Int'l court rejects

FROM PAGE 1 hope Chevron would respectfully do the same."

"This goes to prove that if we have just cause...we can expect to get justice from an international court. If we invoke international law, we can get justice," Dr Kamal Hossain said over the phone from Germany yesterday.

This is the second time Dr Kamal brought victory for Petrobangla against a foreign oil company. In the early 90s, he led Petrobangla to win a case against Canadian company Scimitar.

Dr Kamal attributed the victory to a team effort of Petrobangla and a group of international lawyers who worked hard for Bangladesh

at his request. Bangladesh was represented by Dr Kamal Hossain; Dr Sharif Bhuiyan; Moin Ghani; Mahmudul Islam, senior advocate of the Bangladesh Supreme Court; Toby Landau, Essex Court of Chambers; Jeremy P Carver; Samuel A Stern, Hills Stern & Morley LLP; Prof Laurence Boisson de Chazournes,

King & Spalding LLP represented Chevron.

Jniversity of Geneva.

Chief of External Affairs, Chevron Bangladesh Naser Ahmed giving the company's reaction noted, "Chevron is reviewing the decision of the ICSID and expects to have a statement tomorrow."

In a press release, Petrobangla said it would collect another \$312 million from Chevron as wheeling charge over the next 20 years.

Though the dispute is quite old and Chevron wanted to settle the matter long ago through the ICSID, Petrobangla had been hesitant about going to the court. Petrobangla sources

explain the reason for being not-so-confident about going to an international court. In 2003-04, Petrobangla lost a similar case with British oil company Cairn in the arbitration court and lost substantial amount of money. The defeat is attributed to poor legal representation and lack of understanding between Petrobangla and its lawyers. During that period, Petrobangla had selected a panel of pro-BNP and Jamaat awyers.

After Chevron filed the case, Petrobangla avoided going to the ICSID till late 2008 and resorted to local

Petrobangla eventually turned to Dr Kamal Hossain

Khaleda

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Chittagong Press Club yesterday formally announced Alam as the mayoral candidate. Meanwhile, incumbent

CCC Mayor ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury held a viewexchange meeting with different professional bodies at the Institution of Engineers Bangladesh, Chittagong, yesterday.

Like in the three previous CCC polls, Mohiuddin is again the candidate of Nagorik Committee.

in late 2008. In May last year, Petrobangla chief and other officials went to London and submitted Bangladesh's version of the case.

Cyclone Laila

the coast. At present it appears

to be moving towards the coasts

of Orissa and Andhra Pradesh

but might change its course,

any moment," said Sujit Dev, an

eminent meteorological expert

then it might strike the coast of

Bangladesh but otherwise

approach the Indian coast," he

the port authorities of

Chittagong, Cox's Bazar and

Mongla to hoist maritime

special bulletin yesterday at

6:00pm, which said the cyclone

is likely to intensify further and

move northwest towards

The bulletin stated Laila was

located at about 1,305km

southwest of Chittagong Port

1,230km southwest of Cox's

Bazar and 1,220km south-

The maximum sustained

wind speed within 54km of the

depression centre is about

62kph but rapidly rising to

88kph in gusts and sea may

Our Cox's Bazar correspon-

dent reports: Around 6,000

trawlers are heading back

towards the shore following the

have reached the estuary of the

from FV Kulsuma said they

were around 60km off the coast

but rushed back to the shore

when they heard about the

Some trawlers have already

Mujibur Rahman, president

ventured 150-200km into the

deep seas and would take more

of Cox's Bazar Fishing Boat

Owners Association, said

currently there are around

6,000 fishing trawlers and

90,000 fishermen working in

"They were asked to return

The sea is to remain choppy

for the next few days and the

waves to climb a few feet higher

Locals and fire-fighters were

bringing out those trapped

inside the Jhut Patti at block-D

The fire, which started a

12:55am, engulfed the shops

and adjacent shanties in no

casualties as of 2:10am.

shanties in the same area.

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ever want to receive.

There was no report of

Earlier on Monday, a fire

gutted at least five garment-

scrap warehouses and sever

phone call no mother would

Sihan saw a street-vendor

selling kebab near Jurain level

crossing. The youngsters could

not resist the temptation. They

stopped the rickshaw, asked the

rickshaw puller to wait and

ordered some kebab to be fried.

was overtaking a bus but the

driver lost control. The lorry

rammed the rickshaw, crushed

the two children and ploughed

into several stalls. Himel and

Sihan died on the spot and 13

Himel and Sihan were class-

Locals and police caught the

Witnesses say that the lorry

"The boys were crushed after

from Gendaria was ignoring

the lorry ploughed through

stalls, destroying them, 15 yards

off the main road," said fruit

traffic rules and speeding.

