Killer driver

company," the IO said.

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Asked if he had contacted the company, he said, "No." Asked why not, he said, "Could

not get to it yet." "We definitely will contact the bus owners soon," he quickly added.

When The Daily Star contacted Winner Paribahan Managing Director Khandaker Rafiqul Hossain Kazol in the afternoon, he was quite reluctant to talk to the correspondent. He is also the president of the Association of Bus Companies, the largest of such associations in the capi-

not contact him, but he took the initiative to send copies of the driver's license and company ID card to the police station. He also said his company made no effort to contact either the victim's family, or the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet) authorities. When the IO was asked if he

got the documents sent by the MD of the bus company, he said he did not know anything

The officer-in-charge of the station, Mohammad Ali, however said rather hastily that they have "all necessary information", adding, "But for the sake of investigation, we will not disclose those."

"We are trying seriously to arrest the killers," he assured.

The MD of the bus company said he only knows the driver as Shanto from Natore, and does not know where he lives in the capital, nor his cellphone number. He added he knows nothing at all about the driver's helper, because they are appointed by drivers.

"We appointed the driver in 2007. He submitted his driving license, but we are not sure whether it was fake," he said.

Since the fatal accident, both the driver and his helper have been missing, and they did not contact him, said the

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olanned manner.

Emerging from the programme, Mohiuddin told the reporters that the rift and disputes among the senior leaders of Chittagong AL has been healed after the meeting with the party chief Sheikh Hasina in Dhaka on Thursday.

He hoped that all the leaders, activists would work unitedly in support of him.

Mohiuddin also joined separate view-exchange meetings arranged by Nagorik Committee at Nandir Hat and in the city's Bakalia and Hazari Goli areas.

BNP-backed candidate M Manjur Alam started his formal campaign after saying Asar prayers at the shrine.

Later, he held view exchange meetings and continued mass contacts seeking votes in Lalkhan Bazar and Patharghata areas.

During the campaign,

Manjur observed that

Chittagong could be reached to the standard of developed cities by working impartially and maintaining sincerity and Manjur also vowed to take ted to Belal's involvement sincere and effective initiative

to wipe out all sorts of corruption, nepotism and autocracy from the CCC.

All Bangladeshis in

Kathmandu will attend the

programme to be held at hotel

Everest in Kathmandu at

Association sources said they

are going to award medals to

The key figures include

Peter Hebler from Austria, the

first person to climb Everest

without oxygen, Apa Sherpa,

20 times climber, Major HPS

Alhuwaliya, a war hero as well

as Everest winner and Arjun

Bajpayee, the youngest Indian

Others attending the func-

tion are Chris Bonington, a

renowned mountaineer and

writer, L Jirasko, president of

International Alpinism

Festival and Richard Blum,

president of American

On the occasion, Apa

Sherpa, 20 times Everest

summiteer, will be honoured

as a Goodwill Ambassador of

Award will be presented to a

person who contributed

much to the development of

Khumbu region near Mt

A rally of mountaineers,

travel entrepreneurs, govern-

ment officials, industrialists,

media persons and trekking

agency representatives will

Everest.

In addition, Tenzing Hillary

Himalayan Foundation.

to climb Everest.

Nepal's Mountaineering

6:30pm Bangladesh time.

some prominent climbers.

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Asked how come he does not know his employees' cell numbers, the MD said, "Perhaps they do not use cellphones. And even if they did, I think they would keep those switched off now." Asked whether his com-

pany will compensate the victim's family, Kajol said he did not think about it yet. "We are running our busi-

ness at a loss, and there is no chance of getting compensation from the insurance company, as our insurance is a third party insurance," he said adding, third party insurance covers only bus passengers. He however said police did "The matter will be settled

legally," he said claiming the driver and the victim both were responsible for the acci-The driver reversed the bus absent-mindedly, while

the student was talking on a

cellphone on the street inattentively," he said. Khandaker Khanjahan Samrat, 19, a fresher of the mechanical engineering department at Buet, was run

over by a Winner Pariban bus at Azimpur intersection. A straight-A student, Samrat, had come to Dhaka City ten days before the fatal accident, and started attending Buet classes just five days ago. He was also allotted a seat at one of the institute dorms

on Monday. Accomplices

him when he torched Aleya on

Wednesday pouring petrol, but during interrogation, three names came up.

