For God's sake

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coming of power of Awami League in 1996, over 21 years a relentless and state supported effort was on to eliminate the country's founder's name from our history. That attempt totally failed. Why? Because political decisions cannot take away the place history grants a leader. History has a way of stamping its own judgments in the long run, that political machinations of the day try to change in the short run. And then, did we vote to change all that? Didn't our PM promise "Din Badaler

Rajniti"? Haven't we learnt that this "name game" is ephemeral and lasts only as long as the regime? With every change of government the names are replaced just as quickly as they were given in the first place. Haven't we also learnt that this is no way of showing respect to our departed leaders but only reducing them to playthings of present day politics? Haven't we learnt that such behaviour only makes us a laughing stock of the world and brings insult to the very leaders we are trying to nonour?

Along with the "name game" we now have "is-there-a-bodyin-the-grave" game. How can this be in any way a priority for the people of Bangladesh today? How does it, any way, improve our governance, fight the rising corruption and calm the campuses that are becoming increasingly violent? Then again why is this question being raised in the first place? Have any facts been uncovered that lead to such questions? If so, what are those facts? Share them with the public so that we can see some reason, however remote, as to why no less a person than the PM felt the need to raise this question on the floor of no less a place than the parliament.

Pending that we are forced to conclude that it was totally unbefitting, fundamentally unbecoming and basically wrong of the Prime Minister to question whether Ziaur Rahman's grave actually contains his body.

This paper's historic position has been to oppose any boycott of parliament by the opposition. In this spirit we wrote numerous editorials, urging the present opposition to shun their destructive path of boycotting parliament and rejoin the House and raise all relevant national issues there. After having wasted almost a year Khaleda Zia and her MPs along with her allies are finally back. Not that they are doing the nation any favour (they should have been there all along), yet we think that it is a welcome move and everything should be done to keep them

However, instead of showing right," the CEC said. the maturity, magnanimity and sagacity of an alliance that controls four-fifths membership of parliament and of a party that by itself has two-thirds majority, the ruling AL is showing a destructive streak that is making parliament more a place of abuse rather than a place of debate. Our opposition is far from being a saint. Their demand for more front row seats, withdrawal of cases against Khaleda Zia and her sons, assurances that nothing will be done about her cantonment residence, etc cannot be accepted as their preconditions for participating in parliament. That they should do simply because they pledged to represent their constituencies when they sought people's

Having said all that we are constrained to comment that

the treasury bench seems to be

Tornado kills Maize on 300 bighas of land

was completely damaged and

among the homeless people.

Officer Oziur Rahman said the

damage caused by the tornado

might be worth around Tk 1.5

The affected villages are

Bashbaria, Pakrail, Gopalpur,

aid, the DC added.

union.

over a thousand trees were uprooted during the tornado in Bashbaria Union, said Union Parishad Chairman Ali Hossain. Kazirber UP Chairman Golam Kader said crops on over

a thousand bighas of land of his union have been damaged. Deputy Commissioner sections of people. Roma Rani Roy of the district

said she visited the tornado-hit areas and her administration has been distributing cash money and six tonnes of rice At least 150 people took first effects of the global crisis. Moheshpur Upazila Nirbahi

She said ADB can allocate

Hasina thanked the multi-

Kula, Samanta, Jibonnagar, Nischintapur, Gobindapur, Kutipara, Gopalpurmat para, Bhagabotipur, Mathabhanga para, Kulianpur, Islampur and Dipti Nagar of Bashbaria union and Mokordas, Chunnirite, Ruly, Bhola, Sundarpur and appeared for Darbeshnagar of Kazirber

development challenge.

deliberately provoking the opposition to desist from attending the House and are creating unnecessary and irrelevant controversies so that our quick-on-the-foot opposi-

tion goes for a boycott. We would like to point out to the Prime Minister that to build her "Digital Bangladesh" she needs political peace. Pushing the opposition towards mass agitation, however futile and ineffective it may appear to her analysts, cannot be good for her government. If we analyse the opposition politics from 1991 onwards, it becomes clear that a small number of committed agitators can cause enough disturbance to disrupt the smooth functioning of any government. Huge demonstration of mass outpouring is not necessary to create an image of the government's weakening position. Disruption at a select number of city points over a period of time has been seen in the past to be enough to create unfavourable public opinion against the government of the

day. BNP and Jamaat together

have that many committed

It is our view that a sense of over-confidence appears to be permeating the thinking of the ruling party leaders. It is such over-confidence that has led them to open too many political and legal fronts without effectively resolving any. It is such over-confidence that makes them feel nonchalant while student league members openly indulge in gunfights causing death to innocent students, and participate in corrupt activities disregarding the PM's repeated warnings. It is again such over-confidence that has led them to be so reckless, verging on being disdainful, in handling the elected members of the local bodies who have been made to sit idle for the last one year though they have all been duly elected in their local constituencies.

