Donors talk graft

be deprived of the World Bank's Development Support Credit.

He said the government will present before the donors its plans regarding the implementation of PRSPs, the country's development agenda for the next three

Saifur described the recent blasts as isolated incidents and said those do not reflect the overall law and order situation of the country

Wallich said besides the public procurement law, public expenditure management, law and order situation, corruption, and issues of different sectional governance will be discussed in the meeting

The World Bank country director told reporters after the meeting that issues like infrastructure development and power situation will also come up at

Replying to a query, Wallich said this time proposed reforms in the Election Commission would not be discussed though it is an important issue. He said the matter would be discussed in a $separate\,meeting\,with\,the\,government.$

She also said this is for the first time that Bangladesh is co-ordinating a donors' meeting.

The World Bank will place a report on 'PRSP Forum: Bangladesh Update' at the meeting, ERD sources said.

The latest economic developments and challenges and implementation status of different reforms are likely to be included in the report.

The recent trend of rising inflation rate and depletion of forex reserve will also crop up in the report.

The importance of foreign aid has declined over the years, currently accounting for no more than 2 percent of GDP. The recent trend however shows that it is the grant part of foreign aid that has declined rapidly. Foreign grants now amount no more than \$250 million to \$300 million annually. Almost an equal amount comes through the NGO sector. It is the ongoing programme assistance of IMF and the WB that has helped maintain that soft loan part of foreign aid in the past 3-4

The annual debt servicing liabilities is currently about \$600 million annually including interest and principal repayment, while new loans are to the tune of \$700-\$800 million.

Most of the new loans are thus in effect used up for repayment of past loans. That is why it is the moral duty of the government to see that the borrowed funds are not wasted and do not become a burden in future.

On the donors' meeting, noted economist Wahiduddin Mahmud said currently there are two distinct strands of thought shaping donors' attitude toward Bangladesh. There is the alleged wastage of aid resources due to corruption and poor project implementation about which the donors are genuinely concerned.

This is the reason, he said, why the donors are imposing increasingly stringent conditions for the disburse ment of aid funds. On the other hand, Bangladesh's progress over the past decade and a half in certain social indicators such as child mortality reduction, birth control and female school enrolment has been truly remarkable by global standards

Donors feel that they have a responsibility in sustaining this progress, he

CMM Ialal Ahmed, Additional

Deputy Commissioner Humayun

Kahir on hehalf of the Dhaka deputy

commissioner, Dhaka Bar Association

(DBA) President Abdus Sabur and

The BJSA secretary general said

they had earlier urged the law minister

and the state minister for home for

tightening security for judges and

courts after the August 17 serial bomb

blasts that took place across the coun-

ensure security to the judiciary, he

cious due to the government inaction

and committed incidents one after

security for the judges and provide

compensation for the victims by

November 20, the BJSA will meet on

November 21 to announce a tough

movement for an indefinite period,

Islam Mollah, Mozurul Bachhid,

Among others, judges Kamrul

another," Rezaul Karim said.

the BJSA secretary added.

added.

The government is totally failed to

"Criminals have became auda-

If the government fails to ensure

their grievances, aid is still coming

though in reduced quantity. Bangladesh

figures prominently in the prospect of

achieving the global Millennium

Development Goals the main focus of

donors as much as the donor agencies

need Bangladesh. Moreover, although

donors are concerned for genuine

reasons about corruption, rise of terror-

ism and lack of good governance, there is

not much they can do to bring about

improvements in these areas unless

there are home-grown initiatives and

political commitments. The leverage of

aid conditionalities alone may help to

some extent in bringing about economic

than 30 countries and agencies includ-

ing World Bank, ADB and IMF are

expected to take part in the discussions

with the government representatives

the National Economic Council (NEC)

Auditorium in Sher-e-Bangla Nagar.

