### CIA destroys nearly 100 interrogation videotapes

AP, Washington

The CIA destroyed nearly 100 videotapes of interrogations and other US treatment of terror suspects, far more than previously acknowledged, the Obama administration said Monday as it began disclosing details of post-Sept. 11 Bushera actions.

The interrogations were a highly contentious issue during the administration of President George W. Bush, with many Democrats and other critics saying that some methods used amounted to torture a contention Bush and other officials rejected. A criminal prosecutor is wrapping up his investigation in the matter.

Monday's acknowledgment, however, involved a civil lawsuit filed in New York by the American Civil Liberties Union seeking more details of the interrogation programs following the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks.

"The CIA can now identify the number of videotapes that were destroyed," said the letter submitted in that case by Acting US Attorney Lev Dassin. "Ninety-two videotapes were destroyed."

It is not clear what exactly was on the recordings. The government's letter cites interrogation videos, but the lawsuit against the Defence Department also seeks records related to treatment of detainees, any deaths of detainees and the CIA's send-. ing of suspects overseas, known as "extraordinary rendition.

At the White House, press secretary Robert Gibbs told reporters he hadn't spoken to the president about the report, but called the news about the videotapes "sad," and said Obama was committed to ending torture while also protecting American values.

ACLU attorney Amrit Singh said the CIA should be held in contempt of court for holding back the information for so

"The large number of videotapes destroyed confirms that the agency engaged in a systematic attempt to hide evidence of its illegal interrogations and to evade the court's order," Singh said.

Little said the agency "has tion in the civil lawsuit were certainly cooperated with the dealt with. Department of Justice investiagency policy to impede the atecomment.

enforcement of American law, they simply don't know the US to send

two envoys

The United States will send two

envoys to Syria, Secretary of

State Hillary Clinton said

two officials to Syria," Clinton

issues we have between Syria

and the United States as well as

the larger regional concerns

Feltman, undersecretary of

state for the Middle East, and

Daniel Shapiro, a senior official

from the White House. The pair

are currently travelling with

Hillary Clinton and will leave

for Damascus when the secre-

tary leaves Israel on

Syria some of these bilateral

what the future of our relations

concerning Syria might be,'

she said. "We don't engage in

discussions for the sake of

to them, there has to be a per-

few words with her Syrian

counterpart Walid Muallem

during an international confer-

ence on Gaza reconstruction in

cially tense under president

George W. Bush's administra-

tion, which accused Damascus

of supporting terrorism and of

turning a blind eye to the flow

of arms and supplies to insur-

Relations deteriorated

sharply after the February 2005

assassination of Lebanese ex-

premier Rafiq Hariri in a Beirut

bombing widely blamed on

Syria. Damascus has repeat-

But US President Barack

edly denied any involvement.

Obama has promised to pur-

sue "principled and sustained"

Eastern states, including Syria.

engagement with all Middle

And earlier this month

everal leading US

Congressmen including

Senator John Kerry visited

Damascus for talks with

President Bashar al-Assad.

The dead

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gents in neighbouring Iraq.

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AFP, Jerusalem

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tions of terror suspects, and the existence of tapes documenting those sessions, have become the subject of long fights in a number of different court cases. In the trial of Sept. 11 conspirator Zacarias Moussaoui, prosecutors initially claimed no such recordings existed, then acknowledged after the trial was over that two videotapes and one audiotape had been

The Dassin letter, dated March 2 to Judge Alvin Hellerstein, says the CIA is now gathering more details for the lawsuit, including a list of the destroyed records, any secondary accounts that describe the destroyed contents and the identities of those who may have viewed or possessed the recordings before they were destroyed.

But the lawyers also note that some of that information may be classified, such as the names of CIA personnel who

"The CIA intends to produce all of the information requested to the court and to produce as much information as possible on the public record to the plaintiffs," states the letter.

The separate criminal

Former CIA director Michael Hayden acknowledged that waterboarding simulated drowning was used on three suspects, including two whose interrogations importers and letbebroost stew iong been used with brossessing

John Durham, a senior career prosecutor in Connecticut, is leading the criminal investigation, out of Virginia, and had asked that he be given until the end of February to wrap up his work CIA spokesman George before requests for informa-

gation. If anyone thinks it's Tom Carson, had no immedi-

## How they were

orange and violet masks forced

them to take up arms from the armoury.

