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Amar Desh

was shown arrested yesterday in

another case in which police

sought ten days' remand for

Mohiuddin Ahmed is the prin-

cipal accused in the case filed

with Uttara Police Station in

April for creating subversive

today for hearing on the

also placed on a four-day

remand in two separate crimi-

nal cases filed with Kotwali and

Tejgaon police stations yester-

First Additional Chief

Metropolitan Magistrate

Habibur Rahman Bhuiyan

placed him on a day's remand

in the case filed with Kotwali

Police Station on charges of

obstructing policemen in discharging their duties when

he was being produced

before the Chief Metropolitan

Magistrate's Court on June 2.

filed with Tejgaon Police Station

on charges of obstructing

policemen in discharging their

office of the daily to arrest him.

Metropolitan Magistrate

Mehedi Hassan Talukder were

suspended for half an hour

following a war of words

between the two sides when the

magistrate prevented the

accused from telling something

during the first hearing on the

lawyers threw a cell phone cover

At one stage, one of the

remand prayer at 2:30pm.

He was also placed on a

The court, however, fixed

Mahmudur Rahman was

activities across the country.

Hizb-ut Tahrir chief Prof

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interrogation.

remand prayer.

Coastal belt

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the lands in two ways-through livestock farming and fisheries, and producing cereal crops."

Matia said, "We need varieties of saline-tolerant rice quickly. I have told the scientists to develop the available varieties as soon as possible." To increase agricultural

produce, use of surface water and quality seeds, and mechanisation of agriculture would get more focus in the next budget, she said.

The rivers will be further restructured. A Tk 400 crore project was taken last year through Bangladesh Agricultural Development Corporation for digging canals, the minister said.

The recent increase in inflation is due to price hike of food. The minister replying to a question in this regard said the government has realised new pay scale for the civil servants, while huge agricultural loans have been disbursed. This additional flow of money in the market has created an impact on the

labourers in this harvesting season went up substantially. A labourer had to be paid Tk 250 to Tk 300 in addition to providing meals. A farmer had to count Tk

Matia said the wage of

3,500 to Tk 4,000 for harvesting paddy on one acre of land this time, she said.

She added the additional money infused into rural economy had an impact. Agriculture has now graduated from subsistence level to commercial agriculture having a cost.

"We have to pay the cost to the farmers. The residents of metropolitan cities like Dhaka want to get everything without bearing the cost."

Matia said if the farmers do not get fair price for their produce, they would be discouraged to produce the next crop, which would bring

about a fall in production. The minister said, "Our policy is to ensure that the farmer is not stifled. On the other hand, they can get a

fair price for their produce." She said in recent times the market price did not skyrocket. When prices of some commodities went up, the government intervened.

'In the name of free market economy we do not want free for all economy," she said. The present government has taken various measures

including giving huge subsidy on agricultural input. Besides, "Farmers Card" has been launched and opening of about one crore agricultural accounts at Tk 10 has headded.

"In case the owner does Asked about the government's policy in this regard

not demolish it, we will do the work," said Suman.

in the next fiscal year, the minister said, "We have not set any figure in advance. We place our requirement to the

need something and we get it. The prime minister and the finance minister are very careful about agriculture sector."

The minister also said subsidy is never given for Aus paddy. "We have even given Tk 26 crore in this area. About 3.24 lakh farmers have been given 50 kg urea, TSP and MOP fertilisers each."

She said in the next year the government will also give subsidy on urea if its price goes up. If the price falls, subsidy will not be given.

The government can give subsidy for irrigation. Whatever is required and wherever, the government will provide it, she added. Asked what the govern-

ment would do to face the challenges of ensuring food security in future whereas agricultural land is shrinking against the population boom, the agriculture minister said, "The people have given us the mandate to run the country and facing crisis comes with the package." "To increase food security

we will exploit the potential of the southern region.'

Tilted 7-storey

another four-storey building at Gendaria are illegal, as these were built without approval from Rajuk, said executive magistrate Rokon-Ud-Dowla who led the demo-

Earlier on Sunday afternoon, the seven-storey building's owner started demolition of his building with around ten workers following Friday's Rajuk notice.

A Rajuk team comprised of an authorised officer, building inspector and 30 labourers led by Rokon joined the demolition work yesterday morning. "We will continue the work

till tomorrow (today) and allow the owner some time to complete it," said Rokon.

Rajuk labourers knocked down the under-construction sixth floor and partition walls of the fifth floor yesterday.

