Truth Commission

FROM PAGE 1 ordinance. It means they will start dealing with the cases

forward those to Tac. As of December 1 last year, Tac received from ACC 291 cases of individuals seeking exemption from prosecution in return for surrender of

wealth to the state. Of those, four including one involving a son and relative of a former judge have been sent back to the anti-graft body for

further investigation. Seventeen of the suspects permitted by the ACC to apply for disclosure did not collect application forms from the

truth commission. Two thirds of the graft suspects who sought clemency from Tac were government officials.

Politicians suspected of graft did not go to Tac as admitting accumulating wealth illegally would bar them from holding public office and contesting polls for the next five years.

An exception was Major (retd) Kamrul Islam, a former BNP state minister accused of bribery and money launder-

He has been let off after he confessed to owning wealth worth only Tk 30 lakh. An ACC probe found his assets earned illegally valued at around Tk 17.60 crore.

SOME CONFESSIONS

The only one whose confessional statement agreed with the ACC findings is AKM Faizur Rahman, an ex-chief engineer of Roads & Highways Department (RHD).

He confessed to owning wealth worth Tk 97,91,621.27, the same amount ACC found in its investigation.

As no discrepancy was found in his case, he has been relieved from the charges.

A suspended chief engineer of Sylhet City Corporation (SCC) and her wife claimed they have wealth worth Tk 4.15 crore against Tk 12.05 crore found by ACC. They too were awarded clemency certificates.

A superintendent of customs, who was accused of dishonestly obtaining property worth Tk 1.22 crore, won his certificate by declaring wealth worth only Tk 4 lakh.

Another assistant SCC engineer swore to Tac that he had assets worth Tk 30 lakh

Ex-managing director of a private medicine company admitted to having wealth worthTk20lakhagainstTk2.46 crore discovered by ACC.

Another chief assistant engineer of RHD told the commission that he had ill wealth valued at Tk 17.50 lakh against Tk 2.16 crore unearthed by the anti-graft body.

An executive engineer and his wife surrendered assets worth only Tk 3 lakh, though ACC investigation found they had wealth worth Tk 1.11 crore amassed illegally.

Padma Bridge

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taken by the government if any corruption is found in the purchasing process, finance minister AMA Muhith said, government will try to curb corruption at the top level though there is a scope of doing corruption in the process of making proposal on the bridge.

But he said government will try to prepare the papers in the inter-ministerial meetings instead of preparing those in a single ministry to curb the scope for doing corruption.

Muhith said, "Corruption doesn't occur at any particular level, corruption is found at the lowest to the top most level in administration. So, we will try to combat corruption at

The estimated cost for construction of the Padma Bridge is \$ 1800 million. According to the Economic Relations Division (ERD) report, the World Bank has made an initial commitment to provide \$ 300 million, Islamic Development Bank (IDB) \$ 300 million, Asian Development Bank (ADB) \$ 350 million while Japan would provide \$ 200 million.

The total commitment stands at 1150 million US dollars while the financing gap is \$650 million.

ports would be increased

Axing not helping

FROM PAGE 1 Babel sent a copy of the letter to the Election Commission to say whether using the prime minister's name to settle disputes related to local body elections violates the electoral code of conduct, EC Secretariat sources said.

As per the party chief's directives, local units initiated steps to pick a single partybacked candidate for each post to ensure triumph in the upazila polls, where political parties are not allowed to contest formally.

As of yesterday, grassrootslevel leaders failed to agree over finalising candidacy in many upazilas, exposing the party's fragile chain of command only two days ahead of the upazila election slated for January 22.

However, the expelled leaders said they would contest the polls.

In a few upazilas including six in Khulna and two in Faridpur, disputes over candi-

dacies were settled. "Upon receiving directives from the party high-ups, we settled the disputes and picked a single candidate against each post in six upazilas," Sheikh Harunur Rashid, president of Khulna district AL, told The Daily Star

yesterday over telephone. In Moulvibazar, disputes over candidacy still remain as some party leaders refused to quit the electoral race, party sources said.

At least three grassroots AL leaders were expelled from the party in Mymensingh for refusing to comply with party

decisions. Besides, 14 AL activists in Mymensingh were also expelled for supporting rebel

candidates. Abdul Matin Sarkar, general secretary of Mymensingh district AL unit, told The Daily Star yesterday that Babel was

expelled from the party but he continued his election campaign. Leaders of district, upazila and union AL units tried to pick a single contender for

chairman from each upazila. But their attempts failed in many upazilas.

