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### AL vows

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of Tarique and Koko, Awami League men won't sit idle. We'll resist them," he said at a press conference at the party president's political office in Dhanmondi.

In last 20 months of the AL government, BNP held several anti-government movements including the dawn to dust countrywide hartal on June 27, but this is the first time the ruling party has formally announced to resist it.

A number of AL leaders in return for anonymity said Hanif's announcement is aimed at keeping BNP under pressure so it refrains from holding any movement.

Hanif, a special assistant to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, also said the graft charges against Tarique Rahman and Arafat Rahman are being investigated and they will soon be brought back to stand trial.

"No corrupt person and looter of state wealth will be spared whether they stay home or abroad, or on parole or absconding."

He said Koko will be brought back home immediately after expiry of his parole, which the IS hadr High Court has extended up to October 3. "Bring back those money

### Kibria killing case FROM PAGE 16

Atiqur Rahman, also senior ASP of CID, through a petition informed the Sylhet Divisional Speedy Trial Tribunal about the necessity of "further investigation" on March 7, 2007.

Munshi went into retirement a few months later and ASP Md Rafigul Islam of CID was given the task.

Former finance minister SAMS Kibria, his nephew advocate Shah Manzurul Huda, local AL leaders Abdur Rahim, Abul Hossain and Siddique Ali were killed in a grenade attack at a public meeting at Baidderbazar of Habiganj Sadar upazila on January 27, 2005.

Munshi Atiqur filed charge sheet in the case on March 20 the same year against 10 men.

Of the accused, eight were arrested while two remained absconding since the incident. The arrestees including Habiganj district BNP vicepresident Abdul Quaiyum spent three years in jail, before they came out on bail in 2008.

The accused claimed they were falsely implicated in the case although they were inno-

Rapid Action Battalion on March 8 this year detained Huji operative Mizanur Rahman Mithu in this connection. Mithu gave confessional statement before the judicial magistrate at Habiganj the following day.

Following his statement, CID took former state minister for home affairs Lutfuzzaman Babar on remand.

PM urges

Parliamentary special commit-

tee headed by Syeda Sajeda

Chowdhury is expected to

recommend amendments to

the constitution in a way that

would strengthen further

democracy in the country, said

constitutional government.

People of the republic are the

supreme authority to choose

who will run the government,

Kalam Azad briefed reporter

Supreme Court on the fifth and

seventh amendments to the

Constitution that went against

the illegal grabbers of state

the premier informed the Noab

delegation that she was not

allowed to return the country

during the regime of Ziaur

Rahman. She said Zia knew her

democratic stand. That is why

he had created impediments on

mination of holding trial of the

war crimes in this soil as the trial

of killers of Bangabandhu

Sheikh Mujibur Rahman had

She said her government is

The PM said she came to

power at a time when the world

was groaning under economic

meltdown and the country just

experienced a fear like situation

during the caretaker govern-

back to order, in terms of eco-

nomic and other means, her

government has faced a lot of

has worked a lot to upgrade the

image of the country that was

tarnished during the regime of

BNP-Jammat government and

army backed caretaker govern-

Hasina said her government

obstacles and challenges.

She said to bring the country

working relentlessly for ensur-

ing a smooth and brighter

future for the posterity.

Hasina expressed her deter-

her return home.

been completed.

Recalling her experiences

PM's Press Secretary Abul

She hailed the verdict of the

she added.

about the meeting.

The country would run by

that your two sons siphoned off to different countries including USA and Malaysia and deposit it to the state exchequer," Hanif called on the leader of the opposition.

The AL leader also alleged the grenade attack on AL rally on August 21, 2004 was carried out in a planned way in an attempt to kill Sheikh Hasina under the direct supervision of Khaleda Zia, her elder son Tarique Rahman, nephew Saiful Islam Duke, political adviser Harris Chowdhury, former state ministers Lutfozzaman Babar and Abdus Salam Pintu and Saiful Islam Joarder, the dismissed army colonel.

However, Tarique Rahman's lawyers yesterday condemned different comments by ministers and police officials on Tarique's involvement in the

Rafiqul Islam Miah, one of Tarique's counsels, also a member of BNP's standing committee, said none of the accused mentioned the name of Tarique or any other person. Even Khaleda Zia's nephew Duke did not mention anybody's name.

### 19 Doah FROM PAGE 16

lawmakers Dhirendra Debnath Shambhu and Bazlul Haque Harun, and Jatiya Party legislator TIM Fazle Rabbi

Chowdhury. "Widespread corruption has been taking place in Rajuk. People even raised allegations that Rajuk officials harass them," ABM Ghulam Mostafa, chief of the standing committee, told reporters at a press briefing after the meeting.

