Israel's crackdown on Hamas: 12 leaders detained

AFP, Ramallah

Israel launched a new crackdown on Hamas yesterday, rounding up top leaders in the West Bank after the failure of efforts to secure the release of a soldier held by the Islamist rulers of the Gaza Strip.

Security forces seized 12 senior Hamas leaders in predawn raids in the occupied West Bank, including four members of the Palestinian legislative council, Hamas and the army said.

The Islamists denounced the action as "blackmail" following the collapse of Egyptian-brokered efforts to reach an agreement on an Israel-Hamas prisoner swap.

The Palestinian Authority, headed by Hamas's political foes Fatah, also slammed the arrests and called on the international community to inter-

These men have been the leaders of the ongoing effort to restore the administrative branch of the Hamas terror organisation in the region, while attempting to influence of Hamas," an Israeli military spokeswoman said.

Thirty-six Hamas MPs have been in jail since a major crackdown in the West Bank that followed the capture of Israeli soldier Gilad Shalit by Gaza militants including Hamas fighters in a deadly cross-border raid in June 2006.

On Saturday, Shalit will have been held captive for 1,000 days.

Among those arrested were Nasseredin al-Shaer, who was deputy premier in the shortlived Hamas government formed in March 2006, and two senior Hamas officials in the West Bank, Raafat Nassif and Adnan Asfur, the group said.

Western-backed Palestinian prime minister Salam Fayyad condemned the arrests and called on the international community to intervene "to pressure Israel to immediately free all members of Palestinian parliament whom they are holding.

A spokesman for president Mahmud Abbas, whose forces were booted out of Gaza by Hamas in June 2007 after deadly factional fighting, blasted the arrests as "kidnappings" aimed strengthen the power and at torpedoing reconciliation talks under way between Fatah and Hamas in Cairo.

The country's constitution,

passed and enforced in 1972,

says the state will ensure sepa-

ration of the judiciary from the

executive. But successive

governments avoided fulfilling

taker government promul-

gated two ordinances amend-

ing the CrPC and separated the

judiciary in line with the

ceased to have effect on

February 25, as those were not

to enact law necessary to keep

Criminals kill

businessman

Criminals hacked a transport

businessman to death in the

Khokon, 32, was rushed to

Hospital where the doctor on

duty declared him dead

brother of the deceased, said

Shahidul was attacked near

their residence at Konapara

while on his way to the Birdem

Hospital to visit his other

brother under treatment there.

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a feud over a piece of land near

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and feet of a student of Dhaka

Polytechnic Institute, Tejgaon.

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Hospital (Pongu Hospital) in a

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Group of Bangladesh Chhatra

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Attack threat

"We expect the govern-

ment to look into the security

BJP spokesman Siddharth

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But the twin ordinances

Later, Law Minister

Supreme Court directives.

Finally in 2007, the care-

the obligation.

Free judiciary

FROM PAGE 1 take cognisance of offences and hold trial with separation

of the judiciary by the immediate past caretaker govern Legal experts likened the

standing committee's proposal to undermining the spirit of the historic Supreme Court verdict on judiciary separation. However, they said, the

government is doing it all quite tactfully. Instead of vesting the cognisance authority directly in the executive magistrates, it is keeping the matter at its discretion.

Challenging the move Shafique Ahmed placed a bill legally might prove difficult until there is an instance of the government exercising the power, they added.

In the report, committee Chairman Suranjit Sengupta said, For some limitations, it was not possible to give the executive division magisterial authority directly."

He however claimed the committee tried to ensure that power is evenly shared between the judiciary and the

He said he believes the two Dhaka Medical College will complement each other and help establish a 'propeople judiciary' once the bill

is passed. "It is unfortunate but true that access to justice often goes beyond people's financial

capability," Suranjit observed. The report details the efforts since 1957 to separate the judiciary from the executive. Awami League in 1957 passed a law amending the CrPC for separation of the judiciary with a provision to enforce the law by a notification.

But as the notification was not issued, the judiciary was not separated," Suranjit said.

