## Earthquake

FROM PAGE 1 earthquake around 12:52am and died within a few minutes in his residence.

on the ceilings in the DMCH employees' quarters, fell from above after the earthquake.

In addition, cracks also developed at several parts of the ceilings and walls of the buildings.

Anwara Begum, a class IV employee of DMCH, told The Daily Star last night, "Soon after the earthquake struck early Sunday, plasters fell down from the ceiling of my dining room leaving us in a panic, the ceiling fan also came down."

"After the incident, we informed tified in April. the DMCH authorities in the morning. But none even came to visit the damaged building", she said.

had been submitting applications seeking repair of the buildings since 2005, but the authorities did not respond to their petitions.

Our DU correspondent reports, twenty-three injured students received treatment at the university medical centre while 14 others at Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) after the quake.

Of the injured students, eight are from Jagannath Hall, four from Haji Mohammad Mohsin Hall, seven from Surya Sen Hall, three from Ziaur Rahman Hall, two from AF Rahman Hall, and one each from Salimullah Muslim Hall, Fazlul Haque Hall, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Hall and Kobi Jasimuddin Hall.

Seriously injured SM Hero, Raihan Khan and Nurul Islam of Mohsin Hall were undergoing treatment at DMCH with injuries in legs, hands and waists. Basan of the same hall was admitted to National Institute of Traumatology, Orthopaedic and Rehabilitation (Nitor) with influries to his legs and hands while Arif Ahmed, a resident of Surva Sen Hall, was shifted to DMCH from the university medical commission.

centre as his situation deteriorated.

students of DU dormitories rushed out of their dormitory rooms and According to witnesses, plasters ran for safety following the sudden jolt at 12:52am yesterday.

> Mohsin and Surya Sen halls spent the night in the open.

Some 500 students of the east building of Jagannath Hall, which was identified as too frail to weather an earthquake and declared unsafe for living in 2006,

Meanwhile, a few new cracks were seen on the Mohsin Hall building after yesterday's earthquake, just beside the cracks iden-

Around 6,000 students of the 87year-old Salimullah Hall, Shahidullah Hall and Jagannath Hall and another 5,000 students of the 42-year-old Surva Sen Hall and Mohsin Hall have been passing

The DU authorities are yet to examine what degree of earth quake these buildings can with-

Bhaban premises at 12:00 noon. Later, their counsels submitted bail petitions to the court. Judge

them to jail Anti-corruption Commission Assistant Director Khairul Huda filed the case against them with Ramna Police Station on September 5 last year on charges of concealing information in the wealth statement submitted to the

### Hasina, Selim

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The HC bench of Justice Sharif Uddin Chaklader and Justice Md Emdadul Haque Azad dropped the bail petitions of Hasina and Selim from the docket following a prayer moved by defence counsels barrister Rafique-ul Huq and Shafique Ahmed.

tions recently for getting bail and staying the proceedings of the case.

HC bench told the lawyers that the the government to show cause as to why the petitioners should not be

The defence lawyers then prayed for granting their clients bail in the case. But the court did not grant their prayers as Hasina had already been released without any bail order.

Later, the lawyers prayed for dropping the petitions from the HC bench's docket, so that they can move the petitions to another HC bench.

The HC bench, however, granted anticipatory bail to former lawmaker AKM Rahmat Ullah, Shahidul Alam Talukder, Dr Shafikur Rahman and former state minister Rafiqul Islam's wife Nurun Nahar Lily, in separate graft cases filed by the Anti-

Salahuddin Ahmed told the HC bench that the HC was barred by an Appellate Division judgment from considering bail petitions in the cases filed under the Emergency Power Rules.

CASEAGAINSTQUADER

### Ilias Ali

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fortune pulling strings behind tenders at different government departments during the rule of BNP-led four-party alliance. He also made huge sums by helping contractors win contracts and work during the five-year period.

In 1987, he was expelled from Dhaka University on charges of violence. He gained notoriety leading a group of armed youth belonging to Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), student wing of BNP.

