JS body suggests

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Cops slammed

explain within three weeks why it should not be directed to take punitive actions against the cops who would be

found responsible for the death of Mizanur, Mujibur and Babul. It ordered the officers-incharge, sub-inspectors and assistant SIs of Gulshan and

Besides, the bench asked

within three weeks post-

mortem reports on the deaths.

right to kill anyone in custody,

It asked the government

The home secretary,

inspector general of police,

many pieces were stolen and

who did it," said Promod

Mankin, state minister for

cultural affair ministry, who

visited the museum yester-

say they have acute shortage

of workforce and still could

not start the inventory as all

the responsible people are

on leave preparatory to

retirement (LPR) or remain

suspended on charge of

objects in the store, more

than double of what we

display. So making a proper

checklist is a time consum-

ing matter. We could not start

the work yet," said Prokash

Chandra Das, director gen-

eral (DG) of Bangladesh

months to complete the

inventory. May be then we

will come to know exactly

what and how many are

Insiders say at least one

coin from the Tripura

dynasty was stolen before

2005 and another in last five

vears when Dr Rezaul Karim

went on LPR in June 2009

Secretary to the museum

Alam Ara Begum mentioned

the museum authorities

made a documentary in

2005, according to which a

rare coin of the Tripura

dynasty was missing from

team of the museum found

But now the investigation

Some medals including

the Queen Victoria Cross of

Nawab Abdul Latif and an

Ekushey medal are seen in

that documentary. Those

medals are seen in a video

made in 2005 in the No. 3,463

available now, the case state-

Bust of Vishnu, two valuable

statues from the Gupta era,

were stolen from airport on

way to Paris on December 21,

2007 and police recovered

some clay pieces, experts

from the museum certified

ing its registry of the trea-

Over 80 percent of around

87,000 objects are remaining

in the store for years, insiders

say, adding, the museum

authorities have not dis-

Even after 10 months of

taking charge from former

sures manually even today.

But none of those are

Earlier, when Vishnu and

and 3,464 showcases.

ment reads.

manual checks.

played those.

the showcase No. 3,461.

two coins are missing.

In the case statement,

"It will take another six

National Museum.

missing," he added.

was the keeper.

"There are at least 55,000

neglect of duty.

The museum authorities

murder, it observed.

deaths.

priate steps.

3, the DMP boss said everyone becomes a gentleman when police detain him. Darussalam police stations to The court requested 11 appear before it on July 19 and explain how the three had

custody.

senior lawyers to be amici curiae (friends of the court) on the issue of custodial deaths. the principal of Dhaka

dents to the orders and the

Commissioner AKM Shahidul

Hoque against making any

comments over killings in

Talking to reporters on July

The judges warned DMP

The lawyers are Rafique-ul Medical College to submit Huq, Mahmudul Islam, M Zahir, M Amir-Ul Islam, Moudud Ahmed, Rokanuddin The law enforcers have no Mahmud, Abdul Baset Majumder, Fida M Kamal, not even someone accused of Abdul Matin Khasru, Anisul Huq and Yusuf Hossain Humayun.

officials concerned to take Manzill Murshid and heed of the recent editorials Alena Khan appeared for the and articles published in The petitioners--Human Rights Daily Star, Prothom Alo and and Peace for Bangladesh the daily Jugantor on custodial (HRPB) and Bangladesh **Human Rights Foundation** The write-ups, it added, (BHRF). would help them take appro-

Deputy Attorney General Nazrul Islam Talukder represented the state.

additional IGP (headquar-Earlier on June 1, the HC directed the government to ters), DMP commissioner, and put an end to custodial deaths, officers concerned of Gulshan saying the court will not tolerand Darussalam police stations have been made responate such incidents.

Only the keeper keeps the

All the details of the

keys but has to take officials

from the security wing when

objects are written in the

registry and all objects have

an accession number. So the

museum officials have to

read out the registry book

and check the accession

have any arrangements yet

to identify whether the

object is a fake or real,

The authorities say the

officials are supposed to take

photographs and describe in

the registry book the object

with photos. But the officials

did not do it for all objects,

neglect in preservation and

registration system of the

museum," said the newly

Bangladesh National

Museum are increasing

every year, the authorities

have yet to introduce mod-

ern security system and

technologies to identify

items of the museum are

really unique and hard to

find a second copy.

in this regard.

