'Free Hasina rally'

FROM PAGE 1 on having front organisations of teachers, students, employees and labourers of financial institutions, and of other professionals. It also disallows the parties to have foreign

The decisions and amendments came at a meeting of the AL central working committee (ALCWC) where issues like the general election, formation of grand electoral alliance, election conducting committee, election manifesto committee, and the party's present organisational situation came up for discussion.

The party might submit the application for registration along with the amendments brought to its constitution to the EC tomorrow. Before submitting the application the party's presidium will meet for a final discussion on the matter.

Held at Hasina's political office in Dhanmondi, the ALCWC with the party's Acting President Zillur Rahman in the chair demanded that the government sticks to the December 18 schedule for the national election.

AL President Sheikh Hasina also put out similar demands from a rally of expatriate Bangladeshis in Belgium on Sunday night calling upon all to stay vigilant so the election is held on schedule.

Meanwhile at the party meeting at home, most of the AL leaders expressed their doubts about holding of the poll on schedule, as they alleged that BNP-Jamaat led alliance is hatching conspiracies to postpone the national election.

The meeting also decided to form different committees to conduct election related activities and to prepare its election manifesto.

It decided to form a grand electoral alliance. But before forming the alliance AL will talk to its 14-party coalition partners within a couple of

days. About sharing seats with other parties in the upcoming election, most of the party leaders asked the meeting to consider the candidates more than the parties they will share

the seats with. The meeting also decided to let grassroots level party committees know about the process of finalising the five-member panels of party nominees from which one will be picked by a central parliamentary

board as candidates. MEDIA BRIEFING Briefing journalists after the meeting, AL Acting General Secretary Syed Ashraful Islam said making Hasina's release unconditional and permanent is a must to hold a free, fair and

acceptable election. He said withdrawal of the emergency is also a must to make the election credible to both local and international observers.

"We have amended our party constitution as required by the

Khulna AL

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The murderers disconnected the telephone line and ransacked Zaman's bedroom, police added.

Khulna City Corporation Mayor Talukder Abdul Khaleque and AL leaders visited the spot. They demanded fair investigation into the murder and immediate arrest of the killers.

City AL General Secretary Mizanur Rahman also demanded immediate arrest of the killers and the mastermind behind the murder.

Security was beefed up in and around Khalishpur area after the

incident. High officials of Khulna

Metropolitan Police and Rab also visited spot. Zaman was an AL aspirant from

Khulna-3 constituency in the general elections slated for December 18.

Communal violence revised RPO. We hope now there will threatens be no problem in getting the registration," said the AL spokesman. Ashraful said they will talk to the stability government and the EC regarding

deferment of the upazila polls.

through letters.

HASINA'S SPEECH

The meeting condemned

Saturday's bomb explosion in the

compound of the house of a High

Court judge and also the anonymous

threats issued to four noted lawyers

Addressing a rally of expatriate

Bangladeshis in Belgium on Sunday,

Hasina instructed all to remain alert,

so the election results are announced

in a fair manner, according to a report

on December 18 won't be enough, all

will have to be vigilant so that the poll

results are announced in a fair man-

ner, not like the announcement of

the result of Barisal City Corporation

demand is for holding a free and fair

poll on schedule. The crises prevail-

ing in Bangladesh will not be

resolved without an elected govern-

The rally was organised by all

The AL chief said unscrupulous

"If anyone has a high ambition,

high ambitions of certain people

sometimes destroy countries and

the person should go to the people

for their mandate to assume power,

said Hasina asking all to remain alert

so that none can play with the fate of

backed caretaker government for its

reform initiatives, saying the present

government has been implementing

the reform proposals that her party

had placed in the parliament in 2005.

She also urged the expatriate

Hasina is scheduled to fly for

She will decide on her return to

Bangladeshis to invest more money

Canada today to return to the US on

October 16 for a follow-up on her

Bangladesh based on the sugges-

the sinking sand-laden vessel, MV

water. They were identified as Nayan

Tara, 30, wife of Fazlu Mia, their son

Rakib, 4, Sabiha Begum, 28, and her

her son Akash, 5, and Babu, 30.

The missing were Milon Bibi, 35,

MV Muktadir 2 was on its way to

Gabtáli from Munsiganj's Gazaria.