Meanwhile, Aleya's father Abdur Rashid yesterday noon learnt from his relatives about the attack on his daughter. He was on the way back to Dhaka from his village home at Jajira in Shariatpur. Rashid, a rickshaw

mechanic, left Dhaka 17 days ago, as he had decided to marry his daughter off in the face of Aleya being stalked by her rejected suitor Khokon of the capital. Home Minister Prof AFM

Ruhal Haque yesterday visited Aleya at the Intensive Care Unit of the Burn Unit in Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Aleva sought justice from the minister.

The minister assured her that the criminals must be given exemplary punishment.

One of her relatives Razia Begum said they don't have the financial ability to continue such expensive treat-

ment of burn injuries. Dr Samanta Lal Sen, project director of Burn and

Plastic Surgery unit, told The Daily Star that Aleva's health condition is still critical. Yakub Ali, sub-inspector of Pallabi Police Station and the

investigation officer of the

case, said Khokon initially told

the police that Rana and Babu

were with him. and these are very expensive. Following Aleya's claim formal reception for Musa in that Belal was with Khokon the airport, they will receive during the attack, the police him through the VIP lounge, asked him about Belal's the family members added. involvement. Khokon admit-

during interrogation. Khokon is trying to confuse the police, Yakub said.

also be held to mark the day.

A summit meeting of the

The experts at the meeting

summiteers will take place in

Kathmandu with the aim of

will present papers on differ-

ent issues related to climate

change and preservation of

Musa's Autograph at Rum

Musa Ibrahim yesterday

signed in the autograph

record book of Rum Doodle

Restaurant in Kathmandu,

which has the largest auto-

graph collection of Everest

Hillary, the restaurant author-

ities started collecting auto-

graphs twenty-two years ago.

eers they have kept auto-

graphs of some noted celebri-

president Jimmy Carter and

Rosalyn Carter and former

Japanese premier Ryutaro

miteers go there and sign,"

said Ishwari Paduel, managing

director of Himalayan Guide,

who has organised travel for

866 summiteers so far over the

there, food and drinks are

offered free to them for the

whole life in that restaurant,

Once summiteers sign

"Now almost all the sum-

Hashimoto.

last 12 years.

Ishawri added.

ties including former US

With the signature of Sir Ed

Apart from the mountain-

Summiteers in the world.

saving the Himalayas.

the mountain range.

Doodle Restaurant

BNP Musa's reception

FROM PAGE 16 it is yet to take any shape.

said Rashedul.

The party's Dhaka city unit has been without a committee since BNP Secretary General Khandaker Delwar Hossain disbanded the then committee led by Khoka in June 2008. Party Chairperson Khaleda Zia was in prison at that time.

BNP high-ups initiated formation of a new committee several times after the last parliamentary elections. But it didn't materialise due to disputes between two BNP factions -- one led by Khoka and the other by standing committee member Mirza Abbas.

Khaleda Zia recently assigned Khoka to run party activities in the city. Khoka also presided over the grand rally at Paltan Maidan following her directives.

Party insiders said the success of the grand rally sealed Khoka's position in the next city committee.

Meanwhile, some party leaders are mounting pressure on party high-ups to announce a convening committee instead of a full-fledged committee.

They argue that a fullfledged committee should be formed through a council.

BNP standing committee member Lt Gen (retd) Mahbubur Rahman said the new committee will be announced soon. The BNP chairperson will pick dedicated party leaders to run its activities in the city.

Culprits hardly

these drivers there will not be many vehicles left on the

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Mob beat

robber to

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Satkhira

An alleged robber was killed

and five others were injured in

a mob beating at Raipur vil-

lage under Tala upazila of the

The deceased was identi-

fied as Abul Kalam, 40, son of

upazila under Khulna district.

Ram Pada Mondal, 36 from

different villages under

Locals and police said a

gang of 10 to 12 armed robbers

with sharp weapons swooped

on a shrimp enclosure owned

by Mostafa Gazi at Raipur

village. After beating the duty

staff they started looting the

shrimps at around 2:00am

Hearing the screams of the

staff local villagers rushed to

the spot and encircled the

while they were fleeing the

scene and gave them a good

beating leaving Abul Kalam

dead and five others injured

and sent it to hospital morgue

Police recovered the body

Police also rescued the

Officer-in-Charge Liakat

injured robbers and arrested

Ali of Tala police Station said

six other members of the gang

A case was lodged with Tala

managed to flee the spot.

police station in this regard.