The university authorities had to close the university quite frequently due to clashes between

Illias group and their rivals. During the BNP rule from 1990 to 1996, he was declared persona non grata at the Prime Minister's

Office. In January this year, the ACC had issued a notice asking the former lawmaker to turn in a wealth state-

ment Later, it detected wide discrepancies between his actual wealth and the assets he showed in his thehelp of locals they caught the two.

statement to the anti-graft body. In the wealth statement, he showed his assets are worth around Tk 5.27 crore while an ACC probe found that he owns much more

than that. A six-storey building that he has in the city's Banani area alone is worth around Tk 2.50 crore. He Porsche.

Hundreds of panicked resident | tain stability in the prices of essen-

Many panicked students of

spent the night in great panic.

The DU authorities formed a committee with experts from Bangladesh University of DMCH staff alleged that they Engineering and Technology (Buet) to examine if the cracks are risky. The authorities also fixed wooden beams to support the cracked ceilings.

days amid fear of earthquakes.

### Ex-MP Giasuddin

FROM PAGE 16 set up on the Jatiya Sangsad

AKM Arifur Rahman rejected the bail petitions and ordered to send

zaman of Special Court-9, set up on

the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban premises

rejected the bail petition filed by

The AL leader's counsel advocate

AKM Amin Uddin Manik sought his

client's bail vesterday saying that

Quader is seriously ill and has been

undergoing treatment at

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical

and leg are becoming paralysed

gradually due to neurological prob-

about 41 splinters are still in his body,

been suffering from cardiac prob-

The court rejected the bail peti-

mer state minister for youth, sports

and cultural affairs with Paltan Police

Station on charges of taking Tk 47

Back to where

Rimon to the DMCH emergency unit

around 4:00pm on Saturday fearing

lakh in bribe from contractors.

tion after hearing both the sides.

He also said his client's right arm

Quader's counsel on July 22.

University.

the bail petition.

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AL leader Obaidul Quader in a bribery case.

Hasina and Selim filed the peti-

After hearing the petitions, the bench would only issue a rule upon granted bail in the case.

corruption Commission (ACC).

that he had been suffering from jaundice. Earlier, Attorney General (AG) Two ayas named Nurjahan and Lucky approached me while I was waiting near the entrance of the emergency unit. They enquired about my son's physical condition,' Nasima told The Daily Star after getting back her son last night after

27 hours. Judge Khandaker Kamal Uz-

They told me that only adults are treated at the DMCH and there is a hospital for children nearby," said Nasima's mother Ayesha who accompanied her daughter to the

hospital from Gazipur. The two took Nasima, her mother and sister Salma to a nearby twostorey building and told them that the doctor would come later.

"One of the ayas told me that we have to sign a paper for getting my grandson treated there for free, Ayesha said, adding that she and Salma signed the paper while

Nasima puther fingerprint on it. The ayas gave them a mobile phone number and asked them to leave Rimon with them saying that the doctor would attend him soon.

"We became very anxious after failing to contact them on mobile phone on Saturday night," Ayesha said.

They searched for the two ayas in

the city's Chankharpool area yesterday but failed to find them. Later, they managed to reach Lucky over cell phone at about 4:00pm. She asked them to meet her

at the DMCH with Tk 6,000. When they reached the DMCH they saw Lucky and Nurjahan stand-

ing in front of the hospital gate. With Acting on confessions of the two, police rescued the baby from Lucky's home at the city's Manda at about

Nurjahan and Lucky told The Daily Star that Nasima sold the baby to them for Tk 6,000.

Nasima broke up with her husband Humayun Kabir, a garment factory worker, six months back and owns three luxury cars including a has been living with her mother and sister since then in Gazipur.

