NEWS

Education policy

FROM PAGE 1 Islam Nahid yesterday placed

the education policy in parliament for discussion. It aims at introducing

several compulsory subjects at primary and secondary levels of general, madrasa and vocational education for establishing a unified schooling system.

The policy lays down the process of modification and changes in it to meet the requirements of time in the national and global arena.

For this, a permanent education commission will be constituted through enactment of a law, and it will enjoy autonomy in discharging its functions.

"The commission will give advices to the education ministry, and ministries related to education and the University Grants Commission for implementation of the education policy," the policy said.

The commission will also monitor whether the education policy is being implemented properly and effectively, and will submit annual report with recommendations to the government and parlia-

The education policy said efforts will be made to introduce coordinated education laws in line with it incorporating all existing laws and rules on education.

It also describes the procedure to ensure recruitment of quality teachers, their transfer and improvement of efficiency of teachers in all types of educational institutions brought under the monthly payment order (MPO).

Like the Public Service Commission, the proposed education commission will select competent teachers on the basis of merit for primary and secondary schools, colleges and ebtedayi madrasas

Ismail Hossain of the

Metropolitan Sessions Judge's

Chief Metropolitan

Magistrate's Court of Dhaka

On July 12, Special

Superintendent of Police

Abdul Kahar Akond, also the

investigation officer of the

case, indicted 824 BDR jawans

and civilians for 24 criminal

Nasiruddin Ahmed Pintu and

Awami League leader Torab Ali

were among the civilians

accused for assisting the muti-

Of them, 21 BDR jawans

have been absconding since

the case was filed against them.

Investigation Department also

submitted another charge

sheet against 807 BDR person-

nel and one civilian in a case

filed under the Explosive

ACTIVITIES OF BDR COURTS

The activities of the newly

constituted courts started

vesterday at BDR

Headquarters with the pro-

implementation," she said.

Hasina said by working

unitedly with more sincerity,

the Saarc member countries

can ensure implementation of

She said Bangladesh has

been successful to make

significant advancement in

different spheres of national

life including education,

health, economy, politics and

human resources develop-

ment in line with Beijing

steps of her government about

the women's rights which

included free education for

girl students, stipends for

female students at secondary

and higher secondary level

and financial assistance to buy

steps enrolment of girl chil-

dren up to higher secondary

evel has increased remark-

attainment of MDG-4 Award

of the United Nation by

Hasina also mentioned

She said following these

The PM mentioned various

platform for action.

Later, Criminal

Former BNP lawmaker

charges in the mutiny.

neers to flee.

Substances Act.

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the laws.

shifted the cases to it for trial.

Earlier on September 22, the

Court set the date yesterday.

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BDR carnage

which receive financial assistance from the government.

The policy also says the accreditation council to be constituted will monitor the functions of private universities to see whether they are able to provide quality education. It will also provide grade to the public universities and higher educational institutions on the basis of their performance every year.

recovery

Cyclone Aila.

release added.

disasters."

added

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The World Bank (WB)

approved \$75 million to sup-

port Bangladesh in its project

for recovery from the damage

caused by Cyclone Sidr and

release said, the credit is an

additional financing for the

ongoing Emergency 2007

Cyclone Recovery &

Restoration Project (ECRRP).

restoration of the areas most

affected by cyclone Sidr and

will target additional upazilas

damaged by cyclone Aila, the

Director Ellen Goldstein said,

"The World Bank increases its

financing to ensure a faster

and more complete recovery

of cyclone affected areas and

to prepare them for future

The additional financing

will ensure continuation of the

restoration of public infra-

structure damaged by the

cyclones and the develop-

ment of more resilient agricul-

tural practices in the salinity

and cyclone prone southern

coastal areas, the release

itate additional 80 kilometres

of coastal embankments, 100

multipurpose shelters and

used to build a long-term

preparedness through

strengthened disaster risk

management, mentioned the

million emergency support

with a grant of US\$2.96 million

in the aftermath of cyclone

The WB provided US\$109

press release.

OMS

A part of the funding will be

construct 60 new shelters.

It would be used to rehabil-

WB Bangladesh's Country

The financing will focus on

The WB yesterday in a press

The cabinet on May 30 approved the education policy 2010, which seeks to bring all students in the country, irrespective of their religions, genders, physical limitations, socio-economic condition and geographic locations under one system.

