Second phase of Indian polls today

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA,

are eligible to vote in the second phase of Indian parliaincluding Rahul Gandhi (Congress), Sharad Pawar (NCP)

The second phase of the five-round elections covers 13 states and federallyadministered territories.

Also, the elections to assemblies in Andhra Pradesh and Orissa will be completed

election from the Gandhi family pocket-borough of Amethi in Uttar Pradesh, Pawar from the newly created seat of Madha in Maharashtra and Swaraj from Vidisha in Madhya

Other prominent candidates include federal ministers Ramvilas Paswan from Hajipur in Bihar, Commerce and Industry Minister Kamal Nath from Chhindwara constituency in Madhya Pradesh and Prasad Singh (Vaishali, Bihar).

A total of 2,041 candidates, including 121 women, are in the fray in this round. The states to be covered are Andhra Pradesh 20 Lok Sabha seats, Assam 11, Bihar 13, Goa two, Jammu and Kashmir one,

Fertility doctor

"If we intensify our efforts, fied system will also spare the we can have a cloned baby within a year or two, but I don't know whether we can intensify our efforts to that extent.

Zavos's work is widely condemned by mainstream fertility experts, who question whether the technique, which also raises complex ethical

questions, is safe. Although other scientists have created human cloned embryos in test tubes to extract stem cells for research, Zavos has broken a taboo by actually putting them inside

women's wombs. He said he has also produced cloned embryos of three dead people, including a 10-year-old girl called Cady who died in a car crash in the US. The child's blood cells

were trozen and sent to Zavos. US citizen born in Cyprus, is the procedures in a secret Middle East to escape the US ban on cloning.

He uses the same technique as was used to clone Dolly the sheep, the first mammal to be cloned from an adult

High-profile

and Cooperatives, law, education, religious affairs, information and social welfare ministries, the inspector general of police, director generals of Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) and Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) and heads of various intelligence agencies have been made members of the committee.

try will be given priority as investigation into the cases had been diverted to other direction in the past.

(PPR)-2006 should be Earlier the home ministry amended for unhindered placed a report on militancy development twice before the cabinet but Faisal Chishti, who repre-Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina sented HM Ershad, said rejected the report on both Hatiriheel project has to be occasions terming it incomimplemented on an urgent plete. She asked the ministry to basis to ease traffic congesc me up with a complete tion.

Tension again

cooperation of Myanmar government.

Sources said Myanmar itliveable. embassy in Dhaka gave one way passport to 65 Rohingyas out of 135 for sending them home. But the military junta of

refusing to take them. completed all formalities of handing over the detainees to the Myanmar authorities but they yet to response. We even contacted with Myanmar authorities through BDR on

various problems in the jail and

Karnataka 17, Madhya Pradesh 13, Maharashtra 25, Orissa 11, Tripura two, Uttar Pradesh 17 and Jharkhand eight.

After the second phase, polls would be completed to 265 seats, just seven short of the 543-member Lok Sabha.

Elections are held to only 543 seats, as two members are nominated from the Anglo-Indian community.

Some of the states had witnessed poll related violence in the first phase of polling on April 16. Naxals attacks left 19 people killed then.

"In the second phase, 26,872 villages and hamlets have been identified for intimidation and other possible problems," Election Commission officials said.

PM performs

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Earlier, the premier arrived at Jeddah from Riyadh by a special aircraft. Prince Khalid Al Faisal, governor of Makkah, received Hasina on her arrival in Jeddah.

From Jeddah, she went to Makkah by road at 11:45pm. The prime minister is

scheduled to stay in Makkah yesterday and offer prayer at the Haram Sharif.

Tk 50,000, he added.

shuttling to four points.

The Challengers could

score only 160 for eight despite

a classy 48 off 27 balls by Rahul

Dravid, who became the tour-

nament's top scorer, and 50 off

first team to win two matches-

Herschelle Gibbs (11) put on 46

in 3.5 overs to get Deccan off to

an ideal start after Gilchrist

won the toss and batted on a

good pitch in warm weather

which was in contrast to the

conditions for the tourna-

ment's opening double head

Gilchrist slammed six fours

and five sixes. He and Sharma

put on 61 off 36 balls for the

third wicket. Sharma also hit

five sixes, including three in an

over from Anil Kumble, as well

yorked Jesse Ryder with the

first ball of the Bangalore

innings and the Challengers

were in a hopeless position

when they slid to 38 for three

Pietersen, who made just 11,

admitted: "Our batting has let

us down in the first six overs

every single time and we're

to ensure quality work in

various sectors, especially

road construction and repair.

