## Woman murdered

'Karotaley Kantok' and 'Boichitro'.

dispute with anyone, Firoz

Chowdhury, husband of one of

Mumina's nieces, said she was fight-

ing a court battle with Anwar

Hossain, owner of Byatikram

book 'Boiyer Pran' and the hearing of

whether this has any link with the

launched its micro-credit project in

The Grameen model of micro-

Many have submitted their appli-

credit programme has already been

recognised and received acclama-

cations for getting loans from

as well as south Asians in the area.

published two reports on the

popular US daily in its report men-

tioned that the micro-credit project

would help improve the living stan-

However, the living standards of a

large number of Bangladeshis resid-

ing in New York remain very poor, as

they don't have enough access to

bank loans. It is expected that they

would be benefited through micro-

supposed to enforce a daily load

shedding schedule, allocating one

hour load shedding for each area in

one time. But in reality, load shed-

ding in many areas stretch up to

two hours and the authorities do

not even respond to any com-

Baridhara diplomatic zone went

out of power yesterday morning for

more than two and a half hours.

When residents tried to reach

Desco (Dhaka Electricity Supply

Company) officials, they refused to

listen to the complaints saying they

power cuts a section of people are

allegedly using gas-fired small

power generators without taking

permission from the authorities to

said these people are connecting

the generators to their domestic

constraint is currently causing

various power plants to produce

less power. "Right now, gas con-

plants of Raozan, Ghorashal,

Shahjibazar, Sikalbaha, Haripur,

Siddhirganj and Mymensingh are

producing less power than their

improved a bit, if the new 90MW

Fenchuganj power plant came into

operation this month as per the

between the plant's Chinese

builder Harbin and the National

exemption of import duties worth

Among other power plants, the

two-unit 250MW coal-fired

ducing only 100MW using just one

Barapukuria power plant is pro-

unit. "There is adequate coal sup-

ply, but this poorly built plant can

not go for full generation when we

need it most, due to technical

Board of Revenue (NBR) over

still uncertain," he said.

glitches," he added.

schedule. But, due to a feud

"The situation might have

capability," said a PDB official.

On the other hand, gas supply

Meanwhile, tired of frequent

For instance, a part of the

Rising power

credit project.

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plaints.

are "busy".

gas connection.

However, "we are not sure

tomorrow [Tuesday].

killing," he added.

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different states in the US.

tion across the globe.

When asked if the victim had any

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They have two sons -- Saidul Ahmed, currently in staying Russia and Mainul Ahmed Jhinuk, the younger son who lives with his mother in the 3rd floor apartment of Add Pearl on Road 3/A at Dhanmondi.

Prokashoni, over the royalty of her Mumina's 10-year-old domestic help Mamata witnessed the murder while the widow's younger son

Ihinuk was at his office at Banani. When asked to describe what she had witnessed, Mamata told The Daily Star, "Faruq came to the house at around 12:30pm, had lunch, watched television and read newspaper. At some point he killed Nanu

"Hearing her scream, I looked into Nanu's bedroom and saw her laying in the bed while Faruq was attacking her, sitting on top her," she said adding, "Then I ran downstairs on the 2nd floor where my mother works and told my mother and the lady of the house about the incident. They informed the security guards of the incident.

While talking to The Daily Star at the office of Detective Branch (DB), Farug, from Dhumaitari in Sundarganj upazila of Gaibandha district, said, "I wanted my aunt to give me Tk 300-400 for the dining charge, but she refused to give me the money. Instead, she asked me not to demand any money from her anymore. This made me angry and so I killedher."

Faruq also said that the deceased dards of low-income groups in New widow used to give him money every now and then to cover his educational expenses.

Members of police, Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) and DB arrived at the crime scene soon after the incident and the DB took Faruq in their cus-

tody for interrogation. Mai Ehsan of Rab 2 said even though Faruq has admitted to killing the 56-year-old woman, we are also looking into the possibility of anyone

else's involvement in the killing. Abdul Alim, one of the security guards of the building who caught Faruq while fleeing the scene, told this correspondent, "Soon after I was informed of the incident over the intercom. I rushed to the elevator and saw Faruq coming out of it. I then grabbed him and yelled for help from

the other security guard on duty.' "Faruq's hands were bloody when I caught him," said the guard from BSS -- a private security service provider.