Fair-price shops FROM PAGE 16 and other chambers can also set up

such fair-price shops. The FPSs will be opened as part of the government effort to maintial commodities like rice, onions,

lentils, wheat and edible oils, according to the commerce adviser. "We're considering many options to ensure price stability during the Ramadan...And the FPS is one of such options," he told

reporters at a press briefing. He said the meeting discussed the possibility of appointing Ansar members and Dhaka University students to run the fair-price shops in a bid to overcome manpower

On why edible-oil prices are not coming down on the local market despite the recent downdraught on the international market, Zillur said, "This a general complaint against the business community at large. We're not satisfied with their explanation. We'll monitor the matter."

He, however, said the govern ment doesn't want to fix edible-oil prices as they are already coming down on the international market. "The commerce ministry would

request the Economic Relations Division (ERD) to examine the possibility of getting edible oils from the US government as food aid to face the exigencies during the Ramadan," he added.

#### 3 mayor

FROM PAGE 1 holiday, an official announcement

vesterday said. The city corporations are Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal and

The pourasabhas are Naohata in Rajshahi, Dupchanchia in Bogra, Chuadanga, Sreepur in Gazipur, Manikganj, Fulbaria in Mymensingh, Shariatpur, Golapganj in Sylhet and Sitakunda in Chittagong.

#### Dr Mosharrat

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including one for amassing wealth illegally and giving false wealth information to the commission.

The joint forces arrested Mosharraf from his Banani residence on March 7 last year and seized documents from the house.

#### Nazimuddin Alam

FROM PAGE 1 Defence lawyers submitted a bail petition for Nazimuddin but the court rejected it.

The former lawmaker had come to Hannan Shah's Mohakhali DOHS residence vesterday afternoon, and police arrested him when he was leaving the house after a brief stay, said Yunus Babul, personal assistant to Hannan Shah.

Najzimuddin, a former assistant general secretary of Dhaka University Central Students Union, was first taken to Cantonment Police Station and

then produced before the court. Quader was seriously injured in Officer-in-Charge of Kafrul | senditto 2233. the grenade attack on an AL rally and Police Station Fazlul Haque, in his forwarding report placed before he said adding that his client has the court, said they arrested Nazimuddin after receiving arrest warrants issued by the Bhola

The prosecution lawyer opposed The cases excepting that for attempt to murder include two for unlawful assembly, trespass and arson attacks, and one under the ACC Assistant Director Ashraful Explosive Substances Act. Islam filed the case against the for-

#### On-arrival visa FROM PAGE 16

many Saarc, Commonwealth and

African countries," the press release said. Foreign Affairs Adviser Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury, who is also in

charge of the Expatriates' Welfare and Overseas Employment Ministry, said, "This is good news. However, all of us must be careful that we don't misuse this unique gesture by the friendly Malaysian government."

#### TIB suggests FROM PAGE 16 elections, etc.

TIB Chairman Prof Muzaffer Ahmad, who conducted the roundtable meet, said that these additional tasks should be stopped immediately.

He also laid emphasis on the need for time scale to be introduced for primary school teachers.

The TIB report also said that the teachers pay scale has to be modernised so that the profession attracts meritorious students. Also the government end the salary discrimination among the government, registered and community primary school teachers should go, it added.

Primary and Mass Education Adviser Rasheda K Choudhury said that coordination among political, administrative and social forces is the worst sufferer of climate needed to improve quality education

in primary schools. She admitted that there was some corruption in the sector but added, "the percentage of corruption is little as the primary and mass education ministry is very much decentralised."

The adviser also said that primary education would soon be handed over to the local government so that communities get more involved in improving the quality of school education.

Primary and Mass Education Ministry Secretary M Musharraf Hossain Bhuiyan said the ministry has accepted the positive recommendations by TIB because these would help as effective measures to improve the quality of education. Among others, Directorate of

Primary Education Director General

Nazrul Islam Khan, former adviser to

the caretaker government

Hafizuddin Khan and former vice

chancellor of Dhaka University Prof

Muniruzzaman Miah took part in the

roundtable meeting.

