did it successfully, he added.

Hasina yesterday greeted him

Ansar Ali and his daughter

Both his mother and I never

liked his idea of scaling Everest,

Musa, a sub-editor of The Daily

Rimi, an assistant judge in

Mymensingh, yesterday

described his financial crisis

On April 7, Musa asked her

to come to Dhaka, and said if he

does not find any other way, he

their marriage when he left to

conquer Chulu in May 2007,

and she being dependent on

her husband had to go through

a difficult period then, she said.

the age of their baby was just 14

days, and within the one and

went to different peaks of the

Himalayas thrice, she contin-

This time he was scheduled

to leave for Nepal on April 2,

but he failed to manage any

sponsorship by April 1, Rimi

"One day I saw his gloomy

face, and when asked, he said

that he could manage only Tk

12 lakh where he required

around Tk 45 lakh," said Musa's

the Daily Prothom Alo, tried his

best to help Musa collect the

amount but could only man-

Musa then as a last resort

called his elder sister Ayesha

who works in UN Mission in

Ayesha said "I gave him

Musa got back to the

advanced base camp at 8,300

metres of the Himalayas yes-

erday evening, reported

Deutsche Welle, Bangla ser-

vice, quoting Ishawri Paudel,

the managing director of the

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina

embankment a few days after

of six metres of the embank-

ment on the west of the

Kholpetua river. But the dam-

aged part has expanded to

over a hundred metres with

regular tides, as the authori-

village go under water twice a

As a result, houses in the

The cyclone last year dam-

aged around 1,200 houses of the

village. Most of some 6,500

villagers now live on the

embankment, while some have

migrated and others, having no

alternative, live in the locality to

Monowara, whose husband

Maksudul left her with three kids

ten years ago only with a tiny

house on a piece of khas land,

used to fish in the Kholpetua. As

fish in the river has declined due

to high salinity, her catch is very

small for which she gets only at

Masura, 14, who has never

been to a school, now sells

labour at Tk 150 a day to repair

Masura's earning. The work

she is doing will end in a few

days. What will happen then?"

said Monowara, adding, she

also does not get rice under

Vulnerable Group Feeding

(VGF) programme of the

for two meals. "The meals are

ust rice with onions, chillies,

and sometimes pulse. How

can one live such a life?" she

told this correspondent dur-

ing a recent visit to Gabura, the

union worst hit by the cyclone.

Oxfam and Campaign for

Sustainable Rural Livelihoods.

Ali Gazi of Shora-9 had no

space on the embankment.

His family had to move to his

wrecked house to stay there a

week after the cyclone, which

Gazi said high tide floods

his house twice a day, while

the shop he owned was

washed away and also washed

away with it their source of

"There is also no work in

killed about 200 people.

income.

The visit was arranged by

Unlike Monowara, Sabut

She cooks only once a day

"We now depend on

Her eldest daughter

Tk30-40 a day.

government.

the embankment.

face the wrath of nature.

ies failed to repair it.

day at high tide.

Aila damaged only a stretch

the catastrophe.

He will be back to the

money since he wanted to do it

Sudan, and asked for money.

by any means".

Himalayan Guide.

Everest base camp today.

GREETINGS FOR MUSA

age a portion of that, she said.

Matiur Rahman, editor of

Now she is awaiting him

Star, are proud of their son.

before going to Everest.

foot, Rimi said.

with great pride.

ated," she said.

Noor Ayesha Moni came to The

Musa's safe return.

for his great venture.

visit yesterday.

Ansar said.

queror.

## Everest beckoned

ing Mount Everest as the first father of Musa Ibrahim, the Bangladeshi.

first Bangladeshi Everest con-In a message, the premier said Musa has glorified the Ansar Ali said he had been image of the country in the world by hoisting red-green discouraging Musa ever since he became aware of the venflag of Bangladesh on the ture. But Musa had firm deterworld's highest peak. mination to achieve his goal of Hasina said wishing him all reaching the summit, and he

success, "By conquering Mount Everest, Musa proved The father now wishes for that Bangalee is a brave nation". Prime Minister Sheikh

Khaleda Zia, the opposition leader, also greeted him, and said Musa made us proud.

