Weekly holiday

"The current global situation is not in favour of the developing countries. So, we have to go through a tough open market regime when there is no option but to be efficient, skilled and professional," she said.

and exporters to identify the reasons why the target in exporting woven products could not be achieved and growth in the knitwear items has

The PM lauded the BGMEA for its efforts to organise an international event like Batexpo, which has a very positive impact on flourishing the garment industry of the country.

Commerce Minister Altaf Hossain Choudhury said the commerce ministry has set up two task forces to

The disagreement is, where we are demanding that we must identify the places ... where we were before withdrawal so that there is a record

"Pakistan's point of view is when we have agreed to withdraw ... what is the relevance (of this) after the withdrawal agreement is signed," Mukherjee said.

India was insisting on marking positions, as it wanted to record evidence in case the glacier was reoccupied, he said.

Singh and Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf held talks on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly in New York this month but failed to announce any breakthrough. However, Musharraf said the two sides had made considerable progress

on Siachen, without elaborating. The two countries' foreign ministers are due to hold talks next week to review the peace process.

There has been no fighting on Siachen since November 2003, when a ceasefire came into effect. But both sides have lost more troops there in the past two decades to altitude sickness, sub-zero temperatures and avalanches than to enemy action.

First improve

employees, its managing director (MD) said employees' unions have been hamperion the smooth run-ning of the organisation as there are more unions than the rules permit.

Biman to control the employees' union activities.

Faruk Khan also told the meeting that due to unfair interference of the government, Biman is not operating like a commercial organisation.

He also enquired about the steps n nad taken to check the "Who will want to share your losses unless you improve your management and find lucrative

routes?" Khan questioned back. He also identified giving away of lucrative routes to other airlines as another reason for Biman's losses.

authorities to submit a report to it by November with the directives to check huge losses of Biman.

Public procurement

Saifur had left the country for USA on September 10 and returned home after attending the World Bank and the IMF annual meetings in Washington and UNWorld Summit in New York

During the Bank-Fund Annual Meetings, Saifur urged the development partners and multilateral donor agencies to provide the poor countries Development Goals (MDGs).

"All the participant countries in the UNworldsummitpointed out that the multilateral donor agencies did not disburse adequate fund, which they had promised earlier in 2002," the

finance ministersaid. G-8 countries in the summit have promised again to double their aid to the LDCs within the next five years and the countries those are relatively poor and performed well in reform activities, will get the lion share of the

Referring to the meetings with the IMF and the WB chiefs during his visit, Saifur said the IMF expressed its

satisfaction with the progress made by the Bangladesh government in reform

IMF is satisfied with our work whatever we have done in reform area, particularly in the banking reforms. the reform programmes in the energy and telecommunication sector," he

The finance minister said the WB also lauded Bangladesh's progress in realising the arrears of electricity and water bills and advised to continue the

efforts On the sidelines, the finance president who assured him of taking Directors for enhanced IDB support to help Bangladesh offset the oil price

address the issue of social compliance raised by foreign buyers and union leaders. The ministry has also set up a committee to make suggestions on

operational again, he added. Adviser of Commerce Ministry Barkat Ullah Bulu said the garment factories in Bangladesh are facing tremendous pressure to comply with safety and security issues. It is possible to generate six lakh jobs if the sick

RMGunits are revived.
Finance and Planning Minister M
Saifur Rahman was also present at the

inauguration programme.

BGMEA President Annisul Huq said the making charges in the garment sector have gone down by 40-50 percent following the quota phase-

The buyers shift their orders to other countries if the shipment is delayed by a single day, he said, adding that the compliance issue has also become all-important, which is pushing the cost substantially.

He mentioned that the woven garment export to the EU market was 70 percent of the total export a few years back, but now it has come down

The BGMFA president urged the government to rethink the issues, such as establishing a central bonded warehouse, Saarc cumulation and greater regional cumulation, to increase exports to the EU again.

Annisul Huq regretted that although a national coordination council was set up, some of its recommendations gather dust.