Separate keynote speeches will be pre-

sented from both the government and the

donors' side in each working session

Donors will put questions in the general

discussion and the government represen-

PRSP implementation, social develop-

ment: empowering the poor and the

vulnerable, enhancement of competi-

tiveness for promoting trade, invest-

ment and private sector development,

good governance, aid harmonisation

line with the principles of Paris

Declaration that underlined ownership

by the host country of the development

programmes and co-ordination pro-

ment version of previous Bangladesh

Development Forum meeting

Islamist outfit

realise Islamic rule in the country.

PRSP forum meeting is the replace-

The deputy commissioner and

ahidur Rahman confirmed about

Superintendent of Police AKM

the letter that did not bear any name

Moudud, Babar

witnesses said.

about 1:45pm.

the ministers, were also manhandled,

police and Rab officials left the place

as the situation went beyond control.

Pandey, her father Mukul Mukherjee

and other members of the bereaved

family got furious when the two

ministers visited their house in

Kashipur Fisheries area of the city at

thy for them, they became more

furious and at one stage started

dragging the ministers and MPs.

them down but failed.

As the ministers expressed sympa-

Barisal City Mayor Mujibor

azzem Hossain Alal tried to caln

Lawmkers Zahiruddin Swapar

waiting for the government measures,

to ensure the security of the judges,

chief justice of their decision to boy-

cott the courts on November 17 in

courts on November 17. The meeting

demanded immediate resignation of

the government for its failure to run

The SCBA leaders apprised the

lawyers and the litigants.

the country.

and Illen Bhutto were also present.

Rahman Sarwar and lawmaker

The two ministers, lawmakers and

Wife of the slain judge, Reeta

Bangladesh will chair the forum in

The agendas of the meeting include

tatives will answer.

and aid effectiveness

All the working sessions will be held at

and the members of the civil society.

Local and representatives of more

reforms, but not good governance.

in this effect, Bangladesh needs the

the global aid strategy.

Criminals blasted six bombs in two separate incidents in Alamdanga and Jibonnagar upazilas under

A masked gang of about 15 entered the Madhabpur Bazar in Jibonnagar at about 12:00pm and looked for several

the market that the traders they looked for had left for home, the gang blasted four bombs just in front of the establishments of those traders and left the place.

Another gang of 10 went to the Hatboalia Bazar in Alamdanga at about 8:45pm and ordered the people

As the market became deserted they hurled two bombs in front of business establishments owned by Abdur Rashid Malitha and Alef Hossain, police said.

The blasts created deep holes on

Criminals belonging to outlawed parties might have blasted the bombs to create panic, police said.

Bomber

Mamun was also severely injured in the blast and gave the confessional statement before the first class magistrate of Barisal, Munim Hasan, at the Post-operative ward of Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital at

his statement would be considered a declaration before death should he die

Mamun tried to detonate a bomb strapped on to his thighs while he was being taken to the hospital in an ambulance but the police foiled his attempt. He said he wore three trousers to cover

He said he came to Jhalakathi from Rajshahi some 10 to 12 days ago on

Karim, Moaz, and Rahim received him at the district bus terminal and took him to a rented house in

Mamun said he was briefed about the plan and the spot of the attack a day after and he started working on the execution of the plan.

He admitted that the two bombs were sent from outside Jhalakathi but did not disclose how the bombs were ent and who sent them.

said he kept his mentors informed of every step of the operation over mobile phone. He, however, did not divulge their identity. Law enforcers were preparing to move him to the Joint Interrogation Cell in Dhaka for ques-Mamun said he hails from Dasmari

village of Matihar Police Station in Rajshahi. He studied up to class IX at Rajshahi Masjid Mission. He joined the JMB around four to five years ago and Raishahi region.

He said he never met Abdur Rahman, who he said was the top

Govt turns

The Arabic verses followed by interpretations in Bangla appear a last-ditch attempt by the government machinery to launch a counter-campaign against the violent religious fanaticism. The verses have been in print to ram home the fact that Islam does not sanction terrorist activities such as bombing and killing.

Muslim from whose hands and mouth other Muslims are safe, the government says, "So, Islam does not endorse bombing or causing harm to others."

says Fitna or anarchy is worse than killing, the government on the second page of the compilation says, "So, bombing, killing and creating anarchy in the name of Islam is not compatible with the Ouran and Sunnah."

