AL asks EC

FROM PAGE 1 two-hour meeting of the party Presidium.

The emergency meeting of the Presidium, the highest policymaking body of the party, was held at AL acting President Zillur Rahman's Gulshan home. The meeting was called for finalising the issues to be discussed with the caretaker government during the second round of talks tomorrow.

AL will submit its bank statement to the EC today. AL leaders Abdul Mannan Khan and BM Mojammel Haque will submit the statement around noon. The AL presidium endorsed the statement.

AL will place a set of demands including lifting of the state of emergency, withdrawal of all "false" charges against its president Sheikh Hasina, her unconditional release, and the deferral of the upazila elections before the government during the talks.

"We will point out the logic behind our demands," he said.

Re-demarcation of electoral constituencies, role of polling agents and television channels especially BTV during the national elections will also come up for discussion, he said.

"The dialogue with the caretaker government is very important. We hope the differences on these issues will be resolved through the discussion and all doubts centring the elections will be removed," he said urging the government and the EC to keep its door open for dialogues until election day.

Reiterating that the AL would not take part in any polls without Hasina, he said the elections would not be free, fair and credible without the participation of the AL chief and other political parties. He hoped that Hasina would be able to take part in the upcoming elections after being released uncondition-

Ashraf said elections under the emergency would not be credible

Breaking EPR

Education Boards do not qualify. Protesting the decision, over one

hundred madrasa students vandalised the office of DUVice Chancellor Prof SMA Faiz on October 18. They also threatened that they would not let the university run if the decisions taken were not withdrawn.

Mohammad Easin Arafat, convener of Bangladesh Madrasa Chhatra Andolan Parishad, said police arrested madrasa students as they reached the Press Club at around 10:30am.

Meanwhile, several hundred madrasa students held a rally on the DU campus yesterday morning on. demanding removal of DU Vice Chancellor Prof SMA Faiz and accusing him of being involved in a conspiracy not to allow madrasa students to some DU departments. To press home their demands the

students also brought out a protest procession and marched different streets on the campus.

DU authorities have filed a case against 150-160 unidentified people with Shahbagh Police Station regardingtheattackontheVCsoffice.

and some parties might not take

partin the polls. He said there is no need to keep the emergency enforced since the army, Rab, police and BDR personnel would be deployed to control the law and order situation during the elections.

Ashraf also asked the EC to examine the application form of Islamic Democratic Party (IDP) and see if the party was floated by leaders of the banned Islamist outfit Harkat-ul Jihad Al Islami, Bangladesh (Huji) and it met the criteria for registration.

He demanded that the government ensure Hasina's foolproof security, with the protocol of a prime minister, on her return to the country.

About the formation of a grand alliance, the AL leader said they have been continuing formal and informal talks with different political parties in this regard. The formation of a grand alliance would be finalised after Hasina's return.

HC to hear

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EC's arguments, the HC should not have issued a rule upon it to explain the re-demarcation of constituencies

The court said three similar writ petitions regarding the redemarcation were pending with it, and it was better to dispose of those before hearing the petition for vacating the stay order.

Another counsel for the EC Shahdeen Malik, told newsmen that the EC's petition for vacating the stay order had apparently become redundant as hearing of the writ petitions would be held

The EC petition for vacating the stay order would remain pending with the HC, and its hearing might be held any time, he said.

Upon a writ petition filed by former BNP state minister Abdul Mannan, the HC on August 7 stayed for three months the redemarcation of constituencies and issued a rule on the government and the EC to explain why the notification on redemarcation should not be declared unconstitutional and illegal

Earlier, upon two separate writ petitions the HC had issued similar rules on the EC and govern ment to explain why the gazette notification on the EC's redemarcation of constituencies should not be declared illegal. All the petitions are now pending with the HC.

ligers

misfielded a Kyle Mills drive at mid-

Razzak was Bangladesh's best bowler on the final day, taking three for 93 while Shakib picked up two and there was one for Mashrafe.

Bangladesh have a lot of positives to take into the next Test starting in Dhaka on Saturday with encouraging performances from Shakib, Mehrab Hossain and Rahim. In the end though, heartache was the recurrent theme as Bangladesh remained the nearly men for one more day.

