# Frauds swallow up

such as registration and fitness certificates and driving licences. Owners and drivers manage these papers bribing a section of dishon-

est BRTA employees. Lt Col Anwar Ali [pseudonym] paid Tk 4,545 as annual tax for his car through Shantinagar Post Office last year. When he went to the BRTA a few days ago for a fitness certificate, an official cast doubt on his

papers.
On the advice of the BRTA official, Anwar went to the post office and asked the postmaster to certify the money receipt genuine. The postmaster checked records and identified it as a deception case.

The seal and signature on the money receipt was authentic, but the postmaster found signatory Badal Nandi did not record or deposit the payment.

Badal was transferred two months ago, and the postmaster advised Anwar to meet higher authorities at the General Post Office (GPO) for a solution.

GPO Inspector Abdur Rashid Molla, who was tasked to submit a epost to the higher authorities whether the allegation was true, had asked Badal to prove his innocence. Badal did not show up but sent Rashid the tax money and a fine of

Tk6,750 for not recording it. Sources said not only Badal, some other officials at different post offices are also involved in such

"The tax has been paid with default fine and the case is settled," said Mirza Shah Alam, who dealt with the situation on behalf of Anwar Ali.

He said, "It is just the tip of the iceberg. Anwar is among the very few who have been able to recover the embezzled money. "There are hundreds of people

who are facing similar problems every day and rushing to the respective post office to check whether the payment was recorded." Md Abdus Samad Khan, resident

of Mirpur, and AK Azad, an official from Agargaon, are two other victims. They are making visits to the BRTA, post offices, GPO and other places to prove their claims and recover the money.

Private transport owners usually pay the tax through their drivers, other employees or relatives and in

### Saidee

FROM PAGE 16 Jamaat, he said the AL and India are

conspiring to split the BNP-Jamaat led ruling alliance. Awami League knows it well that

hey will not have any chance to alliance remains intact," said Saidee, speaking as the chief guest at "No madrasas will be allowed to

run if the Awami League-led 14party alliance wins the next election," he said, calling on the country's alem and olamas [Islamic scholars] to work for the four-party alliance in the next election. Saidee, also the chairman of the

parliamentary standing committee on the religious affairs ministry, rate the madrassa syllabus into academic courses of the universi-

Organised by Jamaat-e-Islami Bangladesh, the rally was addressed among others by Jamaat leaders Prof Jainul Abedin, ABMA Khalek Shahaiahan Chowdhury.

many cases the drivers are fired for

not paying the money.
"But the accused in many cases were not responsible," said a GPO

There are several cliques at

and it is very difficult to identify the culprits sources said. Asked, a top GPO officiali who handled Anwar Ali's case admitted the misappropriation, saying Badal misappropriated Tk 4,545 in this

different post offices and the BRTA

case but had to pay the tax and fines. "There are many allegations against him and we are trying to solve these cases. If he is suspended now, the victims would not be able to recover their money," the official said asking not to be identified.

Badal was found taking rest on the floor at his present workplace. "He is very sick and can't talk to anyone. You have to wait if you have anything to tell him," one of his colleagues told The Daily Star at the sub-post office adjacent to the

Some of his victims are still going to his office to get their cases settled, the colleagues said.

"Anybody may become victim any time if the government allows these things to continue," said

### WB chief

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He also appreciated the government's commitment in carrying forward necessary reforms in relevant areas for faster poverty reduction and economic growth. He hoped that the government commitment to governance reforms will be kent on track. The WB president assured Saifur

that he will try his best to make an official visit to Dhaka as soon as

Earlier, Saifur informed Wolfowitz that Bangladesh's progress towards economic growth and poverty reduction and eventful achievement of MDGs were on track despite unfavourable external environment, mainly resulting from higher prices of commodities, including fuel.

The finance minister briefed the WB president on the status of reforms agenda undertaken by the government within the context of I-PRSP. Many of the reforms have already yielded satisfactory results, which are already reflected in the socio-economic indicators.

