AL pledges

December 12 in presence of representatives of different professionals including foreign diplomats and editors of different news media.

The Daily Star has obtained a copy of the manifesto, which says AL will deal five matters on an urgent basis including tackling price hike of essentials, resolving power crisis, continuing the drive against corruption, and thwarting terrorism and militancy with an iron hand.

AL also promises construction of hanging bridges on the Padma and Karnaphuli rivers, connecting Bangladesh with Asian Highway and railway, and building a deep-sea port. It also promises to take an initiative to formulate a comprehensive regional water policy with India, Nepal and Bhutan for regional water security.

The party says 100 percent net enrolment at primarylevel education and supply of pure drinking water for all will be ensured by 2011.

Besides, the party pledges to make the country selfreliant in food, bring each house under hygienic sanitation, up annual growth rate to 8 percent, and generate 7,000 megawatt of electricity by

The manifesto says, "Total change will be in effect in the local government system by giving it primacy and the controlling authority in development work. With this end in view, district and upazila level local government will be made self-reliant and selfadministered.

"Courtesy and tolerance in inter-party relations will be established and appropriate measures will be taken for practising democratic culture within political parties," says the manifesto. It also says the party will also ban the use of religion in politics, bring the war criminals to justice and ensure independence of

judiciary. AL'SVISION

AL electoral manifesto also includes party's vision for 2020 and 2021, hundredth anniversary of the birth of father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and golden jubilee of the country's independence respectively.

The vision includes hundred percent literacy rate and 10 percent annual growth rate

by 2017. "Our aim is not poverty reduction but poverty elimination. Present poverty rate will be reduced to 15 percent from 45 percent and unemployment to 15 percent from 40 percent and employment will be provided for 85 percent

Nutritional needs of 85 percent of the people will be met by 2021 and by this time housing for all will be ensured, it adds. "We envision a Bangladesh

by 2021," says the manifesto.

where by 2020/2021 we will be able to reduce poverty drastically, where our citizens will be able to meet every basic human need and our economy as a middle-income country will be on the fasttrack to development, with ever-increasing rates of growth," it says.

AL REMOVES 'EXPULSION' OF LEADERS AND ACTIVISTS

The Awami League (AL) Central Working Committee

Mad rush

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clogged the streets. Kamal, a garment factory BNP-led four-party combine employee of Mirpur, said, "It will announce details of their took me one and a half hours tours once they finalise their to reach the terminal from lists of candidates by

takes half an hour." Kamal paid Tk 200 for his trip to Patuakhali. Only a few days ago the fare was Tk 120.

English Road, which usually

tour elaborately, as there is a Launches were seen carrygrowing concern about her ing three to four times the security. She will however number of passengers they are speak to party ranks and elecsupposed to carry. tors through teleconference.

Employees of a tripledecker launch seeking anonymity said the launch has the carrying capacity of about 990 people but the day before yesterday it carried over 5,000 passengers.

Employees of launches said they charge the extra fare as they have to return to Dhaka with almost an empty

launch. Employees of bus services exchange Eid greetings with were charging more than the actual fare at Gabtoli, Mohakhali and Syedabad bus

terminals yesterday. Omar Faruq, 24, getting on common people from a bus heading for Bagerhat, said he had to pay Tk 300 for his trip even though the fare is Eskaton area. Tk 180.

Kamal, an employee of the an Eid reception for diplobus service, said, "We did not charge more as the government-fixed rate is Tk 397."

SQ Chy

yesterday withdrew expulsion

orders on over 500 AL leaders

and activists who were earlier

punished for various offences,

including anti-party activities

after a two-day meeting that

began on Friday in AL's

AL President and former

The expulsion orders have

prime minister Sheikh Hasina

been removed against those

only who remained loyal after

applied for withdrawal, meet-

ing sources said, to bring

dynamism in the party activi-

ties ahead of the parliamen-

tary election and to give a

chance to work as primary

Monayem Sarkar, Siddiqur

Rouf Khan and Nurul Fazal

Bulbul are among the leaders

the party programmes to

observe the Martyred

Intellectuals Day on

December 14 and the Victory

International Airport from the

city to a place near Jamuna

of some close associates of the

party chairperson drafted the

manifesto, which was com-

prised of Joint Secretary

General Nazrul Islam Khan,

pro-BNP intellectuals, senior

journalist Shafik Rehman, and

however said he does not

know anything regarding the

BNP manifesto and he was not

involved in the process of

placed before the party stand-

ing committee today for

approval, which is scheduled

to meet in the chairperson'

chair, the insiders said.