Replying to a question, Mostafa, a ruling AL lawmaker, said the subcommittee will also investigate whether any lawmakers submitted false affidavit while applying for Rajuk plots in

"The sub-committee will verify media reports on this allegation," he added.

Newspapers had reported that some lawmakers submitted false affidavit in their application claiming that they have no Rajuk plots or houses in the capital.

Abdul Mannan Khan, state minister for housing and public works, said his ministry will look into the matter and take steps on getting evidence to this end.

Mayeen Uddin Khan Badal, a Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal MP and a member of the standing committee, at the press briefing criticised Rajuk officials for their failure to ensure quality services to city dwell-

He also blasted Rajuk and other authorities concerned for not taking any initiatives to free the footpaths in the city from occupiers.

She informed that overall

investment in the country is

satisfactory except in power and

gas sector. Initiatives have been

taken to encourage investment

About the power crisis,

Hasina said 1000MW has been

added during the last one and a

half years since she came to

power. Another 2500MW will be

added to the national grid soon.

during the five plus two years of

BNP-Jamaat and the army

backed caretaker government

to generate electricity and they

failed to add a single megawatt

power to the national grid

during their tenures, she added.

seaport, the PM said that all

neighbouring countries includ-

ing India, China and Myanmar

would be allowed to use the

deep seaport. Efforts are under-

way to resolve the maritime

boundary problems with India

ment formulated the long

awaited education policy to

modernise the education. The

government has set up 37 train-

ing centres for the workers to

turn them skill so that they get

informed the PM about their

The Noab delegation

She assured them of taking

Mahfuz Anam lauded the

necessary steps to resolve those

in consultation with officials

premier for her efforts to root

out militancy and extremism

from the country. He said she

will go in history for her role in

establishing democracy in the

country and assured unflinch-

ing support of Noab to her

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Reazuddin Ahmed, Matiur

Rahman, Matiur Rahman

Chowdhury, Mahfuz Anam, AK

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Noab delegation included

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She said that her govern-

and Myanmar.

About the proposed deep

But no step had been taken

in the energy sector.

### Confusion

**FROM PAGE 16** Complex where the infants were given initial treatment. Around 2:30am yesterday, Toma breathed her last.

Pranto and Tisha were referred to Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College and Hospital after their condition deteriorated but both died on the way to the hospital, said their mothers.

Upazila Health Officer Shuvangkar Baroi admitted that the three died after taking EPI vaccines.

EPI vaccines for nine wards of Harinathpur, Memania and Guabaria unions were preserved in an icebox at a transitpoint pharmacy of Alamgir Sardar, he said. On Wednesday morning,

nine community health assistants, including Taslima, collected one ampoule each to vaccinate ten babies per ampoule, said Mizanur Rahman, an EPI official of Hizla upazila health complex. The officer also said they

are vet to know how Taslima collected another ampoule after pushing one ampoule to ten babies and what kind of vaccine was pushed to additional three babies.

Taslima was unavailable for comment.

Anil Chandra Dutta, Barisal district civil surgeon, said they have formed a probe committee and visited Kalikapur to collect evidence and record statements of witnesses. The six-member committee

is comprised of Deputy Civil Surgeon ASM Abdus Sattar, local officials of World Health Organisation Arifur Rahman and Mizanur Rahman, District EPI Supervisor Bazlur Rahman, Barisal SBMCH child specialist Mahmud Hasan Khan and Upazila Health Officer Shuvangkar Baroi. Md Ahsan Habib, upazila

nirbahi officer, said that after talking with the victims' families, he asked police and health officials to investigate the incident.

Police lodging three cases of unnatural deaths sent the bodies to Barisal SBMCH morgue for autopsy, said Rafiqul Hossain, officer-incharge of Hizla Police Station.

### MP's driver

to snatch it from Ibrahim and accidently pressed the trigger which eventually killed Ibrahim.

Shaon at the MP Hostel yesterday said he was unaware of the fact that Kala pulled the trigger during a tussle with Ibrahim. "Since I did not know the

fact, I asked Kala to file an unnatural death case after the incident. But the investigators will dig up the truth now," he

The lawmaker refused to comment further saying he was not present at the spot when the incident happened.

Ibrahim's wife Rina alleged that the investigation is progressing according to Shaon's plan and she was not allowed to file a murder case to keep every thing under control of the lawmaker.