Quoting another Quranic verse on the next page that says he who kills one illegally has actually killed the humanity, the government says, "So, Islam does not permit killing of people by bombing in the name of religion.'

On the last page, referring to a verse from the Hadith that says follow the moderate way and do not take the extreme one; give people good news, do not frustrate them, the government says, "So, bombing or killing people in the name of Jihad cannot be the right path.

In the immediate aftermath of the countrywide serial bomb blasts on August 17, the government, apart from taking legal actions against the Islamist militants. decided at a meeting on October 4 to launch a countrywide campaign to counter the militants brainwashing of innocent youths by

Emerging from that meeting, State Minister for Home Affairs Lutfozzaman Babar had said "a kind of education" is luring these youths into joining Islamist militancy and carrying out subversive activities with an aim to establish "Islamic rule instead of

Islamic scholars or alem-ulamas have also said that Islam does not advocate or support the violent way in which the militants are advancing their agenda of establishing Islamic rule, he

nad told the meeting. "So, we emphasise motivation of these people and have done detailed work on it," Babar said.

More money turns

tax on the declared black money. The NBR officials are expecting about Tk 1,000 crore black money to be declared in the current fiscal.

NBR Chairman Khairuzzaman Choudhury said last week the black money holders should take the opportunity this year, otherwise they will not be network or punitive actions.

Tracking down tax dodgers and black money holders is a continuos process, the NBR chairman said, preferring not to disclose the identities of the individuals or companies who are coming forward to declare their illegal money. "If you publish their identities, the remaining black money holders will be afraid to come to the NBR," he said. Officials of the NBR said individuals

may declare the amount of their illegal money after submitting their tax returns and the companies may declare the same at two different times, as some close their annual financial statements in June and some in January. Companies that closed their financial statements in June and have undeclared money are

The legalised money laundering facility has been offered six times in the 34 years since the independence, lasting for eight years in total.

During these eight years only Tk 3,695 crore black money entered the legal economy, according to a comprehensive NBR estimate last June. The amount of black money whit-

ened in FY01 was Tk 1,000 crore. That year payment of 10 per cent income tax was required to avail the facility, while the normal tax rate was 20 per cent. In FY03, the government withdrew all taxes on whitening of black money for the first time. The facility was made

available for the next three fiscal years

provided that 100 per cent of the

declared amount was invested in indus-

try or services sectors or the capital

The provision elicited declaration of only Tk 1,775 crore during the three fiscal years put together.

An independent study in 2004 put the size of the black economy at Tk

Bomber linked

He was arrested soon after bombing two judges to death in Jhalakathi

His father Lal Chand is a night guard of a multi-storey building belonging to BNP lawmaker Nadim Mustafa at Binodpur.

The RMP detectives in their vesterday's raid seized huge goods including several copies of Al Magajee, JMB's monthly magazine, and huge leaflets from their house.

Rajshahi police said they are certain about Mamun's involvement in the August 17 serial blasts across the country. He will be brought to Rajshahi showing him arrested in one of the blast cases. Mamun is now receiving treatment

College and Hospital where he told reporters he belongs to the JMB. He went to Jhalakathi from Raishahi at the dictate of party leader Suman two weeks ago. He took shelter at Krishnakati village under the super-

at Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical

vision of local JMB leader Abdul Karim, he added. Mamun, the eldest son of the family, studied up to class IX at Jamaat-run Masiid Mission Academy in Binodpur, where Jamaat has strong

supremacy. He worked as a labourer at Ruchita Biscuit Factory in Munshidanga in the city but quit the job two and a half years ago for a visit to Dhaka

Bhai's anti-outlaw operations last His father said Mamun never

He returned and joined Bangla

returned home in the last one year but his mother Kohinur Begum disputed the statement, saying her son was home during the Ramadan.

