# NEWS

# Ecnec okays

(Ecnec) meeting yesterday approved the project as part of the government plan to dredge the country's 310 rivers to bring back navigability, control

floods, and ensure proper

irrigation. Six of the 17 dredgers, likely to be procured from India by mid 2012, will cost Tk 639 crore. and the remaining amount will Of the cost, \$71.69 million (Tk come from the government 472 crore) will come from the \$1 exchequer. The project is billion Indian credit and the government will provide the June 2012. rest of the money.

Another 11 dredgers will be

government fund by June 2012.

prime minister asked the minis-

tries concerned to prepare a

already prepared several pro-

12,000 crore and the govern-

ment has already sought

donors' assistance to imple-

"We want a clear guideline

from the government on

where to shift the warehouses,

as many building owners are

unwilling to rent out places to

us. We want a special indus-

trial zone," said Kamal

Qamrul Islam said, "We will

not allow store of combustible

chemicals in densely popu-

He said the government

gave traders ample time to

relocate the warehouses, but

they took no significant steps

against businessmen who fail

to meet the fresh deadline,'

In yesterday's meeting at

the industries ministry, the

chemicals traders said the

business community is pass-

ing a tough time. The import of

chemicals has dropped by 40-

60 percent as panic gripped

a strong reminder to the busi-

nessmen of Old Dhaka, Dilip

Barua said the government

would not tolerate storage of

risky chemicals in such

densely populated area from

The warning came against

the backdrop of the devastat-

ing fire at Nimtoli on June 3,

which originated from a chem-

ical warehouse in the area and

Leaders of Bangladesh

Chamber of Industry (BCI)

and businessmen of Old

Dhaka were also present at the

Ensure security

daughters of Sadequr couple,

informant in the murder case

The bench comprising

ustice AHM Shamsuddin

Chowdhury Manik and Justice

Sheikh Md Zakir Hossain

passed the order in response

to a writ petition by Human

Rights and Peace for

group filed the petition as

public interest litigation on

the basis of a report published

in The Daily Star on August 14

with the headline "Killers now

target two daughters". The

petition sought the HC direc-

tive on the government to

provide security to the vic-

tims' family members, infor-

Rubel reportedly shot dead

the couple as they declined to

marry Iti off to him and tried to

prevent him from dragging

The two-judge panel yes-

erday also issued a rule upon

gations of threat by the

members, Abul Hossain,

informant in the case, and his

lawyer Asif Uddin.

her away from the house.

On March 24, local goon

The Dhaka-based rights

Bangladesh (HRPB).

mant and lawyer.

claimed at least 123 lives.

August 3 meeting.

and his lawyer.

Earlier on August 3, during

"We will go for legal action

they pledged earlier.

said Qamrul Islam.

the sector.

August 17.

Ahmed, a chemicals trader.

Deadline

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safer location.

lated areas.

Meeting sources said the

(WDB) two.

Meeting sources said elec-Of the six, one will be used at tricity will be imported from Mongla port, while the India under the project and a Bangladesh Inland Water provision has been incorpo-Transport Authority (BIWTA) rated allowing Bangladesh to will use three and Bangladesh export power to India if it has Water Development Board surplus.

The meeting also gave consent to Tk 91 crore Bajuniaprocured with Tk 1310 crore of Gandhasur-Satpar-Hatiara-Ramdia road and Tk 77 crore Goalando-Faridpur-Tarail road development projects, Tk 267 crore Panchuria-Faridpurdetailed plan including how to Bhanga railway reconstruction use the dredgers and the earth project and Tk 765 crore gas production project.

between Bangladesh and India.

The 400 KV grid interconnec-

tion between Bangladesh

(Bheramara) and India

(Baharampur) will cost Tk 1,079

Asian Development Bank

(ADB) will provide Tk 700 crore

expected to be completed by

#### Planning ministry sources Drigge found said the government has Prices found

jects for river dredging. One of the projects will cost nearly Tk

Consumer Rights Protection visited different markets yesterday. They also checked receipts retailers got from wholesalers.

