95 kids killed in AL men clash | Manpower export US-Taliban clash

Afghan lawmaker says

AP, Kabul

Ninety-five Afghan children are among the 140 people said to have died in a recent US-Taliban battle in western Afghanistan, according to a list drawn up by Afghan officials, a lawmaker said Wednesday. The US military disputed the claim.

Afghans blame US airstrikes for the deaths and destruction in the villages of Gerani and Ganjabad in Farah the condolence payments that province.

Sixty-five of the reported victims on the list were female, either adults or children, said lawmaker Obaidullah Helali, a lawmaker from Farah and a member of the government's ages exaggeration," Julian investigative team. If the said. Afghan toll is correct, it would be the largest case of civilian deaths since the 2001 US-led invasion to oust the Taliban.

US military spokesman Col. Greg Julian said "there is no physical proof that can substantiate" the Afghan list of victims. The US has refused to release a number of people it thinks died in the May 4-5 clash in Farah's Bala Baluk district.

Julian said militants are to which involves linking success blame for the deaths because they kept villagers hostage during the fight.

The International Committee of the Red Cross also has said that women and children were among dozens of dead people its teams saw in the two villages, but it did not provide an overall figure.

Dr Zahid

Zahid was sentenced to 13

years' rigorous imprisonment

baton on a group of doctors

who marched in procession on

the court premises demanding

withdrawal of the case against

Newaz Ahmed Chowdhury

and Shahidul Haque from the

scene but released them later.

Police picked up doctors

Special Court-6 Judge

Tanzina Ismail sent Zahid to

jail rejecting his bail prayer. The

court also directed the jail

first class division and treat-

ment in prison following a

Zahid's lawyers told the court

that their client could not

appear before the court to face

trial as he had been suffering

for a week and first class divi-

sion in prison saying he is still

doctors brought out a proces-

withdrawal of the case. Police

had to charge baton on them to

bring the situation under

was sentenced to 13 years'

imprisonment for amassing

On May 25 last year, Zahid

He was also fined Tk 10 lakh,

They prayed for Zahid's bail

The prosecution opposed

from illness for long.

grant Zahid bail.

control

Moving the bail petition,

prayer from Zahid's counsel.

in absentia in the case.

graft case

Zahid.

President Hamid Karzai

Afghan members of the

has said the strikes were "not

acceptable" and estimated

delegation investigating the

clash delivered condolence

payments to victims' families

Tuesday, Helali said. The

payments \$2,000 for the dead

and \$1,000 for the wounded

were ordered by Karzai, he

might be one reason for villag-

ers to report these high num-

mine an exact number and

there's a climate that encour-

with the US to minimize civil-

ian deaths during its opera-

tions. Past incidents have

drawn immediate outcries

from the government, which

contends that such killings

undermine support for the

comes as the Obama adminis-

tration is gearing up to roll out

a new strategy for the region,

in Afghanistan with security in

neighboring Pakistan, where

Taliban militants are active

long-term nonmilitary efforts

here for example, civilian

expertise in farming and other

specialties along with an

increase of 21,000 US troops.

The US has also pledged

along the border.

The disputed incident

fight against the Taliban.

Julian suggested that it is

"It's very difficult to deter-

Karzai has long pleaded

that 125 to 130 civilians died.

Police said, the clash ensued at around 10.00 am between the two groups over the tender for Tk 2 crore expansion works of

Sources said, engineer Ansar with the help of UNO Mohi Uddin Khan gave its work order to upazila AL Secretary Abu Bakker Khoka, Joint Secretary Abdullah Pathan and Sonakhara union AL President Nurul Islam without following any tendering process though there was a scheduled date to submit the tender documents

The officials secretly gave the

workers rushed to the office and demanded rearrangement of the tendering process immediately but the engineer did not

At one stage, they staged demonstration on the office engineer to his room for about

two hours.

weapons and hurled brickbats during the clash, leaving 10 people injured. On information, police rushed in, charged batons on

them and brought the situation under control. The injured were admitted

critical, sources said. Additional police have been deployed in the area to avert

further clash. When contacted, engineer Anser Ali declined to make any comment on the matter. Besides, UNO Mohi Uddin Khan denied the allegation of irregularities in the tendering

imprisonment for abetting her FROM PAGE 16

husband in amassing illegal wealth worth Tk 3.98 crore. The court also ordered the in the court of law.

earlier released on bail.

hiding information about their wealth worth over Tk 3 32

authorities to provide him with Woman killed India

several marks on her throat. Contacted, Assistant Deputy Commissioner said Khaleda's husband Sumon is an ambulance driver of the civil aviation at Zia International Airport. He has another wife living in Uttara.