proper coordination among

service providers is a must for

Public Procurement Rules

Asaduzzaman Kamal said

Fazle Noor Taposh said

The mayor then urged the

lawmakers to make specific

allegations so that action can

be taken against officials or

contractors involved in cor-

year master plan to make the

city a modern one and to keep

DCC, he said, all utility organi-

sations should be brought

tough for them to give better

service with the DCC's present

income. He emphasised

increased allocation of funds

The mayor also demanded

The other lawmakers who

recasting the existing

under 'one umbrella'

from the government.

organogram of the DCC.

Khoka underscored a 100-

To improve service of the

He mentioned that it is very

going to have sort it out."

Bangalore captain Kevin

after 7.2 overs.

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better service.

Fast bowler Fidel Edwards

as a four in his 30-ball innings.

ers here last weekend.

30 balls by Virat Kohli.

matches last year.

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their 20 overs.

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they will have to pay Tk 18

lakh. To evade this tax, many show the price much lower at Muhith believes if the tax is reduced substantially the buyers would not resort to dishonest practice. The unibuyers of harassment for Deccan move CUFL.

> He said the government on March 15 shut down two out of country's six fertiliser factories at Ghorasal and Polash to increase power production and the closure of another one may cost us badly.

Deccan, who finished bottom of the table in 2008, kept a perfect record in the 2009 edition and became the demand of 52mmcf and per equalling their total haul in 14 metric ton production cost is "It's still early but we're Tk 10,000. We will consider really happy with the work the this amount as a production boys have put in," said loss if the factory is closed down," Shahjahan said. The Australian and

badly now as the Boro season is almost over. "So the government should think seriously shutting down the CUFL for the time being," he added.

Sources said the PDB requires around 100mmcf of gas to run its five gas-fired units except the Kaptai plant, but it gets only around 30mmcfto 40mmcf of gas.

April 16 for various reasons. Of them, four committed suicides, six died of heart attack and six died of other diseases in Dhaka and outside the capital, the release said.

It said a total of 352 BDR members died in between 2001 and 2008. Of them, four committed suicides, 14 died of malaria, 38 in road accidents criminals shot dead 11, 77 died of different diseases, 207 of heart attacks and one by lightening.

ning news from different angels on the matter following deaths of BDR personnel in its different units and establishments after the Pilkhana massacre in the Pilkhana, it

In some units incidents of suicide by BDR jawans after the February 25-26 brutalities are on the rise and it seemed that offenders are committing suicide as they fail to cope with mental pressures, the release said.

The commanding officers have been advised to arrange motivational programmes to make jawans aware of the negative aspects of suicide from both religious and social perspectives.

25 BDR JAWANS REMANDED

A Dhaka court yesterday placed 27 suspected BDR mutineers on a five-day remand each for questioning in the mutiny case.

The Investigation Officer (IO) of the case produced them before the Dhaka Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court, and prayed for showing them arrested in the case.

The IO also submitted a 10day remand prayer to quiz them about the carnage but the court granted five days for

A total of 1,171 suspected BDR mutineers have so far been arrested in connection with the case.



Satellite image of the city's Bashundhara area where the Group's Chief Ahmed Akbar Sobhan promised to build another stadium for Bangladesh Football Federation ignoring the restriction on building any structure in wetlands and flood flow zones. GOOGLE IMAGE

Bashundhara Group Rejoinder

FROM PAGE 1 Actually, Bashundhara Group intends to build the football stadiums either on government lands, or by filling up canals or sections of the rivers or the flood flow zones within the project areas, to make it a credential for later, for backing up the company's demand for legitimising its illegal projects, the sources said.

Biswa RD

Balu river

channel that

was filled up

Ahmed Akbar Sobhan, chairman of Basundhara Group, on April 12 during a ceremony for a Tk 4.5 crore deal signing with Bangladesh Football Federation in Kurmitola Golf Club of the capital, promised to give the football federation 10 bighas of land in each of his Bashundhara-Baridhara Project and Riverview Project.

For a decade, illegal housing projects have been destroying protected wetlands and flood flow zones clearly earmarked in DMDP, said

Filling of wetlands and flood flow zones with earth by real estate developers is not only ushering in an imminent environmental disaster, but also is consistently choking the capital with perennial waterlogging and a mess in sewer management, the experts added.

