BCL given

FROM PAGE 1 not to join Chhatra League programmes, sources close to him said, adding that he had already declined to join Chhatra League's Mymensingh district council.

"I won't attend any University of Engineering programme of Chhatra and Technology, Khulna League," said Awami League University of Engineering acting General Secretary and Technology, Edward Mahbubul Alam Hanif, who College in Pabna, Dhaka until recently used to attend College, Kushtia Govt Chhatra League programmes College and many other frequently. across the country witness

Hanif, a special assistant to the prime minister, said he is tired of keeping an eye on Chhatra League. He declined to elaborate.

Sources say the top Awami League leaders are going to abide by "no official connection between Awami League and Chhatra League" to avoid going to Chhatra League programmes.

Apparently, the factional feud in Chhatra League at the Polytechnic Institute in Barisal that resulted in a bloody violence on May 4 was the last straw for many Awami League leaders.

The sources said on May 7, when a large number of Chhatra League activists led by its president and general secretary went to prime minister's official residence to meet her, Hasina avoided talking to them. She just gave them a smile and said "have some sweets and then leave", the sources added.

The same day, Home Minister Sahara Khatun did not join a Chhatra League programme at the Teacher-Student Centre on Dhaka University campus.

Asked by The Daily Star as to why senior leaders and ministers are avoiding Chhatra League programmes, Chhatra League President Mahmud Hasan Ripon declined to comment.

A top-ranking Chhatra League leader told The Daily Star, "I think the Awami League leaders and ministers have reservations about our programmes.'

The prime minister had designated three Awami League organising secretaries -- Jahangir Kabir Nanak, BM Mojammel Haque and Ahmed Hossain -- with the charge of looking after Chhatra League activities, but they apparently failed to put a rein on it.

They are to meet Hasina upon her arrival from South Korea and Malaysia on May 21 and discuss the Chhatra League question.

Ahmed Hossain told The Daily Star that holding of Chhatra League's long due central council, bringing it back on track, and ways to hill cutting, Teknaf Upazila handle the organisation are Agriculture Officer Md Abdul

likely to be discussed. "We will discuss overall Chhatra League affairs. How we will handle Chhatra League and what will be the extent of our supervision, among many other issues,"

he said. Chhatra League started to earn bad reputation from the night of Awami League's victory in the parliamentary election late December, 2008. It flexed its muscles in educational institutions and elsewhere in the country.

ound suspicious transactions

into the account. BB said it

had taken the move under the

An investor can open a

trading account with

Unipay2u Bangladesh to hold

gold as investment that pays

off high rebate on a monthly

The central bank froze four

other related accounts: one

operated by Unipay2u (Inter-

national) and three operated

are held by Unipay2u

Bangladesh Chairman

Masudur Rahman, Managing

Director Md Muntasir Hussain

and another company official,

Mohammad Shahiduzzaman.

The BB directive said the

estriction would also be valid

for all other accounts that had

transactions with these five

banks and other financial

institutions to turn in details

of transactions into these

actions into these accounts

based on suspicious transac-

tion reports from three private

banks, including The City

Bank and NCC Bank," a senior

BB official said, asking not to

Bangladesh promises high

The official said Unipay2u

"We have restricted trans-

accounts in seven days.

be named.

The central bank asked all

The individual accounts

basis, the company says.

by individuals.

anti-money laundering law.

BB freezes

Sheikh Helal, | wife granted HC bail

The High Court (HC) yesterday granted bail to former Awami League lawmaker Sheikh Helaluddin and his wife Rupa Chowdhury in two cases, in which they were earlier sentenced to different terms of imprisonment.

An HC bench of Justice Md Shamsul Huda and Justice Abu Bakar Siddiquee gave the bail orders upon separate appeals by Sheikh Helal and his wife against the lower court verdicts.

Sheikh Helal, also a cousin of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, was convicted in two cases filed on charges of corruption and extortion, in the corruption case only.

disposal of the appeals, the HC order said.

Advocate Sayeed Ahmed Raja, a lawyer for Sheikh Helal and Rupa, said now there is no bar to the release of his clients from jail following the HC orders.

On May 9 this year, Judge (in charge) Mohammad Mozammel Hossain of the Special Court-6, sent Helal and Rupa to jail after they surrendered to it in connection with the corruption case.

in the extortion case on the same day.

wealth from the Anti for abetting her husband in acquiring wealth illegally.

