## Congo boat catches fire, capsizes; 200 feared dead

AP, Kinshasa

A riverboat loaded with passengers and fuel drums caught fire and capsized in southern Congo, and 200 people were feared dead, a survivor said yesterday.

A local official confirmed the boat had tipped but said the passenger manifest apparently vanished in the fire.

It would be the deadliest boat accident in the Central African nation this year, and among the worst in Africa this

Fabrice Muamba, who said he was on the boat when it caught fire Saturday night on the Kasai River, said he thought only 15 people were able to swim to safety.

He said passengers began to jump overboard when the engine caught fire as it passed the remote village of Mbendayi, some 45 miles (70 kilometres) from the town of Tshikapa, which is north of Congo's border with Angola.

Boat owner Mwamba Mwati Nguma Leonard said a survivor and an employee called to tell him the boat caught fire when workers spilled fuel and ignited the

'At the moment I am crying after learning my boat caught fire," Leonard said. "I was just told on phone that it was while seamen were putting fuel into the tank that an explosion occurred after the oil touched the vessel's battery.'

He said he has asked police to arrest the boat's managers as he believes they employed unskilled workers.

But he said he had no further details because he was in Congo's capital, Kinshasa, some 500 miles (800 kilometres) from the scene, and because his employees on the scene did not answer his calls Sunday.

"Since I am far away in Kinshasa, I cannot confirm at the moment the exactly what happened," he said.

Leonard also confirmed Muamba's account that the boat was carrying many drums

#### Shaon guilty

FROM PAGE 1 reporters while replying to a

query after an inter-ministerial meeting on the withdrawal of "political harassment cases". Ibrahim was killed by a

bullet triggered from Awami League MP Shaon's licensed pistol in the Sangsad Bhaban area on August 13.

State Minister for Home Shamsul Haque Tuku, who was present at the meeting, said the government has no intention to divert the investigation into

Ibrahim murder case. Referring to the outcome of yesterday's meeting, Qamrul said after reviewing 713 cases, including 30 ACC cases, the meeting recommended with-

drawing 178 of those cases, including seven under the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC). A total of 267 cases were

denied withdrawal and 367 others were asked to be placed in the next meeting after being scrutinised for consideration of withdrawal, he said.

Qamrul said with yesterday's withdrawal, so far 6,216 cases have been withdrawn out of 9,802. More 3,000 cases are awaiting for reviewing of withdrawal.

They went to the North African

country five to 12 months ago

to work for construction com-

pany Al Rayed at Borak Al Shafi

through recruiting agency Reaz

the construction site even for a

moment, the managers slap

and kick him," Mahbub said

adding, "We are treated like

unpaid for the last three

months, he told The Daily Star

over the phone yesterday.

was insufficient."

he beat him up."

The workers had been

The company didn't

arrange any air cooler at the

tin-roofed labour camp leaving

the workers to suffer in intense

heat of the desert, said

"The food we were served

A worker, who was too weak,

died three months back. "Ear-

lier, we had requested a man-

ager to take the worker to a

hospital. Instead of taking care,

left the labour camp as it was in

no way possible for them to

Libyans come here and give us

some food. This is how we are

Siddiqui of Bangladesh

embassy said from Tripoli that

now surviving," Mahbub said.

The worker said they had

"In the evening some

First Secretary Ahsan Kibria

"If someone is absent from

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full of fuel on its journey through Kasai Occidental Province. Leonard said the boat also was carrying sacks of maize. He said he did not know how many people were aboard.

Francois Madila, an official from the navigation department in the province, said police arrested two of the vessel's sailors and are investigating the incident. Madila said the sailors have not said how many people were aboard and that the passenger list appeared to have disappeared in the fire.

The boats that traverse Congo's rivers are often in poor repair and filled beyond capacity, with little regard for safety. The industry is not wellregulated and boat operators are known to fill boats to dangerous levels.

Other officials and witnesses in the remote area could not be reached for comment Sunday.

The incident is the deadliest of several boating incidents reported this year in Congo. In July, officials said at least

80 people died when a boat ferrying about 200 passengers to Congo's capital capsized after hitting a rock. In May, dozens of people

died when an overloaded canoe capsized on a river in eastern Congo. And last November, at least 90 people were killed after a logging boat sank on a lake in Congo. The timber-carrying vessel was not supposed to be carrying pas-Congo is a vast country of

jungles and huge rivers in Central Africa with little more than 300 miles (480 kilometres) of paved road. Many people prefer to take boats even if they do not know how to swim.