According to family sources, Mumina is author of several books including 'Boiyer Pran', 'Bhuter Galpo', 'School Library Porjalochona: Prekkhit Bangladesh'

### Loan recovery

percent against Tk 275 crore and Rupali realised Tk 39 crore or 59 percent against a target of Tk 66 generate power at home. Sources

The data also showed that classified loans of the banks increased by 1 to 14 percentage point last year due to poor recovery and new defaulted loans.

Classified loan of Sonali Bank rose to 35.36 percent in 2007, which straint is responsible for nonwas 9.77 percentage point up from that in 2006, classified loan of Janata reached 17.21 percent, 4.01 percentage point higher than that in the previous year, Agrani's classified loan rose to 28.67 percent, 0.57 percentage point up from that a year ago and Rupali's classified loan increased to 40.51 percent, which was 14.48 percentage point higher than in 2006.

The SCBs' operating costs also went up during the year though the central bank had asked them to reduce that by five percent.

Sonali Bank's operating Tk 50 crore, the plant's operation is expenses increased by 18 percent, Janata's eight percent, Agrani's five percent and Rupali's four percent in 2007 compared to those in 2006.

The SCB officials said reducing vearly operating cost is not practical at the moment because this would require the banks to go for drastic job cut.

### Zoo animals

Meanwhile, terming the situation as a mild heat wave, the met office said yesterday that the current situation would prevail for one or

The mercury rose to 39.8 degrees Celsius yesterday, the highest rise so far this season. Regular load shedding, several times a day in most places in the city, has worsened the overall the case was scheduled to be held situation for city dwellers.

was 36.6 degrees Celsius yesterday while the highest temperature in the country was recorded in Rajshahi at 39.9 degrees Celsius.

in the formal dialogue together with Jamaat-e-Islami and other

The meeting with CPB started at 12 noon and lasted for about two hours. Led by acting president Shahidullah Chowdhury, the five-Grameen's Jackson Heights outlet as member CPB team placed 13-point the micro-credit programme has proposal to the panel of advisers already become very popular among millions of Spanish-speaking people

"We have proposed displaying election countdown on public The New York Times had already billboards (digital) to dispel doubts among people over holding of the Grameen micro-credit project. The election as per the electoral roadmap," CPB General Secretary Mujahidul Islam Selim told reporters after the meeting.

The party's 13-point proposal also includes restoring democratic rights of people, holding the national elections before the local government body polls and forming special tribunal to try the war

"We also informed the advisers that the government has deviated from its previous strong position on anti-corruption drive, "he said.

The people now believe that the anti-corruption drive is being largely used as part of implementing some 'game plan,' Selim added.

tions, the CPB leader said that though it is an important issue, it is not the number one task of the

At around 2.00pm at the same venue, the advisers sat with the five-member Workers Party team led by general secretary Bimal

urged the government for taking immediate steps to rein in the spiralling prices of essentials.

Talking to the reporters after the meetings, Hossain Zillur Rahman said that they would move on to the formal dialogues with the parties

It is important to create ar environment of trust for holding a credible election, he said.

generation of 499MW power. The

### Hasina lawyer

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Barrister Shafique made this sub-

But the hearing in connection with the barge-mounted power plant graft case has been deferred until April 24 due to her illness.

Referring to the incident of Tawfiq, Barrister Shafique said though the Appellate Division granted him bail in two cases,

accused Tawfiq of violating the **Emergency Power Rules by making** provocative statements on Panthapath after he was released.

never went to Panthapath, adding that this is high-handedness in a society of rule of law.

however, did not make any observation following submission of Hasina's counsel.

Earlier on April 19, Hasina was committed to Square Hospital for

Corruption Commission (ACC) Deputy Director Sabbir Hasan filed The meeting also directed the case with Tejgaon Police Station, accusing Hasina and six others of using their influence through mutual understanding in helping a foreign company and its local partners win a deal for setting up barge-mounted power plants in Haripur, Khulna and Shikalbaha.