The report said separation of the judiciary is a political pledge first included in Juktafront's 21-point charter of demands in 1954. Later, it figured in the historic six- and 11-point demand.

In the national assembly on February 6, 1956, the report continues, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman said, "Judiciary shall be separated from the administration to ensure justice for people".

BTCL staff

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The Congress and Advani's and Khulna. Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) The directors are: Nur declined to comment on the Hossain Miah, Abul Kashem possible threat, saying inter-Miah, Kazi Abbasuddin, nal security issues were the Gulshan Ara and Kazi Indian government's respon-Manjurul Karim. sibility.

The senior accountants are: Sheikh Ali Ahammad, Idris Ali, Moniruzzaman aspect and provide protection Che dhury, ABM Fazlul to all leaders and candidates Haque, Dewan Mohammad of all political parties," said Akhteruzzaman, Abdul Mannan Talukder, Zahidur Rahman, Abdul Latif Howlader, Shahjahan Miah,

Masud Hasan, and Ayub Reza. The assistant directors are: Hemayet Uddin, Abdul Majid Miah, Sayed Shakhawat Hossain Chowdhury, Mohiuddin, Shawkat Ali Miah, Nurul Islam Chowdhury and

ATM Khaliquzzaman. The cases were filed with different police stations across the country.

FROM PAGE 16 heroin addicts. They said some of them might be even HIV positive. The addicts are can be tried under the Army advised not to share needles Act 1952, he said.

and maintain cleanliness. The trial process will be Locals, however, expressed transparent, and the accused dissatisfaction over the movewill be given opportunity to ment of drug addicts in their defend themselves, Shafique neighbourhood. added.

make law on real estate

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Three organisations yesterday demanded the government make a law on the basis of The Real Estate Management Ordinance, 2009 after necessary changes.

Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon (Bapa), Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (Bela) and Bangladesh Institute of Planners (BIP) made the demand at a press conference held at National Press Club. Vice President of Bapa Prof

Abdullah Abu Sayeed said, "Some organisations, including Bapa, Bela and BIP have placed various recommendations after examining the ordinance to ensure the rights of consumers."

"There are some loopholes of words in the ordinance which needed to be changed,' said Sayeed.

concerned to ensure the rights and interests of the flat and plot consumers. Among others, General Secretary of Bapa Abdul

Matin, architect Iqbal Habib and senior lawyer Bahrin Khan of Bela, among others, spoke at the conference.

Shujan asks

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confusion among people whether the government really wants to separate the judiciary from the executive, says a Shujan press release.

Shujan asked why the government opted to go for changes when things have gone well for one and a half years since the judiciary was separated in 2007.

It reminded the Masdar Hossain case and different directives of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court on the independence of the judiciary.

It also mentioned that the ruling Awami League in its election manifesto pledged to ensure real independence and impartiality of the judiciary.

It said, "There are three pillars of a modern state--the executive, the legislature and the judiciary. Even though these depend on each other, their independence is mandatory."

Shujan expressed hope that parliament would take firm steps to ensure separation of the judiciary and its independence, ending all concerns and confusions.

No reservation

FROM PAGE 1 BNP also alleged that government is using such national institutions to gain political interest.

"It is clear that such things are being done to influence the by-elections and we are protesting such activities of spoiling the national institutions, party spokesman Nazrul Islam Khan said referring to the initiative to form a probe committee against former speaker Jamiruddin Sircar and ACC's case against Khaleda Zia's son

He made this allegation at a press briefing at BNP chairperson's Gulshan office.

He said, we have no reservation about any probe but some incident raises question as the same institution (ACC) had held a press conference against Koko just before the December 29 parliamentary polls without carrying out any inquiry.

About the parliamentary inquiry against Jamiruddin Sircar, Nazrul Islam said, BNP is ready to cooperate with the fair activities of any institution like the parliament, the election commission and the anticorruption commission. But political motives regarding their activities are condemnable, he said.

Replying to a query, he said BNP has nominated former minister MK Anwar as member of the taskforce on economic recession.

Kamal Khan Sohel were also present.