Prof Muzaffer Ahmad, chairman of Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB), said certain special interest quarters might have worked as liaison between the immediate past National Sports Council (NSC) chairman, who is also the army However, PDB Chief chief, and the Bashundhara Group chairman, who is a convicted individual.

Riverview Project has lands that were developed by filling sections of the Buriganga River, protected wetlands, and sub-flood-flow zone, said the

'It is just an attempt to get away with illegality, corruption, and unethical activities, by offering sponsorship for promotion of the country's sports," Prof Muzaffer said.

East West Property has not even submitted any plan to Rajuk yet for its Riverview Project while Bashundhara-Baridhara Extension from F block to L block got only conditional approval on September 25, 2006.

The immediate past works minister Mirza Abbas, at the very end of BNP-led fourparty coalition government's tenure, gave a conditional approval to Bashundhara-Baridhara Extension. But it became null and void, as East West Property could not even submit by the stipulated date of September 30, 2008 the layout in compliance with the preconditions set by the National Approval Committee on Private Housing Project during the immediate past caretaker government.

The approval for block A to F (only partially for blocks D and F) of Bashundhara-Baridhara Project was given before the formulation of the land development rules 2004,

Shazneen

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Khatun Minu and Parvin -were sentenced to death on September 2, 2003 by a lower court as they were found guilty of raping and murdering Shazneen and abetting in the

After the High Court upheld their death sentences in 2006, the five condemned perpetrators of the offences appealed to the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court (SC) later that year.

The final verdict of the case now awaits hearing before the Appellate Division of the SC.

Her family has arranged a milad mahfil after Asr prayers at 5:15pm today at her father's residence at House NE (J) 4, Road-83, Gulshan-2, Dhaka.

Shazneen's father Transcom Group Chairman Latifur Rahman and her mother Shahnaz Rahman request relatives, friends and well-wishers to attend the milad mahfil.

said Rajuk officials.

Riverview Project.

A case in connection with Riverview Project was filed in Keraniganj under the wetland protection act on July 23, 2003, and another case in connection with the same project was filed on February 8, 2007 under the land development rules 2004, said an official of Rajuk, the agency that filed both the cases.

Government officials led by Upazila Nirbahi Officer Md Aminul Islam of Keranigan launched a drive on May 20, 2008 to reclaim public land occupied by Bashundhara Group in Hasnabad area for Riverview Housing Project.

The drive followed the filing of a case against the chairman of Bashundhara Group by Assistant Land Officer Md Zunaid Hossain of Keraniganj union last April, on charge of grabbing 61 acres of government land.

The company had ear marked government land as land of the project area and put up signboards.

The upazila assistant commissioner (land) of Keranigani back then reportedly said Bashundhara Group illegally occupied 61 acres of government land in Hasnabad for its housing project and sold out most of it.

of East West Property Development Tawhidul Islam however said the conditional approval for Bashundhara-Baridhara Extension has not been cancelled. "We have submitted the layout plan for Bashundhara-Baridhara Extension in compliance with all preconditions. But we have yet to get the approval."

Regarding Riverview Project, he said they have 'partially' submitted the layout plan.

"We will decide in time President of Bangladesh

Football Federation Kazi Salahuddin said since Bashundhara Group offered the lands as gifts, he did not check whether those are legal or illegal. "I could not manage the

all the questions, and to check the legal status and locations of the lands," he added.

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district secretary, reports our Pabna correspondent.

The feuding groups ransacked dormitories of the college. The admission procedure was postponed following the clash. Additional police forces were deployed in the college.

The clash ensued as two factions of BCL -- one led by Mostafizur Rahman Sweet, BCL district unit president and the other led by its secretary Mostak Azad -- went to the college campus at around 1:30am with lists of admission

to Pabna General Hospital. Both district unit president

Mostak filed a complaint with the Pabna Police Station against 21 persons of his rival group. Our Chittagong correspon-

dent adds: At least four BCL activists of Chittagong Medical College (CMC) unit were injured in a factional clash early yesterday.

Speaker Abdul Hamid on March 19 formed an all-party match between third-year and parliamentary probe body to fourth-year students on the investigate the allegations of CMC play ground on Tuesday corruption, misuse of power afternoon. After the match was over an

> The main committee on the matters thoroughly.

