BDR men

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Investigation Department in Pilkhana. (CID) yesterday arrested four more mutiny-suspects in the

Talking to The Daily Star, the BDR director (operation and training) confirmed the initiative and said the boarder guards are being taken back as part of official formalities because they were supposed to join here.

He however declined to say how many members had joined the camps outside the

Asked whether the BDR men are being taken back as suspects, the director said, "Until the investigation is completed, it is not possible to say who was involved in the

Contacted, Senior a move by the BDR authorities.

"Until they are handed over to us, we cannot make any comment on them", the IO said. "Four more jawans were

staff correspondent in Rajshahi.

Among them, 33 are from Naogaon, 24 from the Rajshahi sector headquarters,

Rajshahi sector headquarters from other districts and sent to Dhaka under huge police escort.

At least 33 jawans from minister was right by not Naogaon were sent to approving Sircar's medical bill. Pilkhana for quizzing, accord-"If the medical bill of any execing to BDR officials of 43 and utive official or minister or 46 Naogaon Battalions, writes speaker crossed the fixed limit, then it requires approval of the

Dinajpur sector would be sent today, said Dinajpur Sector Commander (acting) Lt Col S Sahed Islam.

Sources say the 33 BDR men were sent to Dhaka under

cancel its decision to revoke the allotment of the house to Khaleda

The cantonment house has been leased out to her for 99 years and she has been living there for the last 27 years. You [government] can go to the there," he said addressing a meeting in front of the party's after examining other allegacentral office.

Jasas, cultural wing of BNP, organised the meeting protesting the government decision to

"Find another place to rehabilitate the family members of army officials killed in the BDR carnage. Is there any dearth of land in Dhaka city?" he

is against the government should refrain from implementcountry.

at the meeting presided over by Fayezullah Fayez, president of Jasas Dhaka city unit.

Maj Aftab and will be quizzed | area Saturday night. According to the BDR

dered to 46 Battalion.

dentin Jessore.

Sircar

Rabbisaid.

self-defence.

medial bill.

Ihumjhumpur camp, the

headquarters of the 22

Earlier, two jawans were

Battalion, says A correspon-

prime minister Khaleda Zia

refused two times and did not

Sircar gave an undertaking and

received money giving a wrong

interpretation of law," Rabbi

committee to probe wide-

spread allegations of financial

anomalies and waste of public

Sircar decided to summon him

and to give him opportunity of

Zainul Abdin Farroque, the

lone member in the committee

from BNP, boycotted the meet-

ing alleging that the probe

body will not be able to investi-

gate the matter impartially and

the former speaker drew Tk

27.86 lakh giving a wrong

interpretation of the law after

being refused by the then

prime minister Khaleda Zia

two times to get approval of his

head of the government."

Rabbi said the then prime

Fazle Rabbi said the note

under which the former

speaker drew Tk 27.86 lakh

goes against him as Sircar

himself admitted that the then

prime minister refused to

He said that the speaker and

The probe body found that

Sircar had drawn Tk 1.5 lakh in

2001-02, Tk 58,000 in 2002-03,

Tk 10.81 lakh in 2003-04, Tk

22,000 in 2004-05, Tk 85,000 in

2005-06 and Tk 27.86 lakh in

summon the former speaker

the opportunity of self-defence

and if Sircar wants he will be

allowed a hearing (before the

committee)," said the commit-

March 19 constituted the all-

party parliamentary body, first

time in the parliamentary

history of Bangladesh, to probe

widespread allegation of finan-

cial anomalies, misuse of

power and waste of public

money against the immediate

The committee was also

Speaker Abdul Hamid on

Rabbi said they would

"We will of course give him

2006-07 as medical bill.

tions against Sircar.

tee chief.

past speaker.

The committee found that

Opposition Chief Whip

approve his medical bill," Fazle

"It's really unfortunate how

The all-party parliamentary

sent to Dhaka for quizzing.

