

Sangsad Abdul Ahad Chowdhury, AI

leaders Habibur Rahman Khan, Muku

Chowdhury, Quamrul Islam and Hai

of BNP and late president Ziaur Rahman

The discussants blamed the founder

The officers and staff members of

Bangladesh High Commission in Delhi

yesterday observed the National

Revolution and Solidarity Day with due

solemnity, reports our New Delhi

hoisting of the national flag on the high

commission premises in Chanakyapuri

followed by munajat for peace and

and prime minister on the occasion

were read out by Acting High

Commissioner Masud bin Momen and

Their rivals led by Habibur Rahman of

the village prevented them from

constructing the well that resulted in

Jabbar were stabbed and died on the

spot, while 10 others of both the

groups sustained serious injuries.

They are now undergoing treatment

On information, police went to the

The members of the Rapid Action

spot and arrested three people from

the spot. They are Renuka, 42, and her

Battalion (Rab) also visited the spot

Police have been deployed at the

Medical centres

bers, will be on duty by turn.

teams, each comprising seven mem-

will be provided at eleven places,

including Bangladesh-China

two specialist physicians and one

medical officer each will work for VVIP

motorcade. Of them, seven ambu-

lances will be deputed for heads of

state or government while five for

Two VVIP cabins, two operation

theaters, one ICU bed, one CCU bed

will be allocated each in the Combined

Military Hospital (CMH),

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical

University (BSMMU) Hospital and

Ibrahim Cardiac Centre for ensuring

emergency health services of the VVIP.

stored after scanning. There is a

Adequate facilities for emergency

Bangabhaban, International

Conference Centre and Gazipur Brac

Blood of all groups have been

Friendship Conference Centre.

other foreign guests.

Besides, emergency health services

Twelve ambulances comprising

During the clash Aminul and

a clash between the two rival groups.

Minister (Press) Anwarul Haq.

Messages of Bangladesh president

Their programme began with the

Muhammad Selim.

Correspondent.

progress of Bangladesh.

2 killed

village

FROM PAGE 16

2.04 crore.

# Natwar relieved

relevant materials, including unverified references in the report by Volcker regarding "involvement of Indian entities and individuals", said a press statement issued by Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's advisor Sanjaya Baru.

The decision to appoint 79-yearold Dayal, a former under secretary general under former UN secretary general Javier Perez de Cuellar, came amidst growing opposition demand for a probe by India's federal Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) into the Volcker report.

The Volcker report has accused more than 2,200 companies and prominent politicians across the world of colluding with Saddam's regime which extracted nearly 1.8 billion dollars in illegal surcharges and bribes from humanitarian Oil for Food programme.

Natwar Singh has denied any

# 2 decades on, Saarc

percent.

starts a new cycle.

disasters and terrorism.

mentation.

forward.

Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka -- was formally launched on December 8, 1985 in Dhaka aiming to promote peace, stability, amity and progress.

As per its charter, Saarc is to hold its summit annually but it held only 12 summits in 20 years. It missed eight summits on various grounds like military coup, security concern, natural disasters and above all mistrust among the member nations.

The performance of Saarc is still not up to expectation due to differences among the member states, and the regional body apparently remained hostage to certain issues in the region, largely due to discord between two nuclear powers -- India and Pakistan.

Despite having vast potential, Saarc is still to perform like the Association of South East Asian Nations (Asean) and other regional bodies.

In the last 12 summits, Saarc adopted declarations containing guidelines for poverty alleviation, economic integration, cooperation in the fields of science and technology, environment, information and communication, combating terrorism etc but there were no guidelines to implement those.

proposals including Saarc programme to deal with natural Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan disasters. It feels every region should said that so many decisions adopted have preparedness programme to at the previous 12 Saarc summits face calamities like tsunami, cyclone were not implemented, "may be by and earthquake. default or by design".

He went on, "We must come out of the prison of our past mindset as mental impediment is stronger than real impediment.'

