# BNP wants

FROM PAGE 1 whether they will be able to reach the polling centres

Ruling party supporters Oliullah, the residents added. however said they think the byelection will be absolutely peaceful.

BNP alleged a number of its activists were attacked in different areas of the constituency, and its candidate Maj (retd) Hafiz blamed the ruling party for the attacks.

said. AL leaders denied the allegation bringing a counter allegaofficer in charge of Lalmohan tion against BNP that the latter police station, told The Daily itself staged the attacks in a bid Star that no complaint was to make the April 24 by-poll however lodged till last evening controversial. regarding the incident.

Against such a backdrop Chief Election Commissioner briefing alleged that at least 250 (CEC) ATM Shamsul Huda BNP workers have been injured visited a number of unions in by their opponents in the last the constituency including few days. Romaganj, Raichad, Charvuta, and Lord Harding under Farashganj union, who is now Lalmohan upazila since under treatment, alleged that

Monday. Yesterday he talked to the residents of Lord Harding, where minority communities had faced brutality after the 2001 election.

At a views exchange meeting with local people at Panchapalli Secondary School in Shambhupura union of Tajumuddin upazila, the CEC said all steps have been taken, so voters may reach the polling centres and return home safely after casting their votes.

Saying that the constituents want a peaceful election the CEC added, "In fact both parties are the same, both are creating problems as they look at everything with their partisan eyes.' He left Bhola in the afternoon. MEDIA BRIEFINGS

#### BY BNP, AL

Maj (retd) Hafizuddin Ahmed at a media briefing in his Lalmohan residence yesterday asked the Election Commission to defer the by- poll for seven

The law and order situation has not improved at all. Illegal arms have not been seized, and criminals have not been arrested yet. These problems must be solved after deferring the poll for a week," he said.

Asked what he will do if his demand is not met, he said he will take a decision in consultation with his party Chairperson Khaleda Zia. "We want to stay in the election, but a fair election is not possible if outsiders are not ousted, and illegal arms are not seized," he added. Some BNP lawmakers and central leaders were also present at the briefing. Earlier, at another media

briefing in AL candidate Nurunnabi Chowdhury Shawon's residence, AL's central Joint General Secretary Mahbubul Alam Hanif alleged that BNP wants to foil the elec-"BNP is trying to make the inadequate manpower, office

election controversial through raising false issues. They are attacking our activists, but we are not taking revenge as we respect the law," he said adding that the situation in the constituency is quite well.

ATTACKS, CLASHES

Clashes have been continuing press briefing at his Old High between AL and BNP activists in Court Building office yesterthe constituency centring the day afternoon.

by-election campaigns over the last few days. At least 10 persons seven-member investigation were injured during clashes that agency and 10-member prostook place in the last two days. ecution cell were formed on AL activists vandalised BNP March 25 for holding the trial activist Delwar's house in of crimes against humanity.

plotting subversive and terror-

Director Commander

Mohammad Sohail said a

team of Rab members picked

him up around 11:30pm from

his house in the city's

seized and 14 zihadi books

were recovered from his pos-

His mobile phone was

Sohail said they had

already handed him over to

Uttara police and during the

preliminary interrogation by

the Rab personnel Morshedul

admitted to his involvement

Morshedul is a property

developer, he said. He comes

from Bamunkhali village

under Shalikha upazila in

Magura. He is also a software

engineer, Deputy

Commissioner (DC) Nisarul

Arif of Uttara division told The

against the Tahrir second-in-

command were filed with

Uttara police on March 24 and

April 17 under Anti-Terrorism

duced before the court today,"

the DC said adding that Tahrir

chief Mohiuddin Ahmed who

was taken on a three-day

remand on Tuesday will be

handed over to Taskforce for

Hizb ut-Tahrir chief

Interrogation (TFI) cell."

"Morshedul will be pro-

The DC said two cases

in Tahrir activities.

Daily Star.

Rab legal and media wing

ist activities.

Mohammadpur.

session.