## Golden past

and came into prominence into Mughal period when it enjoyed the position of a provincial capital." Once became the capital, Dhaka less.

was destined to expand. Development of townships, public works and a significant growth in population came as the city was proclaimed the capital of Bengal under Mughal rule in 1608. Mughal Subahdar Islam Khan Chisti

was the first administrator of the city. The Buriganga and her mother river Dhaleswari connect Dhaka to the great rivers and through them with almost all districts of Bengal. Dhaka is also situated in bhati, the low-lying river girt Bangalah and the abode of the rebels against the Mughals. So Islam khan Chisti found a suitable place for capital. The city was called "Jahangir

Nagar" (City of Jahangir) in honour of the Mughal Emperor Jahangir, father of Shajahan, the founder of Taj Mahal. Actually, the greatest expansion of the city took place under Mughal

general Shaista Khan (1662-1677 and 1679-1689). The city then stretched for 12 miles in length and 8 miles in breadth and is believed to have had a population of nearly one million. Later the British rulers took control of Dhaka alike the whole India.

The emerging city fell to the control of the British East India Company in 1765 after the Battle of Plassey.

Owing to the war, the city's population shrank dramatically within a short time. Although an important city in the Bengal province, Dhaka remained smaller than Kolkata, which served as the capital of British India for a long time. Under British rule, many modern

works and townships were developed in Dhaka. A modern water supply system was introduced in 1874 and electricity supply in 1878. The Dhaka Cantonment was established near the city, serving as a base for the soldiers of the British Raj. Dhaka served as a strategic link to the

frontier of the northeastern states of

educational institutions, public

Tripura and Assam. Following the partition of Bengal in 1905 and again in 1947, Dhaka became the capital of East Bengal. In the course of time in 1921, the University of Dhaka, the first university of this soil, was established which came as a major incident in the socio-cultural and political arena for

the Muslim people of Bengal. On August 15, 1947 East Bengal

SMS

FROM PAGE 16 told reporters, "If the step proves a success, the commission may go for it also in upazila polls and

parlimentary elections. Any voter for the August 4 polls willing to know the location of polling station will simply have to type EC, leave space, type his or her National Identity Card number and

Customers of any mobile phone operators can get this facility while customers of Grameen Phone, Tele Talk, Aktel and Banglalink can dial 2233 to get the service. Tele Talk officials said they have a

system of keeping information about 10 crore voters, and it is possible to provide this SMS facility to all voters in the parliamentary polls. Meanwhile the government

yesterday granted public holiday on August 4 in the four city corporations and nine municipalities where polls will be held in the first phase of a series of elections planned.

Officials and employees of all government, semi-government, autonomous, semi-autonomous and private offices and organisations in the areas will get the holiday meant for 'facilitating exercise of franchise in the polls', said an official

announcement. The polls will take place in Rajshahi, Khulna, Barisal and Sylhet city corporations.

The nine municipalities are Naohata in Rajshahi, Dupchanchia in Bogra, Chuadanga Sadar, Sreepur in Gazipur, Manikganj Sadar, Fulbaria in Mymensingh, Shariatpur Sadar, Golapganj in Sylhet and Sitakundu in Chittagong.

### became a part of the new Muslim state of Pakistan. The city witnessed

serious communal violence that left

thousands of people dead or home-A large proportion of the city's Hindu population migrated to India, while the city received hundreds of thousands of Muslim immigrants from the Indian states of West Bengal,

Assam and Bihar. As the centre of regional politics, Dhaka saw an increasing number of political strikes and incidents of violence. The adoption of Urdu as the sole official language of Pakistan led to protest marches and strikes involving hundreds of thousands of people. During the Bengali Language Movement, the people of the country fought against the Pakistani rulers to establish Bangla as the state language and succeeded in 1952. The 21st February of 1952 is considered as the first ever language movement victory in the history of world that took place in Dhaka.

The Language Movement was the torchbearer for the people to fight for independence. Plenty more protests took place in Dhaka against the

injustice of Pakistani rulers. After a series of protests, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman held a massive nationalist gathering on March 7, 1971 at the racecourse ground that attracted an estimated one million people. Galvanising public anger against discrimination from the central government of West Pakistani rulers, the gathering preceded the March 26 declaration of Bangladesh's inde-

The fall of the Pakistani army in Dhaka to the joint forces comprising the guerrilla freedom fighters of this soil and the Indian army on December 16 marked the creation of Republic of Bangladesh. Dhaka became the capital of an independent country.