In a separate message, State Minister for Youth and Sports Daily Star office on a courtesy Ahad Ali Sarkar and Zahid Ahsan Russell, chairman of parliamentary standing committee on youth and sport ministry also congratulated But now the parents of Musa Ibrahim. Secretary General of Jatiya Party Sheikh Shahidul Islam greeted him for Musa's wife Soraban Tahura his achievement.

The teachers, students and officials of the Institute of Education and Research of Dhaka University, where Musa used to study, greeted him for the remarkable achievement.

### would set off for his target on Specialist docs It was only four months of

FROM PAGE 16 night on May 9 from his Dhanmondi chamber and held for a ransom of Tk 10 lakh. He was beaten and freed

with assurance of payoff. An abduction case was filed

with Dhanmondi police sta-"Since then I have learnt to tion the following day in this live alone and became habituconnection. Musa even went to Langsisa Later the doctors observed

Ri for about one month when two hours work abstention and a sit-in programmes at the central Shahid Minar. half years of their son's birth he

They set yesterday as deadline for the arrest of the accused.

Officer-in-charge (OC) of Dhanmondi police station Shah Alam said the Detective Branch (DB) of police arrested the main culprit, Kamal Hossain, a 3rd year law student of Dhaka University from a university dormitory yester-

The OC added that a female student of Eden College also filed a case under women and children repression prevention act in this connection.

Different organizations held several human chain programmes demanding arrest of the criminals.

Prof Mujibur Rahman, department of medicine, of Shahid Suhrawardy Hospital said, on the day of the incident (May 9) a student from Eden College came to consult with Prof Rafiquddin violating the serial order.

Prof Rafiguddin took her to task for this.

Prof Rahman alleged that following the incident the girl arranged the abduction.

The arrestee is a cousin of the girl.

the shrimp farms," he said,

adding that he tries to fish in

the river and catch crabs in the

forest. That too is very risky, as

robbers and extortionists are

very active nowadays, he said.

repairing the embankment, he

said, adding, "Only Allah

knows what happens to us

the hard-hit upazilas --

Shyamnagar and Ashashuni in

Satkhira, and Koira and

Dakope in Khulna -- hangs in

the balance with the existence

Management Bureau, the

cyclone damaged 213 kilo-

metres of embankments fully

and 1,122 kilometres partially

in the coastal belt close to the

holds got destroyed fully and

3.7 lakh partially, while saline

water flooded over 3 lakh acres

of land and damaged the

Watch, an NGO working in the

coastal region, around a lakh

affected people have migrated

and one lakh are still living on

the embankments. Some

25,000 who did not get space

on the embankment or man-

age any livelihood returned

home, said Hasan Mehedi of

are exposed to another adver-

sity this monsoon, as several

points of embankments could

and Chakbara in Gabura, Char

Number Koira, Pabna and

Dakshin Bedkashi in Koira and

Nalian in Dakope.

Embankments in Jaliakhali in

Dakope and Gainbari in Koira

were repaired are very vulner-

able because height of these

embankments is only eight

feet, said Ashek-e-Elahi, mem-

ber secretary of Aila-affected

Coastal Embankment

"These will easily be over-

Construction Peoples'

flowed or destroyed in the

approaching monsoon when

the height of the river tides will

Movement Committee.

be 12 to 14 feet high."

"The embankments which

got destroyed after repair.

The points include Shora-9

not be repaired, he said.

People of all these groups

Humanity Watch.

According to Humanity

At least 2.43 lakh house-

According to the Disaster

of the embankments.

Sundarbans.

next monsoon.

There is no possibility of

Fate of three lakh people in

### they even asked him to meet yesterday greeted mountaineer Musa Ibrahim for conquerthem at the DB office. 480 rare Living in danger

FROM PAGE 16 frenzied actions and handed him over to police.

director of the Islamic The 25-year-old is now Foundation; and Chairman of undergoing treatment for his Masjid Council for external injuries under police Community Advancement in custody. Manikganj Maulana Abul Shah Alam Siddique Lalon, Kalam Azad.