South Asia's intra-regional trade is only 3-4 percent although it has a wide range of economic potentials and a 450-million-strong middle class, bigger than the population of the US and Canada combined or the European Union (EU).

The region is also endowed with ment, expanding communication and transport network, adopting an immense geographical advantages, considerable natural and human resources and a large and vibrant market of middle class consumers capable of purchasing even luxury items.

wrongdoing and said the allegations in the Volcker report were aimed at discrediting the Congress Party which has had good ties with Saddam's Baath narty until 2003 when US-led troops vaded Iraq and toppled the regime Singh has also challenged Volcker's claim that the committee had sent notices to all those named in the report so that they could clarify their stand. "Neither I nor Congress Party ever received any communication,' he said.

Talking to reporters on Sunday night, Natwar Singh said he was not guilty and he has the backing of a whole lot of people in the Congress

Party. According to the report, 139 companies had paid illegal oil surcharges to Iraq and 2253 firms gave Saddam regime kickbacks on humanitarian related goods supplied to Baghdad under the Oil for Food programme.

member states is 66 percent of their

total trade volume and that among

the Asean member nations is 28

In the current global scenerio, the

ensuing 13th Saarc Summit in Dhaka

is of special significance to

Bangladesh on three counts -- it is

being held on the eve of the third

decade of the organisation.

Bangladesh is the first country to host

its summit for the third time and thus

Against the backdrop of current

relationship between India and

Pakistan, and urgency of economic

integration of South Asian region

Saarc leaders in the past few months

emphasised taking practical steps to

deal with new challenges of natural

assume the next Saarc chair, the

Dhaka summit will mark the begin-

ning of third decade of the regional

body with the member nations

aspiring to see it as a decade of imple-

Dhaka will make a number of

The summit would focus on,

among other issues, how to jointly

tackle natural disasters and

strengthen early warning system.

Dhaka will underscore concerted

efforts to eliminate terrorism from

make great strides in the areas of

poverty alleviation, intra-regional

trade, attracting foreign direct invest-

Officials said the region needs to

South Asia and the world as a whole.

While Bangladesh is poised to

#### FROM PAGE 16 in the capital. Parts of the letters are now being reproduced in the plaque. Zia in 1980 wrote the letters to the then Sri Lankan president Julius

Richard Jayawardhane, Indian prime minister Indira Gandhi, the Maldives President Maumoon Abdul Gayoom, Pakistani president Ziaul Haq, Nepalese king Birendra Bir Bikram Shah Dev and King of Bhutan Jigme Sigme Wangchuk to form a platform with seven South Asian nations for more intensified regional cooperation. Following Zia's initiative and the

Saarc leaders

cooperation of those leaders, the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (Saarc) was finally launched in 1985.

The Saarc set off formally through the First Saarc Summit on December 7-8 in Dhaka. President Ziaur Rahman however could not see his initiative translated into action as he was assassinated on May 30, 1981. During the upcoming 13th Saarc

Summit in Dhaka, the Saarc heads of state after paying tribute to the martyred freedom fighters at Savar National Mausoleum are scheduled to visit Zia's graveyard and place wreaths on November 12.

President of the Maldives Maumoon Abdul Gayoom, Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh Pakistani Prime Minister Shawkat Aziz, King of Nepal Gyanendra Bir Bikram Shah Dev, Sri Lankan President Chandrika Kumaratunga Bandarnaike, Prime Minister of

Bhutan Lyonpo Sangay Ngedup and Bangladeshi Prime Minister Khaleda Zia will unveil the plaque. Zia's graveyard has recently been

uplifted into a complex and a bridge has also been installed over the Crescent Lake to facilitate visit to the complex.

The complex and its surroundings have been brought under tightened security measures on the occasion of the November 12 visit by South Asian leaders.

#### 40 missing

FROM PAGE 16 Aziz of the local police outpost in Kumiraghata.