Tahrir's second man

#### Two killed as storm lashes Badarpur union of Lalmohan Khagrachhari upazila yesterday, said local residents. They also beat another person named

Maj (retd) Hafiz visited the

spot after the incident, and

police detained an AL activist

from the area, who was later

released by the magistrate as he

was found innocent by an

investigation. "Police could not

arrest the real culprit," Hafiz

Delwar Hossain Khan,

Maj (retd) Hafiz at the press

Abdur Rab, a BNP worker of

AL men attacked a few of them

on Tuesday night leaving at least

doubts about whether they will

be able to go to the polling

centres without facing obstruc-

tions on the polling day. They

however said they do not think

there will be any trouble at the

polling centres, once they get

Shambhupura union told The

Daily Star that both party's

cadres are in fighting mood. He

Harding said they were still

receiving threats from BNP

Serajul Islam of Romaganj

union accused ruling party

activists and supporters of

spreading threats that pro-BNP

voters will not be allowed to go

ALLEGATIONS ABOUT

PRESIDING, POLLING

BNP and AL both raised allega-

tions about some presiding and

polling officers' political affilia-

Election Commission alleging

that a presiding officer, and at

least 17 polling officers are

Hafizuddin Ahmed alleged

many polling officers are

actively involved in AL politics.

He said his camp will submit a

list of such officials to the

chief investigator Abdul Matin

investigation agency need to

visit every spot where crimes

were committed in 1971. But

they are held back due to

space, transport and other

stage of our tasks, since we're

still studying the books and

booklets we have received as

Matin was speaking at a

A three-member tribunal,

Mohiuddin, an associate

professor of the Institute of

Business Administration of

Dhaka University, was

arrested in the small hours of

Tuesday from his Green Road

banned Hizb ut-Tahrir

Bangladesh, the Dhaka

University syndicate sent

Mohiuddin on forced leave

indefinitely for his involve-

ment with the militant outfit.

didn't cooperate with the

interrogators on the first day

of his remand when he was

asked about his outfit's finan-

cial sources and its links to

been under house arrest for six

months since the government

put a ban on his organisation

Mohiuddin following infor-

mation extracted from three

Tahrir activists arrested on

Saturday from Uttara Sector-3

with two petrol bombs, party

police said they found direct

links between Hizb ut-Tahrir

Bangladesh, Jama'atul

Mujahideen Bangladesh

(JMB) and Pakistani based

militant organisation Jaish-e-

rule out the possibilities of

links between the militant

Rab DG said, "We cannot

Sources from Rab and

Police said they arrested

on October 22 last year.

leaflets and festoons.

Mohammed.

organisations."

Mohiuddin had virtually

other militant organisations.

The DC said Mohiuddin

Soon after the government

evidence materials," he said.

"We're now at the academic

necessary support, he added.

He said members of the

Election Commission.

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said yesterday.

War crimes

BNP candidate Maj (retd)

people of BNP and Jamaat.

AL submitted a letter to the

to the polling centres.

supporters.

OFFICERS

Mukunda Das, 65, of Lord

feared post election violence.

Abdul Haque, 40, a voter of

Many voters expressed their

5 persons injured.

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Khagrachhari

Two people were killed and 20 others injured as a storm lashed 15 villages in Dighinala upazila of Khagrachhari district early yesterday.

The deceased were identified as Mohammad Ashak Mollah, 55, of Rashiknagar village and Doyal Chakma, 32, of Gulchhari village in the upazila.

Ashak died in roof collapse while Doyal killed by lightning, Assistant Superintendent of Police Mohammad Maksuder Rahman said quoting the family members.

The injured were admitted to the upazila health complex.

The ASP said the storm swept over 15 hilly villages at about 3:00am and damaged about 1,000 thatched and tinshed houses and police posts.

It also uprooted a number of trees and damaged crops on vast tracts of land, he added. The number of injured

could be double, he added. Upazila Nirbahi Officer

Mohammad Moniruzzaman Miah said the extent of damage might be three times higher than the local administration estimated till noon.

"We are yet to provide any assistance to the affected people as we did not get actua figure of the damage till noon We will get it by the evening, he added.

### PM opens

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satellite towns. She also stressed provisions for harvest ing rainwater.

She also asked Rajuk to complete allotment of the flats during the tenure of this gov-

The premier directed Rajuk to take stern action against grabbers of Gulshan lake. Encroachments on water bodies including canals, ponds and jheels reduced recharging of ground water, and thereby increased chances of earthquake, she noted.

On the persisting power, water and gas crises, Hasina said the pervious four-party alliance government's corruption and inactivity have resulted in this situation.