For his part, Manik said he bought a sack (50kg) of sugar for Tk 2,340 on Sunday, which is Tk 46.8 per kg, and he was selling sugar for Tk 50 a kg after the storage of combustible adding other expenditures to chemicals and directed the the price. traders to move the items to a

'You can't do that...," said the commerce secretary, who led drive at Hatirpul and New Market kitchen markets. He said the government had set the price limits after talking to food sellers like Manik.

Manik's shop was also charging Tk 78 for a litre of super palm oil against the fixed price of Tk 76. They, State Minister for Law however, could not show the receipt from where they bought the oil.

> In Hatirpul Market, the monitoring team fined Bhai Bhai store Tk 50,000; Mintu Store Tk 20,000; and Mitali Store Tk 5,000.

> In New Market, the team fined Hossain Store Tk 50,000 and Shahinur Store Tk 25,000.

> In Karwan Bazar, they fined Anki Store and Amin Store Tk 50,000 each.

> A chaotic situation developed when the team was conducting the drive at New Market. Retailers there said they sold commodities with

marginal profit. Talking to The Daily Star, Golam Hossain said their main target is to catch wholesalers who actually sell the commodities to the retailers at a higher price. He said they

would conduct raids at the

city's wholesale markets soon. 'We will continue the drive till the end of Ramadan," he

# Ruling party

and police also seized some fuel containers from his resi-ADM Emam said Jamal

Uddin heads the local syndicate that collects between 300 and 400 litres of fuel from rail engines every day and sells it in local markets, adding that some train drivers are also involved in it.

Quoting Jamal, he also said some local police take money from the syndicate.

Contacted, railway officials admitted the involvement of some of their officials. "It's been going on for long. Although some of the staff were punished, it [the pilferage] has yet to stop," Divisional Railway Manager Md Mahabubul Alam said.

In last few months, two officials were suspended, two were demoted and more than 50 were fined over this, a divisional railway engineer said.

### Jubo League

claimed that the two were picked up from his house by plain-clothes policemen on August 11.

Both Iqbal and Shawon were accused in several cases including murder, said police.

Khorshed, the second-incommand of Shahadat group, a criminal gang of Dhaka, took refuge at Yahia's house under the pseudonym, Shawon, Abul Kalam Azad, officer-incharge of Singra Police Station accused to the victims' family

told our correspondent. They found the blindfolded bodies lying in a marsh with some leaflets of Purbo Banglar Communist Party and a

The court asked the police to turn in the compliance mobile phone, the OC added. According to Yahia, a group of ten to twelve armed people claiming to be members of law enforcement agencies raided his Kanaikhali residence in

Iqbal and Shawon. However, the police officials and Rab denied this

#### BSF kills 2

OUR CORRESPONDENT, C'nawabganj

Indian Border Security Force (BSF) gunned down two Bangladeshi cattle traders and injured another along Shingnagar frontier in Shibganj upazila on Monday

BSF men of Doulatpur camp under Maldah district in West Bengal also took away the bodies into their territory. The deceased were Fatik,

30, son of Tarajol Miah of Parchouka village and Ismail Hossain, 25, son of Mokhlesur Rahman of Pialmari village in the upazila. The BSF troops of

Doulatpur camp opened fire on the group of traders when they tried to cross the border at about 10:30pm, killing the two traders on the spot, said Lt Col Zayed Hossain, commanding officer of 39 Rifles Battalion, Chapainawabganj. Ershad, 25, who also

received bullet injury during the incident, was admitted to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital. Bangladesh Rifles already

sent a protest letter to the BSF asking them to return the bodies immediately, the commanding officer added.

#### Boy killed in DU wall collapse

DU CORRESPONDENT

A class III student of Nilkhe High School was killed in a collapse wall behind Teacher Student Center (TSC) at Dhaka University yesterday.