Rajuk, however, will take time to start knocking down the tilted five-storey building at Nakhalpara till next week, said Shafigul Islam authorised officer of the agency.

Gendaria actually did not tilt but it is illegal, as it was built without Rajuk approval, said Aminur Rahman Suman, another authorised officer of

The building at KB Road in

Authorities have allowed the building owner one week for demolishing the building,

On June 1 a five-storey building collapsed at Begunbari that left 25 people killed and some others

finance ministry when we

establishing the rule of Islam.

been introduced.

At a meeting with the EC, the party leaders argued that if communist party's charter can propagate establishing communism in the country and the party gets registration with the EC, then there is no ground to deny Jamaat's registration.

The EC told Jamaat leaders that it would examine the party's reply.

On deletion of the phrase from its charter that declined to accept the parliament's plenary power to make laws, Jamaat Secretary General Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojahid claimed that they deleted the phrase earlier but it was reprinted by mistake.

Upon the EC's objection,

Jamaat had deleted the phrase from its provisional charter to get registered before last parliamentary election but it reinstated the controversial phrase in its ratified charter, which was sent to the EC after the polls.

Examining the charter, the EC last January asked Jamaat to delete the phrase.

On reserving 33 percent party posts for women, Mojahid said the provision was kept in a footnote tagged with the party charter. As per the EC's requirement "we will insert the provision into a clause of the party constitution", said Mojahid, who led the party delegation, told reporters after the meeting at the EC Secretariat.

He said Jamaat would bring necessary amendments to its charter at the party's central Majlish-e-Shura next month. The Jamaat, however,

argued in favour of an existing

Jamaat accepts provision that empowers the party high command to nominate 15 percent posts of

> The party leaders told the EC that both Awami League and BNP nominated all members to their central bodies, instead of holding elections to the posts.

Majlish-e-Shura.

Talking to reporters after yesterday's meeting, Chief Election Commissioner ATM Shamsul Huda said the Jamaat leaders submitted a written reply to the EC's queries about their charter. "We will examine it," he said.

About the Jamaat's call for establishing rule of Islam, the CEC said they found the provision contradictory to the country's constitution and asked the party to amend it.

Like other political parties, Jamaat also provisionally brought some changes to its charter and submitted those to the EC to get registration with the commission before the last parliamentary elec-

They also pledged to submit their charters to the EC after ratifying the provisional changes within the stipulated timeframe after the polls.

Jamaat submitted its ratified charter to the EC on July 22 last year, but the charter contained some provisions that go against the Representation of the People's Order provisions.

The EC asked Jamaat to change those and submit the corrected charter again within June 10. Before expiry of the deadline, the party delegation met the EC and submitted the letter promising to bring further changes to its charter.

Ban storage of chemicals in residential areas of city

Demand chemists, environmentalists

DU CORRESPONDENT

Environmentalists and chemical experts yesterday urged the government to impose ban on producing, marketing and storing flammable chemicals in residential areas of the capital so that tragedies like Nimtoli are not repeated.

Members of Bangladesh Chemical Association and Poribesh Bachao Andolan jointly presented their demands at a discussion held at Dhaka University auditorium yesterday.

They based the findings of their primary report on recent fire hazards in the capital and prepared it jointly by visiting affected areas in Nimtoli, Mokim Bazar and Hazaribagh.

In the report, the experts strongly suspect flammable chemicals stored in one of the buildings at Nimtoli to have triggered the devastating blaze leading to a staggering number of casualties. 119 people were burnt to death since Thursday, while over two hundred are enduring the agony of battling with their injuries in the hospi-

Experts demanded formulating and updating policies to ensure safety in production, distribution, storage and han-

dling of dangerous chemicals. Their demands also included: assigning trained personnel to deal with flammable chemicals, establishing a separate spot outside the city for storing dangerous chemicals, and setting rules for safe disposal of chemically hazardous

President of Bangladesh Chemical Association Prof Dr M Muhibur Rahman read out the report that was also addressed by DU Vice-chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique, Vice Chancellor of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology Prof AMM Shafiullah, Dean of Department of Science Prof Tasmeri SA Islam, Prof Rafigul Islam and Prof Zafar Mahmud among

The speakers stressed on creating awareness among people about the hazards of chemicals. They said the authorities concerned should strongly monitor factories and storage facilities of flammable substances in the old parts of the city.

Speaking at the programme, several inhabitants of the Old Dhaka called upon the government to remove such facilities from the area immediately.