Khaleda. the bail petition and prayed for

Khaleda's brother Abdul sending him to jail saying the court had no jurisdiction to Meanwhile, about 200 sion at about 11:00am on the court premises demanding

Police arrested Sumon on his surrender, police said.

Ranabhula.

wealth illegally and concealing Police said Rahima's body information in the wealth statement submitted to the Anti-Corruption Commission in default of which he would have to spend one more year in ing since, police added.

Meanwhile, police charged authorities concerned to confiscate Zahid's ill-gotten

was awarded three years

wealth ACC Assistant Director Nasiruddin Ahmed filed the case with Ramna Police Station on October 3, 2007 on charge of

Zahid's name was on the second list of corruption suspects published by the commission.

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Locals said being drunken Sumon often used to torture

Khalek yesterday filed a murder case with Turag Police Station accusing five people including Sumon and his second wife Tuli, said OC Khandaker.

In another incident, Turag police recovered hanging body of Rahima Akter, 18, wife of Monir Hossain of

had been dangling from the ceiling throttled with a piece of cloth. Her husband, a garment worker, locked into a quarrel with her the preceding night and has been abscond-

Date with destiny

FROM PAGE 1 around 15 hours a day and earns Tk 400 a week with day-

called spinner, which shapes aluminium-made household products and generates huge

different and he could have lived like many other children because he had every potential. During his very brief academic career he always stood first in all examinations before he dropped out at class V.

But he now cannot even enjoy his only day-off of the

"I do not have a day-off in the real sense as I do not have anywhere to play or anything to enjoy. On Fridays I eventually come to my office pre-

mises and wander aimlessly." His mother Reena works at run. the same factory. She said, "We asked him to continue his studies but he refused. In fact, and then became a helper. he realises our financial condition and at this age thinks promotion to a machine like an adult."

again proved his merit and tory.

been promoted to a machine operator after two years performance with Tk 400 a week. Salary at the factory varies on age and normally the

Over one-fourth of the workers in nearby factories in Kamrangirchar are children, Raju's life could have been who operate machines, handle acid, colour balloons among other things, 13 hours

> Like Raju, millions of children across the country are forced into child labour in various forms. They are not only deprived of education but also exposed to life risk

Apart from acid and aluminium these children are involved in work at different factories using colouring pigment, which experts say may cause cancer in the long

"I worked as a cleaner for six months in the beginning Now I am expecting another operator," says 10-year-old At the workplace Raju has Suman at Shuvo plastic fac-

engineer Ansar Ali to his office room for about two hours.

eight schools in the upazila.

on Monday.

works to the AL leaders Monday through a negotiation. In the morning, Jubo League

pay heed to their demand.

premises protesting the negotiation and vandalised its furniture and kept confined the

Hearing the news, AL men led by the three leaders attacked the Jubo League men that led to afierce clash. Both groups used sharp

to the upazila health complex, district sadar hospital and local clinics where the condition of two of them was stated to be

process.

Naser Rahman

his clients of the allegation of extortion, as it was not proved

He also said his clients were

Md Nuruzzaman, a contractor, filed the case with Sylhet Kotwali Police Station on February 17, 2007, accusing the three of extorting Tk 2

On September 18, 2007 a Sylhet court sentenced Naser Rahman to nine years' and the two engineers to five years imprisonment.

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Front and aligned with BJP-led NDA, a senior leader of Janata Dal (Secular), another regional party which is also a part of Third Front, met Congress President Sonia Gandhi here Tuesday night sparking speculation about fresh political realignment.

Janata Dal (S) leader H D Kumaraswamy had a meeting with Sonia Gandhi at her residence last evening, fuelling speculation of further desertion from Third Front.