BDR top brass

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BDR Director General Brig Gen Mainul Islam told The Daily Star yesterday, "Although it is a lengthy process, we have already made appointment to most of the posts that fell vacant following the massacre of BDR officials in the mutiny."

Asked about the country's border security, the BDR DG said, "We are trying to tackle the situation arising out of the mutiny and have been working to fill up the vacant posts in the sectors, battalions and companies as early as possi-

He said since all newly appointed officials are currently working at various places, it would take time to dispatch them to their new stations.

Govt asked to Judicial body

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FROM PAGE 16 anomalies in recruitment and procurement in the agriculture sector during last seven

years.

In response to a query of Awami League (AL) lawmaker Nasimul Alam Chowdhury, the education minister said everybody is aware of mass corruption and plunders of public money in education sector during the BNP-led alliance government.

"We hope it will be possible to take legal actions against the corrupt by identifying them," Nahid said informing the House about the ongoing process to form the judicial inquiry commission.

He said the current government has taken measures to abolish corruption from education sector and will show zero tolerance for corruption.

In reply to a query of AL lawmaker AKM Rahmatullah, the education minister said the government has identified He urged the authorities | the people involved behind the crisis in textbook printing and distribution. Actions are being taken against them.

Responding to AL lawmaker Suranjit Sengupta's proposal, Nahid said the rhetoric speech of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on historic March 7, 1971, would be incorporated in class-VIII textbook.

He said the historic proclamation of country's independence would also be included in the school textbooks.

The education minister said disorder prevails in the organogram and management of educational institutions since the ordinance on them ceased effectiveness. POLLS TO STUDENT

UNIONS In response to a query of Workers Party lawmaker Rashed Khan Menon, the education minister disclosed a list on the status of elections to student unions of public universities.

As per the list, students' union elections of major public universities were not held for over decades.

According to the list, elections to central student union and hall union of Dhaka University were not held since 1990, Rajshahi University since 1989, Jahangirnagar University since 1993, Chittagong University since 1989, Bangladesh Agriculture 1985, Bangabandhu Sheikh Majumder added.

University since 2003 and Bangladesh Engineering University, Dhaka since its inception. The education minister, however, said each of the public universities could hold students' union elections considering the atmosphere on the campuses. Hazari's case

Mujibur Rahman Agriculture

University since 2006, Sher-e-

Bangla Agriculture University

since 2001, Jagannath

University since 2008, Sylhet

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its inception, Comilla

University since its inception,

Chittagong Veterinary and

Animal Science University

since its inception, Dhaka

Engineering and Technology

University since its inception,

Patuakhali Science and

Technology University since

2001, Hazi Danesh Science

and Technology University

since 2002, Rajshahi

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Chittagong Engineering and

Technology University since

2007, Maulana Bhasani

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inception, Shahjalal Science

and Technology University,

Sylhet since 1998, Khulna

Engineering and Technology

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Mahmudul Huq directed Hazari to surrender before the trial courts within eight weeks and asked the government not to harass or arrest him during this time.

Justice Moyeenul Islam Chowdhury of the bench directed him to surrender immediately before the trial courts and serve the sentences handed out to him.

Hazari's lawyer advocate Abdul Baset Majumder yesterday told The Daily Star that following the split orders, the HC bench will now send the petitions to the chief justice for constitution of a special bench for disposal of the

He said the HC recently directed Joynal Hazari to surrender to the trial courts within eight weeks and asked the law enforcement agencies not to harass or arrest him in this period, in connection with 13 cases. He was also granted bail in one case.

Under the circumstances, there is no legal barrier to University since 1998, Islamic Joynal Hazari's free movement University in Kushtia since in the country, Baset

HR Watch for fair

ministry, Adams said at a press conference at the Dhaka Reporters Unity.

He voiced the US-based human rights body's concern over the recent incidents at the Pilkhana BDR headquarters.

Adams claimed that the HRW has information from a 'credible source' that the detained BDR jawans are being tortured during interrogation.

expressed worry about the overall human rights situation in Bangladesh.

Abuse of power, extrajudicial killings, torture in custody, arbitrary arrests and impunity for members of the security forces characterise the basic human rights situation in Bangladesh, he said.