#### Govt rules

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prohibits ministries and divisions from communicating with foreign governments, missions and international agencies without consultation with the foreign ministry. A secretary said after the

meeting, "We could not follow the rules of business as we were in a hurry to implement the projects and we assured him (Muhith) that we will not violate the rules." Briefing reporters at the

secretariat, Muhith said a framework for the central budget and separate districtwise budgets is being prepared for the next fiscal year. "This will definitely be more

effective and beneficial for people," said the minister. At the meeting, the secretar-

ies were asked to prepare databank of all the districts and their expenditures.

Muhith said implementa-

tion of the Annua Development Project has been improved noticeably.

"I asked them (secretaries) to coordinate and consult with others to expedite the implementation process," he added.

HT Imam, prime minister's administrative affairs adviser, requested the civil servants to attend the training programmes arranged for them, as training is necessary to enrich their knowledge and improve efficiency.

Fifteen secretaries raised different issues at the meeting mostly relating to insufficient allocation of money, and asked for speedy release of funds.

Cabinet Secretary Md Abdul Aziz conducted the meeting.

he flew to see the workers at

Borak Al Shafi where he met the

employer and regional police

writing that he would solve

workers' problems. I then

requested the workers to

return to work," Kibria said

adding the employer assured

them of paying one month's

salary before Eid and the rest

said he would deploy police in

the company to ensure work-

many workers home when

they are yet to earn the money

they spent to come here?"

Kibria asked adding he was

scheduled to meet the Libyan

labour ministry yesterday to

Reaz Overseas, said the work-

ers' complaints could be true to

some extent, but as the

employer has given assurance

solving all the problems, they

are promising some workers

around 55,000 Bangladeshi

workers. It, however, stopped

hiring workers from the coun-

try to maintain discipline in

foreign workers' sector, offi-

jobs in Europe, he said.

He, however, said brokers

Libya is now home to

Reaz-ul-Islam, proprietor of

ers' security, he added.

The local police chief had

"Is it possible to send so

"The employer agreed in

chief on Saturday.

after the festival.

discuss the issue.

should join.

cials said.

#### 150 BDR

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Yesterday's court proceedings started around 9:15am with Director General of Bangladesh Rifles Maj Gen Md Rafiqul Islam heading the judges' panel.

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said.

control room has also been

opened at the Department of

Agricultural Extension," he

corporations would go to the

slaughterhouses to examine

the cattle that would be

slaughtered. Besides, aware-

ness campaigns regarding

anthrax have been going on

new cattle have been infected

by anthrax in the last few

days. But the people who

slaughtered already infected

cattle or came into direct

The Institute of

Epidemiology Disease

Control and Research

(IEDCR) says anthrax infec-

tion among people is nothing

new in the country. In the last

one year 99 anthrax cases in

human were confirmed and

reported in Sirajganj on

August 20, in Pabna on August

The outbreak was first

treated.

September 4.

contact are getting infected.

The secretary also said no

across the country.

He added doctors of city

Meanwhile, the court awarded punishment to Lance Nayek Ekramul on charge of contempt of court.

As the court asked Ekramul whether he wanted to ask any question to the plaintiff, he said he did not want to kill precious time asking anything to the complainant. He at that time termed the witnesses of the case false. Prosecutor Lt Col Shamsur

Rahman right away sought the court's attention saying that Ekramul had committed contempt of court by making such remark. The court then ordered Ekramul around 11:55am to

remain standing until the day's proceedings were over. The court adjourned yesterday at 1:30pm. Ekramul was one of the few jawans who were produced before the court shackled as they were accused in the

charge sheet for murder,

arson, looting and other hei-

nous offences during the last year's bloodbath at Pilkhana. Meanwhile, following a plea from the counsellors of the accused the president o the court allowed them 30

minutes with their clients. All the 667 accused in the mutiny case were present in the court yesterday.

On Saturday, the plaintiff presented as evidence call lists of the mobile phones of the accused, footage and photographs captured during the mutiny. Twenty-nine of the 66'

accused had confessed to the court their involvement in the mutiny but the prime accused Subedar Maj Gofran Mallick denied the charges against Originally the BDR mutiny

case was filed against 668 BDR members, and later one of the accused was dropped as he died.