However, Kumaraswamy son of former Indian Prime Minister H D Deve Gowda who heads JD (S), later told the media that it was a "courtesy call" and Sonia Gandhi did not

seek the support of his party. The final phase of polling covered 86 constituencies spread across seven states and two federal territories to decide the electoral fate of 1,432 candidates including Indian Home Minister Palaniappan Chidambaram, Trinamool Congress Chief Mamata Banerjee, BJP leader Varun Gandhi and his mother

Maneka Gandhi. However, the spotlight of the balloting yesterday was on the 39 seats in Tamil Nadu, considered a key swing state where the outcome has determined to a great extend which party or combination of parties had ruled India since 1996.

PTI, AFP adds: Around 35-40 per cent voting was recorded till early afternoon from Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Uttarakhand, Chandigarh and Puducherry, polling was about 30 per cent in Himachal Pradesh and about 16-18 per cent in Jammu and

Kashmir. Neither the ruling alliance led by the Congress party nor the main opposition bloc headed by the Hindunationalist BJP is seen as capable of securing an absolute

majority. Saturday's results are therefore expected to trigger a frantic round of political horsetrading as the two main blocs scrabble for new partners among a multitude of regional parties -- all with their own local

"Everything will depend on numbers," Prime Minister Manmohan Singh acknowledged at a press briefing this

emerges to govern India's 1.1 billion people, observers say it will be an unwieldy coalition that will struggle to present a united front at a time when India is facing a sharp economic downturn and numerous foreign policy challenges.

FROM PAGE 16 Members of the standing body said the manpower export had dropped signifi-

cantly in the recent months due to global meltdown. The standing committee recommendations include looking for new potential labour market and reorganising foreign missions of the

country. Manpower export in January 2008 was 91,999 while the number dropped to 50,632 in the same month of 2009, the ministry officials informed the meeting.

In February 2008 a total of 71,716 people were sent abroad while the number came down to 43,856 in the same month of 2009. In March 2008 the number was 59,183 while it dropped to 42,945 in March 2009.

The meeting, however, observed that decline in manpower export did not affect the flow of remittance rather it has increased about 15 percent in the last three months compared to the corresponding period of the previous year. The ministry high officials

informed the meeting that they had already taken some immediate measures including intensifying 'diplomatic and friendly' relations with manpower import countries and holding joint meetings with foreign diplomats in Dhaka to tackle the sharp fall in manpower export.

"We recommended that at the meeting.

the government should reorganise Bangladeshi foreign missions abroad so that foreign missions

"There are about 22 lakh Bangladeshi workers in Saudi Arabia against a few officials in our embassy there to look after our workers,"

tries concerned to send capable and expert people as officials in the labour wing so that they can handle the labour issue efficiently," said the chief of the committee.

has already sent letters to our foreign missions to look for labour market in East Europe and Africa beyond our conventional labour market," he

The ministry officials informed the committee that it had already started sending workers to Korea, Romania, South Africa, Azerbaijan, Algeria and Sudan in the pursuit of new labour market.

Overseas Employment Minister Khandoker Musharraf Hossain, committee members Ishak Hossain Talukdar, ABM Abul Kashem, among others, were present

Lobby pushes

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Pakistan water and power development board in the name of CMEC and another from Iran energy ministry in the name of CMEC-Shanghai Electric, which are unacceptable," said a source.

The Chinese company offered a gas booster compressor (GBC) from Shanghai Fiorentini, China that has no experience in supplying such equipment.

In order to cover up this shortcoming, Shanghai Electric submitted performance certificate issued by end-users mentioning that Pietro-Fiorentini, Italy, not Shanghai Fiorentini supplied the GBC.

Gas booster was a major issue for the Harbin's Tongi 80MW power plant that tripped many times because of a flawed GBC installed by that company. The plant tripped over 100 times in the first two years of its operation since March 2005.

Besides, Shanghai Electric submitted manufacturer's authorisation in plain papers without any letterheads and has not provided Peak Load Data of the offered equipment in the guaranteed data sheet as required.

Shanghai Electric's bidding is US\$ 100 million added.

whereas the read out price offered by other bidders are actually lower and interestingly, all the three offers hover around US\$ 95 million. But these offers proved to be costlier than that of the Shanghai Electric when the tender committee added the costs of spares.

likely to be sent to the PDB board next week. A powerful ruling party man is allegedly putting pressure on the PDB committee to favour the Chinese company. "It's being done the same

way Harbin was awarded power projects in Tongi Fenchuganj and Chandpur under pressure from Hawa Bhaban," said an official.