Faruque Hossain, 26, driver of officials of Naogaon 43 with bullet wounds from Battalion, at least 19 jawans Kaliakoir road and admitted to surrendered to the Battalion at a local hospital. Later, he was the end of February or early shifted to Dhaka Medical March and 14 others surren-College Hospital (DMCH) from Enam Medical College and As many as 57 jawans were sent to Dhaka from Jessore

Faruque at DMCH told The Daily Star that four muggers got into his car taking the opportunity of a traffic jam in Uttara area while he was returning to LGRD office at Agargaon after leaving his boss Motiur Rahman at Sector-6, Road-14 of Uttara at about

The muggers first shot in his left arm and took control of the steering, he said adding "Then they fired five more shots my chest and two legs when I resisted tying me up with a

The criminals drove the car towards Ashulia from Uttara and while it reached Kaliakoir, they dropped him from the running car and later local people rescued him from the

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various issues of mutual inter-

This will be Hasina's first trip abroad after assuming the office of Prime Minister on January 6.

She will perform Umrah at Makkah and offer fateha at the Rouza Mubarak of Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (SM) at Madinah duringher stay.

Nestle denies

FROM PAGE 16 expiry date to ensure that no expired product is sold to consumers. Stock withdrawn from the market is supported by documents from distributors." it said

procedures and guidelines, which are strictly followed for withdrawal of stocks and destruction of date expired stocks, it added.

Sheikh Helal

press briefing at the Jatiya Press Club.

The firm has appealed to the court and the home ministry to have the cases dropped.

The allegation brought against Sheikh Helaluddin is not true, said

"During the tenure of the last caretaker government some members of the joint forces intimidated the high-ups of the firm to file the case," Sahel said in a written statement.

draft of the first information report and compelled the firm owner to sign the papers," said Mamtaz Uddin in a statement submitted to the home secretary on April 8 requesting to cancel the case and have the lawmaker cleared of the charge.

tor of the firm, in another statement rendered to the home secretary said joint forces tortured him both physically and mentally

"When they failed to do so, joint forces intimidated Mamtaz Uddin to file the case," Aftab

seven years' rigorous imprisonment in the case filed on May 21 last year for extorting Tk 1.02 crore from the construction firm owner.

The firm said it was also compelled to file three cases against Giasuddin Al Mamun, a close aide

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ple, including three policemen,

11:30am between the supporters of AL lawmaker of Sonargaon Abdullah Al Kaiser and his uncle Upazila Chairman Mosharraf Hossain over hiring of a microbus two days ago.

Sources said an altercation had erupted between Kaiser's personal secretary Masum Chowdhury and chairman Mosharraf Hossain's supporter Lincoln over hiring of a microbus on Friday.

Masum and his men beat up Lincoln yesterday morning. Mosharraf's supporters and locals chased them into a market. Masum and his men started pelting brickbats at the chairman's adherents and they too retaliated.

Seriously injured Lincoln was sent to Orthopedic Hospital in Dhaka while Sohag, 22, Nilu, 48, Taposh, 28 and Jasim, 30, were given treatment at a local hospital.

Sub-inspector Habib, constables Humayun and Sohel were injured while trying to stop the feuding groups.

Shahin on behalf of Kaiser's supporters and Shahidul Islam on behalf of Mosharraf's followers filed separate cases in this connection.

8 JMB men held

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by the execution of its six top brass around two years back.

He is brother of Salahuddin, a JMB Majlish-e-Shura (highest policy-making body) member now on death row. The rest four are the Islamist

outfit's Dhaka north zone commander Mohammad Hasanuzzaman of Satkhira, part-time members Tariqullah alias Rubel of Tangail and Anwar Hossain alias Baten of Sirajganj, and IT expert Zahidur Rahman alias Zahid of Pirojpur.

Those detained are aged between 18 and 32.

Back in 1998, Matin played a vital role when JMB supremo Shaikh Abdur Rahman founded the militant organisation at Mohammadia Arabia Madrasa in the city's Jatrabari

He later went to Saudi Arabia for work. He would regularly send money to Jama'atul Mujahideen until his return from the Middle East in 2007, the year Rahman was executed along with five other top militant leaders.

Yesterday's recovery includes 10,000 lithium batteries, 10 detonators, and five packets of high power gel explosives.

Rab Additional Director General Col Rezanur Rahman Khan said, "We don't yet know if the arrestees posed a threat to Pahela Baishakh (Bangla New Year) celebrations. Neither are we ruling out the possibility that they might have been plotting terror attacks."

