escape. The mob then took the robbers to

nearby Kabir Ahmed Government Primary School premises and beat them severely, killing both on the spot, sources said. Later, the highway and

Chandanaish police along with local people launched a joint drive and caught six of the fleeing robbers from Chittagong-Cox's Bazar Highway. The nabbed robbers were identi-

fied as Salim, 28, Liton, 22, Priyatosh Pal, 28, Didar, 22, Shahjahan, 20, and Nasir, 28.

The locals were relieved at the news of Salim's arrest and brought out processions in trucks in Chandanaish and demanded capital punishment to the notorious robber gang that kept them hostage for years, sources said.

Over the last five days, ten robbers were lynched in the city.

Uncertainty

FROM PAGE 1
his Bangladesh counterpart

Foreign Ministry Adviser Reaz Rahman, who was due to leave for Colombo yesterday to discuss Sri Lanka's participation in the summit, cancelled his visit following the

Presidential election Sri Lanka should be held between October 22 and November 21, the country's Supreme Court said in a verdict Palihakkara reaffirmed Sri

Lanka's commitment to the Saaarc process and told Hemayet Colombo sincerely wants the Dhaka summit to take place as scheduled, and will provide all cooperation in making it a

Sri Lankan authorities would announce schedule of the presidential election keeping in view the Saarc summit, official sources said.

They pointed out that during the last few years, Sri Lanka played an important role in promoting the concept of South Asian Preferential Trade Arrangement (Sapta). Both the major political parties of the country are equally committed to the success of Saarc.

The 13th summit has been postponed twice -- first due to the tsunami disaster and again follow-ing India's last-minute backtracking on grounds of political developments in Nepal and security concerns in Dhaka.

Meanwhile, Dhaka has started preparations in full swing to hold the summit in due time.

Official sources said the SAARC Security Committee at the home ministry at a meeting yesterday took a series of decisions to ensure fullproof security of the heads of state and government who will attend the summit, and maintain law and order. State Minister for Home Lutfozzaman Babar chaired the

Investigators

Sources said if Janajuddha was involved, its second-in-command Saifuzzaman alias Shoaib alias Ripon, who died in Rab action on Monday, could have given important clues.

Besides, there are allegations a arge number of Jamaat-e-Islami and its student wing Islami Chhatra Shibir activists, who were arrested in connection with the blasts, were released without keeping records of their arrest.

Initially, law enforcers were carrying out combing operations across the country to net the suspects. But now they look very reluctant despite reports that the JMB and the JMJB are recruiting members to form suicide squads. The Islamist extremists are also

continuing their activities in the remote char areas in different northern districts, but the law enforcers are not raiding these areas. An intelligence agency official in

Rangpur has recently told The Daily Star now the drive against the militants are totally controlled by the top officials in Dhaka. The arrestees are field level JMB

activists or cadres who were only assigned to plant bombs and blast those at the directives of their immediate bosses, another intelligence agency man said.

The cadres or field level activists only know their immediate bosses as "responsible persons", the official said asking not to be named.

If a field level activist dares to learn the identities of his upper level bosses, he is subject to severe punishment and torture like gauging out of eyes, the official said quoting a detained JMB activist. Meanwhile, Ishraq Ahmed Siraji,

a close associate of detained Farid Uddin Masud, was taken on a fiveday fresh remand yesterday. Siraji was produced before the

Court of Chief Metropolitan Magistrate. Dhaka with a seven-day remand petition on completion of his five-day remand.

In the forwarding placed before the court, the investigation officer (IO) of the case said Siraji gave important information about withdrawal of huge amount of money from his bank accounts that was spent to carry out the blasts.