#### One dies

Local people found the body of Saidur floating in the river at about 1:30pm. Informed by locals, BDR

sent a letter to its Indian counterpart asking the BSF for a flag meeting.

The meeting was held Sunday afternoon on Masudpur frontier where BDR protested such incidents of killing by the Indian border guards.

Earlier, BSF of same camp killed another Bangladeshi cattle trader on Raghunathpur border under the same upazila on August 31 and also threw his body into the river Padma.

#### Moon ride

FROM PAGE 16 season," said Jasim, a resident of Zakir Hossain Road.

Different lanes and by-lanes of Jahuri Moholla, Adabor, Shekhertek and Monsurabad in Mohammadpur are also in worn out condition.

DCC Executive Engineer of Zone-6 Mesbahul Karim said they would start the repair of Jakir Hossain Road in late September.

The connecting road between Mirpur Road and Shatmasjid Road will be repaired under a project financed by the World Bank, added the DCC official.

"We will go for repairing a vast area of Mohammadpur and Lalmatia under a Tk 152 crore project which is now awaiting final approval of the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council, he said.

#### Govt asked

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the factories, engaging child labour at houses through subcontracts.

Besides, the HC ordered the government to make amend the Labour Law 2006 as the provision for child labour compensation and punishment for breaching the rules by the childrendominated factory owners is inadequate.

In addition, the HC asked the government to pay cash incentives equivalent to wages foregone to the ultra poor child labour, who would attend school leaving his factory.

The court directives came following a PIL writ petition jointly filed by Ain-o-Salish Kendra and Aparajeo Bangladesh, following newspaper reports published six years ago disclosing the painful and hazardous life of the

children working in Bidi facto-

ries in Haragachha of

appeared for the duo-PIL

Advocate Nayeem Ahmed

Rangpur.

petitioner.

wealth statements.

ministers would publish their

Anthrax spreads severe fever and die within two to three hours. However, there are effective vaccines

against the disease.

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If anyone comes into direct contact with the affected cattle they also get affected. It is commonly seen on hands, forearms, head and neck. The lesion is usually single and after one to seven days a raised, itchy, inflamed pimple appears followed by a papule that turns vesicular. But proper treatment with antibiotics can cure it completely in ten days, say experts.

Gangni Upazila Health Officer Dr Zohurul Islam yesterday said 14 people were suspected to have contracted with anthrax in Debipur, Karamdi and Jhorpota vil lages, reports our Kushtia Correspondent. Villagers say a sick animal

of Saad Ali at Debipur village was slaughtered a few days ago. Some people of the village consumed the meat and were infected, they add. Alamdanga Upazila

22, Tangail on August 31, Kushtia on September 1 and Health Officer Dr Liakat Ali Meherpur and Chuadanga on said it is suspected that anthrax broke out in Charjadabpur village as a sick Anthrax is an acute disease caused by the bacteria goat of villager Abdur Rahim Bacillus Anthracis and the was slaughtered nearly a cattle, if infected, suffer from week ago.

# AFD illegal

"Is there any obligation that the prime minister must hold the defence portfolio?" questioned Mahbub, also a member of the national standing committee of BNP.

Taking part in the discussion, Maj Gen (retd) Amin Ahmed Chowdhury seconded Mahbub's remarks. Amin said AFD marginal-

ised the defence ministry. "AFD was created to use the army in misdeeds, and in personal interest. It also gave the army scope to get involved in politics," he added. He said the laws governing

the military do not allow the existence of the division. "Therefore, there is no legal basis for its activities."

In 2005, it was reported that the erstwhile parliamentary committee on the defence ministry opposed AFD's existence, but could not make any recommendation for dissolving the division due to pressure from government high ups.

The first martial law regime started the bypassing of the defence ministry in matters of armed forces' coordination, by setting up the Chief of Defence Staff on October 2, 1975.

On July 19 the same year, the body was replaced by the Joint Chief of Secretariat, which was in operation till November 1978.

After dissolution of the Joint Chief of Secretariat, the

Following restoration o democracy through reestab lishment of the parliamentary form of government, the erstwhile BNP regime formed

Supreme Command

Headquarters Division was

formed on July 12, 1989 with

added jurisdictions.

