Rupganj flies

Locals said the army has been trying for the last six months to buy 6,000 bighas of land under

24 moujas in Rupganj to develop a housing project. They alleged they are not Rupganj school ground. allowed to sell land to anyone

other than the army. Rab personnel reached the Besides, the army forces spot and asked the villagers not them to sell land for only Tk 15 to join the rally," he told the lakh a bigha when the current Daily Star at DMCH. market price is Tk 40 lakh,

the ones responsible for yester-

people attacked the army men

and ransacked the AHS project

weapons from the troops, a few

government has accepted in

principle a proposal for "self-

financed housing scheme for

Huda said he too did not know

approval from Rajuk to imple-

ment a housing project. And to

get the go-ahead, they need to

submit a layout of the project in

keeping with the Detailed Area

Witnesses said people from

Shouting slogans against

land purchase by the army

siege to Tanmushury camp at

crowds, Rab and army person-

nel shot at least 150 bullets,

strators to go away for some

But as the news spread,

more villagers joined in. Within

an hour, the crowd swelled to

around 7,000 and laid siege to

three more camps in a five-km

eyewitness, said, "The Rab

men fired at knee-level when

Abdus Salam, a local

worker, said that shortly after

the shooting, someone was

announcing through loud-

speakers that the army men

It inflamed the situation,

leading the demonstrators to

Alongside the Rab person-

Momen, one of the injured

He said the army personnel

admitted to DMCH, gave

similar account of the clashes.

nel, some army men fired on

the crowd, he added.

fired at least 50 bullets.

attack the Tanmushury camp.

had shot dead many villagers.

Mohammad Alam, an

radius of Tanmushury.

army camp.

30 villages started gathering on

the Ichhapur-Rupganj road

from around 9:00am.

around 10:30am.

the army" in Rupganj.

"When they tried to snatch

added the villagers.

day's incident.

ISPR release.

locals, added ISPR.

the servicemen.

Daily Star.

army in Rupganj.

The Rab men fired at least 150 rounds at the villagers In a late-night press release, defying their instructions and Inter Services Public Relations left some 20 injured.

Nur Alma, 38, another

bullet-hit, said several thou-

sand villagers gathered in front

of Krishna Cinema Hall at

Ichhapur around 10:00am to

attend the protest rally at

"Around 10:30am, over 80

said local vested interests have Contacted, Commander been obstructing the Army Mohammad Sohail, director of Housing Scheme (AHS) for the Rab's legal and media wing, last few months, and they are said "Rab and police opened fire when the army personnel of the four camps came under It said a group of unruly

> Biswas Afzal Hossain, superintendent of police in Narayanganj, however told The Daily Star that police did not fire a single bullet.

rounds of bullet went off leav-Locals told the police that ing a civilian injured," read the they were demonstrating as they were not getting fair price The army authorities have for their land, added the SP. decided to withdraw all make-

Some villagers alleged shift offices in Rupganj to ruling Awami League lawfacilitate negotiations with the maker Golam Dastagir Gazi has been helping the army men It also said the AHS project purchase land at throwaway runs solely on private funds of

Gazi, however, rejected the An army blog claims the allegation. He claimed a few land developers and leaders of BNP and Jamaat instigated the incident to scuttle the process of trying war criminals.

However, Abdul Mannan He said he along with a few Khan, state minister for houslocal leaders visited the army ing and public works, said he camp on Thursday and told the was not aware of any such army personnel about people's resentment and confusion "I know nothing. Nobody over the purchase of land for has informed me," he told The the project.

"We submitted a four-point Rajuk Chairman Nurul demand to an army officer for purchasing land directly from of any housing project for the the owners and not to evict those who have been living As per the rules, he said, there for long," he said. developers must obtain an

Locals feared that the army would purchase a small portion of the required land and acquire the rest, he said.

Meanwhile, Rupgan Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) Sayeda Farhana Karnina said some army high-ups met administration officials of Rupganj upazila to discuss the purchase of land.

2 'pirates' personnel, they went to lay

FROM PAGE 16 Barguna early yesterday.

As police charged baton, the A team of Rab-8 conducted demonstrations got even more a drive in Chardoani area around 3:30am and chal-To disperse the marauding lenged a trawler carrying a gang of pirates. They were heading for deep sea to cominjuring some 25 people. The mit piracy, said Rab sources. shooting forced the demon-

At one stage the gang, locally known as Daktar Bahini, opened fire on the elite force members, prompting them to fire back.