In the preface on the policy, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina sought cooperation from all to implement it.

In the introductory speech, **Education Minister Nurul** Islam Nahid described the long process of preparing the education policy.

Since the country's independence in 1971, seven education commissions and committees were formed to frame an education policy. But their recommendations were not implemented due to lack of political will and other reasons. And in the absence of a policy, some sort of discrimination has developed in the education system.

The present government formed a 16-member committee on April 6 last year to formulate a policy.

The committee reviewed the reports of Shamsul Haque education committee of 1997 and Qudrat-e-Khuda education commission of 1974, and came up with a draft report on September 2 last year.

The policy was put on the education ministry's website--www.moedu.gov.bd-- yester-

ceedings of special court-11

that held hearing on charge

framing against 84 accused

mutineers of Dhaka Sector

general, sectors deputy DG,

sector commanders and direc-

tors will also be able to preside

BDR director (admin), said five

of the courts will operate in

Dhaka while the rest five out-

the courts outside Dhaka will

complete mutiny trial within

next three to six months and

those are in Dhaka within six to

BDR director general will

preside over one of five courts

in Dhaka while the deputy

director general of BDR and

two sector commanders the

preside the five courts out of

court-11 yesterday adjourned

the hearing on charge framing

against 84 accused mutineers

candidates were elected

directly as lawmakers in the

last general elections while 45

females elected from reserve

leader of the house, leader of

the opposition and five minis-

ters of the government are

women. This proves how

much Bangladesh has

advanced in the path of

women empowerment," the

has reserved 30 percent seats

for the women in different

tiers of the local government

and 14 thousand 228 women

are now working as the mem-

implement various steps by

making the present Women

Development Policy up-to-

government is working to

increase maternity leave to six

months from the present leave

programme, Regional

Programme Director of

UNIFEM Anne F Stenhammer

highly appreciated

Bangladesh's achievements in

the field of women empower-

and Children Affairs Shirin

Sharmin Chowdhury and

Secretary in Charge of the

State Minister for Women

Addressing the

Hasina further said the

The process is going on to

ber of union parisad.

date, she said.

of four months.

ment.

She said the government

PM said.

"Prime minister, deputy

seats in the parliament.

till 10:00am today.

Establish women's

Sector commanders will

Meanwhile, BDR special

will lead four other courts.

According to BDR officials,

The BDR official hoped that

Col Sumon Kumar Barua,

Apart from BDR director

Rifles Headquarters.

over the courts.

side the capital.

nine months.

Afghanistan WB to loan **\$75m for** FROM PAGE 1 Aila, Sidr

Awami League Adviser AK Azad

chancellor of Dhaka University, told The Daily Star that Bangladeshi troops could only be sent for peacekeeping and not for war. "Our present stance is not for fear or apprehension of the Taliban threat, it is our moral stance not to send troops to Afghanistan," he said, adding that Bangladesh is indifferent to

Chowdhury, former vice-

such threats. Sources in the government told The Daily Star that the government in principle has decided not to consider the US request for sending troops to Afghanistan but due to technical reasons the government is reluctant to make the decision public.

Bangladesh did not agree to send troops to Iraq during the first Gulf War after the US requested for forces.

The main opposition BNP, its allies, left-leaning parties, civil society members and experts have already asked the government not to send troops to Afghanistan.

Meanwhile, the foreign ministry yesterday said the United States has sought Bangladesh's engagement in restoration of peace and stability in Afghanistan.

In a statement, it said the attention of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has been drawn to recent media reports on the meeting between Foreign Minister Dipu Moni and Ambassador Richard C Holbrooke, US Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan, in New York on September 23.

It said, "The ministry would like to clarify that during the meeting Bangladesh's engagement was sought for the restoration of peace and stability in Afghanistan; and to that effect Bangladesh was requested to provide economic and development assistance, render training facilities to Afghan security and law enforcement agencies.

foresters are not responsible

for plundering trees. It adds

the trees are never worth Tk

32 crore, the immature trees

are only useable as firewood

Development Board's warn-

ing of erosion, the rejoinder

says there was no written

warning from the WDB

about signs of tree-felling on

the chars, interviews with

foresters, locals, and descrip-

tions of forest staffs' involve-

ment in plundering are fabri-

cated, baseless, motivated

and exaggerated, claims the

have no chance of plundering

trees as local beneficiaries are

involved in the scheme.