Why are we being led towards a political confrontation which appeared eminently avoidable just the other day? Whose interest will such confrontation serve? Not Sheikh Hasina's government's. That is for sure.

DCC polls

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government department to present arguments in favour of demarcating the city areas after the elections and appeal to the HC for approval. Such examples of demarcation are also available in the history of parliamentary elections. Therefore, postponing elections for this might not be

He said in case of the HC not granting the appeal, the demarcation could be done within the remaining three months till the elections.

The EC is prepared to hold the union parishad elections in May, but for this the relevant act should be amended, the CEC added.

On January 25, the HC issued a rule upon the authorities concerned to explain within four weeks as to why they should not be directed to demarcate the areas and determine the number of the wards under DCC on the basis of equal number of population before holding the city corporation elections.

PM

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potential of setting up highway connecting Bangladesh and Myanmar through Cox's Bazar.

On poverty eradication, the prime minister said, "Poverty is the biggest enemy for the South Asian countries and only concerted effort can eradicate poverty in the region.

Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan and other South Asian countries need to increase bilateral and regional connectivity in greater interest of the poor The PM and the ADB top

official also discussed financial assistance in large infrastructure projects, particularly in power, energy and transport and in social sectors, while also cushioning the

additional finances to support Bangladesh in implementing the large infrastructure pro-

lateral donor agency for facilitating implementation of Bangladesh Climate Change Action Plan through technical assistance and expected that ADB would also assist in addressing the effects of climate change that now

Bangladesh as the biggest

Bill on raising

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vesterday reminded Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Shafique Ahmed to place the bill in the parliament as soon as possi-

"My MPs might become unavailable in the parliament if you do not place the bill, said a smiling Hamid. "The bill does not concern

only the treasury or the oppo-

sition bench. It is the demand

of all lawmakers," said the speaker amid loud thumping on desks by treasury and opposition MPs as a token of support. The law minister assured

the House that he would place the bill in this session, which may go on a 10-day break tomorrow. In 2003, the parliament

passed Members of

Parliament (Remuneration

and Allowances) (Amendment) Bill, 2003 raising the lawmakers' perk from 100 to 600 percent. The law enabled each lawmaker to draw Tk 3.78 lakh in remuneration, allowances

and phone bills a year, which

was previously Tk 1.77 lakh.

Cop races

petition said the court had earlier asked the OC to submit

reports on execution of the

arrest warrants against the three

on seven consecutive dates. As the OC did not pay heed to the court order delaying the trial of the case against the accused he prayed to the court, Jahangir

The three accused -- Rid's director Abdul Goni and two pharmacists Mahbubul Islam and Enamul Haque -- have been on the run since the case was filed against them on charge of manufacturing toxic paracetamol syrup that had caused death to at least 28 children.

In August last year the case was filed against five Rid Pharma officials including its managing director.

The other accused in the case are Mizanur Rahman and his wife Sheuly Rahman (direc-

Meantime, Sheuly Rahman who was granted bail from the High Court was present in the court. On October 12 of 2009, Mizan surrendered to Dhaka Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court following an HC directive and sought bail in the case. But he was sent to jail.

The Dhaka Drug Court issued the arrest warrants against the five after Directorate of Drug Administration Superintendent Shafiqul Islam filed the case with the court on August 11.

As at least 28 children died of renal failure following intake of Rid's paracetamol syrup and suspension across the country from June to August last year, a total of four cases were filed outside Dhaka including one in Brahmanbaria in this connec-

Revival plan

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The Institute of Water Modelling conducted a feasibility study in April 2003 to explore ways to resurrect the Buriganga - Turag Shitalakkhya river system and ensure water flow in these rivers in dry season.