Our staff correspondent from Khulna reports: Police recovered two powerful bombs from in front of "Beg Manjil" at Mianpara in the city vesterday

Police also seized a letter written by Akram Hossain Khokon in the name of Harkat-ul-Jihad. Introducing himself as a com-

mander of the outfit, Akram asked his' cadres to implement the mission to kill Khulna City Mayor Shaikh Tayebur Rahman and city BNP Secretary Nazrul Islam Maniu

"Money is no problem," Akram wrote in the letter. Meanwhile, Dr Masud Bin

shaque, arrested in Khalishpur in the city on Monday, was taken on a 12-day remand and later sent to the Joint Interrogation Cell (JIC) in Dhaka.

He introduced himself as a leader of Jama'atul Muslemin, a militant outfit. In another development, police

arrested JMB activist Daud Shaikh from Udaypur village under Mollahat upazila of Bagerhat on Tuesday and seized 20 booklets and 19 leaflets of the outfit

They were produced before a

court with a prayer for eight-day remand on completion of their earlier seven-day remand. The five are Ahle Hadith chief Asadullah Galib's nephew Sadrul

Alam, Arshadul Alam, Jahangir Alam, Abdus Satter Mollah and

Mayor orders forced

ever so slightly, and he estimated that it covered only 60 percent of the

"Even in areas where the water was as high as the rooftops. I started to see parts of the buildings." he said, adding, "I'm starting to see rays of light.

But he also warned of the horrors that could be revealed when the waters recede. "It's going to be awful and it's going to wake the nation up again," said Nagin, who a day earlier upped his estimate of the death toll in his city to as much as

The job to rid the city of water got off to a woefully slow start.

Once all of the city's pumping stations are running, they can move water at a rate of 29 billion gallons a day and lower the water level a halfinch per hour, or about a foot per day. But by late Tuesday afternoon. Corps officials said only three of New Orleans' normal contingent of 148 drainage pumps were operat-

With the water dropping, military and police turned their attention to evacuating the streets. Among those refusing to leave was 69-yearold John Ebanks, who waved off would-be rescuers from a porch stocked with food, mosquito spray and other supplies.

"You've got to protect your property, that's the main thing," Ebanks said. "This is all I've got. I'm pretty damn old to start over. In St. Bernard Parish, 38-year-

old Dennis Rizzuto took a break from a Monopoly game with his family to emerge from the secondfloor window of his home. He said he had plenty of water,

food to last a month and a generator

powering his home. "They're going to have to drag me" out, Rizzuto In a plea to holdouts who might be listening to portable radios in the powerless city, Nagin warned that

the fetid water could carry disease

and that natural gas was leaking all over town. "This is not a safe environment," Nagin said. "I understand the spirit that's basically, 'I don't want to abandon my city.' It's OK. Leave for a little while. Let us get you to a better place. Let us clean

To that end, the Pentagon began sending 5,000 paratroopers from the Army's storied 82nd Airborne Division to use small boats, including inflatable Zodiac craft, to launch a new search-andrescue effort in flooded sections National Guardsmen Some

the city up.'

and helicopters were diverted from their search missions Tuesday to fight fires, an emerging threat in a city that is still at least a day and a half away from restoring the first running water since the storm. A candle was blamed for starting

one major blaze in the lower Garden District -- a historic neighbourhood of mostly wooden homes. The flames started in an abandoned brick building and spread to a neighbouring apartment house. The blazes burned for hours before Chinook helicopters with water pouches were brought in to fight the

New Orleans Police Superintendent Eddie Compass said lawlessness in the city "has subsided tremendously," and officers warned that those caught looting in an area where the governor has declared an emergency can get up to 15 years in prison. About 124 prisoners filled a downtown jail set up at the city's train and bus

"We continue to get better day by day." Compass said.

The signs of hope came against increasingly angry rhetoric over the federal response as too little too late. In Washington, congressional leaders planned hearings into the aftermath of the storm.