Although the expulsion of grassroots-level leaders from the party continued for the last few days, the actual figure others.

expelled from the party in Chandpur for contesting the polls ignoring party high command's decision.

In Comilla, Sadar Dakkhin AL unit health secretary Khorshed Alam was expelled from the party on Sunday for contesting the polls for chairmanship.

Satkhira District AL yesterday expelled one rebel upazila chairman and three vicechairmen aspirants.

In Rangpur, two local AL leaders were expelled from AL on Sunday for contesting for chairman from Mithapukur and Rangpur sadar upazila.

The upazila polls campaigns will end today midnight.

within a few days of her coming

Earlier, in the morning BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia offered fateha at the mazar of Ziaur Rahman at city's Zia Uddyan to mark his birth anniversary

party senior leaders and activists and its front organizations placed floral wreaths at Zia's mahfil organised by the of Zia, the founder of BNP.

Khaleda, later, inaugurated a voluntary blood donation programme organized at the

Speaker and deputy speaker of the parliament Jamiruddin Sircar and Akhtar Hamid Siddiqui also visited Zia's mazar and placed floral

Khandaker Delwar, BNP leaders including Moudud Ahmed, M Shamsul Islam, MK Anwar, Nazrul Islam Khan, among others, accompanied

Hundreds of BNP activists and its supporters flocked to Ziaur Rahman's mazar as it was opened for the public.

Presided over by Jasas presi-

CU classes

FROM PAGE 16 report of trouble on the cam-

Agitating activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) brought out a procession on the campus at about 12:30pm and burnt an effigy of CU Vice-chancellor Prof Dr M Badiul Alam in front of the administrative building.

BCL also observed a siege programme for an hour from 1:30pm in front of the VC's residence demanding his resignation, sources said.

The CU authorities accompanied by police unlocked the main gate and those of other administrative buildings early yesterday ending a two-day siege by the BCL. The student wing of Awami League, BCL, locked the main gate and other buildings on Saturday demanding resignation of the

CU unit BCL senior vicepresident Abul Mansur Jamshed said they would continue a systematic movement to press home their demand of resignation of the

"We have kept classes and examinations out of our movement to help maintain congenial academic atmosphere on the campus," the BCL leader

Mohammad Alamgir, officer-in-charge of Hathazari police station, said a peaceful environment prevailed on the campus and additional police forces were deployed. DORMITORYRAID

Police last night raided six dormitories of CU.

Over 500 law enforcers conducted searches in every room of the dormitories with the help of CU authorities, campus sources said.

Mohammad Alamgir, officer-in-charge of Hathazari Police Station, said they conducted the raid after the university authorities requested them to do so. CU VC Prof M Badiul Alam

said they decided to conduct the raid following government directives to keep the law and order situation on campus under control. Academic and administra-

tive activities of the university came to a standstill as activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League CU uffit locked the main gate and all faculty buildings on campus Saturday. They also laid siege to the VC's residence demanding his resignation.

The agitating Chhatra League men also vandalised windowpanes of the proctor's office and a number of chairs at the Chittagong University Central Students' Union.

State lawyers

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Meanwhile, senior lawyers say that the Attorney General has no jurisdiction to ask any law officer to submit their resignation and that this move by him is 'contemptuous'.

According to sources, Mahbubey Alam also told the lawyers that the president would take a final decision on the matter.

When contacted by The Daily Star, the AG refused to comment, saying, "The meeting was an internal matter of his office."

Some Supreme Court (SC) lawyers requesting anonymity said the Attorney General has no jurisdiction to ask any law officer to submit their resigna-

A lawyer said the Attorney General has the power to control his subordinate attorneys, but he cannot take any decision regarding their resig-

"The Attorney General's asking for the resignation letters of his subordinates is very much contemptuous," he

"It's the president of the country who appoints the law officers including the Attorney General on suggestions from the government to move the cases on behalf of the state before the highest judiciary,"

the lawyer added.

Some deputy attorneys general (DAG) present at the meeting yesterday told The Daily Star that the law officers would be submitting their resignation letters to the Attorney General as per his

instruction tomorrow. Sources said the government has taken initiatives to appoint over 120 new attorneys as part of its reshuffle of the Attorney General's office.