Risky building

The inspectors will also look for such buildings in Dhanmondi Lalmatia, Kantasur Hazaribagh, Kalabagan, Green Road, Monipuripara and Elephant Road.

The officials of the Zonebelong to one of the five subcommittees formed vesterday by Rajuk under a committee to detect illegal and risky build

ings in a week for demolition. The Rajuk move came in the wake of recent incidents of building collapse and tilts.

Officials of the other Rajuk zones will also start their job today, said Director (Development Control) Sheikh Abdul Mannan.

They will work for seven to ten days and find out both unauthorised and risky buildings with structural fault, he

The Rajuk formed the subcommittees with an authorised officer, a civil engineer and a

building inspector each. They will submit their findings to the committee headed by the Rajuk chief engineer that will make the final decision about legal action against the faulty build-

Meanwhile, Shafiqul Islam, Rajuk authorised officer, said there are at least 12 buildings, which are most vulnerable in south and east Begunbari.

"We will demolish them by and by during the current drive in that area," he added.

"Most of the concrete buildings in south and eas Begunbari are illegal, as those have been built without Rajuk approval. Moreover, most of them are done by masons that have been erected without engineered structural designs."

They are vulnerable and risky, he said. Officials say the south and

east Begunbari cover an area of 300 acres, most of which is marshyland. There are around 50 con-

crete buildings in that area with several hundred makeshift structures. Earlier on Sunday, an inter-

ministerial meeting decided to demolish illegal and risky buildings in danger of tumbling in the capital.

A five-storey illegal building collapsed on three tin-roofed houses in south Begunbari on Tuesday night killing 25 people.

towards the magistrate that forced him to leave the courtroom. Later, Mehedi Hassan along with Chief Metropolitan Magistrate AKM Enamul Haque took their seats again and heard the remand prayer. But the prosecution and the defence created a chaotic situation in the courtroom. Later, the case was trans-

> ferred to another court for hearing on the remand prayer where Mahmudur was granted remand for three days. Police arrested Mahmudur Rahman on June 2 from his

Amar Desh office at Karwan

Bazar after its former publisher Hasmat Ali Hasu filed a cheating case against him with Tejgaon Shilpanchal Police Station. WRITPETITION Anwar-un-Nabi, acting chairman of the daily Amar Desh, filed the writ petition seeking a

sion that cancelled the declara-5 Dhaka OCs

stay on the government deci-

FROM PAGE 16 Earlier in May, the court directed the OCs of Kotwali, Hazaribagh, Lalbagh, Kamrangirchar and Demra police stations to deploy police to stop disposal of waste into the river.

A bench of Justice Md Mamtaz Uddin Ahmed and Justice Naima Haider yesterday came up with the order following a contempt of court petition filed by Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh (HRPB).

The OCs are Salahuddin Khan of Kotwali, Enamul Haque of Hazaribagh, Mohammad Ali of Lalbagh, Shafiqul Islam of Kamrangirchar and Mahbub Hossain of Demra Police

Station. Advocate Manzill Murshid vesterday filed the petition on behalf of HRPB saying that the police officials did not comply with the HC order.

In response to a writ petition filed by the organisation, the bench on May 4 passed the order, and asked the government to form a committee to monitor the law enforcers' action in regard to waste dumping, and submit a report within four weeks.

The petition was filed as a public interest litigation seeking immediate steps to prevent water pollution in the Buriganga.

Deputy Attorney General Mostafa Zaman Islam represented the state.

It included 600 new institu-

which were on the previous list. A number of ministers and lawmakers again complained The premier also directed

> yesterday, the prime minister plan 2010-2021.

plan thoroughly and agreed that there must be more specific suggestions on it. Some ministers suggested dropping from the plan the word "revolution" in curbing corruption. But the premier said social revolution is a must to root out corruption.

The cabinet approved the draft Bangladesh Reserved Areas for Tourism and Special Tourism Zones Bill 2010, the prime minister's press secretary Abul Kalam Azad told journalists after the meeting.

FROM PAGE 1 The PMO sources said the decision was made when both tion of the publications of the

Ratna

"The family members of

Ratna and her groom Saidur

Rahman Suman agreed to

their wedding on Wednesday

afternoon at Gonobhaban,"

the PMO director general said,

adding, "The family members

and relatives of Runa's groom

Jamil have also agreed to their

everything as well as the wed-

ding date after 40 days of the

Seeking anonymity, a

relative of Jamil told The Daily

Star that they want more time.