The victim was identified as Zakaria Hossain, 9, son of Motaleb Hossain, a fourth class employee of TSC. Motaleb said the wall fell

down on his son when he was playing with the other three children near it at around 11:30am. With severe injury to head,

Zakaria was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where doctors declared him dead. Shaheenur Begum

Zakaria's mother, said his playmates managed to escape when the wall started falling to the ground but her son fell victim to it. Director of TSC Alamgir

Hossain told The Daily Star that the recent rainfall might have caused the dilapidated wall to collapse. Police handed over the body

to the parents without performing autopsy.

A number of employees at TSC said electric technician Tayabul erected the wall in 2008 to hide his tin-shed house from the eyes of students and others who visit TSC daily.

DU Vice-Chancellor AAMS Arefin Siddique visited the place and directed TSC authorities to demolish the abandoned water tank near the

accident spot immediately. Motaleb said his son would be buried in their village home in Tangail.

#### Culprits

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the August 17 serial bomb blasts across the country. "Such massive and unusual bomb attack is not possible without patronisation from the state."

She asked, "If there was no state patronisation, how the terrorists could explode some 500 bombs within just 30

The PM said that without state patronisation, the militants would not have succeeded to explode the bombs at the country's 63 districts

almost at a time. She further said that the unprecedented bomb attack of August 17, 2005 was an attempt to encourage the militants and militancy in Bangladesh.

The PM in her speech voiced strong condemnation against the heinous serial bomb attacks.

'We are determined to ensure that heinous incidents like August 17 serial bomb

blasts would never take place again in Bangladesh," she said. On August 17 in 2005, in an

unprecedented terror attack about 500 time bombs were blasted simultaneously in 63 of the 64 districts in the country. The 30-minute mayhem in

the morning killed one person in Chapainawabganj and injured over 100 others. Another boy was killed in a blast at Savar in the afternoon.

Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB), the banned militant group, had claimed responsibility for the blasts through leaflets that left the countrymen in shock. Panic had gripped the country at the extent of the network of the terrorists who meticulously synchronised the timing of the bombings between 11:00am and 11:30am, targeting government establishments, mainly the offices of the district administration

and courts.

# Gas there, not linked

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supply 230 mmcfd gas for a long time, but it was not able to supply that much due to lack of pipeline support. The country had not taken

up any major gas pipeline construction between 2000 and 2009. Some pipeline projects are now being implemented mainly to connect the gas-deprived southwestern region to the eastern region. But these pipelines are not meant to allow an increased supply from the gas fields which are situated in the central and northeastern parts of the country.

"Petrobangla was in charge of the central planning. But it did not play its due role in planning for the pipelines. The GTCL also had a responsibility to review the gas supply system, but there was lacking in its work as well," one of the experts noted. "Petrobangla did not even

take up the urgent steps that it needed to take in the last 18 months when the alarm bell was already rung. Had it taken those steps, we could have moved a few steps closer to solving the gas crisis," another expert added.

Moreover, the gas production increase plan of the national and international oil companies would not be enough to meet the next five years' demand. According to the study, in

2015 the total gas production would hit 3,818 mmcfd which is almost double of the present production. But at that time, the demand would go up to 4,162 mmcfd.

Contacted, Ilias claimed

innocence. Mamun is now in

Rajshahi jail detained on

collected money from stu-

dents to spend for the hall's

security. He also claimed to

Students, however, know

Students of the Ziaur

Rahman Hall alleged many of

them fell victim to the extor-

tion. BCL men threatened to

drive them out of the hall if

they refused to pay the money.