"We need to rebuild the confidence of the American people ... in our government's ability to protect them from attack, whether it comes from nature or from terrorists," said Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn. "The government simply did not act quickly and effectively enough." Jefferson Parish president Aaron

Broussard was even more blunt. "Bureaucracy has murdered

people in the greater New Orleans area." he said on CBS' "Farly Show." "Take whatever idiot they have at the top of whatever agency and give me a better idiot. Give me a caring idiot. Give me a sensitive idiot. Just don't give me the same Five of the 13 sub-basins in

New Orleans were still seriously flooded, and barges and crews were getting into place to fix levee breaches at two other spots -- the London Avenue canal and the Industrial canal. The London Avenue canal is in the northwestern section of the city, the Industrial canal in the east. The Corps is concentrating on

the London Avenue canal, where workers will spend at least two weeks filling a 45-foot hole with rocks and sandbags, Wagenaar said. Once that drainage canal is fixed, then more pumps can start Before work can even begin on

the Industrial canal two barges pushed onto a bridge by Katrina and a sunken barge need to be removed. The Coast Guard has said 110 barges, ships and boats sank or ran aground during the storm -- 67 of them in the Mississippi River, and another 43 along the coast. The levees were deliberately

breached in some spots to let the water flow back out into Lake Pontchartrain, where the water level had dropped below that inside the How long it takes to drain the city

could depend on the condition of the pumps -- especially whether they were submerged and damaged, the Corps said. Also, the water is full of debris, and while there are screens on the pumps, it may be necessary to stop and clean them from time to "We're working every avenue to

do whatever we can to get things back in order," said Walter Baumy, Corps manager for the project. "We're going to accomp mission of getting the water out of the city." AP/AFP/Reuters

JS goes into session pay hike on Tuesday. The bills will

opposition Awami League (AL) since September last year.

Both factions of the Jatiya Party (JP) and Krishak Sramik Janata League will join the session. The House was summoned to sit only to meet constitutional obligations, ignoring opposition demands for a session to discuss the August 17 blasts. Lawmakers from the AL and JP factions have submitted 25 notices to the parliament secretariat demanding discussion on the countrywide explosions and other issues, adjourning the day's other business of the House.

"There is little possibility of discussing the August 17 blasts on adjournment motion since it is a subjudice matter. A general discussion might take place," a ruling BNP whip told The Daily Star vesterday on condition of anonymity.

The House will also have some routine business like question-answer session and disposal of call attention notices on important issues. The Business Advisory

Committee headed by the speaker sits today at 4:30 pm, half an hour ahead of the session, to decide its duration and allocate business.

The ruling BNP whips believe that unlike in the past, the House might be free from severer quorum crisis this time as 36 newly elected women lawmakers will join the session.

The number of lawmakers will now rise to 336, the highest in the history of Bangladesh parliament. When the election to nine more women's reserved seats will be held, the number of legislators will stand at 345. Earlier, the highest number of

ers' queries at the question-answer session. Besides, the House will adopt an

obituary reference on the death of eminent persons since its last session, which was prorogued on July 10. **BILLS TO HIKE SALARIES**

be placed in parliament next week and passed at this session. The cabinet on August 1

approved a 45 percent rise in the salaries and allowances of the president, prime minister, ministers, state ministers, deputy ministers, speaker, deputy speaker and judges of the Supreme Court, and 50 percent for lawmakers. The proposed salary hike is for

the second time during the ruling coalition's tenure.

15,000 Bangladeshi

A migrant Bangladeshi worker Anwar Hossain, is president of the Migrant Trade Union, an organisation mostly comprising illegal workers from Bangladesh, Indonesia, Nepal and the Philippines. The Korean authorities have not

recognised the organisation and arrested Anwar in May for illegal stay. They wanted to deport him to Bangladesh but he refused to sign an application form for issuance of travel permit. The Korean ministry of justice also held a meeting with the Bangladesh embassy on May 25 and expressed their displeasure.

The authorities then requested the embassy to persuade Anwar, who stays at Cheongju Immigration Processing centre, to sign the application form. But the embassy also failed to do so, contacted the home ministry in Dhaka and then told the Korean authorities to deport him without any travel permit.

The home ministry will take action against him when he returns to Dhaka, officials said.