He said Jamil, if necessary,

would sign a bond that he

would marry Runa but at this

time they are not prepared for

breaking when the two young

girls burst into tears embrac-

ing Sheikh Hasina at

Gonobhaban. They said

Hasina will act as the

Deena Huq said since

guardian of the girls during

their marriage ceremonies,

Suman has a master's degree,

the prime minister decided to

ensure a job for him and meet

the expenditure of the mar-

riage ceremony from the PM's

care of the marriage ceremony

arrangements of Ratna while

MA Aziz, acting president of

city Awami League, will take

care of the arrangements for

The girls lost their mother,

two aunts, four cousins and a

nephew while Runa's groom

Jamil lost his mother, brother,

a nephew, two aunts and five

other relatives during

Thursday nights Nimtoli fire.

They were all at Runa and

Ratna's home for the engage-

ment ceremony of Jamil and

one of his cousins who went to

join the engagement function

Snore, but score

The whole of Argentina will be

looking to Lionel Messi for

inspiration in South Africa and

court conducted a drive against

None of the residential

buildings or industries in the

densely populated areas in Old

Dhaka has any fire fighting

the red category of hazardous

substances, according to

Bangladesh Environment

Conservation Rules 1997.

Factory owners must have

Environmental Clearance

Certificate for using the materi-

Dhaka use such goods includ-

ing artificial rubber, synthetic

goods, foam, sponge, raw plas-

tic materials, fabric, chemical

dyes, polish, varnish, enamel,

acids, battery, fibreglass, tyre

of these chemicals evaporate

and people inhaling those suffer

from physical complexities,

located in industrial zones or

vacant places, or areas with

concentration of industries, say

A manufacturer, importer or

a distributor can face up to 10

years' imprisonment or a fine of

Tk 10 lakh or both for violating

If a person trades, transports

Small fire incidents are quite

"At least 12 small fire inci-

Many small industries have

frequent in Old Dhaka, said

Besides the risk of fire, many

Industrial units have to be

and tube.

experts say.

the rules.

Many industries in Old

Sixty-nine goods fall under

such industries on May 4.

equipment, he said.

if snoring helps his scoring

Old Dhaka

of Runa and Jamil.

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so be it!

Ratna's groom Suman lost

Deena Huq will be taking

Hasina consoled them.

PMO sources said.

Relief Fund.

groom Suman.

Sources said it was heart

"But they want to finalise

marriage.

fire incident."

such a function.

Ratna and Runa, along with An HC bench of Justice their grooms, family members Nazmun Ara Sultana and Justice and close relatives met Prime Sheikh Hasan Arif fixed today for Minister Sheikh Hasina at hearing on the petition. Gonobhaban last night.

The district magistrate on June 1 cancelled the declaration of the daily's publications on the ground that there is no publisher of the newspaper. Meanwhile, President of

Diplomatic Correspondents Association of Bangladesh Zahirul Alam and its General Secretary Imran Alam in a statement yesterday urged the government to cancel its decision in the interest of the freedom of press and speech.

They also demanded release of Mahmudur Rahman, acting editor of the daily.

Faridpu Our Correspondent reports, four cases were filed with a Faridpur court against acting editor, publisher and the Faridpur correspondent of daily Amar Desh and a local daily Surjer Kiron in last two days. The cases were filed against

three-day remand in the case them on charges of describing Khondoker Nuru Mia, father of Labour, Employment and Expatriate Welfare Minister duties when they entered the Khondoker Mosharaf Hosssain as rajakar. Proceedings of the court of

Aminul Islam Alam, an Awami League activist, Nazrul Islam Mridha, secretary of Faridpur town AL and Mainuddin Ahmed Manu organising secretary of Faridpur district AL, filed the defamation suits protesting a news item published in Bengali daily Amar Desh and local daily Surjer Kiron on May 25.

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the unit.

receiving Intensive Care Unit (ICU) supports. They are receiving drugs

and other services free of cost. Siddik Mollah, 35, is a rickshaw puller. His two children, who received burn injuries to legs, hands and head, are getting treatment at

He said, "I would have found it very difficult to bear the expenses of my two children's treatment. Thank God! We are receiving free treatment here.

survived Thursday night's incident and is now admitted at the Burn Unit. She said, "We have no complaints against their service. It will be sheer injustice if we make any."

at the unit. Patients are coming one after another. Doctors, nurses and ward boys became active immediately," Fawzia

floor flooded with water." She did not forget the compliments due to them. Masuma, a cleaner of the

day on Friday. Medical Officer Dr Abdul Hannan said, "I didn't sleep for 30 hours. After the whole

for half an hour and then again returned to my duty.' "Not only me, all the doctors, nurses and ward boys were busy in last two days.

think of taking rest," he said. "Soon after getting the news, I talked to DMCH director and managed around 60 doctors, nurses and interns from the hospital to tackle the dreadful situation. All of them worked tirelessly for long 24 hours to save those lives," said Project Director of the unit Dr Samanta Lal Sen.

