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AL, BNP trade salvos

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held to fill the vacant seats," AL Advisory Council Member Suranjit Sengupta said yester-

But BNP Standing Committee Member SQ Chowdhury said, "The parliament will turn into a one-party House if by-election is held without BNP's participation, and we have seen the consequence of such one-party parliament in the past."

Suranjit dismissed SQ Chowdhury's claim, saying there is no question of turning the parliament into a oneparty House, since there are many parties in the parliament and in the ruling grand alliance. "More parties might also come forward to nominate candidates for the vacant seats," observed the veteran AL parliamentarian.

Former caretaker government adviser Akbar Ali Khan said if the main opposition resigns from the parliament that will be a setback for democracy, but it will not be easy to destabilise the government. He said no elected government gave up power before completing its tenure in the history of Bangladesh.

"If a major party remains absent from the parliament or resigns from it, the effectiveness of the House can be reduced, but definitely it won't drop to zero," the renowned former bureaucrat told The Daily Star last night.

SO Chowdhury said, "The parliament will lose its importance if the main opposition resigns from it, and no oneparty parliament could complete its tenure in the past." He said there is no question

of BNP joining the parliamentary sessions, after the way the

DU boys

College and three others who

were in the car. They also

rounded up two students in

connection with vandalism

Khan said Rubaiya with her

driver next to her and two class-

mates in the back seat hit

Sadhan near his dorm around

Mohan Das, who witnessed

the accident, said Sadhan was

walking along the edge of the

road near the rear entrance of

his dorm when the car hit him

Rubaiya and her classmates got

down and with the help of

bystanders sent Sadhan to

DMCH in the very car with her

students from Jagannath Hall

rushed to DMCH and torched

the car parked in front of the

The protesters, mainly from

Jagannath Hall, took to the

streets and started venting their

anger on mostly cars and

Another group of students

started vandalism in front of the

Central Shaheed Minar and

Teacher-Student Centre

spreading panic on the campus.

truncheons near the Shaheed

Minar to prevent agitators from

ransacking vehicles. Officer-in-

Charge of Shahbagh Police

Station Rezaul Karim however

said they just chased the pro-

Some protesters brought out

a procession near TSC around

4:00pm demanding punish-

ment of the people responsible

for the accident and imposing a

ban on movement of vehicles

Students burned another car

Alongside members of DU

administration and police,

some DU unit leaders of pro-

Awami League student body

Bangladesh Chhatra League

were seen on the streets trying

to calm the agitators down.

They forced students back into

their dormitories several times

but the protesters returned after

Movement of vehicles was

nalted for six hours on the

campus streets as the students

continued vandalism in phases

The angry students also

harassed several photojournal-

ists of dailies and cameramen of

television channels when they

went to take photographs and

footage of the vandalism. In the

evening, they harassed bike

riders and pedestrians around

Shahbagh police picked up

DU students Mohammad

Sabbir, of institute of education

and research, and Nazmul

Huda, of hotel management

and tourism department, in

ing to drive on campus is strictly

DU Proctor Saiful said learn-

connection with vandalism.

TSC, witnesses said.

until 6:00pm.

in front of Jagannath Hall

testers to disperse them.

on the campus.

around 4:30pm.

Police at one stage charged

emergency department.

microbuses.

Hearing the news, a group of

driver driving, witnesses said.

Following the accident,

DU Proctor KM Saiful Islam

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after the incident.

12:30pm.

from behind.

government "ousted" the opposition leader from the disputed cantonment house, and the way it "defiled the sanctity of the national flag" when it "forced Khaleda's national flag carrying vehicle

to get out of that premises". He said even the ruling party lawmakers are not joining the sessions regularly, which is an "obvious sign that the parliament has lost its importance".

AL Joint General Secretary Mahbubul Alam Hanif said, "No matter what BNP does, we are committed to completing the five-year tenure as mandated by the people." If BNP resigns, it will be for saving the two "corrupt" sons of Khaleda Zia, and about the disputed cantonment residence.

Hanif, who is also a special assistant to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, urged the opposition not to resign from the parliament "without any reason".

AL presidium members Kazi Zafarullah and Obaidul Quader see BNP's threat of resignation as a mere threat, not something probable.

Talking to The Daily Star they said AL lawmakers had also signed resignation letters and handed those over to the then leader of the opposition Sheikh Hasina when BNP-Jamaat four-party coalition government was in power.