Everest hero

father Ansar Ali will go to Nepal

by a seven-seater aircraft to

one of the sponsors, and her

husband Rashidul told The

Daily Star yesterday that a

Korean company named

Youngone, which has five

aircraft for their business

purpose, is one of the sponsors

achievement for Bangladesh,

the South Korean company has

voluntarily come forward with

a proposal to Musa's family

providing one of their aircraft

to bring Musa back home from

The family happily

accepted the idea and now

planning to fly to Kathmandu

in the morning of June 1 from

Shahjalal International Airport

Youngone's flight department,

said that they are expecting to

arrive Dhaka with Musa in the

afternoon, almost at the same

time of arrival of Biman

Piaggio Avanti-II, P-180 in

which Musa will arrive, he

Youngone sponsored for Musa

some equipment, which were

required to conquer Everest

It is an Italian aircraft

The family members said

There is no programme of

"The sponsor wanted to

arrange for his heroic return as

he is a pride of the nation,

Bangladesh Airlines.

Rashidul, a pilot of

After Musa's historic

for Musa's conquest.

Kathmandu, Nepal.

in Dhaka.

Musa's elder sister Moni,

The mob caught six of them

gang members, sources said.

Paikgachha upazila.

Thursday night.

on the spot.

for autopsy.

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bring the hero.

district on Thursday night.

death

streets. He said there should be a

legal provision to implicate irresponsible bus owners who employ these drivers. Joint Commissioner (traffic) Shafiqur Rahman said around

80 percent bus drivers in the

city use fake driving licences to

get jobs. Ashraf Ali of Paikgachha Eminent lawyer and lawmaker Tarana Halim said there The injured are Azizul Gazi, is no comprehensive law 30, Mintu Gazi, 35, Tuku regarding road accidents. Sardar, Faruk Hossain, 25 and

"I raised the issue in the parliament but the law minister said at the moment it is impossible to promulgate a separate and complete law regarding road accidents without having specific advice from communications and home ministries," she said. She said police should keep

seized vehicles in custody until delivery of the verdict but the law does not have any directive in this regard. If there were procedures for

owners to follow before employing a driver, they could be tried for employing fake drives, she said, adding that with sections 279 and 304 and 304(b) of the Penal Code the drives concerned only can be implicated, not owners.

Sub-inspector Didarul Alam of Ramna Police Station is the investigation officer of Willes Little Flower School student Hamim Sheikh murder case. Hamim was killed by a bus in front of his school on February 3.

Didarul said about four months into the incident Modhumati Paribahan authorities obtained a court order to get their bus released.

He said the court order reached the police station Wednesday night.

He said despite the fact that Modhumati Paribahan employed a fake driver for the bus he could not implicate the authorities in the case due to lack of legal provision.

He said the bus also did not have a rear-view mirror.

Police said the authorities of Modhumati Paribahan said they do not care if some of their buses remain seized in connection with traffic accidents.

Driver Shamsur Rahman, 28, at Ramna Police Station following the accident told reporters that he had obtained a fake licence and his employer is so powerful that the owner would arrange his and the seized bus's release soon.

The High Court on May 11 directed Bangladesh Beverage Industries Ltd to give Tk 2.1 crore as compensation to wife and two sons of late Mozammel Hossain Mantu, former newseditor of daily

A vehicle of the company injured him and he later died.

Advocate Mohammad Khalilur Rahman of the Supreme Court said the verdict was delivered under Tort Act, which is the first application in the country.

Slow-moving

large vehicles like buses and

Sangbad.

trucks run smoothly on the highway. "We learnt that the number of road accidents on the high-

way is less than other highways

of the country," said Communications Minister Syed Abul Hossain yesterday. The Executive Committee of National Economic Council (Ecnec) has already approved

the project of the 20-kilometer

by-lane on the Dhaka-Bogra

highway in Sirajganj, he said. Accidents are very frequent on the highway as hundreds of motorised and non-motorised vehicles use the road. There are many handloom industries in the area and thus a huge number of people travel to and from the area every day. People suffer a lot due to traffic congestion and often fall victim to

project proposal. The ministry is now await ing disbursement of the funds from the finance ministry for the by-lane, the minister said.

road accidents, reads the

"Once we get it, we will float a tender," said Abul Hossain.

He added that the ministry has taken another project o by-lane in Gopalganj district.

The communications minister said Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina had directed the ministry to construct by-lanes along each of the major highways of the country.