On February 12, 2008 another Dhaka court sentenced Helal to seven years rigorous imprisonment for extorting Tk 1.02 crore from a construction firm owner.

Advocate Abdul Baset Majumder appeared for the accused.

6 more bodies

The missing persons are Safia Khatun, 8, Manuara Begum 26, Nurchan Begum, 35, Abdul Barik, 70, Azmat Ali, 50 and Tanbir Mia, 10.

way to Chatalpur of in Bazitpur.

swam ashore safely but a few

and local fire brigade personrescued the sunken boat.

Local lawmaker Afzal Hossain and District Commissioner Md Siddikur Rahman announced a donation of Tk 5,000 respectively to each victim's family.

DMP to keep

The prisons authorities have sent a list of 1,042 inmates to the home ministry with recommendations for their release on special consideration, jail officials said, adding, around 300 more names will be sent soon.

number of cases under the Women and Children Repression Prevention Act is increasing.

In police investigation it was found most of such cases are false and were filed after family feuds, he said. The number of such cases filed in April with different police stations in the capital was 35

authorities destroyed over 3,000 hydraulic horns, which were seized over the last ten days from different vehicles, at Rajarbagh Police Lines after the crime conference.

In answer to a question, the commissioner said they unearthed the motive of Subinspector Gautam Roy killing day after the incident and arrested suspected killers, but did not make it public officially as they were yet to

recover his service arms. killed Second Officer of Bangshal Police Station SI

Gautam Roy on April 20 in Dholaikhal. and robbery marked a slight increase in April as two more

the NBR. robbery cases were recorded.

Quit to contest the DCC mayor from contestcommission had notified the

NEWS

The letter sent to the RO cited a provision in the Local Government (City Corporation) Act 2009 and also a SC ruling. As per the provision, an individual holding an office of profit is ineligible to contest city corporation

The previous city corporation law also had similar provisions. But they were not duly enforced in the past allowing city corporation mayors to contest the polls without relinquishing their posts.

Returning Officer of its deci-

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polls.

According to a Supreme Court verdict delivered at the end of 2008, the post of city corporation mayor is "full time and it is an office of profit", and anybody holding the office will be disqualified from contesting the city corporation polls.

However, incumbent CCC councilors can contest the polls while in office. CCC Mayor Mohiuddin ran

for mayor twice in 2000 and 2005 without resigning his post. Sylhet City Corporation Mayor Badruddin Ahmed

Kamran also contested the August 4, 2008 poll without relinquishing his position and got re-elected But Mohiuddin this time has to resign before filing

application for candidacy in the CCC polls as the EC has decided to enforce the electoral laws strictly. If Mohiuddin, who has already announced contest-

ing the polls, does not resign, the RO will reject his application, said EC officials. Mohiuddin said he was yet to know about the EC deci-

If he resigns, a CCC councillor will act as the mayor until the corporation's tenure expires on June 25.

City corporation mayors cannot contest parliamentary election without relinquishing their posts as the Representation of the People Order disqualifies a person from contesting parliamentary polls for holding any office of profit in the service of Republic or of a statutory authority

On EC's suggestion, the returning officer cancelled application of Dhaka City Corporation Mayor Sadek Hossain Khoka for candidacy in the last parliamentary election.

Khoka moved to the High Court that issued an interim order allowing him to contest the polls.

However, the court later gave a verdict disqualifying

JS budget

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placed in the House on June

Meanwhile, the BNP-led opposition alliance is yet to decide whether it will join the budget session or not. The combine includes Jamaat-e-Islami and Bangladesh Jatiya

Asked about this last night, BNP sources said policy makers of the alliance will meet before the session begins to take a decision in this regard. The opposition boycotted

the budget session last year.

BNP to take

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chairperson's adviser advocate Ahmed Azam Khan.

Reacting to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's Wednesday remarks that Khaleda had whitened black money earned through corruption, Delwar once again said the government is misleading the nation by resorting to limitless false-

hood to hide its own failures. Replying to a question, he said BNP will tackle the situation legally.

He said they will take legal steps against the NBR for leaking out information violating Section 163 of the Income Tax Law, while legal steps would be taken against the government for "snatching the information using influence".

Responding to the Awami League Joint Secretary Mahbub Alam Hanif's allegation against him, Delwar objected to his comment and claimed he is not at all communal. "I am completely non-

communal", the veteran BNP leader said.

she did, the NBR could file a case against her.

