Hold ruling party

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of the national parliament, said in his inaugural speech.

The newly elected speaker invited opposition lawmakers to hold the ruling party accountable with 'strong criticisms'.

lawmakers not to oppose just for the sake of opposing.

"We will push the country forward shunning the path of violence and anarchy," said the new speaker, who is expected to play a pivotal role in making the parliament effective.

The inaugural session began with immediate past speaker Jamiruddin Sircar presiding over it to elect the new speaker and deputy speaker.

After delivering his inaugural speech, Sircar began the process of electing the new speaker and deputy speaker.

He separately announced the nominations of Hamid and Shawkat for the two posts and invited the chief whip of parliament to propose the name of Hamid for the post of speaker.

Within a few moments, Hamid was elected the speaker unanimously, on a proposal from Chief Whip Abdus Shahid and supported by Whip Segupta

The main opposition lawmakers including Leader of the Opposition Khaleda Zia also did not oppose Hamid's election, rather they welcomed him by thumping on the desks.

Then, the speaker began the procedure of electing the deputy speaker. Shawkat Ali was elected the deputy speaker uncontested too, on a proposal of Whip ASM Firoz which was seconded by Whip Mujibul Haque.

With completion of the election, the session was adjourned for half an hour. President Iajuddin Ahmed administered the oaths to the mentary committees. speaker and deputy speaker in building.

extend their cooperation to the Courtlawyer.

newly elected speaker and deputy speaker for running the parliament effectively.

After the induction, Hamid went to the speaker's office where Sircar was waiting for him. As soon as Hamid entered the office, Sircar stood up from the speaker's chair and making the transition.

BNP lawmaker ZIM Mostafa Ali took the floor on behalf of other lawmakers to congratulate the newspeaker.

They hoped that Hamid's dynamic leadership will make the parliament the centre of all government activities creating a new example in the history of the country's parliament.

By the very end of the seventh parliament's tenure, he was elected the speaker following the death of the then speaker Humayun Rashid Chowdhury.

A lawyer by profession, Hamid has been involved in AL politics since the 1960s.

He was elected the youngest ever member of the Pakistan National Assembly in 1970 at the age of 25.

Hamid was also elected a member of parliament (MP) in 1973, 1986, 1991, 1996, 2001 and 2008 general elections on his

his chamber in the parliament was first elected lawmaker of the second parliament in 1979 Before adjourning the from Shartiatpur-2 constitu-House, Jamiruddin Sircar, who ency, followed by his election as was presiding the session, an MP in 1991, 1996, 2000 and hoped that all lawmakers will 2008. He is also a listed Supreme

Pakistan urges

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But table Foreign Ministry said that the attacks by unmanned aircraft also killed an unspecified number of civilians and that it had informed US officials of its "great concern."

"With the advent of the new US administration, it is region, which is considered a Pakistan's sincere hope that the likely hiding place for al-Qaeda United States will review its policy and adopt a more holistic and integrated approach toward dealing with the issue of terrorism and extremism," a ministry statement said.

"We maintain that these Guantanamo Bay detention attacks are counterproductive facility. and should be discontinued," it

Pakistani leaders complain that stepped-up missile strikes FROM PAGE 1 there have been more than 30 Bhaban, Salauddin Quader counter Islamist militants.

But their protests have had constitution." few practical consequences, fuelling speculation that polls within the constitution-Islamabad's cash-strapped, stipulated three months after pro-US government has given dissolution of parliament, the tacit approval in return for BNPleader continued. political and financial support from Washington.

on the missile strike policy.

However, he has made the constitutional government." war in Afghanistan and the intertwined al-Qaeda fight in president of trying to imple-Pakistan an immediate foreign ment the "minus-two formula" policy priority. Few observers during the two-year rule of the expect him to ditch a tactic that caretaker government. US officials say has killed a string of militant leaders behind the insurgency in Afghanistan does not mean we have to and who were perhaps plotting accept all his activities. terrorist attacks in the West.

Three intelligence officials told The Associated Press that funerals were held Saturday for nine Pakistanis killed Friday in Zharki, a village in the North Waziristan region.

