### Pak minister

He said, "There is no way to extradite Ajmal Kasab. We can conduct the trial of the accused who are in Pakistan. Ajmal Kasab has committed a crime in India and New Delhi can conduct the trial according to its

Pakistan on Wednesday identified Ajmal Amir Kasab as the "prime suspect" for the Mumbai terrorist attacks and formally requested India to hand him to facilitate "successful prosecution of other accused arrested in this country".

The Government of Pakistan has formally requested the Indian government to hand over the custody of Ajmal Kasab because he is the prime suspect and the rest of these suspects, they are abettors, they abetted the crime," Deputy Attorney General Sardar Mohammad

Ghazi, who has been appointed the Special Public Prosecutor for the trial of Pakistani suspects arrested for the Mumbai attacks, said it would be difficult to prosecute the accused if Kasab is not handed over to Pakistan.

"I am sure the Indian government is going to look into it. they are going to take a decision because without having the custody of Ajmal Kasab in Pakistan, I think it will be very, very difficult to prosecute the rest of the suspects," Gazi had told Dawn News channel.

At one point no less than Pakistan Prime Minister Yusuf Raza Geelani said they had demanded that New Delhi hand him over, a statement later refuted by Pakistan Information

Meanwhile, a seven of the probe conducted by authorities here in connection

been cleared by the Foreign Office, diplomatic sources said. The team will interact with

Pakistani law enforcement officials to discuss the findings of their probe into the November 26 Mumbai attacks, They said the FBI is also round up suspects and gather

expected to question the six suspects detained by Pakistani authorities in connection with the attacks which left over 180 people dead, including six two houses in Karachi that were Americans. These suspects used by the attackers and their include Lashker-e-Taiba operations commander Zakiur Rehman Lakhvi, its communication expert Zarar Shah and Hamad Amin Sadiq.

make a decision on sending an the government, Prime Agencytill March 3.

Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani has

Richard Holbrooke, the US Special Envoy for Pakistan and Afghanistan, had told Pakistani leaders during his recent visit to the country that India is willing to "let in Pakistani investigators to share further information on the Mumbai incident", Gilani

"So we are considering sending a FIA (Federal Investigation Agency) team to India but no decision has been taken in this regard as yet," he told reporters on the sidelines of an official function here yester-

The FIA conducted a probe into the Mumbai attacks after India handed over its dossier on the incident to Pakistan on January 5.

Pakistan gave India a set of 30 questions seeking more information on the Mumbai incident along with its response, which was handed

over on February 12. Interior ministry chief Rehman Malik had last week said Pakistani authorities had filed formal charges against nine suspects, including Ajmal Amir Kasab, the lone terrorist captured alive during the attacks. He said six of the eight other suspects had been detained while two are still at

Malik had also acknowledged that part of the conspiracy behind the Mumbai incident was hatched on the Pakistani soil.

The FBI has played a key behind-the-scene role in the sharing of information uncovered by Indian and Pakistani investigators. The FBI also has a sizable presence in the US embassy here and it is believed that some of its officials have conducted preliminary inquiries in Pakistan, including in Kasab's village Faridkot in Punjab province.

Islamabad last week handed over to New Delhi the findings of its probe. Pakistan's ninepage response to the Indian dossier included the findings of its investigation and 30 questions seeking further information from New Delhi.

Diplomatic sources said the information provided in the Indian dossier was used by Pakistani security agencies to vital evidence. In one case, GPS coordinates and phone numbers provided in the dossier helped Pakistani sleuths locate accomplices.

Both these houses were located after extensive surveillance and in one of them, offianother member of the group cials found a dinghy that was used by attackers for training at

An anti-terrorism court investigation team to India as judge has so far remanded four part of its probe into the suspects - Lakhvi, Shah, Sadiq Mumbai terror attacks though and Abu al Qama - to the custhe issue is being considered by tody of Federal Investigation

### Thai PM asks media for evidence of Rohingya abuse

AFP, Jakarta

Thai Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva called Saturday on the international media to provide evidence to back up allegations the Thai military abused Myanmar migrants.