The Attorney General earlier said that he would request the authorities concerned to keep on efficient and honest law officers from among the existing attorneys. There are now one

Additional Attorney General (AAG), 27 Deputy Attorneys General (DAGs) and about 70 Assistant Attorneys General (AAGs) recruited by the immediate past caretaker government for moving cases on behalf of the state.

BCL unstable

Internal conflicts in the stu- leaders at DU held a few dent organisation could be checked through formation of fresh unit committees and creation of new leadership, said BCL insiders.

Although the two top BCL leaders have been saying they would take initiative to announce new committees soon, no real step has been taken yet.

several central committee leaders said the major problem of BCL is lack of control of its central body over unit places. committees.

ers are senior to the BCL central committee president and general secretary. For instance, the general secretary of Dhaka city unit (north) is older than the BCL central unit general secre-

The unit committees in many Dhaka University (DU) halls were formed almost presidents and secretaries, who are no longer students, have their own factions. A few of them returned to DU dormitories and are now occupying rooms at the halls. After a recent clash in a

10 secretaries

FROM PAGE 16 general of BCS Administration Academy Mohammad Delwar Hossain land secretary and Planning Commission member Ehsan-ul Fattah secretary of youth and sports.

Information Secretary Jamil Osman was transferred to Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) affairs ministry while Sheikh Altaf Ali, secretary for CHT Affairs ministry, to health and family welfare ministry.

Youth and sports secretary Dr Mohammad Golam Mostafa Talukdar was made secretary of rural development and cooperatives division while its secretary ATM Fazlul Karim transferred to information ministry.

Abdus Sobhan Sikder, acting secretary of the implementation monitoring and evaluation division, has been appointed as secretary of the shipping ministry.
In the joint secretary level

change, Tourism Corporation Director Begum Rity Ibrahim has been transferred to agriculture ministry while Mohammad Abul Kalam Azad of land ministry to local government division. Officer on special duty (OSD) under establishment ministry Kaniz Fatema has been sent to planning division while BSCIC director ABM Khorshed Alam to industries ministry and director of National Central Library Nikhil Ranjan Mondol to land ministry.

DU dormitory, top BCL senior leaders, who returned to the DU halls recently,

responsible for the clash. BCL President Ripon told The Daily Star, "New committees could not be formed for various reasons but we shall soon take steps to announce new committees."

Moreover, infiltration into the BCL from Jatiyatabadi Preferring anonymity, Chhatra Dal (JCD) and Islami Chhatra Shibir after the parliamentary polls has caused clashes at various

Although the Awami In many cases, unit lead- League chief said the party and its associate bodies do not need to go for new recruitment, BCL leaders in different units are recruiting JCD and Shibir activists to strengthen their own factions, said some central BCL leaders.

Following a series of intra-BCL clashes across the country, the BCL central body seven years back. The unit yesterday summoned the presidents and secretaries of district and university units to the capital for holding a meeting today.

25 missing

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district, were asleep during the accident after lifting earth from a char in the river in Alurbazar area.

Local divers with the help of two engine-driven boats from Keraniganj started salvage operation at 3pm after 12 hours of the incident but neither the drowned nor the trawler has yet been traced till filing the report at 8:40pm. Another rescue team from district fire service also rushed in at about 5:00pm.

Diver Jahangir said it is not possible to trace the victims until today (Tuesday) as the depth of water in the spot might be 60 feet and the spot seemed dark at night.

Kanon, a survivor hailing from Pabna district, said "The accident occurred in a flash though his colleague Jamal raised alarm sensing the collision between the two trawlers. Later, many of them jumped into the river and managed to swim ashore but the rest could not come out as they were asleep inside the

result people will be deprived trawler.' Deputy commissioner (DC) AKM Shahidur Rahman and the Police Super visited the spot. Meantime, BIWTA deputy director Abdus Sattar said they informed the high requesting anonymity told The officials of Dhaka of the mat-

He said two divers along with a tugboat will reach the spot today to join the rescue operation.

ACC to get

recover those," a high official of the ACC told The Daily Star yesterday.

Meanwhile, the British High Commission in Dhaka in a statement sent to The Daily Star yesterday said the UK government would continue its support to the ACC to recover the 'stolen assets'.

Responding to The Daily Star report on former minister and top raking BNP leader Khandeker Mosharraf Hossain's huge assets in UK, a spokesman of the high commission said in the statement, The Anti-Corruption Commission has a vital longterm mission. We encourage this government to enable an independent ACC to carry out its responsibilities, and we will continue to support the ACC's

work." He said, "We live in a globalised world in which financial crimes spread across borders. We take our responsibilities, including on helping to recover stolen assets, seriously."