However, he added, people need not worry as the law enforcers are working round the clock to ensure foolproof security tomorrow.

The arrestees were paraded before the media at a press conference at Rab office in Uttara in the afternoon. Reporters were not allowed to speak to them. Rab-1 Commanding Officer

Bakhtiar Alam said a team made up of members from said. Rab-1 and the Rab intelligence wing began raiding the house of one Moulana Owaz Uddin at Tekpara village in Khilkhet area at around 3:30am yesterday.

militant network during interrogation of JMB Dhaka divisional commander Mohtasim Billah alias Bashir alias Nasir. After working for about a month and a half on the leads.

we finally managed to bust the den and nab the eight early

Nasir was arrested in Gazipur on February 20.

Referring to the recovery of lithium batteries, he said they [militants] must have procured those for making time bombs.

The seized JMB leaflet reads, "Here comes the Jihadi Kafila (caravan). It will destroy the enemies of Allah and his Prophet (S). It will bury the tyrants, exploiters and the dishonest leaders to bring about an Islamic state."

The Mujahideen, it continues, are relentless in efforts to "wipe the infidels off the face of the earth"

The leaflet says the "Christian-controlled media gives a distorted view of the Mujahideen's noble campaign to free the country from the unbelievers".

It goes on to describe the country's press as "spokesmen for the non-Islamic forces".

Tight security

FROM PAGE 16 install at least 80 CCTVs and set up 19 check-posts and eight archways while the lawenforcers and plain-clothed intelligence personnel would remain vigilant at every point

DMP Commissioner Shahidul Huq said they made the plan to ensure foolproof security for celebration of the Bangla New Year.

"A total of 6,153 uniformed and plain-clothed policemen from DMP would be deployed at various points", he said adding "No one will be able to enter the venue avoiding checking of the law enforces." Shahid also said no hawker

would be allowed in and around the main venue but only Suhrawardy Uddyan area will be open for them. At least 60 CCTVs would be

strategic points, Rab sources When contacted, Col Rezanur Rahman, additional director general of Rab, said they

would deploy around 3,000 Rab men in the city while 7,000 others elsewhere in the country to ensure the foolproof security. He said 40 CCTVs would be

installed in Ramna and Suhrawardy Uddyan areas while 20 others in Dhanmondi

FROM PAGE 16 additional liquidated damage after extending the first dead-

Outside the official extension of the deadlines, both of these companies are spelling out various deadlines and failing to achieve them on their own.

The PDB board has decided to seek the consent of the power ministry to cancel the contracts for both these plants.

On the 20mw Bogra power project of Energy Prima that also failed to meet deadlines twice, the last one expiring on March 31, PDB has decided not to give it more time. The Bogra plant was supposed to come into operation in mid-May 2008.

However, as the Energy Prima had filed a case against PDB to stop it from taking liquidated damage, PDB would not cancel the contract and follow the court's direc-

On the 50mw Ashuganj plant awarded to an unknown Precision Energy, PDB gave it an extension till March 31. But it failed to do so and also did not give PDB any additional liquidated damage coverage for recent times. The Ashuganj project was

originally supposed to come into operation on October 27 2008. But Precision Energy told PDB it has not been able to arrange loan for the project.

Besides, there is no visible progress for the plant. In this situation, PDB recommends cancelling this deal. Meanwhile, Energy Prima

is trying to dictate terms for payment of its liquidated damage. Against a contract of three years, it is asking PDB to take monthly liquidated damage in 36 instalments. When PDB pointed out that

out of these 36 months, Energy Prima has already exhausted nearly 12 months, the power company suggested that the rental scheme should continue for 10 years. The Power Cell floated the

rental power bids in October-November, 2007 drawing 15 offers from six companies in eight locations totalling 300mw generation capacity.

The contracts for most of these were signed in January 2008. Of these deals, two 50MW power plants of Energy Prima came into commercial operation many months behind schedule and one 40MW plant of British Aggreko came into commercial operation 15 days behind schedule.