> depriving the lowest bidder. The other accused were former energy secretary Dr Tawfiq-e-Elahi Chowdhury, former Power Development Board (PDB) chairman Noor Uddin Mahmud Kamal, Managing Director of Summit Industries and Mercantile Corporation Private Ltd Aziz Khan, Director Farid Khan, United Group

ACC Deputy Director Morshed Alam submitted the charge sheet in the case on January 10 and included the name of knowledge. Bangabandhu Memorial Trust (BMT) Curator Siddiqur Rahman.

## Women, HR bodies

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adviser announced the Women Development Policy, 2008 on March 8, the committee said and added that the government failed to take any action against the organisations and remains lenient towards them.

"During the past few decades, this specific group has opposed and created obstacles to not only women's human rights but also to women's social development programmes," read the memo signed by Ayesha Khanam, president of Bangladesh Mahila Samity, on behalf of the committee.

"This is the identified group that has been opposing almost all women and social development work including women's education, work, participation in social activities, free movement and family planning," the memo said. The committee said the April 11 violent demonstrations of the organisations prove that their objective is something else, not opposing the women development

When people recently raised the issue of trial of war criminals and the group's murky role, this group tried to mount pressure on the government by destabilising the situation on different pretexts for strengthening their political position, it said.

"We condemn these violent activities.

"How could the group run criminal activities from a place of worship," the memo said, adding, "This is not only the issue of women movement, it is deeply linked to the future of Bangladesh's democracy and stability."

The committee questioned the rationality of forming a committee to review the policy 15 days after the chief adviser had announced it.

"If a discussion was so urgent, it could have involved adviser for women and children affairs ministry and women's rights and rights organisations, development organisations and representatives of citizens' bodies. Discussion may have also been on how to implement the policy. But, why the com-

mittee was formed with the Khatib of Baitul Mukarram National Mosque as the head?" the memo FROM PAGE 16

village.

Local administration has deployed

police and security forces in the

However some tension still

prevails between the Bengalis and

indigenous people inhabiting the

Quoting witnesses, police said-

that a group of unidentified assail-

ants, numbering about 150,

equipped with weapons and sticks

attacked the village on Sunday

villagers mercilessly, attacking

some with sharp weapons, injur-

ing at least nine people. They also

burnt down 132 houses in the

villages; 79 belonging to Bengalis

and 53 to indigenous inhabitants.

first aid from the Baghaichhari

upazila health complex, police

The reason behind the attack

is not clear. The identities of the

attackers also remain unclear

with counter allegations from the

Bengalis and the indigenous

Khagrachhari Hill District

Council Chairman Monindra Lal

Tripura, Deputy Commissioner of

Rangamati Md Nurul Amin,

Rangamati Police Super Md

Abdul Baten and other high gov-

ernment officials visited the spot

assured the victims of compensa-

peddler Ripon on Sunday while

they were on their way to the

Jailkhana ferryghat by rickshaw

that she had earlier carried

phensidyl to Khulna from Satkhira

by bus thrice in the last two

8-yr-old sued

They asked for calm and

villagers, police said.

ment on land in the area.

yesterday.

tion for their loss.

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months

The injured were released after

The assailants beat up the

village after the incident.

Saying that the review committee's recommendations would virtually push back society to the middle age, the memo said, "Members of the committee are trying to establish fundamentalist politics that go against the spirit of the Liberation War of Bangladesh and its constitution."

Asking for an explanation on how a few advisers formed the review committee, the memo said many negative reactions can be seen across country due to such "controversial and weak roles".

It said there are attempts being made from different mosques across the country to propagate untrue and abusive statements and impose restrictions on women, the memo said the weak role of some members of the present government has created the ground to push the progress of equal rights for women 50 years back.

A total of 139 women and rights activists signed the memorandum.

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petitions by persons seeking bails in criminal cases under the stringent Emergency Power Rules (EPR)

The HC verdict came following an application on March 29 last year by an oil trader of Khulna, Maijuddin Sikder, who sought bail in a case, filed under the EPR for supplying adulterated oil.