BGMEA vice-presidents Anwar Ul-Alam Chowdhury and Md Shahidul Islam also spoke on the

ICD factions

FROM PAGE 1 Station said that they used six teargas shells and one bullet during the

About their silent role during the clashes, West Regional Deputy Commissioner of Rajshahi Metropolitan Police (RMP) Lokman Hakim said that police could not take action inside the campus without the order of the authority.

However, RU Vice chancellor Prof Altaf Hossain said that the authority asked all concerned to take action against responsible persons.

The clashes occurred when State Minister for Home Affairs Lutfozzaman Babar, was attending a Rajshahi divisional meeting on the

RU doctors rushed to the Sher-e Bangla and Abdul Latif halls where the groups took shelter after police action and treated the injured. Earlier in the morning,

groups Godo and Massaha Rahman Rana staged a showdown with open firearms and looked for their opponents on the campus. Failing to find any of them, the Gorki-Rana group went to Sher-e-Bangla hall.

Later, police escorted the Miran-Shafin group, who rounded the campus with open arms and attacked the Sher-e-Banglahall.

Among the injured, RU JCD convening committee member Adil Shahriar Gorki received a bullet wound while ICD activists Nazmul. Shafiqul, Atiqur and Manik received wounds from splinters. The police arrested Gorki when he sneaked out of the hall for treatment in hospital. The supporters of Gorki immediately laid siege to the residence of the VC, threatening to cripple the university if their injured leader was not released.

A photojournalist, Nazrul Islam Zulu of the daily Jugantor, was attacked when he was snapping armed JCD cadres in action in front of police. JCD men led by Rumel, Miran and Shafin beat him mercilessly with iron rods while police looked on at 10 yards off the scene.

Journalists staged an immediate protest of the attack, taking out a procession.

Govt denounces

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Bangladesh, expressed disappointments over the government decision not to allow its "International Electoral Best Practices Conference" scheduled for January 22-23 next year.

The chair of the group in a press statement on Wednesday expressed its disappointment and postponed the planned high-level electoral conference 'until a more opportune

Asked about the latest government position after the group's reaction made public, the foreign secretary said the government stance on the socalled conference on best electoral practices is well-known and has been clearly stated several times.

"Bangladesh and its people are deeply committed to democracy. Governments are elected through free and fair elections, the mechanisms of which are codified in the constitution of the country."

He further said the past few elec-tions were held in a free, fair and democratic manner, which has been recognised by the international com-

"Elections in our country are a matter for the people to decide. The proposal to hold the proposed international conference on electoral reforms was, in the government's opinion, unwarranted," Hemayet

Earlier, on September 25, Foreign Affairs Advisor Reaz Rahman turned down the Tuesday Group's move terming it interference in domestic politics and counterproductive.

The group comprises ambassadors and high commissioners to Bangladesh from the UK, the US, Australia, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, Norway, Republic of Korea, Sweden and Switzerland as well as the Ambassador of the European Commission and the resident coordinator of the United

Govt to monitor

the government has instructed the authorities to keep a close eye on her itinerary and meetings.

today when she meets Indian leaders, adding that all the programmes were chalked out long before and handed herattheairport.

received her. The deputy high com-missioner of the Bangladesh High Commission also received her.

The source said Hasina would first meet her Indian counterpart and BJP chief LK Advani at his official resi-

She will meet Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh at his office-cum-residence on Race Course Road at 12:30pm, which will most likely be followed by lunch. She is scheduled to meet Defence Minister

Pranab Mukherjee later today. External Affairs Minister Natwar Singh will hold talks with her at the Hydrabad House in the evening when he will host a dinner.

Congress Party chief Sonia Gandhi as well as the speaker of Indian parliament tomorrow.

Hasina will also meet West Bengal Chief Minister Buddhadeb Bhattacharya and ex-chief minister Jyoti Basu at 11:30am and 12:30pm in Kolkata on October 2.

Hasina's programme schedule made no mention of her meet with Sonia Gandhi, presumably for secu-

programmes, the government is sure that it's a high-profile political visit by Sheikh Hasina. Her main purpose is to visit New Delhi to meet the Indian leaders; visiting Ajmer Sharif is not all the prime one," the source said. The government has given impor-

tance to Hasina's visit because it is taking place ahead of the Saarc summit in Dhaka on November 12-13 and the next general elections, the source

includes AL presidium member Kazi Zafarullah, MP and her Political Secretary Saber Hossain Chowdhury.