But AL ultimately did not resign from the parliament back then, and this time BNP will also not do that, observed both ruling party policymakers.

"I hope Khaleda Zia will take her decisions keeping the country's constitution in mind, and whatever we do we will follow the constitution,

prohibited but people do it. "We

catch around 15 cars almost

every day on campus for driving

training cars secretly," he

against the female student and

others responsible for the acci-

detainees except the driver of

the car, Abdul Mannan, sub-

inspector of Shahbagh Police

Station, told The Daily Star last

Saha, wife of DU Prof Porimol

Kumar Saha of institute of

education and research, died

when a training car hit her from

South Asian Media Briefing

Workshop organsied by the

Centre for Science and

Environment (CSE) at the

India Habitat Centre in New

committed at the

Copenhagen conference last

year to be spent for the

African, small island and least

developed countries to adapt

to the climate change impacts.

handicapped with non-

realisation of the Copenhagen

Summit is set to start on

November 29 and will con-

the group of Brazil, South

Africa, India and China (BA-

SIC) in the UN climate negoti-

ation is to take the developing

countries along with the

commitment that the latter

would not commit to any

absolute pledge of emission

chance of getting a final agree-

ment on carbon emission cut

at the Cancun summit, the

193-member parties of the

conference are expected to

endorse a number of deci-

Jairam said India is keen on

expanding climate change

assessment programmes in

the region and building a

South Asian regional network-

ing to deal with the challenges

to visit Dhaka in mid-

December to sign an agree-

ment on the Indo-Bangla

Sundarbans Ecosystem

Forum to protect the

Sundarbans' ecosystem, of

which 60 percent is in

Bangladesh and the rest in

the formation of Coastal Zone

Adaptation Centre and SAARC

Forestry Centre (in Thimpu),

he said, adding that India will

launch two satellites, one in

2012 to monitor environment

and the other in 2030 to moni-

tor forests in the region.

India is going to sponsor

He said that he is scheduled

of climate change.

sions onthe final agreement.

Though there is a very slim

cut, said the minister.

commitments," he said.

clude on December 10.

"We are going to Cancun

The Cancun Climate

The primary principle of

The said climate fund was

the back near Jagannath Hall.

Fund delay

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On June 22, 2009 Anima Rani

He said a case would be filed

Later, police released all the

added.

said Zafarullah.

Obaidul Quader also sees BNP's threat of resigning from the parliament as a strategy to resuscitate its activists' enthusiasm and morale, while keeping the government under constant pressure. "There is no such situation in the country at the moment that demands the opposition's en masse resignation from the parliament."

He said there is no way the government can be toppled through hartals and other destructive activities; neither there is any chance of an interim election. Return to power of undemocratic forces is also not a possibility under the current reality of the country, he added.

SQ Chowdhury said it was AL chief Sheikh Hasina who introduced the culture of collecting resignation letters from party lawmakers, so the AL leaders should not get all that excited or mad about the BNP push for its lawmakers resignation from the parlia-

Bimal Biswas said the country is moving towards a tensed situation. The "extreme-right" politics of BNP-Jamaat coalition finds itself between a rock and hard place, so they want to make the country unstable and destroy the democratic system to save themselves, he added.

"They might make any number of attempts including taking the country towards an undemocratic path just to save their existence," said the leader of the ruling 14-party coalition, which is scheduled to meet on Sunday to discuss the latest political situation.

JS body

LGRD and cooperatives ministry asked the ministry to look into the matter and propose amendment(s) to the Local Government Act (city corporation), if necessary.

The watchdog also stressed the need for holding elections to all the city corporations within the stipulated time, when a mayor or councillor's tenure exhausts.

"The committee also asked the ministry to find out alternative solutions if elections cannot be held within the stipulated time," Ashraf Ali Khan Khasru told The Daily Star after the

meeting. He said the committee members observed that due to the over due city corporation elections, the councillors and mayors have become authoritarian and careless to public

"The committee recommended appointing government administrators so that the mayor whose tenure has expired can no longer hold

office," said Khasru. Among six of the city corporations, elections to Dhaka City Corporation has been over due for the last three years as the term of Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka expired in June 2007. He was elected as the DCC mayor

Khoka is still holding the office as the DCC elections could not be held on time due to the prevalence of state of emergencythen.