Jamaat charter

Jamaat, partners in the four-party Monday.

committee scrutinised the revised constitutions and other documents attached to their applications.

They have decided to ask the parties to correct their charters so those keep to the registration

The EC will step in if the committee fails to make the parties conform to the registration

yet to accept Awami League's (AL) provisional constitution turned in on October 15, since it still provides for associate organisations ple' consisting of students and work-

already met an AL delegation correct the relevant provision.

As the party has yet to respond, the EC now plans to issue a letter directing it to get rid of the provision contradicting the RPO condition, sources in the EC said.

Meanwhile, HM Ershad-led Jatiya Party (JP) that also applied for registration on October 15 has corrected a provision following the EC committee's objection to

In response, the EC has asked its officials to provide the party with a registration certificate, said sources at the EC Secretariat.

tion, the JP parliamentary board was allowed to pick parliamentary with the EC an organisation must have a provision for its contes-

The expert's committee will ask safeguard the country's indethe district- and upazila-level election officials to check authenticity of the information provided by the parties on their offices and

FROM PAGE 1 whether or not they will send full observation mission to Bangladesh to monitor the December 18 parliamentarypolls.

EU to assess

Frovein made the remarks while talking to reporters after a meeting with Foreign Adviser Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury at the foreign ministry.

Asked if he received any assurance about lifting or relaxing the emergency, he said information continues to be that there will be relaxation or lifting as soon as possible, and "we will see some announcement from the government very soon".

To another question the envoy said a 10-member core team will come here on November 6 and 12 long-term observers will be here a

"Again I tell you this is an assessment team. They are not full observer mission. The full observation mission can come after lifting or relaxing the emergency," he said. Frowein said they will still be

hoping to hear about 'some convincing' measures to relax or lift the emergency. He told a correspondent that they

are very confident that relaxation will take place and the conditions were right for free and fair elections. About political parties' applications for getting registered with the

Election Commission, the European diplornat said this is going to be a step forward and more steps to come. But, this is an important step forward. Later, Iftekhar hinted that the emergency rules may be relaxed

Bangladesh who will come on November 6. He said the government was encouraged by the enthusiasm displayed by political parties in

during the stay of EC observers in

connection with their registration. "It is our firm intention to have an election that is free, fair, and credible, and that is also to everyone's interest," he said.

Iftekhar mentioned the chief adviser's announcement that anything that impedes the process would be removed, and "the extent of the emergency will also be relaxed accordingly'

3 in BNP

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provisional constitution. When asked about the questionable process of amending the party's constitution, RA Ghani, a senior member of the standing committee, told The Daily Star on Monday that he also did not get any copy.

The Daily Star vesterday con tacted three members of the stand ing committee, all of whom said they did not see any copy of the draft.

One of them however said the 'high command' assured them that they will be provided with the 'stand ing committee approved provisional constitution' after it is printed. Some other BNP leaders told The

Daily Star that they had also asked the 'high command' for copies of the provisional constitution but had yet to get it.

Late in the night on October 19, BNP standing committee brought some major changes to its constitution for gaining eligibility for registration with the Election Commission (EC) to contest in the upcoming parliamentary poll.

The meeting was attended by nine members of the committee including the party chief.

Dr Kamal

FROM PAGE 1 avoided even now by not making

the dialogue process endless. Political parties' right to being

consulted about electoral reforms is valuable, he said, adding, "It cannot be used as a means of obstructing the holding of elections timely. No one can be allowed to insist on the release of those who are convicted and/or wholesale withdrawal of cases as a condition for participating in elections."

Asked to comment on the appearance of absconding Jamaate-Islami Secretary General Ali Ahsan Muhammad Mojahid at a dialogue with the chief adviser, Dr Kamal said, "When a person wanted by the law appears in public and no action is taken and no explanation is given, questions arise whether the rule of law is not beingundermined."

On the so-called "minus-two" formula, he refrained from making any comment, terming it a past issue. "The historians will debate on

Asked if the election can be held after withdrawing the state of emergency, he said, "So long as the law can be enforced effectively, yes, we can do it without emergency. If you can ensure that, we may not need to have emergency. The Election Commission should be the judge of

Reiterating the idea of a postelection unity, Dr Kamal said elections should strengthen a national consensus and see that the government can find it possible to involve those in the opposition to come into agovernment of national unity.