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committees.

FIR added.

In the first information

report (FIR), the complainant

said there are zakat commit-

tees in every district for distri-

bution of the Zakat Fund, but

the accused distributed the

fund themselves among their

"party people", ignoring the

The accused used their

clout over the Zakat Board,

and got the fund released for

their own organisations

operating in four districts,

while the fund was supposed

to be distributed among the

destitute of 64 districts, the

ing an enquiry of the alleged

misappropriation, by a three-

member investigation com-

mittee formed by the founda-

fake signatures and finger-

prints were used, and identi-

ties of destitute people were

fabricated for the misappro-

priation of fund, the FIR said.

benefited from the alleged

misappropriation are Jatiya

Bandhujan Parishad, and

Kathalia Muslim AK Institute

in Bhola; Masjid Council for

Community Advancement in

Manikganj; Islami

Samajkalyan Kendra in

Pirojpur; and Darul Karar

Parishad, founded by

Mosharref, got Tk 50 lakh

signatures and fingerprints of

zakat recipients submitted by

Jatiya Bandhujan Parishad

are fakes. The amount of

money the organisation

reportedly distributed among

the poor for facilitating mar-

riages, was also much less

misappropriated fund ear-

marked for people made

homeless by river erosions,

and distributed it among

Mosharref's constituents

instead. The FIR also alleged

The organisation also

than what was distributed.

Jatiya Bandhujan

The FIR said many of the

Society in Shariatpur.

from the Zakat Fund.

The organisations that

The enquiry found that

The case was filed follow-

president of Awami Leaguebacked Interns council claimed that he was assaulted by the attendant at ward No 8 of the hospital earlier on Monday. When asked how Feroz was

wounded, Lalon replied, the attendants of other patients beat up Feroz as he was meddling in hospital's normal acitvities. Feroz's mother Hasina

son and handed him over to police but they did not attend to the patient." She also called doctor's humanity into question in this

Banu said: "Doctors beat my

RMCH director Brigadier General Abdul Latif said a four-member committee, headed by Dr Saifuddin Ekram, chairman, department of medicine, has been formed to investigate the matter.

The committee was also asked to submit probe report with two days.

## DB official

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regard.

The accused are DB Assistan Commissioner Motiu Rahman, Inspecto: Mohammad Kibria of DMP and four unnamed DB per sonnel. Zahirul Haque Babul

proprietor of M/s Zahir Dairy Farm located at Sabujbag area of the city, on Sunday filed the case with the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court against the accused on charge of demanding Tk 20 lakh as extortion from him. The plaintiff in his com-

plaint alleged that on May 18 a team of DB personnel led by AC Matiur and Inspector Kibria picked him up from his farm at about 9:00pm and took him to Motijheel AGB colony ground where they demanded Tk 20 lakh from him as extortion. Zahirul also alleged that

they threatened to implicate him in a Yaba processing charge if he tried to do other-As the complainant refused

pay the rest of the amount and

said customs and police offi

He had entered Bangladesh

Police also recovered from

five times by air and road, said

the officials after examining

him two cell phone sets, five

foreign SIM cards, Tk 10,200,

\$102, Malaysian ringgit 20 and

airport police. Two cases were

filed against him under wild-

life act, Import Policy Order

2009-12 and Money

Laundering Prevention Act

The seized tortoises were

kept at the wildlife and nature

forest department's Agargaon

Forest Conservator Tapan

Kumar Dey said they will be

released at Bangabandhu

Safari Park in Dulahazara

Meanwhile, eminent

nature lover Dr Reza Khan

yesterday urged the govern-

ment to send the tortoises

In a statement, he said

"We also do not have

Bangladesh's weather is not

suitable for this dry-country or

proper people and resources

to keep them alive," he added.