Since assuming power in 2009, the Awami League-led government is yet to take effective steps for the city corporation elections. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on November 16

down heavily on the incumbent DCC mayor for his "negligence" in running the institution.

She expressed dissatisfaction over the mayor's activities and claimed that Khoka is no

performing his duties properly. Contacted over the phone Khoka told The Daily Star that the standing committee may have made the recommenda-

tion from a political perspective, which is against the spirit of democracy.

"The committee should discuss the obstacles to holding the elections to DCC and other city corporations," said Khoka.

Asian Games

FROM PAGE 16 Asian Games yesterday.

War-ravaged Afghanistan got through with a shock 22run win over Pakistan.

This is the first Asian Games that have included cricket in its list of events. Bangladesh also won the gold in the inaugural cricket tournament at the South Asian Games held in Dhaka earlier this year.

Bangladesh have never won a gold medal in the continental extravaganza which is second only to the Olympic Games. (More on Page 17)

Disappearances

among criminal gangs."

Continuous extrajudicial

killings by law enforcers appear

to have a serious effect on free-

dom of expression as many of

the eminent intellectuals,

lawyers, rights activists, journal-

ists, bureaucrats, media acade-

micians and retired police

chiefs refused to comment

none other than its legal and

media wing director could be

reached for comments regard-

ing extrajudicial killing, which

insiders think is "too sensitive".

an appointment with the Rab

director general on the issue

new in the state's effort to con-

trol crime or criminal activities.

Wherever extrajudicial killing

continued for a longer time, the

countries experienced cases of

Extrajudicial killing is noth-

ing new in Bangladesh and

began soon after independence

with the formation of Rakkhi

Bahini in 1972. The Operation

Clean Heart was another phase

of extrajudicial killing in the

tenure of every government in

the past," said advocate Adilur

judicial killing can also be traced

at times around the world in the

name of uprooting terrorism or

extremism, mostly during

military regimes

Disappearance was an excellent

discovery to carry out the kill

disappearance was a common

phenomenon in the Latin

American countries including

Argentina, Chile, El-Salvador

Augusto José Ramón Pinochet

Ugarte responsible for the death

or disappearance of 3,197

people between September

1973 and March 1990 using a

secret police force he formed

under the name National

in March 1974 using a special

many of them still await their

Sazzad still does not under-

stand what has happened to his

father and sleeps with one of his

photographs kept under his

you leave me? I can't keep

waiting anymore," Sazzad

speaks to the photograph of his

father every night as his voice

The lead author, Francois

Hammer of the Paris

our knowledge of our immedi-

The Local Group includes

"Many astronomers, espe-

some 40 galaxies, of which the

biggest are the Milky Way and

cially specialists in this field,

thought that the Andromeda

galaxy could be the result of a

major merger," said Dr

been tested and especially

The researcher explained that

his team's findings had "the

potential to revise all our knowl-

edge about the Local Group

and this may have also an

impact regarding the amount of

tion, the astronomers were able

to reproduce most of the pecu-

liar properties of the

Andromeda galaxy: the large

thin disk including its giant ring

of gas and dust, the massive

central bulge, the gigantic thick

galactic "disc", and the giant

and at the Paris Observatory.

late stars, gas, and dark matter.

insights into the formation of

The simulations were run on

stream of old stars.

Using a computer simula

dark matter in galaxies".

DARKMATTERINSIGHTS

'However, this has never

the Local Group of galaxies.

gets fainter in sleep.

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Andromeda.

Hammer.

dated [until now]."

"Where did you go? Why did

Titu's nine-year-old son

In 1996 a court found

During 1970s and 1980s

ings across the globe.

and Nicaragua.

(DINA).

police force.

return.

"It occurred during the

The phenomenon of extra-

could not be arranged.

disappearance.

country.

Rahman Khan.

Despite repeated attempts

Disappearance is nothing

Rab is so tight-lipped that

about it.

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saying that he had just been released from the Rab-1 custody in Uttara where he met

Titu gave him the address and begged him to inform the family about his whereabouts, the youth added.

"We immediately went there to look for Titu but were told that there was no-one of that name," said a family member asking not to be named.

There was, however, enough reason to have Titu arrested and put him on trial under the country's legal system as he was accused of at least six criminal offences including a murder and of possessing illegal fire-

Khilgaon police identified him as "western" Titu, a listed criminal of the capital. Fearing arrest by Rab, Titu left Dhaka and tried in vain to settle in Dhukhuria Satlathi, his native village.