### BPC

decreasing trend for the last one

The April 16 data on LIBOR showed that the rate was 2.64 per-

cent for the past 12 months, while it was 5.33 percent before that. "So the IDB has set a new rate saying that total interest rate would

with twenty bottles of Phensidyle not go below 5.5 percent," an offibrought from Bhomra border of cial said, adding that as per the Satkhira. The law enforcers seized April 16 LIBOR, the interest rate on the bottles from Arifa who strapped IDB loans stands at 4.39 percent. those to her legs and waist. During questioning at Khulna Police Station, she told the police

## Invitation for talks

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EC on last Thursday asked the feuding factions to be reconciled within the next three days to participate in the dialogue together. The deadline ended on Sunday with no prospect for reconciliation in sight. Coming out of the meeting with

the EC at around 4:00pm, the delegation claimed they have submitted a letter signed by 54 former BNP lawmakers calling for the EC not to be 'confused' by Sunday's letter from some standing committee members.

They however did not disclose the names of the signatories to their letter, and instead asked the journalists to attend the news briefing at Hafiz's residence for details.

Five out of eight BNP standing committee members, who are neither in jail nor expelled, in their letter asked the EC to invite Khandaker Delwar Hossain to the electoral reform talks as, they said, he is the legitimate representative of the mainstream BNP.

BNP chairperson's adviser Mofazzal Karim, who led the delegation yesterday, told reporters that the former lawmakers in their letter endorsed Hafiz as the BNP secretary general and asked the EC to invite him for the dialogue.

"They [former lawmakers] felt aggrieved at some standing committee members' letter to the Election Commission. They told the commission that it must invite Hafiz if it is to hold discussions with BNP," observed Mofazzal

The office of the CEC however declined to receive the letter since the part containing the signatures of 54 ex-BNP lawmakers was missing, said sources in the EC.

Late in the afternoon, Hafiz in a brief news conference spoke about initiative to unite the party and their readiness to sit with the EC. But he did not take any question on their delegation meeting the EC.

Earlier on November 5 last year, the EC sent an invitation to Major (retd) Hafiz, secretary general of pro-reform Saifur faction, evoking a bitter response from those loval to Khaleda Zia, the now detained former prime minister.

been competing fiercely to win invitation to join the electoral reforms dialogue as representative of the mainstream BNP. Responding to a writ petition filed by the detained BNP chairper-

son challenging the EC's invitation to Hafiz, the High Court on November 18 ordered a stay on operation of the invite. The following day the EC cancelled its talks with the BNP

Announcing the decision, the CEC said they would wait until the issue was disposed of at the court. Then on April 10, the High Court dismissed the writ and observed it

has no jurisdiction to decide on the matter. HAFIZBRIEFING

Urging the pro-Khaleda faction to settle the differences at the negotiating table, Hafiz said they want to go

tinued.

group with us in the electoral reforms talks, but we have not yet got any positive response from

## Farmers firm

agriculturists should sit together to find out how to increase crop productivity." Research findings do not reach

farmers in many cases, he said. Politicians should act in their respective areas to increase farmers' knowledge of modern technologies, he added.

Major (retd) Solaiman, a successful farmer from Comilla, said vast areas in Sylhet, Feni and elsewhere in the country are not cultivated. The government should make laws so that no cultivable land in the country remains unused.

Stressing reforms in marketing system of agricultural products to ensure just prices for the producers, Solaiman said. Unscrupulous businessmen cheat farmers by selling poor quality seeds and even adulterated fertiliser. Even, subsidy money meant for farmers at times goes to businessmen, he alleged.

He proposed starting a terrestrial television channel fully dedicated to farming and farmers to expand and improve farmers' Dr CS Karim said there should efforts of the government, NGOs and businesses on dissemination of agricultural knowledge and information to farmers.