During the study, it found that the Turag-Buriganga Balu-Shitalakkhya river system receives floodwater mainly from the Jamuna through the Ghior Canal in Manikganj, the Pungli in Tangail and the Old Brahmaputra in Sirajganj.

But during the October-May lean period, the links with the Jamuna become completely cut off causing stagna tion in the river system. In its report, the Institute of Water Modelling envisaged a project to connect the Dhaka river system with the Jamuna through the Pungli, which travels 180 kilometres before entering the capital.

The institute's Principal Specialist and Director of Water Resources Planning Division SM Mahbubur Rahman said the idea was to keep the mouth of the Pungli open round the year and divert a minimum of 245 cubic metres of water per second from the Jamuna into the city's river system. This will maintain the flow of water during dry season automatically flushing out pollutants.

Once the water flow is maintained, it will ensure good water quality and also help improve navigation, irrigation and economic and social conditions, he added.

Experts believe that diverting the water will not affect the environment as over 2,000 cubic metres of water flows through the Jamuna per second at any time of the dry period.

Grassroots want

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In response, Khaleda asked Chhatra Dal leaders and workers to follow their leaders, not any BNP leader. She said when the organisation is reconstituted with regular students, it would truly be a students' organisation.

Leaders from 85 Chhatra Dal units, including districts, upazilas and university units, attended the extended meeting held at the Diploma Engineers' Institution auditorium with Chhatra Dal President Sultan Salauddin Tuku in the chair. Representatives of more

than 50 Chhatra Dal units got the opportunity to have their opinions heard during the daylong meeting. It started at 10:00am and ended around 10:30pm.

BNP's Senior Joint Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir inaugurated the meeting, held after a six-year hiatus. According to the meeting decision, Chhatra Dal will complete its reconstitution process at all levels within the next six months.

Earlier, in a closed-door session, Chhatra Dal grassroots-level leaders delivered their speech and requested Khaleda to give incumbent Chhatra Dal leaders, who will hand over leadership to new leaders, vital posts in local BNP units and Jubo Dal units.

Kamaluddin, general secretary of Chhatra Dal Kushtia district unit, said they need to be alert so that no Shibir [Islami Chhatra Shibir, pro-Jamaat student organisation] activists could be in Chhatra Dal committees.

Chhatra Dal Chuadanga unit General Secretary Sharifuzzaman Caesar said all committees of Chhatra Dal should be formed through the council and aged and nonstudents should not be in the committees.

Jaglul Haidar of Mymensingh said married people should not get leadership in Chhatra Dal. Sarwar Uddin Selim of

Chittagong (north) Chhatra Dal unit said aged and nonstudent leaders indulge in controversial activities like corruption. Chhatra Dal Kurigram

Secretary Hamiduzzaman Hamid said BNP should be careful so that controversial people do not get the chance to have influence on Chhatra Dal leaders during formation of new committees.

Addressing the meeting, Khaleda, also leader of the opposition in parliament, urged the leaders and workers to be prepared for forging a movement as she thinks the government has no success so far apart from changing names of a few establish-

Dal, the BNP chief said she is

Praising the role of Chhatra

Witnesses said around five hundred leaders and activists

Jamaat-Shibir men attacked

the police prompting them to

Officer-in-charge Mujibur

Rahman of Paltan Police

Station said he also sustained

injuries along with several

dent adds: Kounia police

arrested Haragachh munici-

pality unit Jamaat ameer

Aminul Islam at his house in

connection with the attack on

freedom fighter Abdul

of books on Islamic revolu-

tion from his possession, said

his party men allegedly

attacked Abdul Quddus with

sharp weapons because

Quddus forbade his son to

join Jamaat politics. Abdul

Quddus was rushed to

Rangpur Medical College in a

A case was lodged in this

connection with Kounia

Police Station against Aminul

and his associates Tuesday

critical condition.

Aminul Islam along with

Police recovered a number

Quddus Tuesday.

Our Rangpur correspon-

charge baton.

others.

of Jamaat and Shibir brought out the procession around 2:30pm. When police intercepted the procession

ple including the Paltan police chief were injured in a clash between police and Jamaat-Shibir activists at Paltan when police tried to hinder their procession.

tant commissioner of the DB. With Azad, police have so far arrested three top Jamaat leaders in Rajshahi in con-

Top police officials told The Daily Star that four city Jamaat leaders, an RU teacher and a RU syndicate member locally coordinated three Shibir groups during the RU violence after the mayhem was planned centrally in Dhaka.

clashed with police.

