Outraged

said the locals barricaded the highway around 11:00am for an hour. They withdrew following assurance by the local administration and a former lawmaker of taking care of the

Angry people thronged the Palli Bidyut Samity-2 office in Natore.

Hundreds of villagers of Joypurhat yesterday assembled at Bangladesh Power Development Board office and barricaded the highway demanding uninterrupted power supply in the district, reports our Dinajpur correspondent.

They, under the banner of National Committee for the Protection of Oil, Gas, Mineral Resources, Power and Ports Joypurhat unit, brought out a procession and laid siege to the PDB office in Joypurhat.

After police removed the protesters from the office, they went to Joypurhat-Bhamoirhat Highway and barricaded the road for about 20 minutes.

Our staff correspondent in Rajshahi reports: Locals and businessmen staged demonstrations at PN High School ground of Puthia upazila yesterday protesting against long and frequent power cuts.

They submitted a memorandum before the upazila Nirbahi Office around noon.

On Tuesday, people hit by power cuts vandalised power offices at two upazilas in Rajshahi that left over 20 people including Ansar members injured. They also laid siege to other electricity offices in other parts of Rajshahi, Tangail, Dinajpur, Chandpur and Jamalpur.

In the sweltering heat of summer, sufferings of people have worsened due to power

The PDB, however, blamed short supply of gas to power plants and increased demand for the outages. While gas supply shortfall has been affecting power generation for the last few years, the PDB lost a power plant in Ghorashal to

The fire that happened due to the negligence of an engineer has shut the plant for the last one month and the PDB is still unsure when it will be operational again.

The PDB expressed hopes that the situation would improve in the month of Ramadan as the government has decided to supply gas to Petrobangla during peak hours diverting gas supply from heavy industries.

The gas crunch is responsible for keeping power stations from generating around 700 megawatts. The present electricity productiondemand shortfall is around 1,500MW to 2,000MW.

PDB sources said a dieselfired rental power plant of British company Aggreko, which started generating 100MW last month, will add another 100MW to the national grid from August 15. This could mean some

respite during Ramadan. But for now, the situation has become unbearable as the load-shedding continues round the clock, even at the dead of sultry nights.

PDB officials said the official load-shedding has been hovering between 1,000MW and 1,100MW for the last few days.

They said around 600MW power would have been generated if the gas supply to many plants could be ensured, they said.

"We have power plants ready to produce 600MW but they do not have gas supplies," said an official.

Against an official demand of 5,200MW of power, the supply has been between 3,850-3,900MW for the last few days during the peak hours. However, the demand in peak hours is around 6,000MW unofficially, sources

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Rashedul's microbus.

Farzana, her 12-year-old son Pabon and 10-year-old daughter Payel were found dead in their Jurain residence on June 11. That night Farzana's mother filed a murder case with Kadamtoli Police Station accusing eight, excluding Abdul Gaffar, of the nine chargesheet accused.

On the walls Pabon and Payel had written that inhuman behaviour of their father, grandparents and aunt Sukhon left them with no choice but to commit suicide.

She also requested the

pedestrians to use foot over

bridges instead of busy roads

to keep them free from haz-

Sahara said that none would

In reply to a question,

Lawmakers Mostafa Jalal

of Police Nur Mohammad,

among others, were present in

Rare slow

hill district, officials said.

Forest officials have

Sunil Kumar Nath, an

decided to release it in

Bangabandhu Safari Park in

the meeting.

during Ramadan.

Eid holiday

long time improvement of law and order situation in the Emerging from the meet-

ing, Home Minister Sahara Khatun told the journalists the inter-ministerial meeting will propose to the authorities be spared if anyone tries to concerned to increase the Eid create anarchy in the city in holiday from three to five days the name of silly matters. so that people can avoid traffic congestion and hazards while Mohiuddin, AKM Rahmat going to their near and dear Ullah, barrister Fazle Noor Taposh and Inspector General

It will also propose to the government to close all educational institutes of the capital from 10th of Ramadan to avert unbearable traffic congestion.

The meeting also decided to propose to the authorities concerned to ensure uninterrupted supply of electricity, gas and water during Ramadan, she said.