ago fearing an attack from

Chhatra League men. They

had threatened to beat me up

as I refused to give them Tk 500

they demanded," said a stu-

rented house near the cam-

Tk 100 to 1,200 each, depend-

ing on the individual's family

The administration

Ziaur Rahman Hall Provost

sources said BCL cadres have

forced around 60 students to

Prof Rezaul Karim told The

Daily Star "It's not true that 60

students have left the dormi-

tory at a time. Following vio-

lent incidents in February

some students might have

opted for rented houses in the

complaints about any extor-

tion in the dormitory," Karim

Chowdhury Mohammad

Zakaria said they had not

received any complaints from

any quarter regarding these

WAYS TO MAKE MONEY

allegedly involved in stealing

six computers worth Tk

1,20,000 after breaking into

the rooms of some students

who had left the dormitory

immediately after the

about a month ago took away

my computer from my room

and beat up my roommate

while I went away home for

two days," said another stu-

force behind the BCL men's

bid to win the campus turf is

the flow of money from differ-

photocopy outlet on the cam-

Chhatra Shibir, went into

Association (CDBA) at the bar

auditorium yesterday after-

noon. The minister attended

demands of the Bar leaders,

the minister said government

had already appointed 200

judicial magistrates in the

country and another 102

magistrates will soon get

appointment to fill up the

shortage of judicial magis-

In response to various

the meeting as chief guest.

HC circuit

Sharif Hossain, owner of a

Sources said the driving

dent seeking anonymity.

ent channels.

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trates.

"Chhatra League cadres

February violence.

The same faction was

incidents involving the BCL.

"I have not received any

RU Proctor Prof

He is now residing at a

Students had to pay around

dent of the dorm.

leave the dorm.

city," Karim said.

added.

"I left the dorm a few weeks

have returned the amount.

nothing about the refund.

Fardin said the group had

charges of adultery.

"These pipelines are long overdue. But it will take some time to take decisions in this regards as there is a planning process to complete," said **Energy Secretary Mohammad** Mejbahuddin.

He added financing for these pipeline projects could derive from a combination of sources. Companies like GTCL or Titas could self-finance some pipelines, while the government could fund the rest, he noted. The study, prepared on the

basis of software simulations

and data on the country's gas

sector, states that the simula-

tions clearly indicate the need

for import of LNG (Liquefied

Natural Gas) at an initial rate of 500 mmcfd (million cubic feet per day). Earlier in April, Petrobangla assigned GTCL and TGTDCL to identify the need for development of additional transmission pipelines and associated facilities for the evacuation of incremental gas production

from different fields within

2015.

BCL unrest at RU

The experts assessed that the Power Development Board's plan to nearly double power generation [from present 4,500 MW] requires present gas consumption of 945 mmcfd to be raised to 1,841 mmcfd in next five years.

Chevron has given a clear plan to increase gas production from three gas fields of Jalalabad, Bibiyana and Moulvibazar to 1,550 mmcfd by 2015 from the present 920 mmcfd. The American company expects to add another

hiding following the February

clash that left BCL activist

Sharif resumed his busi-

Shajahan, the owner of a

ness recently after paying

local confectionery shop at

the University Paribahan

Market, alleged a group of BCL

men led by Golap Hossain of

Suhrawardy Hall demanded

cancel the allocation of his

tion and said he knew nothing

Kabir Joy was unavailable for

comment. He has been hiding

since the unit's August 8 fac-

tional feud. General Secretary

Apu is in prison in connection

which ten students were

injured, two by bullets, the

central committee suspended

The meeting was held to

finalise the programme to

mark the 32nd founding anni-

versary of BNP on September

party's plan to include provi-

sion of Father of the Nation in

constitution, he said Awami

League is in power and it can

much it would be acceptable

council member Suranjit

Sengupta, also co-chair of the

special committee for consti-

tution amendment, on

Monday at a programme said

the committee will propose

inclusion of a provision in the

constitution declaring

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibui

Rahman as Father of the

might be entered into article 3

or 4 of the constitution,

BNP joint Secretary

General Ruhul Kabir Rizvi said

a discussion meeting will be

held on August 31 to mark the

National and party flag will

party's founding anniversary.

be hoisted at party offices and

a milad mahfil will also be

held. Party leaders and work-

founder Ziaur Rahman's grave

out programmes including

discussion meeting to observe

Khaleda Zia and Tarique

Rahman release day on

September 11 and September

Hossain Alal and Habib un

Nabi Sohel were, among oth-

ers, present in the meeting

with Delwar in the chair.