Haque Brothers

FROM PAGE 20 company Tk 5,000 under the exist-ing weight related ordinance for not mentioning weight measures on the

The same court raided and fined Haque Brothers Limited Tk 50,000 ast June after finding that many of its biscuit packages had no expiry

However, Rokan Ud Doulah expressed his satisfaction after observing better conditions during

the second raid on the factory.
"During our first raid on Haque Brothers Limited last June, we found a huge number of biscuit packages without an expiry date. But this time we found the number of such packages has significantly reduced, Rokan Ud Doulah told journalists.

Another mobile court of the Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) raided the factory of AP Dhaka Limited, an herbal products and medicine company at the city's Armanitola, and fined them Tk 36,000 for having an unhygienic factory environment and for not using an expiry date on the packages of

"Production at the factory is going on in a century-old building, making its overall environment very unhy gienic," said Mosharraf Hossain Milon, a DCC food and sanitation officer who was also with the mobile

The court, led by Sheikh Hamim Hasan, also found that the factory's

and juice, suspecting that the items are mixed with hazardous colours and

Anti-graft body FROM PAGE 20 "Firstly, it will gather information on

team will bring proceedings against those [the officials] found guilty."

Talking to the journalists, he said if necessary a mobile team will be drafted into the port and customs to help them detect irregularities and corruption.

"Bangladesh has been ranked the most corrupt country in the world ACC will strive to free the country of the stigma," Moniruddin observed.

of the country. "If proper measures are taken to contain irregularities, I believe the customs has the scope to increase its efficiency up to 50 percent from its current position," said the ACC

commissioner. He, however, said there is still scope to enhance the efficiency of the customs department.

During the inspection, Moniruddin expressed his disgust at too many irregularities at Chittagong Customs. Seeing the crowded appraisement room, he questioned the customs officials' unauthorised presence in the room. He also saw some years old files lying on tables, yet to be disposed of.

The team in the afternoon visited Chittagong Port. They held meeting with the port officials who dismissed the report of Transparency International, Bangladesh (TIB).

The ACC has plans to set up two permanent offices at Chittagong customs and Benapole land port with a view to combat corruption.

The other members of the team include Joint Commissioner of Customs Moinul Hossain Khan, Deputy Commissioner of Income Tax Abdur Raquib, and Inspector of Customs Akhtar Hamid Bhuiyan.

Brac staff shot

hospital. Afghan news agency Pajhwok says the Bangladeshi aid worker was iden-

tified as Shaheedullah. Arif Islam, project manager for the Brac, told AFP that it was unclear who carried out the attack that came a day after a Bangladeshi UN worker was wounded by a roadside bomb in the eastern province of Nangarhar.

Another Bangladeshi national, who worked for the UN, was wounded in a similar ambush at the weekend in the eastern province of Nangarhar.

Earlier the United Nations said it had restricted movements of its staff in Kabul after a suicide bombing killed at least 10 people while Taliban said it had 45 more suicide attackers awaitingorders to strike.

50 injured

FROM PAGE 1 days, went to the VC office to press

for their demand. VC Professor Khalilur Rahman at that time was in Dhaka to have a meeting with Luthfur Rahman Khan Azad, minister-in charge of the

Superintendent of Police Abdullahel Baki rushed to the spot to discuss with the agitating students. But at one stage, Magistrate Ziauddin, who was on the scene, directed the law enforcers to batoncharge the students.

Police clubbed the students indiscriminately and left at least 50 students injured. They did not even listen to the teachers' request to stop such action.

"Police did it to disperse the students," said the police super adding, "The arrest will continue."

Wednesday's bombing at a mili tary training centre set up by US-led forces to train a new national army was the worst suicide attack in the capital since the Taliban's 2001 overFROM PAGE 1

(DMCH) at 5:30am.

onWednesday.

attacked them.

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Bengal in India.

Dumuria upazila.