The ministry is selecting the busiest and the most accidentprone highways for constructing by-lanes, he noted.

In Gopalganj, a 34-kilometer by-lane will be constructed at an estimated cost of Tk 33 crore The proposal is now under consideration of the planning

commission. According to the BRTA Accident Monitoring Cell records, a total of 3,381 road accidents occurred across the country in 2009, causing 2,958 deaths and 2,223 serious injuries. In 2008, the number of accidents was 4,427 with 3,765

Public-pvt FROM PAGE 1 the premier said.

metres below the ground). The

coal deposit in the mine's southern part rests as deep as Talking to The Daily Star

recently, Chowdhury said, " We have to take a decision by December, we have to. Otherwise, the government will not be able to achieve any tangible progress about it within its tenure."

The underground mine's existing operational contract with Chinese consortium CMC-XMC will expire next

As part of the new initiatives, the government is now finalising the much awaited coal policy, which was first drafted during the past BNPled alliance government's tenure, and then by the caretaker government. The Awami League government has also been taking a long time to finalise the policy.

"We have laws related to mining. But they need to be updated," the premier's adviser said, adding that the energy ministry is now shortening the draft policy as many of its parts were irrelevant. After the ministry finalises the draft, it will be sent to parliament for discussion.

The coal policy will make room for both open pit and underground mining methods as well as other methods like coal gasification and utilising coal bed methane. The government will also

form a new organisation to deal with all kinds of mining under the banner of "Khani Bangla". The past drafts of coal policy had advocated formation of an organisation named "Coal Bangla" in the same line with Petrobangla. Last month, Prime Minister

Sheikh Hasina at a discussion with government officials for the first time talked about converting Barapukuria underground mine into an open pit mine after completely rehabilitating all the local people being affected by the on-going underground mining activities.

This is necessary to cater the country's energy needs,

deaths and 2,720 injuries.

The mine has already created resentment among people of 15 adjacent villages, who were not made aware of the subsidence problem, and never offered any compensation for their loss of land or home. In fact, the project approved in the early nineties. did not have any provision for such compensation or any component to handle environmental issues.

To rehabilitate and compensate the affected people, the government has chalked out a package of Tk 324 crore It will soon start distributing compensation among the villagers. The government is also

working on developing a mining city in Barapukuria, which will not only help voluntary relocation of affected people but also function as a centre for mining education and create job opportunities and other facilities. In this connection, Hasina

told her cabinet colleagues last month that she would do whatever is best in the interest of the nation and would not be discouraged by any group's resistance. She was referring to the

national committee on protection of oil and gas, which has been opposing open pit mining arguing this would cause environmental damage and people would lose arable land. The existing underground

mine is already damaging arable land as huge areas above the mine area have made bombs and grenades subsided since 2006 stashed at different dens and According to the mining authorities, during the mine's 30-year life, an area of 4.5 square kilometre will subside by at least one to two metres and become useless.

Barapukuria deposit has 389 million tonnes of coal. But the present underground "very high level of bombmining design will allow extraction of only 30 million tonnes over a period of 30 years. By converting it into an open pit mine, most part of this deposit can be tapped. The mine has, on an average, a very thick 36-metre high

quality coal seam.

Jamaat men assault UNO in Bogra

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Bogra

A group of Jamaat activists assaulted Upazila Nirbahi Officer Abdus Samad for imposing section 144 over the meeting scheduled to be held at Fultala Madrasa field under Shajahanpur upazila of the district yesterday. Jamaat Secretary General

Ali Ahsan Mohammad

Mojahid was present at the meeting as the chief guest, which was arranged for the death anniversary of a Jamaat leader and former lawmaker Abdur Rahman. The Jamaat-Shibir activists attacked the UNO at around 12:45pm as he appeared there

during the meeting and imposed section 144 over the meeting. Sources said, in the banner of the death anniversary of his father Fultala Eidgah Imam Abdul Muzahid organised the

party programme. Denying the assault Abdus Samad said after declaring section 144 he left the spot immediately.

Officer-in-Charge Anisur Rahman of Shahjahanpur Police Station confirmed the incident of assault over the phone.

AL men FROM PAGE 16

"I instructed the Alamdanga

railway authorities to enquire into the matter and take necessary steps," said Kiron over the phone yesterday. On Thursday, a group of

about 50 AL men around 3:00pm asked the businessmen to move out within an hour.