#### Parties hail

day of the father of the nation as National Mourning Day and a public holiday. We thank the High Court for delivering the verdict," said Tofail, who was a political secretary to Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur

Rahman Welcoming the verdict, AL President Sheikh Hasina's Political Secretary Saber Hossain Chowdhury said through yesterday's HC judgment a fact of history has been recog nised by the highest court of the country

"It's, however, sad that a fact which is as clear as daylight had to be ruled upon by the court due to the actions of a political party bent on EC. Secretary Humayun, Kabir later and distorting history "said Saber, also anorganising secretary of AL. Jatiya Party Acting Chairman Barrister Anisul Islam Mahmud said,

"Definitely the country should

observe the assassination day of the father of the nation as National Mourning Day and a public holiday, as it used to be earlier.

verdict of the High Court," he added.

"The High Court has given the verdict considering national sentiment. We welcome it," Workers Party President Rashed Khan Menon said. Welcoming the verdict JSD Joint Secretary Shirin Akhtar demanded immediate execution of the court verdict against the killers of Bangabandhu. She said BNP, Jamaat and anti-liberation war forces, who opposed observing the day as National Mourning Day, must accept the truth that 'they could fool the

people a few times through distort-

ing the glorious history of the war of

liberation, but they cannot keep on fooling the people forever'. Expressing deep gratitude to the HC for delivering the verdict, Gonotantri Party leader Nurul Islam said it is a shame that politicians of the country could not put the assas-

sination day of the father of the nation in its appropriate place. "The High Court through its verdict today has removed that shame. We are certainly welcoming

it,"he told The Daily Star yesterday. Meanwhile, leaders of AL's US chapter termed the verdict as historic victory', according to a report of the US-based American

News Agency.

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strong foundation. On global warming, the British high commissioner said the UK would provide 50 million pounds to Bangladesh to address the

Maintaining that Bangladesh is change, Fakhruddin said the country can handle any natural disasters for the short term, but that it needs international assistance for mid- and long-term measures, especially when it comes to infrastructures and strong, permanent embankments.

He recalled his meeting with British Prime Minister Gordon Brown at a conference on climate change in London. He said relation between

and counter-terrorism. Bangladesh stands firmly against terrorism, he said, mentioning that the country has not seen a single bomb blast or a single bullet being fired in the last one and a half years.

the biggest bilateral donor of Bangladesh, after Japan.

Evans said the two-way flow of trade between the two countries continues to be good. Bangladeshi community in the UK is contributing economically, culturally and politically.

social issues and its economic growth is impressive. He said bilateral relations between Bangladesh and the UK continue to change for the better.

doing better on economic and

minister is likely to visit Bangladesh soon, the chief adviser said such high-level visits are an indication of good relations between the two countries. He said Bangladesh is steadily doing well in economic growth.

Development Goals (MDGs) in gender parity in primary and secondary education and in women | College. The Indian army chief will also Fakhruddin hoped that visit Liberation War Memorial sites

### Flood situation

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above at Chak Rahimpur, the bulletin said yesterday. It said the Arial Khan was flowing 8cm above the danger mark at Madaripur, the Surma 61cm above at Sunamganj and the Kongsha was flowing 70cm above its danger level at Jariajanjail.

