forming a committee and rules. More than 50 nurses resolution through an election we have to limit our activities in Dhaka district. of around a hundred more So we are collecting members from across the country," he said.

tary of the DNA, denied the allegations of forced transfers using the DNS office as the chief election commissioner's office.

He was dismissed from his job on January 3rd, 2005 for placing a memorandum with false statements against the high officials of the DNS to the office of the then prime minister and holding a press conference.

He also threatened to blast the DNS office with bomb and a case was filed against him in this connection. The health ministry directed the home affairs ministry to take steps against him but no actions were taken.

After losing his job, he started working at the FROM PAGE 16 Trauma Centre, a private hospital. But soon after the Awami League-led government came to power he has been reassigned through an official order on March 2nd.

Another allegation on Shahjahan Howlader is that he was engaged in extortions during the BNP and also AL reign through changing colour and played a vital role in illegal recruitment of Jahanara Begum as the acting director of the DNS.

Jahanara Begum went to LPR on October 30th last year. Though the contractbased recruitment took place before her going to LPR, she was recruited eight months after her LPR, documents show.

Sources said soon after taking charge, Jahanara Begum started "transfer

Shibir, BCL

FROM PAGE 16 attacked a prescheduled rally

organised by Chawkbazar Juba League protesting the bomb attack on Awami League lawmaker Sheikh Fazle Noor Taposh. The attack left five Juba

League men including its President Mohammad Ekram Hossain injured.

The attack triggered further clashes between Juba League and Shibir activists in Chawkbazar, Gulzar Moar and Parade Corner areas.

Vehicular movement remained suspended for over two hours on different city streets including College Road, Chatteswary Road, and Chawkbazar due to the clash.

Deputy Commissioner (DC) of Chittagong Metropolitan Police Banaj Kumar Mazumder said over three platoons of police were deployed to control the situa-

Seven injured BCL activists were admitted to the Chittagong Medical College Hospital, sources said.

granted five days' remand in

response to police's prayer

Ali Akbar of DB said a team

led by AC Moniruzzaman

made the arrest at the house

No. 7 on road-55 in Gulshan-

police allowed her elderly

domestic help to be with her

for looking after her three-

Rafiqul Islam was not home

overnight as he did not

return from his brother's

On the arrestee's request,

Mehnaz said her husband

She also told police her

parents are settled in Libya

sisters, while she and her

husband live in her mother's

three leaders of Freedom

Party in connection with the

attempt on the life of Taposh,

whose parents were among

those killed along with

Bangabandhu and family on

exactly the charges against

gation officer of the bomb

attack case, said the other

detainee, Abdur Rahim, was

Fakirapool area on Thursday.

A hotelier by profession, he

tary of Freedom Party.

The investigators how-

AC Ali Akbar, also investi-

Police have so far arrested

2 at around 6:30am.

month-old girl.

house in Badda.

Gulshan house.

August 15, 1975.

the three are.

Assistant Commissioner

for 10 days'.

business" and violating have already been transferred by this time and a list

oration with Shahjahan. She also promoted third Shahjahan, general secre- class employee Shiria Begum to Deputy Nursing Superintendent of Suhrawardi Medical College and Hospital, a first class gazetted officer post.

has been prepared in collab-

When contacted Jahanara asked to call her five minutes later and then switched off her phone.

The health ministry on Wednesday issued a show cause notice to explain her involvement with the DNA, extortion and transferring and ordered to suspend the transfer orders issued in the last month.

However, the ministry is vet to take any actions against Shahjahan.

Khaleda

against all conspiracies against the nation after the party's national council slated for December 8.

"They [the Awami League] want to change the country's map instead of changing the fate of the people. But the people are now united to resist this conspiracy," she

The BNP chairperson also alleged that the ruling party has been torturing and murdering BNP activists since it came to power.

The ruling party has politicised all institutions including the administration and the judiciary instead of implementing its electoral pledges like reducing prices of essentials and giving job to at least one person of each family, Khaleda said.

She claimed that her party promoted skilled officials during its tenure in the government but now incompetent ones are getting promo-

tion. She also claimed that people were better off during the tenure of the BNP government compared to any

"Awami League activists are grabbing everythingwhether it is land or house-from the people. The present government has not implemented even a single development work as of now and even failed to ensure congenial atmosphere for investment," Khaleda said.