Gang leader Manik Daktar, 45 and Jahangir Hossain, 44, were caught in the line of fire and died on the spot, while the others managed to escape the mob was about to storm the jumping into the river.

> Rab seized the trawler and also recovered 15 firearms, including 12 shooter guns, one shotgun, one single barrel gun and one air gun, 463 bullets of air gun and some sharp weapons from the trawler.

Officer-in-Charge Shohrab Hossain of Patharghata Police Station said Manik and Jahangir were accused in various cases, including murders, extortions and piracies, filed with different police stations in Barguna.

Sarima murder

Sarima broke up with me six months ago for my family status and poor educational background," said Sourav, adding, "About a month ago, l decided to commit suicide and sent Sarima the message through her friends Safaat

Ishtiak and Tasrin. "Last Thursday, I met her on the roof of Safaat's house to return the letters and gifts she gave me earlier and give a final shot to save our relationship," he said adding that he also planned to scare her by a sui-

cide prank on the roof. He said Safaat and Tasrin were also on the roof during the

"At one stage of the conversation, following repeated refusal by Sarima I flicked out the knife," Sourav continued saying, "She then started to run and I caught her and stabbed her. After that, Safaat and I took her to Chittagong Medical College Hospital and I fled from there. I threw my blood stained t-shirt in a drain near Oxygen intersection and headed towards Dhaka to my

elder brother's." "I am now repentant for what I have done," added Souray.

Amena Begum, deputy commissioner (DC) (Chittagong north), said police

had recovered the knife that

was used for stabbing from the

roof of an adjacent building and quizzed Safaat, Tasrin and Abul Bashar, security guard of

the building where the incident

took place. 'We made Sourav's mother and maternal uncle convince him to come back to Chittagong," said the DC, adding that on confirmation that Souray and his brother had started for Chittagong from Dhaka at 7:00 Friday, the law enforcers waylaid the brothers at Bhatiari and arrested

CMP Commissioner Abul Kashem said police also quizzed Nabil, who arranged the roof-top meeting, and actions would be taken if any of the victim's friends are found involved in provoking or plan-

ning the murder. Investigation officer of the case Sub-Inspector Sandip Kumar Das of Kotwali Police Station claimed the murder pre-planned as Sourav brought the weapon and a backpack of clothes from house.

He kept the bag in a CNGrun-three wheeler, which was kept waiting near the place of occurrence, said the SI, adding that they used the auto rickshaw for taking Sarima to hospital.

After several attempts, Souray passed SSC exam from Open University in 2008. He hasn't completed the higher secondary yet.

Pak army airstrikes kill 12 militants

AP, Parachinar

A local government official says Pakistani army airstrikes have killed 12 suspected insurgents near the Afghan border.

The helicopter gunships targeted two suspected militant hide-outs in the Orakzai tribal region yesterday.

The day before, a roadside bomb killed six paramilitary soldiers in Orakzai, where the army has waged an offensive against the Taliban.

Local government administrator Aurangzeb Khan says Saturday's airstrikes also wounded six militants. The violence is a sign the

Taliban are regrouping in Orakzai, where the army had declared victory earlier this year. Independent confirmation

of the strikes and death toll is nearly impossible because access to the conflict zone is severely restricted.

British Ex-PM Thatcher recovering in hospital

AFP, London

Former British prime minister Margaret Thatcher was said to be feeling "a lot brighter" in hospital yesterday as she recovers from a bout of flu.

The 1980s premier, who has been in frail health for a number of years, was admit ted to a west London hospital for tests on Tuesday.

"She is a lot brighter. She is sitting up in a chair in her own room now," a spokesman for Thatcher said. "I think we are still going to

be here for several days yet just to make sure." Thatcher was forced to miss

a planned 85th birthday party at Downing Street on October 14 due to her illness.

Known as the "Iron Lady" Thatcher was the longestserving British prime minister of the 20th century and the only woman to serve as premier.

Cyclone Giri

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Bazar, Chittagong and Mongla have been advised to keep hoisted local cautionary signal

All fishing boats and trawlers over North Bay have been advised to keep close to the coast and proceed with caution till further notice.