The government also lent much support. Army personnel joined the team around 2:30am to tackle the situation, he added.

PM too finds

from the MPO list those institutions which used forged signatures of ministers and lawmakers, and finalise the list after scrutinising thoroughly if there are more such institu-

the minister to increase the number of institutions on the MPO list in the next fiscal year. Asked about this, one minister said some 200-300 more

institutions might be listed.

Earlier, the parliamentary standing committee on education ministry after a probe revealed that the MPO list for non-government secondary and higher secondary educational institutions has been marred by irregularities. Controversy over the list

arose immediately after the education ministry announced it on May 6. Many of the ministers and lawmakers complained to the prime minister that their DOs were ignored in granting MPO facili-On May 10, Hasina tasked

her education adviser Alauddin to review the list. On May 31, he came up with the revised list of 1,483 institutions.

A hospital ward too. Two patients are

Fawzia, a schoolteacher

"I can remember the night

"The cleaners were busy all the time with sweeping the

unit, was seen taking rest sitting on the corridor of the unit. "I didn't get a chance to have a rest since Thursday night," said the woman. She was sweeping the floor whole

night's stress, I worked the whole day on Friday. In the evening, I went to my house

They didn't have time even to

tions and excluded some 140

the rules. to the premier that institutions founded by controversial and stores these substances in leaders of BNP and Jamaat violation of the rules, he or she were also included in the new can be fined Tk 10,000 or list. She then asked the educaimprisoned for six months or tion ministry to review the list get both. At the cabinet meeting

sources at Fire Service and Civil directed all the ministers and Defence office. state ministers to come up with their specific recommendations regarding the governdents happened in Lalbagh area ment's outline of perspective in the last two months," said a fire-fighter wishing anonymity. The meeting discussed the

been set up on the ground floor of residential buildings in Islambagh, Siddique Bazar, Alu Bazar, Saat Rawza, Nawab Katra, Nimtali and Chawk Bazar. A resident of Islambagh said now they realise how dangerous it could be to have small indus-

> stances in a residential area. "The government should take measures to relocate them."

1 more dies

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hospitals. Of them, 12 victims are at CMH and 25 others at Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH).

CMH officials said Sakhina Begum, 42, succumbed to her wounds around 11:30am. Seven victims died at the two hospitals so far.

Meanwhile, the Nimtoli fire spot yesterday wore a different look as the relatives of the deceased arranged Qulkhwani and milad mahfils.

Hundreds of people, including relatives of the victims, political leaders and activists and representatives from various socio-cultural organisations took part in the milad mahfils. The air became heavy with

cheeks of the participants. They prayed for the salvation of the departed souls. Musullies were seen busy reciting the Holy Quran at all mosques in the area since

tears rolling down from the

morning. Local Panchayet committees also arranged such programmes along with the neighbours and relatives of the victims.

A list made by the Dhaka DC office says a total of 70 families in 14 structures have been affected due to the inferno. Forty-five families got water supply and 49 families gas connection. BSS adds: The 14th

Independent Engineering

Brigade of Bangladesh Army is continuing assistance to the fire victims. The army personnel also yesterday distributed food items among the affected people. Talking to The Daily Star **Dhaka City Corporation ward** no 69 councillor Mohammad Mohan said the army men are

providing food to around 200

affected people at every noon

while local people and vari-

ous organisations at night

and in the morning. Arifur Rahman, brotherin-law of Gulzar Ahmed, one of the building owners, told The Daily Star that one Walid

Hossain rented a room on its

ground floor two years ago for storing plastic materials. "But Gulzar and his family members did not know whether Walid kept any dan-

gerous and flammable materials there," said Arifur. ALL-PARTY JS PROBE BODY

DEMANDED A number of ruling alliance lawmakers yesterday in parliament proposed for formation of a all party parliamentary committee headed by the speaker to probe the devas-

Suranjit Sengupta raised the issue while talking on a point of order, which was later supported by Jatiya Party MP Mujib-ul-Haque Chunnu and AL MP Dhirendra Chandra Devnath.