The labourers, hired to unload the

ship, boarded it along the way at

MV Gazaria, coming the other way

chugged into the ill-fated craft at

about 4:30am, at Dhaka Udyan

across from Mohammadpur in the

South Keraniganj police

Fazlu Mia, who lost his wife and

"As our vessel started sinking, I

handed my son to my brother

Kamal and then grabbed my wife.

We could save none", Fazlu

He had five family members and

lamented on the riverbank.

reached the bank."

requested.

detained the vessel along with its

captain and an employee.

Survivors said the other vessel,

mother Hazera Bibi, 45.

Pagla at midnight.

capital.

Divers pulled four bodies from

She however thanked the military

ment, said the AL chief.

nations.

Bangladesh.

in the country.

treatment the next day.

tions of her doctors.

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Muktadir 2

European chapters of AL

She said their current prime

election," said the former premier.

"Holding a free and fair election

of the US based news agency ANA.

Says Indian PM

AFP, New Delhi

Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh warned yesterday that a dangerous rise in ethnic and communal tensions was posing a serious threat to the country's social

stability. His comments came against a backdrop of unrest across India, particularly attacks by Hindus on Christians in eastern Orissa and southern Karnataka states, and clashes between Muslims and tribal groups in the northeast.

"Perhaps the most disturbing and dangerous aspect today is the assault on our composite culture... we see fault-lines developing between, and among, communities," Singh told a conference of chief state ministers in New Delhi.

Singh said the violence threatened what he described as India's proud "inheritance" of a multiethnic, multi-religious and multicaste society.

"There are clashes between Hindus, Christians, Muslims and tribal groups. An atmosphere of hatred and violence is being artificially generated. There are forces deliberately encouraging such

tendencies," he said. India is officially secular but clashes between the majority Hindu community and minority Christians and Muslims erup periodically.

At least 35 people died in Hindu-Christian violence in Orissa following the killing of a hardline Hindu priest and four of his followers in August.

Hossain Zillur

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On the government's political dialogue with BNP and Jamaat, the adviser said, "We're at the end of the dialogue process and we're going to end it through tomorrow's dialogue."

He expressed the hope that the dialogue with BNP and Jamaat will be held in a free and frank manner as happened with other parties in the past and it will be constructive, positive and successful.

Zillur said spontaneous participation in the political dialogue will lead all towards the election and it will be successful. "With all good intention, we are moving towards a specific target."

Metro rail

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son, told The Daily Star, "I woke up planning ministry insisted on hearing the deafening sound of the looking for foreign funds.

In August 2003, the BR sent a proposal to the planning ministry through the communications ministry to carry out the feasibility study using government's resources.

relatives on board: son, wife, sister-But an inter-ministerial meetin-law, her husband and brothering later decided that the decision in this regard should only be Nayan Tara's younger sister taken after finalisation of the said, "I cannot remember how I Dhaka strategic transport plan Mohammad Saheed, station (STP), which received govern-

manager at Fulbaria fire service ment nod in February this year. station, said they would resume the In October 2005, the railway rescue operation today if sent another proposal to the planning ministry seeking The sunken cargo could not be Japanese assistance for the study. salvaged till last night. However, no further action was taken when Japan refused to fund

> the project. The following year the same proposal sought government funding. In May 2006, the planning ministry returned the proposal, again suggesting the railway should find a donor for the

study after approval of the STP. Finally, in April this year, the communications ministry recommended the study could be undertaken using government money provided the funds are reimbursed in the form of a "success fee" from the winning bid-

And the communications ministry sent this proposal to the planning ministry on July 13 for approval, sources at yesterday's meeting said.

After the meeting Communications Secretary Mahbubur Rahman said, "To carry out the feasibility study, we don't need to depend on donors like World Bank or others."

Echoing his views, BR Director General (DG) Md Belayet Hossain said, "We have to finance the study."

The project was delayed by years due to bureaucratic wrangling and lack of coordination among different agencies, rail-

The communications adviser said there is no alternative to constructing the subway as soon as possible to increase mobility of people in the capital. Meanwhile, a Board of

Investment proposal had earlier said there would be six routes with 50 stations on the subway that would connect almost 80 percent of the city area.

day's meeting said the routes and stations might be changed after the feasibility study.