Saifur urged the WB to frame its assistance policy keeping in view the necessity of providing country ownership to the programme. "The particular socio-political situation of the country should also be considered in designing the reforms agenda," he told Wolfowitz. The minister said the predict-

ability of foreign assistance to finance PRSP should be ensured without which developing countries like Bangladesh will face problem in macroeconomic management and MDGs will continue to remain a

He informed the WB president that the government has always monstrated actions to further improve governance in all areas.

WB Vice-President for South Asian Region Praful C Patel, WB Country Director Christine I Wallich, Bangladesh Ambassador to USA Shamser Mobin Chowdhury and alternate Executive Director to WB Zakir Ahmed Khan were present at the meeting.

women's empowerment.

In the coming days, the WB and IMF will take decisions about increasing or decreasing loan, credit or grant for a country on the basis of the country's expenditure, effective utilisation, overall economic absorption power with the WB and IMF conditionalities.

"Although the government of Bangladesh already hiked the fuel price and took some steps to reform tax structure after the national budget according to the prescription of WB and IMF, Bangladesh's performance in combating corruption is very poor," Dr Mustafizur Rahman of Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) told BDNEWS.

the country and failure of this government to establish good governance," said a WB official in Dhaka preferring anonymity, adding, 'Christine I Wallich will also address this problem seriously in the Washington meet as per my knowl-

But he said, "Bangladesh's performance is very good in the health sector as well as the education sector, which will be some sort of

ability policies.

Those commitments must be translated into real results, beginning with measuring and evaluating

lion, meant for developing coun-

### Don't harass

ter, sources said.

The districts where the lists were sent include Natore, Rajshahi,

the instructions "not to harass them if not unavoidable", sources said adding that the instructions also

placed source.

Meanwhile, Ahab is functioning freely, whereas there are lots of evidence that many Ahab workers were working underground with the militant outfit Zama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh

Asadullah Al Galib, second man Shaikh Abdus Samad Salafi, General Secretary Maolana Nurul Islam and Organising Secretary ASM Azizullah for their links with militants and they are still behind bars.

government high-ups for the lists was taken from within Ahab after Dr Muslehuddin, a Madina University scholar, was made its acting president in April, Ahab insiders said He developed relations with

Jamaat and BNP lawmakers as the brother-in-law of the former Islami

Muslehuddin, a teacher of the Chittagong Islamic University that was constructed by Revival of Islamic Heritage Society, a suspected donor for militants, visited different corners of the country to mobilise support for Galib's release

Rajshahi city mayor and Parliamentary Committee on Home Affairs Member Mizanur Rahman Minu MP and Jamaat lawmaker Maolana Abdul Khalek Mondol, that said Galib did not have any links with the militants.

He even hurled invective at the government in different public meetings in Rajshahi, Bogra and other parts of the country, and threatened to teach the ruling alliance a lesson in the upcoming

### Iwo outlaws

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The villagers rushed to the spot and surrounded the house. As the mis-

They (villagers) beat up the two severely, resulting in their death on the spot. Police recovered the bodies and sent them to Pabna Sadar Hospital morgue for autopsy.

# WB-IMF meet | Khulna 'mastermind' of blasts

FROM PAGE 1 have claimed that at least 60 bombs were made in Abdul Hakim's house at Bagmara in Batiaghata and of those, 17 were exploded at 13 points across Khulna. Six JMB cadres were assigned to detonate the bombs, said Mahbubur Rahman, Officer-in-Charge of Batiaghata Police Station.

Hakim said six youths had rented his house a few months ago and he had no knowledge of what they had actually been doing in their dwelling. He, however, could not answer satisfactorily as to why the seized cartons were left in his bedroom on the ground floor of the two-storey building, said a source in the police.

The bombs were made from gunpowder and other materials brought from Dhaka.