Azam said if the NBR fails to provide an explanation for disclosing Khaleda's income tax related information, they connection. Eight former minwould take legal steps against isters have been served with notice for questioning.

Koko, Saimon asked to appear in

court Jul 18

Arafat Rahman Koko, son of

the Metropolitan Sessions

Judge's Court passed the order

after Koko's lawyers informed

the court that the home minis-

Saimon has been abscond-

submitted. Koko was arrested

nection with the Gatco graft

parole after which he went

against Koko on March 17,

2009 under the Money

Laundering Prevention Act for

siphoning off Tk 19.70 crore to

ACC, a portion of the money

deposited to Koko's bank

account was from an account

of China Harbour Engineering

ing in Bangladesh during the

time of the transfer as it was

constructing the New

The investigation officer of

Mooring Container Terminal.

the case included Saimon's

name as his involvement with

the money laundering was

court accepted the charge

sheet against Koko and

Saimon. Mohammad Abu

Syed, assistant director of

ACC, submitted the charge

Sing\$ 28.84 lakh and US \$9.32

prosecution witnesses.

On November 15, 2009 the

China Harbour was operat-

Company Ltd in the USA.

As per the deposition of the

abroad for treatment.

parole until July 18.

COURT CORRESPONDENT A Dhaka court yesterday asked

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Ghorashal, Siddhirganj this year.

Sources in the Power Division said the tariffs will be increased by 8 to 10 percent.

price of per kilowatt hour (kWh) electricity generated by diesel fired plants will be Tk 13.66. The rate will be Tk 7.66 per kWh for furnace oil fired plants,

and Tk 7.34 for public sector plants that will operate during peakhours. Bangladesh Energy Regulatory Commission wil

"We have a target of generating surplus electricity by the end of 2012," Elahi told reporters, as he along with State Minister for Enamul Haque faced a volley of questions about the country's

The adviser said he hopes that the situation will improve from August this year.

attention to the allegation that PDB has been signing deals to buy power at higher rates, from some companies, Elahi brushed it aside saying, some newspapers and political parpeople through such rumours before, are now smelling it here," he said. About fuel supply for the

proposed fast track rental power plants, Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC) Chairman Anwarul Karim said the country now has a storage capacity for only 2.72 lakh metric tons of petroleum oil.

plants will come into operation later in the year, BPC will have to increase import of diesel by 1,90,000 tons, and furnace oil by 46,000 tons for the June to December period, he added.

already took an initiative to fiscal 2010-11 is likely to be increase its storage capacity by

move to sign unsolicited deals with private companies for rental power plants, Power Secretary Abul Kalam Azad said the Public Procurement Act allows it to do so.

the books," he claimed.

Energy Secretary Mesbauddin Ahmed also spoke on the occasion.

MK Anwar

the former minister for two hours in connection with an enquiry against former prime minister Khaleda Zia.

Anwar was a member of the cabinet committee on purchase Khaleda government that approved construction of the exchequer.

gave its approval after the cabinet division okayed the project Anwar said.

even a single document supporting that anything was done in violation of law, he mentioned. The former minister also

told journalists that the questioning of BNP ministers in connection with the graft alle-

caretaker government's tenure, it earned distrust of people for the same reason," he said. "If the commission contin-

> Officer-in-Charge of Rupganj Police Station Sultan Sikder said none had complained to the police about the

stalking until yesterday evening. However, locals told the police that the girl had an affair with Hasan.

MONEY LAUNDERING Thai general

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The circumstances of the shooting were unclear. Hours earlier the army had warned it would deploy snipers in the area as part of a lockdown in the protest site aimed at preventing more protesters joining the rally.

The fiery general, accused by Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva of trying to prevent an end to the street demonstrations, has made no secret of encouraging the "Red Shirt" protesters to oppose a

"It's important that I'm here. Everyone is here because Seh Daeng is here," he told AFP earlier in the day during an interview within the protry had earlier extended his test site, using his own nickname.

ing since the charge sheet was on September 2, 2007 in conarmoured vehicles and that case and was later released on demonstrators would be The Anti-Corruption the area. Commission filed the case

"Snipers will be deployed in the operation," said the spokesman, Colonel Sunsern Kaewkumnerd, after issuing a series of tough warnings to the "Red Shirt" protesters in recent weeks.

protesters.

An unsuccessful attempt wounded.