Experts say some of the

But over the years, the

government showed utter

negligence to those and even

didn't make any publication

sources, of the four wings,

History and Classical Art had

67,164 items, Ethnography

and Classical Decorative Art

11,740 items, Contemporary

Art and World Civilisation

4,958 items and Natural

History had 2,319 items in

Now the authorities are

According to museum

originality of the collection.

Although treasures of

"So there was serious

But the authorities do not

number of the objects.

museum official say.

investigation finds.

appointed DG.

he or she opens the store.

Thieves at 'museum'

Shafin's group, at Al-Beruni Hall around 9:00am.

Emil took control of the dormitory following the inci-

Hossain Reza attacked the

They beat up 30 to 35 activists of Nirjhar group.

some of their rivals out the windows from the second and third floors. Sounds of gunshots spread

Prof Sharif accompanied by the proctor appeared at the dormitory. He found BCL activists to be very rude to him.

The unruly students assaulted the vice-chancellor

The clash soon spread to nearby male dormitories and gunshots were exchanged between the BCL activists of Shaheed Salam Barkat (SSB), dominated by Shafin group, The dormitories are close to one another separated by a narrow Uzzal of KU and Shimul of

SSB suffered bullet injuries.

Assistant Proctor ASM Firoz Ul Hasan came under attack by rivals of an injured student whom he was taking to the university's medical centre. Firoz suffered injuries in his left

to different hospitals in Dhaka and Savar. Of them, three activists admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital were in critical condition.

Additional police have been deployed in front of different dormitories of the university.

to be ensured against those who made the attack in presence of university authorities," said

The suspended students are: Rabiul Islam Surjo, Paritoah Chakma, Sahadat Hossain Reza, Raqibul Hossain Rana, Foysal Hossain, Touhidul Islam Joy, Raisul Hasan Shamim, Arefin Rabbi Chando, SM Kamran Hassan, Avhijit Chowdhury, Ariful Haq, Tofazzel Hossain Imon, Mohiuddin Ahmed Mahi, Bijoy Kumar Das, Shuvasis Kundu Toni, Swadhin and Sumon.

The university authorities also formed a five-member probe body headed by Pro-Vice-Chancellor Farhad

Razzaq's chamber

FROM PAGE 16 sional duties.

Razzaq said he went to the Paltan Police Station to file a general diary but the police refused to record it.

Shahidul Huq, officer-in-

any valid grounds. He however admitted that plainclothes policemen searched Razzaq's chamber

for bombs. Members of police and Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) vesterday raided office of Al-Falah Printing Press from where different publications of Jamaat-e-Islami were pub-

thinking about digital object ID following theft from a gallery display showcase.

Strike in India

strike in India over fuel price

The Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the leftist bloc called the 12-hour strike, shutting down parts of India.

those as genuine after just Hili port in Dinajpur was doubly affected by the Indian Since its inception in 1913 strike as it remained closed for the previous two days due to with only 17 objects, the labour unrest in Bangladesh. museum has been maintain-

> Protests by workers of Panama Port Link Ltd, a private port operator, had disrupted trade through Hili port. Law enforcers were deployed in the port area to help resume trade. But the Indian strike halted port activities again for another day, resulting in a loss of Tk 1 crore a day, a port official said.

Md Ferdous Rahman, president of Hili C&F Agents Association, said no vehicles transported goods through the port.

Aminul Islam, Benapole port director (traffic), said trade through the land port was halted due to the Indian strike. Hundreds of trucks laden with goods lined up in the port area.

He however said loading, unloading and release of already imported goods con-

tinued normally. In India, businesses were

largely shut.

As the news spread, around

45 BCL men led by Shafin and Organising Secretary Shahadat dorm brandishing iron rods, cleavers and machetes.

The Shafin group also threw

panic through the area.

and asked him to leave.

Prof Sharifhad to leave.

and Kamal Uddin (KU) halls.

All the injured were admitted

"Exemplary punishment has

Nirjhar Alam. Shafin denied his involve-

ment in the clash.

University Proctor Prof Arzu Miah said a disciplinary action would be taken after investigating the incident.

done to harass and prevent him from performing profes-

charge of Paltan Police Station, said the police did not record the GD for not having

lished.

They, however, did not seize any "questionable materials" from the press at the city's Boro Magbazar, police

officials said. Two teams of Rab and police raided the printing press for around half an hour started from 4:00pm. But we did not find any such publications there, Officer-in-Charge of Ramna Police Station SM Shiblee Noman told The Daily Star.