No casualty was reported when the report was filing at 8:30 last night. Police said most of the passengers

are reported to have swam ashore or Bangladesh officials said the been rescued. But they could not tell mmit is expected to give directions the number of the passengers feared to make the organisation stride missing.

> Senior officials FROM PAGE 1

programme the forthcoming Saarc summit through their two-day deliberations on 11 agenda of activities of the forum.

A foreign ministry spokesman said the two-day meeting of the Saarc Programming Committee will review and consider reports of various committees, calendar of activities and budget of the Saarc secretariat for 2006 in preparing recommendations for the standing committee of Saarc foreign secretaries to take necessary

Briefing reporters, Director General of External Publicity (DGEP) Zahirul Haque said the agenda include a review of the progress in

Fund (SADF) and consideration of the

South Asian identity, consideration of

the audit report of the secretariat and

the Saarc-Japan Special Fund for 2004

tion of the secretariat premises are

Haque said the Programming

The senior officials who arrived

activities are Kesang Wangdi, head of

Saarc and Bimstec Division of

Bhutan, P K Kapur, joint secretary

(Saarc) of India, Hira Bahadur Thapa,

joint secretary of the foreign ministry

of Nepal, Syed Ibne Abbas, director

general (SA) of Pakistan, and Mrs

Geetha De Silva, additional secretary

Hussain Thoufeeq Ali, assistant

director of the foreign ministry of the

Maldives, was scheduled to arrive at

11:00pm yesterday. At the meeting

Bangladesh delegation will be led by

M Fazlul Karim, director general (UN,

NAM, Counter-Terrorism & ARF).

informal parley among themselves.

But he hinted that she would com-

plete all substantial work of the sum-

mit if she departed early.

spouses.

(Political Affairs) of Sri Lanka.

and the budget for 2006 and renova-

meeting at Dhaka Sheraton Hotel.

also on the agenda.

# Solidarity Day

FROM PAGE 1 mazar of president Ziaur Rahman in the

capital. The president and prime minister stood there in solemn silence and offered munajat. Ministers, lawmakers and BNP

leaders were present. for killing military officers, who tool Speaker Jamiruddin Sircar also part in the Liberation War. placed wreaths at the mazar of Ziaur Rahman, and offered fateha.

As part of the day's programmes, ruling BNP and its allies and front organisations organised discussions, milad mahfil and cultural functions.

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister and BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan addressed a discussion at the Mahanagar Natya Mancha organised by the party's Dhaka city unit.

He criticised the opposition parties for threatening to oust the government, saying the opposition is conspiring to topple a democratically elected government.

On the opposition's grand rally of November 22, Bhuiyan said success of such a rally does not mean people have no trust in the government. "We will gather more people than the opposi-FROM PAGE 16 ion's rally.

A number of ministers and senior BNP leaders also spoke at the discus-

Opposition leaders at a discussion organised by the ISD (Inu) said the BNP-Jamaat alliance government has been trying to conceal the truth and the real story of the civil-military revolution.

ISD President Hasanul Hug Inu said at Manikganj Sadar Hospital. the High Court verdict against the Fifth Amendment has proved Ziaur Rahman had illegally occupied power. sons--Monwar and Nurul.

He said the civil-military upsurge with the help of Colonel Taher in November 7, 1975 wanted to put an end to the military rule in the country. The National Revolution and Solidarity Day is shameful for the BNP supporters, he added.

He said the JSD and the general public as well as military wanted to form a national government, but Ziaur Rahman killed hundreds of military personnel to establish military rule.

He urged all to be united to oust the alliance government to form a national government with minimum common national programmes

Workers Party of Bangladesh President Rashed Khan Menon said another mass upsurge is needed to oust the alliance government and the fundamentalism from the country.

He said they would jointly resist the fundamentalist forces in the country. He also condemned the alliance government for their move to distort information and history of the revolution day.

JSD leaders Moyeen Uddin Khan Badal, Sharif Nurul Ambia, Shirin Akhter, Iqbal Hossain Khan and Mohammad Khaled also spoke.