43 Tamil rebels die

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government territory. The UN and humanitarian groups called for an immediate stop to the fighting, so more civilians could escape. Over the past three days, the military says more than 80,000 have fled after

territory. The Sri Lankan military said it broke through a key rebel bunker in the coastal strip on Monday and that tens of thousands of civilians have been fleeing the area since then. By Wednesday, 81,423 civilians had escaped, the military said.

Troops advanced deep into the zone and captured a part of during fighting with insurgents on Monday and Tuesday, killing at least 43 rebels, said Brig. Udaya Nanayakkara, the military spokesman.

Tamil rebels are cornered into a stretch of about eight kilometers, he said.

Army commandoes attacked a car carrying rebels and killed four Tuesday, while another four insurgents were killed by commandoes in a separate attack, Nanayakkara said. Other 35 rebels were killed in separate attacks on Monday and Tuesday.

He said government forces also suffered casualties, but did not provide details.

"We suffered casualties because we are not using heavy and long-range weapons. We

Afridi scripts Pak victory

AFP, Dubai

Shahid Afridi returned career best bowling figures and then contributed with the bat to anchor Pakistan's four-wicket win over Australia in the first day-night international here on Wednesday. The 29-year-old exposed

Australia's frailties against spin with a career-best 6-38 to help Pakistan bundle their opponents out for a paltry 168 before hitting a whirlwind 24 to help the team chase down the target in 44.1 overs.

The victory, only Pakistan's second in their last 11 matches against Australia, gave them a 1-Olead in the five-match one-day

Pakistan made heavy weather of the modest runchase as they lost opener Salman Butt (five) and captain Younis Khan (11) before Kamran Akmal (48) and Misbahul Haq with an unbeaten 30 avoided any furtherhiccups.

Akmal hit nine boundaries during his 62-ball knock, while Afridi notched five boundaries during his 16-ball stay but Australia made regular inroads, dismissing Shoaib Malik (24) and Nasir Jamshed (nine) to keepacheck.

Afridi hit two boundaries off Stuart Clark and then took 16 off a Ben Hilfenhaus over before holing out at mid-on to the same bowler.

At 6-152, it looked either way but Haq kept his cool as Gul (eight not out) hit the winning boundary.

Earlier, Australia were well placed at 95-1 with opener Brad Haddin (40) and Shane Watson (40) before losing eight wickets for 27 runs as batsmen crumbled on the untested pitch at the new Dubai Stadium which Wednesday became the 172nd one-day venue.

Vessel capsize

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found floating near 11 jetty of the port at about 8:30pm yesterday, said Abu Hasnat, owner of the sunken vessel. The body was sent to his village home for burial.

The officials and rescue teams of Chittagong port and Bangladesh Navy rushed to the scene after the accident and were trying to rescue the sunken vessel, sources said.

Considering the threatening position of the sunken vessel, the port authority suspended operations of vessels to and from the port until further notice to avoid any further accident. The CPA formed a four-

member committee headed by Engr Sirajul Islam, chief ship surveyor of Mercantile Marine Department, to probe the incident and submit its report within two days. The CPA chairman said they

have decided to take extra caution for the safety of the port channel and other vessels. "Rescuers have been strug-

gling to retrieve the sunken vessel amid high tide," said Ahmed.

Meanwhile, Captain S Arif Mahmud, member (harbour and marine) of CPA, said that they tried to locate the vessel early yesterday when low tide prevailed for sometimes and they hopefully would start the rescue operation during low

Port sources said a total of nine vessels were scheduled to enter the port while five were to depart. Besides, 43 more vessels were waiting at the outer anchorage yesterday for berthing at Chittagong port, they

only use small weapons," Nanayakkara said, accusing rebels of firing artillery shells.

The UN estimates that more than 4,500 civilians have been killed in the past three months and has called for a negotiated truce to allow others to leave the shrinking rebel-held enclave.

On Tuesday, the rebels accused the government of killing 1,000 civilians in their latest offensive a charge the military denies.

Sathyamurthi, one of the few doctors working in the war zone, said the bodies of 80 civilians were brought to two makeshift hospitals soon after Monday's raid but said more people were probably buried on

Roman Catholic church, wounding a priest and killing three civilians who had pitched their tents in the church compound, Sathyamurthi said.

weapons at populated areas.

rebels of firing artillery shells.

It is not possible to confirm accounts from the war zone because independent journalists are barred from entering it.

at US mortgage giant found dead at home Cops suspect

'suicide' AFP, Washington

A top executive of the troubled US mortgage finance giant Freddie Mac was found dead in his Washington area home yesterday of an apparent suicide, police said.

