# Govt starts land

Power Company (NTPC) using

high-quality coal imported via

the sea from countries like

Indonesia and Australia. The

government is not consider-

ing import of Indian coal, as it

is generally low quality and

comparatively more environ-

the feasibility study for the

coal power in Khulna as well as

joint venture agreement with

the NTPC for the Khulna

project to be set up in

Chittagong will be a private

power scheme for which the

PDB would soon begin fram-

ing a pre-qualification docu-

likely to ask interested bidders

to build and operate the power

plant and arrange coal supply

through imports for 25 years.

The bidder may submit some

kind of agreement with a

coalmining company as an

assurance for the coal supply.

Indian Tata followed this kind

while an US power company

recently entered into a similar

agreement with Pakistan to

considered four 500MW coal

fired power projects, each

situated close to the sea or a

major river. After some initial

assessment about cost-

effectiveness of such power

projects and also inconve-

nience of transportation of

coal, the government started

considering 1,320MW power

projects, both in the sea port

region. A PDB expert explains,

"When a coal power project is

large in nature, the cost of

power production comes

down. Since these plants will

function as basic power

plants, we want to make them

RMG workers

Sonargaon upazila from

demanding the house rent in

Kanchpur industrial area and

the adjacent neighbourhood

be lowered and supply of gas

sacked at least 15 vehicles. A

severe traffic jam was created

as vehicles' movement on the

They started leaving the

About 4,000 to 5,000 work-

ers of Sinha, Opex and Esquire

Garments at Kanchpur indus-

trial area started agitation

over in the afternoon to press

Sonargaon Police Station

At least 50 persons, includ-

Karim, Talha and Saddat were

police, commissioner of

Dhaka Metropolitan Police

(DMP) and deputy commis-

An HC bench comprised of

Officer-in-Charge (OC) Md

Yunus Ali admitted firing of 10

rounds shotgun bullet.

injured.

HC asks

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highways came to a halt.

highways around 6:45pm.

The agitated workers ran-

and water ensured.

They went for the action

around 5:15pm yesterday.

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as cost effective as possible."

Initially the government

build a power plant.

of model for power generation,

PDB high officials said

The pre-qualification is

The NTPC is conducting

The PDB intends to sign a

The 1,350MW coal power

mentally harmful.

in Chittagong.

ment.

FROM PAGE 16 Chittagong plant will be

1,320MW, the largest ever planned in the country. These would run on imported coal.

The draft is an important issue, as a 1,320MW plant would need 8,000 tonnes of coal a day. Unless larger ships are allowed to enter the coastline, the import process would be very inconvenient and its cost would increase.

"The government aims at signing the two coal-fired deals in Chittagong and Khulna within December this year upon completion of an on-going feasibility study that would be completed before the year end," said the PDB

high official. Energy Adviser to the prime minister Towfiq-e-Elahi Chowdhury Bir Bikram notes, "We plan to complete the tender process within this year because by the end of the term of the present government in 2014, we want to achieve some significant progress in the energy sector. Even if these projects are not completed by then, the country will reap the benefits over the next two years.

Being a late starter in the field of coal power, we want to take the advantage of using the world's best technology available now."

The PDB has completed an initial environment assessment for the coal power proects and taken initiatives for a full environmental assessment. A consulting firm will be awarded with the task for the full assessment next week. The assessment would be completed by September.

The government plans to set up the LNG terminal to facilitate LNG import, processing and transmission to the national gas grid through an off-shore pipeline from Moheshkhali. The LNG would be much costlier than Bangladesh's own natural gas but it would help address the ongoing and future energy crisis. The crisis is hitting hard the homes, industries and power generation.

Although it was initially estimated that the LNG terminal would require \$1 billion to set up, Towfig-e-Elahi said it would take less than \$200

A document outlining the pre-qualification criterion of bidders of the LNG terminal has already been drafted. The energy ministry has now invited a consultant to frame a draft agreement. The ministry plans to hold a restricted tender with half a dozen international companies so that the tender process can be

completed within this year. The PDB would build the Khulna power plant in joint after their duty hours were venture with Indian state company National Thermal home their demands.

