Dhaka stands firm against terrorism

PM tells UK minister

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister (PM) Sheikh ated her government's firm Hasina yesterday reaffirmed Bangladesh's strong stance against terrorism saying its lands would not be allowed to be used by terrorists in any way.

when UK Minister for Security and Counter-Terrorism Lord West met her at her official residence Jamuna in the morn-agencies.

terrorism have no boundary and religion, she underscored the importance of regional united efforts to stamp out against terrorism. terrorism from South Asian

various countries always keep in touch, the premier reitercommitment to root out all types of terrorism from Bangladesh soil.

In response to a request from the PM, the British min-Hasina made the remarks ister said his country is ready to provide modern antiterrorism training to Bangladesh's law enforcing

Lord West told Hasina that Mentioning terrorists and he visited some schools in Dhaka and was fascinated seeing the talents of the students and their strong stand

Issues relating to global

The PM informed West that the government would launch capital and maintenance dredging in major rivers of the country to save people from recurring floods.

They also discussed other issues relating to national, regional and international development, and said bilateral relations between Bangladesh and UK would be strengthened in the days to

PM's Adviser Tarique Ahmed Siddique, Office Secretary Mollah Waheeduzzaman, Press Secretary Abul Kalam Azad and former ambassador M Zia

warming also came up for Saying that terrorists in discussion during the meeting. Uddin were present. Constitutional recognition of indigenous people

Freedom fighter Kakan Bibi honoured

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

demanded

Kakan Hennyata, who is also known as Kakan Bibi, an indigenous female freedom fighter from the Khasi community, has every right to be aggrieved.

Although she fought in as in the country over the years. many as 20 battles with the and supplied arms and food to the freedom fighters in Sector No 5 during the liberation war in 1971, her contribution to the country's independence had never been acknowledged.

And she is no exception; the entire indigenous community is being badly treated in the country. They are being evicted from their own land, let alone acknowledging someone's contribution.

"I am Kakan Bibi. Everything seems beautiful here, everything seems okay and very good. I thank you all. That's it," this is all that an aggrieved Kakan Bibi had to say after receiving the Sidhu-Kanhu-Fulmoni Award at a - a crest, Tk 20000 and a cita-

reception at Engineers' Institution in the city yester-

ignored bears testimony to the story of deprivation and marginalisation the indigenous people have underwent

Kakan Bibi, 82, received the Pakistani occupation forces award at a daylong ceremony organised to mark the 154th anniversary of Santal Hool

> Speakers at the programme reiterated their demands for constitutional recognition of the indigenous people, introducing primary education in their mother tongue, recognition of their land rights and return of the lands that had been grabbed.

"The indigenous people's right to land has not been ensured till date. It is not only a matter of shame but also sheer disregard for humanity," said noted academic Prof Khan Sarwar Murshid in his speech as the chief guest.

He handed over the award -

tion, to Kakan Bibi.

"Today we are recognising someone who had helped us The way Kakan Bibi was win the liberation war being a successor of Sidhu-Kanhu-Fulmoni," said litterateur Selina Hossain, who presided over the award giving ceremony.

The daylong programme was divided into four sessions. Earlier, a discussion on 'Constitutional recognition of Adivasi: precondition to build a democratic and religion impartial society' was held.

The daylong programme organised by Bangladesh Adivasi Adhikar Andolon ended with placing wreaths at the Central Shaheed Minar following a cultural function staged by different indigenous communities.

The speakers at the programme demanded withdrawal of fake cases filed against the indigenous people, separate land commission for indigenous people on plain land and immediate arrest of the people involved in the attack on the indigenous people in Naogaon.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Afzal Gonotontri

Party president

Mohammad Afzal and Nurur Rahman Selim were elected president and general secretary of the central committee of Gonotontri Party, says a press release.

They were elected at the biennale national convention of the party at Diploma Engineers Institute auditorium in the city on Saturday.

Members of the panel of presidents are Arash Ali, Mahmudur Rahman Babu, Dr Md Shahidullah, Advocate Gaznafar Ali Chowdhury, Bhupendra Bhawmik Dolon, Rezaul Karim Lebu, Kamrul Ahsan Khan Parvez, Abul Hashem Mia, and Abdul Bari Zoardar.