The Reds say the government is undemocratic because it came to power in a 2008 parliamentary vote after a court ousted elected allies of their hero, former prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra, who was unseated in a 2006

lakh from Bangladesh. FROM PAGE 16 BTCL MD the criminal as Faisal Parvez

evident.

receive the letter of the establishment ministry, said Sunil Kanti Bose, chairman of BTCI board. "We will take necessary steps after getting the letter." Bose also said that the

sitting MD might be requested to continue until the issue is resolved. Khabiruzzaman may be

reappointed as MD of BTCL following due legal process in company's (BTCL) policy, said ministry sources. Despite several attempts

over the phone Khabiruzzaman could not be contacted. The appointment of Khabiruzzaman raised con-

troversy in telecom industry. Even the employees of BTCL heavily criticised the government move. As per the Memorandum of

Association of BTCL, appointment of the MD would be ratified by the board of the company. Interestingly, Khabiruzzaman joined BTCL without the board's approval. The controversy mounted

as the government appointed Khabiruzzaman when the sitting MD Ashraful Alim was on leave.

According to clauses 37, 52 and 149 of the Memorandum of Association of BTCL, any appointment of the company would go through the company's board. The board has the exclusive right to appoint new MD of the company.

Even before the board ratified his appointment, Khabiruzzaman took some controversial decisions including a penalty waiver of Chinese vendor Huawei Technologies and issuing letter of intent to KT Corporation of a Tk 140 crore

Later, at a board meeting on April 2, 2009 board meeting, the board ratified all activities of Khabiruzzaman from February 22 to March 10.

Another girl FROM PAGE 1

Rahima Begum, Sufia's elder sister, said their neighbour

Hasan used to pester her sister. Yesterday morning he embarrassed her in front of

many people by pulling her hand, she said. Locals made a big issue out of it and complained to her mother that she was responsible for Hasan's behaviour, she added. The girl locked herself in her

the northern parts of the Meghna are polluting it.

Rahman said the existence of hilsa is threatened because of environmental pollution and climate change -- the reason he has taken the initiative to adjust hilsa with the

pond environment.

Abhisit announced earlier he had ditched a plan to hold elections in mid-November under a peace plan aimed at ending the tense standoff because the protesters were refusing to disperse.

"I have told security officials to restore normality as soon as possible," he said.

Abhisit had offered to dissolve parliament in the second half of September for elections on November 14 if all parties accepted his recon-

ciliation plan. Large crowds of Red Shirts, including some elderly, women and children, remained at the protest site, which has been fortified with barricades made from razor wire, fuel-soaked tyres and sharpened bamboo spears.

Some foreign embassies in the area closed early due to the threatened lockdown, with the US, British, and Dutch embassies suspending visa services. Shops, restaurants and

other businesses in the area were closing early in response to a request by the authori-The mostly poor and working class Reds, who launched their campaign in

mid-March for immediate

elections, initially agreed to

enter the process but efforts to reach a deal that would see them go home have since broken down. Observers say there are signs of splits emerging between the moderate and hardline elements within the

protest movement. If Abhisit does not go ahead with the proposed election "he doesn't have a plan or even a means of deal ing with a very real crisis, said Thailand analyst Michael Montesano.

BNP to join

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BNP, was not in the meeting. Talking to The Daily Star Chittagong BNP President Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury said, "Under this present Election Commission we don't want to participate in any election as fair and impartial election is not possible

under this commission." But party leaders think that they can participate in CCC elections as part of their antigovernment movement, he said adding Chairperson Khaleda Zia will take the final

decision. Replying to a query Amir Khasru said most of the Chittagong leaders partici-

pated in the meeting. However, a number of leaders close to BNP leader Noman wishing anonymity said the meeting was not much important and some leaders who are junior to

Noman participated in it. Meanwhile, BNP Secretary General Khandakar Delwar Hossain yesterday told journalists at its Nayapaltan central office that they would not participate in the national elections under the present EC

after what happened in the Bhola by-elections. He however said a final decision on the CCC elections

will come from Chairperson Khaleda Zia. It's all because

FROM PAGE 1 seized at least 20 cabs, drivers

The requisitioned cab was purchased on bank loan on condition of daily instalment

payment, they said adding that they requested the law enforcers to let go of the cab but police swooped on them. Tejgaon Police Station Officer-in-charge Mahbubur Rahman, however, said the

clash erupted when a traffic police wanted to check out papers of a taxicab. One of the detained drivers Ripon Khan said policemen beat them up mercilessly as

they protested the requisition of the cab. He alleged that police

damaged their cabs too. Meanwhile, about 300

drivers with their vehicles gathered at Manik Miah Avenue and Bijoy Sarani in the afternoon to lay siege to Tejgaon Police Station protesting the arrest of their fellow drivers from Farmgate. This led to another clash. Sher-e-Bangla Police