The JP lawmaker also proposed that all members of parliament should donate one day's remuneration for the families of the fire victims.

Sutrapur **FROM PAGE 16**

them money or else they would tell police that he killed Rubel, the arrested criminals told

Jahangir informed police about the three trying to blackmail him. Police and locals said Roman, Rony, and Rubel killed the other Rubel during a feud

over share of mugging booty on

run a water-supply business. and later slit his through with a

"We recovered the severed head that was kept in a bag and placed inside the restaurant. The body was found at an abandoned room of Shah Kamal Bedding [a shop] where they

Focus on gas

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fixing the power crisis. to take licence from them to "Optimum use of our run such factories in line with national reserves of coal for power generation should be They didn't apply for licence ensured by expediting extracknowing they would not be able tion of coal, albeit with to meet the conditions, he said. appropriate measures for The official said a mobile

> areas.' SWIPE AT GOVT AND

OTHER PROPOSALS Khaleda's suggestions, which BNP called an 'alternative budget', came three days before Finance Minister AMA

budget for fiscal year 2010-11. In her speech, the BNP chief came down hard on the government. She said there's been a continuous slide in every sector since the BNPled alliance handed over

poor governance, corruption, politics of division, worsening energy crunch and declining law and order, she added. The former premier

hindering development. She advised increasing allocation for the education sector and infrastructure development.

She proposed allocating

Tk 200 crore for overseas

training of university teach-

ing at the university level. Besides, she added, funds should be allocated for measures to popularise science education at schools and colleges, and publishing learner-friendly science textbooks and developing audio-visual materials.

for school and university students. Khaleda said zero-tariff on ICT equipment should con-

tinue. For employment generation, she proposed channelling adequate resources into

youth training centres. Not only that, she said, the trained youths should be given easy access to loans and trade licences so they can start up businesses without

wants the local governments to introduce stipends for the unemployed youths. About social safety net, she suggested expanding the ongoing programmes and

increasing the per capita allocation for the beneficiaries by 20 percent. "I also propose that in the light of past experiences, targeting of beneficiaries should be improved, allocations for administrative costs increased and effective mea-

sures to rectify any leakages and corrupt practices in listing and distribution process should be taken." In addition to old age allowance, she proposed, a contributory old age pension fund should be piloted. Under the scheme, individuals who have nonpensionable incomes will be able to open an account

cards and make periodic deposits there throughout their working life. For entrepreneurs, Khaleda stressed the need for

against their national ID

arranging business-oriented trainings. She proposed increasing fertiliser subsidies, introducing agriculture insurance and drawing up strategic plans to

face the challenges of climate change. Political leaders, economists, professionals, businessmen, intellectuals, editors of national dailies and

foreign diplomats were pres-

ent at the press meet. HSC exams

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tion method, each question in the narrative section has four segments of a particular topic. Textbooks do not contain

any sample question about the

According to the creative ques-

segments, and students who have thoroughly studied the books can answer those ques-Around 4,500 Banlga teachers at the colleges across the

country will be trained on the

new method by next month, the

This year SSC examinations in two papers -- Bangla 1st paper and religious studies -were held under this method.

circular said.

on memorisation.

more subjects -- general science, social science, geography, chemistry and business introduction-- will be held under the creative method next year. In 2012, SSC examinations in

tating fire at city's Nimtoli. Awami League lawmaker

owner Jahangir Alam to pay

Roman, Rony and another Rubel were arrested after

Johnson Road where they also Sutrapur Police Station Officer-in-Charge Mohammad Nazrul Islam said, "During preliminary integration, the three admitted the killing...they first tied Rubel up

killed the victim," the OC added

nuclear power station,

as a long-term solution to the energy crisis. But she raised the safety issue in her speech. She underscored coal extraction as an alternative to

Khaleda said her party sees it

mitigating environmental hazards as well as rehabilita-

tion and compensation of the affected people in the mining

Muhith places the national

power in 2006. The nation is in a serious crisis due to incompetence,

observed the government has failed miserably to cure the maladies that have been

ers and one percent of the industrial GDP for research on science and technology. She said a technical training centre for teachers and a Tk 650 crore fund should be set up for research and train-

She also asked the government to launch a TV channel

tries with flammable submuch hassle. The BNP chief said she

The government intends to apply this method in SSC examinations in all subjects in phases to stop students' dependence The examinations in five

under this method.

11 more subjects will be held