Dulhazara. The home minister, who presided over the meeting, official of the divisional forest said the business leaders have office, said they were surdecided to keep open their prised to see the animal as the business establishments up to existence of slow loris in CHT 8:00 pm from first to 10th forest was completely out of Ramadan, up to 10:00 pm their knowledge. from 11 to 20th Ramadan, up to 12:00 midnight from 21 to

and half days to one day or re-

committee headed by local

lawmaker will supervise the

over all law and order situation

of a particular area, especially

to contain extortion, tender

violence, drug trafficking and

different areas to be used as

parking place for the public

during the Ramadan, she said.

monitor the prices of essen-

tials while the Rab will con-

duct massive anti-

adulteration drives in the

capital during Ramadan, she

The law enforcers will

The minister told the jour-

arrange the holidays.

other crimes.

Expressing his satisfaction that the animal has been 27 Ramadan and whole night from 28th to Eid saved, Divisional Forest Officer Ali Kabir said they will The business leaders also now add a new species of proposed to the government monkey to the CHT Animals to reduce the closure of busi-Chart. ness establishments from one

"I talked to the authorities of the Wildlife Management and Nature Conservation Division in Chittagong and nalists that the proposed they are willing to take the animal to Dulhazara park," he

Bengal slow loris is one of the three species of loris classified in the genus *Nycticebus*. An adult slow loris is about to 21 to 38 cm long with bulging The Dhaka Metropolitan Police will allow the open eyes and small ears nearly hidden in the fur. Its tail is a ground or playground of

mere stump. Animals of the species have short, thick fur of a variety of

colours but most common is reddish-grey with white undertones. They eat insects, banana, tender leaves and small fruits. A slow loris monkey can

give birth to a single progeny. To reduce traffic conges-A baby monkey achieves tion in the city, Sahara also climbing ability within a day of urged the owners and pullers birth and reaches sexual of illegal rickshaws not to run maturity by the end of its their vehicles in the capital second year.

Matia

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consume huge nutrients from the soil resulting in shortage of nutrients for other trees.

The forest department of the government in partnership with several local NGOs undertook the project in the 1990s.

Particularly, the mulberry project, also taken up during the same period across the country, by Brac was a failure, Matia said, adding, "Planting of boroi (plum) trees would have done better."

She was speaking at the inaugural session of a workshop on "Development of agroforestry in Bangladesh: progress, challenges and issues" jointly organised by Brac and the Kenya-based International Centre for Agroforestry Research (ICRAF) at the city's Cirdap auditorium.

Brac Executive Director Dr Mahabub Hossain speaking on the occasion admitted that their sericulture mulberry project is facing "difficulties in competing" with other countries in the sector and so they will soon close it. He, however, stressed the need of sericulture projects in the country.

Sericulture is an agrobased industry. It involves rearing silkworms for raw silk, which is the yarn obtained out of cocoons spun by certain species of insects.

"Agroforestry is an area where we can take support from ICRAF," Dr Mahabub said, adding that Bangladesh heavily depends on sugar, and some research on how it can be produced out of palm juice can help, as palm trees naturally grow in Bangladesh Agroforestry is the practice of growing agriculture products and forestry on the same piece of land at the same time to optimise the land utilisation that can help protect environ ment and increase productivity.

Matia said there is nothing wrong about agroforestry but selection of species of trees for this must be done considering how much benefit people will get from them.

ICRAF Director General Dr Dennis Garrity said agroforestry in some of the African countries is helping in a great way to increase production of crops, fruits, vegetables and also firewood.

"Bangladesh could create its own version of evergreen agriculture. We are ready to partner," he said, appreciating the government's "one homestead -- one farm programme."

BNP lawmakers

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Asked about a ruling party leader's allegation that Tarique Rahman was involved in August 21 grenade attack on Sheikh Hasina, Moudud said it was "absolutely baseless and misleading".

While addressing a function recently in the capital, the PM asked Khaleda to admit to her 'past crimes' and make a pledge before the nation that she won't make any money through corruption.

The party leaders could not tell anything about the absence of a large number of senior BNP lawmakers like standing committee member Salauddin Quader Chowdhury and MK Anwar, in the programme.

They would not comment on their absence in the human chain programme.