College Hospital.

about 12 lakh.

the shootout, it added. With at least 10 bullets, Titu was

pronounced dead upon arrival at

Dhaka Medical College and Hospital

The Rab seized one sawn-off rifle,

one revolver and six bullets. They said

Titu was accused in five criminal

the DMCH Titu's rivals had 'orches-

trated' the killing with the help of Rab. In Bagerhat, Rab nabbed Shah

Alam, an accomplice of slain

Asaduzzaman Litu, who was killed in

crossfire early this year, in Khalishpur

in Boyra CSD storehouse and an accused in at least 18 criminal cases.

they took him to Baintola village in

Rampal upazila at around midnight to

seize arms when his accomplices

During the 15-minute shootout, Alam was killed in 'crossfire' when he

tried to flee, said the press release. A

Rab member was also injured, it

gun and seven bullets from the spot.

Communist Party (NBCP). The acquitted also include the founder

of NBCP Monoranjon Goshai alies

Mrinal who was killed by his rivals

last year at Nadia district of West

Mohammod Nahor Ali, crime

reporter of Dainik Anirban of

Khulna, was abducted at arms point

on the night of April 18, 2001 from

his home at Shovna village in

found unconscious on the road near

his home in the early hours of April

19. The journalist succumbed to his

injuries on April 21 while undergo-ing treatment in Khulna Medical

as complainant, filed a case with Dumuria Police Station on April 19.

Charge sheet of the case was sub-

FROM PAGE 1 about 2.5 lakh returns were submit-

ted in the last two months. They

expressed the hope the number will be

From this year on, one will have to

submit detailed information about

their lifestyle and wealth statement

along with the tax return, which will

Earlier, those who had wealth worth less than Tk 3 lakh did not have

to submit wealth statement, but now

everyone regardless of their amount of

of spouse and offspring has to be

submitted with necessary documents

first time are brought within the same

system of tax payment. They will have

to pay tax on their own and submit

information about their lifestyle and

any government official on their salary

will be later reimbursed from the

Besides, one will be fined a one-

time Tk 2,500 for delay in addition to

the per day delay fine of Tk 250. In case

of a government official's failure to

submit the tax return in time, their

The NBR issued a circular detailing

the procedures to be followed by the

government officials while submitting

tax returns. The circular also contains

an example showing how much tax a

government official will have to pay if

they have income from agricultural

have savings in the bank, houses or

other property, are in a dilemma how

much to reveal, fearing further trou-

bles if they disclose information about

all the property belonging to them or

to extend the income tax return sub-

said the tax return form has been

simplified and one will not need a

In a memorandum to Secretary of

State Condoleezza Rice, Bush said

he was waiving some restrictions

under the US Arms Export Control

Act because it was in the national

security interest of the United

States. The law restricts defence

exports to Libya because the State

Department has designated it a state

restrictions "to permit US compa-nies to possibly participate in

Libya's programme to destroy its

White House National Security

cials of the British Foreign Ministry

and the Commonwealth Secretaria

on mutual cooperation. He will also

meet the secretary general of the

chemical weapons stockpile,

Council spokesman said.

Bush waived defence export

lawver's assistance to fill in it.

mission deadline.

US lifts

sponsor of terrorism.

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Many of them also asked the NBR

Meanwhile, a high NBR official

Many government officials, who

farm, share investment, houses, etc.

monthlysalarywill be held up.

However, the tax money paid by

The government officials for the

Besides, information about wealth

not be accepted otherwise.

wealth will have to submit it.

along with the tax return.

wealth as well.

mitted on February 7, 2002.

Submission

Sub-inspector (SI) Golam Rasul,

Severely injured Nahor was

All accused

The Rab seized one rifle, one pipe-

Alam was a workers' union leader

The Rab in the same release said

Titu's brother Masum claimed at

The Taliban claimed responsibility and vowed more.

UN spokesman Adrian Edwards said UN staff in the city, who are already under night-time curfew, had been placed on restricted movement as a precaution.

While we are assessing the situation, is restricted movement on staff,"

The security office serving nongovernmental organisations has told staff to stay on high alert and advised against unnecessary movement.