Police yesterday raided the office of Continental Courier Service to seize documents to know identities and addresses of the senders and receivers of the cartons seized from Hakim's residence. A joint team of detectives and police raided Hakim's house after

JMB cadre Shahidullah alias Lokman, now being quizzed in Joint Interrogation Cell (JIC) in the capital, had named the bearded school teacher as one of the masterminds behind the August 17 terrorist attacks in Khulna and Bagerhat districts. "We have no doubt that Hakim is a

top leader of the outlawed JMB. He had met Ahle Hadith chief Dr Galib

seminar that started on Thursday. He said Bangladesh is the only

Muslim majority country that is

practising functional democracy

discipline in any Muslim country,

excepting Bangladesh. Multi-party

democracy has flourished in

Bangladesh and it has developed

two-party functional democratic

majority country, is ahead of

Pakistan and is leading the Islamic

countries in the world, he told the

madrasa education in Pakistan, he

said his government has taken

several steps to bring necessary

reforms and introduce uniform

introduced registration system for

madrasas and the next step is to

The government plans to intro-

duce modern sciences, physics,

information technology and gen-

eral education in all madras is for awarding the bachelor and mas-

learn all subjects already in general

Asked about the necessity of

reforms in madrasa education, he

the limit as it is completely prohibited in the Holy Qur'an.

the Muslims around the globe are

for freedom, rights and establishing

and thinkers to identify ways and

means to counter the strong propa-ganda of the western world against

slam, saying those who are accus-

Presided over by former chief justice of Pakistan Dr Javid Iqbal, the

seminar was addressed, among

others, by Islamic Oikya Jote (IOI)

eader Mohiuddin Khan, Pro-VC of

Chittagong University Mohammad

Shamsuddin of Bangladesh, Dr Ma'sum Billah of Malaysia,

Mohammad Hanif Tayyab of

Pakistan, Dr Anis Malik Toha of

Indonesia and Mohammad Zubair

Taking part in the discussion,

internationally renowned Islamic

scholar and financial expert Masum

Billah said Islam is not a binding on

anybody, it is rather a way of life that

against Islam are ignorant of the fact

that it is a religion to promote peace

and progress at all levels, he added.
"Allah does not like those who
destroy. It is forbidden for the

Muslims. So, attempts to portray

Islam as a religion of violence is

completely baseless. There is no

instance in the world that Muslims

fight for destruction; rather,

Muslims fought for peace and har-

mony and are fighting against those

who are threatening peace, har-

certain planted people of vested quarters are creating chaos and the

iggest dilemma of the Muslim

world is the strong propaganda of

Islamic subjects in the education

system is the reason for falling

behind in the present world order.

Muslim leaders should identify

measures to strongly demonstrate

Islam as a religion of peace, progress and tolerance, he added.

power, he urged upon the govern-

ments and teachers to bring reforms

in madrasa education introducing

more lessons for science and tech-

Dr Anis Malik Toha of Indonesia

lleged the western world is using

terrorism' as a weapon. He said it is

not religion that has been politi-

Reminding that knowledge is

He admitted lack of knowledge in

Hanif Tayyab of Pakistan alleged

mony and stability

the western media

Those who raised accusations

promotes harmony at every sphere.

ing Islam are 'ignorant'.

Hassen of Sri Lanka.

They claimed current struggles of

They also urged Islamic scholars

"Each madrasa must be affili-

ter's degrees, he added.

education," he added.

affiliate those with universities.

The Pakistan government has

education system in all madrasas.

Replying to a question about

Bangladesh, being a Muslim

"There is no democracy and

forlong.