The officials, citing reports from field agents and residents, said Taliban fighters had earlier removed the bodies of five suspected foreign militants who also died in the first missile strike Friday. Initial reports put the death toll from that attack at

A senior security official in the capital, Islamabad, identified one of the slain men as a suspected al-Qaeda operative called Mustafa al-Misri. He said it was unclear if the man was a significant figure.

The second strike hit a house in the South Waziristan region. Residents and security officials say eight people died in the village of Gangi Khel.

Resident Allah Noor Wazir said he attended funerals for the owner of the targeted house, Din Faraz, his three sons and a guest.

"I also heard that three bodies had been taken away by Taliban. They say they belong to foreigners," Wazir told the AP by telephone.

The security officials spoke on condition of anonymity the House wearing black badges because they were not in condemnation of what they authorised to speak to the

media. The United States does not

requested Hamid to take over, When Hamid returned to the House, senior AL lawmakers Tofail Ahmed and Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim, Workers Party chief Rashed Khan Menon, and

Hamid, who was the deputy leader of the opposition in the last parliament, had also been

party ticket.

party leaders and workers, including at least one minister and three Awami League lawmakers, influencing the polling centres. The total number of vot-Shawkat, a freedom fighter, ers in Kalai upazila was 93,412 and 86,473 of them

> second highest (92.14 percent) voter turnout was recorded in Khetlal upazila of the same district. There are 6,79,848 voters in Savar upazila but only

> > Thursday's polls. In the afternoon of the polling day Chief Election Commissioner ATM Shamsul Huda expressed his dissatisfaction at the low voter turnout and said the commission will investigate the reason

behind this. Election Commissioner Brig Gen (retd) M Shakawat Hossain, who visited different polling centres in Sreepur of Gazipur on January 22, also could not hide his annoyance at the thin presence of voters.

However, the final result sheets show that voter turnout in Sreepur was 70.51 percent. The total number of voters in the upazila was 2,67,836 and 1,88,861 votes were cast.

Fog disrupts

FROM PAGE 16 International Airport since early yesterday to around 10:30 am.

> Flight schedules at the airport have continuously been disrupted over the last few days due to the thick fog causing, he said.

According to the Met office, the lowest temperature at 13 degree Celsius was recorded in Rangpur yesterday while the highest at 29 degree Celsius was recorded in Mangla.

The minimum temperature in Dhaka was recorded at 15.6 degree Celsius yesterday while maximum temperature was 25.9 degree Celsius, according to the Met office.

The thick fog is likely to last for two days more, an official of the Met office said.

Meanwhile our Manikganj correspondent reported that ferry services on the Paturia-Daulatdia and Paturia-Kazirhat routes were disrupted for 12 and half hours from 10:30 pm Saturday to 11:00 am yesterday due to the

Manager (commerce) of Abedin Faruque as chief whip of | Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Corporation It however did not select (BIWTC) Ashraf Ullah Khan said a ferry, the Khan Jahan Ali, loaded with passenger transports was forced to anchor in the middle of the river for a dency following a row with the | while.

About 350 trucks, 100 buses He assumed the chief and 50 to 60 small vehicles at Paturia ghat and 250 trucks, 200 buses and 50 to 60 small vehicles at Daulatdia ghat were stranded causing huge duties neutrally pitched the sufferings to passengers, Khan

UNB reported that ferry service on the Mawa-Kawrakandi route remained suspended for about 15 hours from Saturday night.

The ferry service remained suspended from 8:30 pm on Saturday to around 11:30 am yesterday causing a tailback on both sides of the ferry

BIWTC manager Sirajul Zia, the BNP lawmakers entered | Islam said five ferries carrying 65 vehicles and over 2,200 passengers were also forced to referred to as "introduction of | stop and anchor in the middle one-party rule" on January 25, of the river when caught in the

Upazila polls JS for change

emphasised the need for making parliament the focal point of all activities for the people's

opposition BNP participated in the House proceedings from the beginning under Leader of the Opposition Khaleda Zia, dates for the same post, filed complaints with the EC allegbut they walked out of the ing that AL activists took over parliament before the presicontrol of more than 70 polldential address. ing stations in the upazila with the backing of AL lawmaker

> ernment. It was the BNP-led fourparty alliance that had nomi-

during the eighth parliament. In his address, President Iajuddin said the present parliament is formed through a free, fair and neutral election.