She said two power projects for generating 150 MW each were approved in 2001 but those were not implemented by the alliance government.

Cost of the projects has now increased three times. And the revised projects were approved by the Ecnec on Tuesday, Hasina mentioned.

Many such projects were not implemented due to corruption and malpractices of the fourparty government, she alleged. The PM emphasised a policy

of decentralisation to reduce the pressure on the capital.

To expedite development of the country, power will be distributed at district and upazila levels, while budgetary allocation will be made centrally, Hasina said.

About housing projects, she said her government will try to ensure that not a single person remains without a house.

Others who spoke at the function included Home Minister Sahara Khatun, State Minister for Housing Abdul Mannan Khan, acting secretary of housing ministry MA Hannan and Rajuk Chairman

### Abul refuses

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Md Nurul Huda.

before the committee the records of the software development works for the railway department. But he refused and said that the committee does not have the authority to ask for any such documents, a member of the committee told The Daily Star.

The committee members agued that if they cannot go through the documents, transparency and accountability of the ministry would not be maintained, said sources.

Amid mounting pressure the minister told the lawmakers of the committee that there were confidential records, which should not be produced before them.

At that stage, several committee members moved to walk out from the meeting saying that it is useless holding the meeting if they are not provided with the necessary documents. "The communication

minister earlier also denied to place papers of some other development activities including Padma Bridge before the committee," said a lawmaker present in the meeting.

A few lawmakers even expressed their unwillingness to be on the committee anymore, the sources said.

Mujibur Rahman, chief of the standing committee,

adjourned the meeting.

31 seamen send

NEWS

FROM PAGE 1 the press conference at Dhaka Reporters' Unity.

Speaking to reporters, Ashraful said they have been repeatedly asking their Greek employer, Golden Shipping SA Company, to arrange for their air tickets home but the company has paid no heed to their appeals. "Shall we die here?" he

Attempts to reach the managing director of the shipping company were unsuccessful. Zahirul Islam said he went

to Benin through Chittagongbased shipping agent KSF and joined the ship MT Scorpion on January 4. He found 10 other Bangladeshis onboard. The 10 Bangladeshi sailors joined the ship late last year through SIS, a Chittagong-based shipping agency owned by Shahinul Islam Shaheen.

He said 11 sailors are stranded in MT Bagoda, nine in MT Paloma, two each in MT Marrie, MT Nina, Noha, MT Torriro, MT Rubina and one in MT Navigator. The Greek company owns all the ships.

KSF chief Abdur Rashid told The Daily Star that he was unaware of any problems with Golden Shipping SA before he sent 12 sailors. "However, those who went through my company have returned," he said.

SIS chief Shaheen could not

be reached but his wife Afsana

said they were contacting Golden Shipping SA, which assured SIS of providing food to the crewmembers. "We have also been cheated

by the company. It is our bad luck too," she said.

Speaking to reporters at the press conference, Zahirul Islam said the ship he joined was old and there was no food, life saving equipment, generators or fuel. The company gave them food only after he had contacted its office in Greece demanding food.

He said, "I repaired the ship in a month and started working as per the company's instruc-He said by that time he

ound many other Bangladeshis in other supply ships owned by the same company. They said they were in serious trouble as they were not given food or salaries. He claimed he managed some food for them.

Zahirul said the ships are used for carrying oil from Nigeria to Europe. The company might be in trouble for some reasons or it was deceiving the Bangladeshis on pur-

"We repeatedly asked it to pay salaries or arrange air tickets. It paid no heed. Since I was the chief engineer, I was given a ticket and I returned home on April 15," he said.

Under such conditions, he said the families of the victims in Dhaka appealed to the government to get them back home but no steps have been taken, he said.

Saida Muna Tasneem, director general of the external publicity wing of the foreign ministry, told The Daily Star as Bangladesh has no mission in Benin, Bangladesh mission in Beijing is contacting Benin's embassy in Beijing about the matter. "We, however, are yet to

receive any response from Benin. As soon as Benin responds, we will send our people there and arrange their repatriation," she said.

### Reckless

**FROM PAGE 16** Officer-in-Charge Rezau Karim of Shahbagh Police Station said they seized the bus but its driver managed to

A bus of Bikalpa Paribahan heading for Gulistan knocked Raju down around noon when he was crossing the road.