David Kellermann, acting chief financial officer and a senior vice president of Freddie Mac, was found dead at his home in Vienna, Virginia around 5:00 am, Fairfax County Police Department spokeswoman Shelley Broderick said.

police. Officer Broderick

declined to offer further details. Another Fairfax police spokeswoman, Mary Anne Jennings, told WTOP radio: "We were called from inside the

Freddie Mac's interim chief executive John Koskinen called Kellermann's death a "terrible personal tragedy.

Kellermann, 41, had worked for Freddie Mac since 1992 and was named acting CFO in September, when Freddie Mac and its sister firm Fannie Mae were seized by the government to prevent their collapse.

Ex-MD of CUFL

Meanwhile, the National Security Intelligence (NSI)

field officer Akbar Hossain was

sent to jail after interrogation. The investigators earlier

evening. Akbar was arrested and placed on a two-day remand on Sunday for allegedly hiring seven trucks and a crane for transportation of the ten truckloads of firearms and ammunition hauled at CUFL jetty in the early hours of April

"The investigators tried to know about the people instructed the NSI officer. But, Akbar did not give any information in this regard," said CID Chittagong Divisional Special Superintendent of Police (SSP) Mohammad Muslim.

"However, he needs to be grilled more and the investigators would produce him before the court with prayer for a fresh remand soon," he added.

along with former general manager (Admin) Enamul Haq was shown arrested on March 12 for suspected link with the offloading of the deadly consignment.

tion) before the court of Metropolitan Magistrate Md Abu Hannan on April 19 with a prayer for 5-day fresh remand The court placed Mohsin

on a two-day fresh remand and permitted the investigators to quiz Enamul, who has fallen ill in jail, said the sources.

Riot over power FROM PAGE 1

New Delhi More than 194 million people mentary polls today when the biggest chunk of 140 of the total the magic number that parties of 543 MPs are elected from need to form a government in among big names of politics

and Sushma Swaraj (BJP).

tomorrow. Rahul Gandhi is seeking re-

Pradesh.

Sushil Kumar Shinde in Maharashtra and Raghuvansh

FROM PAGE 16 happen," he said, quoted by

The doctor, a naturalised thought to have carried out laboratory somewhere in the

neighbouring countries to track down the Bangladeshis who fought as Mujahideens in Secretaries of home, LGRD

The state minister said A policy has to be formulated major bomb blasts, grenade attacks and killings in the coun-

He said the home ministry will produce a complete report on militancy in the next cabinet

FROM PAGE 16 The 135 Rohingyas could not ruption. be sent back due to non-

Arakan state in Myanmar is Anwar Hossain said, "After getting passports of 65 Rohingya detainees we have

April 17 but did not get any spent for them, sources said.

spoke at the meeting include Ilias Uddin Molla, Aslamul Haque and those from Rohingyas are creating reserved seats Shahida Tarek Dipti, Jahanara Begum, extramoneyand time are being Sabiha Khatun and Ashrafunnesa Mosharraf.

"The crisis has prevailed for last five to seven years. The government will prevent with a strong hand if anyone tries to destabilise law and order situation over the power and water crisis," the minister told

He made the observations when his attention was drawn about outrages over power outages and water crisis in different areas of the country.

Sohel Taj said additional security measures would be taken for electricity and Wasa offices where law and order

may deteriorate for an outcry. The minister alleged that "a vested quarter is instigating actively" to disturb law and order situation of the country.

"Legal action will be taken against the instigators," he Sohel Taj advised people to keep patience as the government is trying to solve the twin

problems. Meantime, State Minister for Power Shamsul Haque Tuku vesterday said the government has no control over the erratic electricity supply, a chronic problem. "We do not have any control

on the electricity as we do not

have control on storm or

cyclone-Sidr," Tuku told

reporters after a meeting with a

visiting Chinese delegation at power ministry. This comment came from the power minister at a time when people in different areas come out to the street and lay siege to highways to press their

Govt to shut

demand for power supply.

"The shutdown of CUFL will no doubt lift the power generation but it will bring bad news for country's agriculture and farmers in the next Aman or Aush season because we fear our stock of fertiliser may drop drastically and the government will have to import fertiliser at a much higher rate," said Md Shahjahan, manager (operation) of the

"The CUFL currently produces on average 1,400 metric tons of urea per day against its capacity 1,700 MT. We now get 49mmet of gas against daily

Engineer Jyotish Chandra Biswas observed that the CUFL doesn't require gas so about the best possible option

BDR men FROM PAGE 1

The news media are run-

added.