III and KG-1 students of Sun

Green Ideal Pre-cadet School.

others were injured.

A lorry in its craze for speed

On their way, Himel and

than usual, the report adds.

Fire guts

under section-10.

Already over 50 trawlers

Ahmed Nabi, 45, a boatman

southwest of Mongla Port.

become rougher.

cautionary signal.

impending cyclone.

time to return, he said.

to shore," said Rahman.

the deep sea.

Bakkhali.

Orissa-Andhra coasts of India.

The Met office released a

signal number two.

The Met Office has advised

"If it catches the westerly

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of the country.

Chevron has been arguing that the four percent wheeling charge is applicable only if it uses Petrobangla's pipeline to supply gas to other parties, but it has been supplying gas from the three gas fields--Jalalabad, Moulvibazar and Bibiyana - - to only Petrobangla.

Petrobangla argued that it has been deducting the four percent charge as per the Gas Purchase Sales Agreement (GPSA) with Chevron.

Bangladesh is presently facing another arbitration case from Canadian company Niko over payment of arrears for gas sales from the Feni gas field.

Regarding this case, Petrobangla chairman Hussain Monsur told The Daily Star, "We are trying to resolve this through a discussion. Niko has offered us some options. If this discussion is successful, Niko has promised to withdraw that

No swimming

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The HC bench of Justice AHM Shamsuddin Chowdhury Manik and Justice Md Delwar Hossain passed the order following a writ petition filed by Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (Bela), an environmentalist organisation.

The Bela yesterday filed the petition seeking direction from the HC upon the authorities concerned to protect the Laldighi and restore it to its original posi-

The organisation filed the petition on the basis of newspaper reports published in April this year saying that the CCC authorities have earlier this year started earth filling into the historical Laldighi to turn it into a swimming pool.

The petition stated that Laldighi, measuring 1 acre and 3,875 decimal of lands situated at Andorkilla in Chittagong, has been earmarked as a 'dighi' (a big pond) for the use of public as per the Chittagong Metropolitan Master Plan and the Detailed Area Plan.

The dighi has to be protected for the public use and it should not be converted into swimming pool, the petition said, adding that if the dighi is turned into a swimming pool, it cannot be used by the common people.

The CCC mayor, secretaries to the ministries of housing and public works and environment and forest, director general of department of environment, chairman of Chittagong Development Authority, deputy commissioner of Chittagong, deputy-director of environment department of Chittagong and the ward commissioner concerned of the CCC were made respondents to the rule.

Advocate Iqbal Kabir Litan appeared for the peti-

tioner.

its could not be put on display

vendor Shihab Miah, who was also injured. Hesaid, "The vehicles mashed

> ourshops and injured all of us." During preliminary interrogation, the driver, however, held brake failure responsible for the accident.

"I lost the brakes, I tried to hit the central reservation but missed, the lorry rammed the roadside shops," police quoted lorrydriverMosleuddinassaying.

Din Islam, uncle of victim Himel and Sihan, filed a murder case with Kadamtoli Police Station accusing Mosleuddin 28, of killing the boys.

Like Himel and Sihan, numerous people die on the streets due to reckless driving.

According to police, at least one person gets killed and many more are maimed every day in the capital and 98 percent of the accidents happen due to reckless driving.

Dhaka Metropolitan Police Commissioner AKM Shahidul Hoque yesterday told The Daily Star, "In the wake of increasing accidents due to reckless driving, the DMP launched various awareness campaigns, including training for the drivers.

"But we are not sure whether the driver of that lorry took part in the training programme."

According to the Accident Monitoring Cell of Bangladesh Road Transport Authority and DMP, 377 people died in 620 accidents in the capital in 2008 and of them, 283 were pedestrians.

2,223 serious injuries.

In 2009, the BRTA Accident Monitoring Cell recorded, 3,381 road accidents across the country that caused 2,958 deaths and

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countries.

The Bangladesh side requested for the further expansion of duty-free cover-

explore ways to accord further duty-free market access to more Bangladeshi prod-

Bangladesh side expressed its grant assistance provided by training institutions, as well as nursing and IT training institutes.