Station Operation Officer Kripa Sindhu Bala said they intercepted the drivers as over 150 taxicabs were trying to traffic disruption.

least 50 cab drivers were injured in the police attack.

of giving gold to investors -gives certificates with a promperiod, the official added. The company is raising

returns to individuals on managing director of But the company -- instead Bangladesh Bank will withdraw restrictions on transactions after its investigation."

investment in gold. ise of returns after a certain

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Recently Jagannath

University, Barisa

Polytechnic Institute, Dhaka

University, Jahangirnagar

University, Chittagong

University, Rajshahi

University, Rajshahi

educational institutions

unruly activities of Chhatra

over establishing supremacy,

tender manipulation, and

admission trade in educa-

tional institutions. Many

universities and colleges had

to be closed indefinitely for

killed during the violence,

including one each in Dhaka

Medical College, Rajshahi

University and Dhaka

League clashed with each

other in presence of police at

Jagannath University on May

10 leaving at least 20 injured.

Locals said if the hill plunder

continues, their houses would

go under the river in next rainy

Khaleque, said they were

digging hills on orders of

Ferdous, a resident in

is a hill [the Jadi], I own it.

There is no question of any-

body being affected if I dig and

from the hills is being sold to

(operation) of United Land

port Ltd, the private managing

agency of the Land port,

admitted that the earth filling

is part of the land port expan-

hillocks have been bought,

and earth is being dug out and

brought to the port. As the

mangrove forest was filled

with earth, a number of trees

had to be felled, Khalid added.

to protect the temple, Kathingj

Chowdhury, said they have

complained to different gov-

ernment agencies to stop

cutting hills. The issue was

raised recently in a monthly

meeting of Teknaf upazila

development coordination

Gafur said, now the earth in

the areas is loosened. The

possibility of mudslides in the

region) of the Directorate Of

Environment ABM Aminul

Haque said extracting earth

from hill and cropland is

ANM Nazim Uddin said a

committee has been formed

to probe hill cutting. Legal

action would be taken against

money from people in Dhaka,

Chittagong and Mymensingh,

from our primary investiga-

tion that these accounts have

The City Bank Ltd

deposits of about Tk 30 crore."

Managing Director K

Mahmood Sattar and NCC

Bank Managing Director

Mohammed Nurul Amin said

they had sent reports to the

central bank, suspecting

unusual transaction into these

from parts of the country have

transferred money into these

accounts for the last one

pany says it was incorporated

as 'Unipay2u Bangladesh Ltd'

Unipay2u Bangladesh says it

offers rebate as high as 150

percent on investment in gold

Bangladesh said the company

offers trade in gold through its

Malaysia-based parent com-

pany Best Genius Sdn.Bhd

that provides "trust, corporate

percent backed at all times by

gold in allocated storage," the

company says in a Facebook

Md Muntasir Hussain,

Unipay2u Bangladesh, said:

"We are not involved in any

"I am confident

money laundering activity."

"Unipay2u plan is 100

and financial services".

Officials of Unipay2u

on October 11, 2009.

for six months.

posting.

Bank officials said people

The website of the com-

A Facebook account o

"We have come to know

the persons responsible.

Upazila Nirbahi Officer

Biodiversity officer (Teknaf

rainy season has increased.

On the consequences of

committee.

prohibited.

he said.

accounts.

President of the committee

Privately owned hills and

He said the earth cut out

Abu Noor Khalid, manager

sell earth from my land."

Ferdous said, "Although it

One of the workers, Abdul

Hill, forest

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Jadimura village.

the land port.

Two factions of Chhatra

University.

At least five people were

Most of the violence was

League activists.

while his wife was convicted The bail will continue until

Helal was shown arrested

On February 24, 2008, the special court sentenced Helal to 13 years' imprisonment in the graft case filed for amassing wealth illegally and concealing information on Corruption Commission, while Rupa was sentenced to three years' imprisonment

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Most of them hailed from Bazitpur. Sources said the boat with 100 people on board was on its

Brahmanbaria from Koytupi Most of the passengers

others were untraceable. BIWTA team from Dhaka nel rushed to the spot and

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The commissioner said the

more than that of March. Meanwhile, the DMI

Unidentified gunmen

DMP sources say killing killing cases and three more

ing the poll. The judgment had become conclusive as no appeal was filed against it, EC

officials said. Meanwhile, the EC Secretariat was preparing to send letters to food and disaster management ministry, women and children affairs ministry and Red Crescent, Bangladesh asking them not to distribute any relief materials or VGF cards through the CCC before the polls, a senior EC official said.

