Petrobangla boss

Chowdhury officer on special duty

(OSD), replacing him with AKM

Jafarullah, member of the Planning

Commission. Iqbaluddin is due to retire

Sources said a business lobby has

been pushing for the removal of Osmani

since the June ouster of state minister

AKM Mosharraf Hossain from the

energy ministry and appointment of

Mahmudur Rahman as the adviser to

the ministry, in the context of some big

corruption against Osmani and his

removal could not come at a worse time

since he was playing a crucial role in the

negotiations of some foreign invest-

ment proposals," said a ministry source.

Under Osmani, the Petrobangla was

raising some issues on coal mining,

which some business lobbies did not

The energy ministry standing com-

mittee led by Sardar Shakhawat Hossain

Bokul MP grilled Osmani at a meeting

on Monday, holding him responsible for

The committee alleged that because

of Osmani, the Ashuganj-Monohardi

pipeline project implementation was

delayed by two years, creating crisis in

gas supply. Osmani was blamed for

"slow decision" in other schemes as

The Ashuganj-Monohardi project

was supposed to commence operation

in July 2004 and the latest deadline is set

gas and power crises.

"There is not a single allegation of

investment negotiations.

on October 30.

# Fresh Voters' List

Mohammad Ali and M Munsef Ali, who had opined in writing to revise the existing electoral rolls.

But the CEC did not consider the opinion of the two election commissioners and directed the EC secretariat to take preparation to prepare a fresh voter list.

The last meeting of the EC took place on August 6.

After taking the voter roll decision on August 7, CEC MA Aziz told reporters, "There is no need to have a consensus of all three members."

Replying to a query whether it was a consensus decision, he also said, "We took the decision on the basis of public opinion expressed in last July's dialogue on the voter list."

The CEC since then has not called any meeting of the EC to review the preparation of the voter

By this time, four files had been sent to the two election commissioners on recruitment of the officials for preparing the voter list, but each of the files received a note of dissent from the two. The CEC, however, had approved the recruitment drive.

EC secretariat officials have said that preparations for the voter list are going on in full swing. Recruitment of the enumeration officials will be completed by November 15, they added.

Secretary of EC secretariat SM Zakaria Monday told journalists that the enumeration will start from January 1.

Election Commissioner AK Mohammad Ali, who along with M Munsef Ali disagreed with the CEC's decision, however said they do not yet know what is going on in the name of voter list preparation.

"Nothing is being done in accordance with the decision of the election commission, rather things are being done merely in the name of the commission," Election Commissioner AK Mohammad Al yesterday told The Daily Star.

"Election commissioner M Munsef Ali and I have opined that the existing voter list should be revised while the chief election commissioner all by himself has decided to go for a fresh voter list. Had the majority view been considered, our opinion would have come out as the decision," the election commissioner said

Despite repeated attempts over the last two days, the CEC could not be reached for comment.

Talking to The Daily Star vesterday, former chief election commissioner Justice Abdur Rouf said each decision of the EC should be based on opinion of the majority of the commission members.

"The chief election commissioner himself is a commissioner of the commission. He will have the deciding vote if the commission comprises more than one member and is split on any issue," Justice

Echoing the same view with Justice Rouf, former chief election commissioner Abu Hena said everything should be done through discussion at the election commission.

"In my tenure we sat almost every day and took decision. Such a situation never prevailed at that time," he told The Daily Star.

Former CEC Justice Sultan Hossain Khan, however, said there is no specific constitutional obligation that the EC will have to take a decision in the light of the majority view.

The decision will not be invalid if the chief election commissioner takes it unilaterally. There is no obstacle in implementing the decision even if the other election commissioners dissent from it," Justice Sultan, also the chairman of the Anti-Corruption Commission, told The Daily Star yesterday.

## Uttara OC

On September 22, the OC intercepted the car of Anis near Azampur Eidgah n Uttara and asked him to get down from the car. The OC, accompanied by Ripon, seized the car and took him and the car to Uttara Police Station.

As Anis asked them why he was arrested the OC told him that there was a mugging case against him, Sumi said. The OC in collusion with others beat Anis to death and she came to know about her husband's death two days after the arrest, she complained.