# One dies

FROM PAGE 16 including Azad and his son

Ripon in this connection, said ing OC Yunus Ali, SI Abdur Rab-1 Commanding Officer Lt Rahim, Constable Liton, Col Rashidul Alam. Nayek Shoyeb, workers The elite force also recov-Rezaul, Sanwar, Amir, Sumonered a huge amount of porn 1, Sumon-2, Sohel, Masud,

CDs in the drive.

When Azad was taken into Rab-1 custody he complained

of chest pains. Family sources said Azad had been suffering from heart

ailment long since. He was first taken to a clinic at Uttara. The doctors then

referred him to the National sioners (traffic) of the DMP Institute of Cardiovascular have been made respondents Diseases (NICVD) Hospital to the rule. where he died. The body was sent to

Safari Park

Dey, conservator of forest at

the Wildlife and Nature

causalities. We could not save

them all," Tapan said, adding

that around 10 percent of 480

rare tortoises, native to South

India, died. Sources in the

forest department said, no

one from the Indian side

contacted the forest depart-

Customs officials seized the

tortoises at the airport from a

Malaysia-bound Indian

national, who was trying to

In July 2006, police recov-

ered 1,600 tortoises of this

kind at Rajshahi land port.

Later, all of those were

released at the Dulahazara

Safari Park. But most of those

The starred tortoise is

could not survive.

its shell.

smuggle them out to Malaysia.

ment about the tortoises.

"But there were some

Conservation Circle.

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Justice AHM Shamsuddin Dhaka Medical College Chowdhury Manik and Justice Hospital for autopsy. Md Delwar Hossain issued the Hospital sources said Azad rule following press reports on died of cardiac arrest.

requisition of vehicles. The same bench on May 23 ordered the government to stop harassment of owners and drivers during requisition Monday evening. They have of vehicles in the capital. The already been released at the order followed a petition filed park," said Dr Tapan Kumar by a rights body challenging

> requisition of vehicles. Meanwhile, cabbies clashed with police over requisition of their vehicles on May 14, which left at least 20 of

provisions in the Metropolitan

Police Ordinance that allow

them injured. And police picked up eight cab drives but freed them

amid protest by fellow drivers. Taxicab drivers also kept their vehicles off the roads for three days demanding punishment to policemen

involved in the 'atrocities' against them. Leaders of the cabbies

demanded a halt to taxicab requisition, and compensation for the cabs damaged in the clash between police and drivers.

In such a situation, the DMP) chief had a meeting with leaders of the cabbies, and assured them that police would not requisition cabs.

much-coveted in pet trade across the globe. Collectors fancy keeping one in their DMP sources said on an garden for elegant patterns on average around 300 vehicles are requisitioned per day.

TAX EVASION CASE

## Charge framing against Babar adjourned

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday adjourned the hearing on charge framing in a tax evasion case against former state minister for home Lutfozzaman Babar till July 5.

Special Judge's Court-5 Judge Nasiruddin Mahmud passed the order after a petition submitted by Babar's Lawyer saying his client had filed a writ petition with the High Court seeking quashment of the

After the hearing, the HC issued a rule upon the government to explain why the case should not be quashed, he added.

So, Babar's lawyer prayed the adjournment of the

On February 14 this year, Deputy Tax Commissioner of the National Board of Revenue Syed Zakir Hossain filed the case against Babar. NBR, in its case statement

mentioned that Babar, director of Master Electronics Industries Limited, evaded Tk 2,65,44,122 as income tax upon his income of Tk 8,06,80,122 for the fiscal years 1999-2000 to 2008-2009.

Babar repeatedly provided false information about his real income and expenditure, alleged the NBR statement.

He was shown arrested in the August 21, 2004 grenade attack case and remanded a number of times.

#### EC asks RO

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candidates have already started campaigning in the name of mass contact and other programmes such as arranging feast for large numbers of people.

Election Commissioner Brig Gen (retd) M Sakhawat Hussain said yesterday the EC asked the RO to keep records of candidates' campaigning by collecting newspaper clippings.

Candidates, who are offering feasts for people, will have to disclose the expenditure for those in the election expense returns after the polls, Sakhawat told journalists at his office.

"We will check out the election expense returns with the newspaper clippings."

Contacted over telephone yesterday, Assistant Returning Officer Farhad Hossain said they were regularly scanning reports published in newspapers and telecast, and taking actions based on those.