A PDB high official said, "The PDB must be allowed to work on its own. The ministry or any other authority should not change the bid criterion. It's the job of the PDB to find what is right.

The technical evaluation of the bid is yet to be completed. On its completion, the tender committee will make a power point presentation before the PDB board explaining the bids, he

Slaving for cookware

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temperature, which is almost unbearable even for the

grown-ups. The same working condition prevails in all neighbouring factories. Workers, even little children, were seen handling acid and alkali in bare hands at nearby

Shuvo plastic factory. Six out of 14 workers are children there and no-one seems to be concerned about

their safety. child labour is so deplorable and dangerous. We don't have any specific plan yet how to address the wide range of problems in this regard," State Minister for Labour and Employment Monnujan Sufian told The

"However, we'll try to control the situation in phases in future," she added.

Back at the plastic factory, 10-year old Sayedur describes his ordeal. "I got my smallest finger cut after a round piece of aluminium fell on it. I face such risk every day only for Tk 250 a week."

the basis of their performance and naturally kids of minor age are not skilled enough," says Mobarak, owner of Shuvo plastic. "Aluminium particles are

solid. If these particles go

through the respiratory

tunnel, the children will

definitely suffer from lung

diseases and breathing prob-

can cause chronic bronchitis and pneumoconiosis, affecting expandability of the lung and crippling the respiratory system," observes Dr Kazi S Bennoor of BSMMU.

According to a survey titled "National Child Labour Survey: 2002-2003", there are around 7.4 million working lion child labourers in the

The survey states that 1.3 million of the surveyed chil dren are engaged in hazardous work, defined as working more than 43 hours a week, which is considered to be detrimental to their physical and mental health.

Experts say the number of children engaged in hazardous work would be much higher if the sectors deemed to be hazardous have been clearly defined.

lems," says Prof Nilufar theworkplaces.

BDR mutineers

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officers, sources said. Sources said the committee however did not draw any conclusion about whether any one or any quarter patronised or masterminded the mutiny from outside the Pilkhana headquarters. However, it has mentioned of some outside links of the BDR mutineers.

The committee was formed soon after the bloody mutiny ended on February

Meanwhile, the national probe committee is also likely to submit its report within a few days.

In Cox's Bazar, police and Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) personnel jointly raided the battalion headquarters at Jilunga near the town yesterday and arrested 100 more border troops in connection with staging mutiny on February 25-26.

The BDR men were later produced before a Cox's Bazar court, which ordered

to send them to jail. Mamunur Rashid, a subinspector of Kotwali police station, filed a sedition case against 102 jawans on May 7 accusing them of taking up arms breaking command and indulging in indiscipline and destructive acts.

Our Court Correspondent reports: Three more people-two BDR jawans and a civilian -- confessed to their involvement in the Pilkhana carnage yesterday.

They are sepoys Torab Hossain and Yusuf Ali Khan and civilian Al Amin.

Our Correspondent in Bandarban adds: Yet another sedition case was filed with a Bandarban court yesterday against 64 BDR jawans on charge of staging mutiny on February 25-26. Following filing of the case, the court issued warrant against the suspected mutineers.

Earlier on Sunday, 110 BDR jawans were arrested from different units in Bandarban after a sedition case was filed against them.

Judicial Magistrate yesterday issued warrants against 100 BDR jawans of Baitul Izzat Rifles Fraining Centre and School after police filed a sedition case against them.

Businesses

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Muhith said the government

Generation of power is not the main problem; the real problem lies in the transmission system of power, the minister said. He, however, said for mitigating the power crisis the government would set up dual-fuel plants and coal-fired power plants even i

it requires importing coal. "I do not know if it is possible to extract coal within next three years, but we will not wait. We will set up coal-fired

coal," Muhith said. Muhith will place the budget speech in parliament on

He said at present only four crore of seven crore employable people have jobs. "The government will emphasise the small and medium enter-

offer job to at least one member of every family next year, but it could be possible within the next five years. The finance minister said i

might not be possible to attain six percent GDP growth next year, but it is possible to attain 8 percent growth before handing over power after expiry of

the tenure of this government Dhaka College

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Mohammad Kamal Uddin, officer-in-charge (OC) o Newmarket police station. He said police then fired around 40 tear gas canisters to disperse the students. The students also hurled brickbats and stones at police during the

control at about 12:00pm. Traffic movement on the

due to the clash.