Gulshan office with her in the

last night, Nazrul Islam Khan

said, "The draft manifesto will

be placed before the standing

committee for discussion and

including a few standing

committee members of the

party yesterday however

categorically said they do not

have any knowledge about the

process of drafting the mani-

MK Anwar, a former minis-

ter also a vice-president of the

party, said public expectations

and remedies for the country's

present crises have been

drafted in the manifesto,

adding, "I'm not involved in

Other party insiders said

the draft manifesto also

emphasises spread of IT facili-

ties, empowerment of women,

rule of law, curbing of corrup-

tion, reducing prices of essen-

tials, and boosting of rural

They also said economic

advancement and increasing

local and foreign investments

will get top priority for poverty

reduction through employ-

The manifesto also prom-

ises effective measures for

bringing qualitative changes

to the political culture, the

Hasina, Khaleda

it could not yet be confirmed

whether she will address any

December 11, the closing date

for withdrawing nominations.

president this time may not

AL sources said the party

Khaleda Zia too may not

To make up for the absence

Meanwhile, a press release

visit many places because of

physical constraints, said BNP

of the two, senior leaders of

the alliances would be

assigned to address public

of BNP yesterday said the

party chairperson will

diplomats from 10:30am to

11:00am and representatives

of professional bodies, party

leaders and workers and

11:00am to noon on Eid day at

Ladies Club in the city's

mats, party colleagues and

people from all walks of life at

her Dnanmondiresidence.

The AL president will host

meetings across the country.

AL-led grand alliance and

ment generation.

insiders added.

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insiders.

the process.

economy.

Some other senior leaders

Asked about the manifesto

The draft is likely to be

Shafik Rehman last night

some former bureaucrats.

Party insiders said a team

BNP draws

The meeting also approved

Mozaffar Hossain Paltu,

members of the AL.

who were expelled.

Day on December 16.

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Bridge.

drafting it.

approval.

Dhanmondi office in the city.

directives since 2001.

chaired the meeting.

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ments. In section-1 of the affidavit, where information on educational qualification is required, Salauddin said he has no educational backand violating party orders and ground and wrote "no" in the The decision has come specified box.

Salauddin also provided questionable information about his earnings. He claimed he is the chairman of QC Holdings Ltd and director of QC Navigation Ltd, Focus Multimedia Company Ltd (which owned the now-closed CSB TV channel) and Mercury Air Ltd. His affidavit also said being expelled and later his annual income of only Tk 17 lakh is from salaries only, not from any profit from the businesses.

3 killed

FROM PAGE 16 Sabujbagh and adjacent areas. Acting on a tip-off that a gang of criminals were holding a secret meeting, a team of Rab-10 conducted a raid at Kamalapur in Sabujbagh area at about 3:45am.

Sensing the presence of the elite force, the criminals opened fire on them, forcing Rab personnel to fire back.

Sources said the criminals finally retreated after a 20minute gun battle. Rab members later found the bulletriddled bodies of Abdus Salam and Selim Miah on the spot of the fighting but other criminals managed to flee, said a Rab

press release. Rab members also retrieved two foreign-made pistols, revolver and 126 rounds of bullet from the spot. Salam was wanted in eight criminal cases

while Selim in two cases. Family members of the deceased claimed that Rab arrested Salam and his friend Selim from Maniknagar area in Sabujbagh on November 29, nine days after Salam returned from Italy. Salam was a citizen of Italy, they said.

Both Salam and Selim had connections with Nasir group in the past but the duo left the gang a couple of years ago, they claimed.

They also alleged that there is no criminal case against them and Nasir having a good link with Rab members used the force to kill both Salam and Selim

Meanwhile, another team of Rab-10 raided Ainta in South Keraniganj at about 3:15am after receiving information that Rafiqul Islam, a business partner of Nasir, and his cohorts were holding a clandestine meeting there.

Sensing the presence of the elite force, the criminals fired bullets on them forcing Rab to fire back.

The body of Rafiqul was found on the spot following the

gun battle. Rab claimed that Rafiqul was a resident of RK Mission road in the capital. He was wanted in six

criminal cases. The force also recovered a pistol and 12 bullets from the

Indian airports

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militants targetted multiple locations in India's western financial capital, killing 163 people including 26 foreigners. Nine militants were killed.