Seminar

Bangladesh Shishu Adhikar Forum organises a seminar titled 'Ratification of ILO Convention Its importance: Context Bangladesh'. Venue: Bilia auditorium. Time: 9:30am.

Seminar

Accident Research Institute, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet) organises a seminar on 'Road traffic accidents involving hazardous materials'. Venue: Civil Engineering Building. Time: 5:00pm.

Roundtable

The weekly Shaptahik organises a roundtable on education policy. Venue: Cirdap auditorium. Time: 10:00am.

Seminar

Mass-line Media Centre organises a seminar on the role of women members of union parishad. Venue: IDB Bhaban. Time: 10:00am.

Graduation ceremony

The graduation ceremony for the O' Level students of 2008-09 batch of Scholastica School will be held, Venue: STM Hall. Time: 4:00pm.

MARITIME BOUNDARY

Talks with Myanmar next month

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The next round of bilateral meeting between Bangladesh and Myanmar on demarcation of maritime boundary is likely to be held in Myanmar next month, said Foreign Minister Dipu Moni in parliament yesterday. In response to lawmakers'

queries, the foreign minister said the government has initiated various measures to establish Bangladesh's claim over the continental shelf.

Answering to BNP lawmaker Harunur Rashid's query, Dipu Moni said measures had been taken immedi ately after the country's independence to settle disputes over the maritime boundary with Myanmar and the negotiation continued till 1986.

"After a gap of 22 years, the bilateral technical meeting resumed March 2008 -- two of the meetings with Myanmar were held in Dhaka and one in Myanmar," she added.

Dipu Moni, in response to the queries of BNP lawmaker

Rasheda Begum Hira and Awami League lawmaker Tohura Ali, mentioned various measures taken by the government to establish country's claims over the continental shelf of the Bay of Bengal.

She said the government had not decided to conduct survey of the sea area, which remained disputed with India and Myanmar.

Lt Mainul buried

METRO DESK

Lt Shah Md Mainul Haque of Bangladesh Army, who died in a shell explosion firing at School of Infantry and Tactics in Jalalabad Cantonment, Sylhet on Sunday, was buried at his village home at Lohagara in Narail after namaz-e-janaza at Chopper's Den, Dhaka Cantonment yesterday, says an ISPR press release.

Chief of Army Staff General Md Abdul Mubeen attended the namaz-e-janaza and laid wreath at the coffin of Mainul.



Thundershowers likely

UNB, Dhaka

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely to occur at most places over all six divisions in next 12 hours until 6:00 pm today. Day temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the

country, Met Office said. The sun sets in the capital at 7:50pm today and rises at

6:15am tomorrow. Yesterday's highest temperature of 36.2 degrees Celsius

was recorded at Rajshahi and the lowest of 24 at Cox's Bazar. Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town Temperature in Humidityin Celsius percentage Evening Morning Max Min 32.2 Dhaka 26.0 29.5 25.0 Chittagong 89 76 36.2 26.6 Rajshahi 100 26.0 93 Khulna 29.0 90 Barisal 27.0 30.4 88 89 30.1 25.4 Sylhet 85 88 32.0 Cox's Bazar 24.0 89 88

Home minister hospitalised

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Home Minister Sahara Khatun was admitted to a city clinic after she fell over in the washroom of her official residence and sustained injuries yesterday morning.

Sahara was rushed to the city's Trauma Centre at about 11:00am. sources in the home ministry said. She had hurther waist.

The home minister underwent necessary check-ups,

including X-ray of her waist bone. Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury and Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) Commissioner AKM Shahidul Haque visited her in the hospital.

Killing of RMG workers, setting fire to industries condemned

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Different political parties and labour organisations continued to pour out condemnation on the incidents of killing of garment workers on Sunday and setting fire on garment

factories yesterday at Ashulia. These sorts of incidents are putting the main foreign currency-earning sector on verge of destruction, they said demanding proper investigation and trial of the people responsible, adequate compensation to the victims' family and proper treatment of the

It is not possible to ensure discipline in the sector through torture and repression, they said urging the government and owners to resolve problem through discussion.

Leaders of the Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) said it is not possible to bring peaceful atmosphere in garment factories without meeting lawful demands of the workers. At a rally at Muktangan, they

alleged that the law enforcing agencies and local goons continued torturing on the workers at Ashulia in order to foil their movements to realise their demands.