Thailand has faced criticism over claims that its security forces abused migrants from the Rohingya Muslim minority, hundreds of whom have been rescued in Indian and Indonesian waters in recent months.

Thai authorities have not found "the kinds of abuses that are claimed by some of the people that have spoken to the international media, Abhisit told reporters after meeting Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean) Secretary General Surin Pitsuwan."But I have at the same time insisted that if handcuffs during a news should submit it to the Thai government and the human

### Govt calls

yesterday made a clarion call for forming all-party committee in every mohalla to combat terrorism and militancy.

"Form committees drawing members from senior citizens, political parties and their front organizations, social organizations, educational institutions and religious leaders to fight against extortionists and militants, the home minister said.

She made the call while talking to reporters after a discussion meeting marking the Shaheed Day and International Mother Language Day at Aziz Master Academy at Manikdi in the

Replying to a question she said the home ministry will give guidelines for constituting the committees.

JMB has been campaigning for establishment of Islamic rule in the country. The outfit, was banned after the staging of synchronized serial bombings in all but one of the 64 district headquarters on August 21, 2004.

Several hundred JMB members were arrested since then. Six top leaders, including their chief Shaikh Abdur Rahman, were hanged to death during the rule of the last caretaker government.

### 1971 war role

Speakers at the meeting also criticised the placing of wreaths at the Shaheed Minar to pay tribute to martyrs of the Language Movement.

Referring to the governway in the country to humili-

the language movement are today placing wreaths at the Shaheed Minar ... I will not talk about what they are doing now...," Rafiqul Islam Khan, ameer of Jamaat's Dhaka unit,

that historic day in 1952. Since the Unesco proclamation, 188 countries across the globe observe the day to promote linguistic diversity, multilingual education, and to raise awareness about

the tenure of the four-party alliance government, he said, A special prayer was also adding, "We have just recovheld at Baitul Mokarram ered it.

When contacted, Abdul Aziz said the building is his paternal property, which was The state-run Bangladesh rented out to Dainik

the occasion. BTV telecast the and editor of the newspaper, wreath laying ceremony live told The Daily Star that the from the Shaheed Minar while youths vandalised his office and press and also looted

The Ekushey Book Fair at Rahman filed general diaries Bangla Academy that started with the Netrakona Police from the 1st of this month was Station in connection with the also seen much colourful and incident.

moving towards the fair soon the police station Abu Tahar after placing wreaths at the Mia said, "We could not act Central Shaheed Minar in a immediately after the incident as we were very busy with

evidence otherwise they rights commission, which is an independent body in Thailand.

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"The days are not so far off when terrorism and militancy will be rooted out," she added.

by Jamaat-e-Islami at the Al-Falah auditorium in city's

led the movement.

ment's initiative for trial of war criminals, the speakers said that a conspiracy was under-

Motiur Rahman Nizami said it would be 'suicidal' for Bangladesh to form a regional task force and or agree to the corridor with India in the name of economic develop-

ATM Azharul Islam, Nurul Islam Bulbul, Selim Uddin, among others addressed the

meeting. based organisation, directly opposed Bangladesh's war of independence. Many of its leaders allegedly committed war crimes.

### Mobile school

FROM PAGE 16 initiative to set up such a school is unique. The local lawmaker has set an example for others by establishing it without seeking government help, he added.

Mannan inaugurated the mobile school.

Speaking on the occasion, Nurul Islam said majority of the children in different slums in the city have no access to education.

his 'project' to other areas of | the destination. the city.

teacher of the school, said the bus would arrive at a particular place at a fixed time every day and students would study inside the vehicle.

### More JMB grenades SCBA polls on Mar 24, 25

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Gazipur were made after seven other JMB operatives including three women had been arrested the day before with seven grenades, a huge quantity of other explosives, and jihadi books and CDs in their possession.