4 killed

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Bangladesh Shomoy, Golam Kibria Konok, a cloth trader, 30, businessman Shahidul Islam Azad, 38, and Wahid Imran, 25.

Fire brigade divers recovered three bodies, 15 hours after the incident, from the river around 12:15pm yesterday while the fourth body was recovered later in the after-

The trawler sank while going to Tekerhat Lalon festival with 60 passengers on board. It collided with a sand-

laden vessel around 9:00pm. All the passengers except the four managed to swim

ashore.

AL sees

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At least 50 people including policemen, army personnel and locals were injured in yesterday's clash that started around 11:30am.

The clash ensued when law enforcers tried to remove barricades put up by locals in protest against 'forced purchase' of 6,000 bighas for a housing project for army personnel.

UN to observe

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this year," the message read. Due to sincere efforts of Bangladesh's Permanent Mission to the UN, it said, a proposal for observing International Mother Language Day has been included in the resolution. "It is an important achieve-

ment for Bangladesh since February 21 was recognised as International Mother Language Day by the UNESCO in 1999 due to keen interest of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina," the release said.

Since 1999, February 21 is observed as International Mother Language Day in UN member countries.

Direct trading

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and the delay often caused by crowding of trucks on either side of the border, officials of the two countries said.

Under the MoU, India would allow movement of trucks from Nepal into Bangladesh up to land customs stations in Bangladesh.

It was agreed that Bangladesh would supply 1.7 million pieces of garment to India free of duty from October to December this year, Anand Sharma told a joint press conference with Faruk Khan.

Bangladesh has already exhausted 70 percent of the 8 million pieces of garments to India in the first ten months of this year.

Sharma said steps would be taken for expeditious export of 300,000 tonnes of parboiled rice and 2,00,000 tonnes of wheat to Bangladesh, as per of agreement already reached between the two countries.

India's decision to allow resumption of cotton export to Bangladesh following the ban imposed by New Delhi in April is crucial for Bangladesh whose textile industry depends on the item. Besides, the cotton price has reached its all-time high of \$1.19 a pound in international market this month.

Faruk Khan, who had a 40minute one-to-one talks with Sharma before half-an-hour of delegation-level parleys, said, "We had very fruitful discussions, particularly the one-onone discussions."

He said he discussed with Sharma removal of quota and duty for more goods from Bangladesh and the Indian commerce minister "assured us that it is under active consideration of the Indian government".

Bangladesh wants 61 more goods to be removed from India's list of sensitive goods for trading under the South Asian Free Trade Area. An overwhelming number of these goods are in garment

Faruk Khan, after his talks with Sharma, said, "Whatever the little bottlenecks were there in enhancing India-Bangladesh trade have been removed."

"We consider India not only a neighbour but a brother," he

According to Faruk, Sharma has accepted his invitation to visit Bangladesh and officials of the two countries will finalise the dates.

Sharma said Bangladesh has responded positively to India's request for allowing use of Chittagong and Mongla ports to help enhance bilateral trade and also use of Ashuganj as a port of call. Sharma invited the

Bangladeshi commerce minister to jointly inaugurate the border haat along the border with Meghalaya with the Meghalaya chief minister. He said feasibility studies

for two separate 1300MW power projects in Khulna and Chittagong to be set up by India would start soon and "we hope bulk power transmission between the two countries will commence by the year 2012". The Indian commerce

minister said seven integrated check posts and eight land customs stations along the border with Bangladesh would be upgraded. He said his "useful discus-

sions" with Faruk Khan were "important considering the fact that Hasina's visit to India was historic and that it charted the roadmap for cooperation in areas like infrastructure, border infrastructure and power".

Sharma added India and Bangladesh were in talks to build a bridge across Feni river to connect Sabroom in Tripura and Ramgarh in Bangladesh and emphasised integrating North Eastern Indian states with Bangladesh by encouraging investment flows and joint ventures.

Faruk Khan, who was leading a 21-member high-level delegation, wraps up his threeday official visit to India today.

Accompanied by Bangladesh trade and industry leaders, Faruk Khan had an interactive session with Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry. He also addressed the Confederation of Indian Industry.

KL flight cancelled

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Pilots of the national carrier continue their protest since Friday against a Biman decision to increase the retirement age of pilots from 57 to 62 years leaving them conditionally out of insurance and rehabilitation benefits during the extended period of service.