In the capital, police arrested Jamaat-Shibir members Monir Hossain, Shamsul and order. Alam and Ehtesham Billah when they brought out a procession demanding release of all the detained at different students' messes Jamaat-Shibir men and later

hopeful about BNP's future as

the party would be more organised and stronger when the new Chhatra Dal leaders take responsibility. She criticised the govern-

ment for the deterioration of law and order, price hike of essentials, rising crime and killings in educational institutions, power, gas and water crises. She claimed that the government could not do anything for the people's welfare in the last one year. Referring to the recent treaties and memorandums of

understanding with India,

Khaleda said the government

signed them only to keep their

promises made before the

elections. All have to work

together and forge a united movement so that the treaties cannot be implemented. "They [the government] are now speaking for a controlled democracy. Courts are being politicised. They are now controlling courts," she said, adding that the BNP and its fronts would forge a movement completing the reconsti-

"Good days for BNP will return if we are united," she

tution process of BNP and its

front and associate bodies.

BJP leadership meet begins amid tight security

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE

The Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) national executive met here yesterday amid tight security in the wake of the weekend Pune bombing that killed 11 people.

The party's top and secondrung leaders gathered in a tented accommodation called Kushabhau Thakre Nagar. The first to speak was outgoing president Rajnath Singh. Attending the conclave are star leader and former deputy

prime minister LK Advani, Chief Ministers Narendra Modi of Gujarat and Raman Singh of Gujarat and former presidents Murli Manohar Joshi and M Venkaiah Naidu. All of them are staying in specially designed eco-friendly

tents. Some 1,300 tents and 25 VVIP tents have been put up. About 5,000 delegates from all over the country are at the BJP meet. They belong to the party's

national executive and the national council. With the Pune terror attack

only four days old, tight security has been enforced at the Besides the Madhya

Pradesh Police, commandos, the Anti-Terrorist Squad and sniffer dogs have been deployed.

RU violence

elsewhere in the country. In Dhaka, at least 10 peo-

Our Rajshahi correspondent reports: General Secretary Abul Kalam Azad of city unit Jamaat was arrested on charge of abetting Shibir cadres during the RU violence that left Chhatra League activist Faruk Hossain dead and several others injured, said Tarikul Islam, an assis-

nection with the RU violence. Meanwhile, Motihar police yesterday produced Assistant General Secretary of Rajshahi city unit Jamaat Siddik Hossain before a court seeking a 10-day remand. The court placed him on a fiveday remand.

The seven detained Shibir men arrested yesterday at different places in the district include former Rajshahi Polytechnic Institute unit former president Tarique

night. Our Chandpur Correspondent adds: Police foiled a Jamaat-Shibir procession and picked up two activ-Police said they arrested Habibur Rahman and Atiqur

Rahman on charge of an attempt to deteriorate law Our Satkhira correspondent reports: Police took 25 Shibir cadres on a five-day remand. They were arrested

Sunday night.

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answer to a query of Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal MP Shah Zikrul Ahmed.

He said Bhasani Memorial Sangsad is on the ground floor, BNP office on first and part of second floors and Bhasani Memorial Auditorium on second floor. He said past BNP govern-

ment declined twice Bhasani Memorial Trust's proposal for selling the house to it for a token price of Tk 100. The trust does not exist anymore, he added. Examining the facts about the house, the state minister

said it seems the house is now

occupied illegally and legal

action will be taken based on

the investigation. In response to a query of Awami League lawmaker Sadhana Halder, he said the government has moved to amend the Bangladesh National Building Code to make it time befitting.

"Risk of earthquake, environment and sustainable development will be considered in the amendment," he said. Replying to a query of AL lawmaker Waresat Hossain

Belal on building constructed

without taking approval from Rajuk, Mannan said the number of such buildings could not be identified yet. "However, Rajuk has already identified 5,000 buildings which are being constructed violating the designs approved by Rajuk," he said,

adding the process is on to

identify those for taking legal

actions against the establish-

SIX SATELLITE CITIES In response to a query of AL

lawmaker Shahiduzzaman Sarker, the state minister said the Rajuk has selected four locations -- Tongi, Savar, Gazipur, Dhamsona--for construction of four satellite National Housing Authority

will also build two more satellite cities at Sirajdikhan upazila in Munshiganj and Kaliganj in Gazipur, he added. Mannan said 1,000 acres of

land in between Tulshikhali and Moricha Bridge under Sirajdikhan upazila has been primarily selected for the projects. Unruly students

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The DCs were also provided with prescribed forms to collect information about unruly students.