She also alleged that police erased fingerprints from the trigger and hide evidence of the murder.

Ibrahim was killed on instructions of Shaon, claimed the wife of the AL activist, who died of gunshot wounds near the parliament building on August 13.

His younger brother Masum filed a murder case with a Dhaka court against 18 people including Shaon and Kala five days after the incident.

### Biman

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representatives of Biman

But the amicable settlement did not come easy.

The Biman board sat at an emergency meeting around 1:00pm to review its previous decision.

Around 2:00pm, hundreds of employees started to gather in the lobby of Balaka near Shahjalal International Airport in the capital, under the watchful eyes of two platoons of

Around 3:00pm the Biman board sat with union negotiators, as agitators were chanting slogans. Soon 50 Rapid Action Battalion personnel were added to the security team, as the situation seemed to get tense.

The negotiation broke off several times, before both parties reached the agreement. "We walked out after they

wanted more time to consider our demands," said Mosikur, also the president of Biman Sramik League. Finally around 5:15pm the

negotiators came out of the meeting with an amicable settlement. "Our movement is over, as

our demands have been met," said KM Shah Alam, president of Biman Employees' Union.

The revised new pay scale will be implemented with retrospective effect from July 2009, and an official circular regarding the matter is expected within a few days, he claimed.

## Buriganga river

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According to its own estimate, BIWTA envisages to extract 4 lakh cubic metres of "sand, soil, sludge and solid waste" from a stretch of 1,750 metres from Muslimbagh Primary School up to Barishur in Kamrangirchar.

The proposal at times highlights extraction of "sludge and solid wastes" -- a job that requires specialised grab crane dredgers and site for disposal of the waste -- not conventional cutter suction dredgers envisaged by the proposal. Jahangir Alam, organising

secretary of Bangladesh Bulkhead Labour Association, that controls over 5,000 bulkheads in sand trading, said the riverbed between Muslimbagh and Barishur contains top quality sand for which every trader would be interested.

"The government does not have to spend anything. We will pay for extraction and the sand at any market rate," Jahangir Alam said.

"The demand for the Buriganga sand is extremely high because buyers are everywhere along its banks. The bulkhead companies do not have to travel long distance with the commodity," Alam added.

"Hundreds of landowners and real estate developers will instantly grab the sand."

The sand extracted could be sold for over Tk 8 crore at Tk 25 per cubic metre [current price at extraction site], the chief engineer admitted when asked over the matter.

A source at the shipping ministry told The Daily Star the project was "cooked up" to steal money. "The government is very

serious about redressing the rivers and a lot of money will be pouring in, but a group of people are just waiting to grab it," said the official source. "The hush-hush about the sand revenue is a long practice in BIWTA because not many people are aware of this business," the source added.

The chief engineer told The Daily Star it is not in their practice to mention in the project proposal how much revenue could be earned from the commodity. "We do not mention anything about the revenue because it is not certain that we will be able to sell the sand," he said.

He however said since the matter has come to light his office would float an open tender to sell the sand.

The chief engineer approved the project's financial allocation, while the chairman of BIWTA gave administrative endorsement.

Md Abdul Malegue Miah, chairman of BIWTA, was taken by surprise when asked about the matter. "If this sand is saleable, it will be sold. But we don't often

cost saying, "the project was necessary to ascertain how much sand could be sold." According to Jahangir, price of per square foot of sand in the Buriganga is Tk 1, while it is Tk 0.6 in the Meghna and Tk 0.4 in the Dhaleshwari. Per square foot of Buriganga sand

The selected contractor of the project has just imported a modern cutter suction dredger for the job. The sand extracted from the riverbed has to be deposited away from the river. Insiders say officials are now secretly "talking with real estate developers in the vicinity who are desperately trying to buy this valuable commodity to fill up vast lowlying land on the fringe of the

away from the river is the most vital precondition for dredging, said Prof Abdul Matin, head of the water resources department at Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet).

hydrographical designs, showing draft and status of the hydrographical design preof the bed, Prof Matin added.

hydrographical design.

civil engineering department at Buet said dredging without proper survey and design might destabilise the slopes and result in bank erosion damaging the navigable channels and settlements.