They new arrestees are identified as Nasrin Aktar, 22, Atikur Rahman, 20, Zahid Hasan, 21, and Masud Rana,

Nasrin is from Chinir Bandar in Dinajpur, Zahid from Sherpur, and Rana and Atikur are from Gaibandha. They were living in that house for the last two months, locals

The new arrests were made upon information given by Mamunur Rashid, a JMB operative who had exploded a grenade Friday afternoon injuring at least 13 people including nine police and three journalists while in the international media have | briefing in the office of Gazipur police superinten-

Nazmul Islam Khan, acting officer-in-charge of Joydevpur police station, told The Daily Star that the new arrestees said Nasrin's husband Mir Hossain is their leader. All of them confessed to being activists of the outlawed Islamist outfit, police added.

The bomb disposal unit of Rab diffused the grenades this time.

In another drive, police arrested two JMB men from Sarishabari and Sadar upazilas of Jamalpur district IGP added.

Friday night. They are identified as Mukhlesur Rahman Mishu and Abdullahel Kafi.

Our Nilphamari correspondent reported that Rab arrested another IMB activist from a char (shoal) in the River Tista around 5:00am yester-

The arrestee is identified as Monowar Moulana, 45, son of Golam Farid of Solmari Alsiapara village in Jaldhaka upazila of the district.

Rab-5 arrested him on information given by the JMB operatives arrested earlier. Officer-in-charge of

Jaldhaka Police Station Narendra Nath Sarker confirmed the arrest, but said Rab had yet to hand him over to Talking to The Daily Star, Rab Director General Hasan

Mahmood Khandaker said,

"We can't say that JMB is not active, but now they are not that organised. They, however, are trying to reorganise them-He declined to disclose the sources of JMB's explosives

and funding, 'for the sake of investigation'. Inspector General of Police Nur Mohammad said, "JMB is still active, but not to the

extent that we can't handle." The IGP admitted that they suspect the JMB operatives collected the explosives and made the grenades and bombs to carry out attacks.

"The organisation didn't spring overnight, so it will take some time to defeat it," the

### JS seat row

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"If she (BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia) is satisfied and convinced, we'll likely to join the parliament proceedings tomorrow [today]," he added.

A close aide of the leader of the opposition also hinted that Khaleda herself is in favour of returning to the House.

"Everything will be decided at tomorrow's parliamentary party meeting," the close aide of Khaleda said. The BNP-led opposition

lawmakers have been boycotting parliament since January 28 in protest against the seat plans rearranged by Speaker Abdul Hamid. In the new layout, the opposition lawmakers were

allotted four seats in the front row and four more in the second row. Hamid's predecessor Jamiruddin Sircar allocated all 10 front-row seats for the opposition lawmakers including Liberal Democratic Party

(LDP) President Oli Ahmed.

made by Hamid, two ministers -- GM Quader and Dilip Barua -- and three lawmakers --

Haque Inu and Majibur Rahman -- got seats in the front row. The others on that line are

and her deputies Salauddin Quader Chowdhury, MK Anwar and Shah Mofazzal Hossain Kaykobad, and Oli Ahmed of LDP. The chief whip-level talks

Hamid to resolve the row on February 19 ended with neither side agreeing to disclose the outcome to the media. Leader of the Opposition

Khaleda Zia convened a BNPPP meeting for Sunday

resume on Sunday.

## Khaleda denied

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went to them.

Usually, the leader of the opposition of the House gets the privilege of placing wreaths at the Shaheed Minar after the president, the prime minister, the speaker and the deputy speaker.

However, several organisations were seen placing wreaths at the Shaheed Minar before Khaleda.

Dhaka University (DU) Vicechancellor (VC) Prof AASM Arefin Siddique refuted the allegation of disrespecting the opposition leader and not maintaining protocol.