Similar disappearances throughout the country allegedly with the elite force's involvement have nonetheless continued. Rights organisation Ain o Salish Kendra (ASK) puts Workers' Party leader | the number at 22 in the eight months since January this year on the basis of newspaper reports. ASK officials say the actual number would "definitely be higher".

"Many even don't know when their loved ones are being picked up as the law enforcers pick them up from the streets. Many are too scared to report that the law enforcers are behind the disappearance of their family members," says an ASK high official.

Dhaka City Corporation ward councillor and BNP leader Chowdhury Alam disappeared on June 25. Only five days before his disappearance plainclothes Rab men followed him on motorcycles and tried to drag him out of his vehicle at one point.

According to a general diary (GD) recorded by Gulshan police Sub-inspector Mohammad Ali, a patrol team rushed to Road-70 and found Chowdhury Alam and a crowd of more than 200 people who detained two men on a motorbike around 7:30pm on June 20.

In his official statement SI Ali said when the crowd identified one of the two as "one of several people who tried to abduct Chowdhury Alam, I demanded his identity."

The man produced his ID card which said the person was ASI Md Billal Hossain (ID No 314772 and Personnel No 4016801) of the Rab headquarters, says the GD.

The crowd immediately melted into darkness as the police officer showed them the ID card of the Rab man.

Five days after that incident Chowdhury Alam was kidnapped by unknown assailants on a yellow cab and his whereabouts are still unknown.

Alam's son Abu Sayeed Chowdhury said there is enough circumstantial evidence to relate Rab with the abduction of his father. "We have no doubt, considering the events of past few weeks before my father's disappearance, that Rab has abducted him,'

Chowdhury said. Nazma Begum, a resident of Kapasia in Gazipur, filed a writ with the High Court seeking a directive to produce her husband Salim Miah before the court. According to the petition, her husband Salim disappeared allegedly after Rab arrested him in Kapasia on February 19 this

The same action is continuing. State terrorism is carried on in different ways. Disappearance is just the extension of crossfire, a new form of state terrorism," observes rights activist and ASK Executive

Director Sultana Kamal. "Disappearance is another phase of extrajudicial killing and continuation of the crossfire," said Odhikar President Prof CR Abrar of Dhaka University, adding, "This is a matter of grave concern that

this phenomenon is occurring." Rab Legal and Media Wing Director Commander Mohammad Sohail termed the allegations "absolutely baseless and motivated".

"A vested quarter is trying to tarnish the image of the lawenforcement agency by spreading these allegations. This [disappearance] might have resulted from internal feud

Padma Bridge FROM PAGE 16

They are Daelim-BAM-VCI joint venture, Hyundai Eng Construction, Samsung, Hindustan Construction and Vinci joint venture, China Railway 15 Bureau, China Railway Construction Corporation, China Major Bridge Eng, GS Engineering Construction Corporation, CCCC Ltd China and L and T India.

our own galaxy. "It doesn't mean that the Milky Way could not have been The construction work of the bridge is likely to begin formed this way - [maybe it has early next year with a target of been], but [it would have hapcompletion by 2013. pened] much earlier," he said.

BNP begins

FROM PAGE 16 programme that includes hartal on November 30 demanding steps to end miser-

ies of the people and to save democracy as well the country. The party will organise rallies and processions at

district and upazila levels tomorrow and across the country on November 29 in support of the hartal. Khaleda Zia, chairperson of the main opposition party, last

night held a meeting with the

leaders of like-minded parties. Khaleda Zia in her first meeting with the leaders of Islami Oikya Jote, Bangladesh Jatiya Party and Khelafat-e Majlish requested them to participate in the November

30 hartal actively. In another meet, same request was made to the leaders of Jatiya Ganatantri Party, NPP, Labour Party and Islami

She will hold talks with Jamaat leaders tomorrow.