They also said cases under the wetland conservation act and private land development rules are pending against

tion with other militant outfits and the ongoing militant

Deputy Managing Director

organisation in several dis-

where the stadiums will be developed," he said.

time to meet the Bashundhara authorities to seek answers to

BCL factions

The injured were admitted and secretary blamed each other for the attack.

Sources said the clash ensued centering a cricket

altercation occurred between supporters of two teams and as a sequel to the brawl both groups backed by two factions of BCL CMC unit clashed on Wednesday in the city's Chatteswary Road at around 2:00pm. Later police rushed there

and charged batons to disperse the feuding students.

FROM PAGE 1 prime minister for the victims of atrocities committed by Bangla Bhai-led gangs were

taken away by his men, saying,

"The cheques are account payee which leave no scope for anyone else other than the account-holders concerned to convert those.' It also differs on locals' allegations of listing 'fake

victims' as grant recipients,

saying, "I on my own responsi-

bility prepared the list of vic-

tims irrespective of party and acceptable to all. Our Reply After receiving the rejoinder, we have further investigated the story and have found our story to be based on fact.

We, therefore, stand by our

FROM PAGE 16 Jahangir Hossain, Liton Miah Abdul Hannan, Habib and Shafiqul Alam. Police said the Hizb-ut men would be interrogated on various issues including their

activities in the areas, associa-

A team of Kushtia Sadar

police led by Officer-in-

activities in the country.

10 Hizb-ut

Charge (OC) Babul Uddin Sardar arrested 31 members of the outfit last Friday amid a secret meeting. Police seized books, leaflets and two kinds of powders, which are yet to be identified A case was filed with Kushtia Sadar Police Station on April

According to police, Hizb-

ut Towhid, one of 29 Islamic

organisations suspected for

militant activities in the country, has been operating in the region including Meherpur, Jhenidah, Magura and Chuadanga for last few years. Earlier, police had arrested at least 100 activists of the

tricts in the region. However,

officer (IO) of the case said

Rezaul Islam, investigation

all were released on bail.

19 in this connection.

they will start interrogation from today under a special cell in Kushtia. S.M Mahfuzul Haque Nuruzzaman, Kushtia police super told the daily star that the militants would not be

meeting of the sub-

whip Khandaker Delwar

"We found that former chief

spared. They would be brought to book.

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committee.

Hossain illegally drew a Tk 6 lakh medical bill. Former speaker Jamiruddin Sircar unlawfully approved it through wrong interpretation of law although the then premier refused to approve it," he said. The sub-committee chief said before approving the bill, Sircar took an undertaking

the money if anyone raises question about it or the Supreme Court issues directives to return the money. "We have enquired into various medical bills of previous years but we did not find

such precedent in approving

speaker Akhtar Hamid

Siddiqui's medical bill, the

sub-committee chief said, he

Referring to former deputy

medical bills," Bakradded.

from Delwar's son and daugh-

ter that they would pay back

received treatment in Moscow in January, 2008 and drew a Tk 1.21 lakh medical bill, which was required to be approved by the head of government. "But the former speaker approved the bill that he was

not entitled to do as per the

law," Bakr said.

and financial anomalies against Jamiruddin Sircar. He also directed the committee to probe corruption and irregularities in the parliament secretariat in the last seven years.

April 13 formed three subcommittees headed by SK Abu Bakr, Shajahan Khan and Mujibul Haq to enquire into

forces broke through a key rebel embankment protecting their

Dr Thangamuttu

the spot. Fighting continued Wednesday and shells fell near a

The military denies targeting the civilians or using heavy

"We suffered casualties because we are not using heavy and long-range weapons. We only use small weapons," Nanayakkara said, accusing the

Top executive

"His death is under an active investigation. It was an unattended death and there are no signs of four play," snetoid AFP. Local media reports said Kellermann's wife alerted

house to come investigate an apparent suicide."

FROM PAGE 1 remand in connection with the Chittagong arms haul

failed to extract anything remarkable from the CUFL former MD in a three-day remand that ended on March 19 and such failure continued while grilling the NSI officer in remand that ended Tuesday

02, 2004.

The CUFL former MD

The CID investigators produced CUFL former MD and former GM (Administra-