Talking to The Daily Star last night Prof Arefin said the BNP chief failed to show up on time. He said the time between her arrival and the deputy speaker's placing his wreath was utilised and a number of organisations paid their respect to the language heroes.

"She [Khaleda Zia] placed her wreaths as soon as she reached the venue," the VC said. Expressing her anger after placing wreaths at the Shaheed

Minar around 12:20am, the BNP chief told the DU VC and his colleagues, "You have failed to maintain neutrality in conducting the ceremony." Khaleda, however, stopped

the angry BNP leaders who had started chanting slogans against the VC. "Such a situation cannot be

A close aide of Khaleda told The Daily Star that Khaleda was scheduled to place her wreath at 12:10am and she had left for the Shaheed Minar accordingly. He said law enforcers in charge of her motorcade took several detours and had stopped at a He said he plans to expand | few places before taking her to

> conspiracy to undermine Khaleda'simage. Opposition Chief Whip Joynal Abedin Faruk told The Daily Star that they had earlier informed the university author-

He claimed it was all part of a

ities about the time of Khaleda Zia's arrival at the Shaheed Minar but the authorities failed towork accordingly.

"There was no proper security, except a few members of Bangladesh National Cadet Corps (BNCC) and Scouts, for the former premier as she placed the wreaths," Faruk said.

#### Language day FROM PAGE 16

anthems and hoisted national flags of the two countries there. Later, discussions and cultural programme were held on

Afil Uddin was the chief guest at the programme organised by the International Mother Language Day Observance Council at Benapole while Lok Sabha member Amitav Nandi and Transport, Sports and Youth Welfare Minister of West Bengal Subhash Chakravarty were the

The Indian delegation led by Amitav Nandi joined the programme at Benapole at 11:00am and released pigeons and balloons.

Amitav Nandi said although the imperialist British government divided the land, they could neither split our language northe bond of love.

Faruk Mohammad at about 1:00pm welcomed another Indian delegation led by West Bengal Minister Subhash Chakravarty who brought one lakh pieces of sweetmeats by a decorated truck. Later, a Bangladesh team led by Afil Uddin and Mostafa Faruk

went to the other side of the border to join the programmes on the Indian side. Udichi Shilpi Gosthi of Bangladesh and artistes of Pather Panchali in Kolkata presented cultural programmes

Because of the changes

Rashed Khan Menon, Hasanul

tion with BIWTA and police officials and another high level BIWTA team headed by a joint secretary of the ministry

Faruk on Thursday said the BNP parliamentary party will meet and decide about the next course of action before All 12 seats in the next row too the House proceedings

## received the bodies while few

FROM PAGE 16 mander, told The Daily Star. Chief Coordinator of the Sector Commanders Forum Harunur Rashid said those who deny the War of Liberation deny the existence

charged with treason. Rights activist and former adviser to the caretaker government Sultana Kamal said the remark is baseless and a crude lie because Bangladesh fought the Pakistan occupation forces with declaration of

war on March 26, 1971. Sultana, also a freedom fighter, said after nine months of fighting the joint forces joined the freedom fighters in December.

once again being revealed through such remarks. "Noone is more hated than those who deny the Liberation War."

According to newspaper reports, former secretary to the government and former chairman of Islami Bank Bangladesh Ltd, Hannan, at a discussion organised by Sangskritik Oikya Front at the National Press Club on Friday said: "To my knowledge no war had taken place between Pakistan and Bangladesh in 1971. I have come across no such information in the books of history published abroad."

"I'll not make any comment because I'm already a victim of injustice by a section of newspapers."