On Wednesday, Khaleda held a meeting with her party leaders residing in Dhaka and asked them to make all efforts to make the hartal a success. Party insiders said the

agitation programme aims at mounting pressure on the government ahead of the November 29 hearing of the party chief's leave-to-appeal petition against the High Court verdict regarding her previous cantonment house. Meanwhile, the ruling

Awami League leaders said BNP will be held responsible for any sort of violence, arson and killings in the name of hartal. BNP leaders will have to

take all responsibilities if such incidents occur," Qamrul Islam, state minister for law, told journalists yesterday. Senior AL leader Suranjit Sen Gupta said BNP has called

not against the government So, the people will resist it. Earlier on June 27, BN called first hartal since Awami League assumed office. It enforced another on Nov 14 protesting "eviction" of the

hartal against the state, and

Intelligence Directorate party chairperson from the Ninth prime minister of Pakistan Zulfikar Ali Bhutto was cantonment house. hanged on April 4, 1979 on 2 ministers charges of authorising the murder of a political opponent

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"You FBCCI members have not come from the sky... you Bearing scars of disappear can show non-cooperation to ance thousands of people endure inhuman pain for their hartal," Latif Siddiqui said. He said there is nothing near and dear ones every moment around the globe and called hard or soft action of

> blemakers during hartal. "Action should be taken in line with the law, that's all." Siddiqui said that generally hartal is imposed to protect the interests of the mass people. "But the BNP-sponsored

hartal is just for protecting one

law against anarchy or trou-

person's interest. Shipping Minister Shahjahan Khan said banning hartal through enacting law would be a move designed to snatch the fundamental rights

of people. He, however, said the existing law should be implemented strongly against the anarchy-makers.

Observatory, France, told BBC On Wednesday, FBCC News that while scientists President AK Azad at have been able to detect galaxprogramme at the FBCCI ies near the edge of the conference room said they Universe, there many gaps in wanted to propose the parlia ment to pass a law banning ate neighbourhood, known as hartal

Opposition BNP called for a countrywide dawn-to-dusk hartal on November 30.

Finance Minister AMA Muhith, LGRD Minister Syed Ashraful Islam, Labour and Employment Minister Engr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain and Commerce Minister Faruk Khan were present at the function.

'Drug peddler' FROM PAGE 1

accused in 13 cases, a Rab official said.

Flight Lt Kawsar Mahmud in charge of Rab at the Srimangal camp, told The Daily Star, a patrolling team of Rab led by Deputy Assistant Director Biplob Kumar found around eight to 10 persons sitting near a restaurant on Dhaka-Sylhet Highway at Belghar bazaar at about 2:30am. As soon as the law enforc-

ers reached there, the gang opened fire on Rab prompting them to retaliate, he said. Police also joined the force

to chase them, he added. Rab men found the bullet-

high performance computers at the National Astronomical hit body of Hakim lying on the Observatory of China (NAOC) ground while his associates managed to escape. The scientists used up to Hakim was rushed to the

eight million particles to simuupazila health complex where doctors declared him dead. Dr Hammer said that the study could also provide

A point 22-bore pistol, 100 bottles of liquor, 50 bottles of phensidyl, four kgs of hemp and a machete were found near the body, the Rab official said.

The body was sent to the Habiganj Sadar Hospital for an autopsy. programme.

The 'hottest year' FROM PAGE 16

pre-industrial levels, and 2010 is about 0.5 degrees above the 1961-1990 average, near the record, with two months data still to collect.

Even with a possible cool end to the year, 2010 is expected to be no lower than third in a record where 1998 and 2005 are warmest. The UN panel of climate scientists says higher temperatures mean more floods, heatwaves

and rising sea levels. "I think it's too close to call. Based on these numbers it'll be second, but it depends on how warm November and December are," said Phil Jones, director of Britain's Climatic Research Unit (CRU), at the University of East Anglia, which says 1998 was the record year so far.

By contrast, scientists at the US space agency Nasa say that surface temperatures through October were above the previous record year, which it says was 2005. Differences between years are only a few hundredths of a degree.

"I would not be surprised that 2010 was tied for the warmest year," said Nasa's

GDP growth

FROM PAGE 16 In the perspective of

Bangladesh economy, he suggested imposing tax on holding assets as some are making huge money just through buying and selling of "If we are not able to check

this land business then people would not invest in the industry sector," he added. The report stated that during the period 2002 to

2007, the real GDP of the LDCs as a group grew by more than seven percent per annum This was the strongest and longest growth acceleration achieved by the LDCs since 1970 and a much better overall macroeconomic performance than that in the 1990s.

However, not all LDCs experienced boom, a little over a quarter of the LDCs, 14 countries saw GDP per capita decline or grow sluggishly, it

The report observed that the economic boom of the LDCs was driven by record levels of export, foreign direct investment inflows and migrant's remittance.