ISD (Rob) in a separate discussion stressed the need to formulate a third liaison officer in each hospital. political alliance to reform the state system.

health service have been ensured at Its General Secretary Abdul Malek the time of arrival and departure of the Ratan said the country has fallen into guests at Zia International Airport deep crisis as Ziaur Rahman shunned National Memorial at Savar, Mazar of the sprit of the November 7. President Ziaur Rahman, Padma JSD leaders Nurul Amin Bhuiyan Guesthouse, Jamuna Guesthouse,

Abul Khair Sazzad, Ataul Karim Farook also spoke on the occasion.

Amra Muktijoddhar Santan (We are Centre. Ambulance and medical children of freedom fighters) organised implementation of Regional a discussion at the central office of the AL to mark the day as "killing of freedom Integrated Programme of Action (RIPA), consideration of reports of the fighters"

### **OC closed for** failure to maintain law and order

#### **OUR CORRESPONDENT,** Barisal

The officer-in-charge of Bhandaria Police Station in Piroipur was closed on Sunday in the wake of a robbery spree and killing of a youth by robbers under his jurisdiction.

The district police administration closed OC Abdul Barek for his failure to maintain law and order, said a police officer asking not to be named. Armed robbers on Tuesday night looted at least eight shops in Charail Pole Hut and in Nadmulla village in Bhandaria.

A group of armed robbers attacked a number of shops and looted them in Kapali Hut More in Shilakati union the next night.

The robbers chopped a shopkeeper, Rafigul Islam, and opened fire on villagers, who came to resist the robbery.

Mizanur Rahman, 29, a construction worker, was bullet-hit and rushed to Bhandaria Upazila Health Complex and then to Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College and Hospital where he died on Thursday night.

Locals said extortionists attacked and looted three shops and injured two people following a feud over VCD rental in Bhandaria Bazar on Saturday.

Shopkeepers observed a half-day strike in protest against the attack and demanded immediate arrest of the extortionists the same day.

### Cops look

FROM PAGE 16 The August 21 grenade attacks left 22 AL leaders and workers dead, including Ivy Rahman, and 200 others injured. AL chief Sheikh Hasina narrowly escaped the attack.

Another accused Nure Alam said he used to cross over to India through Satkhira border and hand over Tk 1 to 2 lakh of extortion money to Mukul and Joy, two other charge-sheeted accused in the case, now staying in India.

Nure Alam was a charged-sheeted accused in Kuril arms and ammunition haul case, CID sources said adding that he also admitted to having links with the killing of Jubo League leader Rahmat at a Mohakhali hospital on November 21, 2003 and in the killing of Rahmat's brother Moti a few months prior to that.

The CID on Saturday arrested four people including the three for their alleged involvement in the August 21 grenade attacks on an AL rally last vear.

The three -- Shafiq, Rana and Nure Alam -- were taken on a seven-day remand on Sunday and are being quizzed by CID.

#### Pak PM's FROM PAGE 16

the school on November 12. Reply to a query, Haque said the wife of Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh had expressed her desire to visit Gurudwara Nanal

# WB cancels health

FROM PAGE 1 press release said

The WB explains collusive practice as "a scheme or arrangement between two or more bidders, with or without the knowledge of the procuring agency, designed to establish bid prices at artificial level" and uses the term "non-competitive practice" in cases where bidders submit bids in complicity with each

other to gain an unfair advantage. The concerned three projects are: Municipal Services Project (MSP), Health and Population Programme Project (HPPP) and National Nutrition Programme (NNP).

The WB concludes that collusion had taken place among bidders in 12 contracts under the MSP and the HPPP, valued at Tk 4.8 crore. These findings are based on an independent procurement review undertaken by the international audit firm, SGS (Netherlands) which examined a sample of contracts financed in

these two projects. The WB determined that its procurement guidelines had been clearly violated in eight work contracts for MSP and three work contracts for HPPP, implemented by the Local Government Engineering Department (LGED)

The WB also determined that its procurement guidelines were violated in a ninth MSP contract, implemented by Panchagarh Pourashava, through Bangladesh Municipal Development Fund (BMDF).