20 hurt

FROM PAGE 16 goods and equipment in the warehouses of Star Particle Board Mills Ltd, an associate company of Partex Group of Industries.

Fourteen fire engines were trying to douse the flames as of filing of this report at 1:00am.

However, at least 20 workers of the factory were injured while trying to douse the flames with fire-dousing equipment of the factory.

Of the injured Amanullah, 35, Rahim Uddin, 30, Abul Khair, 40, Shahnur, 20, Russell, 20, Nuruzzaman, 20, Kamal, 25, Nur, 26, Ali Hossain, 26, Shafik, 30, Polash, 27, along with few others were given first aid at the upazila health complex.

From the spot Muhammad Abdus Salam, director (admin and finance) of Fire Service and Civil Defence, told The Daily Star around 1:00am that over 100 firemen were trying to get the blaze under control.

BCLinfighting Latin lives on Uruguay

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Uruguay, Netherlands, Germany and Spain who trained, nursed injuries and studied tactics hoping for glory in a week's time at Soccer City stadium.

With South American big guns and media favourites Argentina and Brazil gone, several hundred journalists packed into a Johannesburg hotel to catch a word with Uruguay's players. They looked taken aback by all the fuss after a practice session. "We know we are repre-

senting our continent," striker Edinson Cavani said, as journalists almost came to blows and had to be corralled by police in a chaotic crush to hear the Uruguayans. "It is a responsibility, but it

is also a huge source of pride. We believe we can do it for Uruguay, for South America." Uruguay's joy at being in a

semifinal for the first time in

40 years is tempered by the

knowledge they face a dangerous Dutch side on Tuesday minus some important faces. Uruguay's in-form striker Luis Suarez is serving a ban for his controversial matchsaving handball on the line against Ghana, while inspira-

tional captain Diego Lugano

said he may not be able to

shake off a knee injury in time.

Hossain, 38, Selim, 16, Mukul

26, Sapon, 21, Rahman, 42,

Juel, 18, Hasinur, 11, Aslam,

24, Rina, 22, Monir, 20, and

The Bangladesh Inland

Water Transport Authority

(BIWTA), local administra-

tion, Fire Service and Civil

Defence were jointly carrying

and one watch boat of BIWTA

joined the operation yester-

missing people were seen

waiting on both sides of the

river since Sunday night for

any news about their near and

several sand-laden trawlers,

beat up their workers, and set

fire to one. Police lobbed tear

shells to bring the situation

workers with sticks allegedly

for not recovering any body

intentionally. At least two

divers were injured and

admitted to Dhaka Medical

interrogators produced paper

clippings and video footage

recorded in 2004 and 2005, said

ashamed and chose to remain

Nizami was the chief of Al-

Badar, a militia formed with

local collaborators of the then

occupying Pakistani army to

eliminate the intellectuals of

once a member of Islami

Chhatra Shibir, Nizami denied

his [Bangla Bhai] involvement

with Shibir, a Jamaat-backed

Bhai, the executed second-in

command of Jama'atul

Mujahideen Bangladesh

(JMB), in an interview with The

Daily Star in May 2004 claimed

that he was a Shibir member till

The interrogators also

questioned the Jamaat trio

about their alleged link with

JMB. The trio made the men-

tion of JMB Majlish-e-Sura

member Shahed who is now

studying at a university in

Shahed got admitted to the

university when none from

Bangladesh is enrolled in the

university without the recom-

mendation of Jamaat leaders,"

minister Nizami about 1,182

tonnes of rock sulphur, a bomb

making ingredient, which was

removed from Chittagong Urea

Fertiliser Factory Ltd during

the BNP-Jamaat coalition

government through fake

JMB member Mohammad

Salafi was the storekeeper of

the fertiliser factory and the

intelligence department

believes that the stolen con-

signment was destined for

the investigation of the con-

signment, Nizami denied the

Asked if he had influenced

"We wanted to know how

Siddiqul Islam alias Bangla

About Bangla Bhai who was

Bangladesh in 1971.

student body.

Saudi Arabia.

said the official.

invoice.

JMB.

allegation.

silent," said another official.

"He then seemed a bit

Injured diver Abul Khayer

Foil war trial

They also attacked rescue

Meanwhile, locals attacked

Three vessels, two tugboats

Hundreds of relatives of the

out the rescue operation.

