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explanations regarding the recommendation to ratify 50 ordinances out of 122. We will also try to know what public interest will be served by those.

The meeting also discussed whether the caretaker government had jurisdiction to promulgate the ordinances in the frequency with which it did so, Rahmat Ali added.

January 06, 2009, one was promulgated in 2006 by the caretaker government while being led by President Iajuddin Ahmed as the self appointed chief adviser, and the other two were promulgated by the president, also in 2006, following the last parliament's session before the caretaker government took over.

Forty one of those were promulgated as fresh laws, 60 were promulgated amending provisions of existing laws, while many of the remaining 21 were promulgated to repeal laws, of which many are not even effective anymore, according to a report submitted to the special committee meeting by the law ministry.

Seat order

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LDP Chief in the front row," Shahid told The Daily Star.

The BNP-led opposition remained absent in the House proceedings since Wednesday demanding three more seats in the front row as a condition to return to parliament.

Brutality beats

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Rajib Kazi, a neighbouring youth of Shewly, gave the girl a candy and took her to a nearby bus and violated her.

He strangled her as she started screaming and hid the body under leaves, they said.

Police arrested Rajib and his mother Hajera Begum Friday evening. Upon Rajib's statement the law enforcers recovered the body yesterday.

Police said during interrogation the youth admitted to violating and killing Shewly.

usual come out of the house with milk for selling it but went missing since then.

Sub-inspector Badrul Alam of Fatullah model thana said it is suspected that she was raped and strangled to death.

Her husband filed a case with Fatullah model thana. Police are yet to track down the killers.

Govt focuses

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took initiatives to boost Boro production after cyclone Sidr dealt a severe blow to Aus and Aman productions.

Khaleda

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across the country through looting, attacks, extortion and setting fire to people's properties," said Khaleda at a programme at Shahid Ziaur Rahman Mahabidyalya at Bagbari in Bogra marking the 73rd birth anniversary of party's founder Ziaur Rahman.

"They have killed over twenty activists," the BNP chief alleged.

She asked the Awami League chief to rein in her party activists and student organisations.

Khaleda said the government is deceiving people by deviating from their election pledges including the one of giving the post of deputy speaker to the opposition.

UN seeks safety

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Tiger political head B. Nadesan denied its fighters were holding civilians as "human shields", the pro-rebel Tamilnet.com website reported on Thursday.

"We have not imposed any restriction on individuals," Nadesan said.

The negotiations for the passage of more wounded came after UN chief Ban Ki-moon on Friday appealed to the warring parties to allow civilians trapped behind the frontlines to exit the area.

protection of civilians in accordance with international humanitarian law".

The UN agency for children earlier asked both Sri Lanka's government and the LTTE to give "absolute priority" to the safety of children and the civilian population caught up in the fighting.

BNP braces

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some fresh and energetic leaders. The powerful body will also discuss the party's parliament strategies, sources said.

Chairperson Khaleda Zia will preside over the meeting at her Gulshan office.

as most of the leaders think a fresh and energetic leader should be appointed in the post to gear up party activities across the country, said insiders.

Meanwhile, nine of the 11 associate bodies of BNP have remained without valid committees for the last two to 12 years as the party ignored democratic practices within itself, focusing only on the top leadership instead.

Hasina asks

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Hasina said.

She was speaking at a meeting with Awami League (AL) leaders and workers from Kotalipara upazila of Gopalganj at her political office in Dhanmondi yesterday evening.

Ekushey Boi Mela

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ceremony will be broadcast live by Bangladesh Betar.

The fair will remain open for all from 3:00pm to 9:00pm on working days and from 11:00am to 9:00pm on weekends.

Serena wins

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The win means the American, seeded second in the tournament, will also take the world number one ranking off Serb Jelena Jankovic.

Williams, 27, utterly dominated third seed Safina, allowing her opponent to win only eight points in the first set on her way to claiming the championship in less than an hour.

JMB worry

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guards in Rajshahi jail on January 17 and clashes that took place between Dhaka Central Jail guards and students of Alia Madrasa on January 24.

Islam said that over 150 members of the banned Jam'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) are currently being held at the central jail itself.

Bishwa Ijtema

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seeking divine blessing from Allah and is held over three days every year.

President Prof Iajuddin Ahmed, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, opposition leader in the parliament Khaleda Zia, various ministers and other VIP personnel are expected to participate in the Akheri Munajat.

The authorities have also placed around 50 medical teams at the gathering for free treatment facilities to the devotees. The law-enforcing agencies have put up a three-tier security system -- including helicopter patrol and close-circuit television (CCTV) monitoring -- in and around the venue.

No session

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When contacted, Deputy Sergeant at Arms Asaduzzaman Chowdhury came to the entrance and said he talked to the speaker who asked him not to allow any journalist inside.

War criminals

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Neelima Ibrahim Auditorium at Natak Sarani.

Poll expenditure

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four-party alliance candidate and BNP leader Rahim Uddin Varsha in Rangpur-4 constituency was the highest at Tk 14 lakh.

Overseas jobs

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average in the first 11 months last year.

hiring the workers.

Besides, Bangladesh workers are losing jobs in Singapore, which is facing serious global financial meltdown, mainly in the shipping business.

Thailand

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International called on Myanmar to stop persecuting the Rohingya people and urged neighbouring countries to meet their humanitarian obligations.