Khulna AL

FROM PAGE 16 his Khalishpur house.

According to Rab-6, the arrestees were known to the slain AL leader for long and had an easy access to his residence.

The elite force yesterday recovered Zaman's cellphone from Ashutosh Bepari sold to him by Iran, who claims Apurba and Sohag hit Zaman with a log and killed him in order to save him from his attack.

The three made their confessional statements in the afternoon at the Court of Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Khulna.

Contaminated milk

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Dhaka University (DU) two days

found unacceptable levels of melaquestion--Nido fortified instant, Diploma, Anlene, Yashili 2 and samples sent to it by the BSTI.

decided Sunday to test samples of the same batches of these products

Commerce Adviser Hossain Zillur Rahman yesterday gave necessary instructions to the experts committee convenor, commerce ministry joint secretary Mohammad Ali Patwari, asking him to send the samples to the FAO.

Sohel Shahriar Rana, brand manager of Fonterra's Bangladesh representative New Zealand Dairy, vesterday said, "No toxic element has been found in the products Fonterra is selling in Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Australia and New Zealand and these products bear the same batch codes. The method the Dhaka University chemistry department applied was definitely wrong."

Questioning the security arrangement of the DU chemistry department, he said some people might have contaminated the samples there.

out such tests," he added. Nestlé Bangladesh Managing

Director Laurent Therond also expressed doubts about the DU chemistry department findings and safe and free from melamine.

chemistry department) the first time they were doing research. I Memorial Hall.

He said Nestlé Bangladesh sent samples of the same batch of this product for testing in Thailand, India and New Zealand and found no melamine.

However, talking to The Daily Star yesterday, Dr Nilufar Nahar, who carried out the tests at the DU department's laboratory, said the results are 100 percent correct. "We are confident about the results of our tests detecting melamine in the samples of powdered milk provided by the BSTI," she said. Meanwhile, Bangladesh Neonatal Forum yesterday

feeding all alternative food items including powdered milk and milk products to their children. After only breastfeeding babies for six months, the parents should give them soft food like suji,

khichuri, fruits and eggs, they said.

expressed deep concern at the news

of baby formula containing mela-

mine and asked parents to stop

Samajtantrik Mohila Forum and Kendrio Khelaghar Asar yesterday demanded banning different brands of powdered milk tainted with melamine and punishment to those corrupt traders for playing with the life of children who are the future of a nation.

The government cannot avoid its responsibility of ensuring citizens' safety, the forum members said at a press conference. They demanded testing of other brands of powdered milk available in the market.

Dhaka welcomes

FROM PAGE 16 Ankur Khare from India won honourable mention awards at the event.

Organised by Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA), the exhibition will continue at three venues simultaneously till November 19, at the National Art Gallery of Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy (BSA), Bangladesh National Museum and Osmani ment, Maksud said they are doing

City jewellery shop

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"When the robbers stationed outside the shop saw me, they pointed a gun to my head and forced me to sit down beside the escalator," he said, adding, "After the robbery, they left the shop He said they were so stunned

that they could not cry for help. Afizul Islam, officer-in-charge (OC) of Mohammadpur Police Station told The Daily Star early today that the owner of the jeweller's claim the robbers made off

with 700 tolas of gold. The employees of the shop said they followed the robbers but they sped away in four CNG-run autorickshaws.

Rajib Hossain, salesman of neighbouring jewellery shop Warid Jewellers, said, "I saw three to four employees of Amin Jewellers running down shouting 'catch them ... catch them'."

He said he did not even realise that a robbery was taking place next door.

Even though the close circuit television (CCTV) cameras were turned on, they had no footage of the robbery. However, they had footages of occurrences before and after the robbery.

Manager Rakhal told The Daily capital.

myself. It is mysterious why they did not record the robbery."

tary of the association of the traders in the market, said, "As Daffodil University is located between the fourth and seventh floors of the building, it is easier for outsiders to stay there in disguise as students."