In Wednesday's attack in Kabul, a suicide bomber in the uniform of an army lieutenant rammed a motorcycle into a convoy of buses carrying Afghan soldiers in the eastern part of the city, opposite a base of Nato-led

Bigots harass

FROM PAGE 20 Despite their verbal attacks, the photojournalist continued her professional duty. The senior leaders of the ICM

later regretted the incident. The ICM wants to establish Quranic rule in the country. It looks at women from the ultra-fundamentalist viewpoint and opposes

They also criticised other Islamic parties in the ruling four -party alliance for accepting a woman, the incumbent prime minister, as the

female participation outdoors.

Bangladesh 11 notches

the first position with 74 percent FDI growth in the same period.

According to the report, the other Asian countries that received strong FDI in 2004 are China, Korea, Macao, Mongolia, Qatar, Singapore, Syria and

Speaking at the launching of the report, Executive Chairman of Bol and Adviser of Energy and Mineral Resources Division Mahmudur Rahman said the FDI received in 2004 is the highest amount of FDI received in a single year in the history of

According to the WIR, he said, the global economic growth is 5.1 percent while Bangladesh's average growth is 5.4 percent.

Terming "marketing" as the main factor in attracting FDI, he said, "Our aggressive marketing plan during the last three years was basically the reason for getting rebound FDI to Bangladesh. If we maintain our marketing strategy, we will be able to fulfil

Galib's link

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conference room. It was attended by Home Secretary Safar Raj Hossain, Cabinet Division Joint Secretary Mustafa Kamal Haider, Inspector General of Police (IGP) Abdul Quaiyum, additional IGP (Special Branch) Farruk Al Chowdhury, the DIG of Rajshahi range, Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) commanders of Rajshahi, Dianajpur and Rangpur sectors, acting commander of Rajshahi Rapid Action Battalion (RAB), deputy commissioners (DCs) and superintendents of police (SPs) from 16 districts.

The state minister instructed all concerned to submit charge sheet in the August 17 cases as early as possible after proper investigation to expedite the trial and conviction of those

involved, meeting sources said. Bangladesh is known as a liberal Muslim country but the serial blasts damaged our image abroad. The incident also hampered foreign investment. We cannot let the culprits go unpunished," Babar said.

He however claimed substantial improvement of law and order despite

The state minister ordered stepping up security during the Ramadan, Durga Puja and Eid and asked police. Rab and BDR to make unified and coordinated efforts for this.

The DCs and SPs of Rajshahi, Naogaon and Bogra told the state minister at the meeting that the officials who were on duty during Bangla Bhai's anti-outlaw actions did not properly investigate cases of murders and tortures by him (Bangla Bhai) and

Bogra SP Motiur Rahman Sheikh said Qaumi madrasas should be under close watch of the government so that their students could not get involved in militant activities.

The officials also told of their problems -- shortage of magistrates, lack of chemical laboratory, vehicles Later, Babar met local leaders of

the ruling alliance and sought their cooperation in strengthening the coalition and improving law and

Probe points

energy (later ousted) Mosharraf Hossain had forced Titas to give the pipes to Niko although those beloned

to the DCFP and were not suitable for

supplying gas from gas fields. The Canadian company had no permission from the Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC), the government's Explosives Directorate, Petrobangla, Jalalabad Gas Transmission Company Ltd or even the Joint Management Committee comprising Bapex and Niko officials to construct the pipeline. There is no Gas Purchase Sales Agreement

(GPSA) against this pipeline.
The DCFP on the other hand suffered delay because of this illegal our desired FDI target of \$1 billion within a couple of years.

The macro-economic stability, changing global investment situation and buying capacity of people are also the reasons for Bangladesh to become a major destination for FDI inflow, he

Bangladesh's overall performance in capturing FDI is definitely positive compared to other neighbouring countries, he said adding, "We have advanced 11 steps, India only two, while Nepal and Pakistan reversed five steps and Sri Lanka took eight steps

surged 60 percent in the first six months of the current year in comparison to the same period of last year He said during the last couple of years, the FDI flow--both foreign and domestic--has been upwelling nota-

The Bol executive said the FDI

bly. "But some media reporting downplayed our achievement," he The Bol chairman ignored the Global Competitiveness Report (GCR) 2005-2006, saying, "I am doubtful about the methodology, data collec-

tion procedure of the [GCR] research." He suggested the authorities to conduct a new research by following the Unctad data.