Contestants in the election can formally begin campaigning after the allocation of poll

symbols on June 2. A mayoral candidate is allowed to spend around Tk 31

lakh for electioneering. Sakhawat said people who are not residents of the electoral area will not be allowed to stay there after June 13 in efforts to maintain an atmosphere conducive to holding a free and fair election. "Legal action will be taken if any outsider is found in the elec-

toral area after June 13. ' He mentioned that anyone could go the electoral area and campaign for candidates within the stipulated

timeframe--June 3 to June 13. Political leaders could carry out campaigns for can didates supported by them the election commissioner said. But campaigning under the banner of any political party will not be allowed it is a

#### Bashundhara

non-party election.

FROM PAGE 16 complex gate it came face to face with a car that was carrying Mahbub Morshed into the compound.

Chauffeurs of both vehicles insisted on getting the right of way, which led to an altercation between them. At one point the security guards at the gate and the police personnel in the microbus also got involved, turning it into an altercation of two groups. The Bashundhara security guards then beat up the law enforcers and detained them in the

On information, another team of Badda police rushed to the spot, and rescued their colleagues around 12:30pm, and arrested the two security guards.

complex.

Bashundhara Group Spokesman Abu Taiyab however told The Daily Star that the police allegations are not

He said police beat the Bashundhara security guards, and picked up two of them.

8 killed in spate of Baghdad jewel heists

nection with the violence and

added that "women were

involved in the attack, as well

as civil servants," suggesting

possible collusion between

the robbers and members of

vision reported, citing Atta

that the commander in charge

of security in the neighbour-

hood had been arrested, along

with several officers responsi-

forces had put up a perimeter

around the Bayaa area and

appealed to local residents for

help in capturing the remain-

in Iraq as the level of violence

has fallen off from its highs in

cials say insurgent groups may

be carrying out the robberies

to obtain much-needed

income to fund their opera-

aim of financing Al-Qaeda

through kidnapping and

robbery to fund terrorist

In mid-December

Kurdish-speaking robbers in

military camouflage entered

the largest bank in the north-

ern city of Kirkuk pretending

to be hunting a would-be

suicide bomber before mak-

ing off with thousands of

killed in a massive bank heist

in the Iraqi capital last July. The

pre-dawn raid on a branch of

Al-Rafidain bank saw the

robbers make off with 3.8

million dollars, but the sum

In Iraq's biggest-ever hold-

up, robbers stole 13.5 million

dollars from a Rasheed Bank

branch in Ramadi, west of

Baghdad, in January 2005.

was later recovered.

Eight police guards were

operations," Atta said.

"These gangs work with the

2006 and 2007. Security offi-

Atta told AFP security

State-funded Iraqiya tele-

Iraq's security forces.

ble for the area.

ing assailants.

tions.

dollars.

NEWS

AFP, Baghdad

Masked gunmen swooped on Baghdad jewellers in a morning rampage yesterday, killing at least eight people and bombing almost a dozen stores after robbing them.

The stores along a street in the Bayaa neighbourhood of southwest Baghdad were robbed by at least 10 gunmen. The assailants shot the shops' owners, who made up the majority of the victims, and then planted bombs. "More than 10 gunmen in

civilian clothes, carrying silencers and machine guns, entered the centre," said an interior ministry official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

"They threw small plastic bombs into 11 shops to create panic so people would leave. Then they went into the shops, robbed everything, and killed the owners.

"Afterwards they ran away there were cars waiting for

Baghdad security spokesman Major General Qassim Atta said seven shop workers and owners were killed along with one policeman and one assailant. An AFP photographer at

the scene counted eight dead bodies and Al-Yarmuk hospital in west Baghdad said it had received eight corpses. The interior ministry offi-

cial, however, put the death toll at 14. Police could not immedi-

ately give details on how much was stolen in the robberies. "Security forces killed one of the assailants and found in

his possession a bag filled with

gold and jewels," said Atta. A police officer, who did not want to be identified, said two people were arrested in con-

chief of JMB's military wing.

On October 4, 2009, a

Habiganj court issued arrest

warrants against JMB chief

Saidur Rahman and ordered

Sources said Bangladesh-

born UK citizens Mustafa

Faisal and Golam Mostofa

collected money for JMB.