Indian FS

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in Dhaka Pinak Ranjan Chakravarty, PM's Office Secretary Mollah Waheeduzzaman, Press Secretary Abul Kalam Azad Special Assistant Abdus Sobhan Golap and former ambassador Ziauddin were present.

Family sources said Tania's Islam Dipu, both garment around at 9:30am after their landlord Jamal Uddin called them over a cell phone saying that Tania had been found dead in the house.

A next-door neighbour discovered Tania's body hanging from a ceiling fan with a scarf.

that both he and his wife went o work yesterday morning leaving Tania to baby-sit their three-year-old daughter Aysha. Tania had been living with them for the last few months.

tenants.

landlord had in the past beat up Tania over trivial matters as switching on electrical appliances as the fan or light and for using water, or even playing in the house when her family was out at work. About a month ago Jamal had struck Tania for switching on a fan.

chair at the house, which was the only thing Tania could have used in order to reach for the fan, was found outside the house when the body was recovered. Tania's body was sent to

Dhaka Medical College Hospital for autopsy, police Her mother, Shahnaj filed a

Uddin with Darussalam Police Station. Officer-in-charge (OC)

Rezaul quoting his relatives. is now in Dubai.

Rental power | State of emergency

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The latest escalation in the country's chronic political turmoil came after police arrested the leader of activists loyal to ousted former prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra who had targeted Saturday's summit. Colonel Sunsern Kaewkumnerd told AFP the army, navy and air force had been deployed to ensure the security of public buildings, junctions and transport hubs at 50 spots in Bangkok.

Military and police reinforcements were also seen arriving to protect the Royal Palace compound.

on national television to appeal to soldiers and police to enforce the emergency measures, amid signs they were reluctant to intervene. "Police and military -- you must carry out your duty to

your best ability and restore normalcy as soon as possible," said Suthep, who is responsible for implementing the mea-

"These are not constitutional demonstrators. They have injured senior officials."

The army has generally shied away from confronting protesters since action against riots in 1992 left dozens dead, and police moves against anti-Thaksin demonstrators last October left two dead.

As tanks and soldiers fanned out, television showed red-shirted protesters armed with sticks and paving slabs smashing a car they mistakenly believed was carrying the prime minister and a separate vehicle carrying Suthep. It is the third time in eight

months that authorities have imposed a state of emergency in Bangkok.

The move bans public gatherings of more than five people and empowers the police and military to detain

suspects for up to 30 days

However, police said the rally outside Abhisit's offices swelled to 15,000 after the declaration, with its leaders sounding a defiant tone. "I don't care for this state of

without charge.

dirtied with ink," protest organiser Nattawut Saikuar told the crowd. The demonstrators' political hero Thaksin later

emergency, it's just paper

addressed them by telephone from exile. "I will closely monitor the situation and if there is any violence I will return to Thailand immediately. I will not allow them (authorities) to use force," Thaksin said, urging army troops to join his move-

Pro-Thaksin protesters took to the streets two weeks ago

deep-sea port

FROM PAGE 16 Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel in the capital.

The study suggested that the impact of regional transit cargoes for the proposed deep-sea port would be marginal The PCI predicted that

cargo volume would increase to around 32.53 crore tonnes by 2055 from around 3.38 crore tonnes from 2010. The PCI study, predicting

to attract up to 50,000 deadweight tonnage (DWT) vessels a year, said the deep-sea port would generate additional income as it would attract new cargo that cannot be loaded or offloaded in Mongla and Chittagong ports.

380 workers

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returned from Dubai on Saudi Airlines and Emirates flights. Besides, 50 labourers returned from Malaysia onboard a Biman Bangladesh Airlines flight, 100 on GMG Airlines flight and 50 onboard a Malaysian Airlines flight.

According to sources, 80 of these labourers returned home after they were freed from Malaysian jails.

"I borrowed Tk 1 lakh on high interest to go to Dubai but I was jobless for around seven months," said Mizan.

Another worker said his visa was valid for six more months but he was laid-off with unpaid wages.

Asad Ali and Rakib Uddin of Kaliganj upazila of Jhenidah were among the 50 workers who went to Dubai just six months ago and had to return home empty-handed after being deceived by the recruiting agency Shariatpur Overseas Ltd.