23 dev projects

The proposed Dhaka Elevated

Expressway, and Jatrabari

Flyover projects; and nine

health sector projects will also

Finance ministry sources

said Tk 3,000 crore is likely to

be allocated for PPP in the next

budget, while the total size of

ADP will be about Tk 38,500

next ADP will come from

foreign assistance while the

rest will come from the gov-

Although the finance min-

ister at different times said

that the number of ADP pro-

jects should be cut down, the

total number of that will be

906 in the next fiscal year, on

top of which 787 more will

remain on the waiting list for

inclusion, according to plan-

ning ministry sources.

ernment's own sources.

Fifty one percent of the

semi-desert loving tortoises.

Meeran was handed over to

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his passport.

Thai baht 100.

office.

back to India.

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come under PPP.

crore.

that the organisation showed to pay the amount the accused houses built with the money officials threatened him with of an NGO, as houses built 'crossfire", says the case statewith the Zakat Fund Later, Zahirul gave them Tk

Mosharref told The Daily Star that he was indeed one of 1 lakh the same day and they the founders of the organisareleased him after taking his signature on a blank paper. After that the accused relationship with it. continued to threaten him to

tion, but said while he was a state minister he had no "I don't mind, as politicians, people have to face this

sort of situations," he said about the case.

Islami Samajkalyan Kendra, which according to the FIR is headed by Jamaate-Islami Nayebe Ameer Saydee, took Tk 5 lakh from the fund.

Eleven of the 25 people who received that money belong to the organisation, and are from Saydee's home district, the FIR alleged.

A field visit by the investigation committee found a

MPO review **FROM PAGE 16** 

Adviser Alauddin Ahmed informed her that a list of 400 institutions had been prepared based on the demand conservation division of the order of the lawmakers, but to finalise the list they need education ministry's coopera-

> The ministry could not provide them with any necessary papers but the MPO list announced earlier, sources at the meeting quoted him as saying.

> He also said he dropped many "controversial" institutions from the previous list as the education ministry failed to provide the necessary

papers.

Daily Star.

"She [Hasina] directed the two to sit together and finalise the MPO list by adding the new ones and omitting the controversial ones," a senior cabinet member told The

The cabinet on May 10 suspended the effectiveness of the MPO list announced on inform the committee within May 7, as many ministers and lawmakers raised questions over it. They also demanded a fresh list based on the

demands of the lawmakers and people. **Education Minister Nurul** 

Islam Nahid, however, said he prepared the list based on rules and regulations. Nahid told journalists

yesterday that the adviser has been given full liberty to prepare the MPO list. "We will issue a gazette soon after the adviser submits

the list," he said.

stitution, people are the owner of all underground wealth. The committee therefore asked Titas how it sold its shares, Alamgir said.

Alamgir.

owners.

Mosharref, Saydee SC upholds **FROM PAGE 1** 

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zakat recipient Fazlul Haque

actually works for an insur-

ance company, and owns a

building. He is a Jamaat activ-

The committee also found

three other zakat recipients

who are all members of

Jamaat. Saydee tried to create

electoral clout in his constitu-

ency by distributing govern-

ment Zakat Fund among his

party people, the FIR alleged.

involvement with Islami

recipients, and wasn't pres-

ent during distribution of the

money," Saydee told The

Daily Star adding, "I only

burse the money for five

Maulana Abul Kalam

projects of the organisation.

Azad, chairman of the coun-

cil, invested the total amount

in an interest based loan

scheme instead, the FIR said.