Bangladeshi national. They normally hire foreign workers because face tremendous pressure

heart attack

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Trainee ASP

dies of

A trainee assistant superintendent of police (ASP) died of heart attack at Bangladesh Police Academy at Sardah early yesterday. The deceased was identified as

Mahbubur Rahman, son of Mahtab Uddin of Shyampur of Parbatipur upazila in Dinajpur district. His body was sent to his home

after autopsy at Rajshahi Medical College Hospital.

ACC appoints

FROM PAGE 16 employees yesterday but will

declare the names within next week. The ACC earlier appointed 20 ACOs and 30 inspectors in June this

ACC sources said this is the final appointment for the said posts from Bac, cutting off 50 percent of its employees, who the ACC will ask the government to withdraw according to the ACC Act

Fifty percent Class III and IV employees from the Bac will be appointed in the ACC, the sources

Saarc experts

meet again on October 18-19 for a final understanding so that Safta can be enforced from January 1, The CoE will forward the draft

outcome of the meeting to a commerce secretary-level talks to be held on October 20 and then to the ministerial-level standing committee meeting on October 21-22, for further discussion. The 10th meeting of the CoE

held last week in Kathmandu failed to settle a number of issues regarding the implementation of the Safta. The officials had expressed

optimism about finalising the rules of origin, sensitive list, technical assistance and revenue compensation mechanism for the LDC members of the seven-nation forum during the 10th meeting, but they only managed to finalise the provisions of the technical assistance. The developing members of the

Saarc agreed on areas wherein they will pledge technical assistance to LDC (Least Developed Country) partners for capacity building However, they did not fully endorse the lists of products submitted by the LDC members, where they sought special derogation, maintaining the value addition criteria for them at 20

Ice cream FROM PAGE 16

cream factory, sending its owner, Abdul Mamun, to one-month imprisonment and fined him Tk 50,000. Later they raided the Padma ice

cream factory and Trishna ice cream factory and found the same kind of materials used in the ice cream. The police nabbed Md Afzal and Md Ismail and fined them Tk 10,000 each. The court also issued warrants against two owners of the factories, Md Suruz Miah and Abul Kashem.

Before that the court also raided some wholesale grocery shops in the Jatra bari area, and found different products -- like flour, sugar and soybean oil -- sold without the permission of the Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institution (BSTI). The court fined two grocers Tk 10.000 each.

Another mobile court led ABM Abdul Fattah raided four restaurants in the Gulshan area and fined them Tk 1,60,000.

The mobile court of Mujibul Haq raided seven restaurants and confectioneries and fined Tk 47,000 while the court of Mizanur Rahman fined Tk 59.000.

The guilty food producers and traders were fined either for not maintaining hygiene standards or for providing rotten food items to consumers, sources present with the court said.

Bus fare FROM PAGE 1

workers bodies, however,

demanded a rise of Tk 1.1 and Tk 1.15 per kilometre, meeting sources The recommendation followed

the Tuesday's meeting between Communications Minister Nazmu Huda and leaders of Bangladesh Road Transport Association, Bandladesh Bus-Truck Owners Association and Bangladesh Road Transport Workers Federation. The minister assured the leaders

of new bus fares by September 15 as they called off the countrywide transport on September 7 and 8. Meantime, Bangladesh Inland

Waterways Passenger Carriers from 85 paisa per kilometre.

ened the government to enforce a 48-hour strike on September 14 and 15 if the government failed to realise their demands of reducing fuel prices and bridge and ferry tolls.

Mubarak set for victory

stations on condition they obtain

an official authorisation. The regime has trumpeted the noll as a watershed in the country's democratisation, but the Muslim Brotherhood -- Egypt's best-organised opposition force -was barred from fielding a candidate as it remains banned.

Mubarak, accompanied by his wife Suzanne and youngest son Gamal, cast his vote in the Cairo suburb of Heliopolis and was cheered by a large group of supporters from his ruling party as he walked out.