Speaking as the chief guest, UN Resident Coordinator in Dhaka Jorgen Lissner said Bangladesh's perfor-mance is very well in FDI collection last year, but to continue this performance in the future a comprehensive economicstrategy is needed. He said, "Bangladesh has faced the post-MFA [Multi Fibre Arrangement]

textile sector, so now it has dug up new groundsforinvestment." Prof M Ismail Hossain of the economics department of Jahangimagar University showed in a presentation that the global FDI rose two percent to

scenario tactfully in its garments and

\$648 billion in 2004 after three years of "Inflows to developing countries surged by 40 percent to \$233 billion while the developed countries experienced 14 percent drop to \$380 billion,"

Intelligence

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operations are being severely hin-dered by influential quarters. Policemen have to think twice before acting against suspected or confirmed extremists alike, as instructions are there not to harass leaders and activists of Jamaat-Shibir and Ahle Hadith Andolon Bangladesh (Ahab) chief Asadullah Galib and his

followers, they added. Law enforcers cannot work freely due to the government's 'arrest militant, release them' policy, detectives said. They said they have evidence that many on the 'not-to-be harassed' list that the home ministry has sent recently to Gaibandha and other northern districts are in fact involved with the militant groups.

For instance, a police officer seek-ing anonymity said, they have been instructed not to arrest Lutfor Rahman of Bagmara upazila of Rajshahi. "A college teacher by profes-sion, Lutfor is an adviser to militant kingpin Bangla Bhai. He was with Jamaat before joining hands with Bangla Bhai's Jagrata Muslim Janata Bangladesh (JMJB), "he said.

PM goes Lutfor went into hiding after the government banned JMJB on FROM PAGE 20 Commonwealth countries in ebruary 23. But as police received London on October 3-4. He said the foreign secretaries of instructions not to harass him, he soon got back to his area. He had met a Jamaat leader immediately after the Commonwealth countries will coming out of hiding, said sources. discuss various issues of cooperation, particularly establishing the networking for development among There are militants even among the police sub-inspectors who were

against one such militant cop hailing

from Bogra's Shariakandi, who is now

at Sarda Police Academy. But nothing

has yet been done to this end,

observed an intelligence source.

given the jobs according to a list made the Commonwealth member states. by the ruling parties, added the They will also discuss the draft of the CHOGM communiqué to be Intelligence agencies had alerted placed at the Commonwealth sumthe government on several occasions mit in Malta for approval, he added to the presence of extremist elements During his stays in London, the within the law enforcement agencies. foreign secretary will also hold They had called for action particularly bilateral meetings with senior offi-

Criminal Govt jobs politicised

The government has recruited about 40 JCD leaders and workers from different universities and Bogra district to National Security Intelligence (NSI) in three phases in last two years. The recruits are Shamsul Islam Shaon, Aktheruzzaman Liton, Atiar Rahman, Bulbul, Mahabubul Alam Pahari, Rafique, Sohel, Royal, Towfique, Aziz, Kaiyum, Ranojit, Mamun, Mafizul Islam Patwari, Shahajahan Miah, Zafar, ASM Sayem, Masum, Liton,

Khadija Akhter Happy, Mostafizur Rahman Mamun, Shahriar, Mamun, A total of 20 JCD leaders and workers from DU unit have secured appointment as section officer at the National University (NU). They include, among others, Akram, former general secretary of Suryasen Hall unit ICD. Nuruzzaman, former vicepresident of DU unit JCD, Delwar Hossain, former leader of Jahurul

Haque Hall unit JCD. Sources said former NU vicechancellor Prof Aftab Ahmed had recruited as many as 500 JCD and ICS activists from different universities, relatives of BNP and Jamaat leaders and of some DU teachers to NU, though the university could hardly accommodate such a large number of

appointees. At least 10 JCD and ICS men have been recruited to the PSC as assistant secretaries, the sources said adding that one of the PSC members had even been asked to recruit only those with allegiance to the ruling parties' stu-

dent fronts. Besides, a number of JCD leaders and activists were appointed Thana education officer through PSC a couple of years ago. Former assistant finance secretary of central JCD AFM Zahid Iqbal was among those, JCD