AFD in 1991, dissolving the Supreme Command Headquarters Division. The same year the government put AFD under the Prime Minister's Office. In

1998, the last Awami League government approved the division's organogramme. Over the years, the authority of AFD has been consoli dated. The government rules of business, formulated in 1996, empowered the division to perform major

defence related activities including formulation of defence policies; planning and monitoring different treaties; and planning and coordinating war efforts, and responses to national emergencies. Through the process the defence ministry has been

relegated to doing some mere administrative jobs such as record keeping. It plays only a minor role in chalking out the yearly defence budget, although the budget is declared in the ministry's

AFD also has more manpower and higher budgetary allocation, compared to the ministry's.

# Muhith

Muhith submitted his income tax return online after inaugurating the country's first online tax return system at the Finance Division of the Secretariat yesterday. The system allows taxpay-

ers to submit income tax return online.

According to the wealth statement, Muhith has net assets of Tk 1.27 crore and paid Tk 19,130 tax on his income of Tk3,49,496.

"I pay less tax because the honoraria and perks of ministers are tax-free," Muhith told journalists.

His investment in dollar bonds and wage earner bonds allows him to pay less tax. The finance minister now

has no investment in the share market as he withdrew money from it in 1996, a troubled time for the market.

The ruling party made an election pledge to make public wealth statements of its ministers and lawmakers but is yet to fulfil the promise.

This is the first time a minister has publicly disclosed his been introduced as part of wealth statement. The finance ministry

collects revenue and income tax but there had been no transparency about the wealth of finance ministers in the past. On making wealth state-

ments of ministers and lawmakers public, Muhith said the cabinet decided that the

opened on the ground floor of When it comes to lawmakers, the Speaker and parliament should deal with the can even submit tax return with the help of the staff at the issue, he said. Muhith hoped that the parliamentarians

would disclose their wealth statements soon. The finance minister said

justices are also eager to make public their wealth statements but the ministry will not exert any force in this regard. He hoped that justices

would disclose their wealth statement on their own.

The online tax return system had been introduced in Tax Zone-8 covering Gulshan and Banani in the capital. The zone has 40,000 taxpayers including doctors, chartered accountants, lawyers and

computerisation of the NBR.

her personal identification

number to log on to

www.taxzone-8.org to access

taxpayer can get all necessary

information about the sub-

A taxpayer under the zone

mission of tax return.

the Tax Zone-8 office.

A taxpayer has to use his or

architects. The finance minister said the online system would be introduced in all tax zones from the next fiscal year.

Besides, she mentioned He said the government has a target of bringing one crore people under the tax net. Nearly 27 lakh people have

tax identification number but only eight lakh of them submit strategy and guidelines of PPP tax returns, he added. have already been published The National Board of in the official gazette and new Revenue (NBR) Chairman office for this will be estab-Nasiruddin Ahmed said the online tax return system had

> for being a responsive and conscious development partner of Bangladesh since membership to ADB in 1973.

account and submit tax return. Once logged in, the urban development for sustaining higher GDP growth A service centre with trained employees has been

> Ambassador at-Large M Ziauddin, Principal Secretary to the PM M A Karim and Secretary to the PM's Office Molla Waheeduzzaman, among others, were present.

#### Outlaw killed in 'shootout' with Rab

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Pabna

An outlaw leader was killed in a "shootout" between Rapid Action Battalion and his cohorts in Santhia Upazila of Pabna early yesterday. Abdul Rashid, 52, a leader

of banned outfit Purba Banglar Communist Party (PBCP-red flag), was accused of several cases including three for murder. Acting on a tip-off, a team of Rab raided Bilshalangi

gang of outlaws was holding a secret meeting, Rab said. Sensing presence of the law enforcers, the criminals opened fire, prompting them to retaliate that triggered a

village of the upazila where a

At one stage, Rashid was caught in the line of fire and died on the spot, Rab said. His accomplices, however,

gunfight.

managed to flee the scene. A revolver, one LG gun and 12 bullets were recovered from the spot.

#### Chah a Oadu Shab-e-Qaur

messages on the occasion and greeted the people and the Muslims of the world. In his message, Zillur

Rahman called upon the Muslim devotees to pray to the Almighty seeking peace and prosperity for the life here and hereafter as the night is better than a thousand nights. In another message,

Hasina urged all to pray for the country's rapid progress and welfare of the people and the Muslim Ummah.