## JMB now small

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STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The annual election of the

Supreme Court Bar Association

(SCBA) for its 14 executive posts,

including president and secre-

tary, will be held on March 24

Supreme Court (SC) have been

rolled to cast their votes in the

country's prime bar association

the election will take place

between the panel of ruling

Awami League backed

Bangladesh Sammilita Ainjibi

Samannay Parishad (BSASP)

and main opposition BNP

backed Bangladesh

Jatiyatabadi Ainjibi Forum

The BJAF has already final

ised its panel for contesting the

election. The BJAF has nomi-

nated senior lawyer Khandaker

Mahbub Hossain for its presi-

dent post while Helaluddin

Mollah for secretary post,

finalise its panel after holding

election of Dhaka Bar

Association and Taxes Bar

Association in Dhaka to be held

on Wednesday and Thursday

(Feb 25 and 26) and Thursday

for the post of president are

senior lawyer AFM

Mesbahuddin, Mansurul Huq

Chowdhury and SA Rahim

while for the post of secretary

are Azaharullah Bhuiyan, SM

Rezaul Karim, Jahangir Hossain

Salim, Rabiul Alam Budu,

mittee at a meeting on Friday

fixed the schedule of the SCBA

submission date for the nomi-

nation papers is March 1 to

March 10 while last date for

withdrawal of the candidature is

Fazlul Haque will lead the

seven-member election sub-

committee to conduct the SCBA

poll, the sources said adding

that the aspirant candidates

have already started seeking

4 bodies found

same afternoon the accident

took place, after recovering 27

dead bodies and was officially

declared completed at 7:00

formed by district administra-

inspected both the vessels

Mahfuz Zaher, joint secretary

The enquiry committee

votes in favour of them.

pm Thursday evening.

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yesterday.

Advocate Abul Kashem

March 14.

The SCBA executive com-

According to the schedule,

Abdur Rob and Abdur Rashid.

BSASP's aspirant candidates

(Feb 26) respectively.

Sources said the BSASP will

according to the sources.

(BJAF).

Sources said main contest in

About 1,800 lawyers of the

Hanif was arrested last year in the city's Mirpur area.

"It's quite urgent to nab these men who we believe are reorganising their cadres under the leadership of Saidur Rahman. They are also training new entrants to the outfit," said an investigator who would not be identified talking about the

A Rab source well placed to comment on the JMB operatives rounded up in the last two years said most of them are field-level cadres, and during interrogations they could not give much information about their organisational network. They said whatever they did they did on instructions from someone whose identity was meticulously hidden from

Referring to the information obtained in interrogations, an investigator said, "Our understanding is that the JMB leaders don't want to make the organisation big at this time as that might mean risking detection by the law enforcers. Rather, they prefer working in small groups with particular targets."

This strategy does not allow interrogators to get a bigger picture from the arrestees.

It has in fact made it difficult for the law enforcers to detect and dismantle the militant network, he continued.

"The most frustrating aspect

in the campaign against militancy is our failure to have moles infiltrated the terror network." To complicate matters further, relations between Rab and police personnel have

worsened due to professional

jealousy and ego conflict, said some other sources concerned. Rab has been leading the anti-militant drive since 2005. Till the caretaker government rule began, they worked effectively with cooperation from the

police. But in last two years, there was a serious lack of coordination between them.

Under the caretaker administration, police preferred running their own anti-militant be even more devastating as operations. They decided not to involve Rab in pursuit of their

Such an approach led to a gap between them and the elite crime busters in the crackdown

on militants. Things got worse as the then government high-ups did not intervene to thaw the relations between the two forces. Increasingly, Rab's enthusiasm wore thin, and they seemed to have lost the initiative in the fight against militancy,

source. "We were like 'okay...let them [police] go on their own if that's what they want'," said the

observed a highly placed

Speaking on condition of anonymity, another law enforcement official said, "You will see Rab-police coordination only in statements. It is absent at the field level, where it matters most. Friday's recoveries and

arrests made separately by police and Rab in Gazipur exposed the lack of coordination, he added. Rab has been after the militants in Gazipur for the last 15 days. But on Friday morning when the local police 'hap-

Ghortail village, they carried out a raid all by themselves. They did not even share the intelligence with Rab, said a source. "They wanted their success to hog the media attention and so arranged a press briefing in the evening during when the grenade blast took place. Around same time, Rab held a press meeting on the outcome

pened to have leads about some

JMB activists holed up at

Uttarkhan," added the source. Sources in law enforcement agencies said the strained relations between police and Rab are not only hampering the drive against militants but also undermining the efforts to contain other crimes.

of their raids at Konabari and

Speaking from his experience, an investigator said, "I'm afraid if we fail to pull apart the militant network, the JMB men will soon gather enough strength to repeat blasts like 2005. This time the result would they can now make grenades, bombs and other explosive devices out of local materials."