Bangladesh.

facilitate the mutually agreed cooperation projects such as Korean Export Processing Zone. Both sides also agreed to support the joint-venture between Petrobangla and Korea Consortium in energy sector including coal mining and coal-based power plants in Bangladesh.

In response to Bangladesh's request, the communiqué says the Korean side agreed to explore ways to industry of Bangladesh.

The Bangladesh side expressed its deep appreciation for increasing the quota for workers from Bangladesh under the Employment Permit System, and both sides agreed to explore ways in which Bangladesh workers can further contribute to the

exchange of visits, and collaboration in the defense indus-

They agreed to intensify cultural exchange activities and further broaden peopleto-people contact to promote mutual understanding and friendship between the people of the two countries.

The two sides agreed to continue exchange of highlevel visits and contacts between the two countries to intensify friendly exchanges between government agencies, parliaments, political parties, armed forces and non-governmental groups of the two countries and enhance the consultation mechanisms including Annual Foreign Policy

They welcomed the designation of the year 2013 as the Korea-Bangladesh Friendship Year' in celebration of the 40th anniversary of

two countries. The communiqué says the Korea will continue to provide scholarships and training opportunities for Bangladeshi students and researchers in its academic

and training institutions. The two sides underscored the importance of working closely for environmental protection and sustainable development at the bilateral, regional and international

The Bangladesh side noted with appreciation the "Low Carbon, Green Growth" strategy of South Korea.

The Korean side expressed its appreciation for the active effort made by Bangladesh to promote regional cooperation in South Asia. The Bangladesh side

expressed its appreciation for the constructive role of the Regional Cooperation.

The two sides agreed to international and regional affairs, including the global

financial crisis, trade OUR CORRESPONDENT, liberalisation and facilitation,

terrorism. The Bangladesh side expressed its appreciation for the Republic of Korea's intention to act as a bridge between developed and developing countries at the next G-20 summit.

climate change, energy, food

security, and counter-

expressed condolence and sympathy for the loss of 46 officers and sailors on the Cheonan, the Navy corvette of the Republic of Korea. Hasina extended an invita-

The Bangladesh side

tion to President Lee Myungbak to pay a visit to Bangladesh at a mutually convenient time. The President expressed

his appreciation and accepted the invitation with pleasure. BANGLADESH, KOREA SIGN FOUR DEALS

Bangladesh and South Korea signed four deals including on Economic Development Fund Loan (EDFL) and Energy Cooperation between

the two countries.

Agreement on the EDFL and a MoU on the Energy deep appreciation for the Cooperation were signed vesterday noon at the end of the summit talks between PM Sheikh Hasina and South Korean President Lee Myungbak at the President office. The two leaders witnessed the signing of the deals.

Commerce Minister Faruk Khan and Korean Minister for Foreign and Trade You Myang Hwan signed the Economic Development Fund Loan while Foreign Secretary Mijarul Quayes and Korean Vice-Minister for Knowledge and Economy Kim Yong-Hak signed the MoU on the Energy Cooperation.

On Monday the two countries signed an agreement on Cultural Exchange Programme and a MoU on the Environment Protection. HASINA ARRIVES IN

MALAYSIA Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina arrived at Kuala Lumpur on a Korean Airlines at 10:20pm

Malaysian time. The premier left Korea yesterday afternoon after her

three-day stay there. Hasina will deliver a speech at the Sixth Islamic Economic Forum today. She will attend a luncheon hosted by the Malaysian Prime

Minister, call on the Islamic Economic Forum Chairman, hold a bilateral meeting with her Malaysian counterpart and attend a dinner hosted by the Malaysian PM on the same day.

Sheikh Hasina will hold meetings with Malaysian investors, the Bangladeshi High Commissioner to Malaysia and Bangladesh community people on May 20. She is scheduled to return home on May 21.

Changes

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Club in the city to protest against the government's move to amend ACC Act 2004 and drum up public support for making the commission independent, impartial and

effective. Hafizuddin told reporters: The electoral pledge of the present government was strengthening ACC, but the government is doing its opposite by making amendments

o the Act. He also stressed the need to resolve the existing crises in prosecution, investigation and trial in order to make it effective.