Question of felling trees in

broad daylight and selling

trees by hanging scale does

not arise," argues the depart-

the rejoinder says it is a reiter-

ation of the previous report

and the reporter did not

quote statements of forest

We have no doubt that we saw

tree plundering occurred on

the three chars in presence of

forest department staffs. We

reported not only on current

plundering of trees but also

on total destruction of forests

on the chars by forest staffs on

businesses and daily life are

being hampered by power

constraint and expected

investments are not taking

place in this sector due to

not being possible to quickly

implement projects for power

generation due to shortage of

gas. But it will be possible to

take quick steps to address

the energy problem once the

law comes into effect, he

of the bill, the government

will be able to import power

or gas from abroad in a quick

process to meet the acute

It empowers the govern-

ment to avoid compliance of

the Public Procurement Act,

and a Liquefied Natural Gas

shortage of energy.

According to the provision

claimed.

The minister added it is

shortage of power and gas.

S passes bill

plea of river erosion.

officials accurately.

OUR REPLY

About our second report,

Forest department staffs

The report's statements

On the Water

and may worth Tk 17.5 lakh.

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authorities.

"The foreign minister told Holbrooke that Bangladesh believes in peace and it will do whatever it can to restore peace in South Asia, especially in Afghanistan."

She also indicated that Bangladesh would look into scopes for providing various Afghan entities with training facilities, it added.

The foreign ministry statement said Bangladesh has already offered assistance in education and health sectors of the Saarc country.

Industrial police FROM PAGE 1

Twenty-six officials including additional superintendents of police, assistant superinten-

dents of police and inspectors are participating in the training. After completing the course, they will return to their units and start training the subordi-

Speakers at the inaugural training session said the new force will be taught industrial and labour laws, and lessons in the role of industrialists, workers and collective bargaining

Shamsul Hoque Tuku, state minister for home, said, "We have seen how the jute industry had died out because of frequent unrest. Now a quarter is plotting to destroy the garment industry."

He added that the industrial police will exercise utmost restraint in dealing with labour protests.

Naim Ahmed, Rector of Police Staff College, said, "The industrial police will be trained to resolve disputes between owners and workers through arbitrations.'

They will also gather information from the factories and identify the causes of possible unrest, he added.

Among others, Inspector General of Police Hassan Mahmood Khandker was present at the inaugural cere-

The DFO in his rejoinder

calculated the value of the

trees at Tk 40 per maund

though The Daily Star corre-

spondent witnessed on the

char that the trees were being

sold at Tk 80 per maund in

front of the forest depart-

ment's nursery attendant

The department sus-

Abdur Razzak.

Forest dept

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OMS, he told reporters after meeting with wholesale and retail traders of food grains at his secretariat office yesterday.

The step is being taken in the wake of increased price of rice in the market after the Eid-ul-Fitr. Rice now sells in the city markets at Tk 28 to Tk 47 per kg according to their quality.

Razzak said the price of rice is now showing a downward trend although it had been increasing soon after the Eid.

He said there is no scope of any further increase in the price of rice ahead of the next Aman season. "There is enough stock of food grains in the country."

The food minister mentioned that ships carrying imported rice from India and Vietnam have already anchored at Chittagong and Mongla seaports and the process of unloading the rice is under way "Twelve ships at Chittagong port and four at Mongla port are being currently unloaded," he

Razzak said as per agreements made earlier, the government is importing 2 lakh tonnes of wheat and 3lakh tonnes of rice from India while and 1lakh tonnes of rice from Vietnam.

About the price hike of wheat, he said wheat price has increased with the rise of its price in the international mar-

There will be strong monitoring in the market to check the further rise of price of wheat, he added.

Singer Bipul FROM PAGE 16

suffering from lung cancer for the last few months. As his condition worsened Saturday, he was moved to the Intensive Care Unit of Delta Hospital where he has been undergoing treatment since September

Doctors at Mumbai's Tata Memorial Hospital diagnosed him with lung cancer in August. But he had to return home without receiving any treatment due to financial constraints.

Indra Mohan Rajbongshi, president of Bangladesh Lok Sangeet Parishad, and fellow singers urged everyone including the county's cultural community to come to his aid.