'I feel sorry for '71

and Abdur Rahman several times in Khulna since 2002," said a senior officer of Khulna district police. OC Mahbubur Rahman said they

are trying to know whether Hakim had recruited students of St Joseph High School and his coaching centre at Bagmara as cadres of JMB. As of last night, the schoolteacher

was being quizzed in DB office for more information about his links to JMB, Jagrata Muslim Janata, Bangladesh (JMJB), and Harkatul Meanwhile, police raided Alia Madrasa in the city yesterday. They however did not make any arrest or

found anything. Aware of the raid beforehand, the students of the madrasa left the area, fearing arrest. BOGRA Abdur Razzak, arrested at a furniture shop in Nepaltoli area of Gabtoli upazila late Thursday night, yesterday admitted his links to the blasts in Bogra on August 17, reports our

Bogra correspondent. Acting on the information provided by him, police raided different places yesterday to round up five

other blast suspects, but to no effect. Razzak told police that his brother Shipon is a unit commander of JMB and was involved in bomb blasts in Rajshahi. He [Shipon] is known as Rezzak inside the militant group. Admitting his role in the August 17

blasts in Bogra, Razzak told police

said the decision came as some

madrasas were providing militant

training, and arms and ammuni-

Earlier, replying to questions

from participants of the seminar,

Justice Iqbal said the Pakistan

government banned two political

parties -- Sepahe Sahaba and

Sepahe Mohammad -- because

they were engaged in terrorism and

scholars] behind bars, he said the

arrestees had fought militantly,

attacked several places.

assassinated Sunni Ulema and

Asked about Pakistan nuclear

scientist Qadir Khan's harassment

by the government, he said Khan is

a hero to general people of

does not know under what compul-

sion the scientist sought apology

the people of the country's natural

resources. A number of street rallies

will be held in different places along

They will also hold a grand rally

Communist Party of Bangladesh

(CPB) Leaders Manzurul Ahsan

Khan, Ruhin Hossain Prince, Nurul

Hasan and Tipu Biswas were also

present at the press conference.

on ending the journey at Tengratila

the route of the three-day march.

for leaking nuclear technology.

Scrap accords

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on September 28.

Justice Iqbal however said he

On putting Ulema [Islamic

spreading hatred in the society.

tion were recovered from them.

that he got involved with the JMB a year ago through another member

named Yunus. He also said Abdul Hamid, a IMB cadre from Rajshahi, used to train some 150 men in firearms at dead of night at Bhatghara Char in Nepaltoli. He said Hamid had supplied him and six others with bombs at about 10:00am on August 17 and taught them how to turn on the switches fitted with the bombs.

Razzak claimed that he did not know Hamid before that day and that he had never seen Bangla Bhai and Abdur Rahman.

Police took Razzak on a 10-day remand. He is the first arrestee to admit taking part in the blasts in Bogra on August 17.

Police yesterday arrested two activ-ists of JMB in Kalai area in connection with the August 17 blasts in the district, reports UNB.

The arrestees, Jahangir Alam Liton and Rabiul Islam Rabi, are

brothers of top JMB leader Likhon. Police on getting information that Likhon along with his two brothers were fleeing, intercepted a car in Battala area yesterday morning and nabbed Liton and Rabi. But Likhon managed to escape.

Both the brothers have admitted

their involvement in the nearsimultaneous explosions. RAISHAHI

Our staff correspondent from Rajshahi reports: Police last evening picked up Abdul Wadud from Ahab mosque at Nawdapara.

A militant suspect, Wadud is the son of Ahle Hadith Andolon

Bangladesh's second-in-command Shaikh Abdus Samad Salafi. Police yesterday were gathering information about his role in the

explosions.
Samad Salafi was arrested along with Galib on February 23: DHAKA Police arrested one suspected mem-

ber of JMB in Dhamrai area early yesterday. The arrestee, Ershad, 29, hails from Ashulia village of Dhamrai.

After primary interrogation, the local police handed him over to the Detective Branch (DB) of police, who brought him to Dhaka for quizzing yesterday afternoon. Police said they have gathered from the arrested youth some evi-

dence relating to the bomb attacks. BAGERHAT Hafez Mohammad Keramat Ali, 50, and Abdullah Sheikh, 45, who were

held on Wednesday in Bagerhat, were being interrogated for their 'links to the bomb attacks', reports BDNEWS. In another development, Maulana Abdullah Gazi was brought to Bagerhat from Joint Interrogation

### Cell (JIC) in Dhaka and was sent to jail yesterday. Fake bomb found in car in

front of Shahriar

Kabir's house STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police recovered a fake bomb from a car abandoned in front of eminent writer and journalist Shahriar Kabir's house at Mohakhali in the capital yesterday.