Asad and Rakib, said they obtained visas to work for Trans Guard LLC Construction Company but Seagull Company received them instead in Dubai.

there for two months and later Seagull Company sent them to different places for jobs, said

He said they were forced to return home as the company closed suddenly and they did not get their passports from Director Shahjahan Siraj of Shariatpur Overseas Ltd, who

He said their relatives gave Tk 2 lakh each to Chairman of Shariatpur Overseas Ltd Razu Ahmed and the Director in three instalments.

say he came to power illegitimately through a parliamentary vote in December after a

court forced Thaksin's allies from government. The chaos in Bangkok is a virtual replay of crises last year that ended up forcing out two premiers loyal to Thaksin, who was toppled in a military coup

in 2006 and remains in exile. Abhisit is under intense pressure to curb the unrest after the humiliating cancellation of Saturday's regional Asian summit, after which authorities were forced to evacuate foreign leaders, some of them by helicopter from the

The weekend summit was supposed to discuss the global financial crisis and North Korea's rocket launch and

Police said they earlier arrested the former pop singer turned protest leader Arisman Pongreungrong at his Bangkok home "on the charge of inciting protesters to kidnap the prime minister and cause unrest in the country."

Thaksin remains in exile to avoid a two-year jail term for corruption, but has rallied supporters -- and incensed the government -- with almost nightly video and telephone speeches from an unidentified foreign hideout.

ordered government troops to halt their offensive against cornered Tamil rebels for two days to give tens of thousands of civilians a chance to escape the

to be protected as the military

designated "no-fire zone," which is the last remaining territory held by the rebels. President Mahinda Rajapakse's office said the ceasefire would allow civilians

New Year on Monday and Tuesday. "His Excellency has directed the armed forces of the state to

statement. It added that the halt would enable Tamils "to celebrate these festivities in a suitable atmosphere and to have uninhibited freedom of movement from the no-fire zone."

The Tigers, who are accused of holding the civilians hostage, have suffered months of battlefield setbacks that could finally end their campaign for an independent Tamil homeland after 37 years of violence.

BPC

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It required examining of the international maritime rules to see if such old tankers could be used for carrying fuel. So we wrote to director general (DG) of shipping for clearance before

Since 2003, Bangladesh has been importing 22 lakh tonnes of petroleum products annually from KPC renewing agreements every two years and re-fixing the firm premium every six months, sources said.

But the BPC did not renew its contract with KPC before it expired last December.

The BPC chairman said, "KPC cancelled at least three shipments between April and September last year before cancelling four shipments in December, when the demand was at the highest."

unable to supply fuel before June, BPC had to extend the contract to Petco to provide 15 lakh tonnes of petroleum products till December this year, BPC Chairman Anwarul Karim said.

down premium and relaxed two other conditions in early March meetings, the BPC reached an agreement with it," he added.

next two years--eight lakh tonnes annually," said the chairman. BPC Director (operations and planning) Syed Mozammel Haq said BPC in refined and

tonnes of aviation fuel on an average month. He said at present all the imports are being made from

carnage and who was not." Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) Abdul Kahar Akand of CID, the investigation officer (10) of the mutiny case, said the BDR men are being taken to Pilkhana as per

arrested in connection with the mutiny case," he added. Some 70 BDR men from three districts under the Rajshahi sector were sent to Dhaka yesterday, reports our

eight from Chapainawabganj and five from Rajshahi battal-The soldiers were taken to

our Dinajpur correspondent. Besides, 42 more from

approve his medical bill on two Delwar occasions. FROM PAGE 16 deputy speaker of parliament urging the government to jointly can spend about Tk 2.5 lakh as medical purpose in a

court and we will face you

cancel the allotment.