After the hearing, Metropolitan Magistrate Mohammad Mizanur Rahman directed the additional inspector general (AIG) of Criminal Investigation Department (CID) to take necessary steps against the accused after an investigation.

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decide whether it will join.

Prior to commencement of the sitting at 4:00pm, the business advisory committee in a meeting will decide the duration of the session as well as bills to be placed before the

The session summoned mainly to meet the constitutional obligations is likely to witness a few workdays.

If the government continues the sitting over 18 working days, AL lawmakers' membership will be at risk, as they have already been absent for over 70 consecutive workdays from the parliamentary sessions.

Rules of procedure of parliament states that the seat of a member shall fall vacant if he or she remains absent without leave of the House for ninety consecutive sitting days.

complaints with nearby police stations

when he was told helpless passengers

the bus fares following the recent fuel

price hike and new fare charts have

been given to operators of all routes.

He, however, admitted bus owners

may be charging extra without his

up resistance to unfair activities of bus

authorities upped the fare by one-

paisa, whereas there is no resistance

when the operators increased the fare

Huda said, "The government

The minister also admitted the

government did not interfere when the

operators of diesel-run buses put

pressure on the CNG-driven bus

operators to raise fares, though the

reporters that he or his government has

failed to maintain discipline in the

transport sector. "You always see our

He observed that people did not

face any difficulties due to the conflict

between two groups of bus operators.

'This is not a big issue. You better try to

understand the improvement the

transport sector witnessed," he told the

Huda further said this is a free

economic society and the government

cannot interfere in all the nitty-gritty

He, however, said the government

will look into the matter of extra bus

fares and sales of tickets in the black

General Secretary Shakhawat Hossain

Early winter vegetables, including

cauliflower, cabbage and spinach

(palang shak), whose prices were quite

high, were also of poor quality as

untimely rains badly affected their

"Wholesale traders have raised

vegetable prices as the supply was

inadequate. As a result, it has become

very difficult for us to make some

profits unless we sell the items at

higher prices," said Karim Mia, a

brisk business because the higher the

prices are, the less the common people

vegetables will continue for some

days," said Abdul Hakim, a wholesaler

A pair of tiny cauliflower was selling

at Tk 40 yesterday against Tk 30 three

days ago, a pair of small cabbage was

also selling at Tk 40 yesterday, up by Tk

10, while Spinach sold at Tk 60 a kg and

Palwal sold at Tk 20 a kg yesterday

newly harvested potato at Tk 60 a kg.

at Kawran Bazar yesterday.

"It is not true that we are doing a

"It seems a supply shortage of

retailer at Mirpur kitchen market.

Badsha, among others, were present.

DRU President Shafigul Karim and

markets before the Eid.

Vegetables

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cultivation.

buy," he claimed.

failure. Show me where I have failed?'

Huda, however, did not agree with

CNG price was not increased.

cannot take actions until and unless

you lodge complaints or put up resis-

operators to the commuters.

by several taka," he said.

The minister also suggested putting

"There was a riot in India when

He said the government increased

Huda blames

are compelled to pay extra.

knowledge.

The rest comes from professional donors, whose blood is deemed to be too risky to use.

As Taslima, in spite of all her connections, failed to manage even a single bag of blood from a safe source. finally had to give in as the operation time neared. She was left with no other option but to buy blood from the professionals

(SCC) President M Anarul Islam Anar and DMCH Blood Bank Medical Technologist Golam Kibria confirmed the existence of an acute crisis of blood in Ramadan, which Kibria termed a typical feature of the month.

Anar said the SCC collects some four to five hundred bags of blood a month, but during this month the collection amount goes down to 200 to 300 bags. As a result, he added, "Every day in Ramadan we have to turn down requests of four to five persons for

Anar also pointed out that, while the situation remains reasonably months before Ramadan. But our stock ran out in the first half of the

Another patient at the DMCH, M Mahmudullah, 75, of Bed 11, Ward 6, was also awaiting a surgical operation for urologic problems. His son Nazir Ahmed had desperately searched for two bags of 'AB' positive blood for a couple of days. But every time he returned empty handed. Finally, he bought blood from two professional donors for Tk 1,100.