A reign of terror has been created in the area due to government's indifference, they said.

Leaders of the Garment Sramik Trade Union Kendra urged the government to implement the demands of garments workers and to restart the operation of the garments which have been shuttered up following the

They categorically urged the government to punish the culprits who opened fire on the workers.

Bangladesh Sanjukta Garment Sramik Federation condemned the incidents of killing of the workers and vandalism and setting fire on a garment

Condemning the incident leaders of Workers Party of Bangladesh said it is not possible to flourish the industry further by killing the workers in the name of controlling labour dissatisfac-

In a statement, they urged the government, owners and work-

ers to sit for a peaceful solution. Expressing concern over the incident, Bangladesh Jatiya Sramik Jote leaders said incidents of torture and exploitation on garment workers have been occurring which is putting the major foreign currencyearner on the verge ruin.

8 govt officials sued on graft charges

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A case was filed with the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's (CMM) Court against eight former and present government officials on charges of misappropriating money.

Former director general (DG) of the department of post Abdus Salam filed the case stating that the accused had misappropriated salaries of 152 employees of the depart ment -- Tk 18 lakh -- by making forged documents in 2006.

secretary of the ministry of | DSE. post and telecommunications ABM Khorshed Alam, joint secretary Dilruba Begum, additional director general of the department of the post Abdur Rashid, former director general (DG) Alauddin Ahmed, former secretary to the ministry Mahmud Hasan Mansur, former senior assistant secretary Aftab Uddin Mondol, former home secretary Mohammad Mohsin and former accounts officer of the department of post Krishna Kumar Gupta.

After a hearing Metropolitan Magistrate Ismail Hossain ordered a judicial inquiry into the mat ter and CMM AKM Enamul Haque assigned Metropolitan Magistrate Moazzem Hossain to submit a report by November 10 after the judicial inquiry.



Democratic Left Alliance, CPB and Workers Party jointly stage a demonstration at Muktangan in the city yesterday protesting killing of garment workers in Ashulia.

Tk 184cr DU budget proposed

DU CORRESPONDENT

Dhaka University (DU) yesterday proposed a budget of Tk 184 crore for the 2009-10 fiscal year, with an allocation of only 3.05 percent of the budget for carrying out researches.

DU Treasurer Prof Mijanur Rahman placed the proposed budget for 2009-10 fiscal and the revised budget for 2008-09 fiscal on the first day of the two- get. day annual senate session of the university with Tk 10.20 crore

Vice Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique chaired the session. The lion share of the pro-

posed budget, Tk 144.46 crore (78.52 percent), will be spent on salary and pension of the teachers and other staffs while only Tk 562.90 lakh has been allocated for research.

Govt tells HC

Removing confusion over the

issue of judicial magistrates,

the government has recently

told the High Court (HC) that

the judicial magistrates have

been functioning lawfully

under the Criminal Procedure

Code (CrPC) (amendment)

The CrPC (amendment)

Act 2009 has been passed in

parliament on April 8 this year,

with retrospective effect from

November 1, 2007, the day

when the separation of judi-

ciary from the executive took

HC of the issue through an

affidavit, as the court issued a

rule upon the government in

this regard on March 11, when

The high court in its suo

the law remained ineffective.

moto rule asked the govern-

ment to explain under which

legal authority the judicial

magistrates are functioning

after February 24, 2009, as the

tenure of the CrPC (amend-

ment) ordinances separating

the judiciary expired on the

also said it has enacted the

CrPC (amendment) Act 2009

in line with two ordinances the

government promulgated to

separate the judiciary from begins.

The government informed

ASHUTOSH SARKAR

Act 2009.

place, it said.

The allocation for research, neighbouring countries. however, has increased this year. It was Tk 158.40 lakh in the revised budget of 2008-09 fiscal.

allocated for meeting the expenses of education supportive sectors.

In the general supportive sector, Tk 20.99 crore has been allocated in the proposed bud-

Of the total budget, Tk 153.80 crore will come from the University Grants Commission (UGC) while Tk 20 crore will be generated from the university's internal income, Prof Mijanur

Prof Arefin stressed the need for introducing a separate pay scale for DU teachers and increasing other allowances, terming the existing facilities poor in comparison with the sion.