In the December 29 parliaalleged that BNP backed mentary election, the Awami League-led grand alliance won a landslide victory with an electoral pledge for changes.

Political observers said people expressed their confidence in the AL's electoral manifesto, in which the ruling party also promised to present people a better life mitigating their sufferings caused mainly by skyrocketing prices of essentials.

As the people gave landslide mandate to the AL, the immediate past ruling party BNP faced a debacle in the elections and won only 29 seats.

"Through this election, the people have vested many important responsibilities in the new government. The people's expectation from the government is almost boundless, for which, at the very beginning, the government has to devote itself to achieving the objectives of combating price hike and keeping the prices of essentials within tolerable limits and at the same time expediting economic growth," said the outgoing president, whose successor will be elected in 30 days.

"Our country has to be freed from terrorism and corruption through proper enforcement of prevailing laws and by required reforms of law," Iajuddin said, adding, "People of this country have given economic lives.

cerned, irrespective of parties and ideologies, to maintain peace and discipline and

Congratulating Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and the new government, Iajuddin said now it is the expectation of the whole nation that the PM of the newly formed government will build a happy, prosperous and modern digital Bangladesh by virtue of her knowledge, expe-

a modern, progressive, noncommunal and moderate democratic Muslim state in the international arena," he said.

speech, the president administered oath to newly elected Speaker Abdul Hamid and Deputy Speaker Col (retd) Shawkat Ali. They had been elected at the beginning of the inaugural session.

In his brief address, the president recalled with pro- ment is in session. found respect great martyrs and brave freedom fighters, whose sacrifice and forbearance had freed the nation from colonisation and led to the emergence of independent

"I respectfully remember the father of the nation, the best Bangalee of all time, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman who dreamt of independent Bangladesh," said Iajuddin.

He also recalled national leaders Sher-e-Bangla AK Fazlul Haque, brave soldier of democracy Hossain Shahid Suhrawardy, and leader of the office. oppressed Maulana Abdul Hamid Khan Bhasani who against the colonial rule.

In the next sitting of parlia- Indian high commissioner ment, the chief whip will move and the state minister also a thanksgiving motion on the discussed matters of mutual president's address and law- interest.

finally the House will accept it. On the occasion of the inaugural session, the Jatiya Lawmakers of the main Sangsad Bhaban came to life after over two years since the dissolution of the eighth parlia-

ment on October 27, 2006. Chief adviser to the immediate past caretaker government Fakhruddin Ahmed, Chief Election Commissioner They said they were not ATM Shamsul Huda, Army Chief Gen Moeen U Ahmed, senior government officials and high-ups of diplomatic missions in Dhaka witnessed the beginning of the new parliament from the gallery.

Apart from electing the speaker and the deputy speaker, 122 ordinances promulgated by the president during the tenure of that caretaker government were placed for the parliament's consideration on the first day of the inaugural session.

The Business Advisory Committee headed by the new speaker was formed. It will decide on the tenure of the inaugural session and other businesses. The House accepted unani-

mously an obituary reference condoling the deaths of former lawmakers and eminent personalities at home and abroad. A five-member panel of chairman was also nominated

The panel members will preside over the House in absence of the speaker and the deputy speaker. Both AL and BNP had discussed strategies at their respective parliamentary party

meeting in the parliament building before the session began. In the evening, the speaker adjourned the sitting of the House till 4:00pm Wednesday.

SEATING ARRANGEMENTS Senior AL lawmakers Amir Hossain Amu, Abdur Razzak, Suranjit Sengupta and Abdul Jalil, who became known as reformists in the party after the 1/11 changeover, sat in the farthest corner of the front row of the treasury bench.