The country is facing gas and power crises while a conspiracy is on against the garments industry, she claimed

She alleged that the government is hatching a plot regarding the Tipaimukh dam and the Asian Highway but BNP will foil all conspiracies against the country.

The BNP chairperson urged the pro-BNP lawyers to work together.

his Gulshan residence, used

to live in Pakistan and

"We arrested him and

returned to Dhaka recently.

Col Rashid's daughter

Save rivers

FROM PAGE 16 Nations' Copenhagen Conference to be held in December.

They said the United States is the highest gas emitting country and Bangladesh is the worst affected due to disasters caused by climate change.

They said in such a situation, the rich countries have a greater responsibility but so far their role is frustrating.

In another rally held by Save Environment Movement at the estuary of Subhadda Khal-Buriganga river, the speakers demanded to free Buriganga river, Subhadda Khal (canal) and other rivers and canals from the clutches of the grabbers and pollution.

The Movement's general secretary Kamal Pasha Chowdhury, among others, demanded eviction of the reemerged illegal installations on the traditional Subhadda Khal at Keraniganj.

The Movement's chairman Abu Naser Khan said the grabbing of Buriganga river has to be stopped and the river land has to be reclaimed.

Noted folk song artists Quddus Bayati, Papiya Quddus and their group rendered songs at the rally.

laposh

FROM PAGE 1 again out to kill him," Hasina said. "What is the guilt of a kid like Taposh?

Taposh came under bomb attack at such a time, when appeal hearing of Bangabandhu Murder case has started, she said.

The Awami League chief said the defeated force of 1971 liberation war proved their anti-liberation stand by their activities in the country.

"You must have the memory that years back, BNP had called hartal on the day when the verdict was handed down in the Bangabandhu murder case. What did BNP want by calling hartal on such a day? Was it their attempt to save the killers of Bangabandhu?"

She said the people of Bangladesh are conscious and patriotic; they understood, who can hurl bomb on proliberation persons.

The prime minister voiced her strong commitment to upholding the rule of law, saying that speedy trial could be arranged to bring the killers of Bangabandhu to book, but that was not done.

She said Bangladesh will be built as the most peaceful nation in South Asia and "war criminals and militants will have no place on the soil of Bangladesh."

Recalling the historic role of the expatriate Bangladeshis in every movement of the country including the 1971 liberation war, Sheikh Hasina urged them to invest back at home in larger volume. "Help the government to

turn Bangladesh into a modern digital country," she said.

Grenade

FROM PAGE 1 allegedly shot dead by the

United People's Democratic Front supporters. Unknown miscreants

threw the grenade from outside of the stadium targeting the PCJSS men, police added.

The grenade was not identified as it was severely rusted but sources said it is foreign made.

Security was beefed up at all checkpoints in Rangamati after the incident, sources added.

he had bruises and wounds all

HRW yesterday, Masum said

he had severe pain in his head,

chest, arms, and legs. He said

He also told them that the

he was unable to walk unas-

officers, who arrested him,

had become increasingly

agitated when they learnt his

committed to the rule of law,

human rights, and democratic

principles, it has to realise that

it cannot have a law enforce-

ment agency that bases its

operations on torture and

extra judicial executions," said

the HRW Asia director.

"If this government is

identity as a journalist.

When interviewed by the

over his body.

sisted.

Rab men

FROM PAGE 1 his rented house in Jatrabari,

Rahim as complainant of the Dhaka, at about 10:00am on case [MP Taposh] suspects October 22. They beat him their links in the attack." with truncheons and rubbed Besides, Akbar claimed, salt into the wounds, said they too have information Masum.

that for the last few days The elite force men took Swapan had been organising him to Rab 10 headquarters in cadres to carry out the Dhalpur, Dhaka where blindfolded and hands tied, Masum Taposh, also nephew of was again beaten for about an Prime Minister Sheikh hour. He was also threatened Hasina, is part of the team by the battalion officers to be

aiding the prosecutors in five killed in "crossfire" convicts' appeals against the Masum was released from HC verdict in Bangabandhu Rab custody after about 10 murder case. hours, reportedly after the A lawmaker from Dhakaminister and home secretary 12, he has alleged that the had intervened.

along with her three other attack on him was designed Upon his release, the New to interrupt the court pro-Age men had to sign an underceedings. taking saying Masum was In the case filed with the handed over to them in "good Motijheel Police Station, he health". But according to Masum and other witnesses,

named no-one, but said families and friends of the convicted killers of Bangabandhu and family plotted the attack. AC Akram said seven

teams of DB have been assigned to crack the blast ever are not saying what case. DB sources said they are

now tracking cell phone calls made at the moment using the cellphone tower near the bomb attack spot. One team is working to

hauled in from the city's track down the calls made through cellphone towers near the blast scene and used to serve as press secre- surrounding areas.