They now refuse to fly more than 70 hours a week stipulated in an agreement between Biman and Bangladesh Pilots' Association (BAPA).

Biman insiders fear that if the protest continues, the national carrier, already short of pilots, will be forced to cancel many flights in the

coming days. Biman Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer Muhammad Zakiul Islam said they are waiting for a court

decision on the matter. "A petition on the issue remains pending with the High Court. A hearing will be held tomorrow [Sunday]," he

Zakiul said they cannot programme.

begin talks with the parties involved before the case is resolved.

He said they have only a handful of pilots. If any pilot refuses to do additional duty, it's hard for them to operate a flight in absence of the designated pilot.

It sets off a chain reaction in flight schedules, the Biman high-up said.

Captain MA Basit Mahtab general secretary of BAPA, said the pilots would not give concession to Biman on flying more than the period stipulated in the agreement until their demands are met.

He however gave assurance that the hajj flights would remain out of the purview of the protest programme.

Pilots reiterated that they would firmly stick to the accord to realise their demand for cancellation of the Biman

Mahtab said the Biman management's dictatoria attitude had been behind the pilots' going for the protest

KL stays frosty

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involving outsourcing agencies in recruiting Bangladeshi workers was a major cause behind labour exploitation.

The outsourcing companies recruited Bangladeshi workers through agencies in Bangladesh. To do the job, those companies were handed over the entire responsibility for the workers' salaries, lodging, transportation, medical expenses, and insurance on the basis of contract with the employers (factories or

Complaints are rife that the outsourcing companies did not pay the workers, rather imposed hidden fees on them indiscriminately.

Tenaganita found that the outsourcing companies had to bribe 1,500-2,000 ringgit (Tk 30,000 to Tk 40,000) to the Malaysian home ministry and spend 1,000-2,000 ringgit (Tk 20,000 to Tk 40,000) as "lobbyist fee" on a regular basis. The Daily Star's earlier

investigation revealed a good number of Bangladeshi brokers were also involved in the process, in which excessive workers were hired to make fast bucks.

Recruiting agencies in Bangladesh have meanwhile blamed the Bangladesh mis-

sion in Kuala Lumpur saying the high commission was supposed to verify the job demands of the Malaysian employers and then attest

The agencies allege the Bangladesh mission did not play its due role, which also contributed to the malprac-"We asked them to enlist

Bangladesh as a regular labour-source country so that Malaysian employers do not need special permission to hire workers from here directly," Zafar Ahmed Khan Recently, a fishing com-

as there is a general ban.

must keep trying."

pany of Malaysia's Sabah Sarwak approached the Bangladesh mission to hire 5,000 Bangladeshi workers. Quoting the Malaysian on roads. central government officials,

Khan said the company from Sabah Sarwak has to obtain approvals from Malaysian home and human resources ministries to hire the workers, Air Force helicopter. Bangladesh Overseas Employment Services Ltd

Managing Director Muhammad Abdullah said, "It will not be so easy to melt the land, while the land pur-Malaysian freeze. However, we continue.

Qaeda's US spokesman urges attacks

AFP, Dubai

Qaeda's American spokesman, Adam Gadahn, has urged fellow Muslims in the West to carry out attacks in the "Zio-Crusader coalition states, SITE Intelligence Group said yesterday. "To my Muslim brothers

in the West

Zio-Crusader coalition ... know that Jihad (holy war) is your duty as well," Gadahn said in a video, excerpts of which were provided by the US monitoring group. He addressed Muslims in "emigrant communities like those which live on the margins of society in the miserable

suburbs of Paris, London and

Detroit, or are from those arriv-

residing in the states of the

ing in America or Europe to study in its universities or seek their daily bread in the streets of its cities," SITE said. "You have an opportunity to strike the leaders of unbelief and retaliate against them on their own soil, as long as there is no covenant between you and them," he added in the 48 min-

ute, 20 second video, produced

by al-Qaeda media arm As-He urged Arabs to launch "heroic operations similar to the invasion of the American consulate in Peshawar and the bombing of the Danish embassy in Islamabad," in their cities and capitals.

destroying their properties' when carrying out such attacks, he said in Arabic, with the video providing English subtitles. Six Pakistanis were killed in an April attack on the US con-

However, "it is obligatory to

avoid harming Muslims and

sulate in the northwestern Pakistani city of Peshawar. In June 2008, a car bomb exploded outside the Danish embassy in Islamabad killing at least eight people, including a Dane, and wounding about 27

Gadahn also called on Muslims to attack "American military bases spread across the (Arabian) Peninsula, the Gulf, the Levant countries and elsewhere... like the one carried out by Major Nidal Hasan," the US Army psychiatrist accused of opening fire on colleagues at Fort Hood, Texas, killing 13.