Prime Minister and leader of the House Sheikh Hasina, AL's presidential nominee and deputy leader of the House Zillur Rahman, Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury, Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury, Finance Minister AMA Muhith, AL presidium members Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim and Tofail Ahmed, Planning Minister AK Khandaker, LGRD Minister Syed Ashraful Islam and Jatiya Party Chief HM Ershad sat on

the first bench of the front row. Junior lawmakers from the opposition sat in the front and second rows of the opposition bench as the immediate past Speaker Jamiruddin Sircar favoured them at the last moment of his tenure.

Leader of the opposition Khaleda Zia, Salauddin Quader Chowdhury, MK Anwar, Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Kaikobad, Majibur Rahman Sarwar, Barkatullah Bulu, Zafrul Islam Chowdhury, Wahidul Alam, KM Mosharraf Hossain sat on the front bench.

Oli Ahmed, the only lawmaker from Liberal Democratic Party, also sat on the front bench beside BNP

lawmaker Mosharraf. The speaker's seating arrangements annoyed the treasury bench as some of its senior lawmakers could not find their place in the front or second row.

The newly elected speaker informed the House that Habibur Rahman Mollah, AL lawmaker from Dhaka-5, has been in jail custody, on different charges.

As the speaker started reading out a statement from the jail authorities, a few AI lawmakers started shouting that a lawmaker cannot be confined to jail when parlia-

"The government has no jurisdiction to keep the lawmaker behind bars," AL lawmaker advocate Fazle Rabbi said loudly. Many lawmakers including a few from the opposition supported Rabbi's view.

At that stage, the speaker said he has just heard the matter and informed the House.

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longstanding land problems, the minister said during a meeting with Indian High Commissioner Pinak Ranjan Chakravarty at his secretariat

said the incomplete work of inspired and led the mass the CHT Peace Treaty would people during different phases be implemented as per the of the historical movement prime minister's instruction. During the meeting, the Siraj, Habibur

FROM PAGE 16 the Supreme Court granted detained Awami League (AL) lawmaker Habibur Rahman Mollah ad-interim bail for six months in a corruption case

Meanwhile, a HC bench comprising Justice Mir Hasmat Ali and Justice Shamim Hasnain yesterday directed controversial businessman Obaidul Karim to surrender before the trial court within four weeks in connection with four corruption cases filed against him by the ACC.

The bench also asked the law enforcers not to harass or arrest Obaidul within four weeks in these four cases. SHAHAJAHAN SIRAJ

Shahjahan Siraj yesterday surrendered before a HC bench seeking bail in the cases filed against him.

The bench comprising Justice Mirza Hussain Haider and Justice Borhan Uddin granted Shahjahan Siraj bail in a tax evasion case filed August 29, 2007.

rule upon the government to show cause as to why the trial court verdict convicting the petitioner should not be declared illegal. HABIBUR RAHMAN

A four-member full bench of ACC to proceed with corruption charges against Habibur Rahman Mollah.

there now remains no legal bar to his release as he has already obtained bail in another case pending against him. Detained Habibur

December 29 election. OBAIDUL KARIM bench yesterday after returning to the country the

four cases. Karim has seven cases filed against him, of which the High Court earlier stayed proceedings of three cases He has also been sentenced to imprisonments of differ ent tenures in four graft cases against him.

NBR blushes

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those who are not facing any vated.'

feited their properties following court verdict. We shall see what has to be done in those cases," he added. During the caretaker gov ernment's tenure, 335

nessmen and others were frozen. Of those, the bank accounts of 26 people have been reactivated. The list of frozen bank account holders also includes

Sources said the NBF remains undecided about the frozen accounts of the Awami

cases or charges. NBR will have to seek opinion from the law ministry for taking steps in many cases.

RCC to sack

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transport and 19 from water supply sections.

Five among them appointed as immunisation workers and also to mosquito control section, were however, discharged from the mosquito control section, he added.

RCC sources said many of the employees have no duties to attend to. They were basically used in political processions and meetings during the previous BNP-led four-party government.

M Swadhin, convenor of RCC Employees Movement Committee said they protested only against wrong selections of staffs to be terminated. "There are some sincere employees," he added.