Curbing corruption is impossible unless the

strength of the commission is improved, he added. TIB launched a signature

collection campaign along with the human chain to draw the government's attention to reconsider the move and their demand to make ACC more effective. The commission's

Executive Director Dr Iftekharuzzaman said ACC was established to meet the people's demand and now it's their demand to make it effective.

"We hope that the government will reconsider its move of brining amendments to the Act otherwise the government itself will be the worst sufferer if the amendments are made into Act," he added.

Advocate Sultana Kamal, who

"It would be nothing but cheating with people if the government goes away from its electoral pledges," the executive director stated. capital's commercial district. **Human Rights Activists** The BNP leader alleged the

government has been creating joined the programme, said scopes of exercising executive obstacles so the opposition power have been ensured in cannot succeed in holding the the proposed amendments rally. and these will curb ACC's power. "When the ACC cannot work independently, its

for the rally, though BNP had permission from Dhaka City influences come on human Corporation for the decorative structures, he continued.

City Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka, also vicechairman of BNP, will preside

Outlaw killed Twenty-seven in 'shootout'

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take measures to create more jobs under its safety net programmes.

According to BBS statistics from fiscal years 07 to 09, average GDP growth reduced by 0.27 percentage point each year. Bangladesh Bank data

shows that manpower export fell by 34 percent in fiscal 2008-09. In the first seven months of this fiscal year, manpower export declined by 42 percent compared to that during the corresponding period of last year.

"Employment growth (7.6 percent) during 2006-09 has failed to keep pace with labour force growth (8.5 percent)," Choyghoria village of the said Zahid Hossain, senior economist of the World Bank. "And also employment did

of Sadar police raided the not keep up with growth because of structural change outlaws were holding a secret in the economy," he said. The share of agriculture in Police cordoned off the GDP has declined from 25

> percent in the mid-90s to less than 19 percent in FY09. The BBS survey shows that the number of people employed in agriculture sector

in 2006 to 22.2 million in 2009. Thus agriculture made no contribution to absorbing the increasing labour force during

has declined from 22.8 million

BIWTA chief

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Secretary of Bangladesh Sugar Refiners Association Golam Mostafa were made respondents in the rule.

An HC bench came up with the rule following a contempt of court petition filed by Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh. In the rule the court asked

them to explain within four weeks why contempt of court charges should not be brought against them for creating obstacles in implementing a HC verdict on demolition of structures in four rivers. The HC in a verdict on June

25 last year directed the government to demolish all structures from the four rivers--Buriganga, Balu, Turag and Shitalakhhya--except those set up by the government for public service. The bench of Justice Syed

Mahmud Hossain and Justice Gobinda Chandra Tagore also yesterday fixed June 1 for further order on the matter.

Petitioner's lawyer Manzill Murshid told the court that Abdul Malek and Saiful Islam of BIWTA recently wrote separate letters to their higher authorities, saying that they legally permitted some companies to set up jetties in river Shitalakkhya.

Other contemnors MA Rouf Chowdhury and Golam Mostafa wrote separate letters to the prime minister, requesting her to take steps not to demolish the jetties set up by City Group of Industries, he said, adding that their roles have frustrated the HC verdict.

2006-09. In fact it shed labour. The labour that agriculture sector shed plus the new entrants were not fully absorbed in the rest of the

Consequently, unemployment increased from 4.3 percent in 2006 to 5.1 percent in 2009. Under-employment also increased from 24.5 percent in 2006 to 28.7 percent in

He noted that per capita real GDP in Bangladesh increased by 15.2 percent during FY06-09. Of this, only 4.5 percent was because of growth in labour force participation rate. The rest 10.7 percent came from growth in labour productivity.

14 girls

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid, as the chief guest, said the government would observe June 3 as a day of campaign against stalking.

discussion will be held on that day at all academic institutions across the country. He urged all to work together and wage social movement to stop stalking.

ment. Nahid said the ministry has a plan to include texts

addressing such issues in school curriculum. The teachers would also be

Nahid called upon the religious leaders to play an active role in resisting stalkers. Sultana Kamal, the execu-

stalkers have taken shelter of

mended forming forum comprising school authorities and guardians to protect girls from Participants at the discus-

all institutions by issuing circular from the education

ministry. They urged to define stalk-

Inspector General of Police (IGP) Noor Muhammad as a special guest said the police department already initiated

ASK Chairperson Hameeda Hossain chaired the discus-

The violence, which eased

Tuesday with only sporadic

gunfire, turned parts of the

city of 12 million into no-go

zones as troops used live

ammunition against protest-

ers, who fought back mainly

accused Thailand's army of

"reckless use of lethal force" in

its campaign to seal off the

protest zone, which has left 38

dead and 279 injured since last

Amnesty International

with homemade weapons.