Security is traditionally tight across India on the anni versary of the demolition o the Babri mosque.

Hindu zealots tore down the 16th-century structure in the town of Ayodhya in Uttar Pradesh state, igniting deadly Hindu-Muslim riots across the

country. Report from Kolkata add Indian police have arrested two men for allegedly supplying mobile phone cards to militants who staged the deadly Mumbai attacks, police said yesterday.

The men were arrested late Friday in the eastern city of Kolkata "for allegedly providing SIM cards to the terrorists in the Mumbai attacks," senior police official Javed Shamim told reporters.

The arrests are believed to be the first in connection with the attacks, other than the capture of one of the militants during the 60-hour siege of India's financial hub.

Shamim identified the two men as Tousif Rahaman and Sheikh Muktar.

"Tousif, who was living in the central part of the city, bought about 40 SIM cards from the city, two of which are believed to have been given to the terrorists," Shamim said.

He said that the other man was from revolt-hit Indian Kashmir, where Islamic militants have been waging nearly two-decade battle against New Delhi's rule.

The attack by 10 gunmen against multiple targets in Mumbai, including the landmark Taj Mahal hotel, killed 163 people including 26 foreigners. Nine militants were

Over 2m head for Arafat

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It began early yesterday as pilgrims arrived on foot or by bus in Mina, a dusty valley 10 kilometres (six miles) from the holy city of Makkah.

Dozens of first aid stations lined the route, SPA reported. Devotees are spending the day in prayer and contemplation in the valley, transformed

into a city of fireproof tents. At dawn on Sunday, they will head for the top of nearby Mount Arafat. Their time at the summit symbolises the wait for the last judgment and is the high point of the hajj.

Next, the pilgrims return to Mina to sacrifice an animal, usually a sheep, to commemorate the willingness of Abraham to sacrifice his son on God's orders. This marks the start of the Eid al-Adha, the feast of the sacrifice.

They will spend another two days in Mina for the final rite, the stoning of Satan. Each pilgrim throws 21 pebbles at each of three pillars symbolising the devil.

This year for the first time pilgrims will get the necessary pebbles in pre-packed bags to spare them the effort of searching for the stones.

A special hajj committee ambulances. organised the collection, washing and packaging of the mony, the pilgrims go to pebbles after first obtaining a fatwa, or religious edict, permitting the initiative, the Al-Watan daily said.

The stoning is the most hazardous of the rituals. The pillars were enlarged a few years ago into 25-metre (80foot) high concrete blocks. Bridges have been built at Arabia in recent years. three levels at the site to help prevent a recurrence of fatal stampedes.

The vast tide of humanity massing in relatively small spaces has been the source of the hajj's bloodiest disasters, with stampedes causing the deaths of 364 people in 2006, 251 in 2004 and 1,426 in 1990.

The Saudi health ministry said it has put in place some 24 field hospitals with 4,000 beds, in addition to nearly 140 health centres. They will be served by more than 11,000 medical staff and a fleet of 150

After the stoning cere-Makkah's great mosque for a "farewell visit" to the Kaaba.

US-made Sikorsky S-92 helicopters fitted with sophisticated technology such as night vision equipment are being used for the first time amid the spectre of the attacks which have haunted Saudi

"(Saudi forces) are ready to cope with their responsibilities," Interior Minister Prince Nayef Bin Abdel Aziz said after inspecting the security forces supervising the hajj.

"Terrorism is not finished It is still going," Prince Nayef told journalists ahead of the

pilgrimage.

CA asks govt officials

FROM PAGE 1 the first one held in Khulna city on December 1 as part of the move to gear up the administration for the crucial

polls. Fakhruddin urged the field-level officers, particularly those tasked for dealing with the upcoming polls, to carry out their election duties maintaining complete neutrality, honesty and sincerity.