The adviser asked the businesses to share farmers' risks saying, "It cannot go that you will sell seeds to farmers at higher prices

While selling seeds, the businesses must tell farmers the quantity of crops they will get using the seeds, he said. He urged field level agriculture

officials to give priority to farmers' needs and national interests, and play their due role in creating

capacity. Recent trends suggest there is

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# Economy the top worry, but barely affecting votes

AP, Washington

The economy has soared past Iraq as the top problem on the minds of

But do the growing economic worries give a particular edge to any presidential candidate? Not so far, according to an Associated Press-Yahoo News poll released Monday.

With growing layoffs, tight credit and an ailing housing market, 67 percent say the economy is an extremely important issue, up from 46 percent in November. Gasoline prices follow close behind at 59

The war in Iraq the dominant issue for several years stands at 48

Locals say that this is a rare "With our property taxes and the cost of gas and the cost of food now, it incident as the locality has been just seems like the economy is getrelatively peaceful until now. ting out of control," said Joan Sabers, Some others pointed out that 62, a retired computer programmer there has been some resentment from Mechanicsburg, Pa. amongst locals about encroach-

Economic Woes - How extremely important are these issues to you? About two-thirds of those making

under \$100,000 annually attach extreme importance to the economy, as do nearly six in 10 earning more. Six in 10 Republicans and threequarters of Democrats do the same. Yet those who have become

extremely concerned about the economy since last fall show no significant difference from everyone else in backing a presidential candidate. Both groups divide about evenly between Republican John McCain and Democrat Barack Obama, and between McCain and the other Democrat, Hillary Rodham Clinton.

In addition, those who expressed most concern about their personal financial situations have done just what those less concerned have done they are a bit likelier to back McCain now than they were to prefer a Republican candidate in last November's AP-Yahoo News poll.

People calling the economy Hamas willing to accept

Israel as its She said taking advantage of the poor financial condition of her neighbour father, drug peddler Ripon used her for carrying phensidyl. In AP, Jerusalem exchange, her father would get Tk 200 each time from Ripon.

Former President Carter said yes-Arifa requested the law enforcterday that Hamas the Islamic ers to release her, saying that she militant group that has called for had been compelled to carry the the destruction of Israel is prepared to accept the right of the But the policemen produced Jewish state to "live as a neighbor

her before a court that sent her to next door in peace. jail yesterday. But Carter warned that there Sub-inspector Ashim Kumar would not be peace if Israel and the Das of Detective Branch of Khulna U.S. continue to shut out Hamas Metropolitan Police filed a first and its main backer, Syria. information report (FIR) against The Democratic former presi-

Boeing deal today

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the two arrestees.

Biman now flies to 18 international destinations, competing with over 20 local and foreign airliners, which together dominate about 70 percent of the total mar-

Emirates, Singapore Airlines, Thai Airways, and Gulf Air are the global players operating in the Bangladesh aviation market estimated to be growing at a rate of over 7.5 percent a year.

### Freedom Fighters

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"Sometimes a huge number of projects are taken on but those cannot be implemented for lack of financing," he told the chief accounting officers of ministries beyond mid-term budgetary framework (MTBF) at the pre-

budget meeting. Early this month, the finance adviser held another pre-budget meeting with the secretaries.

Talking to reporters after the meeting, Mirza Aziz said he asked the secretaries to undertake realistic projects, both under revenue and development budget, which could be implemented in time. "If a project can't be implemented timely, it increases cost and prolongs the implementation period. As a result, utility of the project loses its meaning.

He advised the secretaries to develop ownership of the budget based on the additional powers given to them in implementing the projects and also instructed them to do impact analysis after a project's implementation.

Replying to a question, the finance adviser said the economy with its present development status demands many projects, but the demand must be consistent with the ability, both in terms of resources and implementation

informed him of the implementation problem due to unusual pricehike of construction materials, while he told the secretaries that a report in this regard has already been drafted and he would take a | life as a commoner in one of the decision soon.

extremely important lean toward the two Democratic presidential contenders, while those less concerned prefer McCain. The partisan divide helps explain that, as does income.

Of those most worried about the economy, people earning under \$50,000 a year prefer the two Democrats over McCain, middleincome earners are divided evenly, and McCain wins the most affluent.

Democrats divide between Obama and Clinton about the same whether or not they are extremely concerned about the economy.