Delwar said, "Public opinion decision, so the government ing such narrow-minded plan. Instead of giving threats please

Ruhul Quddus Talukder

Various issues including counter-terrorism, border security, money laundering, the funding of militant organisations, human and drug trafficking were also discussed

at the meeting.

understanding will be signed next month," the home secreary told The Daily Star. The MoU will be based on five spects -- civil aviation security, international and regional cooperation on counter terrorism, border security and management, crisis and Both the sides will share information on the matters after

the MoU is inked. MoU, both the sides will exchange draft proposals on the JWG. Bangladesh will soon convey its decision to the home ministry of UK and seek a draft proposal on the matter. After scrutinising the UK proposal, the government will ask for the UK government's opinion on the modality of the JWG, sources said. Besides, Bangladesh will

signed with India and Pakistan. The home ministers of the Ahmed and Rab DG Hassan two countries will lead the Mahmood Khandker, among IWG comprised of officials others, were present.

from the foreign and home ministries, law enforcement and security agencies of respective countries.

Last year British Home

Secretary Jacqui Smith

stressed the need for a JWG for

strengthening cooperation

between Bangladesh and UK to combat terrorism.

The proposal for forming a JWG came from the UK side during the tenure of the last caretaker government.

The main objectives of the Inspector General of Police

Nur Mohammad, DGFI

Director General (DG) Mai

Gen Mollah Fazle Akbar, NSI

DG Brig Gen (retd) Manzur

FROM PAGE 16 the vehicle from city's Uttara

Hospital at Savar.

10:30 pm.

rope inside the car."

Pilkhana. Saudi Ambassador in Dhaka Abdullah Bin Naser Al-Busairi told UNB that the prime minister would meet with the Saudi King on April 21 to discuss

"Joint forces prepared the

keeping him detained for a few days for making him agree to file a case against the ALlawmaker.

However, the High Court has stayed the conviction order.

to Tarique Rahman.

20 hurt

Traffic movement on Dhaka-Chittagong Highway was disrupted for one hour. The clash started around

over those to Bangladesh

Terming the decision of bringing down the workers' working period from 60 years to 57 years as unrealistic,

produced here to meet

demands of the people."

workers' length of service. ment would modernize Mongla port through necessary dredging and neighboring country Nepal will also be able

enterprises profitable. All should work to make those profitable," she said referring to the profit scenario of the private sector enterprises.

the public sector and the pri-

vate sector should work

together to ensure a vibrant

and smooth economy for

"It was a general concep-

kept under government control. Later, it was said all should go to private sector for real development. But now the trend has changed." based economy. We always emphasize on agriculture... if an agricultural country tries, it also can be an industrial coun-

of opportunities to make our

country industrially devel-

oped."

Hasina said Bangladesh must reduce dependence on other countries. "We do not want to live as a country, which is dependent on oth-Underscoring the importance of industrialization, she

people's purchasing capacity saying that unless it is ensured, it will not be possible to create market for local

in and around the venue.

installed under Rab while 16 others under DMP at various

to create their own market in top officials of the ministry at the country," PM said. Recalling the Awami League rule in 1996-2001 period, Hasina said some had tried to shut down Bangladesh Machine Tools Factory and Khulna Shipyard. "We handed

> verted both into profitable ventures. She said they had no plan to close down Adamjee Jute

The prime ministe

lamented that Khulna once

was a vibrant city and they had

12 crore there for research."

a plan to set up an industrial park there. She alleged that the previous BNP-Jamaat alliance government had closed down many mills and factories. Speaking on the occasion, Industries Minister Dilip

Chittagong Chemica Complex functional again. "We also have a plan to reopen Khulna Newsprint Mil and North Bengal Paper Mill.' He said the government would soon set up an indus-

Mollah Wahiduzzaman Industries Secretary and other senior officials also joined the meeting.

Garment makers

FROM PAGE 16 BGMEA president, said the competing countries are enjoying the facilities of leadtime, higher cash incentives, higher productivity from the workers and policy supports, whereas the Bangladeshi manufacturers are struggling to get "basic support" from the

of The Financial Express, urged garment manufacturers to assess the impact of global price fall of basic commodities and demand drop of locally

Several hundred locals nesses said.

He and his wife had been living in the rented singleroom tin-shed house in the same compound as the landlord and several other similar

Dipu said that the lone

murder case against Jamal

to hang herself. He said Jamal has already been arrested and during primary interrogation had said he was in his own house when the body was recovered.

Earlier, Abhisit's deputy hotelroof. Suthep Thaugsuban appeared

> included the leaders of China, Japan and South Korea plus 10 Southeast Asian nations.