Their house is located near a mosque-cum-Islami training centre in Dasmari. The mosque received funding by Al Muntada Ali Islami, who has alleged links to Saudi terrorist group al Qaeda. Al Muntada, also widely blamed for

channelling funds to local militants, appointed Ershad Ullah, a follower of militant linchpin Asadullah al Galib, as the mosque's imam.

used to teach Arabic at Rajshahi University, hailed from Savar in Ataur Rahman, a leader of Galib's Ahle

Hadith Jubo Shangha, used to give physical training to JMB cadres at the Inscriptions on the mosque read:

'Abu Bakar Siddik (R) Mosque, Donor -- Heena Ibrahim Al Fuhauyeed, and Caretaker -- Al Muntada Al Islami Bangladesh -- 1421 Hijri." Sources said JMB spread its tenta-

control it with the help of local muscle-

Ctg arms haul hearing

The prime suspect of the case Hafizur Rahman alias Hafiz was brought to Chittagong for production before the court for the first time yesterday since his arrest in Dhaka last month.

The other accused who are now behind bars and the witnesses were also ready to appear in the court on schedule when Judge AKM Anwar Hossain announced the adjournment of the court.

Immediately after the adjournment of the hearing the magistrates including Chief Metropolitan Magistrate of Chittagong Sheikh Mobarak Hossain and the judges held a meeting with Chittagong Metropolitan Police Commissioner M Majedul Haq in the office of Metropolitan Sessions Judge AKM Anowar Hossain. The meeting decided to take necessary steps to increase security on and around the court premises.

The measures discussed include sending of letters to the ministries concerned asking them to ensure security of the judges and eviction of a large number of makeshift structures that have mushroomed all over the hill

of Parir Pahar on which the court building is situated.

commissioner about the eviction after discussing the matter with the deputy commissioner of Chittagong, sources Only five witnesses have been

smuggling case filed under the Special Powers Act, in connection with the same incident, is scheduled to begin today. The same court on October 24

framed charges in the arms smuggling case against 44 persons including prime suspects Hafizur Rahman alias Hafiz, Din Mohammad, Abul Kashem Madhu, Hajee Sobhan and Hajee

Din Mohammad and Madhu are in hiding and 28 are on bail. Only five are now in jail. They are Saifuddin Ahmed, Firoze Ahmed, Saleh Jahur, Osman Mistri and Manir Ahmad.

reopened last night.

dors and hawkers.

City gets back

movement of vehicles on the VIP road

from Zia International Airport to Shahbag after 1:00pm yesterday. Heavy rush of the people was seen in

three major inter-district bus terminals -- Mohakhali, Savedabad and Gabtoli -the capital.

market at Karwan Bazar, that had been closed for five days due to security reasons for the Saarc summit, also started coming back to life since last evening. The traders expect full resumption of business from today. "I opened the shop at noon after 12

days as I went to my village home in Feni on November 2, hearing that the market would be closed on the occasion of Saarc summit," said Mohammad Jamal Uddin, a shop owner at Karwan Bazar.

market drastically fell following the Eidsummit added to the situation.

weeks' closure," said Mujibur Rahman, Karwan Bazar.

With fresh supply, the price of the essentials that had shot up during the last few days, also started becoming normal since vesterday afternoon.

the zero line, BDR said. The private business houses and the border.

Classes at most of the city's educational institutions also resumed while many others will open from the next

started getting reoccupied by the ven-

week after long Ramadan and Eid vacations. To observe the colourful illumination of important buildings and road crossings and the cleanness of roads and footpaths especially at Sheraton cross-

ing, Sonargaon crossing, Bijoy Swarani, Airport road, and Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, was a delighting experience for many city dwellers.

spot, family sources said.

Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) confirmed the incident and sent a protest note to its Indian counterpart. Villagers along the border have

been advised to avoid going close to A tense situation is prevailing on

2 JMB men held

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police vesterday arrested two suspected Jama'atul Muiahideen Bangladesh (JMB) cadres in Sirajganj and Patuakhali and took one of them on a four-day remand.