Lankan war

FROM PAGE 16 "We are unable to treat the people properly because a lot of aides have fled the hospital. We go into bunkers when there is shelling and try to treat them as much as we can when there is a

lull," he said by telephone. More than 1,000 civilians many with amputations or chest wounds were waiting for treatment at the hospital when it was struck, and every 10 minutes or so another one or two died, according to a third hospital official, who spoke only on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized by the government to speak to

Overwhelmed doctors have been reduced to handing out gauze and bandages to the seriously wounded, the official said. More than 100 dead bodies have been left inside the compound because no one will risk burying them amid the constant shelling, he said.

The hospital's admissions ward was hit by a mortar round Tuesday, in an attack that killed 49 patients and bystanders, health officials said.

Rebel spokesman Seevaratnam Puleedevan said shells also hit a home for mentally handicapped women, killing 38 and wounding more than 40. The health officials said they were not able to confirm that attack.

Shelling also killed Red Cross worker Mayuran Sivagurunathan and his mother and prevented a Red Cross ferry off the coast from delivering food aid and evacuating the wounded, according to the International Committee of the Red Cross.

The aid group said it was not sure if its employee was killed in the hospital attack.

"There are many shells

falling. I don't know if it was the same attack," Red Cross spokesman Marcel Izard said. Shelling in the area also killed Red Cross worker Mayuran Sivagurunathan, according to Sarasi Wijeratne,

spokeswoman for the

International Committee of the

Red Cross. It also prevented a

Red Cross ferry off the coast

from delivering food aid and Wasa won't

FROM PAGE 16 water from 14 percent to 50

percent in five years," he said. "Gradually, we'll reach to 100 percent use of surface water as there is no alternative to it," he

utilities agencies he said there is no coordination between Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha (Rajuk) and Dhaka City Corporation (DCC). Cooperatives Jahangir Kabir Nanak said the new system

Underscoring the need of

coordination among different

make Dhaka a beautiful and clean city. Lawmaker of Dhaka-8 Rashed Khan Menon said success of the government is fading due to failure of safe

would play as a milestone to

drinking water. He said he got huge complaints from residents of his constituency about lack of drinking water and stinky water supplied by Wasa.

Pope calls for Palestinian state

AFP, Bethlehem Pope Benedict XVI called yesterday for a Palestinian homeland and urged youths to resist temptation for "terrorism" in his first trip to the

occupied West Bank. "The Holy See supports the right of your people to a sovereign Palestinian homeland in the land of your forefathers, secure and at peace with its neighbours, within internationally recognised borders, he said at the welcoming ceremony in Bethlehem, the traditional birthplace of Jesus.

The pope spoke after passing through an imposing checkpoint in Israel's controversial eight-metre-(25-foot) high wall that surrounds a section of Bethlehem and forms part of a barrier that Israel says is essential to its security but which the Palestinians see as a symbol of an "apartheid" regime.

In the midst of an eight-day Holy Land pilgrimage, the pope reiterated his call for peace to come to a land revered by the world's three main monotheistic faiths that has been torn by decades of violence.

"In particular I call on the international community to bring its influence to bear in favour of a solution."

people living in the Palestinian territories not to witnessed to arouse bitterness or resentment in your hearts. "Have the courage to resist

any temptation you may feel to resort to acts of violence or terrorism. Instead, let what you have experienced renew your determination to build

evacuating the wounded, she

Reports of the fighting are difficult to verify because the government has barred journal. ists and aid workers from the

warzone. The government has come under heavy international criticism for the large civilian toll of its offensive against the Tamil Tiger rebels. British Foreign Secretary David Miliband called the conflict zone "as close to hell as you can get," and Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton joined him in expressing alarm at the

civilian casualties. Human Rights Watch said witness testimony and satellite images of the area taken Sunday and analyzed by experts "contradict Sri Lankan government claims that its armed forces are no longer using heavy weap-

ons" in the war zone. The group also accused the rebels of using the civilians as human shields and shooting those who try to escape.

army nor the Tamil Tigers appear to have any reluctance in using civilians as cannon fodder," said Brad Adams, Asia director at Human Rights The American Association

"Neither the Sri Lankan

for the Advancement of Science analyzed satellite photos of the area taken Sunday morning after a night of heavy shelling was reported in the area and compared it to an image taken four days before. The report was done at the request of Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International.