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Shyamol, 18.

dear ones.

under control.

College Hospital.

the official.

Boat capsize

serving a suspension while midfielder Nicolas Lodeiro is out with a foot fracture.

Defender Jorge Fucile is also

weight of history, knowing brilliant past sides have all failed to land the big one.

They know they should win but are not complacent. "This is a very dangerous

game, they are fighters and we

have to be very focused,"

Dutch coach Bert van Marwijk

said of Uruguay's "La Celeste". For many of the 28 teams knocked out of the World Cup, there have been immediate repercussions including changes in coaches and even political inquiries in some

countries.

Germany were on a high after their 4-0 quarterfinal thrashing of Argentina, which was even more impressive than their earlier 4-1 drubbing of another old rival, England. Germany's hard-to-

impress media were in rap-"Thanks, you heroes!" said Bild am Sonntag newspaper.

Joachim Loew's young and attack-minded team face Spain in Durban on Wednesday, hoping to avenge their defeat in the Euro 2008 final.

said the heavy current of the

river disrupted their rescue

operation and bodies might

day brought out a procession

at Tanbazar in the city

demanding immediate recov-

ery of the body of their col-

The wooden boat might

have been torn apart, and the

heavy current washed away

the bodies, said Fazlu

Rahman, deputy director of

conservancy and pilotage

department of BIWTA

may be found 10 to 15 kilo-

of the Department of Shipping

(DOS) was formed yesterday

to investigate the incident.

The members are Moshiur

Rahman, executive magistrate

of DOS and Shafigur Rahman

The rescue operation

Meanwhile, sources said

JMB member Shaikat, now in

DB custody, refused to offer

that he would not offer his

prayers standing behind a man

who "wrongly explains" Islam.

ACC approves

completed preliminary work

with cantonment police

station, where the case was

filed yesterday evening, prior

to submission of the charge

Supreme Court, Tarique,

elder son of former prime

minister and Leader of the

Opposition Khaleda Zia, is

now in London on medical

According to the case

statement, Tarique and

Mamun are accused of laun-

dering Tk 20.41 crore to

Singapore between 2003 and

2007. The case was filed in

of Nirman Constructions at

Banani, gave the money to

Mamun as bribe to get the

construction work contract

of a proposed 80MW power

plant at Tongi with the help

ited to Mamun's account

with the Citibank NA in

The amount was depos-

From the amount, Tarique

spent \$55,000 and Mamun

\$79,000 through cards and

therefore, Tarique has also

been implicated in the case,

transacting the money in

Bangladeshi currency, which

was recovered and deposited

in Sonali Bank's Cantonment

branch during the caretaker

government, said the case

January 2007 and is currently

behind bars in Bangladesh

facing corruption charges.

Mamun was arrested in

Later, Mamun confessed

the case statement said.

of his friend Tarique.

The interrogators also Singapore during the period

ment said.

details.

questioned former industries 2003 to 2007, the case state-

Khadiza Islam, proprietor

October 26, 2009.

Upon a bail from the

sheet.

inspector of inland shipping.

yesterday continued until

around 6:30pm, and i

resumes today at 8:00am.

A two-member committee

Director General of Fire

Narayanganj port.

metres from the spot.

Knitwear workers yester-

have flown away.

league Rubel.

Germany will have to make left."

do without suspended striker Thomas Mueller but have depth in their squad and stick to a well-drilled style of play Netherlands, too, feel the no matter who is in the team. "We have players who can

replace Thomas and we will manage that," Loew said. " want players who can apply my tactics and vision of football, what I want to see on the pitch, and this is how I select them." David Villa is the tourna-

ment's top scorer after his late winner for Spain against Paraguay. He and teammates know they will have to play better against the rampant Germans. "We have time now to put the work in to get to the final,"

Villa said. "The team is still

South Africa's authorities urged locals to keep the World Cup spirit alive in its final week by flying flags and blowing their vuvuzelas. Yet without any African teams left, and 28 of the 32 teams out, the atmo-

sphere was dropping a notch. "The World Cup is nearly over. I am so sad," said a tournament volunteer, sweeping litter outside Johannesburg's Soccer City stadium where the final will be played on July 11. "Just one more big party