### Iwo robbers

Tutul was immediately rushed

to Dhaka Medical College Hospital where the doctors declared him dead. A correspondent from

Comilla reports, two robbers

were beaten to death by a mob at Nayakandi village of Chandina upazila early yesterday. Police said a gang, numbering seven to eight, swooped on the house of Mostafa Ahmed

of the village at about 2:30am. Hearing the scream of the family members, local people encircled the house and managed to catch the two miscreants, said Nurul Afsar, officerin-charge of Chandina Police

Locals beat the two mercilessly leaving them dead on the spot, he said.

The other members of the

gang, however, managed to flee the scene, sources said. The identities of the deceased could not be known

immediately. Motafa filed a robbery case with the police station while police filed a murder case accusing nearly 50 unidentified villagers.

### Power plants

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turn it into a middle income peaceful country by 2021, the golden jubilee year of the country's Independence.

Hasina said the Padma bridge is expected to bring new momentum to economic activities of the country's South and South-Western region and will open up new horizon for socio economic development of the natural calamity prone areas.

Referring to the proposed deep-sea port Hasina said Bangladesh will allow its neighbours including China and India to use the port, which will eventually bring benefit to whole region. She said the present demo-

cratic government has attached due priority to establish rule of law and to promote good governance in the coun-

about another thrust area for the government to encourage Public Private Partnership (PPP) in implementing development efforts of the country. The premier said policy,

lished under the PM's Office Hasina thanked the ADB

She requested ADB's assistance for the development of infrastructure power, transport, ports, river dredging and

laws do not return.

Brazen forgery

FROM PAGE 1 and carbon copies of the submitted bills, overwriting the actual demand with a

higher amount. Sometimes the officials forged a bill several times against the same overseas trip. The forgery occurred in between December 2000 and October 2005. The accused are former

accounts executive (payroll)

Harun-Ar-Rashid, former accounts executive (cash and banking) MAST Chowdhury, former manager (payroll) Mohammad Zinnah, former accounts officer Meer Azizzur Rahman, former assistant manager (accounts, cash and banking) MA Rob, former manager (accounts) MA Awal, former assistant manager (accounts, cash and banking) Nur Mohammad, former accounts executive (cash and banking) Golam Mustafa, former manager (cash and banking) Abdul Malek, and Manager (cash and banking) Fariduddin Ahmed.

Of the cases, the first was filed for misappropriating Tk 12.69 lakh by forging 92 vouchers in between December 2000 and June 2001. The second was filed for

misappropriating Tk 34.06 lakh through 199 fake vouchers and the third for misappropriating Tk 77.82 lakh through 298 vouchers in next two The fourth and fifth were

filed for misappropriating Tk 1.15 crore through 310 vouchers in between July 2003 and June 2004 and misappropriating Tk 84.56 lakh in between July 2005 and October 2005 through 114 fake vouchers. Investigation reveals Harun used to forge signa-

tures and prepare fake bills

before sending it to

Mohammad Zinnah for approval by other officials concerned. All the ten officials are already accused in the charge sheet submitted in connection with another graft case filed for misappropriating Tk 2.75 crore in the same manner

in between July 2004 and June

CDA OFFICIALS SUED

Anti-Corruption Commission here yesterday sued 12 officials of Chittagong Development Authority (CDA), including its chief engineer, and 13 contractors for embezzling Tk 1,21,58,322 of a project, reports our staff correspondent from Chittagong.

The CDA officials and contractors were accused in 13 cases filed with Chandgaon Police Station. They were sued for misappropriating the project fund for renovating a 3-km road stretching from FIDC (Bahir Signal) point of

are Chief Engineer Iqbal Hossain Majumder, ex-Superintendent Engineer Nur Hossain, Executive Engineers Manjur Hassan and AAM Habibur Rahman, Assistant Engineers Nurul Amin Bhuiyan, Mohammad Ilias and Ilias Akter, Sub Assistant Engineers Hamidul Haque and Osman Sikder, Estimators Rupam Kumar Chowdhury and Syed Golam Sarwar and Finance and Accounts Officer Mohammad Nazer.

