working in the field to find out why this has happened," said a Petrobangla source.. "Initially it is assumed there was some sort of stress built in the pipeline system, and that has been relieved with a loud

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accident.

source.

or eight days.

since 2006.

position. This anomaly

prompted Tullow to shut down

the field to prevent any major

bang. There is no primary indi-

cation of any major disaster in

the field. We will know the exact

reason for the anomaly after a

specialised company com-

pletes analysing the field's data

and submits its report," said the

about the pipeline and gas field,

and submitted that to two

independent specialised com-

panies in London to pinpoint

the problem, company sources

indication of a serious problem,

any remedial work is likely to be

smaller in nature, and that

would mean the field could

resume operation within seven

with a little over 400 billion

cubic feet- reserve, Bangura has

been producing gas -- 120

million cubic feet per day--

shore Sangu field was shut

down on Tuesday, after one of

the two power generators

installed on its off-shore plat-

form went out of order. The

field's operators tried to con-

tinue gas production by using a

back-up generator but it did not

work. This compelled Cairn to

cians to the off-shore platform

tor. But due to rough weather in

the seas, we could not send

Maqsudul told The Daily Star

over telephone yesterday

evening, "This is a great

accomplishment not only for

Bangladesh but for the whole

world." He refused to com-

ment any further saying there

would be a formal address to

Dubbing it a historic scien-

tific advancement, Sheikh

Hasina told the parliament this

would redeem the lost glory of

the "golden fibre" as gene

mapping of jute would now

help breeders develop jute

varieties resistant to pests and

ing would help redeem the lost

glory of our jute and jute prod-

ucts, immensely contribute to

our economy and help trans-

form jute fibre into the golden

fibre and bring smiles to mil-

Jute genome sequencing

initiative began in February,

2008 when Maqsudul started

exploring the possibilities with

She said genome sequenc-

climatic adversities.

lions of jute farmers.

the press today (Thursday).

to repair and restart the genera-

"We need to send techni-

stop its operation.

Gas production in the off-

A relatively small gas field

Sources said since there is no

Tullow has collected data

"A team of four experts are

as part of a probe into a purported secularist network called Ergenekon, that allegedly plotted attacks in order to provoke a military coup against the ruling Justice and

Outside the courthouse, groups supporting the prosecution and the defendants held small protests on Tuesday.

cage," read a placard held up by the group of 30 demonstrators who chanted: "Say no to

A dozen supporters of the military showed up later, expressing support for the defendants with placards saying "The heroes are inside [the court], where is justice?" and "Glory to the brave officers, the patriots."

Manjur

Manjur was talking to The Daily Star after a press briefing held at a city hotel Tuesday afternoon.

Asked why people would vote for him, the oppositionbacked candidate said he was a social worker and was involved in many noble works in Chittagong. "That is why the people love me."

"I have been in touch with people for a long time. During my three terms as councillor and two-year tenure as acting mayor, I always tried to do something for people," he said, adding that considering his contribution, people have impulsively picked him as

mayoral candidate. On what his priority will be if he wins the poll, Manjur, once close aide to his electoral rival Mohiuddin Chowdhury, said solving the water-logging

the city. "I took up many projects to resolve water logging crisis when I was acting mayor but those did not continue later,' he said, adding that now people are suffering from the same problem as half of the

two days. Asked whether intra-party feud could create any obstacle to his winning the poll, Manjur said, "All the party leaders are united to ensure my win in the June 17 election and there is no internal conflict in the

All the senior leaders of BNP including Salauddin Quader Chowdhury, Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury, Morshed Khan, Abdullah A Noman, Giasuddin Quader Chowdhury, Wahidul Alam Shahadat Hossain and Salauddin Ahmed attended

Mohiuddin

Committee nominated may-

me win first, then all the plans would be implemented."

During an exclusive interview with The Daily Star at his Chashma Hill residence Monday he trashed all the allegations of irregularities and corruption raised by his

He denied the allegation of misappropriating CCC funds and said although some people had criticised his initiatives, like constructing shopping complex and CNG filling stations, the projects ultimately benefited the city

Giving an account of the development work he has done in the last 17 years, the last CCC mayor said people would vote him again as he has always been beside them.

party feud in Chittagong

Awami League would affect

his election result, Mohiuddin

said there were misunder-

standings at the initial stage,

but all the leaders are now

supporting him due to the

interference of AL chief and

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

He said his aim is to bring economic development to the poor. "I do not want to keep the poor in poverty. I will give them fund and logistic support to improve their financial condition." areas," said Khan while reply-

made the city corporation a ing to a querry. But the evacuation of self-dependent institution through innovative projects. Asked whether the intra-

he added.