A BDR soldier from Battalion-44 said that they were scared when they heard that two BDR Jawans had already been killed for refusing to comply.

Many said the masked Jawans were directly involved in the killings. Many also claimed that the general BDR soldiers knew nothing about any pre-planned conspiracy to carry out the massacre.

Describing the first moments of the mutiny, a Jawan said, "We general solders were waiting for the programme at Darbar Hall to begin. Suddenly we heard gunshots at around quarter past nine. Along with others, we ran away from the Darbar Hall and returned to our battal-

"Within a few minutes, a group of masked Jawans came over and instructed us over mikes to collect arms from the armoury, saying that otherwise we would lose our lives," he

Wednesday last. It was difficult to know who have already died and some was who as thousands of BDR other starving birds were seen p~sonnel from 46 battalions of yesterday slumbering on the 12 sectors were inside Pilkhana to mark BDR week at the time, verge of death.

The deer were running to he said. The men said that many of the boundary walls of their them felt helpless when they cage every time men were realised what was going on and passing by with hope to get they had no option but to flee some food. However, as the the compound. They wore frantic search for the victims plainclothes to avoid being of the carnage continued, no one had any time to pay any

caught, they claimed. Those who had fled in attention to the unfortunate plainclothes and abandoned their uniforms are now worried about the consequence of their actions. They were also worried

about their future. Some Jawans said that right from the minute the mutiny started the Jawans have been under pressure -- first they were forced to take up arms, then they faced possible arrest or shootings as they fled for their lives and now -- as they followed the government order to report back -- they had no

clue what would happen to

The details of interroga-

viewed the tapes.

investigation includes interrogations of al-Qaeda lieutenant Abu Zubaydah and another top al-Qaeda leader. Tapes of those interrogations were destroyed, in part, the Bush administration said, to protect the identities of the government questioners at a time the Justice Department was debating whether or not the tactics used during the interrogations were legal.

Durham's spokesman,

uncertainty since February 25

though I did not take part in the

mutiny. My entire family is

worried about my future," a

personnel in uniform and

plainclothes have reported

back to duty following the

government order, sources said.

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she herself have had no food

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The fawn, moving in des-

It is not only the young

deer, but also all the other

animals inside the mini zoo

that have been starving since

the day the mutiny broke out

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given any food -- not even a

drop of water -- since

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After journalists drew the

attention of an army soldier to

provide the animals with

some food, some soldiers

The starving deer rushed to

Later, a soldier was given

There are quite a few variet-

the responsibility to feed and

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pile of leaves as soon as they

were dropped inside the cage.

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take care of the animals.

The caged animals, forgot-

BDR Zoo

for the past week.

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miracle.

animals.

on February 25.

Around five thousand BDR

Jawan from battalion-2 said.

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(ARTILLERY) 8. MAJ MOHAMMAD MAKSUM-UL-HAKIM (ARTILLERY) 7. MAJ SYED MD IDRIS IQBAL

(ENGINEERS) 6. MAJ MD RAFIQUL ISLAM (AC) 5. MAJ MUHAMMAD

MOSHARRAF HOSSAIN (ORDNANCE) 4. Maj Mohammad Mominul

ISLAM SARKER (AC) 3. Maj Mostofa Asaduzzaman (AC)

2. Maj SM Mamunur Rahman 1. SOLDIER MD JAHURUL ISLAM CIVILIANS KILLED 1. TAREQ AZIZ 2. AMZAD ALI 3. HRIDOY HOSSAIN

4. KALPONA

5. FIROZ

Far away from hospitals in the capital only FROM PAGE 16

kids were crying to see their father buried. I had to loan to manage a burial place for him in my village," said Rasheda, who cooks in residences and earns Tk 1,800 a month.

Besides Rasheda, her second son Moslem is the only earning member of the seven-member family who earns Tk 2,000 per month. They live in a shanty in Boubazar in Sonar Tangor in Hajaribagh in a single room at Tk 1,200.