Judicial magistrates

CrPC (amend) Act

the executive.

before an HC bench.

cause list of HC.

The attorney general's

Deputy Attorney General

office recently placed the reply

to the rule through an affidavit.

Mostafa Zaman Islam on

Sunday told The Daily Star

that the matter relating to the

suo moto rule has been

enlisted for hearing in the

ABM Khairul Haque and

Justice Mamtaz Uddin Ahmed

will hold the hearing on the

hearing of a writ petition filed

by one Naboti Ranjan

Chakma, an HC bench headed

by Justice ABM Khairul Haque

issued the rule, as the CrPC

(amendment) ordinances

2007 were not passed in par-

liament within 30 days after it

taker government promul-

gated two ordinances in April

2007 amending the code of

criminal procedure to sepa-

rate the judiciary from the

section 93 of the constitution,

which says any ordinance will

cease to have effect if not

30 days after the session

annex building but they found

after receiving information from

the DSE and we are ready to

extend security services at any

time," said Monirul Haque

Bhuiyan, patrol inspector under

ment agencies' hunt, every

brokerage house searched their

the proposed budget, the mar-

ket is performing very well and

the bullish mood will continue

in the coming days too," said an

telephone from Singapore, DSE

President Rakibur Rahman said

that the threat was made to

investor in an interview with a

Talking to The Daily Star over

Apart from the law enforce-

'Since the announcement of

Motijheel Police Station.

"We rushed to the spot just

The ordinance expired on

The immediate past care-

was placed in the House.

On March 11, during the

rule within a day or two.

The HC bench of Justice

working under

"The incident of August 2007 was a huge shock to the DU family. Four teachers were Tk 22.95 crore (12.47 percent put behind the bars centering a of the total amount) has been trivial incident. Our security, freedom of expression and the 1973 Ordnance of the university have come under threat following the incident," he

> "We have reached a consensus that August 23 is a black day for the university," said the DU

> Prof Mijanur said the main reason behind the Tk 10.20 crore deficit in the proposed budget is additional allocations for teachers' researches and digitalisation.

The newly elected members of the 104-member senate body participated in the ses-

Ashraful for

extending

service age

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Local Government and Rural

Development (LGRD)

Minister Sved Ashraful Islam

yesterday suggested for

extending the service age of

the public servants by ar least

three years.

not just since the average life-

expectancy of the country-

men has increased. It should

be raised to 60 years," he said

while addressing the farewell

ceremony of LGRD Secretary

Sheikh Khurshid Alam at the

To justify the proposal,

Ashraful Islam mentioned

that the service age has been

made 65 years in different

A public servant, as per the

There is a proposal of the

existing rules, goes on leave

preparatory to retirement

Secretary Committee on

Administrative Development

Affairs to extend of service age

of the public servants.

As per the proposal, the retire-

ment age of freedom fighter

civil servants will be 62, while

others will retire at 60.

The LGRD minister thanked

the outgoing secretary for

discharging his duties prop-

erly and giving him coopera-

tion in running the affairs of

officials and employees of the

ministry to work with sincer-

ity and honesty to implement

the development activities of

Khurshid Alam urged

ministry.

the government.

the bomb threat news.

"We did it to avoid any stam-

pede," said DSE acting presi-

dent Saiful Islam, adding, "If we

disclosed the threat instantly

and urged the investors to get

away from the trading floors

countries across the world.

(LPR) at the age of 57.

"The present service age is

to 60



Mohammad Habib Ali, a retired government official and father of The Daily Star Chittagong Bureau

tions at his residence at Paschim Bakolia DC Road in Chittagong early yesterday at the age of 85. He left behind his wife, five

He was buried at

Aminur Rahman Khan



Rahman Khan, former deputy secretary of the then Pakistan

yesterday at the age of 89, says a press release.

He left behind his wife, three daughters, one son and a host of relatives and wellwishers to mourn his death.

held after Asr prayers today at Gulshan Azad mosque.





Alhaj Md Abdul Hasib, father of Shahjahan S

passed away in Sylhet on Sunday at the age of 80, says a press release.

sons and four daughters.