"However, extra-judicial killings decreased in recent times.....hope the status will

persist in the future," he said. Asked why an international body would interfere in a country's internal matters, Adams said when it comes to human rights there is no internal matter. It is a universal issue and there is an international standard.

He said since Bangladesh is a signatory to several international human rights laws, it has to deliver.

Speaking on war crimes The HRW Asia director also tribunal Adams said the government should not rush with such a serious matter. If they are determined to do it, they should seek advice from experts keeping in mind its lengthy process and the immense political pressure.

He also called upon the government to ratify the Rome Statute for the International Criminal Court, which Bangladesh signed in September 1999.

Faruk: Trial soon

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this reason all necessary decisions have been made," said the minister after meeting US Ambassador John Moriarty Rizvi Ahmed and Maruf | and the chief of the eightmember FBI delegation at his ministry office. Faruk claimed that the

government enquiry committee investigating the BDR mutiny has made significant progress in their probe. However, he said, "I do not again, sources said.

know when they will submit their report but I know that they would talk to the government today [yesterday].' Faruk said the US ambassa-

dor introduced the chief of the FBI team. He said the FBI team Raj. would provide all sorts of assistance that the investigating committee needs to uncover the truth behind the BDR carnage.

assist our investigation team," he said adding that the team has experience in the probes of 9/11 and the recent attack in Mumbai.' He said he discussed some recording the statements of

bilateral trade issues with the witnesses to the mutiny.

US ambassador too.

Talking to reporters, Moriarty said the FBI team would continue assisting the Bangladeshi investigators to unearth the facts and truths of the BDR carnage. In the morning, the FBI

team, accompanied by Criminal Investigation Department (CID) investigators, visited the crime scenes at the BDR headquarters They also held a meeting at

BDR headquarters with the senior CID investigators in presence of CID chief Additional Inspector General of Police Syed Shah Zaman During their Pilkhana visit,

the CID investigation, told The

Daily Star that they were

the FBI personnel looked at all the pieces of evidence collected by investigators and members of the probe com-"They [FBI] have come to mittees, said a CID official. crore of the amount was kept for CID's Senior MRP and visa. Superintendent of Police Abdul Kahar Akond, who leads

Genuine list

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After a discussion on a private members' resolution, the speaker placed the proposal for voting and the lawmakers voted for it.

Awami League (AL) lawmaker Israfil Alam moved the proposal to cross out fake names from the Naogaon district freedom fighter list and also urged to include the ones who actually fought in the Liberation War. Some treasury and opposition bench lawmakers also urged for similar amendments in their respective constituencies. In response to the lawmak-

ers' proposals, State Minister for Liberation War Affairs BM Tajul Islam said since the country's independence, five lists of freedom fighters had been prepared. The BNP-Jamaat led alli-

ance government also prepared a list of freedom fighters enlisting many fake ones. The then government also deleted many names of real freedom fighters from the list, he said.

"We will scrutinise the list to drop the fake names at district and upazila levels and include names of true freedom fighters in it," said the state minister.

Manpower

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Rajasekaran said these workers were also forced to pay local agents of fake companies to obtain work permits. He claimed a worker, on an

average, has to pay between RM1, 000 and RM1, 500 in bribe locally known as 'coffee money' to home ministry officials to obtain permits.

"False employers having very good links with the ministry officials can easily manage a permit for just RM500 while workers are to cough up about RM3, 000 to RM3, 500 to get permits in addition to the money they offer to the recruiting agents in Bangladesh," he alleged. "The rest of this payment

that these workers then find themselves jobless. "The government cannot continue to turn a blind eye to the issue as these people are

brought in Malaysia and

goes to the fake companies,

he said adding the sad part is

maltreated," he added. Industrial relations officer of Club Employees Union Peninsular Malaysia Abdul Aziz Ismail stated they sent complaints about how foreign workers are exploited to different levels of Malaysian authorities but no action had so far been taken.

PM tells FAO

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Awami League government during the 1996-2001 period in turning Bangladesh into a food surplus country. Hasina thanked the FAO for

its cooperation in improving food situation of Bangladesh and assistances during various natural calamities including the cyclonic storm Sidr on November 15, 2007.