Faisal owned Green Crescent

Madrasa in Bhola and Golam

was its adviser. Golam was

also the UK unit chief of

April 16 last year by Detective

Branch of police at Sylhet and

Faisal was arrested on March

The police chief claimed they

arrested Saidur, his wife and

ehsar member Abdullah Hel

Kafi at a house in the city's East

from the police headquarters,

DMP, SB, Criminal

Investigation Department and

Detective Branch conducted

enforcement agencies how-

ever say police arrested the

JMB chief at least three days

before they made the news

NBK Tripura, Special Branch

(SB) chief additional IGP

Zaved Patwary, additional IGP

(rector) Naim Ahmed and

Dhaka Metropolitan Police

(DMP) Commissioner AKM

Shahidul Hoque were present

police headquarters later said

military wing coordinator

Amir Hossain alias Sharif and

ehsar member Nur Hossain

were picked up from Sharif's

house at Painadi in

A live bomb fitted to a belt

usually worn by suicide squad

members, several belts, one

pistol, two magazines, hand-

made bullets and a huge

amount of explosives and

bomb-making equipment

were recovered from Sharif's

Narayanganj early yesterday.

A handout issued by the

at the press conference.

Additional IGP (admin)

Some sources in law

A team drawing members

Dania on Monday night.

the swoops, he added.

public yesterday.

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attachment of his properties.

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Jamaat dist ameer

24, 2008 by Rab. Faisal has

Abdur Rahman and also the jumped bail. DB officials had said during Sources said Saidur's Golam's stay in Birmingham another son Bashar alias until 2007, he had sent thou-Mahfuz has also been sands of taka to militants detained by an intelligence active in Bangladesh. UK agency six months ago. But his police has also filed a case detention is yet to be disclosed against him under its terroristas the intelligence agency had financing act. been trying to arrest Saidur

Golam had close relations with detained Huji founder Abdus Salam, its chief Mufti | T filling Hannan, Faisal, militants Sagir, Sheikh Farid and many others, said DB Assistant Commissioner Rafiqul Islam.

Saidur used to work with the two to collect money for JMB.

According to sources, in 1997, before the JMB was formed its organisers used to run Kital Party.

After Abdur Rahman was arrested, the JMB split into groups. Some leaders led by one Nakib Uddin Chowdhury of Sylhet returned to Kital Party and another group formed Islam O Muslemin.

#### Harkatul-Jihad al-Islami Bangladesh, police sources Golam was arrested on

Saidur's possession.

supremo.

Saidur took over as JMB

boss in February 2006, shortly

after the arrest of Shaekh

Abdur Rahman, the then JMB

The same month that year,

Rapid Action Battalion raided

his Shibganj house in Sylhet

and recovered huge explo-

Saidur had long been on

the run. In absentia, he had

been sentenced to 14 years in

sational strength had waned

much after the execution of

Shaekh Abdur Rahman and

other top brass. But in recent

months, the organisation has

Since the serial blasts

Of them, Shaekh Abdur

across the country in 2005, the

law enforcers arrested over

600 JMB leaders and activists.

Rahman, his deputy Siddiqul

Islam alias Bangla Bhai,

member Khaled Saifullah

were executed on March 29,

2008 for killing two Jhalakathi

judges on November 14, 2005.

been regrouping its cadres.

The IGP said JMB's organi-

jail in an explosives case.

IMB chief Saidur have a talk. house and a large stash of leaflets and jihadi books from

Musa, who left for Nepal on April 8 to venture the Everest,

Meanwhile, Deputy Leader of Parliament Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury and Foreign Minister Dipu Moni yesterday greeted Musa for his unprece-

greeted Musa.

MGMCL managing director and Dinajpur district administration to take immediate measures to break the stalemate. The labour minister phoned

Rahman's brother Ataur press conference placed their Rahman Sunny, brother-inlaw Abdul Awal, suicide bomber Iftekhar Hasan were not met by May 18. Mamun and Majlis-e-Shura

incur a loss of around Tk 14 lakh every day due to the suspension of production, according to sources.

indicted COURT CORRESPONDENT

**Prof Jahanara** 

HIDING WEALTH

A Dhaka court yesterday framed charges against former advisor to the primary and mass education ministry Professor Jahanara Begum for amassing wealth illegally and concealing wealth information from the Anti-Corruption Commission.