A correspondent in Gaibandha said the rising water level of the Jamuna, the Karotoa and the Ghagot deteriorated the flood situation in four upazilas of Gaibandha. The Jamuna and the Ghagot reached the danger level mark and inundated low-lying areas bursting their banks yester-

River erosion by the Jamuna worsened threatening 22 villages in Gaibandha Sadar, Shaghata and Fulchari upazilas, according to the Water Development Board

Our Netrakona correspondent reports: The flood situation improved in areas close to the border with India like Durgapu and Kalmakanda. However, the flood situation in low-lying areas of Kalmakanda, Mohanganj Kaliajuri, Atpara and Madan upazilas deteriorated, Netrakona

WDB sources said. Kaliajuri upazila Sadar, Jagannathpur and Boali union of Khaliajuri upazila, Sukari union of Atpara upazila, Magan union of Mohanganj upazila and Nayekpur and Changaw union of Madan upazila are the new flood-

The Kongsha, the Mogra and the Dhanu are flowing above their danger levels.

Road communications between Netrakona Sadar and Kalmakanda upazila Sadar and Durgapur upazila Sadar remain cut off since July 23.

broken glass and charred debris and smeared with blood hours after the blast, an AFP correspondent witnessed. An army commander, who asked not to be named, said that "anger could spread once the

bodies are handed back to rela-

as a precautionary measure and its personnel are conducting flag marches," additional police commissioner Mohan Thattold

reporters. All the bombs were detonated with timer devices and all went off in the space of 36 minutes, officials said. PTI put the latest toll at 45 dead and 162 injured. "We should not allow anybody

Patil, also urging calm in Ahmedabad, the capital of Gujarat state. The state's right-wing Hindu

leader Narendra Modi, however, warned he would not spare the culprits. "The land of Mahatma Gandhi

independence hero was born. Terrorists are waging a war against India. We should be prepared for a long battle against

### Rahul Gandhi

FROM PAGE 16 The 38-year-old member of Lok

A 10-member Special Protection Group is expected to reach Dhaka today ahead of Rahul's visit to work out security for the man viewed by

said the visit's details were still being workedout. Rahul is expected to visit several projects run by Brac and Grameen Bank. He has shown a keen interest in

rural development while visiting a number of projects across India. The young parliamentarian met Nobel laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus in Delhí in March last year and has already started some microfinance and women-empowerment projects in his poverty-stricken Lok

Uttar Pradesh. would try to see if the Grameen Bank and Brac projects could be replicated

in India.

Gen Mohammad Jahangir Alam Choudhury on behalf of Gen Moeen and Indian High

Pinak Ranjan Chakrabarty.

He will place wreaths at Shikha Despite various problems, the Anirban and Bijoy Ketan at the country met the Millennium | Dhaka Cantonment and visit the

> dogs. Even if we remove all in one area, more dogs come there. But for now we are doing our best to take away the ones roaming near the summit venue," an official said.

on August 1.

## Top outlaw Dr Tutul

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claimed the police adding that after he was taken to Raninagar Health Complex, the doctors declared him

Police seized two locally made firearms, 17 bullets, 7 gun cartridges, a rifle magazine, two knives, two machetes and a few sharp weapons from the scene.

Locals of Raninagar distributed

Saturday, Tutul's mother Novera

Khatun told journalists at Jhenidah the scene, the police said. Press Club that the Rapid Action ODHIKARREACTION Battalion (Rab) members had arrested Tutul from Uttara in the capital on Friday night. In an appeal to the government she pleaded for the safety of her son

claiming that although Tutul was Pataka). involved with an underground party, he did not participate in any killing or extortion. Tutul dedicated his life to provide medical treatment to the underprivileged and he had even sold pieces of ancestral land for the around 4:00am yesterday. cause, the mother said.

Instead of killing Tutul in crossfire, she urged the government to put him on trial under the laws of the land if he committed any crime.

Earlier in the afternoon, the elderly woman went to the office of Jhenidah deputy commissioner to submit her plea to the government, but since the office had closed by then, she had to rush to the press club and make her request through the press, she told journalists.