Kabir saw the car in front of his house in the morning and informed the police. "Thinking that some car lifters might have hijacked the vehicle and dumped it there, I informed the police," Kabir told The Daily Star.

On information, Gulshan police reached the spot, broke the lock of the vehicle and found a bomb-like object wrapped with red tape. They kept it in a bucket filled with water and later the bomb experts discovered that it was fake.

teacher, temporarily on the recom-mendation of the department. The agitating students demanding punishment and removal of

Progotisheel Chhatra Jote and

Jahangirnagar Sangskritik Jote in a meeting on Thursday night decided to join the movement of general

protesting Tanvir's behaviour. The JU authorities have con-

vened a special syndicate meeting today to take decision on the issue.

### BDR-BSF talks

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nationals.

The meeting will discuss issues relating to the killing and injuring of innocent Bangladeshis by the BSF and Indian nationals, stay of Bangladeshi terrorists in India and other security measures, push-in of Bangla-speaking Indians, prevention of trans-border smuggling of arms, drugs and other goods, installation of pillars on international border identified by the joint survey team, access of Bangladeshi trucks to the Indian land ports, BSF's obstruction to the development works in Bangladesh territory and the intrusion by the BSF and Indian

Besides, construction of illegal

British Muslim jailed 3610, airport 3310.

ting a terrorist outrage when he was

for the offences, including a discre-

west London, had denied possess-

system designed to make a secret

message look like a list of mobile

code "made it possible to communi-

cate in an innocent message which

only spoke about mobile tele-

ing articles for use in terrorism.

London and Birmingham.

Rowe, from Maida Vale in north-

Detectives found an encryption

fundamentalism.

tionary life sentence.

Ellison said there were also codes Fulford told Rowe: "You were a for explosive materials, which made paid operative over a substantial the document a "shopping list for period of time, travelling the world terrorism". and furthering the cause of Muslim

The prosecution alleged that the socks, attached to a cord, could have The judge said the government been used to clean a mortar tube. should consider harsher sentences

Rowe testified that he had used the socks as gloves for unloading ammunition in Bosnia in 1995, when the former Yugoslav republic was in the throes of war, and had

since used them as a target for mar-Ellison said Rowe travelled extensively after becoming a phone models at the addresses in Muslim. He visited conflict zones and had four passports in seven Prosecutor Mark Ellison said the

> Rowe, of West Indian origin, said he converted to Islam after hours of drug-fuelled conversations with a Muslim friend.

# Kidney diseases

Incidence of diabetes among village people was found to have reached about 5 percent against 2.5 percent ten years ago."

In another survey carried out by the same institution about two years ago in a slum area in the city's Mirpur, the incidence of diabetes, hypertension and nephritis among adults were also found at similar rate.

Prof Nurul Islam, head of the Department of Kidney Diseases at Ibrahim Memorial Hospital popularly known as BIRDEM, said, "Kidney diseases diagnosed now are quite high compared to about ten years ago. By the next two decades or so, kidney diseases will appear in epidemic proportion."

Studies show that about one in every four diabetic patients is likely to develop organ failure, especially of kidney, Prof Islam said. "So it is quite essential to emphasise prevention of the disease now if we want to avert an epidemic," he added.

The private clinics and hospitals treating kidney patients in the city report having enormous pressure on booking of beds for dialysis, a technique to excrete toxic liquid from the blood or, in other words, to produce urine artificially.

"We have ten beds which remain busy round the clock. The

newly diagnosed patients who seek treatment are often refused dialysis as we cannot afford to turn away our regular patients who come at least thrice a week for dialysis," said a doctor at the Kidney Hospital.