Sirajganj police arrested Golam Mostafa, 32, inside the District Judge's Court premises with a CD, reports our Sirajganj Correspondent

Police said Mostafa is a scout of IMB who went to the court for information to prepare an attack. Meanwhile, lawyers of the district

vesterday stayed off work to protest against the killing of two judges in Jhalakathi. In Patuakhali, a team of Baufal Police station arrested JMB cadre Abu

Zafar, 29, at his house in Nurainpur village in the early hours yesterday reports our Patuakhali Correspondent. Zafar is also a convicted felon sentenced to life in an arms case, police

and court sources said. He was hauled before a court, which remanded him for four days yesterday.

The arrestee told the police he along with 40 others had been arrested in connection with an arms haul in 1996. He jumped bail and was absconding

The police suspect he has links to

Delhi seeks FROM PAGE 1

his government attaches "the greatest importance" to the "friendliest possible

relations with Bangladesh." The Indian premier said he did not see any clash of interest between India

and Bangladesh. Manmohan said he saw "no fundamental differences" in the interests of the two countries, and sought to assure Bangladesh that India does not "seek any kind of advantage that would constitute a negative factor for Bangladesh's develop-

Expressing satisfaction with the bilateral talks that he had with Prime Minister Khaleda Zia, Manmohan said he had conveyed to her that all problems -"either real or imagined" -- could be resolved by the two sides sitting down and working together.

He also said the Bangladesh prime minister has responded very positively and told him that this was her vision as

Expounding on the warm meeting between the two heads of government Manmohan said that he found the Bangladesh prime minister "very forthcoming" and that he had invited her to New Delhi for further talks, and that she had graciously accepted his invitation.

Plane fare

FROM PAGE 1

After the meeting, the state minister told the journalists that Bangladesh Biman would carry about 18 thousand pilgrims, including the ballottees and non-ballottees, this year.

According to a decision, taken by the cabinet earlier, Biman will carry

He said Bangladesh Biman has to incur a loss of about Tk 23 crore if it carries both ballottee and nonballottee Hajj pilgrims at \$ 950 per

the number of non-ballottee pilgrims was not confirmed, it would not be more than 20 thousand. The meeting gave the responsibility

to the managing director of Biman to carry the extra pilgrims at \$ 1150 per head if the number of total Hajj pilgrims exceeds 18 thousand. Mahmudul Haq Rubel MP, the

finance secretary, the communications secretary, the civil aviation and tourism secretary, the managing director of Biman and chairman of Civil Aviation

Militants back FROM PAGE 16

Many leaders and activists of Awami League, parliament members, rallies of opposition parties, mosques, temples, fairs, foreign diplomats and even courts also became targets of heinous bomb attacks. The country has turned into a safe haven of the communal terrorists.

The AL chief said series of bomb blasts occurred in 500 places in 63 districts across the country on August 17. But the perpetrators of the bomb attacks are yet to be brought to book.

several militant outfits in the country to fool the people. But in reality, the militants are carrying out terrorist activities under the patronisation of the government. She conveyed her deepest sympa-

slain judges and prayed for salvation of their departed souls The opposition leader urged people to be united against the bomb attackers

thy to the family members of the two

and their godfathers.

Ministers FROM PAGE 1

The two ministers first visited the scene

of the attack at Jhalakathi and then went on to Barisal from where they flew to Babar said those who carried out such a heinous attack in the name of

PM condemns

have already been arrested and directed the authorities concerned to arrest the

ensure proper treatment of those injured in the bomb attack.

Why judiciary target

attacks, pointed out that the attackers did not target everybody associated with the judiciary, but mainly the judges Since these militants do not believe in the existing judiciary, they are targeting the judges who deliver the verdicts. Attacks on the judges achieve two things simultaneously spread fear among the neonle as well as shake up other organs

of the state. The militants who have been netted so far are mere foot soldiers or transporters of the bombs. "We may not find out the real motive for targeting the judiciary until we can catch the masterminds behind these attacks," a highevel investigation official said.