Rasheda explained how she loaned about Tk 10,000 for taking her husband's body to Mymensingh. Amzad was buried at her father's residence as he did not have any parental property.

"I even had to pay for the post-mortem though the government should have taken the responsibility. I cried to police officers, army men and medical officers and managed to reduce the postmortem payment to Tk 2,500 from Tk 3,000," Rasheda

The family visited the MP hostel on national parliament premises yesterday morning to seek some assistance and is requesting Hajaribagh police for a report required for that. Amzad was bullet-hit in

the head while going for medicine from BDR hospital on the first day of mutiny. The family of Hridoy Hossain, a vegetable vendor aged around 13, did not

even find the body at first.

to find the body lying unidentified at Dhanmondi Police Station. "He is just a vendor. Could

he lay down his life for the country? How can we ask for compensation or justice as he is not a soldier? Where should we go for justice?" said Raja Mia Bepari, father of Hridoy.

Hridoy was the second among six kids and they all live in a single room on Hazi Afsar Uddin Road in Jigatola. The family has already spent over Tk 50,000 for Hridoy, who was bullet-hit on the first day of mutiny.

"It seems I have become paralysed as Hridoy was the main caretaker of the family, said Raja Mia.

Tareq Aziz is the third civilian victim. He was a student of Peoples University in Mohammadpur and lived on Elephant Road. Tareq used to work in Destiny Group besides study to manage an earning for his family in Noakhali, neighbours say.

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kept at different places in the headquarters and supplied with foods. They are being allowed to join regular parade, but no official activities, he

Replying to a query, he said only those BDR men who reported back within the stipulated time were considered for entry to the headquar-They had to run to different ters.

#### Plot to foil

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Memorial Trust organised the seminar marking the March 7 speech of father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Saying that conspiracy against Bangladesh has not yet ended, Hasina said, "Plot is still on to foil the country's democracy, independence and sovereignty." She urged all to be alert about such "evil game and conspiracy".

"I don't know whether I could speak here today," she said adding the heinous BDR mutiny at its headquarters killing scores of army officers was unexpected but her government resolved the

with the people's fate," she parent elections. said vowing to continue her movement for bringing change in the people's life.

On the massacre of the army officers, Hasina said, "No incident could be more condemnable for the nation. Hasina, also the ruling

Awami League president, said the country was passing a crucial moment and all would have to be united to face the crises and to move forward. "We all have to

continue our battle for demo cratic and economic freedom," she added.

She went on saying that her party has assumed power vowing to bring changes and they would have to implement their election pledges and establish people's right foiling all conspiracy. Terming the December 29

national polls as the neutral and transparent polls in country's history, Hasina said people gave their mandate to AL for establishing a modern Bangladesh but plots are also going on against the mandate. She thanked the armed

forces for preparing an appropriate voters' list and "We won't allow any game holding free, fair and trans-The seminar was also

addressed by Memorial Trust Member Secretary Hafizur Rahman, Dhaka University professor Sonia Nishat Amin, Rajshahi university professors Abdul Khaleque and Shamsuzzaman Khan.

Hasnat Abdul Hye presented the keynote at the programme titled "Bangbandhu's 7th March Speech: Greatest Speech Forever"

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However, a good amount of explosives was still strewn over

Brig Gen Ziaul said 15 yet-tobe-defused grenades have been cordoned off inside the compound.

About the 'Operation Rebel Hunt', he said no innocent people will be harassed during the drive. "The words 'rebel hunt' themselves explain that only the rebels will be arrested after examining relevant information," he observed.

He said the army and other security forces are aiding Criminal Investigation Department in its investigation in the case filed with Lalbagh Police Station.

They will also help the committees formed by the government and the army to probe the mutiny staged by BDR jawans at Pilkhana last week. PROBETEAMS

The probe teams formed by the government and the army yesterday began formal work by visiting the BDR headquarters.