"No one is coming forward to support him [Bipul]. As a freedom fighter, we should stand beside him and contribute to his treatment," Indra said.

Bipul's voice on the Swadhin Bangla Betar Kendra substantially contributed in inspiring the nation at war for

independence. visited Bipul Bhattacharya on Saturday and enquired about

Speaker Abdul Hamid his health.

2006, which was introduced to ensure transparency in government procurement. This legislation would be applied for the tenders for large-scale power projects

pended Razzak for neglect of duty just three days after our report was published. Sources confirmed us that all the plundered trees were

not firewood; rather many of those were valuable timber trees as well. Upon receipt of the rejoin-

der we contacted WDB again and the official concerned reaffirmed that the Board had alerted the forest department beforehand about danger of the chars being washed away by river erosion anytime.

During our visits to the chars, we randomly talked to a number of beneficiaries and locals who unanimously informed us about involvement of foresters in tree plundering and about their depravity.

We saw many signs of felling and selling trees after weighing those by a scale in presence of nursery attendant Razzak. We talked to labourers and boatmen who were employed by forest staffs and their men to carry logs to brick kilns and wood

We stand by our report.

It allows tendering author-

ities to quickly publish tender

notices in newspapers and

websites, make correspon-

dences and negotiations with

bidders through emails to fix

dering and unsolicited deal

with a single bidder or from a

pool of pre-selected bidders

ment on September 26 was

sent to the parliamentary

standing committee on

power, energy and mineral

resources ministry for scru-

did not bring any major

change to the bill and recom-

mended that the House pass

yesterday also passed

another bill making provision

for mandatory usage of jute

bags for packaging of differ-

Meanwhile, the House

The parliamentary body

The bill placed in parlia-

through restrictive tender.

It also allows direct ten-

(LNG) terminal.

service prices.

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the bill.

ent goods.

Rajuk knocks down illegal structures in parking spaces

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha (Rajuk) yesterday in a drive demolished illegal structures in car-parking spaces of five buildings at the city's Rokeya Sarani. Rokon-ud-Doula, executive

magistrate of Rajuk, yesterday morning conducted the drive with around 30 day labourers, a bulldozer, two platoons of police and some officials of Rajuk. The drive continued until 4:00pm. Rokon said they freed the car

parks of the buildings including FR Tower and Nim Tower by knocking down all structures used for other purposes. The structures were built in violation of the plans approved by Rajuk. Even the portions of Limu

show room, Hatil Furniture and Probal community center, which fell into the car park areas, were removed, the Rajuk official said. Gias Uddin, owner of one of

the buildings, said most of the buildings at Rokeya Sarani used their car parks for other pur-

Rajuk earlier also took several initiatives to make car parks of other buildings in the area available for parking vehicles, but the structures removed in the drives were rebuilt in no

DRIVE AT CEPZ

2 factories fined for pollution

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

The Department o Environment (DoE) in a drive at Chittagong Export Processing Zone (CEPZ) yesterday fined two industries around Tk 33 lakh forwater pollution. A team of the DoE, led by its

Director (enforcement) Munir Chowdhury, made the drive titled "Operation Prevent Environmental Crime" at Sector 7 of CEPZ.

It awarded financial penalty worth Tk 17.28 lakh to Dream Knitting Ltd and Tk 16 lakh to JF

During the three-hour drive that started around 11:00am the DoE team found both the industries causing water pollution through disposal of chemical waste without treating them properly. It was unearthed that

untreated chemical and liquid wastes of the two factories ultimately found their way to the Bay of Bengal through the drain and canal of CEPZ, said sources in the team. The team detected defects in

the Effluent Treatment Plants (ETPs) of both the factories that are running their business without DoE clearances, they

The chemical tests, conducted by the DoE team in presence of the officials of the factories, showed that the dissolved oxygen level in the liquid wastes of Dream Knitting and JF Textile was 1.8 milligram per litre (mg/l) against the standard level of 4.5 mg/l to 8.0 mg/l. DoE earlier issued caution-

ary notices to the factory authorities but they took no steps regarding treatment of discharged wastes, said Munir Chowdhury while talking to The Daily Star. The authorities of the facto-

ries, however, informed the DoE team that they have already started to make their ETPs effective, Municadded. Earlier on July 19, a DoE

team fined a foreign dying factory Tk 9.18 lakh for water pollution at CEPZ.