"Any kind of partiality to anybody, any antipathy or an iota of laxity and negligence in performing responsibilities will not be tolerated at all," he told the DCs, SPs, UNOs, senior government officials and officials engaged in polling activities.

that the government with combined efforts of all and cooperation from the people would be able to deliver on the desired objectives through handover of power to an holding the election properly. He provided a package of

guidelines and decisions for ing. the pre-and post-election periods, which are all impor- armed forces, mobile teams

Referring to previous activities of different extremist outfits, including JMB, in the northern region, particularly in Rajshahi, Naogaon, Natore, Pabna and Sirajganj, he asked the agencies concerned to keep strong vigilance so that those elements could not raise their heads through the hiatus

that terrorists and identified miscreants cannot create chaos as the election aspirants will start massive campaigns soon," he said.

of hustings for the polls.

General (retd) MA Matin, Education Adviser Hossain The chief adviser hoped Zillur Rahman, Home Secretary Abdul Karim and Cabinet Secretary M Abdul Aziz, among others, spoke at the meeting held at the RDRS auditorium.

A number of UNOs, SPs results. elected government after and DCs and the DIG of Rajshahi range also took part in the opinion-sharing meet-

Apart from deploying the

also be deployed at the polling centres on the election day to ensure a three-tier security bulwark, the chief adviser informed the officials.

He asked for ensuring foolproof security and maintaining law and order in each area so that voters can cast their vote without fear and in a festive mood.

"Carry out nonstop drive so officials to completely comply with the directives of the Election Commission, saying that all of their responsibilities and activities would be controlled and conducted by rules Home Adviser Major and regulations and the directives of the Election Commission.

He also asked the law-

weak and elderly people.

Loan for rawhide

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Three SOBs -- Sonali , Janata and Agrani -- will provide loans of Tk 275 crore to leather sector this season while they gave Tk 336 crore last season.

Another SOB-- Rupali Bank is not giving any loan to this sector this year also as in the previous year.

The four SOBs used to provide 95 per cent of total loans given to leather sector in the Sonali Bank will give Tk 25

crore loan this year as against Tk 48 crore last year. Janata Bank will provide loan of Tk 150 crore againstlastyear's Tk 163 crore. Agrani Bank will provide Tk

100 crore loan to this sector this time while it gave Tk 125 crore last year. Contacted, Janata Bank

Managing Director SM Aminur Rahman said they have decided to reduce the loan in view of international and local market situation. They are giving loans only to those traders who repaid lastyear's loans. But the amount ofloans has not been enhanced.

"Though leather price in the global market is low now, we expect the situation will improve in the next nine months, "he added.

Bangladesh Finished Leather Goods and Footwear **Exporters Association President** Rezaul Karim Ansari said, "Today (Saturday) we decided at a meeting that this year we will buy rawhide at Tk 25 -30 per square foot. Last year, we

boughtitforTk60-70." Leather prices have almost halved due to the global financial crisis. As a result, they have decided to buy rawhide at lower prices, Ansari said.

He urged the SOBs to increase the amount of loans to leather sector. He said a huge quantity of leather goods produced last year is still to be exported. Many international buyers have cancelled their

SOB sources said they could not enhance loans to leather sector due to its defaulted loans, which total about Tk 2,000.

A high official of Rupali Bank said they have more than Tk 300 crore defaulted loans to leather sector. So, they could not provide any loan to this sector for the second consecutive year. But as per the government's new leather policy, they have rescheduled loans to two firms, he added.

ban on marketing of the 10 ghee brands and punishment of those involved in manufacturing the adulterated ghee.

In 2002, CAB made

Prof Harun KM Yusuf, nutrition adviser to the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations, said consumption of such adulterated ghee and butter oil causes extensive damage to

pure ghee for a long time is harmful but if the ghee is adulterated it is like consum

son to the human body.

CAB President Borhan Ahmed said the BSTI should strengthen its monitoring and also conduct tests on ghee of make the reports public.

"Although there are laws to ensure food safety, they are not implemented," he said.

He suggested that Food and Drug Administration should be established under which the BSTI and the IPH will conduct such tests and monitor the quality of food

CAB Programme Officer

Emdad Hossain and its General Secretary Kazi Faruk, among others, were present.

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deployed across the country in aid of the civil administration after the declaration of state of

to get online," he said. Obama said he would announce other details of the

economic recovery plan in the coming weeks. He said he'd work with Congress to pass the initiative when lawmakers reconvene in January.