The reconstituted government probe committee headed by former secretary Anisuzzaman Khan met at the home ministry before visiting the BDR compound. Before leaving the ministry

for Pilkhana at around noon, Anisuzzaman told reporters he is hopeful that his committee will be able to submit a report within seven days. Army's enquiry committee headed by Quartermaster

General Lt Gen Jahangir Alam Chowdhury met in a building adjacent to the Officers' Mess at Pilkhana at around 12 noon. Gen Jahangir accompanied by several army officers entered the BDR headquarters at

11:45am.

After the meeting, they went to slain Maj Gen Shakil Ahmed's residence and the Darbar Hall where dozens of defenceless officers were massacred.

Later, they visited the Quarter Guard where many officers were held hostage during the 33-hour mutiny that ended last Thursday evening.

None of the media was allowed to enter these two places while the army enquiry team was inside.

"I have nothing to say after a day's visit," Gen Jahangir told reporters before leaving the scene after nearly a two-hour inspection.

Meanwhile, fire-fighters continued pumping water out of the ponds on BDR headquarters premises in search of bodies of the missing officers.

Army, Rab and police efforts to trace the missing officers too were on. HOMEMINISTRYNOTES

In a press note yesterday, the home ministry appealed for witnesses or those having

information about the vicious killings of February 25-26 to come forward. A box has been kept at the gate No. 2 of Bangladesh Secretariat for written statements of those willing to help the probe committee with

leads, says ministry release. The ministry requested the information providers to mention their name, address and telephone number. In another notification, it has requested the army officers,

who managed to survive the mutiny on February 25-26, to join work at the BDR headquarters as early as possible. According to the army head-

quarters, 40 of its officers deputed to the border force came out alive from Pilkhana.

#### North Korean missile activity from Japan

AP, Misawa Air Base, Japan

The US military is closely monitoring activities in North Korea from its bases in Japan ahead of the expected launch of a long-range missile that could be capable of striking US territory, officials said Tuesday.

North Korea said last week that it would launch a communications satellite into orbit. But neighbouring governments believe the satellite claim may be a cover for a missile launch and have warned the regime not to carry out any "provocative" actions.

Analysts say satellite images reveal brisk activity at a launch pad in North Korea's northeast.

US military officials at Misawa Air Base, which is on Japan's northern fringe just across the Sea of Japan from North Korea, said they are closely watching the situation but refused to provide any details about the possible timing of the launch.

"US Army forces in Japan are always vigilant and more than capable of defending Japan from any threat, including ballistic missiles, and as always we are work ing closely with our Japanese allies," Maj. James Crawford, a spokesman for the US Army in Japan, said Tuesday.

Amid heightened tensions, Japan's Defence Minister Yasukazu Hamada said it is "natural" for Tokyo to "respond to any situations" when asked whether the government plans to shoot down a North Korean missile.

Kyodo News agency also said Japan plans to deploy an Aegis radar-equipped destroyer carrying a missile interceptor to the Sea of Japan before Pyongyang's expected missile launch. Quoting unnamed

defence sources, Kyodo said the deployment of the interceptor was a precautionary measure as Japan cooperates with the US military on the looming missile threat. A Japanese Defence Ministry spokeswoman declined to confirm the report.

Japan, which is within easy range of the North's arsenal, has long been anxious about missile activity from North Korea, which in 1998 launched a long-range ballistic missile over its main island and well into the Pacific, almost reaching Alaska.

Since then, Japan and the United States have worked together on ballistic missile defence and have built a multibillion dollar ballistic missile shield that includes interceptor missiles both onboard ships at sea and Patriot missile units that ring Tokyo and are also positioned on the island of Okinawa where more than half of the 50,000 US troops in Japan are deployed.

#### Govt to probe

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the army-backed caretaker government involving Tk 1200 crore.

Food and Disaster Management Minister Abdur Razzak disclosed it in parliament yesterday while replying to a query of Awami League (AL) lawmaker Major General (retd) Abdus Salam.

The minister said the government decided to investigate the irregularities if any in implementing the scheme. The caretaker government allocated Tk 1200 crore in first phase under the project, he mentioned.

"Reports on alleged irregularities in implementing the programme were published in different newspapers and the order has already been given to investigate them, Razzak said.

He said action will be taken if any specific allegation is proved.