Jahanara Clinic Private Ltd in Uttara has 15 dialysis beds which remain occupied round the clock. 'The demand for dialysis has increased at least twenty times and the pressure of new patients keep increasing every day," said a doctor of the clinic. Dr Mohammad Hossain, man-

aging director of Dhaka Renal Hospital, the largest private sector renal centre, said, "The number of kidney patients has increased many times largely due to lack of awareness.

### Lone fridge

are facing severe troubles in conducting the practical classes. "Besides, conducting autopsy

has also becomed very hard task now. If the bodies are not wellpreserved, forensic experts have to toil harder and need more time to carry out the autopsy," he added.

The World Health Organisaton (WHO) donated the eight-drawer refrigerator worth Tk 28 lakh to the

# **Hunt for Islamists**

FROM PAGE 1 The JCD's hall unit leaders are preparing a list of students who are involved in extremist activities, JCD leaders said, adding that they have

already prepared such lists of sus-"After arresting two students from Survasen Hall, we are taking the issue seriously. We fear that the militant students might plant bombs inside the hall to destroy the

congenial atmosphere of the cam-

pus as part of their bigots' plans,"

one of the hall units' JCD presidents told this correspondent. Intelligence agency sources said they have information that at least 100 students are engaged in militant activities under the shadow of different Islamist organisations.

The students hold meetings at different parts of the campus in the name of religious activities, intelligence men said, adding that the student militants usually hold meetings at the rooftop of different residential halls at midnight.

They pretend to be gossiping and chatting with friends, one of the intelligence agency men told The Daily Star, asking not to be named. He said they are hunting the students and will arrest them immediately once they obtain adequate

Prof Zahidul Islam, provost of Jahurul Haque Hall, told The Daily Star, "Of course there are students in

tancy. But how can we identify them?" He said police could raid the hall anytime and arrest the students headded. He said that he did not allo

tablig Jamaat in his hall, which wanted to come to the hall without giving any information about themselves. He was uncertain, however, if the militants stay at his hall. "It is the duty of the intelligence agencies to find them out," he added. Suryasen Hall Provost Prof

Mohammad Sirajul Islam told The Daily Star that more suspected militants might stay at his hall as they have remained scattered all over the country. He said the house tutors are performing their duties at night, adding that guards are on alert so that outsiders can not enter the hall at night. The provost sought co-operation from all in this regard.

Yusuf Haider told The Daily Star that he had a meeting with all the provosts in this regard. He said that he asked all the provosts to go to the hall in the evening and to students' rooms regularly to check for the presence of outsiders in the dormitories. "If anyone finds a suspect, provosts have been asked to take necessary action," Prof Haider

US authorities kept up an intense

campaign to get residents away from the coastal zone this time --

while the governors of Texas and Louisiana asked for 40,000 federal

troops to be sent to help with any

is a massive storm, it covers half of the Gulf of Mexico," said David Paulison, acting head of the Federal

Emergency Management Agency

of New Orleans was flooded again Friday as Hurricane Rita's fierce

winds pushed water over a fragile

levee, less than a month after

Engineers have worked to close

Hurricane Katrina submerged most

Meanwhile, the hardest-hit part

"This is a big dangerous storm, it

relief operation.

# **US Gulf Coast cities**

FROM PAGE 1 it inland fast enough to escape the hurricane, and was frustrated by the lack of coordination with state officials.

Rita lost some power Thursday as it tore through the oil fields of the Gulf of Mexico, but at 0900 GMT Friday was still packing powerful maximum sustained winds of 220km (140 miles) per hour, with

at 15km (9 miles) per hour. "On this track the core of Rita will

be approaching the southwest Louisiana and upper Texas coasts late today (Friday) or tonight," the Hurricane Centre said in a state-

Saffir-Simpson scale," the statement read, adding that "isolated tornadoes are possible today over portions of southeastern Texas and southern Louisiana."

breaches in canal walls broken by Katrina on August 29 across the city, dumping sandbags, crushed stone and gravel, and sheet metal in some cases, to close the gaps. But in the impoverished ninth

ward, officials only partly filled the breach in the Industrial Canal, placing sandbags and gravel that fell short of the top of the levee wall, an Army Corps of Engineers official acknowledged.