A few days ago, BNP also staged a demonstration at the capital's Muktangon protesting the prime minister's

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essentials, especially sugar and edible oil, goes up because of their high demand for preparing iftar items.

"We hope that essentials market will not be volatile during Ramadan," said Mostafa Kamal, chairman and managing director of City Group of Industries, a leading processor of essentials.

The premier took accounts of the stock and supply of essentials, Kamal said after the

The market is stable now and the prime minister had been informed about it, he said.

The commerce ministry earlier fixed prices of unpacked soya bean oil at Tk 76 and super palm oil at Tk 72 a kg, and mill gate price of sugar at Tk 43 a kg to contain a hike in their prices during the month of fasting.

The premier asked the traders to sell commodities at the prices fixed by the commerce ministry.

AK Azad, president of the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI), led the team of refiners, wholesalers and retailers at the meeting.

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or deeds or exoneration made or proceeding taken under the said ordinance is also liable to be declared to have been done and made without lawful authority and is of no legal effect," the judgment said.

"The ordinance is repealed in such a way as if no such act ever existed in the country," said Md Asaduzzaman, one of the five lawyers for the petitioners who had challenged the formation of Tac. Law Minister Shafique

Ahmed told The Daily Star recently that the government has not yet taken any decision regarding the fate of those persons who had confessed to Tac that they had committed corruption. "The Truth Commission

received money from the corruptionists on behalf of the state. As the government is the real owner of the ill-gotten money, it will not be refunded to those who surrendered the money," he added. Former law adviser to the

immediate past caretaker government Hassan Arif declined to comment on the matter after he could finally be reached through repeated

"Aggrieved individuals may go to court against the verdict while the government has the chance to file a delayed appeal against it," said Attorney General Mahbubey Alam.

"The court was convinced by the arguments presented by the lawyers of the petitioners, but not by the arguments of the government lawyers," said former attorney general Salahuddin Ahmed, who represented the government.

"Tac is one of the many llegal activities the illegal caretaker government carried out during its tenure. People involved in formulating the ordinance should be brought to justice," said Adilur Rahman Khan, a Supreme Court lawyer who is also one of the petitioners against the formation of Tac, and also the secretary of human rights organisation Odhikar.

On August 25, 2008 Foreign Minister Dipu Moni who was Awami League's women affairs secretary back then, SC lawyer Adilur Rahman Khan, Ubinig Executive Director Farida Akhter, and Odhikar Director Nasiruddin Elan filed the petition as a public interest litigation challenging the legality of the ordinance that had allowed Tac to be formed.

After assuming power on January 11, 2007 the caretaker government launched a massive drive against corruption reconstituting the ACC, and formed the army-led National Coordination Committee on Corruption and Serious Crime (NCC), which is also defunct

The ACC served notices against over 300 graft suspects many of whom were of high profile, and filed over 200 cases against those influential suspects in 2007 and early

The idea of Tac emerged at the end of 2007 as an alternative way for dealing with the cases, by allowing the offenders opportunities to admit their culpabilities and be instantly penalised monetarily, instead of prolonged legal process and convictions by courts.

Several sources in the immediate past caretaker govern-

ment said it was the NCC that conceived the idea of forming Tac after realising that it would take a long time to put all graft suspects behind bars, which

would not be possible before

the general elections held in

Tac began its journey on August 3, 2008 with a fivemonth tenure and got dissolved in January, 2009.

December, 2008.

The ordinance, that formed the commission, destroyed the constitution's basic concept, the HC judgment said. The court observed that the

ordinance also destroyed the essential limb of the judiciary, namely the Supreme Court (SC), by setting up a rival commission parallel to the High Court Division, in the name of speedy trial of criminals. Tac was given the authority

to call upon the judiciary for assistance if necessary, it could stop trials and ask for records from trial courts before framing charges against any person.

"The supervisory power of the Supreme Court has been encroached and disregarded and the Administration of Criminal Justice are not functioning in accordance with law and procedure due to interference of the Truth Commission," the judgment

Tac was also given the authority of punishment like seizures, confiscations, forfeitures, removals, and attachments of properties, which is directly inconsistent with the constitution, the HC said.

Commenting on the activities of Tac, the court said, "It has occasioned deception and fraud by invoking a misnomer, misleading nomenclature, namely 'The Truth and Accountability Commission'."