Spijkers assured the PM of providing FAO assistances in future to make Bangladesh a food-sufficient country.

When the prevailing world economic downturn came up in the discussion, Hasina said the government is fully aware of the urgency of protecting the country from the negative impact of the recession.

Already an all-party taskforce has been formed to monitor the situation and take necessary steps, she said. The FAO official recalled the

successful participation of Bangladesh in the 1996 World Food Summit under the leadership of Sheikh Hasina. He also expressed deep shock at the death of army

officers in the February 25-26 Pilkhana carnage and hailed the prime minister for tackling the crisis quickly and peacefully. Spijkers handed over a letter

of felicitation from FAO chief to Sheikh Hasina on her assumption of the office of Prime Minister.

MRP project FROM PAGE 1

have international passports

and 12 lakh new passports are issued annually. The home ministry projects the MRP demand at more than 30 lakh a year. Planning ministry sources

said the government would

earn around Tk 9,000 crore by

selling MRPs at a profitable rate in the next five years after the project is implemented. Of the 187 ICAO member nations, 115 including India and Pakistan have so far issued

MRPs to their citizens. In 2006, the home ministry sent the purchase committee a Tk 1,561 crore project for procurement of machine-readable passport, visa and national identity cards. More than Tk 750

During the caretaker government's rule in 2007-08, the home ministry revived the project but eventually decided to leave it for the following elected government.

BNP council

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leaders have urged the party high command to give them more time as they cannot stay in their respective areas due to threats and fearing attacks by their political opponents.

The BNP high command

will take a decision regarding upazila and district committees after getting reports from six central teams of the party who recently completed last month. exchange of view meetings with grassroots level leaders. Contacted, Abdullah Al

Noman, joint secretary general of the party, said, "Party council will be held timely but I am not sure whether it is possible or not to arrange it

everything in line with the spirit of democracy as the EC wants to ensure democracy

within political parties. Selima Rahman, another joint secretary general of BNP, posed the question, "How is it

due to threats and attacks by 'ruling party' supporters?"

They will arrange the council when political situation is stable for their party leaders and workers across the country, she added.

Both Noman and Selima said they are now preparing their reports on the meetings between them and grassroots leaders held at the party office

Earlier on October 20 last year, BNP submitted its amended constitution to the EC with the application for registration, and got registered on November 4.

The amended constitution of the party clips absolute within the six-month time authority of its chairperson to form party standing commit-He also said they will do tee and executive committee.

It also trims the party chief's sole power to expel anyone and dissolve or reconstitute any party committee. According to the revised

constitution, the party chief will exercise authority in possible to hold council consultation with the standwithin the time limit when ing committee, the highest leaders and workers of the policy-making body, which is party cannot stay in their areas to be elected.

45 woman MPs

gazette on elections for these

seats on March 22. The MPs-elect on AL ticket are: Ashrafunnesa Mosharraf (Dhaka), Jahanara Begum (Dhaka), Shahida Tareque Dipti (Dhaka), Shafia Khatun (Dhaka), Asma Zerin Jhumu (Dhaka), Momtaj Begum (Manikganj), Tarana Halim (Tangail), Dr Shirin Sharmin Chowdhury (Noakhali) Faridun Nahar Laili (Noakhali), Rubi Rahman (Noakhali), Zobeda Khatun Parul (Comilla), Amena Ahmed (Comilla), Cheman Ara Taiyab (Chittagong), Ethinab Rakhain (Cox's Bazar), Farida Rahman (Narail), Noor Afroj Ali (Khulna), Noor Jahan Begum (Jhenidah), Dr Hamida Banu Shova (Nilphamari), Sultana Bulbul (Dinajpur), Saleha Mosharraf (Faridpur), Raoshan Jahan Sathi (Jessore), Zebunnesa Haque (Sylhet), Tahura Ali (Jamalpur), Shaheen Monwara Haque seats.