Mizanur dies

BSMMU Hospital told The Daily Star.

On October 12, two local youths attacked Mizanur, a chemistry teacher of Lokmanpur College in Bagatipara upazila, for protest-

ing stalking of college girls. They ran a motorcycle into him, leaving him critically

He was declared clinically dead on October 21. Since then, he had been on a lifesupport machine.

The deputy inspector general (DIG) of police for Rajshahi yesterday assured locals that the attackers will be hunted down soon, reports our correspondent from Natore. One of the accused in the

case has already been arrested. DIG Siddiqur Rahman along with senior police officials visited the spot, and gave the assurance at an exchange of views with local elite, teachers of the college, and leaders of different political parties. All classes of Lokmanpur

College in Bagatipara upazila of the district have been suspended till October 28 to avert fresh violence after Wednesday's protest by the students and blocking a train at Lokmanpur Bazar. Meanwhile, black flags

remain hoisted all over Lokmanpur area demanding stern action against the offend-

Police patrol has been intensified in the area.

ISPR

FROM PAGE 1 site by yesterday afternoon.

Under this situation, the ISPR said, an unruly group of people stormed into the AHS project office, ransacked it, attacked army members and tried to snatch away their arms. All of a sudden, some bullets went off incidentally and left one civilian injured. The AHS authorities tried

their best to rush the injured civilian to hospital immediately, but all efforts turned futile due to noncooperation from agitating people and human barricade However, the civilian

along with three injured army personnel earlier was flown to the Combined Military Hospital (CMH) in the capital by a Bangladesh The Army headquarters

believe that the issue would be settled through dialogue in line with the law of the chase programme would

Logging stopped FROM PAGE 16

risky roadside trees."

executed through tender bidding.

But after felling 20 giant trees then, the loggers had to stop their work in the face of public protest. Most recently they have returned with a High Court (HC) order dated November 2, 2009, which permitted execution of the official work orders, specifically, "to cut down dead and

People from all walks of life have now raised their voices against felling of centenarian trees. Jhenidah Poribesh O Jibboychittra Shanrakkhan committee, Hunger Free World, and people under the banner of Kaligongbashi formed human chains and held rallies in protest of the tree felling in Kaligong and Daily Star that they followed Jhenidah on September 17 all official procedures to obtain the work orders. "We

and 18. Shajon Shanga, Patriot Jessore, Ulashi Shrijoni Shanga and Bangladesh Environmental Lawyer Association (Bela) formed human chain and held rallies in protest of the tree felling in Jessore on September 29.

Dr Khalukuzzaman, a

naturalist and also the professor of Environmental Science at Khulna University, said that it is everybody's duty to preserve the centenarian trees. "If the trees become risky to human life, authorities should trim the burdensome

branches and let them live.

But cutting the whole tree is

unacceptable, Khalukuzzaman said. The trees are dotted along the Jessore-Jhenidah, Jessore-Benapole and Meherpur-Chauadanga highways. According to archive, one Kali Babu planted the rain trees

the Jessore-Kolkata road. Azizul Haque Moni, executive director of Ulashi Shrijoni Shanga, termed the trees "heritage" and said "We shall not let them cut the trees,

between 1830 and 1840 along

which we have admired for generations."

Protesting villagers alleged that the contractor has earmarked healthy trees for logging, instead of dead ones.

Zakir Hossain, assistant arborist of R&HD in Khulna, said that they had to abide by the HC directive. "We have handed over the work order of trees along Jessore-Jhenidah road which have been sold to the contactors following the court directive," Hossain said.

Enamul Kabir of Kholadanga village under sadar upazila, Moniruzzaman of Jessore, Abu Bakkar Siddiq of Chuadanga obtained the HC order to execute the work orders of felling down 49 roadside trees, sources said. Enamul Kabir told The

after investing our money in the tender," he said. Locals alleged that during the tenure of BNP-led government, contactors had cut down 87 roadside trees in Meherpur showing the papers

are not doing anything illegal.