RCC authorities said they would be able to ensure many essential services if they could save money by reducing excess staffs.

daily basis employees, a Manpower Reduction Committee identified those staffs to be "unnecessary" in The committee argued that the corporation is struggling

Earlier, out of around 2000

with financial hardships in providing salaries to its regular staffs. Rajshahi Mayor AHM Khairuzzaman Liton told The Daily Star that RCC is now borrowing funds from devel opment sectors to pay off the people. regular staffs' salary. "Man-

Global warming

capable of wrecking the marine ecosystem and depriving future generations of the harvest of the seas.

In a study published online by the journal Nature Geoscience, scientists in Denmark built a computer model to simulate climate change over the next 100,000 At the heart of their model

are two well-used scenarios which use atmospheric levels of carbon dioxide (CO2), the main greenhouse gas, as an indicator of temperature rise. Under the worst scenario,

CO2 concentrations would rise to 1,168 parts per million (ppm) by 2100, or about triple today's

Under the more optimistic model, CO2 would reach 549 ppm by 2100, or roughly 50

percent more than today. The temperature rise that either would yield depends on several factors: when the peak in carbon emissions is reached and how quickly it falls, and whether the warming Female muggers unleashes natural triggers, or tipping points, that enhance or prolong the warming in turn.

Taking such factors into account, the scientists predict a possible rise of around five to seven degrees Celsius (nine to 16 degrees Fahrenheit) over preindustrial times under the worst scenario. Under the other scenario, there would be warming of roughly between two to four C (3.7-7.2 F).

Either scenario spells bad news for the ocean, said Jens Olaf Pepke Pedersen, a physicist at the Technical University of Denmark. Under the worst scenario, warmer seas and a slowdown of

ocean circulation would lower marine oxygen levels, creating "dead zones" that could not support fish, shellfish and other higher forms of marine life -and may not revive for 1,500 to 2,000 years. "They would start slowly by

the end of this century, it's not something that would happen tomorrow or in the near future but over the next few generations," Pedersen told AFP. "But because of the inertia in the ocean, once you have the

reverse it again just like that, so it would continue for hundreds of "Even if after a hundred years, if you stopped all carbon emissions, the ocean would still

process going, it's not feasible to

need hundreds of more years to

Tamil Tiger FROM PAGE 16

climbed over earth barriers erected by the Tigers in their drawn-out offensive to take Mullaittivu. He said the campaign began a year ago.

"The Tigers are now confined to a small strip of between 20 kilometres by 15 kilometres," he said, adding that 150,000 civilians were still being held hostage by the Tigers.

"We will soon free them from the hold of the terrorists," he added.

A visiting Japanese envoy, Yasushi Akashi, on Sunday expressed fears for the civilians and said the Tigers should allow them to reach safety, urging the government to send more relief

supplies. Government officials said public offices in Mullaittivu had closed at the weekend and public servants had moved away from the city centre ahead of the military advance on Sunday. Civilians too had moved away further north into the jungle areas where theguerrillas had retreated.

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tried to beat the train to a level

The collision took place around 9:00pm at Nama Shyampur in Baraitala when the truck heading for Shyampur Bazar collided with the train heading towards Kamalapur from Narayanganj.

around 22 years old died on the spot. Kamalapur Railway Police Station and fire service officials said they took the deceased and the four criti-

cally injured labourers, travel-

ling on the truck, to Dhaka

The unidentified labourer

Medical College Hospital. Govt mulling FROM PAGE 1

alternative dispute resolution (ADR), eradication of corruption in the judiciary and the launch of a computerised system for getting certified copies of judgments. Moriarty told the law minis-

back Bangladesh its money laundered illegally to a number offoreign countries. Meanwhile, newlyappointed State Minister for Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Quamrul Islam urged

ter that the US is trying to give

officials and staffs of his office to work sincerely and honestly to satisfy the expectations of He made the appeal while exchanging views with officials

on his first day at work.

cool. These low-oxygen areas would continue to expand and they would peak around 2,000 years from now. The ocean would then slowly recover as it

cools." Even under the less gloomy scenario, there would still be

sion of oxygen-starved zones. Marine "dead zones" already exist today, in shallow areas next to the coast, where runoff from agricultural ferti-