The bidders quoted identical unit prices for most items of work, and most bids had identical handwriting, although these posed to have been submitted by different bidders.

to suppliers that the investigation found as "not actual businesses". Under the NNP, two contracts to procure deworming tablets were mproperly advertised and fraudu-

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non-competitive bidding process

had been followed in three contracts

under the NNP that are valued Tk

A contract to procure computers

and accessories had been awarded

ent evidence was provided that bid notices had been published in newspapers of general circulation whereas the newspapers had not included the bid notices in their general circulation editions.

The WB procurement guidelines require publication of all bid notices in national dailies with wide circulation and open competition among all bidders under national competitive bidding.

The WB's country assistance strategy puts governance at the centre stage, the WB press release said, adding that it has supported the government's procurement reform as part of its strategy for improving governance.

Beginning with the Public Procurement Regulations, 2003, the bank has supported capacity building, tracking of procurement outcomes and most recently the Public Procurement Law.

Although the government made good progress in policy reforms, the desired outcome -- cost-efficient public spending and value-formoney in budgetary outlay -- can only be achieved with full implementation of the Public Procurement Law, the WB says.

Ellis Park racetrack suffered major

damage. The grandstand was ripped

This will be their second meeting in

of Control (LoC) at five points to help

The two leaders would review the

Pakistani foreign office spokesper-

son Tasnim Aslam told reporters

yesterday, while announcing Pakistani

delegation to the Saarc summit, that

the summit would provide an opportu-

nity for the Pakistani prime minister to

meet leaders from Saarc members and

to reaffirm Pakistan's commitment in

tum generated by the 12th Saarc

summit in Islamabad would be sus-

the 12th summit on the Social Charter

and the Additional Protocol on

Terrorism, Pakistan is the first country

"Pakistan hopes that the momen-

Following the agreements signed at

strengthening Saarc.

tained at Dhaka," she said.

the quake-stricken people.

## Tornado hits Indiana

FROM PAGE 16 Vanderburgh County, according to

officials there said.

county officials. away, several barns were damaged and Three area hospitals reported treatat least three horses were killed. ing more than 220 people. At St. Mary's Some 25,000 people were left with-Medical Centre in Evansville, the closest out power because of the storm, which hospital to the destruction, at least 30 government weather officials said was were admitted with serious injuries, and the worst to hit the state in 17 years. twelve people were in critical condition. Deaconess Hospital in Evansville had at

Manmohan least 15 people in critical condition, FROM PAGE 1 Saarc Summit in Dhaka "We've had severe damage," said

'The Dawn' of Pakistan quoted Newburgh Assistant Fire Chief Chad diplomatic sources as saying that the Bennett. "Homes were totally devasmeeting between the two prime ministated. There are a lot of people thankful ters is likely to take place on November to be alive today.' 12. The venue for the expected 45-Officials said the death toll would minute meeting will be Dhaka

ikely climb as rescue workers picked Sheraton Hotel where the two leaders through rubble in house-to-house are to stay searches and scoured farm lands. About 130 Indiana National Guard troops were less than a year. They last met in New called in to assist in recovery efforts Delhi in November 2004. The meeting assumes significance as it follows a and to help provide security and clean andmark agreement with the two up debris. countries vesterday opening the Line

At least two people were found dead in a sovbean field in Warrick County, according to the Newburgh fire department

ongoing peace process, the sources The Eastbrooke mobile home park in said. Earthquake relief efforts along the Evansville was one of the places hardest LoC and Indian assistance to Pakistan hit when the storm struck well before will figure in the talks, they added. dawn. Many homes there were reduced Demilitarisation of Kashmir advocated by President Pervez to twisted piles of metal that lay mixed Musharraf is also likely to come up with the remains of downed trees, during the course of the discussion, smashed cars, and other debris sources said.