REMITTANCE EARNINGS Bangladesh has earned Tk 325, 010.78 crore in remittance from 1976 till January 2009 while the highest amount of remittance of Tk 62, 250.74 crore was earned in 2008.

This was revealed in a list placed by Expatriate Welfare and Overseas Employment Minister Eng Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain in parlia-Replying to lawmakers' queries, the minister also said

a total of 53,74,673 Bangladeshi workers are working legally in different countries while the number of illegal Bangladeshi workers is 11,570.

### US monitoring Terror attack

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"suggest the terrorists were well prepared and organised." A police official said two

civilians and six policemen guarding the players were killed in the attack as the team was heading for the third day's play in the second Test against Pakistan.

Sri Lankan officials said seven team players and a coach were wounded.

Star batsman Thilan Samaraweera and Tharanga Paranavithana were treated in hospital but out of danger, while Jayawardene, vice-captain Kumar Sangakkara, Ajantha Mendis, Thilina Thushara and Suranga Lokumal had minor injuries.

Assistant coach Paul Farbrace, a British national, was also hurt. Samaraweera is one of Sri

Lanka's leading players and earlier this week he became only the seventh batsmen in Test cricket to notch a double hundred in consecutive matches. Sri Lanka said it was rushing

its foreign minister to Pakistan in the wake of the assault, which Sri Lanka President Mahinda Rajapakse called a "cowardly terrorist attack." Pakistani President Asif Ali

Zardari and Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani also strongly condemned the "terrorist attack and ordered an inquiry. Two air force helicopters evacuated the Sri Lankan team

from the stadium to an air base, from where they were to be flown homeimmediately Experts defused two car bombs and recovered grenades, three kilograms (6.6 pounds) of explosives, a pistol

and a detonating cable. Blood stained the front seats of a vehicle used by Pakistan's elite force, the van raked with gunfire with its wheels shot up and radio system disabled.

There was no immediate

claim of responsibility although fears of attack by Islamic militants linked to Al-Qaeda have caused many cricket teams to cancel tours to Pakistan in recent years. Pakistani officials said the attack bore all the hallmarks of

the November 2008 assault on

the Indian city of Mumbai,

which was blamed on Pakistan-based Islamic mili-India's immediate reaction was to say that Pakistan needed to dismantle its "infrastructure of terrorism" and that security for the Sri Lankan cricketers had been "hope-

lessly inadequate. The attack also came as the Sri Lankan army pressed its final offensive against ethnic Tamil rebels in the north of the country in a civil war that has

cost tens of thousands of lives.

David Morgan, president of five one-day internationals in the International Cricket Dhaka and Chittagong.

Nayek Mohammad Firoj Ahmed of Barisal, and Jawan Mohammad Zakir Hossain of Nandail upazila in Mymensingh.

During the briefing, Nayek Firoj shouted out, "Sir, I was not arrested, I surrendered," prompting Rab officials to declare the briefing over, right

personnel, the names of DADs Towhid and Rahim are mentioned as principal accused in the case filed by Lalbagh Police Station Officer-incharge Nobojyoti Khisa in

officers and a sepoy, including the names of Towhid and Abdur Rahim. The three other named JCOs are DADs Abdul Jalil,

sepoy is Jawan Selim. At the end of yesterday's media briefing, Commander SMAK Azad, director of the legal and media wing of Rab, said the arrested five will be handed over to Lalbagh police, and later they will be forwarded to the Criminal

CID is the main investigator of the case, and Rab, Bangladesh Army and other government agencies are

personnel including suspected leader DAD Abdul Jalil, confined in Holy Family Hospital in total isolation in one room.

tion team. Jalil was taken to Holly

25 night by rescuers of the Red Crescent Society. He said he had no bullet wound, but was severely sick.

assistant superintended of police (ASP) of CID, who is leading the police investigation, told The Daily Star, "We are still collecting evidence from the crime scene."

Asked about the arrest of the 18 BDR personnel in the hospital, he declined to make

could not host international cricket unless it dramatically improves security.