(Naogaon), Nazma Akhter (Bagerhat), Apu Ukil (Netrakona), Mahfuza Rahman Rina (Joypurhat), Sadhana Halder (Pirojpur), Prof Zinnatunnesa Talukder (Rajshahi), Principal Khadiza Khatun Shefali (Bogra), Shefali Momtaz (Natore), Shawkat Ara Begum (Nawabganj), Farida Akhter Hira (Panchagarh), Ahmed Anmeen Sultana (Kurigram), Momtaz Begum (Munshiganj) and Parvin Talukder Maya (Barisal). The BNP MPs-elect are:

Begum Hira, Shammi Akter, advocate Asifa Ashrafi Papiya and Nilufar Chowdhury Moni. The MPs-elect from JP are: advocate Salma Islam, Noore-Hasna Lily Chowdhury,

Rehana Akter Ranu, Rasheda

Mahazabin Morshed. EC Deputy Secretary Jesmine Tuli, also the returning officer, announces the elections for the reserved

Nasrin Jahan Ratna and

31 rebels killed

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directions.

Chalai, a coastal village in Tamil Eelam (LTTE) guerrillas Mullaitivu, also killed eight have been cornered. more rebels Wednesday.

According the military, the LTTE which once controlled a major portion of the northern and eastern provinces of the island nation, have now been boxed into a mere 28 sq km land stretch in Mullaitivu, facing an unprecedented military thrust from various

Military spokesman Brigadier Udaya Nanayakkara said that the number of civilians fleeing the rebel-held areas was on the rise and over 45,500 internally displaced people have entered the government-held areas since the beginning of 2009.

Earlier about 1,000 men women and children left the area still under the control of the rebels on Wednesday to seek shelter with government forces, the ministry said.

It said 650 people had escaped by boat while the others walked through the jungle to reach troops in the coastal district of Mullaittivu

Power sector

FROM PAGE 16 France is one of the major

trade partners of Bangladesh and second among the European nations after Germany. France is ranked as the fourth largest export destination of Bangladesh. The bilateral trade between

the two countries was \$1.3 billion in 2008. Of which Bangladesh's exports were about \$1.2 billion, mainly the readymade garments. The commerce minister

told businessmen about the present government's intention in developing a congenial atmosphere for businesspeople. "We have already opened

online service of the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies for a better and quicker service. Now anybody can enjoy registration facility in just a week," Faruk said. On the fragile power situation in the country the minis-

ter said the government had

taken it seriously and made a

plan to overcome the crisis in phases. "The government is going

to generate some 500-700 megawatt of power by this year," he added.

"The government is discussing how it can start nuclear power generation in the country. We are talking on the issue with some countries," he told reporters.

where the Liberation Tigers of

"These civilians have revealed the continuation of forcible child recruitment by the LTTE for battle purposes and brutal killings of individuals and families who defy their orders," the ministry

Sri Lanka's government says nearly 40,000 people have left the conflict zone and sought

shelter in military-held areas. The country's military accuses the Tigers of using the civilians as cover, but the UN has said both sides could be guilty of war crimes and crimes against humanity.

another 31 Tiger rebels in separate clashes in Mullaittivu district on Wednesday. Independent verification of the casualty figures is impossible as most journalists, aid workers and interna-

tional observers are prevented

The defence ministry said

government troops killed

from entering the conflict 100-day job

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implementing the second phase of the programme," he The date for starting the

second phase would be fixed

after receiving recommenda-

tions from various sections, the minister added. The programme involving Tk 2000 crore was launched on September 15 last year, aimed at providing employment to the ultra poor people in the northern districts during monga period when there is no

employment in the areas. OfTk 1200 crore allocated for the first phase, about Tk 915 crore was spent in 1,01,059 projects across the country.

A total of 19,97,075 workers worked under the projects, according to the food and disaster management ministry statistics. The government launched a

chairmen and members. Four of them are now in jails. The government also recovered Tk 7 lakh from the corrupt

chairmen and members.

probe into the irregularities

following news reports and filed

cases against 10 union parishad

Acting Secretary of food and disaster management ministry Md Moklesur Rahman and joint secretaries Md Zahirul Haque and Mohammad Abdul Wazed among others were present.