The group led by Chhatra League, Alamdanga upazila unit president Tafsir Ahmed Lal and general secretary of the unit Sariful Islam started vandalising the structures by hammer, crowbar and other tools.

No police or railway staffs came to the spot during the mayhem between 4:00pm to 7:00pm.

When contacted, Kiron said he had heard about the incident.

Officer-in-Charge of Alamdanga Police Station Ilias Fakir told this correspondent over the phone yesterday that local protesters were behind

the action. He also said nobody came to file a complaint with the police station as the shop owners were running businesses illegally with the help of

Despite repeated attempts this correspondent could not reach the BCL leaders.

some railway officials.

ACC officials **FROM PAGE 16**

ACC headquarters. They can

negotiate their way out of those charges by sending money through SA Paribahan and Continental Courier Service. ACC took the matter seri-

ously a couple of weeks ago when the gang asked a Chittagong University teacher to contact a mobile phone number to negotiate the disposal of a corruption charge filed against him. Quite incidentally, the

teacher turned out to be a friend of Ghulam Rahman, the ACC chairman.

Following the attempt, the ACC assigned Major Shahriar the task and issued a handout asking people to remain aware of the extortionists exploiting the commission.

4 poachers **FROM PAGE 16**

of Rab-8 personnel led by

Flight Lt M Shamim Sarkar conducted a drive at about 1:00am at the bazaar area and arrested them. A case was filed in this

connection.

Hardliners

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Nazmul has become the military wing commander after the arrest of Shiblu at the city's Saidur disclosed that hard-

liners IT wing chief Sayem and JMB Chittagong zone chief Tamim, also a sura committee member, are absconding. He said JMB has huge amount of explosives, home-

the hardliners might use them for destructive purposes. Assistant Commissioner Sanwar Hossain, an explosives expert of the Detective Branch, said explosives, bombs, designs and other materials seized from JMB dens recently suggest that the outfit still has a

making expertise". Additional Superintendent of Police Zannatul Hasan, who led the team that arrested Saidur and five other top militants, told The Daily Star that they are alert and would do their best to stop JMB attacks.

Attack on Pak

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bursts of heavy gunfire rocked the neighbourhoods and rescue services raced through the streets to tend to the victims.

"The prayer leader was

delivering a sermon inside the hall when I suddenly heard distant gunshots," Bilal Ahmed, a worshipper told AFP after fleeing with his life from the mosque in Model Town. "Then the firing became louder and closer and people

started running here, there

and everywhere to save them-

selves. Gunmen had entered the prayer hall and they were moving towards upper floors. "The attackers were youths with beards who were not covering their faces. The floor

was full of blood and broken

As the gun battles ended in both locations, officials spoke of scenes of carnage -- particularly in Garhi Shahu where dozens of bodies were found.

"Around 80 people have been killed," Sajjad Bhutta, the top city administrative official in Lahore, told report-

glass," Ahmed said.

of the rescue services in Lahore, said 108 people were wounded as police continued to search for any remaining attackers. Taliban and Al-Qaeda linked militants have orches-

trated a three-year bombing campaign in Pakistan to avenge military operations and the government's alliance with the United States over the war in neighbouring Afghanistan. Friday's attacks were the worst in Pakistan since a

people on January 1 at a volleyball game in Bannu, which abuts the tribal belt along the Afghan border that Washington calls an Al-Qaeda headquarters. Nine attacks have killed around 265 people in Lahore since March 2009, a historical

city, playground for the elite

and home to many top brass in

Pakistan's powerful military

suicide bomber killed 101

and intelligence establishment. The precise number of attackers at Garhi Shahu was not immediately clear, but police said there were at least three in Model Town.

"They came into the mosque from the back and started firing. They were armed with hand grenades and suicide vests and other weapons," Rana Ayaz, a senior local police official, told AFP.

Officials said one of the attackers blew himself up and two were arrested -- one of them a teenager. The other was seriously wounded.

Founded by Ghulam Ahmad, who was born in 1838. the Ahmadi sect has a number of unique views including that Ahmad himself was a prophet and that Jesus died aged 120 in Srinagar, capital of Indian ruled Kashmir. The 2009 US State

Department report on human rights says that 11 Ahmadis were killed due to their faith during the year. The Human Rights

Commission of Pakistan (HRCP) said it had warned of threats against the Ahmadi community centre in Lahore and demanded "foolproof security and protection" from the government.