Azad could not be reached

His son SM Foysal Azad

for comment over the phone

however said, "We never

received the money, and was

never involved in its distribu-

tion. The upazila nirbahi

officer, deputy commis-

sioner, and the Islamic

Foundation officials of the

district distributed the

According to the FIR

Lutful Haq was the one to

manage the approval for

disbursement of Tk 1.47 crore

from the Zakat Fund through

connivance, which the four

accused later divided among

themselves for their organisa-

Although it is the policy

that the Islamic Foundation

director general, and the

chairman of Zakat Board

must sign any approval for

fund disbursement, Lutful

put his own sign in place of

the foundation DG's, and

then got that approved by the

then state minister for reli-

gious affairs, and the board

Karar Society, an organisation

run by him. Instead of really

distributing the money

among the poor, he faked a

chart of recipients and mis-

appropriated the amount, the

reached last night despite

energy ministry to identify

officials who were involved in

corruption involving Tk 372

crore between 1992 and 1997

in the name of system loss and

Transmission not the ministry

concerned took any steps to

get compensation from Niko,

which was responsible for gas

explosion at the Magurchhara

gas field in 1997," Mohiuddin

Khan Alamgir told reporters

after a meeting at the Jatiya

He is the chief of the com-

It is surprising that Niko, a

Canadian gas exploration

company, got a huge amount

of money after the incident in

the form of insurance.

Bangladesh lost a huge

amount of gas and was also

affected in other ways but did

not get a penny, Khan Tipu

Sultan, a member of the com-

cials to inform the committee

why no steps were taken so far

to get compensation for the

explosion," Alamgir, also a

ruling Awami League law-

On corruption, as per an

maker told reporters.

meeting yesterday.

actions has been taken against

Titas is a state-owned

company and people are its

owner. According to our con-

"We asked Titas high offi

mittee told The Daily Star.

Sangsad Bhaban.

mittee.

"Neither Titas Gas

take actions against them.

He also could not be

He took Tk 8 lakh for Daru

chairman, the FIR said.

FIR alleged.

repeated attempts.

money."

despite repeated attempts.

Samaj Kalyan Kendra.

area, and nothing else."

Saydee however denied his

"I didn't even see the list of

ist as well.

cut down at Nahar Tea Garden following the SC order. On February 22, the High Court ordered the authorities

concerned to give permission for felling of 3,550 trees after a petition was filed by manager of the tea garden Pijush Kanti Bhattacharya and timber trader Salim Uddin Mohalder. The HC also issued a rule

upon the government to explain why its action prohibiting the timber trader from cutting 450 tress of Khasia Punji and taking enhanced revenue from the petitioners should not be declared illegal.

Sylhet divisional forest officer in February revived an earlier permit and allowed them to cut down 2350 trees. knew that the money was Apparently, the court did

allocated for my electoral not take into account that 1200 out of total 4000 trees of Masjid Council for the garden had already been Community Advancement in cut in 2008. Manikganj managed Tk 45 On March 13, Salim started lakh from the fund, to dis-

chopping down trees indiscriminately at Kailin Punji and Aslom Paan Punji (Khasia settlements) following the HC order and has so far cut around 3300 trees, mostly unmarked, said local Khasias.

The chamber judge of the Appellate Division on May 11 stayed the HC order, and asked the government to file the leave-to-appeal petition with the SC against the order.

Khasia people need these trees for betel leaf cultivation, which is their traditional livelihood

Bangladesh Paribesh Andolon (BAPA) became a party to this case for placing arguments before the SC against the tree feeling a Nahar Tea Garden.

Barrister Rokanuddin Mahmud appeared for Pijush Kanti and advocate Mahbub Ali argued for Salim Uddin, while barrister Sara Hossain for BAPA.

### Planet-eating **FROM PAGE 16**

photograph, scientists have created an image of it, based on analysis of the telescope's data. The discovery was published in the The Astrophysical Journal Letters.

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The researchers say the planet, which is called Wasp-12b, may only have another 10 million years left before it is completely devoured. It is so close to its star that it

completes an orbit in 1.1 Earth days and is superheated to more than 1,500C. Because of this proximity, the planet's atmosphere has

ballooned to nearly three times the radius of Jupiter and is spilling material on to the star. Carole Haswell from the

UK's Open University led the research team. She explained: We see a huge cloud of mate rial around the planet which is escaping and will be captured by the star." Hubble's detection of the

cloud enabled scientists to draw conclusions about how it was generated. Dr Haswell said: "We have

identified chemical elements never before seen on planets outside our own Solar System.'

Wasp-12 is a dwarf star located approximately 600 light-years away in the constellation Auriga. The exoplanet was first

discovered by the UK's Wide Area Search for Planets (Wasp) in 2008.