Detained **BDR** man anyone till afternoon," a Cairn high official said yesterday. In dies the evening, Cairn sent its crew

by a naval ship. But it could not

be known when the glitches

could be fixed for resuming gas

gas field Sangu started produc-

tion in 1996, and now it is almost

depleted. Cairn sources said the

field would last till December

2011. It was producing 30- 35

plant were shut down early

yesterday morning following an

electrical short circuit there,

according to our Brahmanbaria

authorities shut down the unit-

5 at about 6:50am, fearing

danger, Managing Director of

Ashuganj Power Station

Company Ltd Abdul Khalek told

plant fell to 200MW from

608MW following the incident,

Later, Somor Ali and Anisur

Rahman were shifted to Dhaka

Orthopaedic Hospital and

Mojibar Rahman to Dhaka

of Police (ASP) of Shibaloy

circle Nur-e Alam said the

Dhaka-bound bus collided

head-on with a truck on the

Dhaka-Aricha Highway at

Pukuria in Ghior upazila of

Manikganj at about 12:45pm.

police rescued the bodies

police station Azizur Rahmar

from the spot, the ASP said.

said police seized the truck.

Two fire fighting units and

Officer-in-charge of Ghior

Assistant Superintendent

Medical College Hospital.

Twenty minutes later, the

correspondent.

the correspondent.

official sources said.

8 killed

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Sadar Hospital.

Units 3 and 4 of Ashuganj

million cubic feet gas per day.

The country's lone offshore

production.

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A Bangladesh Rifles (BDR)

jawan, an accused in the BDR mutiny case, died at BSMMU in the capital yester-

Nazrul Islam, 60, a subedar of 23 Rifle Battalion, Khulna died around noon at the hospital where he was undergoing treatment since

His body was sent to Dhaka Medical College Morgue for autopsy.

Senior Jail Super Tauhidul Islam of Dhaka Central Jail said Nazrul recently under went a throat surgery and was also suffering from kidney disorders for a long time.

Power generation at the Shahbagh police said Nazrul was shifted from Khulna to Dhaka Central Jail in last December.

Govt discloses

FROM PAGE 16 were rushed to Manikganj On the new list made for the

> third time, around 190 insti tutions have been included and names of 61 institutions have been dropped from the second list, according to a government announcement.

> Meanwhile, Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid yesterday in parliament declared that the government has finalised the list.

Of the names newly added on the list, the number of junior schools is 49 while secondary schools 41, school and college 8, intermediate colleges 28, degree colleges 7, Dakhil madrasas 22, Alim madrasas 4, Fazil madrasas 2, institutes for business management (HSC) 22 and vocational institutes (SSC) 7.

Of the institutions dropped, 20 are junior schools while 9 secondary schools, 1 intermediate college, 12 Dakhil madrasas, 3 Alim madrasas, 6 instututes for business management (HSC) and 10 vocational institutes (SSC), says the government announcement.

Earlier, the education minister in parliament on the proposed budget for 2010-11 fiscal year said the process of MPO listing remained suspended for 10 years, and around 10,000 educational institutions were waiting to be brought under the facility.

Of the institutions, 7,000 were registered with the government, he added.

Hoping that the new list would be acceptable to all, the minister said the process of the MPO listing will continue.

He also urged teachers and employees of the institutions, which are not on the list, not to be disappointed, as the institutions will eventually come under the facility

in the future. Though there is no separate allocation for the MPO in the next fiscal year, the education ministry itself would allocate money for it, Nahid mentioned.

Mahmudur

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jail authorities to take necessary steps for his treatment following a petition submitted by his lawyers, and passed the remand order.