It expressed concern over "the increasing sectarian

Tigers

FROM PAGE 16 balls with eight boundaries,

his eighth Test half-century before a direct throw from Kevin Pietersen found him short of the crease. Bangladesh were 130-1 in

31 overs when this report was

last filed. Imrul Kayes was

batting on 43 and Junaed Siddiqui was not out at 28 Earlier Jonathan Trott hit 226, equalling the highest score by an England batsman since Graham Gooch's 333 in 1990, as the home side were all out in 125 overs after resuming the day on 362-4. Shahadat

tion with five for 98 runs. The lanky paceman became the first Bangladeshi cricketer to be included on the honours board at Lord's.

Officer-in-charge of Bayezid

kept Bangladesh in conten-

Criminals **FROM PAGE 16**

Police Station Abdus Sabur

told BSS that unidentified miscreants threw acid on them through the window of their rented house at Darmapur Housing Society at about 2:30 am. Talking to BSS, Farida

alleged that Afsar Uddin, an Ansar member of the steel mills, and his accomplices poured acid on them over previous enmity.

dimension" of militancy in

Pakistan, which it called "a big security threat to the entire society". Religious violence in Pakistan, mostly between

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Institution of Engineers, Ashraf, who is also the

general secretary of ruling Awami League, said Party President and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina had expressed her determination to restore the original constitution of 1972.

tion had also stressed restoration of the original constitution and holding of the trial of war criminals.

war criminals and all the procedures have already been finalised. He alleged that a vested Doctor Rizwan Nasir, head quarter wrote to lawmakers and policymakers of different

> Noted educationists and economists Kabir Chowdhury, Anisuzzaman, Abul Barakat Mosharraf Hossain, Workers Party President Rashed Khan Menon, Ganotantrik Party President Nurul Rahman Selim, Bangladesh Tarikat Federation President Syed Nazibul Bashar Maizbhandari Gono Forum leader SM Altaf Hossain, writer Masuda Bhatti Executive Director of Bangladesh Nari Progati Sangha Rokeya Kabir also addressed the convention chaired by Prof Ajoy Roy.

Spokespersons of Pakistani Labour Party Farooq Tariq and Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur Debabrata Goswami also spoke there.

of the members of Razakar, Al-Badr and Al-Shams forces, the collaborators of the occupation Pakistani army who killed millions of Bangladeshis and committed crimes against humanity.'

the government should find out the sources of fund for

to go back to the original constitution of 1972 to have a secular and progressive coun-

that when Jamaat leaders Matiur Rahman Nizami and Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojaheed were ministers, militant outfits had brought around Tk 5,000 crore from abroad through different organisations in the

Communalism and Militancy placed a set of demands at the convention, which include ensuring militancy-free country, blocking the sources of money to militants, holding the trial of war criminals and those committed crimes against humanity during the Liberation War, completing the trial of 21 August grenade attack case, April 1, 2001 bomb attack at Ramna Batamul, bomb attack on Udichi confer-

Indian train

responsibility of the incident in the posters," he added. Mamata Banerjee said she

civilians.

ence, among others. "We have recovered two post-"They have claimed suspected involvement of states, including West Bengal. The bomb blast indicates Maoists involvement, she said, adding, "Let the rescue

through the area but the timing of the blast proved disastrous with a portion of the line being blown away. This is the third attack by Maoists in one and a half

The Maoists have in recent months stepped up their offensive in Chhattisgarh,

majority Sunni Muslims and minority Shiites, has killed more than 4,000 people in the past decade.

Bill soon

Militancy at the capital's Bangladesh.

The speakers at the conven-

Ashraf said the government is committed to hold the trial of

countries including the USA and the UK regarding the war

crimes trial to mislead them.

Tariq said, "Liberal Pakistanis also support the trial

Prof Kabir Chowdhury said

militancy and stop them doing He said it is also important

Prof Barakat pointed out

The Platform against

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ers by a local Maoist militia from the site of the accident,' said West Bengal Director General of Police Bhupinder Singh, reports BBC.

Maoists as the incident had come on the first day of the 'black week', which is being observed by the Naxals in five

operations be over and after that we will get a report." Banerjee, who rushed to the spot from Kolkata, said a patrol engine had passed

months. The ultra Left-wing activists killed 75 security personnel in Dantewada district of central Indian state of Chhattisgarh on April 6 and struck again in the same district a little more than a month later killing 31 people, including security personnel and

West Bengal and Orissa states.