"Everybody said he was fasting. When I requested to give blood after Iftar, they said they felt very weak at that time and if they gave blood they might not be able to say Tarabi prayers," Nazir told The Daily Star.

Md Khairullah, said donating blood in emergency situations does not spoil

# Blood gets scarce

Sandhani Central Committee

## becomes scary in the second half of the month. "Anticipating the crisis ahead, we had held more frequent blood collection programmes in the

Sources said the project has been

delayed not because of Petrobangla, but

because of a quarter of opportunist

people in Monohardi of Narsingdi, the

When the project was progressing

these people erected different struc-

tures in the pathway of the pipeline and

started asking for high compensation

from Petrobangla for giving it the right

The energy ministry then formed a

committee with a joint secretary and the

deputy commissioner of Narsingdi. The

committee came up with a proposal to

pay these people off with Tk 17 crore to

expenditure of questionable nature, the

constituency's MP played a silent role in

delaying the pipeline project by two

years, the sources added. "There is no

role of Petrobangla or Osmani here,"

said a source involved in the pipeline

Jamaat lawmaker Mohammad

According to the election sched-

Scrutiny of the nomination

ule, the last date for submitting

nomination papers is November 8.

papers will be held on November 9,

while the last date for withdrawal

of candidature is November 17.

Abdullah Al Kafi in September.

Dinajpur-1

While the amount was an additional

obtain the right of way for the pipeline.

constituency of Bokul.

Ghana and Environment Minister Tariqul Islam in Kenya to attend conferences while State Minister for Home Affairs Lutfozzaman Babar is in Saudi Arabia for Umrah. Khurshid Jahan Haque, minister for women and children affairs

Secretariat

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Shajahan Siraj, minister for jute and textiles and Alamgir Kabir, state minister for housing and public works This correspondent visiting a number of ministries yesterday found

many officials and staff "not so busy" at their desks. Works slow down during the Ramadan and overseas tour of the

prime minister and some senior cabinet members has added to it, said a high official wishing anonymity. However, with the Saarc (South

Asian Association for Regional Cooperation) summit only a few days ahead, the foreign ministry is working in full swing.

### Saarc secretariat FROM PAGE 16

event a success, secretariat officials

They said final touches are being given to different matters relating to the twice-postponed 13th summit and the secretariat is looking forward to productive deliberations that will take the two-decade-old regional forum into the third decade with more action-oriented programmes for closer cooperation in various fields among the member

The Saarc since its emergence has brought the member states into closer framework of cooperation in various areas ranging from trade and commerce to sports and culture.

New avenues are being explored for cooperation and the coming summit is expected to provide a fillip to the quest for multi-dimensional cooperative ventures aimed at improving the socio-economic condition of the vast segment of people in the region.

The secretariat is working in consultation with the member nations on the agenda and other issues pertaining to the heads of

## 16 PBCP men FROM PAGE 16

from the villagers

As villagers did not have any arms in their possession the criminals became angry and started shooting at them. The gang killed Nasiruddin Ashanoor, Murad Ali, Kutu, Kauser, Arshad Ali and Jalaluddin on the spot while two others, Shamsher Ali and Muiibar Malitha, succumbed to their injures in Chuadanga General Hospital.

Md Yunus Ali of the village Kulbila filed a case with Damurhuda Police station against the 16 on the next

The case was investigated by Subinspector (SI) Saidul Islam of Damurhuda Police Station. The charge sheet was filed on March 18

Yunus, the plaintiff, was killed by unidentified criminals at Chuadanga in 1998. The murder weakened the nine-murder case as his deposition was vital for trial, said Special Public

## Jamaat mother body

Huda trashes

Meantime, Communications

Minister Nazmul Huda who leads a

faction at a press meeting with report-

ers trashed the expulsion decision

and I don't care who have expelled

me," Huda told the newspersons at

Dhaka Reporters Unity.

committee.

Khan said.