DMP pledges

three persons allegedly in police custody since July 1, the NHRC called the DMP commissioner to appear before it to give information in this regard. Meanwhile, DMP had earlier

claimed in separate press releases that its personnel did not kill any of the three. Contacted, Mizanur

Rahman said, "We will step in if we find the investigations are not proper or done negligently. If we are not satisfied with the police investigations, we will take initiative regarding the matters according to law." Replying to a question, he said, "We will have the investi-

gation reports, and if the reports contain flaws those will not be Service and Civil Defence Brig accepted. Gen Abu Nayeem Mohammad The three people, who died Shahidullah said the bodies allegedly in police custody in three days from July1, are businessmen Mizanur Rahman of

> in Ramna and Mujibur Hossain of Melartek Ghat in Darussalam. Mizanur was shot dead while Babul Kazi and Mujibur Rahman were tortured to death allegedly by law-enforcers.

Badda, Babul Kazi of Navatola

The DMP authorities have formed three investigation committees to probe the allegations of custodial deaths.

Victims' family members, locals and human rights activists have expressed doubts that the investigations by DMP teams will not be impartial and

PM flies

prayers standing behind FROM PAGE 16 Nizami Sunday night saying

heads of state and government, foreign ministers and bureau-

The daylong summit will create an opportunity for the eight heads of state and government to hold bilateral meetings on its sidelines.

Officials are working ou Hasina's possible meets with seven other summit leaders.

The D-8 is comprised of Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan and Turkey.

In the summit, Malaysia will hand over the chairmanship to Nigeria. Foreign Minister Dr Dipu

Moni left Dhaka yesterday to attend the 13th Session of D-8 foreign ministers' council in Asokoro, Nigeria today. The ministers are expected to endorse the offer list of the D-

8 Preferential Trade Agreement

for final approval as well as

discuss and adopt the Abuja

Declaration at the end of the The declaration will address issues that could help cushion the effects and challenges on global economic recession, world energy question, climate change and global warming.

Official sources said the summit aims to reinforce economic cooperation among member countries through sharing of expertise in a number of fields including energy, science and technology, transport, tourism, finance, migrant workers and remittances.

D-8 Roadmap for Economic Cooperation (2008-2018) will be among the tops of the summit agenda.

early hours of July 10.

The roadmap, which was endorsed during the Kuala Lumpur Summit in 2008, targets at encouraging greater economic cooperation among member states and mobilising resources from public and private sectors in implementing D-8 projects.

The prime minister is expected to return home in the

operators and ICT based

entrepreneurs. The bill, placed in the parliament on June 13, proposed a number of amendments to the act including punishment to telecom oper-

ators for wrongdoings, giving them no scope for challenging the actions of the government Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission

"Once the telecom appeal board is formed, any organisation aggrieved by the government or BTRC's actions can file appeal with the board challenging the action,' Hasanul Haque Inu, chief of

the parliamentary body, said after the meeting. At a press briefing at the Parliament's Media Centre, the parliamentary body chief said they recommended inclusion of a new provision in the bill for setting up the

(BTRC).

He said a sitting or retired High Court judge would be the chief of the three- member appeal board, which will have the jurisdiction of an HC bench. He said the appeal board

telecom appeal board.

would dispose of an appeal within 60 days upon receiving About punishment of

PSTN operators, the parliamentary body also recommended that the government not switch off operations of any company considering subscribers' interests. If the government feels that

it is necessary to take stern actions against any PSTN company, it might appoint an administrator to it to keep the company functional, the

committee said.

On proposed amendment to the act to curtail BTRC's authority, the parliamentary body said the BTRC would continue its ongoing func-

But BTRC will have to take prior permission of the government to issue licences and fixing tariff rates, the parlia-

mentary body said. The bill placed in parliament proposed that the authority to issue licences, and make financial and policy decisions should rest with the government, not the BTRC, which now enjoys the privi-

leges exclusively. "We tried to bring a balance between the government and the BTRC. We believe, our recommendation will protect subscribers' interests and will ensure investment friendly environment," Inu said.

On the proposed provision for imposing a fine of maximum Tk 300 crore for wrongdoings, the parliamentary body recommended that an organisation might be awarded with the maximum fine for committing some specific offences.

Doing business without obtaining licence, doing other types of telecom business violating the licensing conditions, working against national integrity and solidarity by using telecom equipments will be considered as offences punishable with the maximum fine and imprisonment.