He died on the spot, witnesses said.

Raju was the son of late Haji Sona Miah of Goidertek area under Darussalam Police Station in the capital.

One witness said the bus was accelerating hard in a bid to cross the intersection before the light turn red. The driver and the conduc-

tor of the bus fled the scene immediately as pedestrians surrounded the bus. Later police reached the spot and sent the body to Dhaka Medical College morgue for autopsy. Ahmed Ali, a classmate of

the victim, said Raju was going to Nilkhet to buy books after finishing an examination. Officer-in-Charge of Sher-

e-Bangla Nagar Police Station told The Daily Star that they seized the bus.

### Firms from India

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scrutinising the documents submitted by the two firms in two weeks and then appoint a consultancy firm to finalise the design of the second highway.

The pre-qualification tender was floated on January 10 this year. The deadline for submission of bids was April

"The second highway will ensure a safe journey and a smooth flow of traffic. It will also help save fuel," said the

project director. The route for the highway will be finalised According to the database division of roads and highways department, the average vol-

ume of daily traffic on the Dhaka-Chittagong Highway was 15,277 in 2008 while it was 13,720 in 2007. Officials in the division said

the present volume of daily traffic is three times the highway's capacity.

The highway has now

become a death trap due to its narrowness. Traffic cannot move on it smoothly causing consumption of extra fuel. The cost of the 215-

kilometre dual carriageway has

been estimated at \$4.3 billion including \$ 1 billion for land acquisition. If constructed, it will be the country's first expressway with facilities like adequate parking

space, refuelling stations, food courts and rest houses at regular intervals on either side of the highway.

It will also reduce the journey time to three hours from seven to eight.

The government is giving importance to the 2nd highway as the volume of traffic is on the rise, said Communications Minister Syed Abul Hossain.

"The upgrading of the existing Dhaka-Chittagong highway to four lanes from two lanes is underway," the ministersaid.

the CJ to evaluate judges

appointed, Suranjit, chief of

the parliamentary standing

committee on law ministry,

said at a briefing at the Jatiya

Sangsad media centre. The

Supreme Judicial Council and

other bodies are there for this

the 17 judges in consultation

with the chief justice," he said.

He was speaking at the inau-

gural ceremony of a weeklong

mass-campaign organised by

the party's Dhaka city unit

Nizami said the JMB, which

launched bomb attacks across

the country, was not recog-

parties and scholars.

nised by mainstream Islamic

Militancy

"The president appointed

purpose, he said.

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## Row over oath

government presses the CJ to administer the oaths.

CJ Fazlul Karim swore in 15 of the 17 newly appointed HC additional judges on April 18, leaving out the two in the face of protest from a section of SCBA leaders including its president and secretary.

Talking to reporters at the SCBA president's office room yesterday, the pro-AL lawyers expressed hope that the CJ will swear in Ruhul Quddus and Khasruzzaman very soon.

SCBA Assistant Secretary Mosfaqur Rahman Shabuj said at the meeting they informed the CJ that there is no doubt about the quality and efficiency of the two judges and that the SCBA president's allegations against them are false and baseless. Former SCBA secretaries

The Jamaat leader, during his stint as minister when the Shahidul Karim Siddiqui, Mamtaj Uddin Fakir, Mahbub four-party alliance was in power, told journalists that Ali, Bashir Ahmed, Nurul Islam Sujan, SM Rezaul Karim, militancy didn't exist in and SCBAVice-President AKM Bangladesh and was a creation of the media. Fazlul Haque Khan Farid, among others, were present at In 2005, JMB carried out the meeting with the CJ.

Meanwhile, Awami League except one. leader Suranjit Sengupta yesterday said the CJ would breach his

constitutional oath if he does not swear in the two judges. The constitution of the country does not authorise Khan also spoke.

bomb attacks in all 64 districts Jamaat Nayeb-e-Ameer Mokbul Ahmed, its Joint Secretary General ATM Azharul Islam and Dhaka city unit Ameer Rafiqul Islam

#### Biman resumes London flight after a week

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Biman yesterday resumed its flight to London almost after a week as aircraft start taking to the skies again in Europe following disruption caused by the volcanic ash cloud, officials concerned said. The London bound flight of

the state-owned carrier with 217 passengers took off at about 11:50 am. Biman officials said the

flight, BG 015, is expected to reach there at 2:00 am today. "We have resumed the flight to London after

European airspace reopens 'Obvious political motivafor business," said Mohammad Nasim, deputy general manager (public relations) of Biman. It is Biman's first flight to London since the European authorities closed skies on

of the volcanic ash. It cancelled three flights to London since April 15 to the frustration of 867 Europe bound travellers.