Wide oxygen depletion of the ocean, though, poses a far greater threat, touching at the heart of biodiversity, the paper

warns. Around 250 million years ago, a chemical change of the seas led to a massive wipeout of

Lead scientist Gary Shaffer of the Niels Bohr Institute at the University of Copenhagen said it was unclear, in the grim light of this study, whether future generations could look to the oceans as a major reserve of

Nasima, 24, Zabeda, 34,

Bahar, 15. Rab-1 officials said locals captured Nasima and Zabeda during snatching a gold chain from a pedestrian, Fatema, at Mohakhali yesterday afternoon. They handed the two over to Rab officials who later based on their confessions arrested Helena, Rashida, Shamsunnahar and Gul

Bahar. Rab officials said they had been mugging at the city's Motijheel, Farmgate, Mohakhali, Banani and other places for five to six months.

Meanwhile, Rab officials

Paltan and recovered 21 balms Rab said Jalil is the leader of at least six gangs and accused in at least 14 cases in connec-

tion with mugging filed with different police stations. Dhaka Medical College Hospital sources said 15 victims mugged by different agyanparties received treat-

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Tejgaon police said criminals shot Jahangir twice in his chest and back and fled the scene. He died on the spot.

case or charges will be reacti- (25 miles) of thick jungle and of the deceased could not say who could have killed him. Unidentified criminals strangled octogenarian security guard Jamir Ali of an underconstruction building on Wasa Road of Maniknagar in Sabujbagh and stole three

> early yesterday. under-construction building, discovered the body under bricks around 7:00am, police

Sabujbagh police and the victim's son Mujibur Rahman

Jamir for trying to stop them stealing the iron rods, police

connection. house near Muradpur High School in Kadamtoli around

ing a red T-shirt and jeans was morgue.

Tricksters thrive FROM PAGE 16

ence of the NCTB in tackling the problem NCTB Chairman Prof M Masir Uddin, meanwhile, told The Daily Star that the board is still unaware of such crimes of

said, pointing at the indiffer-

Even the Sutrapur and Kotwali police stations have also acknowledged their ignorance about the illegal business. Duty officers of those police stations told The Daily Star that they would verify it.

"In fact, the NCTB has its

jurisdiction to take any legal actions in this regard," the duty officer of Kotwali Police Station There are 76 textbooks for classes VI to IX in the curriculum

subjects on January 26. But as of now the NCTB has failed to do so. It began selling only 14 textbooks on January 6.

the NCTB ordered 291 printers to print 2 crore 62 lakh copies of textbooks for the secondary school students after the introduction of the new question pattern.

Hamid, who is the 11th speaker

He also urged the opposition

the deputy speaker through most of the tenure of the seventh parliament, when Awami League (AL) was last in power.

Shawkat, who will work as the deputy of Hamid, also has a long political career with experience of being the chairman and a member of many parlia-

2,71,195 cast their votes in

Pakistan's government has little control over the border chief Osama bin Laden and other terrorist leaders. While protesting the missile strikes, Pakistan's government

on Saturday also welcomed

Obama's decision to close the

directly acknowledge firing the

missiles, which are believed to

be mostly fired from drones

operated by the CIA and

launched from neighbouring

Afghanistan.

since August fan anti-American Chowdhury said, "We have sentiment and undermine the walked out before the presigovernment's own efforts to dent's speech because he breached the oath to defend the

He failed to hold national

"Thanks to his role, the caretaker government lasted Obama has not commented two long years, denying people the rights to vote and have a

Salauddin also accused the

Replying to a query, he said, "We chose him as president On election of the deputy speaker, BNP Vice-president and lawmaker MK Anwar said, "They (ruling party) have

elected deputy speaker without

any discussions with us, even

though they had pledged the

post to the opposition." Earlier, BNP Parliamentary Party (BNPP) picked Joynal the opposition. deputyleader of the opposition. lajuddin was elected presi-

dent after AQM Badruddoza

Chowdhury resigned the presi-

BNPhigh command.