He said another robbery took place in another jewellery shop two years ago but none was arrested and no gold was recovered. If that robbery was unearthed, such incident might not have taken place.

depth investigation is required.' He also termed the CCTV cam-

Soon after the robbery, personnel from various intelligence

agencies rushed to the spot. They On July 8, robbers looted about artists and cultural activists to form a

700 tolas of gold worth over Tk 1.5 crore and Tk 4.07 lakh in cash from a jewellery shop at Mirpur in the

Govt to cut

"We've taken the move as cost of crude oil on the global market dropped about 50 percent," Special Assistant to the CA M Tamim told reporters in Bangladesh Secretariat yesterday. He hinted that the government

will monitor fluctuations of international fuel oil prices, and might even slash domestic prices further in the near future for adjustment, if necessary Tamim, who is responsible for

advising the CA on energy, power and mineral resources, said the government will still have to subsidise oil import, but the ratio will be lesser than the present one.

Fuel oil prices dipped on the international market again yesterday, after recent gains in expectation that OPEC will unveil plans to cut output later this week. The world oil market has been

witnessing the price dwindling between \$70 and \$80 a barrel for the last few weeks. Energy Secretary Mohammad Mohsin said the ministry assessed the price situation and is preparing

several options to adjust fuel oil prices at home. "We will finalise the price options by the end of this week and will send it to the chief adviser by next week for his consent," Mohsin

He however anticipated a price cut of 10 percent or more, but said the CA.

told reporters yesterday.

the final decision will come from Asked whether transport fares will also be cut, Tamim said fares will be slashed but will not have any great impact in Dhaka and

Chittagong, as most public trans-

fares in other cities and for long distant buses will come down.

He however was not optimistic about the country's gas crisis. He ing the gas crisis soon. "But the crisis will be eased in a year, due to the short term step taken by the

Some 30 million cubic feet of gas has been added this month in the university central library demanding pipelines from Sangura gas field while Fenchuganj gas field added another 15 million cubic feet.

The government was forced to

market, but now it is trying to bring the prices down again as those are plummeting internationally. The current domestic price of diesel and kerosene is Tk 55 a litre, price of petrol is Tk 87 a litre, while

International price of crude oil plummeted after reaching record high of 147 dollars a barrel in July.

of Revenue (NBR) filed the cases. declining trend in oil prices to lesser consumption of fuel oil in developed countries, especially in the US which is the world's largest consumer of oil and also the epicentre of the current global eco-

Bangladesh government's initial projection of oil subsidy for 2008-'09 fiscal year is at Tk 1,000 crore, but according to an energy ministry official, it is likely to come ports in the two cities are fuelled by down to around Tk 400 crore.

Citizens

FROM PAGE 1 department (RHD) and civil aviation authority removed five Baul (folk singer) statues, including Lalon Shah's, giving in to pressures from

The citizens made the decision at a meeting presided over by acclaimed scholar Dr Khan Sarwar Murshed at Comrade Moni Singh-Farhad Trust building yesterday afternoon.

fundamentalists on October 15.

They said the attack on the sculptures is an attack on the culture and tradition of the country, adding that the country would be unliveable if the fundamentalists were not stoppednow.

Academician Dr Anisuzzaman, columnist Syed Abul Maksud, sculptor Emdad Hossain, Ajoy Roy of Sammilita Samajik Andolon, Dhaka University teacher Dr Syed Anwar Hossain, commander Abdur Rauf, human rights activists Dr Hamida Hossain, Khushi Kabir and Shamsuzzaman Khan, among others, spoke at the meeting.

The meeting weighed up three options: publishing an open letter to the chief adviser, a common editorial in all newspapers and submitting a memorandum to the chief adviser demanding brakes on the funda-

mentalist forces. The citizens will meet today to

choose from the options. Prof Murshed said the threat manifesting itself by forcing authorities to remove the sculptures and the crowing of Islami Oikya Jote Chairman Mufti Fazlul Haque Amini strike the foundation of the state and its constitution.

He said the communal forces are rearing their heads from local and international conspiracies.