Thai govt rejects

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ing reconciliation efforts and funding the Reds' campaign.

Underlining the mistrust between the two sides, the deputy premier in charge of security affairs, Suthep Thaugsuban, dismissed as "nonsense" a separate Reds offer of a ceasefire.

carrying out their duties in line with the authorities orders," Suthep said after troops moved in to seal the rally zone, triggering violent clashes with protesters on the perimeters of the camp.

camped for six weeks.

protesters, including hundreds of women and children, at the fortified rally site and that large crowds have also tions in the city.

patient as the operation is taking time". "The operation will go

Thursday. **UN High Commissioner for** Human Rights Navi Pillay called on both sides to negotiate an end to the violence, saying there was a high risk it could "spiral out of control" after the expiry of the Monday deadline.

"To prevent further loss of life, I appeal to the protesters to step back from the brink, and the security forces to exercise maximum restraint in line with the instructions given by the government," she said in a statement. But protesters were in a

there were still around 5,000 encampment, dancing and waving heart-shaped clappers in front of a stage as leaders rallied the crowd. The Reds consider Abhisit's

government illegitimate because it came to power with the backing of the army, in a 2008 parliamentary vote after a court ruling ousted elected Thaksin's allies. The crisis, which began

when rolling demonstrations were launched in mid-March, has now left 67 people dead and about 1,700 wounded. Twenty-five people died in a failed army crackdown on

Museums in sorry

nation. Museum inspires the realisation that irrespective of our class identities we belong to the same culture and past,

But museums situated in the capital stand in a sorry state and do not have adequate place, technology and skilled personnel for preservation and conservation, posing about 90 percent exhibits to

the risk of ruination. The museums in the country even do not attract much

Condition of about 150 nuseums across the country is deplorable beyond description with a number of them already gone extinct. Neither the government nor the people have any idea about those anymore.

A few kilometres off from the National Museum is the National Science and Technology Museum where this correspondent found himself the only visitor at 3:00pm yesterday. The museum officials available were not aware of the

day. Many exhibits in the museum have already faded which hardly give any idea about the history and development of science. Those rather display some fragmented invention.

not accompany even a label, let alone understandable background and description. Due to lack of space about 90 percent of available exhib-

at the museums. Even the National Museum could display only 10-12 percent of its around 86,000 exhibits, says eminent artist Hashem while the Liberation War museum exhibits only 1,500 of about 16,000 items.

"What we suffer most is preservation complicacy as the technology for controlling temperature and humidity has not improved. We however try to maintain our inventory properly," said chief of documentation and display of liberation war museum Amena Khatun.

People working in museums say Rammala museum established in Comilla in 1935, Ahoroni museum in Habiganj and Taxidermy museum in Dinajpur have already gone extinct due to lack of mainte-As many as 198 countries

under the International Council of Museums (ICOM) observed the occasion yesterday with the slogan, "Museum for social harmony" with a view to making people aware about the importance of museums. "I see how people live out on the streets in Bangladesh at

present. But to understand them better I have come here to know how they lived and developed themselves in the past. Museum is a place for cultural integration that creates harmony in the society," said Prof Dr Heike Zimmermann of Goethe University at the National Museum.

Dhaka, Seoul

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support of the economic and social development of Bangladesh. The Korean side also expressed its willingness to favourably consider increasing the amount of Economic Development Cooperation Fund (EDCF)

It says the two sides will take active measures to expand bilateral trade and work together to achieve trade balance as they viewed that economic cooperation and trade constitute an important part of the comprehensive partnership between the two

age of Bangladeshi products under the Asia Pacific Trade Agreement and through the Korean duty-free quota-free scheme for least developed countries under the World Trade Organisation. The Korean side agreed to

The communiqué says the the Korean government and requested for increased grant assistance on human resource development projects, including establishment of more vocational

The Bangladesh side welcomed the active involvement of Korean enterprises in the energy, communications, transportation, industry, and infrastructure sectors of

The two sides agreed to

support capacity building, including on-site training, in the emerging shipbuilding

economies of both countries. The two sides agreed to further expand defence cooperation including training,

Consultations.

diplomatic ties between the

levels.