On June 8, Mahmudur, former energy adviser of the four-party alliance government, was shown arrested, and the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court granted the

remand in the case. Bimanbandar police on June 7 filed the case against 16 people including Mahmudur for holding a "secret meeting" with a few government officials on November 24, 2006 at Artisan Ceramics Ltd office in

the city's Uttara. DB Inspector Monjur Morshed, investigation officer of the case, earlier in a forwarding report said Mahmudur had held the meeting prior to the general election which was scheduled for January 22, 2007. So, he needs to be remanded to find

out the purpose of the meeting, the IO said. However, defence lawyers

submitted the petition saying their client should have a medical checkup, as he was mentally and physically tortured during the remands. Meantime, DB police

produced him before the court yesterday on completion of his four-day remand in

a case filed for his alleged involvement with banned Hizb ut-Tahrir. On June 2, Tejgoan police arrested him from Amar Desh

SQ Chy freed

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midnight following a request from the Election Commission. Abdul Jalil Mondal, additional commission of Chittagong metropolitan police (CMP), told The Daily Star.

Earlier last night Farhad Hossain, returning officer for Chittagong City Corporation (CCC) polls, said they sent a letter to Deputy Commissioner (North) of CMP Bonoj Kumar Majumder requesting him to release Chowdhury for the sake of fair election.

Police held SQ Chowdhury lawmaker and BNP standing committee member, near the police station. He was shown arrested at

9:29pm in the case filed with Kotwali Police Station, said OC Mahbubul Haque of Bakolia Police Station. On June 10, returning officer

Farhad filed the case for making false statement regarding the voter list of CCC elections to be held today. Farhad in his case said

Salauddin Quader Chowdhury in a statement to the media on June 9 said there is no photograph of 55,000 voters in the CDs sold to the candidates.

Voter list with photographs of every voter is available at the District Election Office, but Chowdhury said there was no photograph of the voters in the CDs provided to the candidates, said the returning officer in the

Such "wrong information" about voter list hampered congenial atmosphere for the polling and the "false allegation" is a punishable offence as per the Voter List Act 2009, he alleged.

Earlier, after a high-level meeting of the police administration took decision of the

arrest of Chowdhury, said local

Police said at about 4:45pm they cordoned the jeep of the BNP leader off on the road near the Bakolia Police Station suspecting that he was conducting election campaign for his partybacked candidate Mohammad Manjur Alam violating the code of conduct.

Around 8:45pm when the jeep carrying Chowdhury, lawmaker and BNP standing committee member, was being driven away defying the restriction, police again stopped his vehicle and took him to the police station.

SQ Chowdhury told The Daily Star from his vehicle that police intercepted his jeep while returning from Abdul Mannan Sawdagar's house at Bolirhat after attending a lunch

Before showing the arrest, OC Mahbubul said Salauddin Quader Chowdhury was leaving the spot without their permission, so they held him again and awaited instruction from the high command for next course of action.

The law enforcers also intercepted another jeep carrying BNP leader and Patia Upazila Chairman Mohammad Idris. BNP leaders Min

Mohammad Nasir Uddin, Jafrul Islam Chowdhury, SM Fazlul Haq and Shahadat Hossain rushed to the police station. Hearing the news, more than

a hundred local BNP leaders and activists gathered at the spot and staged demonstration. BNP supporters also staged

agitation in other areas of the city protesting the arrest. They also barricaded the Bakolia new bridge road near the police

Stalkers kill one girl FROM PAGE 16

tin-shed house of Italy expatri-

ate Souray Hossain, at around 3:00am by digging a hole in its basement and fled away through the door after throwing acid at his daughter Farhana Aktar, 14. His elder daughter

Rowshan Ara, 25, and her fouryear old son Masum were also injured as they were sleeping together in a room. Critically injured Farhana

was rushed to Noakhali General Hospital and later was shifted to the Burnt and Plastic Surgery Unit at Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) while Rowshan Ara and her son were given first aids.

According to DMCH sources, Farhana, a student of class VII at Saidul Abbas Mahila Dakhil Madrasa at Char Elehai received burn injuries on her entire face, throat, chest and abdomen.

Her mother Majeda Begum said she woke up hearing cries of her daughters and grandchild.

Majeda alleged that Sunam, Mahmud, Parvez, Sharif and some other teenager boys had been stalking her two daughters Farhana and Selina Akhter, 16, a student of class X of the same madrasa for the last one year.

Sub-inspector Anwar Hossain of Noakhali Sadar police station said they arrested Rahman alias Manik, the divorced husband of

Rowshan, in this connection. Our Chapainawabganj correspondent reports, a schoolgirl has to stop going to school for continual threats given by a stalker at College Para under Gomostapur

upazila of the district.

Locals and family members of the victim said, Rahman, 16, son of Mohsin Ali of Kanchantala village under the same upazila used to tease Kashmira Khatun Rekha, a class six student, on her way to school.