Lanka declares 48-hr ceasefire in civil war

fighting. The brief pause in hostilities comes after increasingly urgent international calls for civilians

to leave the conflict zone and to celebrate the Sinhala and Tamil

demanding Abhisit quit. They defensive nature," it said in a

Daily Staryesterday. The deal signing is being delayed due to this.

The BPC contacted Petco As other sources were

"And since KPC brought

crude forms imports two lakh tonnes of diesel, 8,000 tonnes of petrol and octane, 15,000 tonnes of kerosene and 1,25,000

Petco. But when the deal with KPC is done, the quantity of import would be divided equally between KPC and Petco.

assigned to investigate any try to accept the cooperation of other allegation of corruption occurred in the Parliament the opposition in running the Secretariat during the sevenyear tenure of Sircar. Abdul Hamid also said the Dulu, Babul Ahmed, MA Malek, comptroller and auditor gen-Mosharraf Hossain also spoke eral (CAG) would soon send a special team to audit the

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consequence management.

"If everything goes along

well, the memorandum of

But before signing the

Counter-terrorism

expenditures of the Parliament

Secretariat since 1972.

"Terrorism is a regional and international problem and a single country cannot counter it alone. Joint Working Group with other nations can help a country check terrorism," Home Secretary Abdus Sobhan Sikder told The Daily

JWG will be to share assessment of international terrorism situation, discuss measures to strengthen bilateral cooperation and multilateral efforts in combating terrorism, home ministry sources

Private car

Local people rescued Nanak's PS-2 Matiur Rahman,

money against Jamiruddin road, he said.

visit scheduled on March 7 in the wake of the BDR mutiny at

There are well-established

Shilpa Bhaban in the morning. Hasina said it is urgently

Aftab Uddin, managing direc-

Uddin said in the statement. Helaluddin was sentenced to to use the port, which will give Bangladesh financial benefit.

Bangladesh. tion earlier that all should be

products. "Local industries will have made garment items.

"We found out about the

needed to reopen all the closed mills and factories to make Bangladesh self-dependent in all respects. She said she does not want to see Bangladesh as an import-based country in future. "Everything will be

Hasina said: "I don't see any logic behind the decision." She directed the industries minister to re-fix 60 years as the Unveiling her government's plan, Hasina said the govern-

"I do not understand why we fail to make public sector Emphasizing on publicprivate initiative, the PM said

She said: "Ours is an agrotry. Japan is a big example for us. Like Japan, we also have lot

the government would not lose anything if it offers any package for the garment said the key to development sector, as the sector directly truly lies in industries though employed three million work Bangladesh is an agriculturebased country. The premier also stressed the need for increasing the

ers and involved 20 million people indirectly. Moazzem Hossain, editor

PM asks for import

Army and Bangladesh Navy (respectively) and they con-Mills. "We (rather) invested Th

Barua said the government as part of its plan to reopen the closed mills and factories has taken steps to make

trial village at Keraniganj in Dhaka and an industrial zone in Munshiganj for light engineering and pharmaceutical sectors respectively. PM's Press Secretary Abul Kalam Azad, Office Secretary

government. Tipu Munshi MP, another former BGMEA president, said

10-yr-old girl FROM PAGE 16 elder sister Kamala Begum Lipi and her husband Kamrul workers, returned home

thronged to the spot and chanted slogans demanding the arrest of the landlord Jamal Uddin for killing Tania, wit-Dipu told The Daily Star

Dipu also said that their

Lutfur Rahman of Darussalam Police Station said the circumstances of the death was shrouded in mystery, especially as it could not have been possible for the 10-year old girl to have reached the ceiling fan

Rezaul Islam, relative of Workers remained jobless

AFP, Colombo Sri Lanka's president yesterday

attempts to finally crush the separatist Tamil Tiger guerrillas, who have been pushed close to defeat. The United Nations estimates that 100,000 civilians are trapped in a government-

restrict their operations during the New Year to those of a

signing the agreement," said the BPC chairman talking to The

"With the signing of the agreement expected soon, BPC would buy fuel from KPC in the

also evaluate the JWG that UK