The survey's findings echo exit polls of voters in more than two dozen Democratic and GOP presidential primaries the economy is the top problem, but so far it's not drivingvotes.

"That's not going to be a dealbreaker for me," Robert Michael, 62, a Republican from Fort Collins, Colo., said of how economic issues will affect his presidential vote. "I'm not sure what any candidate can do to . improve the job situation." The survey of 1,844 adults was

conducted from April 2-14 and had an overall margin of sampling error of plus or minus 2.3 percentage points. Included were interviews with 863 Democrats and 668 Republicans, for whom the margins of sampling error were plus or minus 3.3 points and 3.8 points respectively.

The poll was conducted over the Internet by Knowledge Networks, which initially contacted people using traditional telephone polling methods and followed with online interviews. People chosen for the study who had no Internet access were given it for free.

### RMG workers

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police and witnesses said. The law enforcers responded with baton charge that triggered a mad dash for the exit. Several workers were injured in the melee and police action.

Later, police chased away the agitating workers and foiled their attempt to barricade Dhaka-Tangail Road. In retaliation, the workers

hurled brickbats at police, leaving, several policemen injured. Vehicular movement on the road remained suspended for

about half an hour due to chase

and counter-chase. Officer-in-Charge of Ashulia Police Station Kamrul Islam said seven to eight policemen suffered

injuries during the clashes. Three workers' leaders--Monira Begum, Josna and Salmawere hauled in from the scene for quiz-

ers that a case would be filed against those involved in the violence. The factory officials said 93 workers were fired on April 5 on charge of disrupting operation of the factory. But those dismissed did

Additional Superintendent of

Police Nazmul Hussain told report-

authorities paid them all their dues and benefits as per the labour law. They said they have no plan to go for further retrenchment. The officials suspect that someone from outside might have incited

the workers to violence.

not stage any demonstration as the

## Nepal's king

dent spoke in Jerusalem after

meeting last week with top Hamas

leader, Khaled Mashaal, and his

deputy in Syria. It capped a nine-

day visit to the Mideast aimed at

breaking the deadlock between

Israel and Hamas militants who

would accept a Palestinian state on

the 1967 borders, if approved by

Palestinians and that they would

accept the right of Israel to live as a

neighbor next door in peace,"

"They (Hamas) said that they

rule the Gaza Strip.

Carter said.

Maoist chief Prachanda yesterday met Indian Ambassador to Nepal Shiv Shanker Mukherjee apparently to discuss a "graceful exit" for King Gyanendra after the party won the landmark Constituent Assembly election.

CPN-Maoist's third-in-rank

leader Ram Bahadur Thapa Badal has said that the King should better leave the palace gracefully after the first meeting of the Constituent Assembly implements the decision on a republic

"If the King does not abide by the people's mandate the government will forcefully vacate the palace," Badal warned.

The vote count is expected to end on Tuesday, and the Maoists are expected to win at least 240 seats in a 601-member constitutional assembly -- making them the dominant party and just short of holding an outright majority. The ultra-leftists say they intend

monarchy as quickly as possible, and have called on Gyanendra to leave the palace "gracefully" rather than be forcibly evicted. Maoist leader Prachanda has said he wants to talk with the king,

to abolish Nepal's 240-year-old

to persuade him to leave of his own accord, rather than be booted out. "In history, monarchs have been

beheaded and also had to flee. Let Mirza Aziz said the secretaries | that not be repeated in Nepal," the school teacher-turnedrevolutionary said late last week.

The Maoists have warned the Analysts say the king can still king that he faces "a trial and strong punishment" if he refuses to accept world's poorest nations.

Maoist spokesman Krishna Bahadur Mahara said Monday the leftists did not care where the king intended to go -- as long as he understood he would lose the last trappings of his royal life. "It does not matter whether he

constitution what will be done. We are going to declare Nepal a republic, and he will have to accept it," Mahara told AFP. Gyanendra came to the throne in bizarre and tragic circumstances in 2001, when his popular brother and eight other family members

lives in India or Nepal. We have

already decided with the interim

drugged, love-sick and suicidal The new monarch and his son Paras -- loathed for his reported playboy lifestyle -- failed to win the hearts and minds of a public that viewed the pair's survival of the palace massacre as deeply suspi-

were shot dead by a drunk,

In 2005 he seized absolute power to fight the Maoists, but instead fuelled a wave of republican sentiment that led to mainstream parties striking a historic 2006 peace deal with the rebels, ending a decade of civil war.