The spokesman also said that across the world, UK supports the fight against corruption and financial crime. Transparency is a cor-

BTTB staff

FROM PAGE 1 In Revenue-1 office Tk 3.78 crore was misappropriated in the corresponding period by showing fake bills and vouchers and Tk 6.51 crore in the name of transportation violatingrules.

The investigators also found irregularities involving another Tk 84.8 lakh. The same way an additional Tk 12.2 crore was spent in the Revenue-2 office in

addition to the budget. About Tk 13.47 crore was spent by making fake bills and vouchers, while Tk 10.48 crore was spent in the name of transportation violating rules.

nerstone of sustainable democracy and is important if a country is to prosper.

Asked about Mosharraf's assets in UK, Col Hanif Iqbal, ACC director general (admin), said, "I have no comment." He however said, "Whoever

help of foreign countries if any such cases are detected. "We (ACC) will not only take help from other countries but also help them in this regard, if they require," Hanif said. "We will also exchange

The ACC will work under the UN Convention against Corruption to help find information regarding wealth amassed through illegal means and corruption, and restrain use of that money by identifying the corrupt per-

strengthen the Human Rights Commission and capacity building of the judiciary to

from Mohanagar Medical Service in the city's about strengthening judiciary Mohammadpur who were and quick disposal of cases. practising without any qualifi-Regarding the decision of cations. expert committee formed to even not completed his SSC examination while Atiar Rahman never studied medi-

Mohammadpur area on August 26 last year, a homeopathy doctor, MK Pal, was found to be treating patients presenting himself as an MBBS qualibe placed in parliament for discussion and then parliafied doctor at Techno Diagnostic Centre at 1/11 ment will take decision. The Humayun Road. In the same rest of the ordinances will be drive Mohammad Anwar was repealed automatically, the found to be illegally practising

Muhith.

minister said.

Obama takes office

FROM PAGE 16 ists taking up position across

the US capital. Hollywood royalty including Tom Hanks, Jamie Foxx and Denzel Washington were reciting historical passages interspersed with the all-star musical lineup, to mark the formal countdown to Tuesday's momentous inaugu-

ration on Capitol Hill. In advance of the afternoon party, Obama struck a more somber note as he joined vice president-elect Joseph Biden in laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington Cemetery.

Dressed in black winter coats to guard against the freezing temperatures, Obama and Biden held their hands over their hearts as "Taps," the US military's haunting lament to the fallen, was played by a lone bugler.

Obama and his wife Michelle then climbed into the incoming president's new armoured Cadillac with a blue license plate reading "44" -- his numerical position as the newest, and first African-American, commander-in-chief.

BSF men took away the body. The incoming First Family BDR sent a letter to its Indian headed to a raucous reception at the Nineteenth Street Baptist Church, Washington's oldest African-American church, and joined in a swaying, emotive recitation of hymns and Biblical passages.

"Let's make sure this election is not the end of what we do to change America, but the beginning," the presidentelect said as he trundled towards Washington and his place in history during a daylong train journey Saturday.

Along a railroad from Philadelphia to Washington, a route once traced by his hero, Civil War president Abraham Lincoln, Obama urged Americans to adopt a new "Declaration of Independence" from bigotry, small thinking and ideology.

figure large in Obama's inaugural address after he is sworn in at noon Tuesday and takes his place alongside the pantheon of past presidents including Lincoln and Franklin D. Roosevelt. Rahm Emanuel, the next

White House chief of staff, told

NBC the speech would declare

an end to "the culture of any-

thing goes" and demand a new

era of responsibility from

Aides said those themes will

Incoming White House press secretary Robert Gibbs vied to temper sky-high expectations both worldwide and at home, as the United States grapples with its longest reces-

sion since World War II. "We did not get into the situation overnight. The problems and the challenges that our country face didn't happen all last week. It's going to take us some time," Gibbs said on

"Fox News Sunday." But Gibbs and other senior aides said Obama would act rapidly to enact his economic revival plans via a mammoth stimulus package worth 825

billion dollars. And on his first full day in office, the aides said, Obama will also convene his top military brass to map a way out of Iraq and recommit US troops against a resurgent Taliban in Afghanistan.