Recruitment

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Jhenidah General Hospital and Gaibandha civil surgeon's office on Saturday, alleging irregularities in the staffing Aggrieved to see their

names missing out on the results of the recruitment tests for the posts of office assistant, cardiographer, junior mechanic, MLSS, cook, gardener and ward boy, a group of jobseekers went berserk. Earlier the health ministry

recruited some 3,551 doctors on adhoc basis and 6,347 health assistants to reduce the manpower crisis in the health sector. News agency UNB adds, local people formed a human

chain in Swarupkathi upazila of Pirojpur district yesterday, demanding cancellation of recruitment of 53 employees to the civil surgeon's office.

The lawmaker from Pirojpur-3 constituency, Mohammad Shah Alam, accused the civil surgeon of making the appointments illegally.

Babar now accused

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and launchers, hand grenades and bullets stuffed in around 1,500 wooden boxes during unloading those from two vessels at Chittagong Urea Fertiliser Limited (CUFL) jetty.

The seized arms and ammunition were taken to the warehouse at Dampara Police Lines in Chittagong in 10 trucks guarded by a huge contingent of police, coastguards and paramilitary BDR. Babar, the then state minis-

ter for home, flew to Chittagong by helicopter on April 3 and said the weapons were smuggled in as part of conspiracy for subversion. He also did not rule out any link to the April 30 deadline of the then main opposition Awami League for the fall of the government.

After 140 days of this largest arms haul, the August 21 grenade attack was carried out on an AL rally on Bangabandhu Avenue to assassinate the then leader of the opposition Sheikh Hasina. Babar was also accused in the grisly grenade attack case on October 26 last year. Earlier on April 03, 2004, two

cases were filed with Karnaphuli police under section-25/B of the Special Powers Act for arms smuggling and section-19 (ka) of the Arms Act. The arrest of Babar became

almost certain since three probe committee members -- the then DIG (Special Branch) Shamsul Islam, former DIG (CID) Farrukh Ahmed and former NSI Director Brig Gen Enamur Rahman -- and the then CMP commissioner SM Sabbir Ali have recently implicated Babar and then home secretary Omar Faruk in the offence in their confessional statement under section 164. The other members of the

probe committee were the then DGFI director Brig Gen Rezzagul Haider Chowdhury and former home secretary Omar Faruk, chief of the body. Sabbir Ali on September 30

told a magistrate's court that Babar had ordered not to arrest the NSI officials engaged to help offloading the weapons at the CUFL jetty or not to do or say anything anywhere regarding their involvement. The then home secretary

Omar Faruk dropped names of three NSI officials including the then NSI DG Brig Gen Abdur Rahim from the probe report, Sabbir said.

Enamur Rahman in his statement said they had suggested mentioning involvement of the NSI officials with the smuggling and offloading of the arms, but the committee chief turned it down.

Farrukh Ahmed implicated Babar along with Faruk for diverting the incident and said everything was done at the diktat of Babar.

The Court of Metropolitan Sessions Judge (acting) Inamul Haque Bhuiyan on September 26 extended time for further investigation into the muchanother 60 days till November Saturday. 24 this year.

This was the 10th time extension for further investigation into the cases.

Chemical storage FROM PAGE 1 Mohammad Al Amin, executive

magistrate of Dhaka district administration, said they received too little assistance from the assigned fire service officials to conduct the drive smoothly. Fire service officials started

dilly-dallying when the magistrate asked them to head for Old Dhaka. At one stage, Zahurul Amin, the assistant director of fire service and civil defense, said he forgot to bring the list of chemical stores in Old Dhaka. Al Amin said the court,

accompanied by 18 Rab members and a few fire service officials, was logistically well equipped, except for the unpreparedness of the fire service officials. "It has been a mistake," said

Zahurul Amin on forgetting the list containing names of 800 chemical warehouses in old

The fire service officials, however, took the court to the outer part of Old Dhaka when the magistrate threatened to postpone the drive for their "non-cooperation". During its drive in Old

Dhaka, the court fined Abdul Gaffar Company, a plastic factory at Hosne Dalan, Tk three lakh for not keeping fire extinguisher at its store and sealed a chemical warehouse near Chankharpole intersection for not having licence. The court also disconnected

its electric connection for storing illegal combustible chemicals, and asked the fire service officials to file a regular case against its owner for operating without permission. "The drive will continue, and

we'll visit other stores in Old Dhaka," Al Amin said replying to a query as to why they did not conduct the drive at the main spots of chemical warehouses. Fire service officials should

government order.