But Saarc nations have not been able to create their own market within themselves till now, and achieve substantial progress towards economic integration of the region. Meanwhile, trade among the EU

energy policy, investment in numar resources development, quality education, stabilising population growth and eradicating illiteracy. The Dhaka Summit is expected to

rovide a fresh impetus for regional cooperation with specific focus on implementation of previous commitments, agreements and plans of action adopted over the past two decades

# 40,000 strong security

#### FROM PAGE 1

Bangladesh Rifles (BDR), Ansar, Coast Guard, Rapid Action Battalion (Rab), President's Guard Regiment (PGR) and the SSF have been engaged to form the security net.

Army personnel were seen yesterday guarding Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre (BCFCC), the main summit venue, Dhaka Sheraton Hotel, where Saarc leaders will stay during the summit, and International Conference Centre (ICC) inside the Prime Minister's Office.

Police and Rab also took positions at important points including minister's residential area and vacated the Suhrawardy Uddyan.

Terming the security measures as unprecedented, State Minister for Home Affairs Lutfozzaman Babar said vesterday that the government has taken all necessary measures to ensure that the summit is held peacefully "We're confident about it, Inshallah (by the grace of Allah), the summit will be held peacefully," he said.

Large contingents of security personnel had been deployed especially near the venues even before the full deployment began. When the full deployment began yesterday, law enforcers took positions at the BCFCC, ICC, National Mausoleum at Savar former president Ziaur Rahman's grave at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Bangabhaban, Hotel Sheraton, Hotel Sonargaon, state guest houses Padma and Jamuna, and Zia International Airport (ZIA). They also took positions on the adjacent roads and rooftops of buildings around the venues. They set up close-circuit television cameras (CCTV) atop the buildings to maintain round-the-clock vigilance. They are also barring people from taking photographs of the venues.

The SSF took over the charge of security at ZIA in the early hours of vesterday where red carpet will be rolled out for Saarc leaders. Rab members and additional police forces

have been deployed in and around ZIA where movements of vehicles have been restricted. ZIA is now under vellow alert (third tier of security alert) and an orange alert (second tier of security alert) will be sounded during the arrivals and departures of Saard

leaders. "An additional superintendent of police is in charge of the police at each nue while other security forces have their own commanders. All the forces are working under an integrated security system," Nazrul Islam, additional deputy commissioner of police (west zone), who is involved in police force management, told The Daily Star. Security personnel have also been deployed along important roads and crossings.

Meanwhile, the deployment of army men around ZIA to prevent any subversive activity has already begun According to the army sources, about 1,200 army personnel will be deployed around ZIA to guard about 100 square kilometre area of aircraft landing and taking off zone.

"The deployment will be completed in a day or two," said a source.

About 2,000 traffic police will be on duty during the summit for keeping the roads free of jam for Saarc leaders free movement. Over 1,100 of them are from the south zone of the traffic police while over 700 are from the north zone. Besides, 150 traffic inspectors and sergeants have been brough from outside of the capital. "In fact, we're working with our own manpower. We just had to rearrange them and brought only about 150 from outside of Dhaka," Firoj al Mujahid, deputy commissioner of traffic police (north zone) told this correspondent.

The police forces brought from outside of Dhaka have camped at the old airport, riot police base, and the Police Staff College in Mirpur and Rajarbagh Police Lines.

AL Joint Secretary Obaidul Quader Governing Boards and budgets of the Saarc Regional Centres, report of the addressed the discussion as the chief Saarc Coordination Group of Drug guest, while it was also addressed by Law Enforcement Agencies, reports of Dhaka city unit AL General Secretary the Saarc Audiovisual Exchange Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya, Committee, report of the Governing Chairman of Bangladesh Muktijoddha Board of South Asian Development

common format of the Headquarters Agreement for the Regional Centres. Reviewing the progress of activities under the Saarc-Japan Special Fund, facilitation of movement of people in the region and promotion of

The negotiators apprised the members of the steering committee of the tenor of the Tata talks and the necessity of enactment of a new law.