Another team headed by Akbar said they had gath- AC Mohammad Nasir Uddin ered that Dalim's brother is interrogating the arrestees. Swapan, who was arrested at at the DB headquarters.

Raise realistic fund

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She said the climate change adaptation financing must be additional to and distinct from ODA targets of 0.7% of Gross National Income meant for the developing countries and 0.2% for LDCs by 2010, as reaffirmed in the Brussels Program of

Besides, the prime minister said, out of this fund, every year a substantial amount should be kept aside for adaptation needs of developing countries with maximum share going to low lying coastal countries, LDCs and the small-island developing countries.

She said though Bangladesh established a US\$ 45 million Climate Change Fund with own resources, and there is also a Multi-Donor Trust Fund of US\$ 150 million with support of the United Kingdom, the amounts are meagre in comparison to the needs.

Sheikh Hasina observed that re-budgeting and readjusting of existing development assistance to developing countries, particularly LDCs, would jeopardize their ongoing projects and programs.

In Bangladesh, she said, much of the present ODA received is invested in alleviating poverty, healthcare, gender parity till graduation level in education, women empowerment through micro-credit, eliminating militancy and terrorism, energy, infrastructure, and social safety pro-

She further called for adopting a new legal regime under the UNFCCC Protocol ensuring social, cultural and economic rehabilitation of climate refugees from COP 15 in Copenhagen.

Bangladesh and other most vulnerable countries (MVC) to climate change are anxiously looking forward to Copenhagen, Hasina said.

"The outcome in the Copenhagen meet must uphold the core principle of common but differentiated share of responsibility; assured, adequate, and easily accessible funding for adaptation; access to scientific information to climate change in sectors like risk reduction, water resources, agriculture energy, urban planning and health disorders."

She also said the Copenhagen meet must also ensure affordable, eco-friendly technology transfer to developing countries, particularly to LDCs; make maximum possible specific commitments for deeper cuts in greenhouse gas emissions for atmospheric stabilisation.

The post 2012 agreement must, however, incorporate predictable and legally binding commitments for address-

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ing adaptation needs of low lying, coastal, and smallisland developing states, and LDCs.

Sheikh Hasina amid serious concern apprised the EU event participants that with no fault of its own, 40 million people in Bangladesh will lose their livelihood, and 20 million will be displaced by 2050 because of the natural calamities to be created by the climate change impacts.

The International Strategy for Disaster Reduction has thus placed Bangladesh as most vulnerable to floods, third most to tsunamis, and sixth most to cyclones, in terms of human exposure, she told the international audience.

Hasina said scientific findings indicate that a meter rise of sea level due to global warming would inundate a fourth of Bangladesh, including the world's largest mangrove forest, the Sunderbans, also an UNESCO World heritage site.

The MDG gains on food, health, education and poverty alleviation would be lost, she said, adding that already, climate change conditions are costing Bangladesh's economy's 0.5% to 1% of GDP.

She further called for establishing an international adaptation centre under UNFCCC.

"Bangladesh also feels the need of a Himalayan Council in the model of the Artic Council to assist similarly affected countries in facing the challenges of glacial melting in the Himalayas."

The prime minister voiced her government's strong commitment to turn Bangladesh into a country self-sufficient in food overcoming the challenges of the climate change.

State Minister for Forest and Environment Hasan Mahmud Ambassador Ziauddin and Press Secretary to the Prime Minister Abul Kalam Azad, among others, were in the Bangladesh delegation.

8 more bodies

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Six victims, recovered on Friday, were buried in the remote villages of Chatmohar while the rest of the bodies recovered would be buried today, said our correspondent from Pabna.