# Majumdar, SM Rulhul Amin and

Jamaat rejoinder FROM PAGE 1 Jamaat or Shibir, the statement

claimed.

ali Biswas in the last parliament session also denied the existence of JMB in Bangladesh" is false. No Jamaat lawmaker from Satkhira attended the press conference of Ahle Hadith Andolon

Bangladesh (Ahab) leader Asadullah Al Galib in Rajshahi, the statement claimed. The statement also denied that Jamaat chief Motiur Rahman Nizami said "wait and see...get ready for directive" at a public rally

at Jaldhaka, Nilphamari. OURREPLY Abdur Rahman's father Abul Fazal was well known in Jamalpur district as a Jamaat man and a collaborator of the Pakistani army during the Liberation War. He was also an active member of the local Al Badar, the

killing squad of Jamaat of which Nizami was the chief. Abdur Rahman was also a Jamaat supporter.

In an interview with The Daily Star published on May 13 last year, Bangla Bhai admitted that he was a Shibir activist, and said, "When I finished my study in 1995, I quit Shibir because Jamaat accepted female leadership [of BNP] although the party considered female leadership as sacrilege

Jamaat chief Nizami at the end of his speech at Jaldhaka High School playground on February 25 actually said what was published in The Daily Star on September 22. His speech was also published in other newspapers on February 26, 2005. There was no contradiction from Jamaat at that time. Riasat Ali Biswas during his call attention notice on September 11 said, "A section of Indian and

Bangladeshi politicians have been

falsely propagating about Bangladeshi intrusion in India and

repression on minority, and that

different Islamist groups like Jama'atul Mujahideen, Harkatul

militant training in Bangladesh to turn it into an Islamic country." The Tasneem also said the informaspeech has been recorded in the tion that "Jamaat lawmaker Riasat parliament proceedings. Regarding the presence of a Satkhira Jamaat lawmaker at Galib's press conference, the Jamaat claim

> conference showed a certificate given by lawmaker Moulana Abdul Khaleg of Satkhira saving that Galib has no connection with militants. The said 11 persons as mentioned in the Jamaat rejoinder identified themselves as Shibir and

> > their arrest.

is correct. We regret our error.

However, Galib at the press

The Daily Star report also contained names of many other militants who were arrested with various documents, including letters of Jamaat leaders, Jamaat and Shibir receipts of fund collection, and other organisational papers of

Jamaat activists to the police after

Jamaat at different times lobbied for many of these suspected mili-tants and got them released from police custody. On the other hand, whenever militants are held, Jamaat always denies its link with them. Police on September 16 arrested two top JMB militants with huge amount of

Jamaat activist in Tanore, Rajshahi. Jamaat Secretary General and Social Welfare Minister Ali Ahsan Md Mujaheed in a protest letter on September 17 denied Jamaat's links of any sort with the arrestees.

bomb-making materials and four

firearms at a house belonging to a

However, Rajshahi Jamaat in a statement on the same day admitted that Obaidullah, brother of one of the arrestees Moulana Shahidullah Faruq, JMB's Chapainawabganj sector commander, is the vice presi dent of the local Jamaat supporters' committee. Jamaat in its protest statement did not contest any of other infor-

mation in our report.

We stand by our report.

FROM PAGE 16 aid or other form of financial assistance, said a finance ministry offi-

cial, preferring anonymity. According to WB President Dr. Paul Wolfowitz who addressed reporters in Washington yesterday, topics to be discussed during the annual meetings will include debt relief, trade, aid, health, education, infrastructure, agriculture and

Even though Saifur took these steps, he recently failed to have Development Support Credit III worth \$200 million after raising fuel price. The WB pledged to give credit to Bangladesh after adjusting the fuel price hike, a report said.