## HC asks DC

with her guardian before it on It asked the media not to

publish the name or photo of the girl or show any footage. An HC bench of justices

Syed Mahmud Hossain and Gobinda Chandra Tagore issued a ruling on the government to explain in a week why extra-judicial punishments in the name of Islamic Sharia law or fatwa should not be declared illegal. It asked the government to

audit objection between 1992 explain why it should not be and 1997, Alamgir said the directed to include an article committee gave three on awareness against fatwa in months' time to Titas for school, madrasa, college and identifying the people responuniversity textbooks. The court directives came The audit report was after Supreme Court lawyers placed before the committee

Mahbub Shafique, KM Hafizul Alam and Emranul Titas was also asked to Hye filed a writ petition challenging the issuance of fatwa that time what punitive and seeking legal action against the people responsithe corrupt officials, added They filed the petition

The parliamentary watchyesterday on the basis of a dog also asked Titas high report on the incident pubofficials to explain under lished in the daily Prothom which authority it sold its 25 percent share for private Alo on May 22.

Secretaries to the ministries of law, home, religious and cultural affairs, and inspector general of police, DC and SP of Brahmanbaria and OC of Banchharampur Police Station were made respondents to the court orders.

# N-plant answer

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agreement with Russia on May 21 for cooperation in the area of nuclear energy, particularly in installation of a nuclear power plant.

A 1,000megawatt plant will cost nearly \$1.5 billion or Tk 10,400 crore, almost 10 percent of Bangladesh's annual bud-

"Our main motto is to build a nuclear power plant and supply 1,000megawatt of electricity to the national grid by 2017," said Dr Mosharraf Hossain, chairman of Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission (BAEC).

He said a nuclear power plant that lasts for 60 years might be expensive compared to a coal or gas-fired power station. But it would be costeffective 15 years after the installation.

The BAEC chairman said the technology required for a nuclear power plant is maintainable and does not pose much threat.

A few scientists also mentioned the risks involved with the installation and maintenance of a nuclear power plant. Saiful Haque, secretary of

Bangladesh Solar Energy Society, said a nuclear power plant is not safe for a densely populated country like Bangladesh. He said any accident in a

nuclear plant will have disastrous effects on a densely populated country. "Nuclear waste manage-

ment would be another big challenge," he added. Ali Asgar said the risk

involving a nuclear power plant is more of a political nature than an environmental one. The political challenge is whether developed countries having nuclear reactors will allow Bangladesh to have such reactors or not. They said solid wastes of a

nuclear plant could be toxic or radioactive with a potentiality to harm the environment. Lack of autonomy of sci-

ence and research organisa tions in the country is also a major concern, they said. BCSIR Chairman SM

Imamul Huq said local industries including export-oriented garments, food and leather,

## Khaleda FROM PAGE 1

challenging the ACC notices. Barrister Nasiruddin

Ashim, a lawyer for Khaleda, told The Daily Star that the ACC could not interrogate her about establishing the charitable trust and construction of the bridge following the HC rules, since the matters have now become sub judice.

He also said that the HC issued the rules since the ACC in its notices has not mentioned any specific allegation against Khaleda Zia about the trust and the bridge.

The BNP chief submitted the petitions through her lawyers to the HC for declaring

the ACC notices illegal. The ACC issued four separate notices upon Khaleda in between February 15 and May 2, asking her to reply where

and when it should question her regarding the allegations. Barrister Moudud Ahmed

appeared for the petitioner while advocate Khurshid Alam Khan for the ACC.

face technical challenges in meeting environmental and safety requirements.