Pressure heaps on Zimbabwe's Mugabe amid cholera crisis

AFP, Harare

Zimbabwe's President Robert Mugabe came under fresh international pressure yesterday over his country's economic collapse as his government announced plans to introduce a 200 million dollar

The country's political deadlock, soaring inflation and a cholera outbreak that has killed nearly 600 prompted British Prime Minister Gordon Brown to urge world powers to pile pressure on Mugabe saying

"enough is enough". Brown said the crisis in Zimbabwe was now "international" and that he hoped the United Nations Security Council would meet urgently

to consider the situation. Zimbabwe's situation has continued to deteriorate in nine months of political limbo since elections in March, and declared a cholera outbreak a national emergency this week as rampant inflation hampers the daily lives of citizens.

Government announced in its gazette Saturday that would put a 200 million dollar note into circulation, just days after a 100 million dollar note was released -- which is worth only about 14 US dollars.

Brown's comments came amid mounting pressure from around the world with US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice saying it was "well past time for Robert Mugabe to leave" and British Foreign Secretary David Miliband calling the Zimbabwean government a "rogue" regime.

This is now an international rather than a national emergency," Brown said in a statement released by his Downing Street office.

"International because disease crosses borders. International because the systems of government in Zimbabwe are now broken. There is no state capable or willing of protecting its peo-"International because --

not least in the week of the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights -- we must stand together to defend human rights and democracy, to say firmly to Mugabe that enough is enough." In its latest bulletin, the

UN's Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs said the outbreak had now claimed 575 lives. The capital Harare is the worst-hit district with 179 deaths and 6,448 cases as of December 4.

The disease has spread to surrounding countries with deaths recorded in Botswana and South Africa where the influx of Zimbabweans across the border seeking help has

South Africa -- which will send a team into Zimbabwe on Monday to probe how it can

Obama talks economic plan with his team

AP, Chicago

President-elect Barack Obama said yesterday he's asked his economic team for a recovery plan that saves or creates more than 2 million jobs, makes public buildings more energy-efficient and invests in the country's roads and schools.

"We won't just throw money at the problem, Obama said in his weekly radio address and Internet video. "We'll measure progress by the reforms we make and the results we achieve by the jobs we create, by the energy we save, by whether America is more competitive in the world. Obama's remarks come

after the Labor Department announced Friday that employers cut 533,000 jobs in November, the most in 34 Obama said his plan would

put millions of people to work by "making the single largest new investment in our national infrastructure since the creation of the federal highway system in the 1950s. He also wants to install

energy-saving light bulbs and replace old heating systems in federal buildings to cut costs and create jobs. School buildings would get

an upgrade, too. "Because to help our children compete in a 21st century economy, we need to send them to 21st century schools," Obama said. As a part of the plan, Obama said he wants to expand Internet access in

other online. "Here, in the country that invented the Internet, every child should have the chance

communities. Hospitals also

should be connected to each

(sickle)

assist with food and humanitarian aid -- said it hoped the cholera outbreak would spur

resolve their issues. Brown said he had been "in close contact with African leaders to press for stronger action to give the Zimbabwean people the government they deserve".

political leaders to urgently

Mugabe and rival Morgan Tsvangirai, and a smaller political party are deadlocked in discussions over a stalled political agreement in which they agreed to share power three months ago.

The deal has yet to be implemented as parties fail to agree on who should control key ministries.

As his country flounders, Mugabe, who has ruled since independence from Britain in 1980, on Friday brandished the threat of fresh elections in the next year or two if the power sharing deal did not work.

"We agreed to give them (the MDC) 13 ministries while we share the ministry of home affairs, but if the arrangement fails to work in the next one-and-a-half to two years, then we would go for elections," Mugabe was quoted as saying by government newspaper, The Herald.

Nomination

FROM PAGE 1 Master Ansar Uddin in

Barisal-3, and Bangladesh Kalyan Party's Tapan Kumar Mitra in Pirojpur-1 and Shafiqur Rahman in Dhaka-4. The others are independent candidates Mahe Alam

contesting in Jhalakathi-1,

Kazi Sirajul Islam in Faridpur-

1, Sajjat Jumma in Jhenidah-3, Muhibur Rahman in Sylhet-2 and Yunus Ali in Gaibandha-3. The appeals pending include those by AL candidates Sarfuddin Ahmed in Rangpur-1, Fazle Rabbi in Gaibandha-5 and Mohiuddin

Khan Alamgir in Chandpur-1. MA Hashem and Sahabuddin Ahmed, both of whom filed nomination as BNP candidates in Dhaka-11, are among those awaiting

verdict from the commission. The ROs scrutinised the nomination papers on December 3 and 4. They cancelled 557 applications on charges of defaulting on loans and utility service bills and

forgery of signatures. At least eight BNP and five AL nominees were declared

unfit to contest the polls. Jatiya Party (JP), a component of the AL-led grand alliance, saw three of its candidates disqualified.