He said PSC would imple-

ment the decision if the court permits.

Babar blamed FROM PAGE 1 subversive activities in the

incident.

During the immediate past

caretaker government rule a

Chittagong court on February

12, 2008 ordered for further

investigation following an

appeal made by then metropol-

lowed had a major develop-

ment when prime accused

Hafizur Rahman gave his con-

fessional statement on March

02 last year indicating involve-

arrests of then DGFI director

Maj Gen (retd) Rezzaqul Haider,

NSÍ DG Brig Gen (retd) Abdur

Rahim, NŠI director Wing

Commander (retd) Sahab

Uddin, deputy director Maj

(retd) Liakat Hossain and field

officer Akbar Hossain, CUFL

managing director Mohsin

Talukder and general manager

investigation in the last 32

months interrogated around 80

people including the members

of the committee to probe the

Investigators during further

(admin) Enamul Haque.

Hafiz's statement led to the

ment of NSI and DGFI officials.

The investigation that fol-

itan PP Ahsanul Hoque Hena.

country. "We believe these modern firearms were intended for subversive activities in Bangladesh, as the consignment landed here." He also did not rule out a

link between the arms and the April 30, 2004, deadline set by the then main opposition to topple the government. On April 4 the same year, he told BBC Bangla service that following a directive of the then

prime minister a probe body

was formed. He, however,

avoided commenting on the unloading of the huge amount of arms and ammunition in presence of law enforcers at the jetty of a fertiliser factory in Chittagong. On his pre-investigation statement that the arms and ammunition were brought in for planned destructive activities, Babar said, "I made a clear

ammunition were found inside the country, we've reason to believe that these are meant for use in the country."

statement. As the arms and

Youth held

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the minister earlier. Rab officials said a text message was sent to Quader on September 29 threatening him. On September 30, another message was sent to him from a different number after which the minister's office asked the

director general of Rab to take

action. A Rab official said that the message read: "You have gone too far. How dare you do such a

nastywork?" A team of Rab-3, acting on information from its intelligence unit, arrested Shubhro in front of his home at Shahjahanpur Officers'

talked-about arms haul by Quarters around 2:30pm Shubhro, a first year HSC student, said he sent the text to the culprit who had threatened the minister on September 29.

He said he got the number of the culprit from a Bangla national daily. However, the paper had mistakenly printed the minister's number instead of the

number from which the first text was sent to the minister, said Rab officials.

Shubhro was handed over to Shahbagh Police Station's

custody yesterday. Rab admitted that the number of the sender of first

text was different. 30th BCS test FROM PAGE 16

An HC bench of Justice AHM Shamsuddin Chowdhury Manik and Justice Sheikh Md Zakir Hossain came up with the order after disposing of the writ petition jointly filed by 19 candidates of the 30th BCS examinations, seeking cancellation of the preliminary test for anomalies in some queries of question paper-2.

The HC bench yesterday also directed three officials of Bangladesh Government (BG) Press and PSC to appear before it on October 7 to explain why they recommended pardoning the BG Press personnel responsible for anomalies in the question

The three officials are --Assistant directors of BG press Alamgir Hossain and Mojibur Rahman and PSC director Vivekanda Bishwas. They submitted an inquiry

report to PSC on September 14, saying Compositor of BG Press Rezaul Karim and its Reviser Rafiqul Islam were responsible for anomalies in the BCS question paper, but they should be pardoned of their mistakes. During the hearing, M

Asadullah, lawyer for the PSC, told the court the commission has decided to give 11 marks to all the candidates of 30th BCS examination considering the trouble for errors in the quesbe prepared for the drive, and tion paper.

should update the list of stores operating in the area violating

husband-abandoned women. Hasina announced that the budgetary allocation in this

Bangladesh for its remarkable success in reducing child and maternal mortality. She said Tk 331.20 crore has

peen allocated in the current budget for providing allowances to 9.20 lakh widows and

regard will be increased in the Ministry Tariqul Islam, among others, addressed the func-She stated that 19 female tion.