Both sides will strengthen cooperation in the areas of technology for increased food production, development of renewable energy sources including solar, wind and hydroelectricity, waste management and restoration of rivers to enhance the capability in tackling climate change.

Republic of Korea as an observer country in the South Asian Association for continue consultations on

rights too," She added. Representatives of different Non-government development organisations took part in the human chain programme, says a TIB press release.

The signature collection campaign will continue till May 31, it added. over the rally.

Police recovered a light gun and three bullets from the Asadul was accused in six cases, including three for murder, police said, adding

that he was also leading a self

A regional leader of banned

communist outfit "Purbo

Banglar Communist Party"

was killed in a shootout

between police and his

cohorts at Nehalpur village

under Sadar upazila of

Hossain of Sadar police sta-

tion also received bullet

wound during the gunfight.

He was admitted to

Chuaganga Sadar Hospital,

as Asadul Islam, 38 of

neighbourhood where the

area and asked the bandits to

surrender. Taking little heed,

the gang hurled two bombs at

the law enforcers, prompting

them to hit back, which trig-

At one stage the group

managed to flee the scene.

Later, the law enforcers found

the body of Asadul lying on the

gered a gun fight.

meeting at about 4:15am.

The criminal was identified

Acting on a tip-off, a team

Sub-inspector (SI) Khalid

Chuadanga yesterday.

police said.

upazila.

Frigate case

FROM PAGE 1 there was no offence in the case against Hasina and

styled gang in the area.

declared the proceedings illegal. Earlier in March and April this year, the HC quashed proceedings of seven other

cases against the prime minis-

ter following her separate

petitions. Hasina's counsel barrister Sheikh Fazle Noor Taposh yesterday told reporters that another case regarding the appointment of consultants in Bangladesh Export Processing Zone Authority against Hasina

A petition was also filed

with the HC challenging the

proceedings of that case, Taposh said. The now defunct Bureau of Anti Corruption (Bac) filed the case with Tejgaon Police Station on August 7, 2002 against Sheikh Hasina on a charge of damaging around Tk 747 crore of the state exche-

quer in the purchase of the frigate. The case was later shifted to Anti Corruption

Commission (ACC) for its dealing. Advocate Syed Mizanu Rahman argued for ACC.

is pending.

BNP

huge number of its leaders and workers from across the

country. Addressing the recent rallies in Khulna, Rajshahi and Barisal, Khaleda said she would come up with tougher anti-government programmes at the Dhaka

She and other senior lead-

ers described the Awami

ready for a full-fledged anti-

League-led alliance government as a complete failure and said its ouster is a must to end public sufferings. They asked people to get

government campaign soon. However, several BNP leaders on Monday hinted their party would not take an extreme position against the government now. Briefing newsmen at the

party headquarters in

Nayapaltan, BNP standing

committee member Nazrul

Islam Khan yesterday said

they were done with the prep-

arations for the rally. He apologised in advance to the city dwellers for traffic snarl-ups that may result from the gathering at Paltan Maidan, which lies in the

Workers faced obstruction in setting up arches and gates

All these expose the undemocratic attitude of this government, Nazrul observed.

ahead but the government will try to avoid confrontation and if there are losses they will be minimised," he said.

economy.

"I interpret this as a case where growth has not been high enough. We need to grow a lot faster than we did in the recent past to absorb new entrants into the labour force plus the surplus labour that will be inevitably shed from

agriculture," said Zahid.

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Academy in the capital.

Rally, procession and

"Social values and awareness can prevent stalking and ensure women's easy move-

trained on social issues to counsel students, he said.

tive director of ASK, said political parties should come forward to resist stalking. There are instances where

the political leaders, she said. "So, apolitical movement is needed to stop stalking." The meeting recom-

sion titled "Our Responsibilities to Prevent Stalking" also recommended setting complaint centres at

ing and enforce law against it.

some moves to prevent stalking.

ousted in a 2006 coup. The government has accused Thaksin, who lives in exile to avoid a jail sentence for corruption, of undermin-

"The security forces are

The Reds, who are campaigning for elections to replace the administration of Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva, have defied a Monday deadline to disperse from the upscale shopping district where they have been A police spokesman said defiant mood at their

gathered at three other loca-Government spokesman Panitan Wattanayagorn said the campaign to contain the protest was progressing well but that the public "must be

April 10.

During visits to three museums in the capital it was found that exhibits in many cases do