BNP, Jamaat

Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed will be assisted by five advisers-Hossain Zillur Rahman, AFM Hassan Ariff, Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury, Anwarul Iqbal and Ghulam Quader.

mind in the discussions. Party leaders said BNP and Jamaat have already drawn up some common proposals to make in the

dialogue. They also said they will seek to strike a hard bargain. Especially, they will try not to budge on their demands for immediate withdrawal

ral of the upazila polls. They want the government to do those to remove uncertainty over

"We think emergency should be lifted without delay, and constituency delimitation can wait till the next election [10th parliamentary polls]. I hope the government will see the logic of our arguments," Lt Gen (retd) Mahbubur Rahman told The Daily Star.

BNP and its allies have lately confined themselves to five demands. These include lifting of the state of emergency immediately, cancellation of the RPO (Amendment) Ordinance 2008, relaxed registration provisions, the election with previous parliamentary boundaries intact, and release of all political leaders and withdrawal of cases against them.

Tanbir Ahmed Siddiky, a standing committee member, who heads the sub-committee assigned to prepare the dialogue agenda, said a 10-member delegation will join today's dialogue.

Manufacturing jute paper and

"Most of the jute products the

increasing the use of sacks could

also cut the import of packaging

materials and paper, said the

BJRI (Bangladesh Jute Research

Institute) developed are not being

commercially manufactured," said

The institute has developed,

among other things, blanket, good

quality curtain cloth, wool and slab

yarn from jute or sometimes blend-

ing acrylic and cotton in the pro-

sector mills are not coming up to

mass-produce these products," he

said, adding that a few policy deci-

sions on the part of the government

tists developed hard paper from

the jute plant. The technology uses

30 percent less energy compared to

Writing paper can also be pro-

duced from jute fibre using the

technology, IJSG Consultant (Op-

erations) Siddiqur Rahman said,

adding that both items have huge

Using biotechnology, the scien-

"State-owned and private-

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a BJRI scientist.

cess, he said.

would help reverse it.

got proper attention.

"The government will accept our five-point demand if it is really sincere in its efforts to hold a free and fair election," he told reporters at a park in Gulshan.

Jamaat-e-Islami Assistant Secretary General Muhammad Kamaruzzaman told The Daily Star that they and BNP will place uniform proposals. "We will stick to our five-point demand."

Local Government and Rural Development (LGRD) adviser Anwarul Iqbal yesterday said he is hopeful there would be a positive outcome of today's dialogue.

He said this while talking to reporters at the Osmani Memorial auditorium.

Replying to a query, he said they have no agenda set for the dialogue. The government side will seek to work out problems, if there is any,

through talks, he added. Iqbal described the BNP and Jamaat move to amend their consti tutions for registration as positive.

Jamaat charter

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Some 17 leaders and activists of Bangladesh Tarikat Federation, including its Secretary General Md Rezaul Haque Chandpuri, yesterday filed the writ petition saying Jamaat-e Islami is a religion-based political party.

The petition also said the Jamaat constitution has discrimirepublic, Representation of People Order (RPO), 2008, and section 20(1) of Special Powers Act 1974.

natory rules regarding religion and sex which are against the spirit of the constitution of the

Product innovation demand in the local market.

> not shown much interest in it. Association (BJMA) Chairman Nazmul Huq blamed the BJRI for this, saying the jute research institute is reluctant to transfer technologies to private entrepreneurs. "There's a lot of bureaucratic snafu

in there. "One reason for the disinterest may be that entrepreneurs want supply of jute all through the year. The government may encourage the farmers to grow more jute," the IJSG's Siddigur Rahman said.

great promise for the country. The | ment and the commission to army recently started using it, he BJMA Chairman Nazmul Huq,

Janata Jute Mills which now produces geotextile, said European countries are increasing the use of such biodegradable products. the ones used in traditional paper

encourage the domestic use of these jute products, he said, adding that packaging food grains, cement and fertiliser with sacks should be made mandatory.

He pointed to India where such measures are already in place.

Parties given

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necessary documents ready. Those include a provisional constitution with some amendments geared towards meeting the registration

Its electoral ally Jatiya Party is likely to apply today.

Officials at the EC Secretariat said the toughest challenge for them might come from Jamaat-e-Islami, a key component of the BNP-led fourparty alliance.