3 robbers

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prevent him from escaping. Hearing the gunshot, a team of policemen patrolling the area rushed to the spot and caught one of the robbers. The locals caught two of his accomplices and beat them up, he said.

However, the other three robbers managed to escape. Mohammad Abdul Malek,

officer-in-charge of Pallabi Police Station, said, "As we reached the spot, the escaping robbers fired three shots and hurled a bomb at us promptingus to fire six shots.

Shahjahan were rushed to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital, said Kripa Sindhu Bala, sub-inspector of the policestation.

Govt to probe

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Injured Zahirul and

the 'politically motivated Talking to the reporters after State Minister for LGRD and a meeting with senior police officials at the ministry's office, Sohel Taj made the comments. He said politically motivated

lists were made during the

period and some persons executed the lists. The government will bring those responsible personnel to justice after investigation, Sohel Taj added. Police personnel should be held accountable for any deterioration of law and order situa-

tion in the area under their

jurisdiction, he said, adding that

the officers must prepare reports marking the reasons behind the deterioration. "We ordered the law enforcers to work responsibly. If they fail, our law and order situation will deteriorate," he said. "We

also ordered police to discharge their duty with transparency."

Workers' death FROM PAGE 16

would go for investigation into

the death of Bangladeshi workers abroad. The recent death rate of Bangladeshi workers in abroad is the same as in previous times," Barrister Anisul Islam Mammud, chairman of the committee told The Daily Star after the meeting at the

parliament building.

issue in the meeting in detail and the committee thinks that the number of Bangladeshi workers who died abroad is not unusual compared to the previous record," Anisul said. He mentioned that a total of 12,307 Bangladeshi workers

died abroad in last seven years

from 2002 to March 2009 that

means on an average 164

"We have discussed the

migrant workers die every month. But the number of deaths of migrant workers abroad has been increasing significantly since 2004. Some 2,237 bodies of Bangladeshi workers were sent home last year while 1,673 in 2007, 1,402 in 2006,

1,248 in 2005 and 788 in 2004. A total of 904 bodies of migrant workers returned home from abroad in last five And he appealed to young months. Of them, 391 died of cardiac arrest, 268 in workplace accidents, 62 in road "allow the loss of life and the accidents, 115 of other sickdestruction that you have nesses while the remaining died of various reasons, according to the official source at Zia International

> Airport. There are about 65 lakh Bangladeshi workers across the world. The highest number of them is, of course, in the Middle East countries.

jail. Zahid's wife Rifat Hossain

off on Friday. He works in a machine metal dust in the process.

and many diseases.

smallest kids get the lowest.

agendas.

Whatever formation

strongly work on the issue of manpower export," Anisul Islam Mahmud told reporters after the meeting in the parliament building.

Anisul added. "We have asked the minis-

"The ministry concerned

Expatriates' Welfare and

The recommendation is

Otherwise, the power projects will suffer."

Nahar of department of chemistry, Dhaka University. "Inhaling such particles

"Consumption of colouring pigment may cause

country.

Another astonishing matter is that although involvement of children in unhygienic workplaces is evident and widely reported, neither the government nor the NGOs have taken any steps to assess and look after the children suffering from diseases affecting them in

"The present situation of

Daily Star.

"We pay the children on

asthma and lung cancer in the long run," he adds. children including 3.2 mil-

road was disrupted for an hour the college. Newmarket police said no

Meanwhile, Chittagong

would give businessmen a separate plan on power before placing the budget speech in parliament.

power plants, even import

prises [SMEs] and rural economy for reducing the huge unemployment," he said. He said it is not possible to

gathered on the campus in the morning and tried to march the road. As police prevented them from taking to the street, the students took position on the road in front of the college. At one stage, the students

set fire to a tyre and tried to

damage vehicles, said

clash that left at least eight students and two policemen injured. OC Kamal said they brought the situation under

Principal of the college Prof. Siraj Uddin Ahmed told reporters that the HSC examination was held peacefully at

case was filed and no one was arrested in this connection.