Intelligence agencies had taken the

highest ever security measures on the occasion of Saarc Summit as any terrorist attack during the summit might heavily dent the country's image. They however had prior information from their network that the militants would not carry out any terrorist attack during the summit, said intelligence sources. But the attack on the very first day after the summit ended, have worried them breach in the countrywide special security measures that allowed such an attack," he added. Intelligence officials are now terribly apprehensive about the ability of the Islamic militants and are wondering if they could carry out such an attack during Saarc Summit if they

The near-simultaneous bomb attacks across the country on August 17 were launched targeting government establishments, mainly the offices of local district administrations and the

On October 3, the courts and the udges were targeted once again in another series of bomb blasts in Chandpur, Chittagong and Lakshmipur. Another bomb attack was carried out in the same month targeting a judge in Sylhet on October 18. Yesterday's bomb attack in

courts none the less was aimed at the members of the judiciary. The attack killed two judges. Investigation has found out that all the attacks had been carried out by

Jhalakathi although was not on the

members of the outlawed Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB). The bombers identified themselves as members of the IMB in their very first attack on August 17 as they left behind leaflets under the letterhead of JMB where they demanded that the govern-

ment establishes Islamic rule or faces

offensive from the JMB. The leaflet said the JMB had urged the government twice earlier to establish Islamic Hukumat (Islamic order), but every time the government arrested their activists. However, the JMB did not resort to any retaliation, the leaflet claimed.

"But this is the third appeal from JMB," the group warned. "If the government does not establish Islamic laws in the country after this third warning and rather arrests the Muslims on charge of seeking Allah's laws or if it resorts to repression on Alem-Ulemas (Islamic clergy), the JMB would go for counteroffensive, Inshallah (may god willing)."

In the leaflet the militants also asked administrative and judicial activities under what they called evil laws of democracy, the constitution and the government that did not establish Islamic rule. "Make your lives worthwhile by gaining Allah's blessings by extending your all-out co-operation in establishing Islamic laws."

Renowned lawyers concerned at the recent spate of bomb attacks targeting want to destroy the country, as we know

it. through destruction of the judiciary. Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) President Advocate Mahbubey Alam said in Afghanistan the Talibans had also attempted to destroy the established judiciary before capturing power. It is the same mentality that is instigating a particular group in Bangladesh to commit such atrocities.

Bangladesh Bar Council's Vice Chairman Rokanuddin Mahmud said the judiciary is the last resort of people and that is why the militants are trying to destroy it. None of the earlier bomb and grenade attacks has been properly investigated and the government has utterly failed in this, he said. He wondered how come such an attack was aunched only a day after the summit had concluded since such an invincible security blanket was put into effect on the occasion of the summit. We, the lawyers, are on the side of the existing judiciary and it is the responsibility of the government to ensure security for

everybody related to the judiciary. Dr M Zahir said it is easier to attack the courts and the judges. "Subordinate judiciary has spread out all over the country. If the judiciary is destroyed or rendered ineffective, JMB's purpose of sabotaging the entire system of government will be attained. Without an effective judiciary no state can run, that is why they have targeted the judiciary

BNP's law secretary, said the statements extracted from the arrested militants so far show that they believe in a different type of social system than the existing one. "They say they do not believe in the existing judiciary, they believe in Allah's ustice. I do not think they can establish Islamic rule by bombing people, they are misleading people." Former law minister, Advocate

Abdul Matin Khasru, observed that the attempts to destroy the judiciary is a bad omen for the nation. "These acts are a part of an attempt to bring some undemocratic third force into power, which is an anti-liberation force and the country will be destroyed if it is in their

knew that he might have been killed. Police high officials and lawmakers visited the scene, met the families of the dead and visited the injured at the hospitals.

the attack was a suicide one and he

Moudud Ahmed, State Minister for Home Lutfozzaman Babar, Inspector General of Police Abdul Quayum, Director General of Rapid Action Battalion MA Aziz Sarkar and local lawmaker Israt Jahan Elen Bhutto flew to the district by a chopper.