The party's aims and objectives clearly run counter to those in the country's constitution, the supreme law of the land.

Though Jamaat has already drafted a set of proposals for amendments to its constitution, its leaders said they would not compromise on their aims and objectives to establish Islamic rule in the

When his attention was drawn to the matter, Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) ATM Shamsul Huda Sunday said: "Let them submit their applications first." Talking to The Daily Star yester-

day, Election Commissioner Muhammed Sohul Hussain said the EC will ask the parties to amend their constitutions again if any provision is found to be at odds with the revised RPO.

EC Secretariat officials said if a provisional constitution contains any provision that goes against the registration criteria, the party concerned will not be allowed to register until the contradiction is ironed

Announcing the EC's decision to extend the time limit for registration applications, CEC Huda yesterday said the commission will not change its plan to complete registration by October.

BNP and Jamaat on Sunday formally asked the EC to extend the time limit by a week.

Islami Oikya Jote and Bangladesher Jatiya Party (BJP), the other two components of the fourparty, too applied to the EC for time extension yesterday

Most of the political parties had been vehemently opposed to the registration criteria laid down in the RPO revised by an ordinance on As most of the registration

conditions call for amendments to party constitutions, they said it was not possible for them to amend the constitutions through national councils at such short notice.

In the face of the political par- two-weekremand.

amended again on October 8 to ease the registration procedure. The latest changes allow the

parties to make do with provisional constitutions. But in that case they must pledge that they would ratify the amendments at councils within six months since the first sitting of next parliament.

Subrata Bain

The CID so far brought back eight criminals, including two top criminals--Khandaker Tanveerul Islam Joy

and Hares Ahmed--who were hiding in India. CID Special Superintendent of

Sources said Indian Special Force arrested Bain in a midnight drive

Saturday at a flat on Park Avenue in Kolkata. Sources said Subrata Bain had been hiding in India after the home ministry on December 27, 2001, published a list of 23 top criminals of

Police said Bain has 17 cases including murders cases filed against him in Ramna Police Station alone.

He has businesses in Kolkata even through his cadres regularly extorted huge amounts of money from businessmen in Bangladesh and sent the money to India through hundi, TEAMS

business and came back to India via Nepal," Joint Commissioner (STF)

Emergency

Former foreign secretary Shamsher Mobin Chowdhury who was at the meeting told reporters that the US ambassador wanted to know about BNP's position on holding elections under the emer-

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Shamsher also said it was a courtesy call where Khaleda Zia categorically said BNP is a proelection party and wants to contest the elections.

"We told him that elections under the emergency will not be acceptable," said Shamsher, also the chief of a sub committee formed by the party chairperson.

He said Khaleda told the US ambassador that the caretaker government should defer the upazila polls and set fresh dates. If voted to power, BNP will hold the upazila elections on those dates.

Shamsher said the BNP leaders also informed the ambassador about their election manifesto. "Basically people will say the

state of emergency made it tough to say that this election is credible... that is what I say to the caretaker government and the political party," he said, adding that they hoped to witness a free, fair and credible election on December 18.

The US ambassador said they discussed what he called US interests ---democracy development

and denial of space to terrorists. "We want to say clearly that my government wants to see a free, fair and credible election," Moriarty added.

BNP Secretary General Khandaker Delwar Hossain and former foreign adviser Reaz Rahman were also present.

HC hears

FROM PAGE 16 state of emergency in the country

on January 11 last year. The counsels for the petitioners prayed to the HC bench for fixing a date to hold the hearing of the writ petitions considering their public importance.

Former BNP state minister Abdul Mannan filed a writ petition on August 6, challenging the legality of the EC's gazette notification finalising fresh delimitation of the constituencies.

The following day the HC bench of justices Khademul Islam Chowdhury and Mashuque Hosain Ahmed stayed the operation of the notification for three months and directed the governexplain within two weeks why the gazette notification should not be declared unconstitutional and

illegal. The EC on September 29 submitted an application to the HC for vacating its order that stayed the demarcation of parliamen-

tary constituencies. On July 14, four apex court lawyers -- M Saleem Ullah, Muhammad Mohsen Rashid, Nahid Sultana Juthi and Md Abdul Mannan Khan-- filed a writ petition with the same HC bench challenging the legality of the president's proclamation of the state of emergency on Januarry 11,2007.