"He will be meeting with the Joint Chiefs of Staff to begin an orderly and responsible withdrawal from Iraq," senior adviser David Axelrod told

President George W Bush's successor will also "engage early and aggressively with diplomacy all over the world," and hopes a newly declared ceasefire between Israel and Gaza militants will endure,

Axelrod said. After the tumultuous Bush presidency, Obama comes to office with the highest poll ratings since Ronald Reagan in 1981. The New York Times and CBS News said 79 percent of respondents to its poll were optimistic about the next four

Bangabandhu

FROM PAGE 16 names of Bangabandhu and

Sheikh Hasina on the plaques at the both ends of the bridge on January 15 last, sources said. The leaders and activists of the BNP-led four-party alliance erased the names of Bangabandhu and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina from

four-party combine took over in 2001 Meantime, the name of Khaleda Zia was erased from the foundation stone of the bridge at the east end of the

the plaques just after a day the

bridge. The then Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia laid the foundation stone during the construction of the bridge in

Scale of destruction

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Obama administration and spare the incoming president the trouble of having to deal with a burning problem in Gaza from his first day, the Israeli officials said.

The guns fell silent around Gaza after Israel announced a unilateral ceasefire and the Islamist Hamas movement and other militant groups called a week-long truce of their own.

Soon after dawn Palestinian witnesses reported naval gunfire near the sea north of Gaza City, but the army did not confirm the report.

Amid the lull, Israel agreed to let nearly 200 trucks loaded with humanitarian aid into Gaza and to supply 400,000 litres of fuel to the territory, a military official said.

Military administration

spokesman Major Peter

Lerner said 120 lorries would ferry aid through the Kerem Shalom terminal and up to 70 more would enter from Karni. A total of 40,000 tonnes of food and medicines had been transported into Gaza since

added. With the halt to fighting, Palestinian ambulance workers were able to dig out the dead from areas, which had been unsafe to enter.

the offensive began, Lerner

bodies of 15 children and women from under their house," said Abed Sharafi, 40. "They were so badly decomposed that we couldn't distinguish boys from girls.

"We have pulled out the

days," along the road north from Gaza City to Beit Lahiya. "There are so many," he added. Nearly 100 bodies were recovered on Sunday as the

truce came into effect. The discoveries brought the overall death toll of Operation Cast Lead to more than 1,300, including more than 400 children, medics said. Another 5,300 were wounded. Israel reported a death toll of 13.

Prime Minister Ehud

Olmert said Israel wants to

leave Gaza as quickly as possi-

ble. Although much the territory is now in ruins Hamas leader Ismail Haniya claimed a "great victory".

RNA reported.

Ahmadinejad told Hamas's exiled chief Khaled Meshaal in

Iran is a staunch supporter of the Islamist movement, which seized control of Gaza from forces loyal to moderate Palestinian president Mahmud Abbas in June 2007, and does not recognise its

European leaders who had travelled to Israel after attending a summit in Egypt on Sunday urged the Jewish state to follow up the its ceasefire by completely withdrawing troops and opening the territory's border crossings.

sealed Gaza off from all but vital humanitarian aid since Hamas, an Islamist group pledged to Israel's destruction, seized power there in June 2007 by routing forces loyal to moderate Palestinian president Mahmud Abbas.

Israel and Egypt have

international conference to "allow us to establish peace this year." Israel's decision to call a unilateral ceasefire in its war on Hamas came after it won pledges from Washington and Cairo to help prevent arms smuggling into the Gaza Strip -

also pledged to help. Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak announced plans to host an international aid conference to help rebuild Gaza.

Israeli and Palestinian officials Some had been there for 15 for separate meetings on Thursday to discuss an Egyptian initiative for an extended truce, state news agency MENA reported. After exchanges of gunfire and an air strike on Sunday

punctured what Olmert

acknowledged was Israel's

"fragile" unilateral ceasefire, Gaza militant groups announced a one-week truce of their own. "(We) demand that enemy forces withdraw in a week and open all the border crossings to permit the entry of humani-

The military confirmed In Tehran, President troop withdrawals had begun Mahmoud Ahmadinejad after witnesses in Gaza City congratulated Hamas on its saw soldiers pulling back Olmert has warned troops

"Today is the beginning of would remain in the strip for victory, and perseverance will the time being and return fire complete the links of victory," if attacked.

beyond his known sources of take the next course of action as per the voluntary disclosure

income, whereas ACC found the amount to be Tk 1.55 crore. from where they left off to