Upon her complaints, an arbitration was held on June 6 night. Rahman's grandfather Sabur Ali submitted a marriage

proposal in the arbitration But Rekha's guardian and other arbitration members

rejected the proposal, as she is underaged. As the stalker failed to con-

vince Rekha's family, Rahman continued threatening to kidnap or throw acid on her.

Rekha's guardian Aftab Uddin said she cannot go to school since then due to the

In the other incident, at

least six people of a family, including two women, were beaten yesterday for protesting a stalking incident at Talupara village under Tarash upazila of Sirajganj.

The injured were identified as Jainob, Shahida, Hafijul, Naser, Wajed and Kamrul.

Sources said Abdur Rauf, son of Delwar used to pester Kamrul's wife Jainob, 18, whenever she went outside her house, reports our Sirajganj

correspondent. At one stage, Jainob brought the matter to the notice of

Rauf's father Delwar. Hearing this, Rauf along

with his gang swooped on Kamrul's house and injured all of his family members.

The injured were admitted Complex.

was found at least 60,000

people are living at the height

of about 150 feet in the

Baidyaghona hill in Cox's

Bazar town amid severe risk.

Most of them are environmen-

Rohingyas of Myanmar who

infiltrated into Bangladesh

have also made houses on the

hill, ultra-poor people have

also set up about 15,000

houses and other installations

including business firms in

Pahartoli, Light House Para,

Saikat Para, Bus Terminal,

Larpara, Kolatoli, Adarsha

Gram and hilltops in other

About one lakh people live

Several thousand

Besides the Baidyaghona

tal refugees.

to Tarash Upazila Health

Landslide death

sources had earlier showed Mostafa Kamal as a victim in Cox's Bazar town.

Cox's Bazar Deputy Commissioner Md Gias Uddin Ahmed said 49 people died in the landslides in different areas. Of the victims, 33 died in Teknaf, nine in Ukhiya, six in Himchhari army barracks and one in Cox's Bazar town.

said the families of the victims each would get financial assistance of Tk 20,000 and allocation of Tk 9.8 lakh is underway in this regard. He added a list of the houses damaged by landslides or washed away by flash flood is being prepared for giving the affected necessary assistance.

management ministry has allocated Tk 10 lakh and 50 tonnes of rice for the affected in Cox's Bazar.

severe risk. At least 30 people were

killed and over 500 others injured in landslides in the last three years. In July last year at least 20 people were killed in several incidents of landslides in Cox's Bazar town, Teknaf, Ukhiya and Tk 1 lakh and two Moheshkhali and Ukhiya.

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The district administration

yesterday morning.

The deputy commissioner

The food and disaster

Of the allocation, Tk 3 lakh and 10 tonnes of rice have been allocated for Teknaf, Tk 2 lakh and three tonnes rice for

tonnes rice for Ramu. During a visit yesterday it

The three were buried

in these dwellings under

and quiet yesterday after three candidates' qualities and

over land, house-grabbing crimes said, "No anarchy will be toler-STAFF CORRESPONDENT ated in the name of hartal. Any chaos or disturbance will be

responsible

OCs to be held

Home minister warns Dhaka cops

dealt with strictly," she said.

incident sternly, she added.

The law enforcers have been

State Minister for Home

asked to resist any kind of rowdy

Shamsul Haque Tuku said the

opposition called the hartal to

hinder the trial process of war

criminals. "But we are commit-

ted to hold the trial at any cost,'

State Minister for Law

Qamrul Islam also urged the

opposition leader Khaleda Zia

not to issue further threat to the

officials of civil administration

and the law enforcement agen-

deliver any further audacious

statement against the officials

and law enforcers," the law

At the meeting, the lawmak-

agencies to take instant action

against any offender irrespec-

tive of political identity and

people's expectations from

the law enforcers have not yet

been fulfilled although law

and order situation remains

"I'll go to the poll centre for

the first time. But I'm yet to

choose any candidate as they do

not have any clear vision for the

young generation," said Nizam,

government decision to ban

"This time I do not know

The two main mayoral

candidates spent most of the

time at home and election

camps exchanging greetings

Like any other day

His archrival Manjur also

Mohiuddin entertained

He introduced his two

Mohiuddin got up early in the

started the day saying prayers

and offering fateha at the grave-

guests at his residence and also

grandchildren to visitors and

asked them about his election

symbol. When the two replied

"ship", he laughed and kissed

Nagorik Committee office at

Nandankanon shortly after

to perform their responsibilities

Manjur also entertained

Mohiuddin went to the

gave interviews to the media.

yard of his parents at Kattoli.

morning and said his prayers.