A Bangla national daily (Jugantor) on Saturday in a report said the Rab has arrested Tutul from Uttara. However, the Rab did not confirm the

TUTUL'S BACKGROUND

College (RMC) in 1985. He practised medicine at

Sabaihat of Manda in Naogaon and

in Rajshahi town for a year alongside his government job at RMC Hospital. Tutul, a former member of Chhatra Moitree (student wing of Workers Party), became active in PBCP activities during his studies at RMC after he made his acquaintance with PBCP leader Mofakkhar

He went underground in 1986 and became a fulltime activist of

rivalry with his guru Mofakkhar Chowdhury. In 1997, Tutul and Quamrul Islam Mastar, two dissident followers of Mofakkhar-led PBCP, formed a faction named PBCP Lal Pataka (red

PBCP Janojuddho and he led the faction until his death in crossfire in December 2004. Abdur Rashid Malitha Tapan, who took over Janojuddho, was also killed in crossfire recently. Quamrul, the co-founder of Lal

Pataka, was also killed in crossfire in

leading the faction ever since. CROSSFIREINNATORE A correspondent from Natore adds: Ansar Ali, activist of an outlawed party and a suspect in the Bamihal police killing and arms looting case,

### Saarc meeting

FROM PAGE 16 Programming Committee from Indian joint secretary Kheya Battachariya, the official told IANS.

The Sunday meeting of the offi-

Heads of state and government Nizamul Huq Nasim. from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, the Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka will gather at the HC verdict. the Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall Islami lawyer advocate Ashraf-uz-(BMICH) Aug 2-3 to thrash out agreements on various regional issues, the SC, seeking permission for filing a mainly in the spheres of trade, edu-

cation, cultural and tourism. The government has deployed 19,000 additional security personnel to provide security cover for visiting leaders and their delegations in the capital of 650,000 people.

The hotels where the VIPs will

Shuttle buses will be used to ferry regular judges as per the HC direcpassengers going to these areas. Meanwhile, local authorities have unleashed a major crackdown on MEnayetur Rahim said if any person stray dogs in the vicinity of the sum-

zone". On Saturday, Colombo Municipal Council workers, acting on a request from Foreign Minister Rohitha Bogollagama, rounded up stray there." dogs.

"This is not in view of the security but to keep the venue clean," a foreign ministry official said.

been taken to the dog pound. The dogs would be released in the same sideration. area after the summit. "It's a difficult task to catch street

police and his accomplices at Kankian village in Singra upazila early yesterday. Earlier on Thursday, police

arrested Ansar from Bamihal area and following his confessional statement, the law enforcers took him along to the scene to capture his

accomplices and retrieve arms. As soon as the police reached the scene, Ansar's cohorts started to shoot at the law enforcers, triggering the gunfight. At one stage Arisar attempted to flee and sustained bullet injuries, claimed the police

A pipe gun, four bullets and a sharp weapon were retrieved from

Human rights group Odhikar yesterday demanded independent judicial inquiry into the killing of Dr Mizanur Rahman Tutul, a top leader of Purbo Banglar Communist Party (ML-Lal

Police claimed that Dr Tutul died after receiving bullet shots during a 'shootout' between outlaws and the police at Kaligram Eidgah field in Raninagar upazila of Naogaon at Expressing concern over Tutul's

killing, Odhikar said, "... the victim

was reportedly not involved in any violent means to propagate his political believes... If this trend continues, those with 'different' views could now risk being targeted." Condemning the killings in 'shootouts', the rights watchdog said 197 persons were killed in the socalled crossfire, shootout, gunfight or

encounters by Rab, police and other

law enforcement agencies since January 11, 2007 till date under the state of emergency. "Extra judicial killings are the worst form of rights violation ... A persons' life cannot be taken away without due legal process, which is the foundation of a civilized society. Continued extra judicial killings are eroding the foundation of Bangladesh's polity," reads a press

#### statement of Odhikar. Draft voter list

FROM PAGE 16 information and registration are

voter list if the authorities found the reason they provide to be rational following hearings, Sakhawat said. He said the final electoral roll would be published after a month

About the national identity cards,

thing. There is no relation between the NID and casting of votes." However, without being regis-

would not be allowed to vote in the

elections, he said. EC sources said the draft voter list for Dhaka City has around 35 lakh voters.