He said scientific and technological development could help overcome these prob-

Ali Asgar said one of the main reasons behind the USA's economic growth is innova-

"Innovation is a continuous

process and very complex. The government and industrialists must realise the importance of innovation," he said. MA Mazed, director of

Bangladesh Academy of Sciences, said industries here should focus more on research and development. Prof Naiyyum Choudhury

former chairman of the BAEC said many innovations remain untapped because of the gap between researchers and industrialists. Kazi Aktaruzzaman, mem-

use only Tk 4 .5 crore for research and development. Haseena Khan, professor of Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at Dhaka University, said the

needs of the industries. Mahfuz Anam, editor of The Daily Star, said interactions between scientists and industrialists will help address each other's needs.

projects prioritising them by

the gravity of the problems and

Brig Gen (Retd) M Mofizur Rahman, executive director and adviser of International Business Forum of Bangladesh; SM Nurul Islam, president of BCSIR Process Lessee Association; KM Mostafa Anwar, project coordinator of Quality Management System Component of United Nations Industria Development Organization; and Mala Khan of BCSIR also spoke at the roundtable.

## Ramna blast FROM PAGE 16

the tribunal on August 18, 2009 for its quick disposal.

It recorded depositions of 50 witnesses out of 84 so far. The tribunal said most of

the vital witnesses, including the investigation officers (IOs) did not appear before the court to give statements within the timeline. So, the case was transferred

to the previous court to complete the trial, the tribunal said. The other case filed under the Explosive Substances Act is now pending with another

Dhaka court. Ten people were killed and scores injured in the blast at Ramna Batamul during Pahela Baishakh celebration on April 14, 2001. Following the carnage, two separate cases--one for murder and the other for

possession and use of explosive substances--were filed with the Ramna Police Station. The Criminal Investigation Department (CID) on December 30, 2008, framed charges against Huji chief

Mufti Abdul Hannan and 13 others in this connection. Of them, Hannan and four others are now in jail while Akbar Hossain, another Huji

leader, is on High Court (HC) Moulana Tajuddin, younger brother of former BNP

deputy minister Abdus Salam Pintu, and seven other accused have been absconding since filing of the cases.

that mentioned the name of

executed JMB chief Shaekh

which could be explosive but

they could not confirm before

tives had trained themselves

on devising homemade gre-

He assumed that the opera-

Shiblu's landlord Nannu

Hazi told reporters that Shiblu

identifying himself as Siddique

rented his flat around four

his wife, brother-in-law

Khaleque and Khaleque's wife

used to live in the flat. He said

they associated with other

executed Siddiqul Islam alias

Bangla Bhai was the first mili-

tary wing commander of JMB.

After Bangla Bhai became the

second-in-command of the

militant organisation, JMB

December 14, 2005, and Mizan

Rab and police sources said

residents of the building.

He said Siddique, along with

months ago.

testing, AC Sanwar said.

They found white powder,

Abdur Rahman, sources said.

# Police believe

Siddique or Shiblu at the helm of the military wing of JMB.

"If he is taken in TFI [taskforce interrogation cell] for interrogation, we would be able to confirm the identity,' he said. Additional SP Zannatul

reiterated that they had infor-

mation that JMB operatives have been regrouping again to carry out subversive activities and Shiblu was the chief of the explosives unit. A team of bomb disposal unit led by Assistant Commissioner (AC) Sanwar

Hossain of Detective Branch

recovered nine more homemade grenades kept under the bed of Shiblu. During Sunday's raid police recovered one homemade grenade from Shiblu's possession, which was defused

vesterday. Detectives also picked up Shiblu's parents, brother and sister yesterday morning when they came to DMCH to visit

Shiblu's father Shah Alam told police that they are residents of Bhashantek in the capital and his son Siddique (Shiblu) left them in 2005 and since then Siddique kept no contact with them, police sources said. At least 10 people including

enforcers.

eight policemen and Shiblu were injured during the raid at the den on the second floor of a four-storey building at Shahjalalbagh of South Dania. Three other militants escaped

## training militants on how to make bombs and improvised

Rab officials said Maulana Saidur Rahman took the outfit's helm after Abdur Rahman and five others were executed

chief executed Shaikh Abdur Rahman's brother Ataur Rahman Sunny was given the charge of the military wing. Sunny was arrested on

alias Boma Mizan took over the charge. After Mizan's arrest on May 15, 2009, Shiblu took up the job,

said sources. All the military wing commanders of JMB had been

grenades.

by hurling bombs at law The police also recovered books on jihad and pamphlets

in 2006.

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