They informed the committee that the discussions with the Tata are going on in a right direction and some "significant progress" has been made.

Committee will also discuss other issues to be raised by the member agreed in principle to purchase about states during the November 8-9 550MW electricity from Tata's power plant. But the tariffs of electricity were yet to be settled. vesterday to set in motion the summit

enactment of the proposed new legal instrument," said the member of the negotiation team. He said the ministry concerned will initiate a move to frame the new rules.

The final round of negotiations between the government and the Tata Group started in the last week of September. The talks between the two sides remain suspended ahead of the Saarc summit and other occasions.

Mahmudur Rahman admitted to the move having been made by his invest-

He said the government will frame Director General (Saarc, Bimstec the new law to deal with the multibillion-dollar investment proposand ACD) M Ruhul Amin will chair the 26th session of the Programming

"Because, we think, if the negotia-Committee. Before the formal meeting beginning tomorrow at 9:30am the officials will hold an hour-long In reply to a question Haque said Saarc leaders would arrive here between afternoon and midnight on multibillion- dollar investment propos-November 11. Excepting Sri Lankan als," he said.

President Chandrika Kumaratunga, five other South Asian leaders will attend the summit along with their To another question he said it is not yet confirmed whether President Chandrika would be able to attend the ness plan. concluding session on November 13.

On the other hand, the Dhabi Group from the Gulf state has offered to invest \$ 2.0 billion in telecommunications, pharmaceutical and other sectors.

will also be deployed in the areas. Special facilities will also be avail-

able at Dhaka Medical College and Hospital, National Institute of Cardiovascular Diseases and National Heart Foundation during the summit. A control room has been set up at the civil surgeon office for round the clock monitoring, said an official

release

Some other foreign companies

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uled to begin on November 15. I told

them to study hard so they don't have

them," said the principal.

Examinations of TTC, which is sched-

perpetrators told the night-guard.

security.

## BoI wants separate

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Energy and South Korean firm LUXON Global, have also signed memorandums of understanding (MoUs) with the Board of Investment for investment in Bangladesh's power, energy and other

sectors. Particularly, the government has

FROM PAGE 16 "The tariff issue will be settled after

on Eid vacation," the source added yesterday. But we could not ignore the threat at a time when the country is

and bombings.'

Executive Chairman of the BoI he said ment-processing agency.

tions between the government and the Tata Group are successfully completed and a deal is signed, more reputed foreign companies will be encouraged and come in the country with

Tata has offered to invest about \$ 2.5 billion in the country to set up a 1000MW coal-fired power plant, a steel plant and a fertiliser factory. The development and operation of a coal-mine is also included in the Indian firm's busi-

to copy. That might have angered

Shahi on Dhaka University campus before the second postponement of

#### 3-day FROM PAGE 16

of more than 30 countries and agen cies including World Bank, ADB and IMF are expected to take part in the discussions apart from the government representatives and the members of the civil society. Prime Minister Khaleda Zia will

inaugurate and address the meeting at Hotel Sonargaon.

All the working sessions will be held at the National Economic Council (NEC) Auditorium in Sher-e-Bangla Nagar.

The agendas of the meeting include Implementing the PRSP: the agenda for the next three years. Social Development: empowering the poor and the vulnerable, enhancing competitiveness for promoting trade investment and private sector development, promoting good governance and aid harmonisation and aid effec tiveness.

"The entire meeting will absolutely focus on the implementation of the mechanism of PRSP and how the donor agencies can support it best,' says a press release of the Economic

Bangladesh will chair the forum in keeping with the principles of Paris Declaration that underlined ownership by the host country of the development programmes and coordination process, the press release added.