"In the current situation, it clearly is a very dangerous place," he told BBC television, and questioned plans for the 2011 World Cup, due to cohosted by Pakistan, Sri Lanka,

"Things will have to change to be staged there."

forced Pakistan to change the venue of their one-day series in April/May to Dubai and Abu Dhabi because of security fears.

India also refused to send its team across the border following the Mumbai attacks and a spate of bombings in

Pakistan over the past year. Last month, security concerns raised by other teams forced the ICC to move the 2009 Champions Trophy out of

Dhaka expressed deep concern and condemnation at the attack in Dhaka.

attacked the Sri Lanka team's bus at the Liberty Market Square close to the Gaddafi Stadium where they were scheduled to feature in the third day's play of the second Test against hosts

Dhaka yesterday. He wished early recovery of the wounded cricketers and expressed sympathies to the families of those killed in the attack. He also hoped that South Asian countries would work together to free the region from

body in the country, also condemned the attack on the Sri Lankan players in the strongest possible term. "The BCB is deeply con-

and around the world", said a BCB media release. The BCB, however, con-

Bangladesh this month is on. arrive in Dhaka on March 7 to play two Twenty20 games and

# Towhid among

Of the five arrested BDR

connection with the mutiny. The case accuses over 1,000 BDR soldiers, specially mentioning the names of five junior commissioned (JCO)

Nasiruddin Khan, and Mirza Habibur Rahman, while the specially mentioned accused

Investigation Department (CID)

assisting it, Commander Azad Meanwhile, no one is being allowed to see the 18 BDR

Talking to The Daily Star on February 25, Jalil said he was one of the members of the 14member mutineers' negotia-

Family Hospital on February

Abdul Kahar Akond, senior

Council, warned that Pakistan

India and Bangladesh.

dramatically in Pakistan, in my opinion, if any of the games are Last month, Australia

Pakistan. DHAKA CONCERNED OVER LAHORE ATTACK

on the Sri Lankan cricketers in Lahore, Pakistan yesterday, reports out staff correspondent Eight people were killed and seven Lankan cricketers were injured when masked gunmen

Pakistan. The sports personalities are goodwill ambassadors and attack on them is a cowardly act," said a spokesperson at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in

the menace of terrorism. Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB), the game's governing

cerned at this unprecedented attack on cricket which is a symbol of hope and aspiration for millions in the sub-continent

firmed that until now Pakistan cricket team's tour to Pakistan are scheduled to

Replying to another question, ASP Akond said all three probe committees are exchanging information. Meanwhile, Rab-4 recovered seventy rounds of live

bullets from Gonoktuli Sweepers' Colony in Hazaribagh yesterday. Till filing of this report late last night 47 assault rifles, 46 sub-machine guns, 11 light machine guns, 198 grenades, and over 50 thousand bullets

#### were recovered from the BDR Pilkhana compound.

mutiny.

Khaleda FROM PAGE 1

operate. The probe body was

formed to investigate the BDR

"The jurisdiction of the probe committee should be broadened so that everything could be brought under investigation," she said, adding that the committee must be independent, neutral and influence-free. Questioning the government directive to the army to

arrest BDR mutineers only, she

said, "I want to know whether

non-BDR members involved in

the incident will be arrested. If

yes, who will arrest them?

People want to know whether suspects would be ousted from important posts and arrested." She, however, did not clarify what she meant by "suspects". The BNP chairperson said the people want to know "who entered the Pilkhana headquarters from outside, the

tant documents" She said people want to know what steps have been taken to recover the loot. Khaleda said, "The prime

minister said that she found

arms they brought in and how

they looted arms and impor-

similarities between the speeches of mine and members of the armed forces. But is it a fault? I just pointed out some mistakes made by the government in dealing with the Pilkhana massacre.' She said in order to divert public attention and not correct their mistakes, the prime

with the opposition and destroy the environment of unity and understanding. BNP leaders Saifur Rahman. Khandaker Mosharraf

minister and the ruling party

want to get involved in a debate

Hossain, Jamiruddin Sircar, Lt Gen (retd) Mahbubur Rahman, Altaf Hossain Chowdhury were present at the briefing among

## "I have been living in this

#### ies of birds and animals at the mini zoo inside the BDR headquarters at Pilkhana.