Prof Murshed slated the government for keeping mum on the issue when the country is swamped with strong protests against the removal of the sculptures. Syed Abul Maksud said the exis-

tence of the country as a modern state would come under threat if the communal forces got their own way. Pointing to a statement of Amin in which he bellowed that they will demolish all the statues erected during the Awami League govern-

Sculptures are not idols, he said. Prof Anisuzzaman said people should be enlightened that the very individuals who are smashing the sculptures now in the name of Islam went on killing sprees during the liberation war using the baloney that Islam would not exist if Pakistan

ceases to exist. Dr Anwar said there is no conflict between Islam and sculptures. He termed the sculpture haters distorters of Islam', saying they cling to a distorted version of the religion. Meanwhile, different political

ued to protest the removal of the Speakers at a rally of the Democratic Left Alliance (DLA) said the communal forces are conspiring against the culture and the liberation war gaining from the silence of the

government. Citing the instance of allowing Jamaat-e-Islami Secretary General Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojahid, wanted accused in a graft case, into a meeting with the chief adviser, they alleged that the government was giving shelter to the fundamentalist

Teachers and students from the fine arts faculty of Dhaka University and cultural activists vowed to resist any axis of evil formed against free practice of arts. They, at a press conference announced to hold a convention o

national committee which would prepare a guideline for sculptures and other installations. They called for formation of forum comprising artists, critics architects and city planners, which would devise a policy for erecting

The artists called for naming the roundabout in front of Zia International Airport as Lalan Square Abdush Shakur, Abu Naser, Abdus

Sattar, Emdad Hossain, Khushi

and theatre artist Shahidul Alam Sacchu, among others, were present Dhaka University students

the environment for freethinking and free practice of arts. Fine-arts students of the university posed as sculptures and

Samyabadi Dal of Bangladesh and Bangladesh Chhatra Union brought out processions protesting

Bangladesh Udichi Shilpi Goshthi will hold cultural programme at the Shaheed Minar today to protest the removal.

Bail orders

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The court however turned down the HC stay orders on the proceedings of two separate cases against Mosharraf Hossain and Kamal

The stay order on the proceedings of a tax-evasion case against MK

Advocate MA Aziz Khan appeared for the ACC and the government

Pakistan holds key

Pakistan called Friends of Pakistan met President Asif Zardari on Monday, but did not commit any cash support.

"It is not going to be a cash advance for Pakistan," US Assistant Boucher, said after the meeting.

process in which Friends of Pakistan would look into what the Pakistani government is doing, what it is planning, and how could those efforts be supplemented," he

'POSITIVE SIGNAL' Officials believe that a "positive signal" from the IMF may encourage international financial institu-

money will be available over the next month to stop Pakistan defaulting.

acquitted in arms case

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

After hearing an appeal filed by Abul Hossain Khan against the conviction by the trial court in Barisal, an HC bench comprising Justice Syed Muhammad Dastagir Husain and Justice Farid Ahmed

On May 24, 2007, Divisional Special

Sessions Judge's Court, Barisal, pun-

ished the former BNP lawmaker on charges of keeping illegal arms. Abul Hossain Khan later filed an appeal with the HC against the trial

The BBC's diplomatic correspondent says that the crisis adds a new element of uncertainty to a country whose stability is of growing concern to the United States

and its Western allies. Our correspondent says that Pakistan is likely to be near the top of the next US president's in-tray when he takes office in January, because it is a key Muslim ally of the West with its own nuclear deter-

extremists have been locked in fierce fighting since August.

"Pakistani helicopter gunships, jet fighters and artillery hit militants' hideouts, killing 12 militants and wounding more than a dozen others," a senior security official told AFP.

Local administration official Mohammad Jamil confirmed the deaths of 12 Taliban fighters in Monday's offensive. The United Nations refugee

agency recently said almost 190,000 people had been displaced from Bajaur since fighting began. Pakistan army said in late September that more than 1,000

militants including al-Qaeda's

operational commander in the

region, Egyptian Abu Saeed Al-

Masri, have been killed in its offensive in Bajaur. The US and Afghan governments say Islamic militants use the remote border areas of Pakistan to launch attacks on US-led and Nato

troops deployed in Afghanistan. Pakistan's tribal regions have been wracked by violence since thousands of Taliban and al-Qaeda rebels fled to the country after the US-led invasion of Afghanistan in

late 2001. Earlier on Monday, Pakistani forces killed up to 35 militants near the Afghan border.