Meanwhile, a group of tribal young men got onto the campus of TTC at Criminals about 1:00am Sunday and beat-up the night-guard, Mimangcha Indra

Chakma. They tied him up before the left thigh and collapsed. He was rushed to Dhaka Medical College the principal, Abdul Matin. "You will and Hospital (DMCH) and was convey the message to your principal that he will be killed in seven days," the

Principal Abdul Matin informed the officer-in-charge of Kotwali police Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) and station about the incident and sought other law enforcers rushed to the

> In Malibagh, alleged robber Faruk alias Hukka and up to eight of his accomplices made an attempt to rob a house.

As they tried to enter the house landlord shot Faruk with his licensed gun, wounding him in the thighs and neck.

Faruk's cohorts rushed him to the DMCH, from where police picked up seven of them.

In one trailer home, rescue workers found a young mother alive, but her husband and daughter dead and her two-vear-old missing, said Eric Williams, chief deputy of the sheriff's department in Vanderburgh County.

Search teams at the trailer park were cheered briefly when they happened across a young child alive in a ditch tightly entangled in shards of metal and other debris, Williams said. The child was flown to a nearby hospital but

neither the child's identity nor condition were immediately known. An apartment complex in nearby Warrick County was also hit hard, with the top floors ripped off, said

in Saarc to launch its "Plan of Action on Vanderburgh County Sheriff's office Social Charter" and has ratified the spokesman Lt. John Strange Additional Protocol on Terrorism, Tasnim added.

"It is pretty widespread damage," he said She said that the protocol would be In Henderson County, Kentucky, the

operational once all the seven member states of the Saarc ratified it.

# 30 cops hurt

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Even the small village of Villedieu-du-Temple, 12 kilometres (eight miles) from the southern town of Montauban, saw six postal vehicles destroyed.

Among the targets of the rioters were churches, nursery and primary schools, town-halls and police stations as well as warehouses, car dealerships and a film-studio at Asnieres outside Paris. In the Normandy city of Rouen rioters used a car as a battering-ram

Overall more than 5,000 cars have been burned and more than 1,000 people arrested since the beginning of the trouble, which is the worst to hit France since the May student uprising in 1968.

President Jacques Chirac intervened personally for the first time since the start of the unrest, summoning an inner cabinet meeting Sunday evening and afterwards declaring that the absolute priority is the reestabishment of security and public order."

"The last word must belong to the law. Those who want to sow violence or fear must be caught, judged and punished," the 72 year-old president said.

Prime Minister Dominique de Villepin promised reinforcements for police and said that fast-track justice

procedures would be set up to cope with the growing number of arrests 'We will not accept any lawless zone,' he said.

Their remarks showed the government's determination to represent a united front, despite initial reservations over the hard line taken by Sarkozy who has been much criticised by protesters and the political left for his uncompromising language.

A leading Muslim group -- the Union of Islamic Organisations in France (UOIF) -- issued a Fatwa or formal instruction urging Muslims not to take part in acts of violence.

"It is strictly forbidden for any Muslim ... to take part in any action that strikes blindly at private or public property or that could threaten the lives of others," the UOIF said.

The group -- which espouses a radical interpretation of Islam close to the Egypt-based Muslim Brotherhood is the largest component of the French Council for the Muslim Religion (CFCM), the official representative body for Islam in France, which

was set up by Sarkozy two years ago. Australia and Japan on Monday oined Britain, Canada, Russia and the United States in issuing public advisories that recommended that tourists to France exercise caution because of the violence

FROM PAGE 16 against a police station.

released yesterday morning. One of his men fired back but could not stop the cab. Police,

spot but failed to trace the cab.

Matin told The Daily Star yesterday that some unruly students living in the north side of the Raj Ban Bihar might have been behind the death threat

Threat to blow RD herself is on high alert and is keeping in constant touch with the staff

over the phone as she is in Dhaka now "However, nothing happened till Relations Division (ERD).

going through such a series of threats Superintendent of Police (SP) Sheikh Md Maruf Hassan, however, expressed ignorance about the threat 'I am not aware of such an incident,'