The JCD top brass are now lobby-

ing hard for their favoured candidates to be appointed to the posts of police sergeant. They are also trying to have their men recruited to the Social Welfare Directorate, which will add to it some 30 new staff, JCD sources said. At least 10 DU JCD leaders are on the race to become police sergeant, and assistant director of the passport office, also to be recruited soon. The JCD sent at least 30 names to

the PSC to recruit their activists through the 26th special BCS exami-nation. JCD sources said at least 15 JCD leaders and workers got appointment in the examination from the list, among them Lutfor Rahman is the central unit assistant secretary of information and research. Sources said the PSC also recruited

least 15 JCD leaders and activists of DU have also got appointment through the examination On the other hand, BNP JCD and Julia Dal leaders and lawmakers allegedly convinced the deputy commissioners and district education

officers to recruit BNP loyalists as

at least 100 JCD men and 50 ICS men

from different units of the country. At

headmasters of different primary Sources said at least 50 BNP men have been recruited recently as headmasters of different primary schools.

A large number of JCD and

on several occasions even after JMB and JMJB were banned on February 23 this year. The detectives have gathered that he had visited his brother-in-law Abdul Awal alias Abdus Samad in his house [Awal's]

Natore several times. Awal went into hiding soon after the countrywide serial blasts on

Officials of another intelligence agency confirmed that Rahman had been to Bogra with some of his men a few days back. They, however, could not say whether Bangla Bhai

was with him. They also said the JMB boss has close connections with interna-

activities had halted after Galib's arrest a few months ago on charges

"I don't have any such informa-

night. Asked about the failure of the DB raid to nab Rahman, he said he has no knowledge of that matter as well.

The Rab member proposed her of an illicit relation which she refused. Refused, Ujjal raped her on the May 31 evening.

death.

appointed to various jobs at the Bangla Academy, Press Institute of Bangladesh (PIB), Bangladesh Television, different directorates of ministries and other government

institutions. Walilur Rahman Khan Sopan, Mofidul Islam Patwari and two others have been given jobs at the Bangla Academy while Khorshed Alam Akash, Mamun and some others at the PIB. Ruling BNP's front wing leader Mustafiz Sohel has been appointed assistant director at the labour and manpower ministry while Mujib, Sayeed, Nishat, Zillur and some others assection officers at DU.

JCD and ICS activists have been appointed BCS officers too through the PSC as part of the government's political appointments, added the

HOWALISTISMADEANDSENT Sources in the JCD said lists are made before every examination. DU JCD Office Secretary Abul Kashem receives from leaders and activists primary documents including those certifying one as a member of the organisation. Compiling those papers, he makes a list and gives it to the DU unit JCD President Hasan Mamun. Mamun in turn passes it to the central unit President Azizul Baree Helal and General Secretary Shafiul Bari Babu. Helal and Babu then pass the list to the officials of 'Hawa Bhaban' who finally

handitover to the PSC authorities. The leaders do not take money from fellow activists, but they sometimes take handsome amount from the candidates other than ICD activists, added the sources

The job seeking JCD activists from Patuakhali, Barisal, Khulna, Jessore, Bogra, Feni, Noakhali, Comilla Chandpur, Tangail, Mymensingh and Netrokona are given preference as most of the top JCD leaders hail from ICDSTATEMENT Chhatra Dal DU unit General Secretary Saiful Islam Firoz denied taking any money from anyone. He

are made for appointments. The JCD leaders and activists are meritorious enough to land themselves any jobs, he observed. Describing JCD as an organisation of meritorious students, Shafiul Bari Babu said those who are being

said he even does not know that lists

appointed are obviously of high cali-He said all the appointments were made on merit, "We did not send any list to anyone. Chhatra Dal workers get jobs only by dint of their merit," Babu told The Daily Star.

they did not receive any list of ruling party men. All appointments have been finalised following the rules, he said, denying the allegation against the PSC of recruiting ruling alliance men to different sectors. Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) MAAziz earlier told the journalists regarding the controversial appointment of the UEOs and other

A PSC member on condition of

anonymity told The Daily Star that

election officers that all the selections were made following the rules and regulations. He however added that the PSC had given the appointments and the Election Commission (EC) has noth-