"We will go with our programmes

At a press conference at South Hall

of Supreme Court Bar Building, the JAF

faction led by Aminul said they will also

hold due conferences of three divisions

IAF President TH Khan explained

their position as to why they expelled

Huda after the minister dissolved the

central committee and declared

himself the chief of a new convening

"They [Huda and BNP Law

Secretary Advocate Joinul Abedin]

were repeatedly running anti-JAF

constitutional activities and seriously

statement against its top leaders,"

On Joinul's statement that Huda

met TH Khan three days ago at his

residence with a proposal of forming a

convening committee with Khan its

But he told Huda to work jointly in

line with the JAF standing committee

decisions and proposals taken at

lawyers' grand rally to avoid division

Barrister Aminul Haque and law-

yers of his group including Khondoker

Mahbubuddin Ahmed, MP were

Law Minister Moudud Ahmed is in

 $among \, lawyers, the \, JAF \, chief \, added.$ 

him, Khan admitted of the meeting.

prior to the central conference.

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chief of a newly formed convening Reporters Unity auditorium.

> Briefly describing militancy, its goals, cadre recruitment and training, funding, access to arms and its national and international network, the AL leader cited recent and past incidents to explain his contention.

In his paper, Sayeed said Jamaat was revived in the politics of Bangladesh from its Pakistani predecessor, and it was Ziaur Rahman who restored the anti-independence forces and placed them in the cabinet.

activities with a small number of party members in the then East Pakistan in the '50s, it gathered 650 'Rukan' and one lakh associate members in 1982 against only 425 'Rukan' and 40,000 associate members in '68-69, the

Moududi of Pakistan, Jamaat is a fundamentalist party that uses religion as political capital, and has damaging the forum's image by giving recruited 33 percent of the party men from the younger generation and 66 percent from educational institutions, Sayeed said.

Militancy was rooted in former Jamaat chief Golam Azam's call to turn the country into an Islamic state chief adviser and that Khan agreed with in a bid to take a tough stand against India by rejecting secularism and Bangalee nationalism, he said, quoting from Azam's books.

Jamaat and its student wing, Islami Chhatra Shibir, in their efforts to establish Islamic rule are directly linked to the madrasas that are involved in militancy, he said.

Darul Ulum Madrasa at Lalkhan Bazar and Hathazari and Al Jamiyatul Islamia at Patia in Chittagong -- as the  $breeding\,grounds\,for\,militants, saying$ they run around seven thousand Kawmi madrasas in the country. Instead of following the madrasa curriculum, they teach no other languages but Urdu and Arabic. The main activities of the three madrasas are to make plans for a militant move-

ment, carry out the plans and arrange militant training, he added.

The present government has established 1,720 schools and colleges against 1,618 madrasas, and appointed 25,882 teachers for general education against 18,167 in madrasas.

Sayeed mentioned that the majority of those arrested so far for bombing and exploding grenades are from madrasas. Around 50 militant organisations receive funds from Saudi Arabia, Libya, the United Arab Emirates, Egypt, Pakistan and some other Muslim countries, he said.

leader alleged that the Pakistani intelligence had 'direct links' to the militants and supports them in almost all anti-Bangladesh activities. Harkatul Jihad is closely linked to al-Qaeda, which evolved in Pakistan. Sayeed claimed that Jamaat

the civil service, 18 percent in education, 21 percent in health and 12 cant inroads into the army.

also keeps pro-Jamaat publications in its libraries, he said.

supporting militancy, Sayeed said it has not arrested the main accused in any bomb attack as Jamaat and such other organisations are components of the alliance. Even if they are arrested, they are later released and sedition charges are not brought against them.

Comparing the militants with the pro-liberation, secular and progressive forces, Saveed said, "We talk much. They (militants) talk less and vision and commitment."

# Fresh bomb threat

slogan, 'We want the law of Allah and the rule of honest men'.

RMP, Rajshahi range police and district police authorities asked officersin-charge of all police stations to take high security measures in and around all police stations.

The letter sent from Shibganj carried the address of "its sender" Maolana Hafiz, an Imam of Shekhtola Jame Mosque, police said.

Police found Maolana Hafiz at the mentioned address in Shibgani, but local people as well as the police believe that his name was mentioned only to

deceive the authorities. Police are investigating the matter.

Meanwhile, police could not extract any information as of last night from detained IMB cadre Mizanur Rahman Mukul alias Moabia, who is believed to have coordinated bombings at eight spots in Faridpur on August 17, reports our staff correspondent.