The victims were Wasim 22, Liton, 25, of village Char Nabin in Handial union, Daulat, 25, Sirajul, 18, Dudu, 45 and Joni, 23, of Nagolmora village under Chatmohar upazila in Pabna district.

Md Firoz Shah, upazila nirbahi officer, Chatmohar, told The Daily Star that the local lawmaker has already sanctioned Tk 2,500 for each victim's family.

JMB recruitment

FROM PAGE 1 members in Rajshahi and

nearby districts, told The Daily Star that each of the arrestees have so far recruited new members numbering between 30 and 50 before their arrest.

The Rab intelligence official said the militant organisation's outgoings for new recruitments are adding to the outfit's other traditional expenditures like organisational and operational costs living costs of many of its full timers and their family mem-

The change in the JMB's recruitment strategy has increased the organisation's overall expenditure, the official said adding that alongside JMB's traditional source of income, a few NGOs and charity organisations are suspected to be providing funds to JMB.

"We've already got primary information about three to four such NGOs and charity organisations and are trying to get evidences against them," a senior Rab intelligence official told The Daily Star wishing anonymity.

He, however, would not give the names of those NGOs and charity organisations before the investigation is over. The traditional sources of

JMB funding are its members' contribution, Usl (zakat on harvested crops), Zakat, Fitra, leather of sacrificial cattle and contribution of local and foreign supporter and wellwishers. Besides, counterfeiting of

currencies, particularly Indian rupees and US dollars, is also a source of money. JMB also owns some taxicabs and rickshaws from where some more fund is generated, said sources in the law enforcing agencies.

least one gang involving JMB members in counterfeiting Daily Star.

currencies. The gang used to pay the outfit Tk 50,000 per month," said an official at the Special Branch (SB). He, however, said funding from the sources has shrunk significantly following the arrest of the gang members.

As an impression of JMB's monthly expenditure the official said during interrogation Zahidul Islam alias Boma Mizan, JMB's military commander, told them that JMB used to provide him Tk 1,200 for food, Tk 1,200 for each of the operatives under him, Tk 11,000 as houses rent, Tk 15,000 annually as pocket money, medical allowance as required time to time and Tk 2,000 as outfit allowance per month.

He also told the interrogators that JMB also gave him around Tk 7 lakh in one year to buy bomb-making materials and chemicals before his arrest in May.

The sources said the organisation is now bearing all expenses of around 100 key members.

Bashar, son of JMB Maulana Saidur Rahman, is now looking after the financial affairs of the organisation and he sends the money to the outfit members. They never transact money through banks.

The banned outfit has already started to make their old tested but inactive adherents active. They became inactive due to the drives on the militants after the August 17, 2005 synchronised blasts across the country, said sources in the law enforcement agencies. "The JMB is now trying to

strengthen its activities. Whatever they do they are under our careful watch and will be brought to book," "We have so far detected at Director Intelligence of Rab Lt Col Ziaul Ahsan told The

Zia helped

interrogation following her FROM PAGE 16 arrest early yesterday in connection with Wednesday's bomb attack on ruling Awami League lawmaker Fazle Noor

She has denied her involveexistence.

ment in the attack. Mehnaz said from Thailand they went to Dubai and then to Libya where her parents currently live and conduct their family business.

Quoting her, Assistant Commissioner Ali Akbar said Zia with the help of the then Pakistan prime minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto managed to convince Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi to allow Rashid and his family to live in that country. Rashid started a manpower

business in Libya and then a construction business with the help of Zia, Mehnaz told DB officials. Mehnaz was only three

when her family left the country. She studied in the USA and her sisters in London. After completing study she

served in the UN and then came

to Bangladesh to organise the Freedom Party floated by her uncle Lt Col (retd) Syed Faruque Rahman, another convict in the Bangabandhu murder case. Mehnaz said she contested in the last two parliamentary elections from Comilla-7 con-

stituency on Freedom Party nomination. The last caretaker government asked her to organise the party but it was not possible because of fund con-She said her father is pious

and innocent although he took part in the killing of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman whimsically. Ali Akbar said during interrogation Mehnaz told them that she last talked to her father on

Friday over cell phone. She has

had regular conversation with

her parents over phone. Mehnaz said Ziaur Rahmar gave her mother a duplex house in Gulshan "as an award" for Rashid's role in assassinating Bangabandhu. Mehnaz now lives in that house with her husband.