Most of the 9,865 polling stations opened at 8:00 am (0500 GMT). They are due to close at 10:00 pm (1900 GMT) to allow Egypt's 32 million registered voters to take part. The electoral commission's

steadfast rejection of independent monitoring had fueled accusations the regime had something to hide and NGOs said that the lastminute about-turn had not yet take effect on the ground with some reporting problems entering Until now, Egyptians had only

been able to say yes or no to a single candidate through a referendum and voters and officials alike were struggling to adjust to the multi-candidate poll. In the Khaled bin Walid school

in the Cairo suburb of Shubra al-Khima, two judges were debating which ink they were supposed to ask voters to dip their finger in. "Which one is it, red or blue? It's the red one, isn't it," judge Mahmud Darwish asked his col-"No, I think the red one comes

off too easily," the other replied.

A dozen Mubarak supporters wearing campaign T-shirts and caps arrived in a mini-bus and took up positions in front of another station to hand out leaflet to voters. At another station, an AFP

correspondent saw security

forces inside a polling station.

despite an interior ministry pledge

that police would enter only if asked to do so by the head. In the Bab al-Sharia neighbourhood, the Cairo stronghold of Ghad party candidate and leading Mubarak challenger Ayman Nur, a loudspeaker mounted on a pickup truck toured the streets singing the praise of the four-term president: "Mubarak is peace, Mubarak is wisdom, Mubarak is

But 57-year-old Hagg Samiha voted for his rival. "I voted for Nur, he is the only one who listens to the

the future.'

Mubarak, the Arab world's second longest serving leader after Libya's Moamar Kadhafi, has urged all Egyptians to vote after coming under intense international and domestic pressure for political reform.

In a new-style campaign Gamal, Mubarak appealed to the country's poor, pledging to create more than four million jobs and

increase wages. According to independent estimates, turnout reached barely 10 percent in the previous elections won by Mubarak. The man dubbed "the last Pharaoh" was reelected in 1999 with 93.79 per-

cent of the vote. With Mubarak at little risk of being dragged into a second round showdown with one of his nine opponents, newspapers have been rife with speculation on

Official results are not expected for several days, although a Mubarak win would likely be confirmed before then.

Although Nur managed to raise his profile as the leading opposition candidate, many observers predict second spot could be clinched by Numan Gumaa, who chairs the liberal Wafd party but has been branded the regime's token opposition candidate. Foreign Minister Ahmed Abul

Gheit said he expected the election to promote democratic change elsewhere in the region. The opposition movement

Kefava (Enough), whose protests have marked the run-up to the election, is to hold another anti-Mubarak demonstration Wednesday. The authorities have warned

hey would not tolerate protests -officially banned in Egypt -- on election day.

BB froze \$1.462 FROM PAGE 16

The BB froze Benevolence International Organisation's account at the Commercial Bank of Ceylon, former Indo-Suez Bank where \$340 was deposited. It also froze three accounts of the

Haramain Islamic Foundation depositing \$1,031 at the Oriental Bank, \$36.5 at Islami Bank and \$54.65 at Al Arafah Islami Bank. The BB investigated the transactions of these Islamic organisations f there were any irregularities and

Bureau and the home ministry about its findings. A BB source said the BB took action against these banks for some banking related irregularities, but its investigation could not determine if these accounts were used to

informed the finance ministry, NGO

finance terrorist activities. Following the 9/11 attacks, the US Financial Sector Assessment Team (FSAT) visited Bangladesh in 2002 to assess steps to check money laundering by terrorist networks. The US thinks terrorists transact huge volumes of money worldwide through donations given

Dhaka slips one notch

in the Medium Human Development

Norway is leading the index while Japan ranked 11th, topping among the Asian countries. Among others, the USA ranked 10th, while Niger

Sri Lanka topped in South Asia,

ranking 93rd in the HDI, while the Maldives became 96th, India 127th, Bhutan 134th, Pakistan 135th and Bangladesh shared the same

got the lowest position.