Pakistani soldiers are battling

militants on three fronts in the

northwest of the country. In the

past, the government has tried unsuccessfully to make peace deals with the insurgents, drawing criticism from the United States.

in September last year, releasing

two baby satellites which will be

used to study the gravity fields of

fications, the development of a

space race in Asia has security

Thaksin jailed

made Thaksin the first politician

convicted of corruption committed

while prime minister, but it did little

to resolve the country's political

Thaksin remains the most influ-

ential politician in the country,

adored by the rural poor and loathed

by many of the urban elite. His

brother-in-law, Somchai

Wongsawat, the current prime min-

ister, has been labelled a Thaksin

puppet by anti-government protest-

been camped at the prime minister's

office compound in Bangkok for

nearly two months, demanding all

vestiges of Thaksin's legacy be abol-

virtually paralysed by the protests.

Somchai's government has been

The court case Tuesday stemmed

from Pojaman Shinawatra's \$23

million purchase of a 13.2-acre plot

of land in central Bangkok, from the

Financial Institutions Development

bail out debt-ridden banks.

times what she paid

government agencies.

ruption cases.

he added.

Fund, a government agency set up to

It was estimated to be worth three

Thaksin, who served as prime

minister from 2001-2006, is accused

of violating several laws, including

one that bars prime ministers or their

spouses from doing business with

turned-politician faces a string of

court cases and investigations into

alleged corruption and abuse of

Thaksin has repeatedly pro-

The court also ordered Tuesday a

claimed his innocence and says the

fresh arrest warrant for Thaksin, who

already has several warrants out for

him in connection with other cor-

1"It was a powerful bomb which

exploded at around 7:45 pm (In-

dian time)," the official said by

All of the victims were civilians,

The blast came two days after

unknown guerrillas carried out a

grenade attack outside the fortified

home of Manipur Chief Minister

Okram Ibobi Singh also in Imphal

city. No one was injured in that

ity for Tuesday's attack, but 19 rebel

groups in Manipur are spearhead-

ing separate campaigns pressing

for changes ranging from home-

lands for tribal groups to the repeal

of a draconian anti-terror law.

No one has claimed responsibil-

power during his six years in office.

charges are politically motivated.

Bomb blast

telephone from Imphal.

The 59-year-old former tycoon-

Anti-government protesters have

ers demanding his ouster.

As well as the commercial rami-

the moon among other projects.

implications.

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India shoots Kaguya, was successfully launched

"It is a proud moment for us," said Science and Technology Minister

As well as looking to carve out a

larger slice of the lucrative commer-

cial satellite launch market, India,

Japan and China also see their space of their international stature and economic development.

"It's a landmark mission ... establishing India's credentials as a leader in space technology," said K. Kasturirangan, former chairman of the Indian Space Research Organisation.

ner in major global efforts involving planetary exploration and exploitation," Kasturirangan told AFP. India first staked its case for a share of the commercial launch market by sending an Italian satellite into orbit in April last year. In January, it launched

an Israeli spy satellite in the face of Iranian protests. But it still has a long way to go to catch up with China which, together

future, after following the United States and the former Soviet Union last month by carrying out a space A more immediate goal is the establishment of an orbiting space lab, with Beijing's long-term ambition to develop a rival to the International Space Station, a joint

of European countries. Japan has also been boosting its space programme and has set a goal of sending an astronaut to the moon

Obama to break campaign for sick grandma

AFP, West Palm Beach, Florida Democrat Barack Obama will leave

11 days before the election. events in midwestern Iowa and Wisconsin and head to his native Hawaii on Thursday, before throwing

the White House trail later this week

to head to the side of his gravely ill 85-

Obama's grandmother Madelyn Dunham played an instrumental role in his upbringing and he lauded her as an anchor of his life in his

convention speech in August. "In the last few weeks her health has deteriorated to the point where her situation is very serious," Gibbs told reporters on Obama's plane in Florida, declining to give further

state, which adjoins Manipur. Thousands of people have lost their lives in insurgency-driven violence in six of India's seven

coalition, applied for registration In the last two days, the expert

requirements, said sources. Meanwhile, the committee has

The commission's experts Thursday and asked them to

As per the provision in quescandidates all by itself, whereas the RPO says that for registration tants to be chosen from panels selected by the grassroots.

committees at the grassroots level. Besides, the EC has already sought from the home ministry a

list of banned outfits.