He left behind his wife,

"Besides the law enforcers, and Exchange Commission, the

bombthreat," Islam said.

be normal," he said. Presently, as part of security measures, the DSE has close circuit cameras to cover the key places of DSE. Anybody who wants to access the building will have to go through archway

The trading will continue as

Zia proclaimed independence Claim BNP leaders STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP leaders at a discussion yesterday said late president Ziaur Rahman proclaimed independence of Bangladesh and no-one can change the

The discussion titled 'Debate on Proclaimer of Independence and the High Court Verdict' was organised by National Youth Forum at the National Press Club in the

BNP standing committee member Barrister Moudud Ahmed said the issue is a political one and it cannot be resolved through a verdict of the court.

Moudud said the issue is now waiting for a verdict from the appellate division but the fact that Zia is the proclaimer of independence cannot be changed through any verdict.

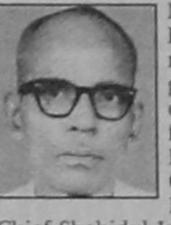
He also said giving recognition to Zia about his proclamation of independence does not undermine Bangabandhu who should be kept above this debate.

"But Awami League always put him on controversy," he added.

The meeting was also addressed by opposition Chief Whip Zainul Abdin Farroque. former minister Nazmul Huda and BNP leader Wing Commander (retd) M Hamidullah Khan.

Obituary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, CIR



Chief Shahidul Islam, passed away due to old-age complica-

sons, two daughters and a host of relatives to mourn his death. Chairanyagoligraveyardo mam



government, passed away at the Apollo Hospitals in the city

Aminur Rahman, also the founder-chairman of Bangladesh Welding Electrodes, hailed from Dupuria village in Nagarpur,

His namaz-e-janaza will be

Alhaj Md Abdul Hasib METRO DESK



Hasib, director (procurement) of United Airways Bangladesh Limited,

He left behind his wife, two

Habibul Bashar METRO DESK

Habibul Bashar, a former government official, passed away at New York Presbyterian University Hospital, USA on May 25, says a press release.

daughter and a host of admirers to mourn his death. He was buried in New York.

Qulkhwani The qulkh-

wani of Shahadat Ali, father of Md Mohsin Sarkar and

Md Masud Sarkar. proprietors of Mohsin Electronics, will be held today.

Qurankhwani, doa and milad mahfil will be held and food will be distributed among the destitute at village Kalni in

Bomb hoax at DSE reason instead of disseminating

executive.

In its reply, the government February 24, according to

immediate past caretaker passed in parliament within

budget.

FROM PAGE 1 create panic in the market' that has been going through a positive trend since the announcement of national

"As bomb threat is a global

issue, we take it seriously and

urged the law enforcers to take

necessary steps immediately,"

Saiful Islam, acting president of DSE, told journalists at a hastily The accused are additional arranged press briefing at the own places. He said that the threat was obviously plotted to create panic among the investors as

well as to make the market

unstable. However it will not have any private television channel. impact on the market or the investors, he said. "With this incident, criminals have tried to leave a knock-on effect on the market. But they will not succeed. Our investors have enough confidence in the market," he said.

On receiving calls from the

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab), detective and special branch of police, Directorate General of Forces Intelligence (DGFI) and National Security Intelligence (NSI) rushed to the spot around 12:00 noon. Bomb disposal teams of Rab

and police thoroughly searched

the DSE main building and its

DSE about the bomb threat, in the market," he said, urging the investors not to be panicked. bomb threat issue smartly. After receiving the threat, the DSE authorities and management

sabotagethemarket.

upward trend and a vested quarter wants to dampen the market through creating panic

The DSE also tackled the

before 2:00pm, then stampede might have happened on the stairs of the buildings." The main DSE building is seven-storeyed and its annex

building is 12-storeyed where

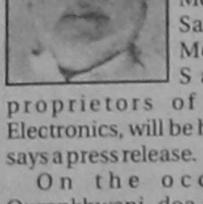
thousands of investors remain

present during the trading hours. we also informed the Securities market regulator, and the finance ministry about the

Replying to queries, he said create a panic in the market or to an emergency board meeting has been called on strengthen-"The market is witnessing an ing security of the DSE. "Security will be tightened from tomorrow, but the trading will

> gates where they will be tested with metal detectors.

through its website announced that the market would be closed at 1:15pm due to technical usual from today.



On the occasion,

Gazipur after Zohr prayers.