pelow the African country The Human Development Report 2005 subtitled "International cooperation at a crossroads: Aid trade and security in an unequal world" prepared by the UNDP was released yesterday across the

While releasing the report at

city's IDB Bhaban, UNDP Resident

Representative Larry Maramis said

points with Ghana but ranked just

discrimination in the world trade and violence are holding back the development process of many developing countries. The UNDP representative said if Bangladesh wants to improve its position in the HDI ranking, all

political parties must work together to ensure human security. "Foreign aid has played a significant role in financing food programme in Bangladesh's schools which inspired the parents to send their children, especially girls. As a result, two million girls are now getting education facilities," the

On the reduction of child mortality in Bangladesh the report said. 'Had India been able to reduce their child mortality to the extent of Bangladesh, the lives of seven lakh children could have been saved in India."

report mentioned.

Although Bangladesh experienced success in basic human development indicators, the country is still desperately poor, the report said adding, "The success of consecutive human development in Bangladesh demonstrates that low income is not a barrier to human development." The report mentioned that the

rich countries have failed to keep their promises they had made to the World Trade Organisation. It also said the poor countries are facing trade barriers to enter the markets of

"The duty which the countries like Vietnam and Bangladesh pay for entering the US market is 10 times higher than for most of the countries in the European Union,

according to the report. Without removing the trade discrimination, aid will not work and without removing conflict in the developing countries, trade facilities will not be able to bring change in

those countries, it added. Citing Bangladesh's success in social areas, the UNDP representative said, "The success of Bandladesh towards attaining the Millenium Development Goal will inspire other countries.

Blasts to harm

FROM PAGE 1 ncidents following Bangladesh's

request, she said, "We discussed possible ways of providing assistance...we talked about how we could be helpful." However, she did not say if any

FBI agents would participate in the investigation or mention any possible time of their arrival here. Asked about foreign investment, Chammas said she had read stories about overseas buyers having

ing the blasts. "But I don't have any specific information about that." The US envoy said she was informed by the Foreign Minister that the investigation into the August

cancelled their trips to Dhaka follow

17 blasts is going on. On Bangladesh's aid for hurricane victims in the USA, the envoy said the US government highly appreciates the Bangladesh government for the million-dollar donation in assistance in the aftermath of hurricane Katrina, which devastated the three states of Louisiana

She said they also discussed

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia's forthcoming visit to the UN General Assembly (UNGA) in New York, beginning September 14. Asked about a possible meeting oetween President Bush and

Mississippi and Alabama.

meeting will be held." "I don't have any comment," she said when a reporter asked about US views on BNP Senior Joint Secretary General Tarique Rahman's remarks about a possible nternational connection behind the

August 17 bomb blasts.

Khaleda Zia during the UNGA, she

said, "I don't believe any bilateral

number of EPZs has been set up Earlier in 2003, another Association on Tuesday demanded criminals staying abroad may return Police said Daud is a member of lawmakers was 330, including 30 Bangladeshi national in Korea -that the government should and there is no need of new ones, to create instability during the sumthe 'JMB suicide squad'. women lawmakers. Biddut -- had done the same and he increase launch fares to Tk 1.05 Our staff correspondent from mit, the meeting asked the law At the first sitting of this session, was deported. Chittagong adds: Investigators of enforcers to keep strong watch on A meeting source said the govthe state minister of home affairs is Bangladesh Truck Owners South Korean investors are also JIC in Chittagong yesterday took their movement. ernment is mulling over creating scheduled to respond to lawmakconcerned at formation of a trade five suspects on a seven-day fresh Association the same day threat-It ordered Bangladesh Rifles especial economic zones where union by foreign workers, led by a

from local workers, who belong to strong trade unions. The association also demanded Korea is a very lucrative market reduction in transport sector taxes for Bangladeshi manpower power and an end to overloading and Officials at the parliament secretaras a factory worker gets minimum police harassment on highways in iat said they received six bills for the developed countries. \$1200 to 1500 per month. the name of documents checking.