Special Judge's Court-5 Judge Nasiruddin Mahmud framed the charges after rejecting a petition submitted by her lawyer. The court also fixed August

16 for trial of the case and summoned the plaintiff of the case to appear before it. Assistant Director Mahbubul Alam of the ACC

filed the case with Ramna

Police Station on February 12, 2008. Earlier, Jahanara, also secretary general of Liberal Crime has been on the rise Democratic Party, pleaded not guilty and sought justice from the court after the charges

> were read out against her. Another Dhaka court sent Jahanara to jail after she surrendered before it and sought bail in the case on January 31 this year.

She got bail on February 7. The plaintiff in his case statement mentioned that

Jahanara amassed illegal

wealth of Tk 2.34 crore and concealed information of wealth of over Tk 2 crore. One beaten

was accused in at least five

Tanvir Arafat, assistant commissioner of Chittagong Metropolitan Police, said Anwar and his cohorts were beating up a rickshaw puller at about 1:30am over a dispute on parking his three-wheeler at a garage at Baropole when Nurunnabi intervened. As he tried to protect the

rickshaw puller, Anwar and his gang attacked him and stabbed him on his throat, leaving him seriously injured. He died on the way to Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH), Arafat said. The incident triggered

anger among the locals who came forward and gave a severe beating to Anwar and his accomplices leaving them critically injured.

They were taken to CMCH where the doctors declared Anwar dead, said Arafat.

Police arrested his four associates -- Alamgir, Liton, Igbal and Sohel.

A case has been filed with Halishahar Police Station in

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this regard.

"But if still somebody creates confusion, I don't have anything to do. Generally the officials from the base camp confirm that somebody has reached the Everest top if he can submit a photo with the Buddha statue," he said. When the news broke that

Musa conquered the Everest, all the social networks including the Facebook, Twitter and site of his North Alpine Club were flooded with greetings.

Initially, their plan was to start from the base camp today, but they cancelled it and decided to stay for one day.

Sharabon Tahura Rimi, wife of Musa, yesterday said she knew her husband was at the base camp but did not

said he does not have a plan to go back to the mountain soon but added that his mind might

dented success. The Sub-editors Council in

a separate message also

## Over 100 staff

FROM PAGE 16 Land Mostafizur Rahman,

the state minister, the company MD and the district commissioner from a meeting of parliamentary standing committee on labour and employment ministry at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban, said M Israfil Alam, the committee chief. On May 16, the workers at a

demands and said they would call a strike if their demands The company will have to

# Warrant against Thaksin over anti-govt protests

BBC ONLINE, AFP, Bangkok

A Thai court has approved an arrest warrant for ousted leader Thaksin Shinawatra on terrorism charges related to recent anti-government pro-

The nine-week protest paralysed parts of Bangkok and left more than 80 people Many of the protesters

were supporters of Thaksin, and the Thai government accuses him of fomenting the unrest. In a separate development,

authorities have extended an overnight curfew in Bangkok and 23 provinces. A curfew has been in force since the government opera-

tion to disperse protesters on 19 May and the subsequent fires and unrest across the city. Authorities said the curfew would run for four more

0000 and 0400. Thaksin was ousted by the military in a 2006 coup, then convicted of corruption in

absentia. He now lives over-Many of the red-shirt protesters who arrived in Bangkok on 14 March and shut down key parts of the city

for two months support him. Thai prosecutors have accused him of co-ordinating the protests, and an official said that the court found there

was reason to issue a warrant. "The court said there was enough evidence to believe that Thaksin was the mastermind, having played a significant role in instructing and manipulating the incidents," Department of Special Investigations chief Tharit Pengdit told Reuters news agency.

Thaksin rejected the charges in a statement issued through a legal advisor.

"I have never supported violence," he said. "The arrest warrant against me is unfair. am ready to prove that I am not a terrorist and the accusa tion is politically motivated."

This is a much more serious charge than anything Thaksin has ever faced before

#### Oil leaks from tanker collision off Singapore

**BBC ONLINE** 

to contain a crude oil spill after two ships - a tanker and a bulk carrier - collided in waters off Singapore.