The Tk 6.6 crore for the project originates from the allocation of Tk 19.7 crore for Climate Change Trust Fund for a project titled "Removal of Polythene and other Waste from the Beds of the Rivers Buriganga and Turag".

district started their agitation on Monday and stopped buying milk from the farmers yesterday morning disrupting supply to the unit to press home their three-point demand.

body of the company.

perishable condition of milk. He asked the retailers not to take advantage of this disruption in supply. "Licences of the retailers will be scrapped if found involved in jacking up

"We are thinking about increasing the purchase price. We are also considering whether the production cost per unit could be reduced," said Nanak adding, "We have already started investigation into the alleged corruption of the general manager."

due to the cooperatives' agitation", farmer Iliyas Bepari said.

of fodder costs Tk 36", claimed farmer Abdur Rahman. MilkVita now pays the farm-

strators asked the authority to increase it by Tk 6. Earlier on Monday cooperative leaders put up barricade on

Bogra-Nagarbari highway to press home their demands.

a close aide to BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia. It is still uncertain whether BNP will return to the next

get interested buyers," said. He however defended taking up of the project at this

is sold at Tk 2 at consumers' end for filling up of various development sites.

Deposition site of this sand

The project has so far no

Engineer Abdul Matin said they would soon prepare the

## Milkvita manages

The demands include removal of Milk Vita general manager, fixing of procurement price at Tk 35 per litre and holding election to the governing

State Minister for Local Government, Rural Development (LGRD) and Cooperatives Jahangir Kabir Nanak discussed the overall situation with the local MPs and high officials of Milk Vita,

sources said. Talking to newsmen at his secretariat office yesterday, Nanak requested the farmers and cooperatives to consider the month of Ramadan and the

price," warned the state minis-

About 25,000 farmers in the upazila supply nearly 1.5 lakh litres to 518 milk cooperatives for the Milk Vita company, said our Sirajganj correspondent. Farmers had to sell milk

between Tk 15 and Tk 29 per litre morning as a result of supply "We are incurring huge loss

"We are facing loss by selling per litre milk for Tk 29 while a kg this year.

ers Tk 29 per litre. The demon-

General Manager Nasim

Ahmed said the cooperative session of parliament.

river. River dredging must be carried according to pared on the basis of longitudinal profiling and elevation Both Abdul Maleque and

Prof Mujibur Rahman of

### earns a profit of Tk 2.5 per litre. To increase the buying price by

raise its selling price. Milk Vita sells milk to its distributors at Tk 41.50 per litre. The retailers sell it to the customers at Tk 48.

Tk 6, the company will have to

The official said, "The essential papers for holding election were provided to the law ministry. After getting their green signal, the date of election will be announced.'

Nasim refuted the allegation of corruption brought against him by the cooperative members. "They could not bring any specific allegation against me, he said adding the members brought allegation as he prevented them from indulging in

corruption. In 1965, the first milk producers' co-operative was formed under the name Eastern Milk Producers' Co-operative Union Limited (EMPCUL) through government

patronisation. The nomenclature of the organisation was changed to Bangladesh Milk Producers' Cooperative Union Ltd in 1977 keeping its brand name of products-MilkVita.

## JS starts Sept 20

FROM PAGE 1 special committee, told

reporters they are hopeful to complete their task soon and place the committee's recommendations before the parlia-Proposed by the Leader of

threatened journalists of dire consequences if any complaint the House Sheikh Hasina, the about the attack was filed, said House on July 21 formed the Ismail Hossain, president of RU 15-member JS special com-Sangbadik Samity (journalists' in the local markets yesterday mittee to amend the constituassociation). tion in line with the Supreme Court verdict on the fifth Sangbadik Samity called on the amendment. Meanwhile, the 33-day

RU vice chancellor and pressed for a four-point demand includlong fifth session of the ninth ing the arrest of Dulal. parliament ended on July 22 RU VC Prof M Abdus The BNP-led opposition

Sobhan, however, assured the journalists of justice and secujoined the inaugural of the rity. Rajshahi Metropolitan fifth session but walked out of Press Club and Rajshahi Union the House on the same day of Journalists expressed conprotesting arrest of cern over the assault on their Mahmudur Rahman, acting colleague. editor of Daily Amar Desh and Contacted, Officer-in-

Charge Abul Khair of Motihar Police Station told this correspondent last afternoon that they were yet to get any complaint.