On July 20, the HC bench issued a rule asking the government to explain within four weeks why the proclamation of the state of emergency in the country on January 11 last year should not be declared illegal and unconstitutional.

The court also directed the government to file an affidavit specifying the grounds on which the state of emergency was proclaimed and what fundamental rights were suspended under the emergency -- with the court within a month.

Series decider

FROM PAGE 16 lot of runs when the final game starts at 9am with state-run Bangladesh Television (BTV) pro-

viding live coverage of the contest. Bangladesh are set to retain the same team that played the first two games with coach Jamie Siddons ruling out the possibility of any changes despite the inclusion of uncapped opener Imrul Kayes in place of pacer Mahbubul Alam in

the list of 12 probables. The big challenge for Bangladesh captain Mohammad Ashrafu. would be to marshal his bowling on a sporting wicket where the yet-tofire Kiwi top-order would be raring to go. Siddons too admitted it during the practice at the venue yesterday. "It would be a different ball game in a different condition," said the

Bangladesh coach. The home team's bowling and fielding has been more or less consistent in the series so far, but Bangladesh will need the batting to click to script another milestone in Chittagong where they had pulled off their only Test victory against Zimbabwe three years back.

BANGLADESH (from): Mohammad Ashraful (captain), Tamim Iqbal, Zunaed Siddiqui, Shakib Al Hasan, Nayeem Islam, Mushfiqur Rahim, Mahmudullah Riyad, Mashrafe Bin Mortaza, Abdur Razzak, Shahadat Hossain, Syed Rasel and Imrul NEW ZEALAND (from): Daniel

Vettori (captain), Grant Elliott, Daniel Flynn, Mark Gillespie, Gareth Hopkins, Jamie How,

HC set to hear

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against them. Khaleda Zia on October 12 filed a petition with the HC to quash the proceedings of the Barapukuria coalmine corruption case against

An HC bench comprised of Justice Syed AB Mahmudul Huq and Justice Moyeenul Islam Chowdhury yesterday fixed today (Tuesday) for the hearing. Khaleda in her petition filed

with the HC prayed for staying of the proceedings of the case and issuing a rule upon the government to explain why the proceedings against her should not be quashed.

Another bench of the HC comprising Justice Sheikh Rezowan Ali and Justice Md Rais Uddin is set today to hold the final hearing on two writ petitions filed by Sheikh Hasina for quashing the proceedings against her in the Niko and barge-mounted power plant

On September 29, the same HC bench rejected a bail petition filed by Sheikh Hasina in the extortion case filed by Noor Ali.

Responding to writ petitions filed on her behalf on July 7, the HC stayed for two months all proceedings of the Niko and barge-mounted power plant cases.

It issued separate rules asking the government and the ACC to explain why the cases should not be quashed. In August, the HC extended the tenure of its orders and fixed October 14 (today) for hearing the rules.

On October 5, a vacation bench of the HC comprising Justice Mohammad Anwarul Haque and Justice Zubayer Rahman

It however did not grant her bail in the cases filed by the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC). Sheikh Hasina is now on parole

overseas for treatment. She was released on June 11.

On September 16, the HC vacation bench of Justice Mirza Hussain Haider and Justice Mamnoon Rahman granted three months' ad interim bail to the former premier in the Azam Chowdhury extortion case. It also stayed the case proceedings

against her till October 19. Sheikh Hasina stands accused in 15 cases. She is on bail in all 10 cases filed during the BNP-led four-party

alliance rule. Of the five cases filed after the present caretaker government took over in January last year, three are extortion cases filed by businessmen Noor Ali, Azam Chowdhury and Tajul Islam Faruq and the other two are the Niko and barge-mounted power plant graft cases filed by ACC.

Global crisis

FROM PAGE 1 Zaid Bakht, research director of Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies, believes RMG exporters would receive increased orders for its edge over China where the production costs would jump another step in the

wake of the crisis. Professor MA Taslim, chief executive of Bangladesh Foreign Trade Institute, also looks at the brighter side of the situation.