bench of the HC on July 17 declared illegal and unconstitutional the nonconfirmation by the BNP-led government of the services of 10 additional HC judges appointed during the rule of the Awami League despite the

The HC bench comprised of justices Mohammad Abdur Rashid, SK Sinha and Nazmun Ara Sultana directed the government to reappoint the 10 judges with seniority within one month. The court, however, said the time between the date of non-confirmation and reappoint-

ment would be treated as leaves

The 10 judges are justices Abdus

On July 24, the government filed a

leave to appeal with the SC to vacate

Ahmed, Marzi-ul Huq, Abdur cials will be followed by a meeting of the council of ministers July 31 and Razzak, Hasan Foiz Siddique, AHM Shamsuddin Chowdhury and

> Earlier on July 23, pro-Jamaat-e-Zaman also filed an application with leave to appeal as public interest appeal against the HC verdict.

Appellate Division for hearing The SCBA at a general meeting on stay, the convention centre and the July 23 adopted a resolution, roads leading to these venues have demanding that the government been declared high security zones. reinstate the 10 additional judges as

is aggrieved at any decision of the mit venue. One official said the HC, they can file appeals with the SC foreign ministry wants a "dog free against it.

Court will now decide the fate of the

matter and the law will be settled

The SCBA launched a movement on the SC premises when 18 of these judges were appointed during the rule of the BNP-Jamaat alliance A local official said 24 dogs had government, saying the appointments were given on political con-

"serious storm" over the higher

## Chief adviser

The chief adviser said reforms have been made to give democracy a

adverse effects of climate change.

Bangladesh and the UK is multifaceted and the two countries can work closely on economy, trade

empowerment. The chief adviser said Syed Fahim Munaim briefed Bangladesh wants access to the UK market for its products. The UK is reporters following the meeting.

Compared to other developing countries, he said Bangladesh is

When informed that a British

Bangladesh would be a midincome country in next 15 years. Chief Adviser's Press Secretary

affected areas.

India urges FROM PAGE 16 bomb, and was still littered with

tives for cremations, so the presence of the army will act as a major psychological deterrent to "The army has been called in |

to make use of this blast to create "Hopes and aspirations of the | more terror and to create more masses have been reflected in the | difficulties for the people," said India's Home Minister Shivraj

> has been bloodied by terrorists whom we shall not spare," said Modi, the firebrand chief minis ter of the state where India'

### terrorism."

Sabhais also the son of former Indian prime minister Rajiv Gandhi, the grandson of former Indian prime minister Indira Gandhi and the great-grandson of India's first prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru.

many as a future leader of India. Brac Public Affairs Director M Anwarul Haq confirmed the visit but

Sabha constituency of Amethi in Sources close to Rahul said he

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National Museum, Defence Services Command and Staff

Commissioner to Bangladesh

in Comilla, Liberation War Field, war cemetery and the Bangladesh Military Academy in Chittagong. He is expected to leave for India

sweets in celebration of Dr Tutul's death, said the police. TUTUL'S MOTHER AT JHENIDAH PRESS CLUB Our correspondent from Jhenidah adding that he died on the spot. reports: At around 8.30pm on

Born in 1959, Tutul completed his higher secondary education from Kotchandpur in 1977. He obtained MBBS degree from Rajshahi Medical

available at the ward commissioners' and election offices. People who could not get registered would be included on the Chowdhury who was subsequently

he said, "The NID is a different In the mid 90s, Tutul developed tered in the voter list, a person

Mofakkhar's faction was called 19 sitting judges

August 2006 and Tutul had been chief justice's positive recommendawas killed in a shootout between

> Salam, Momtai Uddin Ahmed, Abdul Hye, Md Shamsul Huda, Faruque

without pay.

After hearing the petitions, Chamber Judge MA Matin sent the matter to the full bench of the

SCBA President barrister Shafique Ahmed said, "The Supreme

Former SCBA secretary advocate

Terming the appointments a

judiciary, the then chief justice Md Ruhul Amin told a function in Noakhali last year that its effect would remain in the judiciary for more than 20 years.

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