Inu said the committee finalised the scrutiny of the bill and will place its report in parliament on July 11 for passage of the bill with recommendations.

EU worried

FROM PAGE 16 Ghoshbag in Ashulia started

demonstrations in and around the factory around 8:00am after they saw a notice about the factory shutting down. They had been agitating for

pay hike for the last three days. Police said the workers started vandalism pelting brickbats at the factory and

also tried to put barricade on Bishmile-Jirabo Road. Police foiled their attempt. Panic gripped the area forcing authorities of at least 25 factories to close their units

neighbouring factories and

10:00am. Ashulia Police Station Officer-in-Charge Sirajul Islam said they foiled the attempt of unruly workers to make the situation worse and claimed that production in

most of those closed factories resumed after lunch. Police and locals said Mascot Group, Irish Fashion, ARB Knitting, Radiance Knitwear, JL Sweaters, Lusaka Group, Arunima Sports Wear Ltd, Active Composite Ltd, Southern Group, Bengal Plastic, Design Tex Ltd. Leatherex Ltd, Continental Garments Industries Ltd Horizon Fashions Ltd, Z DG Industries Ltd were among the ones that shut down produc-

Bangladesh Garment

Manufacturers and Exporters

China jails **US** geologist for stealing state secrets

BBC ONLINE

A Chinese-born American geologist has been sentenced to eight years in jail in China for stealing state secrets.

Xue Feng, 44, was detained in 2007 after negotiating the sale of an oil industry database to his employers, an American consultancy company. Xue said the information he

had acquired about China's oil

industry was publicly avail able. He claimed he had been tortured while in detention. The US embassy said it was "dismayed" and called for his

immediate release. The jail term handed down was described by his lawyer as "very heavy".

Xue was also fined 200,000 yuan (£19,500; \$30,000).

Xue's crime was to arrange the sale of an openly available database about China's largely state-controlled oil industry to his US consulting firm IHS Energy, now known as IHS inc.

The geologist has claimed that interrogators burned his arms with cigarettes and hit him on the head with an ash-

Association (BGMEA) President Abdus Salam Murshedy said the factory owners were forced to suspend production in their factories due to insecurities.

Meanwhile, agitating

workers of Haylen Sweater

factory yesterday set up barricades on Narayanganj-Adamjee-Demra Road and vandalised vehicles. They were protesting the

closure of their factory in Adamjee EPZ. Officer-in-Charge Badrul Alam of Siddhirganj Police

Station said the workers had been demonstrating for the for some hours around last few days demanding pay On Sunday, they attacked

the officers of the factory and vandalised the factory and injured 10 people. On that evening the owners and the workers had a meeting that produced zero results.

Yesterday morning the workers were not allowed to enter the factory and the owners closed it down without

notice. The workers became infuriated at this and set up barricades halting traffic for an hour and vandalised 12-15

vehicles. Indo-Bangla

Tuku told journalists that it was just a courtesy call. But home ministry officials said the Indian high commissioner explained the whole event to the state minister.

The home secretary however said both the sides agreed that Bangladesh Rifles and Indian Border Security Force should talk with the people in the border area and maintain

Asked whether Bangladesh will lodge a protest with India against the firing, Tuku said the Khasia people, not the BSF, attacked Bangladeshis.

The two countries formed

the working group headed by the joint secretaries of their home ministries in 2002 to settle issues involving territories under adverse possession enclaves and demarcation of

But the working group could not hold meetings regularly. It last sat in July

Bangladesh and India share a 4,098-kilometre porous border. Bangladesh expects India to ratify the Mujib-Indira Land Boundary Agreement soon and demarcate an area of 6.5 kilometres. An official estimation

shows that an area of 551.8

acres is under India's adverse possession while 226.81 acres are under adverse possession of Bangladesh. The issue traces back to the mid-1960s when an international boundary was drawn between Bangladesh (the then East

About 110 enclaves are in Bangladesh and 55 in India,

keeper Rezaul Karim, Begum Nur E Nasrin, deputy keeper of History and Classical Arts, and Assistant Keeper AKM Saifuzzaman did not check those objects. Before going on retirement in June 2009, Dr Rezaul Karim, eminent old coin expert and also the former keeper of History of Classical Art department, was in charge of those.

Asked about security

concerns, all the high offi-

cials said the storeroom is

very safe as nobody is

allowed to get in.

Pakistan) and India. said officials.