BNP leaders also chalked

at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar.

to the people, he added.

But they have to think how

Awami League advisory

Asked about the ruling

all activities of the unit.

Delwar

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party leaders.

do everything.

Nation.

pus and loyalist of Islami ers will offer prayer at its

Suranjit said.

Following the unrest in

Otherwise, they would

Golap denied the allega-

RU BCL President Awal

Tk 1 lakh from him.

shop space, he added.

about it.

with the clash.

Faruque Hossain dead.

Chhatra League Tk 5,000.

100 mmcfd by June 2013 from a new gas field in Patuakhali.

The experts noted that as there was no plan to increase capacity, the fertiliser sector will be consuming a static 280 mmcfd gas in next five years. But they suggested that indigenous fertiliser production should not be interrupted to ensure maintaining adequate fertiliser production for the agriculture sector.

In recent years, the government on several occasions had shut down fertiliser production to increase gas supply for power generation. Experts say this is a bad practice for the fertiliser industry. Gas demand in the domes-

tic, refuelling and commercial

sector [also called non-bulk

sector] is rapidly growing and it should be dealt with carefully as it is a sensitive issue for the public. This sector would continue to demand more. Aminur Rahman, managing director of GTCL, noted, "We need some major pipelines. Firstly, we need one to evacuate

extra gas to be produced by

Chevron in next three years. We will also need a major pipeline for supply of the LNG. He added all of these pipelines must be completed by 2013.

The GTCL has already floated tender for a 30-inch pipeline between Bakhrabad and Siddhirganj and taking up another pipeline project between Bakhrabad and Ashuganj. Both of these would reduce bottlenecks in the present gas distribution sys-

#### PAKISTAN FLOODS Bangladesh

#### to send aid DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDEN

Bangladesh will send emergency relief materials to Pakistan to help its several million flood-hit people fight the devastating aftermath. The foreign ministry for-

mally conveyed the decision to the Pakistan high commission in Dhaka yesterday. Officials of different ministries met in the foreign secretary's office yesterday and

decided to send the relief materials as soon as possible. The materials include tents, emergency medicines, water purifying tablets, tea,

jute products, etc. The worst ever flooding in Pakistan has affected about 14 million people and left some 2,000 dead. More people are likely to be affected as water continues to move towards densely populated areas.

The flood victims are now in dire need of drinking water, shelter, and medicines to prevent diseases.

### JCD activist killed by Jubo Dal man

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Magura

Joint convenor of Magura District Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) Mahbub Hossain was hacked to death last night allegedly by a Juba Dal leader here in the district.

Party sources said Mahbub attacked Harun-Ur-Rashid, former assistant secretary of district Juba Dal, with a machete at Syed Ator Ali Road near Magura Sadar Police Station around 10:00pm injuring him seriously in his eyes and head.

Harun, however, managed to take away the machete from Mahbub and indiscriminately hacked him to critical injury. Mahbub was declared dead

after he was rushed to Magura Sadar Hospital while Harun was sent to Dhaka after primary treatment at a local hospital. Sources in the BNP said

"A new article in this regard Mahbub and Harun had an old dispute over party leadership that might have led to the incident.

#### MPs at odds

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Deputy Commissioner M Samsur Rahman, who chaired the meeting, adjourned the proceedings amid tension between the two lawmakers.

The meeting held at the deputy commissioner's office discussed law and order situation, traffic jam, unrest in garment sector and gas and electricity crisis.