Nasim said Biman has

safety concern amid eruption

already sought three slots from Heathrow airport authorities to facilitate travel of the passengers stranded for cancellation of the flights.

"We hope to get the slots," he added. The carrier operates five

weekly flights to London with three flights directly and two via Dubai. Taliban blame

#### Blackwater, PPP, ANP for terror strikes ANI, Peshawar

The Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) has denied its involvement in the recent terror strikes across the North West Frontier Province (NWFP), and instead blamed the controversial private security firm-Blackwater for the bloodshed. The banned extremist

outfit also blamed the Awami National Party (ANP) and the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) for the violence. "We never strike in cities and public places as we know

only civilians become victims of such actions," TTP's selfproclaimed spokesperson Azam Tariq told The News over telephone from an undisclosed location. Tariq said that Tuesday's

terror strike in Peshawar in which over 25 people were killed was the handiwork of Blackwater, which is being provided covert support by the two political parties in order to appease the US.

"In order to prolong their rule and appease the United States, the two political parties with support from Blackwater carried out the terrorist attack in Peshawar,' he said.

#### UN chief

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micro-credit schemes, Ban said Bangladesh has gained landmark progress in the disaster preparedness, poverty alleviation, education and women empowerment.

The UN secretary general said he projected the achievements made by Bangladesh in the MDGs to other countries. He also lauded the contribution of Bangladesh to the UN peacekeeping mission.

In response to the speaker's request, Ban assured the parliamentary delegation of his cooperation to include Bangla as the UN official language. Referring to his visits to

Bangladesh in 1972 and 2008, he described Bangladesh as a dynamic democratic developing country. He also praised

Bangladesh's role in the

Copenhagen Climate Change Conference. Chairman of the All-party Parliamentary Committee on Climate and Environment Saber Hossain appraised the **UK-Bangladesh** joint Inquiry Committee on Climate

Director of the Earth Institute of Colombia University Prof Jeffrey D Sachs met the speaker and exchanged views on problems and solutions to achieve the MDGs. Chairman of the

Change.

Parliamentary Standing Committee on the **Environment and Forest** Ministry Abdul Momin Talukdar, Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Labour Ministry Israfil Alam and Bangladesh's Permanent Representative to the UN AK Abdul Momen, among others, were present.

# Mayawati to SC: CBI has double standards

INDO ASIAN NEWS SERVICE, New Delhi

Accusing the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) of discrimination, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Mayawati yesterday claimed in the Supreme Court that the disproportionate assets case filed against her was 'baseless, unfounded and illegal'.

tions have led the CBI to adopt double standards in dealing with identical DA (disproportionate assets) cases against me and those against (Samajwadi Party leader) Mulayam Singh Yadav and (former railway minister) Lalu Prasad Yadav,' she said in a 230-page affidavit submitted in the Supreme Court.

Refuting the CBI claim that the first information report (FIR) registered against her in the case was on the apex court's direction, Mayawati said: 'The Supreme Court did not pass any order to lodge a FIR in the DA case against me; the order pertained only to the Taj Corridor case.'

She also pointed out that the apex court had already de-linked the assets case from the main Taj Corridor case. 'The apex court also did

not find anything wrong with the utilization of Rs17 crore released for the Taj Corridor, she asserted, while questioning the very basis of the assets According to Mayawati,

'while CBI was particular about seeking legal examination of the charges against Lalu Prasad Yadav, following which prosecution proceedings were dropped against him, the investigating agency chose to proceed directly against me by lodging a FIR'.

Citing a similar case against Mulayam Singh Yadav, she said: 'After seeking the then solicitor general's advice, the CBI did not club the income of Mulayam's family members, but in my case, the incomes of all my close relatives was clubbed and shown as my income.' Mayawati also wondered

why legal opinion was not sought in her case, especially since 'that very solicitor general was now occupying the coveted position of attorney general'. She also drew the attention of the apex court to the

'clean chit' given to her by the income tax authorities, with whom she had been regularly filing her returns.