We have waited for so long

for 37 trees. Although the executive arborist's office under the Ministry of Communication sold the trees, the district council under the Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development claims that the trees belong to them. Several ministerial level meetings were held to resolve the dispute but no headway was

made, sources said. Javed Ahmed, chief executive officer of Jessore district council, said the entire tender process of the executive arborist's office in 2002 was dodgy.

"The trees belong to the district council and had we been made a party in the High Court, the contractor could never win the case," Ahmed

4 lakh secret

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killed in Iraq, Mr Assange said. The new documents and new deaths contained within them showed the range and frequency of the "small, relentless tragedies of this war" added John Sloboda of Iraq Body Count, which

Speaking to reporters in Washington on Friday, US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said she condemned the disclosure and suggested the leaks put lives at risk.

worked with Wikileaks.

However, Wikileaks said it was confident that the documents - published in a heavily censored form - contain "no information that could be

harmful to any individual". Wikileaks says it expects to launch legal proceedings as a result of information contained in the documents. It shows the US military

showing Iraqi Army (IA) officers executing a prisoner in the northern town of Talafar. "The footage shows the IA soldiers moving the detainee into the street, pushing him to the ground, punching him

and shooting him," states the

log, which also names at least

was given a video apparently

one of the perpetrators. In another case, US soldiers suspected army officers of cutting off a detainee's fingers and burning him with acid.

Pentagon spokesman Geoff Morrell told the BBC that if abuse by the Iraqi security forces was witnessed, or reports of it were received, US military personnel were instructed to inform their commanders.

provided enemies of the West with an "extraordinary database to figure out how we operate". He said the cache of documents contained "nothing

Mr Morrell, of the

Pentagon, told the BBC that

the leak was a "travesty" which

new" with regards to fundamental policy issues. And he once again asked Wikileaks to remove the documents from the web and return them to the

Department of Defense.

review of the documents and reports by other media that have had access to them for at least 10 weeks, the broad themes from the "Iraq war log" attracting the most attention are: DENIAL

despite previously denying it. The death toll was put at 109,000, of whom 66,081 were civilians. The US military knew of the abuses, the documents suggest, but reports were sent up

tion", BBC correspondent PRISONERABUSE

* US authorities face accusations of failing to investigate hundreds of reports of abuse of Iraqi prisoners by Iraqi police and soldiers, including cases of rape and even murder that are detailed in the logs. WikiLeaks says there are also cases of abuse of prisoners in US custody, but media given advance access say those

CIVILIAN DEATHS * WikiLeaks said the reports detailed 109,032 deaths in Iraq, composed of 66,081 'civilians,' 23,984 'enemy' (those labelled as insurgents); 15,196 'host nation' (Iraqi government forces) and 3,771 'friendly' (coalition forces). More than 15,000 civilians

cases pale in comparison.

incidents, Britain's Guardian reported. * In February 2007, an Apache helicopter killed two Iraqis suspected of firing mortars even though they were trying to surrender. A military lawyer is quoted in one file saying, "They can not surrender to aircraft and are still valid targets." Other cases

died in previously unknown

involved civilian killings at checkpoints.

IRANIAN INFLUENCE * Military intelligence reports released by WikiLeaks detail previously well-known US concerns that Iranian agents had trained, armed and

directed militants in Iraq.

* In one document posted by The New York Times, the US military warned that a militia commander believed to be behind the deaths of US troops and the kidnapping of Iraqi government officials was trained by Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps. BLACKWATER

* Britain's Bureau of Investigative Journalism says it found documents detailing new cases of alleged wrongful killings of civilians involving a firm previously known as Blackwater, Blackwater, which has now changed its name to Xe Services, saw its reputation badly damaged by a 2007 According to an initial incident in which its security guards were involved in a shooting that killed 14 civil-

IRAN DETENTION **OFUS HIKERS** * Documents in the WikiLeaks file also show that US officials

privately believed the three American hikers detained in The files show the US kept Iraq last year were on the Iraqi records of civilian deaths, side of the border, not in Iran as Tehran contends. Iran is still holding two of them and the document says Iranian leadership hoped to benefit from the incident by focusing the nation "on a perceived exterthe chain of command nal threat rather than internal marked "no further investigadissension."