# Lok Sabha speaker

FROM PAGE 16 Prime Minister (PM) Sheikh Hasina exchanged opinions as to how the country's democracy and parliament could be

strengthened further.

Somnath observed that the massive victory of the Awami League-led grand alliance in the December 29 polls under the leadership of Sheikh Hasina, is positive for the regional democracy.

"People of the whole world are happy over the victory of the grand alliance that leads the country in restoring democracy," he was quoted as saying. The Lok Sabha speaker

made the observations when a six-member delegation led by him called on the prime minister at her official residence Jamuna yesterday evening. Bangabandhu Sheikh

PM's Office Secretary Mollah Wahiduzzaman were present. Briefing the media on the meeting, Press Secretary to the PM Abul Kalam Azad said the Indian Speaker also said members of parliament and Jatiya Sangsad officials could take training under an Indian government-run training

daughter Sheikh Rehana and

institute on parliamentary

Speaker of her new government's strong commitment to make the parliament more effective, Hasina said parliamentary standing committees have already been formed with active participation of the

speaker that at her own initiative, "members of the parliament (MP), instead of ministers, have been made chairmen of the standing commit-

cies for expediting development works, she said. Somnath informed the PM that in India there is a parliament-owned television channel which broadcasts sessions and arrange various talk

took initiative to introduce PM's question-answer session in parliament and live broadcast of parliamentary session on the national television and Somnath Chatterjee arrived here yesterday afternoon on a three-day visit at the

In reply, Hasina said she

counterpart Advocate Abdul Hamid to attend an orientation programme for the newly

# LTTE tries Kamikaze

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over the tightly-guarded capital while the remains of the second was found inside the Inland Revenue building, which caught fire. Witnesses said the wreck-

age was on the 13th floor

suggesting that the bomb-

kamikaze-style attack. "We have found a blown off arm of the pilot on an upper floor," an air force officer told reporters at the scene. He said a few pieces of the wreckage were found and they believed

at least two bombs.

The Tigers were believed to operate five Czech-built Zlin-143 aircraft smuggled into the island in pieces and reassembled. The country's only interna-

neighbouring India as rebel planes violated the country's airspace, officials said. Air force spokesman Janaka Nanayakkara said gunners had brought down one of the light aircraft near the international airport

"As one of the Tiger planes was fleeing, it was shot down near Katunayake,"

Nanayakkara said, adding that the body of a Tiger pilot had been recovered by troops.

Military spokesman Udaya Nanayakkara said the Tigers had bombed the main tax office, which caught fire. Several floors of the building were gutted. The office is located close to a luxury hotel, but there were no reports of foreign nationals among the casualties. Residents in Colombo said

they heard blasts shortly after the military ordered a blackout on Friday evening, plunging the capital and its half-amillion inhabitants into darkness as part of the air defence Anti-aircraft batteries then began firing into the night sky.

Military officials said they had tracked two aircraft of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), operating out of a narrow strip of land still under their control in the

The last Tiger air strike in the capital was in October

2008 when they bombed a power station, but did not cause any casualties.

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Ghazi HAD said.

Minister Sherry Rahman.

with the Mumbai terror attacks. The visit by the FBI team has

the sources told PTI.

Meanwhile, Pakistan is yet to sea, the sources said.