"It's also an opportunity. Garment makers can take advantage of the decline in exports from other countries by increasing competitiveness," said Taslim, citing the example of China, which raised exports after

the 9/11 attacks on the US. **READ MORE ON STAR BUSINESS**

Paul Krugman

FROM PAGE 16 The Princeton University professor was rewarded for his "analysis of

Chowdhury directed the govern-

ment not to harass or arrest Hasina

at home or abroad till October 20 in

forces behind worldwide urbanisation, the citation said.

Krugman told Swedish television immediately after the prize announcement. "Krugman's approach is based on the premise that many goods and services can be produced more

cheaply in long series, a concept generally known as economies of Unlike traditional trade theory,

products," it added. Krugman has formalised a new His theory shows that

"Krugman's theories have shown that the outcome of these

technology urbanised core and a less developed 'periphery,'" the jury said. The issue of ever greater concentration in cities is a major policy issue everywhere but particularly

in developing countries, since the cities struggle to have the infrastructure to cope, and urbanisation makes it increasingly difficult to deal with urban environmental pollution. Last year, US trio Leonid Hurwicz, Eric Maskin and Roger

Myerson won the prize for their pioneering work on trading mechanisms aimed at making markets work more efficiently. Last week, former Finnish president and famed peace negotiator Martti Ahtisaari won the Nobel

Peace Prize, while French author Jean-Marie Gustave Le Clezio clinched the literature prize. French and German scientists credited with the discovery of the viruses behind AIDS and cervical

cancer won the medicine prize.

The physics award went to Makoto Kobayashi and Toshihide Maskawa of Japan and Yoichiro Nambu of the United States for work in fundamental particles. Osamu Shimomura of Japan and US duo Martin Chalfie and Roger

Tsien won the chemistry prize for a fluorescent jellyfish protein that has become a vital lab tool. Laureates receive a gold medal, a diploma and 10 million Swedish kronor (1.42 million dollars, 1.02 million euros), which can be split

between up to three winners per The formal prize ceremonies will be held in Stockholm and Oslo

Troops attack LTTE

In the northern Jaffna peninsula, troops killed four rebels along the front lines while a rebel mortar

rebels and wounded one soldier, it With nearly all communications to the north severed, a rebel spokes-

man could not be contacted for Independent verification of the military's claims is nearly impossible because most journalists are

The rebels have been fighting since 1983 to create an independent homeland for the country's ethnic minority Tamils, who have faced marginalisation by successive governments controlled by ethnic Sinhalese. More than 70,000 people

have been killed in the violence. Foreign Minister Rohitha consequence (it is) unlawful for the Bogollagama, who is visiting Australia, said the global economic turmoil would not cripple the government's ability to fund the war, which he said was in the "final

current engagement with" the rebels, Bogollagama told reporters at a joint press conference with his Australian counterpart Stephen

financial resources will sustain

billion rupees (\$1.6 billion). Meanwhile, Australia is consid-

ering declaring Sri Lanka's separatist Tamil Tigers a terrorist group, Foreign Minister Stephen Smith said Monday, while also calling for a political solution to the island's civil

Visiting Sri Lankan Foreign

Minister Rohitha Bogollagama said

he had asked Canberra to join coun-

tries such as Britain and the United States in taking the step against the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE). "As I indicated to the foreign minister, that is currently under consideration by the attorneygeneral," Smith told reporters after a

meeting with Bogollagama in Canberra. Smith said the Tamil Tigers was already effectively banned in

"For a considerable period of time the LTTE has effectively been listed under United Nations arrangements, that effects a freeze on LTTE assets in Australia and as a use of LTTE assets in Australia," he

Australia.

said. Students asked

FROM PAGE 16 The government has closed down the outer-campuses to stop the illegal activities and corruption in the name of disseminating educa-

continue their studies, but there can be no fresh intakes. "It is also applicable to the University Grants Commission-approved distantlearning programme too," the

Iqbal told to pay

return of the Tk 6 crore. The other defendants of the law suit are Abdus Sattar, representative of Vigarunnisa University Foundation, former principal of Vigarunnisa Noon School and College Hamida Ali, Humayun Kabir Khan, AKM Firoz, Engineer Motiar Rahman, Rakibul Hossain Rumi and Engineer Prasanta Kumar Biswas. All the defendants are ex-members of the board of directors of Vigarunnisa Noon

Gulshan Branch. Special Joint District Judge Foujul Azim of the Environment

Court delivered the judgment. they fail to pay the money, defendant Premier Bank Ltd Gulshan Branch will transfer the decreed money to the plaintiff from the account of defendant Abdus Sattar between November 1 and 15.