adviser's role at the end of October 2006 apparently on dictates from BNP. But his failure to discharge nation into political turmoil. On January 11, 2007, he stood down as chief adviser, declared a state of emergency and suspended the ninth parliamentary election then scheduled for January

22 that year. Fakhruddin Ahmed took over as the caretaker administration chief and had a new council of advisers. BLACKBADGE route. Led by Chairperson Khaleda

Azam Khan, a candidate for the post of chairman in

Nazrul Islam Babu, and

stuffed ballot boxes ousting

the polling agents of candi-

over of polling stations by AI

leaders and activists in Raipur

and Ramganj upazilas of

Laxmipur, in Nasirnagar of

Brahmanbaria, in Porshuram

and Fulgazi upazilas of Feni,

and in Nagarpur of Tangail

were also filed by defeated

AL backed candidate

Golam Noor of Nasirnagar

upazila in Brahmanbaria

candidate Ahsanul Haq

Master's men captured 17

Result sheets

The EC is now checking the

result sheets as it yesterday

received more than 100 com-

plaints about mostly ruling

exercised franchise. The

stuffed ballot boxes.

Secretariat premises.

upazila of Dhaka.

candidates.

Similar allegations of take-

dates backed by rival parties.

Kaliganj upazila of Gazipur, alleged that AL lawmaker Meher Afroz Chumki cam-

paigned for her uncle there and even intimidated voters. BNP backed chairman candidate in Araihazar upazila, ALhaj Shariful Islam, along with two other candi-

> interested in listening to the address of a president who violated the constitution by failing to hold the general election in 90 days even after assuming the office of the chief adviser to the caretaker gov-

nated lajuddin for presidency

polling stations there and "Ahsanul's musclemen chased one of my polling agents, Oli Mian, out of a polling station, and stabbed him with a spear," Golam Noor told reporters on the EC

mandate to the newly elected government to bring a massive change in their political and In achieving the goals, the president urged all citizens irrespective of their political affiliations to forget personal interests. "I urge upon all con-

ensure security to lives and property of the masses," he

rience and political sagacity. On foreign policy, the president said Bangladesh is the only Muslim majority country where the people have given their verdict for establishing a non-communal democratic Bangladesh. "Diplomatic initiatives are to be taken in order to project Bangladesh as

Before delivering his

and sovereign Bangladesh.

makers will participate in discussion on the motion and

filed against him by the Anticorruption Commission

against him by the National Board of Revenue (NBR). He was sentenced to eight years' imprisonment in this case on The court also issued

the Appellate Division headed by Chief Justice MM Ruhul Amin stayed for six months the High Court (HC) verdict that permitted the Rahman's lawyer said that

Rahamn Mollah won the Dhaka-5 seat in the Fugitive Obaidul Karim also surrendered before an HC

day before. He sought bail in

"Many have already foraccounts of politicians, busi-

lawmakers from BNP. League leaders who are facing

MPINJAIL

The state minister further

power is being reduced as part of our plan to minimize | and staffs of the law ministry expenditure," he said.

FROM PAGE 16 the world's carbon emissions are needed to brake a trend

significant, long-term expan-

liser causes an explosion in oxygen-gobbling algae.

marine species.

FROM PAGE 16 Arrested female muggers are Helena, 26, Rashida, 28, Shamsunnahar, 20, and Gul

arrested Agyan Party members Jalil Mollah, 30, and Sunil Chandra Bhowmik, 52, from from them.

ment yesterday.

Police and family members

tonnes of iron rods of a nearby under-construction building Sabujbagh police recovered the body around 9:00am. Saddam Haji, owner of the

said the hands and legs of Jamir Ali were tied and his mouth was Criminals could have killed

Mujibur filed a case with Sabujbagh Police Station in this Kadamtoli police recovered the body of a youth behind a

7:30pm. The body of the youth wearsent to Dhaka Medical College

duplication. "We will verify the incident," he said.

own investigators. It is under its under the board. The NCTB was supposed to put textbooks of 38

subjects on the market on

January 15 and textbooks of 22

For this year's requirement