Port officials said no inju-

ries had been reported but the Malaysian-registered tanker had ruptured one of its tanks. An estimated 2,000 tonnes

of crude oil are leaking into the

The collision happened in the Strait of Singapore, one of the most important shipping lanes in the world. Singapore's Maritime and

Port Authority (MPA) said the Malaysian-registered tanker Bunga Kelana 3 was damaged in a collision with the MV Wally, registered in St Vincent and the Grenadines.

The Bunga Kelana 3 was carrying light crude oil and condensate.

but, say correspondents, whether the warrant will be effective is the big question.

It is not known where Thaksin lives. He travels widely, splitting his time between Dubai and Montenegro, which recently issued him with a passport.

Meanwhile, Two foreigners, a Briton and an Australian, have been arrested in Thailand for joining violent street protests by the antigovernment "Red Shirt" movement, officials said yesterday.

The Australian, Conor David Purcell, 30, and the Briton, Jeff Savage, 49, were arrested and charged for breaching emergency law, an offence which carries up to two years imprisonment, police said.

Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva said the pair were arrested for violating the state of emergency "and for their nights, between the hours of roles on stage during the rally." "For the Australian man it's not yet clear, but in the case of

the Briton he's involved with

the (Red Shirt) movement in

Pattaya," a Thai coastal city,

Abhisit told reporters. He said officials would also probe other allegations against the men.

"In-depth investigations will be carried out to find out whether they had any other role," Abhisit said.

Abhisit said he was confident that Savage was systematically involved with the Red Shirts, based on his comments to the British media.

## Woman commits suicide'

she was killed

A woman committed suicide

deceased, Hasina Akter Mukta, 22, however, allege a manpower broker has killed her.

Khilgaon police said they recovered Mukta's body from the first floor of a four-storey building at Meradia. They sent

it to Dhaka Medical College morgue yesterday morning. Around noon, they arrested manpower broker Monir Emergency teams are working Hossain, 35, after a case was

> sion prevention act. Abul Hossain Sharif, subinspector of Khilgaon police station, told The Daily Star

> said Monir killed Mukta, as she was pressing him to return Tk 60,000 she had

job in Dubai. worked as a domestic help for

For last one month, she had been living with Monir and his wife, who was her friend.

steps for holding the long due

council of Bangladesh

Chhatra League and associ-

ated bodies of the party, and

formation of party sub-

mier to implement the newly

announced MPO list, and

include in it more institutions

to power with a huge mandate,

and people naturally expect so

much from the government.

We have a massive task to

accomplish through coordi-

nated efforts," an adviser said.

meeting, AL General Secretary

Syed Ashraful Islam said the

party chief has sought names

of 21 others to be made mem-

Briefing newsmen after the

They also urged the pre-

"Awami League has come

committees.

## Incoordination

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Amir Hossain Amu, Abdur Razzak, Tofail Ahmed, Suranjit Sengupta and Abdul Jalil were dropped from the party's policy-making body-presidium--and included in the advisory council.

suggestions about the government and the party. The premier sought their advice in running the government. The council members

The Daily Star. They advised Hasina to

tion of the constitution, he

as soon as possible.

# Family claims

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

in the capital's Khilgaon on Monday night, police said yesterday. Family members of the

filed against him under the women and children repres-

that Mukta has killed herself Her body, which was hanging from a ceiling fan, did not bear any injury marks. Mukta's sister Fahima Begum, on the other hand,

given him to arrange for her a Mukta was an expatriate in Saudi Arabia, where she had

three years before returning to Dhaka 14 months back

was supposed to project the government's achievements in last 16 months of its tenure, but it could not do so properly, according to meeting sources. AL stalwarts including

At the meeting, the advisers gave their observations and

urged her to pay more attention to resolving the persisting power, gas and water crises, and take effective measurers to check price hike of essentials, particularly ahead of Ramadan, the sources told

stop some of the ministers and state ministers from speaking 'rubbish' in the media on important national issues like trial of war criminals. The advisers urged the AL

president to take immediate

bers of the 41-member advisory council. Expressing concern at the delay in administering oath to two High Court judges, the advisers termed this a viola-

They urged the prime minister to take measurers for holding the long due elections to union parishads, and passage of private university bill