Mukul, arrested on Monday in Faridpur with a large number of CDs on guerilla warfare and iihad along with letters written in Arabic, was remanded for seven days yesterday.

"Mukul is telling us that he would rather die, but would not disclose anything about the JMB as he is committed to keep it secret," an investigator said.

Sub-Inspector Mosaddek Ali of Kotwali Police Station, who is also the investigation officer (IO) of the case, said they will transfer Mukul to the Joint Interrogation Cell in the capital after quizzing him for two days.

Our staff correspondent from Chittagong reports: Khulshi Police Station under Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) yesterday pressed charges against eight people including JMB chief Abdur Rahman and JMJB (Jagrata Muslim Janata Bangladesh) leader Siddigul Islam alias Bangla Bhai in the August 17 bomb blast cases in

The other accused in the charge sheet are IMB activists Fariduzzaman alias Swapan, Arshadul Alam, Abdus Sattar Mollah, Sadrul Anam, Jahangir Alam and Abul Kalam Azad alias Ahmad

Five of them were arrested from different spots of the port city after the bomb blasts while Bangla Bhai, Abdur Rahman and Swapan are still abscond-

Earlier, Bandar Police Station submitted its charge sheet against JMB activists Arshadul Alam and Abdus

The Court of Chief Metropolitan magistrate yesterday took into cogni-

sance the two charge sheets, sources Six other police stations Kotwali Panchlaish, Doublemooring, Bakalia, Pahartali and Halishahar on Monday

submitted final reports with recommendations for releasing 15 arrestees. Meanwhile, Khulshi PS could not press charges against JMB's Chittagong divisional operational commander

Reaz and Abu Jahar due to nonavailability of their full addresses. sources said, adding that their names

Our Barisal correspondent reports: Police submitted a charge sheet in one of the 12 cases filed with different police stations in connection with the August 17 serial blasts in the city before a first class magistrate court yesterday.

Of the nine accused named in the charge sheet, five, namely, Abu Solaiman Sujan, the visually impaired peon of Al Ikram Islami Samaj Kalyan Sangstha, its officials Golam Morshed Reza, Jalal Arefin, Jasimuddin and

arrested. Abu Solaiman in his confessional statement given before a magistrate named six of the accused and said Al Ikram Samaj Kalyan Sangstha Director Ziaur Rahman Zia was the mastermind

of the bomb attacks in Barisal. The plan of a bomb attack was taken at the organisation office on August 16 and they had a meeting on the day of

attack he said All the accused are JMB activists,

Our staff correspondent from Khulna reports: The IMB in a letter on Sunday threatened to blow up the Paickgachha upazila court, UNO office, pourasava office and other important

nstallations. The letter advised the Paikgachha upazila administration to remain neutral or to face serious conse-

Extra security measures have been taken following fresh threats by the JMB, Khulna Police Superintendent

Our staff correspondent from Sylhet adds: Sylhet police are yet to nab Delwar, a prime suspect in the bomb attack on Judge Biplob Goshwami in

Sylhet on October 18. Delwar's name first came from IMB cadre Akhtar Hossain, who was caught immediately after the attack on the Sylhet Speedy Trial Tribunal judge of

rest house attached to the city's Bhangatikor Bhuru Miah Jame

Organisation (WHO) and the coun-

try's health ministry announced. "We now have seven cases of bird

flu, including four fatalities," said health ministry official Renuizar Another official said the victim

was a 23-year-old man who died on September 30 in Bogor, south of Jakarta. Test results received Monday

## Eid ticket scalping Kamalapur Railway Station failing to book cabins on launches Those who could procure tickets had to

pay much higher than the normal fare. Sources said a group of scalpers in league with launch crews have booked most of the cabins until the Eid Day, No cabin ticket is to be found at the ticket counters for November 1 to 4

Some unlucky ticket seekers said the scalpers are selling a single-berth cabin ticket for Tk 1200 to Tk 1.500 and a double-berth one for Tk 1,700 to Tk 2,500 for the Dhaka-Barisal and Dhaka-Bhola routes, depending on the quality

of the launch service. Real price of a Dhaka-Barisal or a Dhaka-Bhola single-berth cabin ticket ranges from Tk 500 to Tk 700 and a