Proceedings of courts across the country were suspended and lawyers brought out processions in protest at the gruesome killing. Situation in all the southern districts is said to be

Earlier on October 3 and October 18, the JMB launched two bomb

attack on the courtrooms Chandpur, Laxmipur and Chittagong districts, killing the four and hurting 38 on October 3.

vehicle of Judge Biplop Goswami, leaving him injured in Sylhet on

Enayetullah laid

Salauddin Quader Chowdhury advisor for parliamentary affairs to the prime minister, State Minister for Cultural Affairs Selima Rahman, late Khan's brothers journalist Sadek Khan, politician Rashed Khan Menon, and New Age Managing Director Shahidullah Khan Badal received

His body was then taken to his brother Badal's Gulshan residence where the coffin was placed for last

After noted journalists, politicians and hosts of relatives paid their tributes, Khan's body was taken to the office of the New Age and the weekly Holiday in Teigaon where his friends, excolleagues, journalists and well-wishers placed wreaths.

Khan's first namaj-e-janaza was held at 11:30am at the Jativa Press Club. Among the dignitaries who attended

his namaz-e-janaza were LGRD Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, Health Minister Dr Khandokar Mosharraf Hossain, Environment Minister Tariqul Islam, Information Minister M Shamsul Islam, Textiles Minister Shajahan Siraj, Telecommunications Minister Aminul Haque, Agriculture Minister MK Anwar, Commerce Minister Altaf Hossain Choudhury, Chief Whip Khondokar Delwar Hossain, DCC Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka, State Minister for Home Lutfozzaman Babar, State Minister for Agriculture Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir, State Minister for Public Works Alamgir Kabir, former minister Anwar Zahid, politicians Nirmal Sen, ASM Abdur Rab, Hasanul Haque Inu, Mujahidul Islam Selim, Mainuddin Badal, Jafar Sazzad, barrister Mainul Hosein, journalists Faiz Ahmed, Kamal Lohani, Bazlur Rahman, Anwar Hossain Manju, Golam Sarwar, Abed Khan,

ment, political leaders and foreign ournalists also attended the namai-e ianaza. A contingent of police later gave state honour to late Khan, who was also a freedom fighter.

Shaukat Mahmud, members of parlia-

Rezaul Karim placed wreaths on his BEUL DUL Jativa Press Club, ISD. CPB, Barisal Bibhag Samity, Prothom Alo and Jubo Moitree also paid tribute to

On behalf of the prime minister,

State Minister for Liberation War Affairs

Khan. The second namaz-e-janaza was held after the Asar prayers at Gulshan Central Mosque where former prime minister Kazi Zafar Ahmed, Law Minister Moudud Ahmed, Disaster Management Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf, Livestock Minister Abdullah Al Noman, State Minister for Power Igbal Hassan Mahmood, former minister barrister Abul Hasnat, The Daily Star Editor Mahfuz Anam and Managing Editor Fahim Munaim were

CITIZENS' CONDOLENCE The Jatiya Press Club will organise a citizens' condolence meeting on November 27 at 3:00pm on the club premises to pay homage to late

Dhaka's law

Jhalakathi is not unique, most of the countries in the region are facing similar terror attacks. Referring to the recent blasts in New

"South Asian nations should jointly face the existing militant acts which was also described in the Dhaka

the 13th Saarc Summit proves that law and order situation in Bangladesh is

Zahed Monsur, Golam Kibria, Muiibur Rahman, Rafigul Islam, Moinul Hag Sunny, Firoz Alam, Shahed Noor Uddin, Abdul Mannan, Shahin Uddin and Golam Mortuza Majumder spoke at the meeting. They said the courts are now under threat and the judges are fearing attacks. It is quite impossible for them to conduct the court proceedings.

Sessions Judge Mohammad Rafiqul Islam, said the targets of the attackers are the judges and the courts. The government has totally failed

to ensure security for the judges and courts though they had repeatedly urged the government for ensuring their security, Rafigul Islam added. Soon after the killing the SCBA

Judges give 7-day metropolitan magistrate (CMM) felt Mudassir Husain. They urged the chief insecure to proceed with their activijustice to take necessary steps, without

General Secretary Khorshed Alam. protest against the assassination of the and District Public Prosecutor Mohsin Miah joined the BJSA meeting and The SCBA instantly held a meeting gave their consents to court boycott. chaired by its President advocate They paid respect to the victims Mahbubey Alam and urged the lawobserving one-minute silence at the yers across the country to boycot meeting.