The definition of commission ensures taking of oath from an offender, examination of evidence and deposition of witnesses, but Tac awarded clemency solely based on the offenders' statement, the HC added "It does not adhere to the

ingredients of a 'commission' and it acts far in excess of a commission by assuming powers of determination that affects the fundamental rights of the individuals and is contrary to so many provisions of the constitution," the judgment went on. Even scope was not given to

test the validity of the ordinance as it was enacted for five months on June 8, 2008 at a time when the election was announced to be held in December the same year, the judgment added.

According to the current tradition, an ordinance is required to be placed before a parliament within 30 days of the House's formation, but the Voluntary Disclosure o Information Ordinance, 2008 ceased to exist even before the current parliament was formed.

The ordinance was in violation of the equality clause of the constitution as it gave "suitable atmosphere" and "special privilege" of exoneration to a class of offenders, the judg-

ment said. The very enactment of the ordinance was also in violation of the constitution because that was a policy decision, and a caretaker government is not allowed to take any policy decision, the HC concluded.

Unforgiving sea

confluence with the Bay of Bengal, laps wildly in the monsoon wind. The waves crash on the shore of Char Patila, a tiny island off Bhola in the south.

"Something funny is happening this year," says Uttam Majhi, a man in his 40s. "Hilsa have disappeared."

All he caught, since the hilsa season started in May, is a single fish.

After several fruitless attempts, Uttam has given up. Now he prefers to sit in the gloom of the tea stall by the bank of Char Patila and look at nothing.

Every failed trip means a huge loss for the fishermen. If they operate a medium-sized fishing boat, about 30 feet long, then they have to invest about Tk 3,000 in fuel, labour, ice, and food for a single overnight trip. And the size of hilsa the last boat brought in, about a foot long, fetches only Tk 450 a hali or a set of four. If the fish is bigger it may bring between Tk 600 and Tk 1,200 a hali. By this count, the catch of the last boat could bring in only about Tk 1,300. For these poor people, the gap between invest-

ment and return is huge. These fishermen work on loans from the Mohajans who pay them every year to buy nets, repair or buy boats, hire hands, and buy ice. The sys-

tem works rather strangely. These fishermen are then bound to sell their catch to the Mohajans. If they cannot repay the loan in a year, it will roll over to the next. They will have to borrow more and their debts will pile up. They have to blindly depend on the price the Mohajans offer.

This year bad catch means their loan burden will go up next year. Their dependence on rich traders will deepen, like bonded labourers. "They will pay us back,

Mohajan Hashem says. "We will feed them until the next season, and then they will come back with fish to repay. And pay they must." The dip in catch has already had its ripple effect

across Char Patila. A single herringbone road runs at the back of the landing place for closer to Allah. about 400 meters. Small shops run on both sides. Most sell Affairs and President of the fishing articles like nets and floats. Some sell groceries soaps, rice, lentils, and onion. The barber at the lone salon shaves his customer. At the one and only restaurant, Iqbal kneads flour to make sweetmeats. "Sales are gone with the fish too," Iqbal says. "Earlier, I

could sell three kilograms a day. Now this has come down to one kilogram. Times are really harsh for us." the meeting.

No rule

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The law is applicable only to punish the poor, not the rich, Mizanur said.

There is a public perception that one has to buy justice with money, he said. Incidents of human rights violation occur in the country

due to malfunction of the

judicial system, the NHRC chairman said. Public hearings could be arranged for appointing judges and not only lawyers, but also academicians on law should be appointed as

judges, he said. Mizanur observed that the medium in court proceedings should be Bangla, not English, as most people cannot understand the court orders written in English. The NHRC chairman urged

sector and training of lawyers and judges to establish justice and rule of law in society. BRAC University Vice Chancellor Prof Ainun Nishat

the government to invest

more money in the education

presided over the function. Law Commission member Prof Shah Alam, former ambassador Harun-ur Rashid, director of BRAC School of Law Shahdeen Malik and IGS Director Manzoor Hasan, among others, spoke.