"This is because of corruption in

support for the country." Wolfowitz yesterday said developing countries have made some 'impressive" commitments to their own development by embracing improved governance and economic performance and account-

current aid efforts, he added. According to the WB, Bangladesh got \$140 million of financial assistance in different format through the WB last fiscal, which was 25 percent of the total aid of \$600 mil-

the lists and instructions while ated with any of the universities. senior officials in charge of investiand be guided by the government's gations into the militant activities, even the Special Branch of police, current education system. So madrasa students in future will not were not consulted about the matonly study religion, but will also

Chapainawabganj, Bogra, Rangpur, Joypurhat, Gaibandha, Satkhira and The home ministry lists carry the names of several hundred Ahab members of districts concerned and

asked not to harass innocent people. "Law enforcement agencies set against the militants are discouraged by the lists," said a highly

Police arrested Ahab chief

The initiative to convince the

Chhatra Shibir president Saiful Alam Khan Milon, now a Jamaat

He showed certificates from

creants tried to flee firing blank shots, the villagers caught two of the Islam disapproves

been 'religionised'. He said Muslims should build the media strong to counter the western propaganda and produce scientists, conomists and mathematicians so

that they can face the current world IOJ leader Mohiuddin Khan said Bangladesh earned the reputation of being a moderate Islamic state over the course of history. "This country was attacked repeatedly by outsiders but it never invaded any part of the world or was never a

threat to others," he pointed out. He rejected the campaign that madrasas in Bangladesh harbour militants, saying, "Madrasas in this country have always been offering good education of peace and honesty. Our madrasas never harbour militancy. He said Bangladesh is passing a

very tough time and conspiracy is being hatched against it. He urged all to step carefully to foil the conspiracy. "No-one can be able to damage Bangladesh by blasting crackers. Prof Shamsuddin of Chittagong

University stressed acquiring

knowledge of science and technology to counter propaganda against He urged the government and teachers to bring reforms to the country's madrasa education introducing more lessons for science, technology and computer. "The Muslim countries need to achieve economic solvency, and produce

educated negotiators and scien-

He appreciated Pakistan President Parvez Musharraf for banning Islamic militant parties, bringing reforms to madrasa education and moving to develop relations with Israel. We must accept the reality and

global trend...we also need to look

into our power and capability before

Muslims are fighting against themselves in many parts of the world, he said, terming the August 17 serial blasts in Bangladesh a fight against Muslims by Muslims. Justice Dr Javid Iqbal, son of great Islamic scholar and poet Allama Iqbal, in his presidential speech said

Islamic scholars of South Asia have

set the best view points of explaining

and practising Islam as a religion of

doing anything," he said.

peace and harmony. 'Islam promotes the value of ethics and harmony, while terrorism destroys its image and spoils its very cised. Rather, it is politics that has

# Police seized the vehicle.

ICD cadres FROM PAGE 16 Ahmad Siddique, the accused

Tanvir for his indecent behaviour with female students rejected the temporary suspension orders, terming it "a move by the university authorities to exempt the unscrupulous and mentally sick teacher from true charges

The students of business administration today will stage a drama on the social science faculty premises

structures like roads, camps and putting up barbed wire fence by India within 150 yards of the international border, violation of Bangladesh airspace by Indian planes, dishing out false information by Indian media and the programmes taken up to strengthen bilateral relations will also figure in

every hall who are engaged in mili-

involved in militancy. "We would help the government in this regard,"

Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof AFM

higher gusts, according to the US National Hurricane Centre. The eye of Rita was located about 467km southeast of Galveston and moving in a northwestern direction

"Rita is an extremely dangerous category four hurricane on the

Katrina also a category four on the five-level scale when it hit Louisiana and Mississippi. The toll from Katrina rose to 1,066 Thursday with many more bodies expected to

of the city.

# He gave examples of the code.