Facebook shattered his hope.

who to vote for," he said.

with supporters.

They also opined that

work as friends of city dwellers.

minister added.

under control.

"We hope she Khaleda won't

cies to make them frightened.

he said.

The officers-in-charge of 41 police stations under Dhaka Metropolitan Police will be held responsible from now on if any incident of land or house grabbing takes place in the capital, Home Minister Sahara Khatun

said vesterday. "We have directed the OCs to remain alert so that no incident of grabbing takes place in the capital. If any such incident happens, they will be held accountable," she said referring to incidents of land and house

grabbing in the capital. The home minister was talking to reporters after a meeting on law and order situation with lawmakers of Dhaka city at her ministry. Senior police and Rab officials and OCs of 41 police stations were pres-

review the city's law and order ers asked the law enforcement situation ahead of the June 27 hartal, called by main opposition BNP. Briefing reporters after the meeting, Sahara said, "We discussed how to improve the

The meeting was called to

from the capital.' About the June 27 hartal, she

law and order situation and root

out militancy and drug dens

Ctg goes to polls

his mayoralty for the fourth time. His archrival BNP-backed Mohammad Manjur Alam, long-time councillor, has set his sights on winning the post for the first time.

Mohiuddin made an electoral pledge to turn Chittagong into a modern metropolis like Singapore with an IT village. His rival Manjur vowed to build a planned city free from

who will exercise their franchise for the first time, are likely to play a vital role in determining

government decision to ban acebook.

with anti-liberation forces.

preparations for the polls. Omar Faroque, assistant some places in the next 24

hours. The office recorded 13.2mm rainfall in the city until 3:00pm yesterday. Assistant Returning Officer Farhad Hossain said army personnel turned in an inspec-

tion report that said voting in 12 centres might be hampered due to heavy downpour. About 23,000 law enforcers including 11,000 from police, 10,000 from ansar and VDP, 250 from BDR, and 1,000 from Rab

with 702 army personnel will be deployed in 673 polling centres. The EC did not mark any centre vulnerable considering the improvement in law and order in the electoral areas. It

however put special importance on 451 centres. At least 41 magistrates will perform electoral duties in 41 wards. Army personnel will have the authority to arrest

anyone for violating the law on the premises of the poll centres. The EC has taken steps to ensure a free and fair election to be monitored by 264 observers from 15 organisations including the US Embassy and the British

High Commission. Polling materials including ballot papers had been delivered to all centres yesterday. Returning Officer Jesmin Tuly said, "We have made all-

out preparations to hold the election in a free and fair man-She said all candidates had been respectful to the law

throughout. The CCC election is in the spotlight as it is a crucial test of popularity for the ruling grand alliance that assumed power through a landslide victory nearly 17 months back.

Although election campaigns ended on Tuesday night, supporters of the two major mayoral candidates continued wooing voters. Both the sides even raised allegations against each other of distributing money to influence voters. The port city became calm

weeks of frenzied election campaigns. New voters were very enthusiastic about the election. Some expressed frustration over

a private university student. Another youth Monir said he cast vote in the last parliamentary election with a hope to have a "Digital Bangladesh." But the

corruption and water logging, if elected. More than five lakh youths,

the fate of the contestants. Many of them were confused about taking sides. Some were very annoyed with the

A few others sounded negative about the oppositionbacked mayoral candidate's ties The weather still remains a

major concern for the authorities that have completed all meteorologist of Patenga Met Office, said the port city might experience heavy downpour in

> 3:45pm and spoke to journalists in presence of AL leaders and activists. He instructed the supporters

> > properly.

guests, journalists, well-wishers and supporters at his Kattoli residence. Manjur's wife Hosne Ara

Begum said she felt good that her husband got a day to rest after some hectic days. With additional reporting

from Nur Uddin Alamgir and Dwaipayan Barua

Swiss shock

FROM PAGE 1 Spain will be left kicking themselves after dominating much of open play, while Vicente Del Bosque's selection policy will be questioned after the positive impact of strikers Jesus Navas

and Fernando Torres off the But the Spanish, fielding the backbone of the side that won Euro 2008, did have their

chances. In the first tame 45 minutes, Pique's shot was parried by Benaglio, and David Villa made a real hash of a cross rather than shooting.