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"I felt my five-hour wait was a total waste," Robin said. The BRTA is supposed to

have 78 inspectors and even that is too small a team to carry out the job, BRTA sources said. The vehicle inspectors are also the main men in the com-

mittee for issuing driving

licences at each district. Their

shortage hinders regular examination of people seeking driving licence. The process for obtaining driving licence also slows down which in return encourages car

owners to submit to middlemen to get a licence, Saiful said. The inspectors are also burdened with rundown government vehicles at the gov-

ernment workshops, he added. He also mentioned that Dhaka circle offices face the toughest problem. The Mirpur circle office alone checks fitness of around 500 vehicles a day with only 10 inspectors and the other circle office in Ekuria has just four inspectors.

The official, however, informed that the BRTA sought permission for recruiting 10 more inspectors and it is waiting for the approval of the ministry of communications.

The BRTA made its last recruitment of 10 inspectors two years ago, which failed to solve the problem of vehicle inspectors, sources said.

Ramadan

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Ummah. Later, the state minister inaugurated a month-long Islamic book fair on the Baitul

Mukarram Mosque premises. Meanwhile, the Muslims all over the country have taken preparations to welcome the holy month and start fasting from dawn to dusk with reli-

gious solemnity. Tarabih prayers will be offered in the mosques at night. The devotees will take sehri and iftar.

Meanwhile, President Zillur Rahman and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday greeted the countrymen and all Muslims across the world on the advent of the holy month of Ramadan.

In separate messages on the eve of the fasting month, the President and the premier prayed for continued peace and progress of the country and welfare of the Muslim Ummah. The president, in his mes-

sage, said the holy month of Ramadan is the greatest gift for mankind. This month comes every year with the opportunity of selfrectification and forgiveness. The premier, in her message, said Ramadan is the

month of self-restraint, compassion and forgiveness. This month is for purification of souls through sacrifices and it creates the scopes for getting State Minister for Religious

Committee Md Shahjahan Mian presided over while Religious Affairs Secretary Kazi Habibul Awal, Director General of Bangladesh Television Kazi Abu Jafar Siddiqui, Director General of Islamic Foundation Shameem Mohammad Afzal and Khatib of Baitul Mukarram National Mosque Prof Maulana Mohammad Salah Uddin, among others, were present at

Draw up plan

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Present Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka continues to discharge duties even though his tenure expired in May, 2007. DCC election could not be held at that time due to the imposition of the state of emergency.

Khoka, also vice chairman of BNP, was elected DCC mayor on April 25, 2002.

The Election Commission on April 8 informed the LGRD ministry about its decision to hold the DCC polls on May 31. But it could not proceed with the plan as the government wanted to redraw the boundaries of the DCC wards before the polls. It asked the commission to delay the polls until winter.

The DCC officials, taking flak from committee members at the meeting at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban for DCC's poor performance, alleged that the present mayor is not cooperating with them in the work of the organisation. Committee chief Rahmat

Ali, also an Awami League lawmaker, alleged that DCC Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka has been involved in corruption. Khoka however ruled out

all allegations against him calling them baseless. He also said if the committee has any evidence of corruption against him they should place them before the

Anti-Corruption Commission

The parliamentary body asked the DCC to make sure that pedestrians can use all

for investigation.

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their meeting to create unrest in the country, said Shahidul Haque, officer-in-charge of

Paltan Police Station.

filed against them on July 1 and 3 on charges of creating chaos by damaging vehicles in Paltan, attacking police while carrying out their duties and attempting to commit seditious activities.

Two separate cases were

Around 150 members of Jamaat and Shibir were present at the office during the

At the court, the detainees were shown arrested for their involvement in attacking police personnel and subversive acts, said Rowshan Ara, sub-inspector of Paltan Police Station. After the Jamaat and Shibir

men were produced before the court of Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, their lawyers and leaders pleaded for their bail but the court rejected their pleas and sent them to prison. Meanwhile, ATM Azharul

Islam, acting secretary general of Jamaat-e-Islami condemned the arrest of their leaders and activists as well as the raids by police at their office and demanded unconditional release of their men before Ramadan.

Earlier, Ameer of Jamaat-e-Islami Motiur Rahman Nizami, its secretary general Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojahid and Delwar Hossain Saydee were arrested on June 29.