### 4 ship-breaking FROM PAGE 1

government filed cases

against four yards yesterday. Filing of cases against eight others is underway, sources DoE investigator Saiful Ashrab filed the cases against

the ship-breaking yards with

Sitakunda Police Station and

the Environmental Court. The accused ship-breaking yards include G Steel Limited of Bhatiari, Makkah Shipbreaking Yard and Recycling Centre of Middle Sonaichhari, Chittagong Ship-breakers and Recycling Limited in Madam Bibir Hat and Habib Steel

Limited in Shital Pur in

The yards were sued as their authorities hardly bothered to respond to the DoE notices asking them to collect environmental clearance after ensuring pollution protecting measures, alleged the plaintiff in the case.

He filed cases against 14 high officials of those yards the directors.

#### including the chairmen and killed in accidents at different ship-breaking yards since In the cases, Saiful Ashrab 2006.

and opposition leaders and business, civil society and

very important, as more high profile visits will follow the trip of Steinberg, who serves as the

conduct of US foreign policy, general supervision and in giving direction to all elements of the department. According to US embassy

secretary of state. Diplomatic sources here indicated that Steinberg's visit to Bangladesh may be followed

Barack Obama. Hillary visited Bangladesh as First Lady in "Deputy Secretary Steinberg's travel to Dhaka reflects the significance that the Obama administration places on US-Bangladesh relations," a spokesperson of the US

working together closely to address global challenges including climate change, food security, terrorism and pandemic disease, the spokesperson said, adding that Steinberg will discuss a wide range of bilateral and multilateral issues during his Dhaka trip.

on Steinberg's visit, but they anticipated that he would meet with Prime Minister Sheikh

alleged the yards were devel oped without environmental clearance or required mitigation measures and facilities for removing liquid and solid hazardous waste during cleaning and dismantling the

DoE Chittagong Division Acting Director Mostafizur Rahman Akhand said the department started issuing notices regarding environment clearance in March last year after the HC issued its directive.

"Three and a half months passed after the given time for applying for the certificate, but the owners and management concerned have yet to apply for it," he said.

Insiders say 1,333 ships were dismantled between 1997 and 2009 on the coast of Sitakunda. Over 18,000 permanent workers are engaged in this industry without maintaining minimum safety

measures. At least 53 workers were

# US deputy secy

Sitakunda.

opinion leaders. The tour is being considered

principal deputy to the Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. He serves as acting secretary of state in the secretary's absence and assists the secretary in the formulation and

statement, Steinberg is the highest Obama administration official to visit Bangladesh and this is his first visit to Bangladesh as the deputy

by the visit of Secretary of State Hillary Clinton in near future and also future visit by President

embassy told The Daily Star yesterday. The US and Bangladesh are

Foreign ministry officials declined to discuss the details

Khaleda Zia and Foreign

Minister Dipu Moni. He is expected to meet other ministers as well as business, civil society, and opinion leaders in Dhaka. The deputy secretary will also hold a press conference today.

Diplomatic sources say that US President Barack Obama is likely to visit India either in August or October and he may visit other South Asian countries, including Bangladesh at that time. They said that although

there is no such indication that Obama may go to any other country after India tour, but there might be hectic lobbying from Bangladesh and Pakistan to tag his visit to these two

countries. JAMES B STEINBERG

Appointed by President Obama, he was confirmed by the Senate on January 28, 2009. Prior to his appointment in the Obama administration, Steinberg served as dean of the Lyndon B Johnson School of Public

He had previously served as the vice president and director of Foreign Policy Studies at the Brookings Institution in Washington, DC. From December 1996 to August 2000, Steinberg served as deputy national security adviser to

### Aus farmers

distributing fertiliser among the farmers would not be

farmers of the haor area has been prepared so that the government can provide them with necessary assistance for the next year's boro cultivation.

also gave assurance of good price for Boro crops this year and said the prime minister would monitor whether the Hasina, Opposition Leader farmers are getting fair price.

president Bill Clinton. **FROM PAGE 16** tolerated. She said a list of affected

The agriculture minister