They were also asked to gather information about the political affiliation of those students, their portfolios in the organisations, the crimes they are involved in, cases against them and the present condition of those cases.

They have to collect information whether these students had been arrested earlier. Shahidul Hoque told The

Daily Star that after preparing the list of troublesome students, they would start tracking He said, "The government high-ups ordered him to

students with zero tolerance even if they belong to ruling party's student wing." In the letter the commissioner stated that recently many photos and video footages of some students with firearms and sharp weapons

launch a crackdown on unruly

sion channels. He, in the letter, said such photos badly tarnished the

were published in newspapers

and aired on the private televi-

image of police. DMP sources said against the backdrop of the recent clashes between rival student groups that left one Dhaka university student dead and several injured, the commis-

sioner has initiated the move. When contacted, several deputy commissioners said it is very tough to make the lists within the stipulated time but they are trying to do it impar-

Remarkable

Many parents were unhappy with the prices of books. They said the books on cartoor characters including Superman, Tom and Jerry and Spiderman are more colourful than those on folktales, history and culture.

"I have bought six books for my son giving priority to his choice. But five of them are based on foreign stories and cartoons. My son chose those because of the attractive covers and pictures," said Mizanur Rahman, who came to the book fair with his nine-yearold son Himel. Meanwhile, the fair wit-

nessed arrival of 107 new titles vesterday. They include --"Women Empowerment, Food Security and Climate Change' by Parvez Babul, "Bhagya Janar Upay" by Kawser Ahmed Chowdhury, "Putush Putusher Janmodin" by Selina Hossain, "Aj Rajar Mon Bhalo Nei" by Dhrubo Esh, "Swapner Sahar Rome Ebong Florence" by Rabeya Khatun.

Thai princess City BNP office

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thronged the bank of the Jamuna River at Balashi ghat to welcome the princess yesterday morning.

Princess Maha is visiting the river island on the invitation of Jivita Bangladesh, a local voluntary organisation.

She is also visiting Bangladesh as a member of the research team of Bloomberg School of Public Health of John Hopkins University, USA.

The princess and a 34member entourage visited a number of projects implemented by Jivita Bangladesh, including maternal and children's health, vegetable gardening and nutrition.

Foreign Minister Dipu Moni accompanied the Thai princess after meeting her at Jamuna Resort yesterday morning. At 10:00am the princess

visited the house of farmer

Mokshed Mia in the Kamarpara village in Gaibandha Sadar upazila and observed traditional rice husk-Later the princess visited

the home of Rabiul Islam and Hamida Banu in the same village. The princess also visited a fried rice shop belonging to

frying preparations. Princess Maha then visited the historic house of the late Jaminder Pari Madhab in Kamarpara.

Santi Kumar and watched the

She later observed the night sky with a telescope provided

intercity express train.

cut them down. He added, "We will repair damaged roads and public toilets on the upazila parishad The committee recently campus with the money from

strawroof.

submitted its report marking tree selling.' But locals said, about a quarter-kilometre road on the upazila campus was repaired

> "We have planned to plant 600 saplings on the campus in the coming rainy season,' Mojibur said.

> Contacted, Mrinal Kanti, upazila nirbahi officer of Baufal, said, "I informed the DC about the matter in writing on Tuesday as I don't have any government directive in this

> "There is no clear explanation for the matter under section 41 of Upazila Act,

And there is no earlier

Korean Caltex

of about \$ 21 million. They have begun developing the drilling site along with access roads, storage areas and other

two more wells around the area if this drilling operation produces positive results.

amenities from this month.

Till early last year, British company Cairn held 45 percent stake of this block. Cairn later pulled out from the block by selling its stakes to Chevron.

while Jalalabad 173 mmcfd

and Bibiyana 650 mmcfd. The Bibiyana field is Chevron's biggest discovery in

Reality-check

government is expanding

already been started.

will distribute fair price cards to 25 lakh ultra poor families across the country to sell rice at Tk 22 per kg. Importing of is also under process.

action against the traders for alleged stockpiling of rice and increasing prices.