Jalil

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promulgated on the field and adjacent areas to avert untoward situation as two separate groups of the ruling party wanted to hold meetings at the same time and same place" said Ahsan Habib, deputy commissioner of Naogaon. "Some quarters are trying to

derail me from Awami League politics, but none of them will succeed. I am a soldier of Bangabandhu. I will fight for democracy till my death, " said the veteran leader. Talking on the attack on AL | 19.75 percent needed for use

lawmaker Fazle Noor Taposh, Jalil said, the killers of Bangabandhu are still moving freely in the country. He condemned the attack and demanded proper probe into the matter.

The local unit of AL had been preparing for the meeting for last several days as they erected over 50 gates across the town to receive Jalil who, they think, was a saviour of the party in the northern district.

The meeting aroused curiosity of the locals as his recent remarks gave birth to controversy. People were pouring into his meeting in hundreds from different upazilas as they were expecting him to explain his recent position.

Ashraf warns

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Referring to the recent bomb attack on Fazle Noor Taposh the LGRD minister said the fundamentalists and antiliberation forces launched the attack in a bid to scupper the Bangabandhu murder trial.

Awami League has no room for terrorists, extortionists and bid manipulators, Ashraf, also general secretary of Awami League, cautioned.

The trouble mongers, no matter however influential they are, would not be spared if they are found in antipeople activities, said the minister. We must say 'no' to terror-

ism, extortion and tender manipulation for the betterment of the country, the minister stressed. AFM Bahauddin Nasim,

president of Swechchwasebak League central unit, also organising secretary of Awami League, inaugurated the conference. Pankaj Debnath secretary of Swechchwasebak League, was the chief speaker. Presided over by convener

of Swechchwasebak League local unit advocate Nuruzzaman Khokon the meeting was addressed, among others, by lawmakers Principal Motiur Rahman, Muslem Uddin, Hyatur Rahman Khan, KM Khalid Babu, Dr M Aman Ullah, Abdus Sattar and district AL secretary Abdul Matin Sarker.

Central Awami League and Swechchwasebak League are under intense internaleaders Dr Uthpal Sarker, tional pressure to root out Nirmol Ranjan Guha, Ahmed Islamist militants who are also Hossain and Asim Kumar Ukil blamed for rising attacks on also addressed the US and Nato troops across the

nuclear plant, he said.

inside the facility.

an atomic weapon.

strongly denies.

sanctions.

Qom.

Qom facility.

the official said.

Russia.

end of 2009.

for medical use.

disclosure obligation only

began 180 days before it

placed any nuclear material

at the heart of Western con-

Washington suspect Tehran

is enriching uranium with

the ultimate aim of making

the bomb, a charge Iran

Iran has been enriching

uranium at a separate facility

in Natanz for several years in

defiance of three sets of UN

generation centrifuges -- the

devices which spin at super-

sonic speed to enrich ura-

Mehr news agency, quot-

"The IAEA representatives

ing an unnamed Vienna-

based official, said the

inspectors will visit only the

will compare the informa-

tion given by Iran (about the

Qom plant) with the facility

during their three-day visit,

further significance after

Tehran delayed on Friday its

response to an IAEA deal

its existing stock of low-

enriched uranium (LEU) to

cerned that the material, if

1,200 kilos of LEU from its

Natanz plant to Russia by the

the material to the higher

in a Tehran research reactor

which makes radio-isotopes

Diplomats say Moscow

would sub-contract to

France the process of turning

this Russian-enriched ura-

nium into fuel rods for the

Iran's response to the

IAEA proposal was due on

give the result to Mr

approved the deal, but

Washington has said it is

Vienna next week.'

for Iran's decision.

Russia would then enrich

Iran to weapons grade.

World powers are con-

under which Iran would ship

The inspection has gained

Uranium enrichment lies

International Atomic Energy Agency chief Mohamed ElBaradei criticised Tehran for what he said was its late

"Based on the IAEA regulations, all countries should inform the IAEA on the day they begin construction" of a questioned turning over the Iran, which informed the entire 1,200 kilos, saying the agency about a year after

research reactors only 30 building began, said its kilos.