Power tariff

rental plants in Khulna, Madanganj and Gazipur. Those small plants will use heavy fuel oil. Two 100 MW plants, one in Khulna and the other in Ghorashal, will be set up by July

The PDB chairman said the

finalise the new tariffs after

public hearings.

Power and Energy Mohammad nagging power crisis.

As some reporters drew his

rejecting offers of lower rates ties are trying to mislead the "Those who did corruption

But when rental power

He mentioned that BPC

another 2 lakh tons by 2012 Defending the government's

"Everything is being done by

FROM PAGE 16 two other officials, questioned

during the tenure of BNP-led bridge, allegedly causing a loss of Tk 100 crore to the state The purchase committee

The ACC team did not show

gation is just a continuation of the past caretaker government's move to harass political "I think people will lose faith in the commission if it goes on with such activities. During the

Meanwhile, the ACC has already questioned former communications minister Nazmul Huda and LGRD minister Mannan Bhuiyan in this BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia, and Ismail Hossain Saimon, son of former shipping minister late Akbar Hossain, to appear before it on July 18 in connection with a money laundering case. reconciliation deal. Judge (in-charge) Mohammad Ismail Hossain of

> An army spokesman had said that troops would surround the rally site in the heart of Bangkok with

> allowed to leave but not enter

Sunsern said soldiers would be authorised to use real bullets for warning shots, self-defence and against "armed terrorists," although the government did not announce any immediate plan to forcibly disperse

by troops on April 10 to clear a different area in the capital's historic district sparked fierce street fighting that left 25 people dead and hundreds

sheet before Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court in Dhaka on November 12, showing 23 people as Koko and Saimon were charged with siphoning off

> 30, of Nazimuddin Road under Bangshal Police Station. Witnesses said a gang of three to four muggers intercepted Mohammad Shahjahan, a supervisor of Suryamukhi Paribahan, 35, near Karalipara Mosque

The muggers stabbed him in the hand and took away Tk 5,000. When he cried out for help, locals rushed in, caught Anwar and beat him up while the others managed to flee.

around 5:30am when he was

returning home after his work.

Anwar was taken to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries at about 8:30am. Meanwhile in Shahidnagar embankment area of Lalbagh

criminal Faisal sustained

opened fire on Rab personnel

A gang of three criminals

bullet injuries in a gunfight.

when a team of Rab-10 challenged them, Rab members said. Faisal was hit by bullets as the Rab personnel fired

Faisal could not flee with

bullet wounds in his leg while two others fled the scene. The Rab team recovered a revolver with three bullets,

two cell phones and 100 yaba tablets from his possession. Faisal was admitted to Mitford Hospital.

Pond water FROM PAGE 1 Rahman hopes he will succeed this time.

Three ponds inside the

institute have been readied for

hilsa farming. A full-scale

experimental rearing of hilsa

in the ponds will begin this month. The hilsa researchers at Chandpur, quoting statistics, said fishermen net 10,000 to 19,000 tonnes of 'jatka' (hilsa fry) a year, despite strict regu-

After Rahman joined the

institute, he started farming

hilsa in ponds with limited

lations.

experience in 1988. In the first experimenta rearing, the researchers did not completely succeed, but tried to understand the conditions required for rearing. They gained significant knowledge on their growth,

The researcher said the

number of jatkas increased

nature and food habit.

decreased.

enter the VIP road causing Dhaka City Taxicab Drivers' Union finance secretary Sarwar Hossain claimed at

thanks to sanctuary room after her mother beat her programmes, but the moveues to work this way, it will not and committed suicide. ment of hilsa was hindered by Ahmed Azam Khan, also only become clawless and Hasan, 20, a day labourer, decreasing river navigability Khaleda Zia's lawyer, once hails from Noakhali and has toothless but also lifeless. The again said former prime min-He said the polluted waters been living in a rented house in government is trying to make ister Khaleda did not whiten a the area. He fled after the inciof the Buriganga and the commission subservient to single unit of black money. If Shitalakhya rivers flowing into