### Reckless bus

FROM PAGE 1 parents left for work leaving

to her parents.

the child to neighbours. Second officer Rezaul Islam

of the police station quoted Altaf Hossain Chowdhury, locals saying Brishti was playing Shamser Mobin Chowdhury, by the road with some other kids of the neighbourhood. Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir, The bus ran over the girl as Aman Ullah Aman, Moazzem

she walked to a weeping woman

sitting on the road divider. Police said they were preparing to hand over the child's body

# Sarkozy crime crackdown draws racism charge

Grand used the loaded

term "rafle" -- "a round-up" --

to describe the raids, implic-

itly linking them to France's

wartime detention of Jewish

Bernard Debre, wrote in the

daily Le Monde on Tuesday to

warn against drawing a

straight line between immi-

everything: integration, reli-

gion, terrorism and foreigners

coming to France. There are

French terrorists, there are

reasonable immigration

policy and integration policy.

Let us be wary of taking too

opposition Socialist Party has

been wary of being drawn into

a debate on law and order with

a president who has usually

made the issue a vote-winner,

criticism has been more

likely presidential candidate

Eva Joly accused Sarkozy of

pursuing a policy of "state

racism" and described the

president's singling out of

Roma and foreign-born citi-

CNG stations

4:30pm. In front of the filling

station there were at least 30

CNG-run auto-rickshaws wait-

yesterday, of which he had to

pay Tk 660 to the owner of the

vehicle. He could earn only Tk

40 against a regular earning

amount of Tk 700 to Tk 800

excluding the daily expenditure.

recently ordered to keep CNG

filling stations shut for six hours

a day between 3:00pm and 9:00

pm to increase gas supply to the

power plants against the back-

The government has

Rahman earned Tk 800

zens as "very fascist".

ing after 3:00 pm for gas.

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The Green Euro-MP and

harsh.

On the Left, while the main

easy a shortcut," he warned.

"Obviously, we need a

French criminals," he wrote.

"I wouldn't be right to link

gration and crime.

Another UMP deputy,

citizens.

The crackdown on illegal

Gypsy campsites comes alongside planned measures to strip some foreign-born criminals of their citizenship, after the government made an explicit link between immigration and crime.

nian tactics will restore his flagging popularity with French voters in the run-up to the 2012 presidential election, but the harsh tone has raised eyebrows even among some politicians of the right.

"The policy of dismantling illegal camps has taken an ugly turn," said Jean-Pierre Grand a lawmaker from Sarkozy's majority UMP, after police rounding up Gypsies were seen separating men from women and children.

### Afrin dies

untimely death.

Afrin's husband Mahbub Alam Rony also suffered burns his father.

Bongshal Police Station Abdul

this correspondent last evening none of his family members tortured Afrin. Rony, a

Afrin's father Ataur Rahman on August 14 filed a case with Bongshal Police Station against Rony and his parents under Women and Children Repression

mother-in-law.

Hospital Pvt Ltd at Nikunja.

sub-inspector.

the pistol and walkie-talkie as of today 1:00am.

dess Kali) and hurled abuse.

"The youths have been teasing me for one and a half

rebuked the youths.

At one stage, Nasir slapped one of the youths triggering a heated altercation. The group started beating

When police reached the spot, the stalkers hid in the under construction building.

officials said. The recruitment centre

explosion was the bloodiest single attack in Iraq since December 8, when a series of coordinated blasts in the capital killed 127 people, and recalls a spate of suicide bombings against army recruitment posts in 2006 and 2007, when Iraq's insurgency was at its peak. Violence has surged in the

past two months in Iraq, with 200 people already killed in August alone and Iraqi government figures saying that 535 people died in July -- the deadliest month in Iraq since 2008. The US military disputes the July figure, saying 222 people died violently.

getting threats over telephone not to proceed with the case. And she is under tremendous Ramadan, which began in Iraq on August 11, has sparked concern that local forces are not

The family members said they will file a murder case with a court if police refusal to record a murder case

#### The Ecnec meeting, chaired FROM PAGE 1 The Executive Committee of by Prime Minister Sheikh National Economic Council Hasina, also okayed a project for import and export of power

AFP, Paris

President Nicolas Sarkozy's racially-tinged security crackdown has begun to cause concern even within his own right-wing camp and raise fears that he has damaged France's international image.