CPB to focus

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increase investment in government and private sectors of the country. Addressing a press conference at its office. CPB general secretary Mujahidul Islam

Selim declared the party's

manifesto for the national polls

scheduled for December 29. The 24-point manifesto includes prevention of corruption and terrorism, alleviation of poverty and creation of new jobs, trial of war criminals, fixing Tk 4,500 as minimum wage for labours, reinstallation of the basic pillars of the constitution of 1972, establishing a pro-people education and medical system and formation of an independent commission to prevent child-labour

and child repression. Ensuring equal rights for women at all strata of life, providing constitutional identity fully to the indigenous people, implementing a national regulation for the disabled, ensuring access for all to information technology, establishing state and social control over mineral resources, introducing a full-fledged water regulation and preparing an independent and active foreign policy are also the major aspects of the manifesto.

CPB President Manjurul Ahsan Khan, party central committee members Ruhin Hossain Prince, Lina Chakrabarti, advocate Montu Chandra Ghosh, Zia Haider Dipti and Dr Sazedul Haq Rubel, among others, were present at the press confer-

Selim also called upon the people to vote for CPB candidates in the next polls so that the manifesto could be implemented. He said the fundamental

democratic rights of the people

of the country would be not established unless an alternative left-force comes to state power. CPB will contest from 38 constituencies in the next polls with its party symbol Kaste

In his brief speech, Manjurul Ahsan Khan stressed the need for establishing an alternative left-democratic force to address the present Crisis.

UN summit talks

FROM PAGE 16 the moral right to get compen-

sations for the risks they are facing, the delegation argued. In the workshop, delegates discussed mechanisms for risk management insurance. The delegates of LDCs demanded that developed countries pay

the premium of the climate

change insurance.

Focusing on relief and recovery, the current disaster risk management is based on post disaster assistance that varies depending on how much media coverage the disasters get and the locations of the victims, they Mandated under the United

Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCC), the risk management insurance will be a kind of certainty for the vulnerable communities that they will be compensated. The workshop discussed some existing insurance models like area based or individual

farm based crop insurance,

index based insurance for

Catastrophe Insurance Pool,

Bangladesh demanded start of a few pilot micro insurance projects and disaster index based insurance in each LDC with their premiums subsidised by international and national private sector sources. "I raised at the workshop

that insurance is not enough, there must be some link between ODA debt repayment and climate change insurance,' said AKM Rezaul Kabir, secretary to the Ministry of Forest and Environment also the leader of Bangladesh delegation. The delegation argued, since

the agriculture of LDCs is dominated by small holders, the coverage of the insurance will be like that of micro insurance involving small sums of money. When asked about the concept of insurance, Md Reazuddin, director of the

concept is pretty new. "A process is on to develop a droughts and floods, Turkish mechanism for going forward with it," he told The Daily Star and Mexico's Natural Disaster yesterday.

department of environment

also a member of the

Bangladesh delegation said, the

emergency in January last year. The troops were back to barracks after the election process started anew. ensure security so that the

posted 200 yards away from the polling centres. sapling on the occasion.

tant for holding a peaceful and and strike-on-order force will

Fakhruddin directed the

enforcers to ensure centpercent neutrality, transparency, and credibility in the whole election process, vote counting and publishing

The chief adviser asked for paying attention to and ensuring security and comfort for women voters, religious minorities, tribal, disabled,

The CAB leaders demanded a

arrangements for a similar test at the Institute of Public Health (IPH) laboratory which found the samples of nine out of 11 ghee brands adulterated.

human organs like liver, kidney, pancreas and lungs. "Even the consumption of

ing poison," said ProfYusuf. Prof Yusuf said many com panies use adulterated milk, animal fat, colour and chemical flavour to produce ghee which are as harmful as poi-

various brands frequently and

items available on the market. CAB officials also urged the BSTI inspectors to work more efficiently.

Iroops

Gen Moeen said army will voters could cast their votes peacefully. The troops will be

The army chief opened the golf tournament and planted a