## Iraqi army needs US help to sustain flood water'

**BBC ONLINE** AFP, Al-kissik Base

**Pakistani** 

landlords

'diverted

"Over the years, one has seen

numbers," said a member of the

also thinking of launching

programmes to increase partic-

ipation of men in permanent

dations placed in the meeting

included giving special facilities

to couples having one or two

kids and ensuring coordination

between field level works of the

Health and Family Planning

tee of the council consists of

Ministers for Finance,

Agriculture, Law, LGRD,

Industries, Food and Disaster

Management, Health and

Family Welfare, and Education;

the PM's Health Adviser, mayor

of the city corporations, cabinet

secretary and secretaries of the

ministries concerned, Directors

General of Family Planning

Department, BTV, Shilpakala

Academy, Islamic Foundation

included Presidents of

Bangladesh Medical

Association, FBCCI, Supreme

Court Bar Association, four

editors nominated by the

Editors Council, five NGO

representatives and five popu-

Population Council has decided

to hold two meetings in a year.

BCL activist

The Daily Star that they would

send the complaint to Motihar

Police Station to record it as a

pus journalists said they were

returning to their dormitories

after dining out together at

Station Bazar Wednesday

Suhrawardy Hall and hurled

abuses at Jahid for writing two

reports about BCL men's extor-

tion and attack on a dormitory

official. The Daily Star ran those

news items on August 18 this

turned violent and started

beating Jahid with a bamboo

stick. He brandished a pistol

when the other journalists

wielding cadre, Jahid ran into

Madar Bux Hall. However, on-

duty policemen rescued him

and took him to RU Medical

Later, Dulal over the phone

Following the incident, the

Chased by the pistol-

When protested, Dulal

year and December 22, 2009.

Dulal stopped them near

Jahid and some other cam-

criminal case against Dulal.

The source said the National

The other members

and NGO Bureau.

lation experts.

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around 11:00pm.

stepped in.

The newly formed commit-

The two others recommen-

methods of family planning.

Besides, the government is

council.

Department.

programme.

A senior Pakistani diplomat has called for an inquiry into allega-Iraq cannot yet sustain its army tions that rich landowners despite having managed to diverted water into unprotected quell a violent insurgency, US villages during the floods to save and local commanders told AFP, their own crops. raising the prospect that UN ambassador Abdullah American troops will stay on

Hussain Haroon said there was beyond 2011. evidence that landowners had US military advisers allowed embankments to burst. described myriad inefficiencies This led to waters flowing and problems, from hospitals away from their land, he said. that lacked medics and dentists More than 1,600 people have to Byzantine processes that died in the floods, which have must be followed to request affected about 17 million

vital equipment. with the lack of floods, those "Tactically, they do well, but areas normally set aside for ... warfare is about logistics, floods have come under irrigasaid Colonel Steven Apland, tion of the powerful and rich," who heads a Stability Transition Haroon told the BBC's HardTalk Team that advises the Iraqi Army's 3rd Division at Al-Kissik "It is suggested in some areas, those to be protected Base, west of the northern city of

spare vehicle parts and other

were allowed, had allowed, Mosul. levies to be burst on opposite "Their logistics systems are sides to take the water away. If just, at this point, way below that is happening the governwhat their tactical competence ment should be enquiring." requires," he said, as US forces At the height of the floods, it ramped up an "advice and is estimated that one-fifth of the assist" mission in Iraq, following country - an area the size of Italy the formal end of combat oper-

 was underwater. ations on Tuesday. The flood waters are begin-To illustrate his point, ning to drain away to the Apland held up his pen, and Arabian Sea but inundations related the complicated process continue in parts of Sindh that Iraqi soldiers must follow to province. request a new box of such pens.

Population ment in triplicate, quadruplicate, and then I have to hand it **FROM PAGE 16** new posts of health workers to to some major, and he has to drive down to Baghdad to get it make sure home visits and recruit additional workforce for stamped ... and provide a docuthe hard-to-reach areas. ment for you to come back up "Moreover, clients will be here, two blocks away, to actually release it (the supplies) to segmented and be encouraged to take family methods in large you," he said.

> medical centre on the base and pointed out how well-supplied But the centre's lights were

from the logistics hub at Taji, north of Baghdad, and also struggled with the wide variety mostly off, because of a power of cars in use.

Prof Muhammad Ibrahim of

Dhaka University said the

literacy programme must

attract people. The illiterate,

especially the elderly, must be

made aware of the good things

Abul Momen suggested a

specially designed set of books

for the people completing the

programme so that they can

general of Bureau of Non-

Formal Education, claimed that

the TLM programme was not

absolutely a losing project as it

helped boost enrolment in

and Mass Education Motahar

Hossain said funding becomes

a major issue for implementing

such programmes. The govern-

ment is preparing an action

plan and would start the literacy

programme next year involving

achieve the goal if we work

University Institute of

Educational Development gave

a power-point presentation on

the issue while M Habibur

Rahman, director, education,

Save the Children-USA, moder-

Daily Star Mahfuz Anam,

Bangla Academy Director

General Shamsuzzaman Khan,

Majumder; Director of IER of

Dhaka University Prof Salma

Akhter, former professor of

Eden College Hannana Begum,

CAMPE Programme Manager

Tapon Kumar Das, and Editor,

Defence and Strategic Affairs of

The Daily Star Brig Gen

Shahedul Anam Khan and

Mohammad Mohsin of Unicef

Editor and Publisher of The

together vigorously."

ated the roundtable.