Every day French police raid more Gypsy settlements, rounding up hundreds of foreign-born Roma for expulsion, using tactics that one member of Sarkozy's ruling party compared to those of France's Nazi-era collabora-

Sarkozy hopes such draco-

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while trying to save his wife. He is in police custody and undergoing treatment at the burn unit. Police also arrested Officer-in-Charge of

Mannan said they are now trying to catch Rony's mother. Afirn's husband Rony told

final year law student at Northern University, however, said his mother used to rebuke him, as he was unemployed.

Prevention Act. Ataur Rahman quoted Afrin as saying she set herself afire following a row with her

#### Stalkers attack

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Zakir, 30, and Constable Emdad, 32, -- were admitted to Medi-Tech General

The gang comprised of 20-25 hooligans equipped with sticks, machetes and firearms also snatched a pistol and a walkie-talkie from SI Habib. They ransacked their van and tried to set it afire, said the

Police were yet to recover

Mitu told The Daily Star that a group of youths were teasing her about her dark complexion as she went a local shop around 8:45pm. They called her Ma Kali (God-

As she informed the matter to her maternal uncle Nasir the AL activist, he called police. He also went down and

#### 59 killed FROM PAGE 16

The latest bloodletting, which also coincides with

the end of August.

yet prepared to handle the country's security on their own. American commanders, however, insist, that Iraqi soldiers are up to the job as they pull out thousands of their forces ahead of a declaration to

continues.

drop of unbearable load shedding in the country. People's sufferings turned even worse in the days ahead of Eid-ul-Fitr as the partial shutdown of CNG stations, already hit by low gas pressure, entered the second day yesterday. Visiting several filling sta-

that vehicles were waiting in long queues in front of the filling stations. "Vehicles carrying goods are suffering the most as they need more gas. But you cannot refill your car fully during daytime

tions, this correspondent found

due to low gas pressure," said Al-Amin, driver of a goods-laden pick-up van. He had been waiting at Shahjahan CNG filling station at Paribagh for four hours since 3:00pm. Al Amin was on a trip from

Palashi to take some plastic raw materials to Tongi, a one-andhalf-hour drive. By the time he was supposed to get back after delivering the goods and turn around for next trip.

"We usually do not sell gas in daytime as the gas pressure remains too low between 7:00 am and 10:00pm. Our electricity bill exceeds our income if we run the station during this period," said

the machine operator of Shahjahan filling station. Those who have alternatives to run car on fuel oil are the luckiest. Others who do not have the option were seen pushing

cars on the streets. CNG-run auto-rickshaw has to refill the gas cylinder twice to thrice a day while goods-laden large vehicles need more.

"We would have to live this way if the partial shut down of CNG station continues," said Monir Hossain, a threewheeler driver.

# Ibrahim's death

FROM PAGE 16 Medical College Hospital, were summoned to the DB office yesterday for interrogation on the incident. Kala stuck to his earlier

statement that Ibrahim was

killed on Friday night when he was handling Shaon's licensed pistol, and a bullet went off accidentally. The DMP commissioner claimed that investigation

into the incident is going on in its own course. The UD case will not have any impact on it. And they will be able to ascertain whether it was a case

of murder or accident, he said. Additional Deputy Commissioner Mollah Nazrul Islam said Kala and Mithu were interrogated but no new

They were not arrested at this stage but they will be under watch, he added. Meanwhile, Rina Islam told

this correspondent that she is

information was gleaned from

pressure from different quarters to settle it in exchange for 'compensation'. She further said if Kala and Delwar are arrested, the fact behind the killing of her hus-

band will come to light. an end to combat operations at

#### report on August 24. The home secretary, inspector general of police, Dhaka Metropolitan Police commissioner and OCs of the Gulshan and Badda police early hours and picked up stations were made respon-

dents to this rule. Advocate Manzill Murshid and advocate Mahbubul Islam

appeared for the petitioner. statement.

the government to explain within a week why its failure to provide security to the victims' family members should not be declared illegal. It also directed the police to investigate the reported alle-