Gyanendra has since been stripped of all his powers, including his role as head of state and army commander.

He has faced numerous demands to step down quietly, but has so far refused to do so.

count on support from sections of the army and Hindu fundamentalists who see him as the incarnation of a Hindu god.

# Nasreen Huq's death

FROM PAGE 1 conduct further investigation since her family is not ready to accept that she died in an accident," a home ministry official said quoting yesterday's discussions at a meeting of the ministry's monitoring cell that oversees sensational cases.

presided over by Home Adviser Maj Gen (retd) MA Matin. On April 24, 2006, Nasreen succumbed to her injuries at Combined Military Hospital, Dhaka after she was hit by her own car, driven by driver Zakir Hossain, at the car park of her residence the

Ten sensational cases were

discussed during the meeting

same day. Nasreen's husband Nurul Islam Bhuiyan Chhoton filed a criminal case with Dhanmondi Police Station accusing car driver Zakir of killing Nasreen by reckless driving. Zakir first rammed his wife with the vehicle and then dashed an open door of the car against her, leaving her severely injured in the knees, the husband said in the first information report.

Additional Home Secretary Sheikh Abdur Rashid briefed reporters on the meeting of the monitoring cell afterwards. The probe into the August 21 -- was reported unsatisfactory.

grenade attack on Awami League (AL) president Sheikh Hasina while cials from police, Detective Branch she was attending an AL rally on and Rapid Action Battalion complete and charge sheet of the others.

case would be submitted soon after scrutinising the investigation report, he said. "The investigation is at the final stage...details are now being looked into." The attack on the rally left 24

people killed and about 300 maimed. The motive of the attack was diverted to different directions before, he said adding that they have been closely monitoring the developments in the case to stop

recurrence of similar attempts.

investigators to look into the murder of Tasmir Hossain Munni at Gulshan in February. Munni's death was suicidal in nature, says the post-mortem report. The participants of the meeting were told that progress in the investigation of the following cases was satisfactory: schoolteacher Mahbuba Begum murder at

Khilagaon, Ramzan Ali murder in

Turkey Associate at Ramna, Torab

Ali murder at Tejgaon and domestic

help Sumi killing at Adabar in the

However, progress in one murder case -- murder of Mohammad Ali, chairman of Talora UP of Bogra

The home secretary and offi-Bangabandhu Avenue is almost attended the meeting among

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two more days.

The temperature in the capital

Govt asked

FROM PAGE 1 anti-liberation war elements.

during the meeting.

criminals

About local government elec-

During the one and a half hours long talks, the Workers Party team

shortly after holding the informal talks with some other political

Political culture, process and structures are also important alongside the qualitative change in politics, the commerce adviser

mission when charge-framing hearing against detained Awami League chief Hasina and seven others was scheduled yesterday.

Only detained accused in the case former secretary Dr Tawfig-e-Elahi Chowdhury was produced before the court. He was arrested a few days ago on way to home after he was released on bail.

police arrested him making a false statement Shafique said the police

The lawyer claimed Tawfig Judge Mohammad Firoz Alam,

the second time while in detention. On September 2 last year, Anti-

Chairman Hasan Mahmud Raja and Director Abul Kalam Azad.

but you will not share the risks involved. This is unethical, absolutely unethical."

awareness among farmers. Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies Research Director Dr M Asaduzzaman proposed formation of a working group comprising agriculturists, service providers, farmers and information technologists to work out a modality to take agricultural information to farmers.

no alternative to increasing domestic production to check be more coordination among price hikes of food grains, he noted.

Before that, the factions had

slated for November 22.

to the dialogue unitedly. "We are waiting for the Election Commission's invitation," he con-

"We want Khandaker Delwar's