> Former SCBA presidents advocate Abdul Baset Majumder and advocate Ozair Faroog, Barrister Rafigul Islam Miah, Dr M Zahir, SCBA Secretary advocate M Enayetur Rahim and advocate Yusuf Hossain Humayun among others, addressed the meeting.

> > After the meeting, the lawyers

brought out a procession from the

Supreme Court premises and paraded the Jatiya Press Club area. The Dhaka Bar Association also held an urgent meeting and protested the killings of the two judges. They declared a three-day mourning from

Our Madaripur Correspondent reports: An urgent meeting presided over by Madaripur District and Sessions Judge Sekander Ali suspended the court proceedings protesting the killings of two judges in Ihalakathi. Our Narayanganj Correspondent

Our Kurigram Correspondent says their proceedings protesting the killing of two judges in Jhalakathi.

Our Staff Correspondent at Sylhe adds: An urgent meeting presided over by Sylhet District and Sessions Judge suspended the court proceedings protesting the gruesome killing of two

6 bombs blasted in Chuadanga

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Chuadanga district on Sunday night.

traders of the market, police said. Hearing from the night guard of

FROM PAGE 1 out the attack fully aware that death is inevitable as he joined the suicide

12:55pm yesterday. Sources in the administration said

instruction of the high command. Krishnakathi area in Jhalakathi town.

Mamun, who sports long beard,

worked under the leadership of Mostafa, the JMB commander of

On the first page, quoting a verse from the Hadith that says he is the real

Citing a verse from the Quran that

exploiting their religious sentiment.

First Additional Sessions Judge Md Shahjahan is to inform the CMP

heard so far in the case since the hearing of the arms case began here on July 7. One of the witnesses heard was also declared "hostile". Meanwhile, hearing of the arms

Eleven of the accused including

shopping malls beside important roads

as people started arriving from outside City's largest wholesale kitchen

Trading in the wholesale kitchen

manager of Chowdhury Banijyalay in

Ershad, also a student of Galib, who

cles at Dasmari and its neighbouring Dharmapur and Binodpur cantering the mosque. Locals said they fear to go to the mosque as outsiders used to

hallottee Haii pilgrims at \$950 each.

Authority were present.

that were closed for the summit also She said the government banned The footpaths on the city's major thoroughfares and places near markets that remained free during the summit

Islam are the most despicable in the society. Islam never allows such activi-

first," he said. Advocate Joynal Abedin, ruling

JMB suicide

After the incident, Law Minister

attacks on the judiciary, leaving four dead and at least 39 including two judges injured. The banned outfit carried out an

Militants hurled a bomb at the

remains were flown in Dhaka from

Khan's dead body at Zia International

Delhi, Jordan and many other places, he said: "It is an international problem which Bangladesh cannot address

Declaration," he added. Saifur said the successful holding of

adds: At an urgent meeting, District **BSF** and Sessions Judge Mohammad Abul people-made law". ul-Fitr in the first week of this month. ties, he added. Monsur yesterday suspended their Îslam does not preach nor does it The market's closure due to the Saarc "Primarily the attackers are sus-FROM PAGE 16 endorse bombing of innocent people proceedings and urged the governkidnapped by the Indian border pected to be members of JMB, but it is ment for tightening their security. to death but the people involved in the not yet poss bile to say anything for sure, "We asked the suppliers to send as guards on October 28. The BSF men The meeting, chaired by BJSA bombings do not have such knowlmuch goods as possible because all our opened fire, killing Shafiq on the edge, Babar had told journalists. President and Dhaka District and All the judges of the District and godowns are empty following the two Sessions Judge's Court suspended

Matiur Rahman, and Iqbal Sobhan She also asked the authorities to Jatiya Press Club Secretary General