When The Daily Star correspondent vesterday asked for a double-berth cabin ticket at the ticket counters of some Dhaka-Barisal and Dhaka-Bhola launch services for November 1 or 3, the counter staffs said no ticket was avail-

After a short negotiation, Amir Hossain, a ticket clerk for Flotila, a Dhaka-Bhola launch, directed the correspondent to a scalper who demanded Tk 2,000 for a double-berth cabin and Tk 1.200 for a single-berth

"What do you think of the price of the tickets? Today (Tuesday) you can buy tickets from me but these tickets will not be found after a day," he said.

"Every year newsmen write about us  $but it has no \,effect \,on \,our \,business," \,said$ a scalper who was selling tickets for Suravi-6, a Dhaka-Barisal launch. He said the crisis of advance tickets has been created by the ruling BNP leaders and its activists as they already booked a

large number of cabin tickets. The deck tickets will also be sold at a high rate ranging from Tk 50 to Tk 100 from October 31 to Eid day, said launch

"We decided to raise the price of a deck ticket to Tk 180 from Tk 130," a launch master of Dhaka-Bhola route told this correspondent. A number of passengers said if the

government does not take corrective measures, the launch crews will charge many times higher than the normal fare during the couple of days immediately before the Eid. Meanwhile, on the occasion of Eid ul Fitr, Bangladesh Inland Water

Transport Corporation (BIWTC) decided to arrange special steamer services along with its regular services from October 31 to ensure safe and comfortable journey of the homebound passengers, according to a press release. Other than these steamer services,

from November 1 to the eve of the Eid,

sea trucks will run twice a day from

Kumira to Guptachara at 10:30am and at

3:30pm and from Guptachara to Kumira at 8:00am and 1:00pm. At Paturia, Mawa and Chandput ferry terminals, special measures will be taken to meet the urgent situation, the morning in front of the ticket counters a Kamalapur Railway Station well ahead of their opening time to buy advance tickets. Tickets for October 31 to November 3 were not on sale vesterday Advance tickets for only October 30

Advance tickets for October 31 will be sold today, tickets for November 1 will be sold on October 27, tickets for November 2 will be sold on October 28 and tickets for November 3 will be sold on October 29, the station authorities

But a reliable source said most of the first class and other comparatively good tickets have already been booked by the

'We always keep some tickets for very important persons (VIP) especially in this context we have kept some tickets for November 1 to 3," said Saidur Rahman, an officer of Kamalapur

A person may buy four tickets at a time. "What can we do if the scalners stand in line for buying tickets?" said Ashruf Uddin, assistant commerce

Battalion were also patrolling the

station frequently. the trains and tickets for passengers who will travel standing in the cars will not be

Clarification

FROM PAGE 16 Denying any negative involvement in garment sector, Incidin Bangladesh in a clarification said it is closely working with business sector and the government to ensure fair trade and thereby protect both the business and workers' interest in the

The NGO also said it has been working for almost a decade to protect and promote global market access of the country's RMG sector and thereby protect the livelihood of

## ETV chairman FROM PAGE 16

The court also issued a rule upon the home secretary, the inspector general

of police (IGP), the officer-in- charge (OC) of Kafrul Police Station and Farjana Shilpi to show cause within 24 hours after receiving the order as to why the police action against Salam and his relatives should not be declared illegal. After hearing two separate petitions

filed by Abdus Salam, two High Court benches passed the orders.

A large crowd queued up yesterday

were being sold.

legislators, leaders and the activists of the ruling party. ministers and parliament members and

officer of the station. During the visit to the station vesterday this correspondent saw efed up security with a mobile court, Government Railway Police, Bangladesh Rifles and police squads deployed to check any untoward incident. Members of Rapid Action

Extra compartments will be added to

readymade garment (RMG) sector.