The accused CDA officials

Deputy Director of ACC (Chittagong) Sayed Iqbal Hossain said its probe found the accused did not work properly while implementing the project. They also withdrew the bills without completing the renovation work of the road as per the tender.

ACC is also processing steps to file nine more cases against the same batch of CDA officials and contractors for embezzling Tk 53.70 lakh of the project, he added.

#### Mannan Syed

tors declared him dead after

**FROM PAGE 16** members said, adding, doc-

he was taken to the city's LabAid Cardiac Hospital. Renowned for his research on National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam and Bangalee poet Jibanananda Das, he is sur-

vived by his wife and a daugh-

ter, and a host of relatives,

admirers and well-wishers.

His first namaz-e-janaza will be held at the Green Road mosque at 10:00am today. He will then be taken to the Dhaka University mosque and Bangla Academy mosque for the second and third namaze-janaza. His body will be kept at both the places for some time for the people to pay their

last respect. Mannan Syed, who began be laid to eternal rest at Azimpur Graveyard after John prayers, his family sources

Chobbish Pargana (now West Bengal) in 1943, he had taught as a faculty in the department of Bangla at the Jagannath College, Dhaka. He also served as Director General of the Nazrul Institute and was the first scholar-in-residence in Bangladesh at North South

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Islam Mahmud said one cannot say for sure that martial law will not be proclaimed again just because there are these

Shah Amanat Bridge Link

Road to Kalurghat bridge

under a Tk 9.85 crore project.

verdicts now. However, he added, the

AL lawmaker Suranjit Sengupta, co-chair of the special parliamentary committee formed for constitutional amendments, said since there is no alternative to democracy to establish peace and prosper-

usurp state power. to ratify the martial law procla-

roundtable. to the original constitution and laws to block military takeover

seventh amendments. Suranjit Sengupta urged the main opposition BNP to join the special committee so that a consensus decision comes out. "Whatever we do, we will do it

unanimously."

changing global politics, he Anisul Islam Mahmud, also

a member of the special committee, said the political parties must find a credible system to govern the country, and people must stay alert so that martial

He said the political parties have to change their mindset. They must practice tolerance

his literary life in the 60s, will Born at Bashirhat in

University.

For his contribution to Bangla literature, he received Bangla Academy Award and Alaol Literary Award, both in

Information Minister Abul Kalam Azad and Information Secretary Dr Kamal Abdul Naser Chowdhury expressed deep shock saying Bangla literature will suffer a great loss at his death.

# Legislation alone

Jatiya Party lawmaker Anisul

verdicts have indeed made a strong case against military

ity, it must be ensured that noone gets the opportunity to In his remarks, Law Minister Shafique Ahmed described how the basic structure of the constitution was destroyed through amendments brought

At the beginning of the discussion, Prothom Alo Editor Matiur Rahman explained the rationale for organising the He said issues like a return

have come to the fore following the cancellation of the fifth and

Referring to the verdicts, he said it was the first time the High Court has taken a courageous stance in favour of people; justices sided with the military during takeovers in the past. The verdicts reflect the

to institutionalise democracy. Supreme Court Bar Association President Khandaker Mahbub Hossain

and make parliament effective

said the verdicts have left some

changes made by the martial

law proclamations still untouched. This double policy will create problems. He added that the constitution has to be amended in line with the verdicts on the fifth

and seventh amendments.

Mahbub, also a member of BNP chairperson's advisory council, said an expert committee should be formed to review and recommend amendments to the charter without causing controversy. Lt Gen (retd) Mahbubur

also observed that the prime minister's power should be curtailed in the interests of Civil society personality Prof Muzaffer Ahmad said the politics of grabbing every-

Rahman stressed the need for

greater democratic practices

within the political parties. He

thing--land, river, and dutyfree cars--has to be changed. He said the issue of decentralisation of power should not be glossed over.

Amin Ahmed Chowdhury

said religion and religion-

still be allowed and Islam might

remain the state religion--all to

And if it really turns out to be

win votes in the next election.

based parties should not be a factor in the governance of the Noted jurist Shahdeen Malik however said he fears religion-based politics might

the case, it will make things chaotic for the new generation, he added.

aged to escape, said Lalbagh police. No case was filed in this

traffic jam in the area. The bus has been seized but its driver and helper man-

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connection as of 10:00pm.