28, 2001. IRREGULARITIES In the complaint, Royena Hossain mentioned that the then board of directors illegally and misusing their power transferred a huge amount of money and properties

ministry and the University Grants Commission (UGC) to probe the irregularities of the foundation. Investigating the matter, the education ministry and the UGC

cancelled the approval of Vigarunnisa University on

with the High Court (HC) saying

that he deposited Tk 5 crore in the name of University Reserved Fund at the Premier Bank Ltd, Gulshan During a meeting of the managing committee on September 29, 1998, Iqbal and eight others drew Tk 5.01 crore from Vigarunnisa

transferred Tk 5 crore to Sattar's

College fund on October, 2001, and deposited in Sattar's Premier Bank Sattar, Iqbal, Hamida and five

though the approval of the Vigarunnisa University was cancelled. bled up large amount of money by She appealed to the education selling the school's playground. In 2001, Hamida sold 3.30 acres of land to Abdus Sattar for Tk 16 lakh,

found facts in the allegations and crore.

FROM PAGE 1 Barapukuriagraft case.

> Hossain Zillur yesterday told reporters that they will keep an open

of the state of emergency and defer-

the December 18 election.

Entrepreneurs, as usual, have Bangladesh Jute Mills

He said geotextile holds out

also managing director of the The government has got to

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Javed Patwary said, "If the Indian police do not inform us, we will contact them.

illegal money laundering. Our correspondent from Kolkata adds: Deputy Commissioner of Police (Detective Department) Shamim said a nine mm pistol and four cartridges were seized from

Rajeev Kumar said. Bain was produced before the Alipur Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court yesterday that placed him on a

become divided into a high-

trade patterns," the Nobel jury Krugman, 55, has formulated a new theory that determines the effects of free trade and globalisation, as well as the driving

ing to do work I hope it doesn't change things too much,

"I'm a great believer of continu-

scale," the jury wrote. which assumes that differences between countries explains why some nations export agricultural products while others export industrial goods, Krugman's "theory clarifies why worldwide trade is in fact dominated by countries which not only have similar conditions, but also trade in similar

global trade policy, which helps to explain that globalisation tends towards concentration, both in terms of what a manufacturing base makes, and where it is located.

globalisation tends to increase the pressures on urban living, sucking people into these centres of concentration.

processes can well be that regions on December 10.

attack killed three soldiers, the statement said. Clashes in Mullaitivu killed four

banned from the war zone. Both sides routinely exaggerate enemy losses and underreport their own.

stages." "We are quite confident our

Smith in Canberra Monday. Last week, the government presented budget proposals for 2009 seeking a 20 percent increase in defence spending to a record 177

tion. Those who got admitted to those outer-campuses would

handout said.

School and College. Another defendant is Premier Bank Ltd,

The judge also directed authorities concerned to cancel sale of properties of the school that took place on May 12, 2001 and on June account.

to Vigarunnisa University Foundation.

School and College fund in the name of loan for the Vigarunnisa

another account in Premier Bank giving the excuse of better interest Hamida also took Tk 1 crore from Vigarunnisa School and

other defendants did not return the Tk 6 crore to Vigarunnisa Noon School and College fund even Besides, the defendants gob-

according to the plaintiff. Sources said the market value of the property was around Tk 250

November 27, 2002. Following the cancellation, Abdus Sattar filed a writ petition

University Fund, the complainant The money was deposited in Abdus Sattar's account in DNS In the verdict, the judge said if branch of Sonali Bank in October of 1998. Later, Iqbal and Hamida

way officials said.

But sources present at yester-

ties' demands, the RPO was

brought back several criminals who were hiding in India and like them we will try to bring him back following the procedures maintained earlier."

Police Abdullah Aref said the CID would try to bring back Subrata Bain as soon as possible.

Bain's possession. "He was trying to buy property

take initiative to bring him back," the CID chief said. He said, "Even though there is no extradition treaty between Bangladesh and India, we have

Dhaka and declared rewards for their capture. On the list, Bain was in the

here. We have information that he had been to China to expand his

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