against Tk 12 to Tk 14 three days ago, while aubergine sold at Tk 36 a kg, and okra at Tk 32 a kg. Bean prices ranged between Tk 50 and Tk 80 a kg. Indian tomato was

selling at Tk 60 a kg and bitter gourd at

bles and other seasonal crops have been heavily damaged by rains

VKDuggal. The Bangladesh delegation also comprises the joint secretaries of home and foreign ministries. The meeting is expected to address

certain rough edges in Indo-Bangladesh

team headed by Hossain's counterpart

relations over issues relating to the security concerns of both the countries, officials here said. While India will press for more tangible action by Bangladesh against the alleged activities of northeastern Indian insurgents in that country, Bangladesh is likely to renew the plea for

According to them, New Delhi will express its concerns over the insurgency and the activities of other "militants' taking shelter in that country Even though Bangladesh has been

handing over "Bangladeshi criminals"

who fled to India, they added.

assuring India that it will not allow its territory to be used by militants for anti-India activities, New Delhi is of the view that militant outfits and their leaders continue to operate from across the

The sources further said border

fencing, arms smuggling and steps to

carry out joint patrolling to check cross-

border crimes will also be discussed

governments to override patent laws during national health emergencies, but no member-country has yet

generic version of Tamiflu and is pushing authorities to invoke the clause, although it has also applied to Roche for permission to copy the drug. Another Indian company, Ranbaxy Laboratories Ltd., said last week that it

invoke the provision, and how Western countries, which support  $strong\,patent\,protection, will\,react.$ 

month," he described.

But, the principal of Karwan Bazar Ambar Shah Hafizia Islamia Madrasa and Orphanage, Hafez Moulana Mufti

Indo-Bangla

New Delhi, the sources said, is expected to suggest appointment of nodal officers on both sides to check trafficking in women and children

besides setting up of a joint border working group. The issue of release of a BSF watercraft seized by the Bangladesh authorities a few years back would also

form part of the agenda. The Bangladeshi delegation is also expected to meet Indian Home Minister Shivraj Patil during its stay here. The last round of home secretary-

level talks between the two countries was held in Dhaka in September last A certain bitterness crept in the ties between the two countries after BDR chief Maj Gen Jahangir Alam Chowdhury's comment that some Indian criminals along with the

Bangladeshi ones took part in the August 17 bomb blasts in Bangladesh. The Indian foreign ministry had reacted to it sharply saying it was out of keeping with the friendly relation between the two countries. Gen Chowdhury on his return to Dhaka said that his remarks were "distorted" by a section of the Indian media.

# Plan to make vaccine

allow its drug manufacturing companies to copy Tamiflu, the drug patented by Roche to treat human cases of bird flu, without first securing a license from the leading Swiss com-"We will deliberate on various

patent laws and we will meet the

manufacturers thereafter. We will try to get international collaboration on the subject. I'm sure that even if it's a patented molecule, considering the widespread public health concern about it, we don't have to wait until the public health emergency really breaks out," Indian Health Secretary PK Hota

are legal matters which need prepara-

tory practice," he added.

bird flu, but it imports large quantities of poultry from other Asian countries. The WTO decided in 2003 to permit

India is yet to report any case of

invoked the provision. Indian pharmaceutical giant Cipla Ltd. says it has already developed a

has also applied to Roche for a license. It remains to be seen if India will

Prosecutor Advocate Abu Zafar.

Although Jamaat started political

Based on the ideologies of Abul Ala

Saveed named three madrasas --

Referring to some arrestees, the AL

percent in the police force. He also alleged that Jamaat has made signifi-He went on to allege that most of the religious instructors inside the army are Jamaat followers. The army

reportedly has nine percent men in

Blaming the ruling government for

work more. We are unstable, almost without having any guidelines. They are firm and committed to their goals. We talk about ideologies in a deceiving tone as if we don't have any dream

came out in the confessional statements of the five accused arrested earlier.

Maruf Hossain have so far been

the IO of the case, Sub-Inspector Mamun, mentioned in the charge

Moinul Islam said.

Following Akhtar's information, police recovered bomb-making materials from Delwar's rented room of the

# New outbreak

Mohammad and JMB activists Rezwan, confirmed he had H5N1 bird flu.

### Tk 32 a kg. told reporters here yesterday evening. According to the monitoring cell of "We are in the process of ensuring the Department of Agriculture that vital supplies must be available Extension (DAE), early winter vegetawithin the country, whether it is drugs, vaccines or any other supplies. These