Fulham defender Philippe Senderos limp off with an ankle injury after half an hour, was tested more as Spain pressed in the second-half after going behind to Fernandes' goal. In short succession, Villa was

Benaglio, who saw key

thwarted by a diving Benaglio, Andres Iniesta saw a curling effort miss the posts by a metre, and Torres twisted and fired high and wide. Alonso then saw a 30-yard bullet of a strike come back off the woodwork with Benaglio

well beaten. Navas had a shot

well saved by the Swiss keeper

and went narrowly wide shortly

after. But the Swiss, often playing with nine of their 10 outfield players behind the ball, held on for the historic win and gave themselves hope of progressing to the second round, as they did four years ago in Germany.

plot' trial begins

ALJAZEERA ONLINE

minorities in a plot aimed at causing chaos and the top-

pling of the government. The suspects were charged

Development Party (AKP).

"Put the coup planers in a

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17 years, they did not get anything," he said.

problem will be on top of his list as it has become acute in

city went under water in last

party right now."

the press briefing.

FROM PAGE 1 CCC elections," said Nagorik

oral aspirant Mohiuddin. Asked, what his priority would be if he is elected again, Mohiuddin did not give a clear answer. He rather said, "Let

political rivals.

missioner and chief of the hill management committee, told The Daily Star. He said the hill manage-

He claimed that he had

without their rehabilitation,

hilly land in Hathazari upazila has been selected for their rehabilitation immediately after the June 2007 landslide. But this site had to be cancelled as it fell under the firing range of the Bangladesh

Haseena Khan and Prof Zeba Seraj of the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology of Dhaka University. Then the lead researcher had several meetings with Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury.

Genome sequence represents a valuable shortcut, helping scientists find genes much more easily and quickly A genome sequence allows scientists identify and understand how genes work together for the plant's different features like growth, development and maintenance as an entire organism. This allows them to manipulate the genes and

features of the plant. Contacted, Zeba Seraj of DU told The Daily Star, "As against three billion genetic letters in human genome, jute has one billion. And sequencing of jute genome will open up a new vista of possibilities."

several Bangladeshi scientists and academics. The whole process was kicked off with many long conference calls producer of jute, after India, and the world's largest between Maqsudul and plant

This technical committee submitted a plan suggesting proper management of the hills through tree plantation, construction of retaining walls or soil consolidation after

rehabilitating people of those

Bangladesh Railway, Wasa,

areas and other risky areas.

gerous land, were instructed to follow the plan. "But the hill management process was being hampered since people living there could not be evacuated or rehabilitated," M Sirajul Haq Khan, Chittagong divisional com-

progress of its plan. landslides in Cox's Bazar and Bandarban [on Monday] we have directed all authorities concerned to start miking today (Tuesday) for evacuating people from the risky

people has become difficult Sources said a 27-acre khas

triggered landslides in Cox's Bazar and Bandarban districts.

Jute genome decoded

enhance, reduce or add certain

Jute is the second largest fibre crop in terms of cultivation next to cotton. Bangladesh is the world's second-largest

The site is also a bit far from

The hilly land also needed a

the centre place of the city that

discouraged people to go

trimming or levelling before

setting up cluster villages but

such works were against the

existing laws. As a result, the

hill management committee

has to look for an alternative

selected another 5.92 acres of

land worth Tk 53 crore belong-

ing to Bangladesh Railway at

Jahan Ali Hat near Kalurghat

response from the ministry

concerned regarding the land

[the alternative site]," said

Zaker Hossain, ADC (revenue)

"We are yet to get any

The committee later

there, sources said.

site, said the sources.

Bridge.

exporter of the fibre. molecular biologists, Prof Landslide risk

PWD and police department, which own most of the dan-

ment committee held a meetand member secretary of the ing a week ago to discuss the committee. Zafar Alam, immediate "After hearing the news of past member secretary and former ADC (revenue), said, We sent a project proposal to the food and disaster management ministry in mid-2008 to

> some 1,814 slums in the city. Half of the slums are on risky hill slopes and at foothills, sources said. On Monday, at least 56 people were killed and scores injured in a series of rain-

rehabilitate the people on the selected land at Jahan Ali Hat. Over one lakh disadvantaged people, mainly selfemployed, garment workers and day labourers, are living in

> office in Karwan Bazar after the daily's publisher Hasmat Ali Hashu filed a fraud case against him.