Reviewing the activities of five subcommittees. Babar ordered the

He also ordered law enforcers to mount a watch and conduct raids on city hotels, motels and guesthouses, saying criminals may take refuge there. A number of people accompany-

police to raid slums in and around

observed. operations and block-raids in Dhaka and adjacent areas to burst crimi-

the meeting was told. Apprehending that Bangladeshi

nals return to Bangladesh.

been tightened for different problems including smuggling and will summit," Babar told reporters.

the capital.

ing the VVIPs during the summit would book into these hotels and guesthouses, the meeting The police will conduct special

nals' dens and gatherings. They will also conduct drives to arrest and keep watch on underage criminals in Dhaka. A list of teenage criminals, who operate in absence of their leaders, has been prepared,

(BDR) and the Coastguards to beef up watch on the coastal and land borders to see whether these crimi-"The border security has already

be intensified further during the

agencies and administration' "It's a beginning, we gained enough strength to lunch operations. We will take revenge of every torture on us", the anonymous caller Answering a question about the two captured killers, he said, "They were caught for snapping contacts. with the commanding authority".

14-party calls

and processions in the capital on

September 9 and demonstrations at

all the district and upazila headquar-

countrywide sit-in demonstrations

on September 12 protesting the

August 17 countrywide bomb blasts

by the extremist communal terror-

ists will remain unchanged, the

was taken at a joint meeting of

leaders of the AL and its allies on

meeting of the AL Central Working

Committee (ALCWC) decided in

principle to go for a hartal, and

asked party leaders to fix the date in

consultation with other opposition

airports, land and river ports, espe-

cially the ones engaged in facilitat-

ing foreign trade, will remain open

on weekly or public holidays under

the existing special arrangements, if

necessary, a BB press release said.

banks' offices will remain open from

9:00am to 5:00pm while the trans-

action time will start at 9:00am.

ending at 3:00pm from Sunday to

Thursday, the press release added.

1:30pm, banks will have to make

internal arrangements to carry on

the education ministry will sit with

the educational institutions, which

have been kept outside the purview

of the two-day weekly holiday

effective from today, to decide about

hospitals and fire service will also

enjoy the two-day weekly holiday,

but a roster will have to be main-

tained to keep the services available

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) also

will patrol in the capital and its

outskirts from helicopter before and

during the summit. Six dog squads

have also been kept ready for

asked to arrange security measures

at Zia International Airport (ZIA).

The security agencies have been

The Tejgaon truck stand will be

relocated during the summit to

railway land in Tejgaon to clear the

route for vehicles, as Kazi Nazrul

Islam Avenue will be made off-limits

has ordered to thin out unregistered

rikshaws and evict 20-year-old

Entertainment

Saifur told the press that the EPZs

will not be expanded further. "Agood

local entrepreneurs will get priority.

incorporate the "Operation and

Management of the New Mooring

Container Terminal" project into its

private infrastructure projects

following the Bangladesh Private

Sector Infrastructure Guidelines.

The meeting also decided to

To ease traffic jam, the meeting

Emergency services such as

their timing.

round the clock

for traffic

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List of suspected people

A Cabinet Division source said

During the break from 1:00pm to

According to new timing, the

The decision to enforce a hartal

Earlier on the day, an emergency

The scheduled programme of

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release added.

Banks

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ters on September 11.

Joypurhat told The Daily Star the

murder was the result of a conflict

between outlaws and leaseholders

of Abadpukur Hat (market) in

Raninagar, Naogaon. Quoting the

arrestees, the SP said, Marshal, a

PBCP patron masterminded the

murder to establish supremacy over

of the murder leaving leaflets at the

scene and calling journalists on

A man identifying himself to be a

The Daily Star from a mobile phone

that Jalil was a 'class enemy' for his

role as a 'broker of law enforcing

responsible comrade' of PBCP told

The PBCP claimed responsibility

the Hat.

mobile phones.

PBCP CLAIM