Tehran insists it will still cerns about Iran's nuclear programme. It produces fuel for civilian reactors, but in IAEA offer. highly extended form can also make the fissile core of

rights," Ali Akbar Salehi, the Western powers led by head of Iran's Atomic Energy Organisation, said this week referring to Tehran's uranium enrichment rights.

Road shows

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financial incentives for foreign investment, tax benefits and

nium -- would be installed at it is a good time to push through the bids to bag cost effective deals involving high quality machinery, the These projects represent a

would require around \$10 billion investment. The government aims at

international financiers. Four study groups of the PDB have been working out

not shipped out, could be further enriched in-house by other power projects. The full details of the proposed deal have not been released, but France has said it calls on Iran to transfer the PDB work out how coal

> plied, transported and stored. The PDB proposed that the coal should be of high quality to ensure least possible pollution. Such high quality coal may be imported from Indonesia. The PDB rules out

> level of sulphur. It is primarily estimated that the country would need one lakh tonnes of coal each month to generate 2,000 MW power. Such a huge quantity of coal would be imported

Friday, but Tehran said then it will give its verdict next Consequently, the sites selected for the plants--IAEA envoy Ali Asghar Khulna, Chittagong, Zazira Soltanieh said Tehran was still studying the deal, and "after final evaluation, I will

"We will need adequate environment and infrastruc-ElBaradei when I return to ture support to ensure sound implementation of these projects," said a PDB source.

The coal plants should be equipped with efficient and least pollutant machines like those currently used in India security and foreign policy a consultant to guide us committee, said Iran's LEU through this process," he said.

The army launched the

operation last Saturday, pit-

ting around 30,000 troops

against an estimated 10-

12,000 Taliban fighters where

al-Qaeda linked militants are

believed to have plotted

attacks against the West as well

make the Taliban leadership a

particular target of their offen-

sive and sealed off the main

Pakistan's semi-

road into Koktai last weekend.

autonomous northwest tribal

belt has become a stronghold

for hundreds of extremists

who fled Afghanistan after the

US-led invasion toppled the

hardline Taliban regime in

neighbouring Afghanistan in

has said the offensive will deal

a decisive blow to the mili-

tants, they have continued to

Although the government

The army has promised to

as in Pakistan.

late 2001.

military offensive in a Taliban stronghold along the Afghan border is succeeding and have resolved to press ahead despite a ferocious wave of retaliatory attacks that have killed some 200 people this month.

Gilani declared that "failure is not an option despite the ferocity of these attacks,' according to the statement released late Friday after a meeting of top government and military officials.

The army chief, Gen Ashfaq Parvez Kayani, told participants that the offensive is moving ahead successfully and is trying to keep civilian casualties to a minimum, according to the statement. Some 155,000 civilians have fled the region, the United Nations says.

carry out attacks in Pakistani

On Friday, a bomb attack outside a Pakistani Air Force base killed eight people, including six civilians and two

Atomic plant

should be retained and used in domestic power plants. "It is better to buy 20 percent enriched fuel and

keep the 3.5 percent for our disclosure of the facility's domestic power plants ... rather than giving it to those countries," ISNA news agency quoted him as saying. Reza Amrollahi, Iran's former nuclear chief, also

> "So what is going to happen to the rest of it? And what's the guarantee to receive the 20 percent enriched fuel?"

> not stop enriching uranium even if it does approve the "As we have said before, we will not give up our

how their investment would Officials claim that new be secured. Power plant equipment price has come down to the decade's lowest right now. So,

> sources pointed out. vital part of the government's planned mid-term solution to power crisis beyond 2011. In the next five years, the government plans to implement 7,000 MW new power projects along with transmission and distribution lines. These

> raising one fourth of this investment from local banks, and getting the rest from

details of the coal-fired and So far the country has focussed on gas-based power projects. Implementing coalfired projects demands that

would be purchased, sup-Indian coal as it contains high

through ships and transported through waterways.

and Rajshahi-- are all located by major rivers and seashore.

Russia, France and the United States have all prepared to wait a few days Iranian lawmaker and Germany. We do not have Alaeddin Borujerdi, who ready-made knowledge about heads parliament's national it. That is why we need to have

Pak troops

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Pakistani leaders say the Prime Minister Yousuf Raza

Pakistan's civilian government and powerful military

cities since the start of the offensive.