Bangladeshis

Bangladesh Labour Attaché is already there and will send a detail report tomorrow [Thursday]," Sadia Muna Tasneem, director general of the external publicity wing of foreign ministry, told The Daily Star last

Names and other details of the deceased are yet to be known, she said, adding that the ministry is working with the local authorities to identify them and send their bodies backhome. The cause of the blaze could

filing this report around Dubai Municipality is investigating the incident. The municipality officers were at the spot but they said it was too early to say what caused the

not be known for sure as of

Meanwhile, police arrested the company's Emirati owner and its Indian managing director for using the factory's premises to accommodate the workers and thus causing their death, the acting police chief in Dubai said.

There were some clear signs

of illegal housing, said Redha

Salman, the municipality's

head of public health and safety. "No one knew there were people inside the factory," said a Pakistani national who runs a

business next to the factory. A friend of a deceased said, "Police told me that all bodies were burnt beyond recognition."

The National, a Dubai newspaper reported that the fire broke out at 12.57am on Tuesday in a warehouse in the building.

reported.

footpaths in the city. "It is totally unacceptable that even the Dhaka City

Corporation should lease footpaths to retailers," a source in the committee quoted Rahmat Ali as saying. Narsingdi

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The injured were admitted to Bhairab Upazila Health Complex and the hospital.

The victims were travelling on the Dhaka-bound bus. Vehicular movements on the highway remained suspended for three hours since 12:15pm as one of the buses remained

overturned on the road. A rescue team later cleared the road. Witnesses said the accident occurred near Jangli Shibpur area of the upazila when two buses from opposite directions

Appointment

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collided.

The decision to appoint two inspectors in each police station has been taken so that one can monitor crime and operations while the other, investigations. The ASPs or ACs will oversee their work.

As per the existing rules, the

inspectors and sub-inspectors (SI) are made OCs while 37 percent of the ASPs or ACs are appointed through promotion from lower ranks. The move to upgrade the post of OC upset the lower rank police officers because they

feel the decision would block

their chances of moving up to class-I positions and thus undermine their morale, said sources in the police seeking anonymity. The Daily Star on Monday received anonymous fax messages opposing the decision.

the country more efficient in dealing with crimes, investigations and maintaining law and Bangladesh Police now have 561 ACs and ASPs in and

outside metropolitan cities

with nearly 1,850 inspectors

Faruk has been stalking Nasrin

for one year, and three months

The government claims that

the measures would make

around 1.24 lakh policemen in

and 8,775 sub-inspectors. Stalker' kills

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ago he pressurised Nasrin to give one of her photographs to "He had also threatened to abduct her," Abul added.

Faruk is an employee of a cigarette factory in the area and comes from Gouripur in

Mymensingh. Tapan Kumar Saha, officerin-charge of Tongi Police Station, said they have yet to ascertain the reason behind incident. No case was filed.

Philippines to hand out excess rice

to children

AFP, Manila The Philippines, the world's leading importer of rice, said yesterday it would hand out

50,000 tonnes of the surplus grain to children. The give-away will free up space in 480 government warehouses where President Benigno Aquino has said unsold rice is rotting, National Food Authority (NFA) spokes-

man Rex Estoperez told AFP. "All our warehouses are full and we cannot sell rice to the market," Estoperez said.

"We will be using overstocked rice for the feeding programme. That is one strategy to de-clog the warehouses."

He said about one million

sacks of rice weighing 50 kgs

each (50,000 tonnes) would be

used in the mass feeding programme. The rice would be made into porridge for students at about 48,000 day care centres operated by the social welfare

No specific timetable was given for the programme, although Estoperez said it would be carried out "as soon as possible". Estoperez said more sur-

plus rice was available and the

NFA would also give that away

if the social welfare depart-

The Philippines is the

world's biggest importer of

rice but Aquino, who took

department, Estoperez said.

ment requested. "This would depend on the requirements of the DSWD (social welfare department), he said.

office on June 30, has accused the administration of his predecessor, Gloria Arroyo, of importing more than was needed.

overstocked rice were rotting.

Several teams of firefighters began a rescue operation soon after the incident and had the fire under control within 30 minutes, the newspaper

Aguino last month ordered a review of government rice import policies and appointed a new administrator for the NFA, stressing that some of the