He said, "It is possible to

Zia-us Sabur of Brac

State Minister for Primary

primary schools.

Rezaul Quader, director

continue with their studies.

literacy brings, he added.

## Local govt

"I have to fill out this docu-

One of Apland's deputies,

Lieutenant Colonel Craig

Benson, later walked through a

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government is preparing an literacy programme next year

involving all. The speakers demanded that the government make public whatever steps it takes to eradicate illiteracy and consult with the people concerned, as a huge amount of money had earlier been wasted in big initiatives like Total Literacy

Movement (TLM).

tion sector. Prof Zillur Rahman Siddique, former vice chancellor of Jahangirnagar University, said the government has to give proper training to the teachers and prepare curriculum in line with the country's culture before launching any

mary school for a radius of two to three kilometres, he said, adding that the government should prioritise the pockets where the people are the most deprived, like ethnic communi-Farah Kabir, country director

There should be one pri-

guarantee of education in the constitution. Prof Siddiqur Rahman of Institute of Education and Research of Dhaka University said there should be extensive discussion on the government's plan regarding literacy; other wise it would be another waste

the sustainability of a six- or one-year-long literacy programme, he said, adding, "We have to ensure literacy through primary education, as we cannot run such programmes forever.' Trustee Board Chairman M Hafizuddin Khan of

faulty. "The literacy programme should be comprehensive and be taken up in consult with all,' he said.

system, including formal edu-

cation, is mismanaged and

University suggested that a specific target, age group and standard education should be set before going for any new campaign.

Dhaka University teacher Prof Mesbah Kamal said it is the state's responsibility to literate changes.

itself: Commanders cut on a base that has a generator farm that Benson says can

> power the base twice over. "They have the equipment, they need the staff, and they need their logistics systems," he

provide sufficient capacity to

"(Iraqi) combat lifesavers that we try and train to deal with a little bit of trauma on the battlefield have combat lifesaver kits that have expired

Lieutenant Colonel Salah al-Din, the head of one of the base's vehicle maintenance workshops, said many Iraqi units also did not properly maintain their vehicles, eventually leading to engine and transmissions failures. "We tell them -- before you

stuff," Benson added.

go on a mission, check the vehicle, and after you come back from a mission, check the vehicle. If there is a small problem, you can fix it. The big problems, they start from the small problems," he said. "Some units, they learn ... but some of them, they don't

come, they forget us. When they

have a broken engine, they

come to me," Salah al-Din added. As if to prove the point the colonel explained that he tells soldiers good maintenance can be compared to safe handling of IEDs, the home-made bombs that every day target the Iraqi

security forces.

before it explodes, than for it to explode and for you to say, 'Hey, help me, what should I do?'" he Salah al-Din, an 18-year veteran, said he often had difficulty obtaining spare parts

"When you find an IED on

the road, it's better to remove it

action plan and would start the

They also demanded more budgetary allocation for educa-

Prof MM Akash of Dhaka University Economics Department termed incorporating life skills-based education in literacy programme ambitious. He said it is better to have full concentration on literacy issue rather than wideranging programmes.

of ActionAid Bangladesh, said

like the TLM. Questions arise concerning

Transparency International Bangladesh said the education

Shafiqul Islam of Brac

It also decided to have

On August 24, the parlia-

mentary special committee at

meetings on September 5 and 6 to review the constitution and recommend necessary

### also spoke at the discussion. Spl committee

The Daily Star that the com-

mittee deferred its meetings

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because of the ensuing Eid-ul-The new date of the meeting will be declared later, the press release said.

its third meeting decided to hold closed-door talks on September 4 on constitutional amendment.

### CAMPE Chairperson Kazi literacy in the country is in dire Rafiqul Alam, CAMPE Deputy straits. She demanded stronger Director Tasneem Athar, CAMPE Executive Director Rasheda K Choudhury, Country Director of Hunger Project Bangladesh Badiul Alam