CONSTITUTION

For amendments to the RPO Jamaat was forced to bring some major changes in its constitution to get registered with the EC. But its revised constitution still

The EC committee finds section 5(3) of Jamaat's charter to be in conflict with the country' constitution, EC sources said. The section urges organised efforts to end all types of repression, exploitation, corruption

On the other hand, the preamrights and freedom, equality and justice, political, economic and

that section 2 (5) of Jamaat's charter undermines the plenary lawmaking powers bestowed on parliament by the country's constitution.

social, will be secured for all

The EC committee also found

making authority. The committee also opined that sections 6 (4) and 3 (1) of Jamaat's charter seek to chip away at the supreme authority of the country's constitution.

and national unity. Mojahid said interpreting the

JAMAAT CHARTER VS

has a number of provisions that clash with those in the country's constitution, the supreme law of the land.

and injustice by establishing 'just rule of Islam and of honest peoble to the country's constitution reads: ".... it shall be a fundamental aim of the state to realise through the democratic process a socialist society, free from exploitation -- a society in which the rule of law, fundamental human

It says people must not accept anyone except Allah as law-

The sections encourage efforts to bring about necessary changes to the state system to ensure complete observance of Islam, and to pendence and sovereignty through revival of Islamic values

sections as against the constitution is akin to depriving one of his right to freedom of religion.

cannot judge," Therond said.

Anlene, yesterday questioned the results of the tests conducted by the chemistry department of

The DU chemistry department mine in all the eight brands in Red Cow, Yashili 1, Sweet Baby, Dano. Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institution (BSTI) found the toxic element in Yashili 1 while private laboratory Plasma Plus found it in one of the four coded

An inter-ministerial meeting

"Besides, the department is not internationally authorised to carry

claimed Nido fortified instant to be "It might have been for them [DU

Star, "I had turned the cameras on

OC Afizul Islam said, "An ineras not recording the robbery mysterious.

picked up nine people from the shopping centre for questioning.

said there is no possibility of solvgovernment."

"We are hoping another 100 million cubic feet will be added by January, easing the crisis a bit," Tamim said. hike state-set fuel oil prices by 34 to 66 percent on July 1 this year, as oil prices soared on the international

octane is Tk 90 a litre. Experts attribute the recent

nomic recession.

politics using the sculptures.

Naveem Ahmed, general secreand cultural organisations contin-

talked to several people at the spot. Detective Branch of Police

sculptures at important public places. compressed natural gas. He said

> Kabir, Nisar Hossain, Maniruzzaman at the press conference. formed a human chain in front of the

> > paraded on the campus. the removal of the sculptures.

Majumder. The ACC and the National Board

Alamgirwas upheld. Former public works minister Mirza Abbas had secured bail in a tax-evasion case after being sentenced to five years in jail. The NBR filed the case.

while barrister Rafique-ul Huq. advocate Abdul Baset Majumder and barrister Ahsanul Karim stood for the accused.

Secretary for South Asia, Richard "It is going to be a strategic

tions and others to release funds which are already in the pipeline. But is unclear whether this

Ex-lawmaker Abul Hossain

The High Court (HC) yesterday acquitted former BNP lawmaker Abul Hossain Khan who was earlier sentenced to seven years' imprisonment in a case filed against him on charges of possessing illegal arms.

passed the order. The case was filed with Bakerganj Police Station on February 16 last year.

court judgment. Advocate Afzal H Khan appeared for the ex-BNP MP.

Kapil Sibal.

The Chandrayaan-1 is being sent on a two-year orbital mission to provide a detailed map of the mineral, chemical and topographical characteristics of the moon's surface.

"This effort and similar efforts in the coming years will put India in a unique position to be an active part-

with the United States, Russia and the European Space Agency, is already well established in the commercia launch sector. Chinese officials have spoken of a

manned mission to the moon in the

project involving the United States, Russia, Japan, Canada and a clutch

Japan's first lunar probe,

year-old grandmother in Hawaii, just The Illinois senator will cancel himself back into full bore campaigning Saturday, advisor Robert

details of Dunham's condition. "It is for that reason Senator

Obama has decided to change his

Gibbs.

Earlier this month, five people were injured in an explosion during a Hindu religious festival in Guwahati, the largest city in Assam

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