FROM PAGE 16 The entire Dhaka University campus and its surrounding areas turned into a human sea as youths, freedom fighters, politicians, foreigners and others walked towards the memorial with due reverence

Bhaiyer Rokte Rangano Ekushey February Ami Ki Bhulite Pari. As the clock struck a minute past midnight yesterday, President Zillur Rahman and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina placed wreaths at the Central Shaheed Minar to pay homage

in queues, many of them

singing in chorus 'Amar

to the Language Movement heroes amid tight security. Later, speaker advocate Akter Hamid and the deputy speaker, cabinet members, BNP Chairperson and Leader of the Opposition Khaleda Zia, Dhaka City Corporation Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka and Vice-chancellor of Dhaka University Professor

AAMS Arefin Siddique, among others, placed wreaths at the Shaheed Minar. Poetry recitation started long before people started paying homage to the martyrs FROM PAGE 16 and continued till 2:00 am. fter a four-hour break, it continued for five more hours.

salvation of the departed souls of the language martyrs. Television and Bangladesh Deshkanthaswar and three Betar, and private TV channels business houses. aired special programmes on newspapers published supplements highlighting the valuables. significance of the day.

National Mosque seeking

long queue. Yesterday was a public anotherwork" holiday. The national flag was hoisted at half-mast at the sary steps in this regard," the offices of government, non- OC added.

lively yesterday as people were

Shaheed Minar

at the residences across the country while black flags were also flown as a sign of sombre commemoration. Three-tier security measures were taken to avert any untoward situation, police said. Hundreds of security

personnel were deployed in

government, autonomous

and private organisations and

and around the Shaheed Minar on Dhaka University Unesco proclaimed February 21 the International Mother Language Day on Nov 17, 1999 to honour the sacrifices of language martyrs Salam, Barkat, Rafiq, Jabbar, Shafiur and another whose

name could not be known on

#### cultural traditions based on understanding, tolerance and dialogue.

occupied the building during

Anisur Rahman, publisher

Abdul Aziz and Anisur Officer-in-charge (OC) of

"But we shall take neces-

FROM PAGE 16 Maghbazar yesterday.

Some Jamaat leaders claimed Islamist forces originally began the language movement in the country. They claimed that Golam Azam, a former Jamaat ameer,

ate Islam and Islamist forces. "Those who once opposed

said. Jamaat Ameer Maulana

Jamaat-e-Islami, a religion-

tolerated," Khaleda said getting into her car. Former minister MA

Kona Chowdhury, a

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia

mediated by Speaker Abdul

after opposition Chief Whip Joynal Abedin Faruk briefed her about the negotiations.

hundreds of people remain

both sides of the barbed wire

guests at programmes on the other side.

Afil Uddin and Mostafa

on the Bangladesh and Indian

Golam Haider, superintendent of Barisal Central Jail, told The Daily Star that the two enquiry teams led by M

> and BIWTA director (adminis tration) and Abdullah Al Baki. additional district magistrate of Barisal, visited the detained crews of the cargo MV Sanim and recorded their statements in jail yesterday afternoon. Relatives of the dead

awaiting at the spot for their missing loved ones. Charge Hannan

of Bangladesh and should be

"All except those who were involved in killing and rape and arsons as the collaborators of Pakistani occupation forces know about the Liberation War," she said. She added now their character is

Contacted, Hannan said,

He alleged his comments were presented as one sided and out of context.

opposition party. She also informed the

The MPs will have office in their respective constituen-

shows on various constructive matters. Mujibur Rahman's youngest

> radio channels. invitation of his Bangladesh

# Apprising the Indian elected MPs.

laden light aircraft had crashed into the tax office in a the aircraft had been carrying

tional airport was shut down briefly and flights diverted to

where the military maintains its main air bases.

taken any of their aircraft.

The military has captured six out of the seven airstrips used by rebels, but security forces have -- until now -- not

north-east of the island.

#### However, one cannot be certain whether the Defence Minister is the last word on the subject. member FBI team from the US is expected to visit Pakistan next week to follow-up the findings