Astronomical Association.

The princess appeared cheerful and cordial as she exchanged views with female villagers.

by the Bangladesh

Princess Maha told local journalists that she was thrilled by the hospitality of the Bengali people and enjoyed sampling local dishes.

"I will never forget the people of Gaibandha for according me such a hearty reception.

"I must return to the people of Gaibandha again some day," she said.

Foreign Minister Dipu Moni

said that the visit of Thai pricess in Bangladesh will strengthen relations between the two countries. "We value peace and stabil-

ity and seek to expand relations with our neighbours," she The programme was also

attended by lawmaker Mahabub Ara Begum Gini, Gaibandha-2 and Col. (Rtd) Dr Abdul Kader Khan lawmaker Gaibandha-1 and Gaibandha Deputy Commissioner Md. Shahidul Islam. Foreign Minister Dipu

Moni is expected to attend a

dinner hosted by the Thai

princess at the resort in Beler chartonight. The princess has been staying in a specially designed resort comprising 35 huts made of bamboo fences and

At 9.30pm Princess Maha

will return to Dhaka by Karotoa

134 old trees getting the go-ahead, we will

FROM PAGE 16 Surjamoni Union Parishad

under the upazila. The body was given a task of identifying trees on the parishad campus.

those 134 trees. A social worker in Baufal said those trees are at least 40 to 50 years old and they add to natural beauty of the area.

The committee has esti-

mated the price of 2814.75 cubic feet wood of the 134 trees at Tk 5,03,236.20 only, while local wood traders said it would be over half a crore taka in the local market. "Cutting down a large number of trees at a time

area which is a cyclone-prone region," said Debashis, an environmental activist in Patuakhali. Contacted, Mojibur Rahman, Baufal upazila chairman said, "We will send a

letter to the Ministry of Forest

would pose a high risk to the

in last year.

regard yet.'

1998," he said. instance of creating fund for development project or work by selling properties, includ-

The companies would drill

Chevron (previously

Unocal and Occidental) has been the most successful foreign oil company in Bangladesh that is producing around 900 million cubic feet of gas per day (mmcfd) from three gas fields in Moulvibazar, Jalalabad and Bibiyana. This is almost half the country's total daily gas production. The Moulvibazar field is producing 52 mmcfd

Bangladesh. It was initially

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tonnes of rice stock and the

open market sales (OMS) of rice at Tk 22 per kg in the divisional, district and even upazila levels soon. OMS in the capital, Narsingdi, Narayanganj and Gazipur has Besides, the government

around 6 lakh tonnes of wheat "With all these measures, the supply of rice will increase and the traders can do no manipulation," Razzaque told the reporters when asked if the government will take any

ing tree, of an upazila and Environment, seeking permission to fell the trees. On parishad, Mrinal added.

> estimated to have 2.4 trillion cubic feet (TCF) recoverable gas. Following studies and reassessment, Petrobangla

> able reserve at 5.76 TCF with its proved and probable reserve estimated at 7.43 TCF. In these three fields Chevron has invested around

recently increased its recover-

gas sales. However, Chevron has not drilled a single exploratory well in the country since 2001.

year moratorium that gave the company the privilege to hold the block without any exploration work. In 2006, Chevron conducted a 1,000-kilometre line seismic survey in the region and found at least three

2008 for better understanding of the potentials.

potential hydrocarbon zones.

It undertook further studies in

contributed a sparkling 87 as the pair rescued the Tigers from a precarious 196 for six with a 145-run seventh wicket partnership, the highest for Bangladesh for the wicket.

Riyad in particular was imperious as he stroked 17 square-leg off Chris Martin.

tomer of late, scoring an unbeaten 96 in his last Test match against India, after a stellar tri-series involving also Sri Lanka at home. The righthander batted with responsibility and is fast emerging as a fixture in the side.

steep challenge today.

\$ 920 million, which has already been recovered from Chevron signed the PSC (production sharing contract) for block 7 in 2001 with a five-

Hamilton Test FROM PAGE 16 Captain Shakib al Hasan also

boundaries and two sixes. He even reached his maiden three figures with a precise flick to Riyad has proved Bangladesh's coolest cus-

The Kiwis ended the third

day on 9 for one with an overall lead of 154, meaning that Riyad and Bangladesh face a