The proposal for the bridge says after completion of the construction of the bridge, the GDP would be increased by 1.2 per c ent while the activities of Benapole and Mongla land

of expelled AL leaders could not be known immediately. Five AL leaders were

BNP observes FROM PAGE 16 Rahman played a role to bring Sheikh Hasina back to her motherland and then Ziaur Rahman was assassinated

Khaleda along with her mazar and took part in a milad-Jatiyatabadi Olama Dal for the salvation of the departed soul

mazar premises.

the BNP chief.

dent MA Malek, BNP Joint Secretary General Nazrul Islam Khan, Dhaka University professor AFM Yusuf Haider addressed the meeting, among Border Security Force (BSF) of India shot dead two Bangladeshi cattle traders on Thakurgaon and Jhenidah

borders yesterday. The dead were identified as Jahangir Miah, 30, son of Zakir Ali of Dangipara village under Haripur upazila of Thakurgaon, and Amanullah, 25, son of Kader Khan of Laraighat village under Moheshpur upazila of

BSF kills 2

STAR REPORT

Ihenidah. BDR officials of Dinajpur 2 Battalion quoted villagers as saying that the BSF personnel of Mokorhat camp opened fire on some Bangladeshi cattle traders when they entered the Indian territory through Chapshar border under Haripur upazila of Thakurgaon at around 8:30am, reports our corre-

spondent. Jahangir received bullets and died instantly while the rest managed to flee. Soon after the incident, the

counterpart demanding return of the body. Our Jhenidah correspondent reported that Amanullah was shot dead by Indian border guards at Moheashpur

frontier early yesterday. BDR personnel of Sreenathpur camp said the BSF men of Fatepur camp opened fire on Amanullah while he was returning home with cattle purchased from India. He died on the spot.

They said the BSF took

away the body and did not

return it as of 6:30pm yester-

When contacted, the company commander of Chuadanga confirmed the incident. He said they sent a letter to the BSF authorities demanding return of the body.

Reporter faces

to the HC, opposing the HC

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directive, on behalf of Nasrin Akhter stating that disclosing the sources of any report by any journalist is against the principles of journalism. If the sources of the report are disclosed, the profession will be affected as sources will not provide any further information to reporters and as a

of the right to information, the affidavit said. The affidavit also stated that as per provisions of the Press Council Act 1974, no journalist can be forced to disclose the sources of his or her report. Meanwhile, a lawyer

Daily Star yesterday that the HC can draw contempt proceedings against the reporter if she does not comply with its order.

The highest punishment of

committing contempt of court

is six months' imprisonment.

The HC on December 14 last year directed the reporter of the weekly Shirsho Kagoj to reveal the sources behind a report titled 'A High Court

judge whitens black money' by January 19, 2009. The weekly published the

report on January 7 last year.

also told The Daily Star that

Kibra's case is not a lone one

There is also a network of

brokers active in different

hospitals, including

Suhrawardi Medical College

and Hospital, in the city who

direct patients to these fake

several drives against such

practises and fined at least five

In a drive on December 4,

Shakil was found to have

cine. They were fined Tk 2 lakh

as a medicine specialist at

Medilab Diagnostic Centres at

Both men were fined.

2/4 Humayun Road.

In another drive in

Rab-4 arrested Dr Shakil

Ahmed and Dr Atiar Rahman

Rab has already conducted

tic centres," he said.

'fake doctors' so far.

doctors.

Fake doctor laundered money, the com-FROM PAGE 16 Dr Shamim was released on mission will go into the matter payment of the fine while with bilateral or multilateral Kibria has been taken into Rab-4 custody, as he could not pay the fine. Magistrate Anwar Pasha

but that there are scores of others without medical qualifications practising as doctors in information with foreign the city. countries to fight corruption. We have intelligence reports that at least 150 such 'fake doctors' are practising medicine in the city's different hospitals, clinics and diagnos-

sons, he said.

dispose of the cases quickly. However, Law Minister barrister Shafique Ahmed told reporters that they had a talk

review the ordinances promulgated by the immediate past caretaker government, the minister said all the ordinances related to election and finance and having public importance would be placed in parliament as bills. Some other ordinances will

Renata also met with Finance Minister AMA

government, corporate boardrooms and the American peo- 1994.

a telephone call, the report

archfoe Israel.

French President Nicolas

Sarkozy called for a major

- a task in which Europe has

Cairo has also invited

tarian aid and basic goods," Mussa Abu Marzuk, deputy leader of Hamas's politburo, said in Damascus.

"victory", state news agency towards the border fence.