Jatiyatabadi Samajik Sangskritik ing to do with those. Wanted JMB chief

at Kaliganj in Singra upazila of

August 17.

tional militant organisations. Meanwhile, sources in police and Ahle Hadith Andolan Bangladesh (Ahab) said the wife of detained Ahab chairman Asadullah al Galib has started organising the women activists of Ahab. The organisations'

of being involved in militancy. Bogra Superintendent of Police (SP) Motiur Rahman Sheikh said he does not know anything about Abdur Rahman's recent visit to

tion," he told The Daily Star last

DHAKA Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) arrested Jewel Khan, 28, in the city's East Bashabo area on Wednesday. He is the proprietor of Colour City

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file a case with Mirpur Police Station but it refused to accept the case. She later filed a complaint to the home The victim left the house where

The victim, on next day, tried to

Ujjal threatened to kill her and moved to her aunt's house.

The victim in her complaint said several criminals hired by the accused abducted her from her aunt's house on August 27 but Rab rescued her later.

Printers, where the leaflets distrib-

uted on August 17 were printed. Members of Rab's intelligence unit raided the East Bashabo area at midnight on Wednesday following up information obtained from the people arrested earlier at the printing press.

The arrestee was being quizzed

intensively by Rab members as of last night, said a Rab press release yesterday. Earlier on September 16, Rab raided Colour City in Bashabo and Daud Modern Printers at Tanti Bazar in Old Dhaka, suspecting the leaflets

distributed during the countrywide

blasts were printed there.

During the raids Rab arrested eight people from Daud Modern Printers and 14 from Colour City Quoting the arrestees, Rab sources said around 7,000 leaflets in Arabic and English were printed at Daud Modern Printers while 8,000 booklets and 52,000 leaflets were

printed at Colour City Printers. The Rab release also said Akramul Islam, who was arrested with five others at the rented East Bashabo house of Ataur Rahman, had ordered the printing and received the leaflets before August 17. Ataur is the younger brother of Abdur Rahman.

Aids virus

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period, and they were unable fully to tease out any effect that drug therapy may have had on the virus. Researcher Dr Eric Artz said: "This was a very preliminary study, but we

in that the viruses from the 2000s are much weaker than the viruses from the eighties. "Obviously this virus is still causing death, although it may be causing death at a slower rate of progression now. Maybe in another 50 to 60 years we might see this virus not causing

did find a pretty striking observation

Keith Alcorn, senior editor at the HIV information charity NAM, said it had been thought that HIV would increase in virulence as it passed through more and more human hosts. But the latest study suggested the opposite is actually true.

What appears to be happening is that by the time HIV passes from one person to another, it has already toned down some of its most pathogenic effects in response to its host's immune system," he said.

FROM PAGE 1 (BTMA)--in the readymade garment (RMG) sector, she said it is a welcome move that these trade bodies are now united and working together to how the sick industries can be made face the challenges to survive in the global market.

Focusing on the present market trend, she urged the entrepreneurs

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occupied these places," he said.

Prime Minister Manmohan

Quoting the Biman MD, a law-maker said there are 10 employees' unions in Biman at present while the rules permit three. The committee advised the

regular losses to which the Biman MD replied that it is looking for strategic partners for different routes.

The committee asked the Biman

FROM PAGE 20 number of credit supports from IMF and WB by next eight weeks through strengthening the supervisory institu-

with enhanced fund to help them offset the increased oil price shock as well as achieve the Millennium

They also suggested us to accelerate said.

minister had a meeting with the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) his proposal to the IDB Board of

The source said most of her impor-tant programmes are scheduled for

The leader of the opposition returned to New Delhi from Ajmeriast night where a joint secretary of the Indian external affairs ministry

The AL chief may meet ruling

"After seeing all her meeting

Hasina's 11-member entourage

biscuit packages.

ghee and rosewater lacked expiry The court confiscated for testing AP 's honey, pickle, tomato ketchup

different kinds of corruption; secondly, an inquiry team will come to collect specific data and information, and lastly, the investigation

for four consecutive years and the He said changes, if required, should be brought about in the customs and port for the betterment