However, the report said progress towards achieving Millennium Development Goals has been slow in the LDC countries.

This is basically because the LDCs have not been able to generate sufficient productive jobs and livelihoods for its growing number of popula-

Former adviser to a caretaker government Mirza Azizul Islam, former ambassador Waliur Rahman, Prof Shamsul Alam also spoke on the occasion. Officer-incharge of UNIC Kazi Ali Reza moderated the discussion.

State minister

FROM PAGE 16 AGB Colony in the city.

> The state minister observed that parents of the offenders should be implicated. He also insisted if the parents monitor their sons' daily activities, stalking could be contained to a great

Encouraging women to play their role in community policing, Home Secretary Abdus Sobhan Sikdar said women community police can serve as bridge between the law enforces and victims of stalking. Young women with good

reputation in community policing will get preference in recruitment to police department, added the secretary.

He also mentioned that the government is thinking to provide financial support to each of the community police members.

Farhana Dolly, president of the lone women community policing committee in the country, said her team is working to solve the problems which women face in the society and their families.

Speakers at the meeting also urged the home minister to take steps against stalkers who usually harass girl students on their way to and at the gates of academic institutions.

Home Minister Sahara Khatun addressed the meeting as chief guest, with Deputy Commissioner of police, Motijheel division, Abdul Baten in the chair. Lawmaker Rashed Khan

Menon, general secretary of dent reports, a mobile court the committee Nasima Akhter, sentenced a stalker to one among others, attended the month's jail for defaulting on

Institute for Space Studies (GISS) takes greater account of Arctic weather stations,

fastest.

James Hansen.

heat" for the record.

Arndt, from NCDC.

And the US National

Climatic Data Center (NCDC)

at the National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration,

said that 2010 was a "dead-

virtually tied with 1998,

through October," said Deke

similar observations, but in

slightly different ways. For

example, NASA's Goddard

where warming has been

"Our data show 2010 being

The three institutes use

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CU hall

Akhtar of Hathajari circle raided a room of the dormitory at about 9:20pm.

Nine guns, 76-round bullets of riffle, 23-round bullets of pistol and 38-round cartridges were seized from the room. None was arrested in this

connection. Assistant Proctor of the university Md Asadul if most or all groups found Haque was present during the Contacted, acting proctor Md Aktar Hossain confirmed

> the seizure of arms and ammunition. F Rahman hall is one of the three halls, which remain under the control of Islami Chhatra Shibir over the last 20

EU to grant **FROM PAGE 16**

years, sources said.

The financing will cover the period 2011 to 2013, said a EU press release.

To this effect, a Memorandum of Understanding between EU and the government was signed in the city yesterday by EU Delegation Ambassador Stefan Frowein and Economic Relations Division (ERD) Secretary Musharraf Hossain Bhuiyan.

"We had extensive consultations with government, civil society and other development partners during the design of this programme," said the EU Ambassador during the signing ceremony.

This comprehensive programme will make best use of European taxpayers' money and European knowledge and expertise, and will also provide a lasting and positive contribution to Bangladesh's devel-

opment, he added. The main aim of the EU assistance is to contribute to sustainable reduction of poverty in the country.

The assistance will be allocated among the focal sectors as per indicative amounts of €74 million for human and social development, €54 million for good governance and human rights, and €30 million for economic

and trade development. Issues of environment and climate change and food security will be mainstreamed in all the sectors of intervention, and will receive targeted

support of nearly € 40 million. As a signatory to international agreements on aid effectiveness and the Joint Cooperation Strategy for Bangladesh, EU is committed to align its assistance to country policies and country systems through active coordination and harmonisation with

other development partners,

the press release added. Victim's father

FROM PAGE 16 were caught in the Science College area. Our Bagerhat correspon-

dent reports, a mobile court yesterday sentenced three youths to one-year imprisonment each in connection with stalking female students of schools and colleges.

The convicts are Rubel, 18, Lalchand Shikder, 18, and Mahbub Shikder, 20.

Plainclothes policemen caught the three near Women's College area of the town yesterday. The same court in the afternoon fined nine students

of Bagerhat Government PC College Tk 1,000 each for stalking girls. Our Tangail correspondent reports, a mobile court sentenced Joyanta Kor Pappu, 22,

a student of Govt Saadat College, to three months in jail and fined him Tk 1,000 for stalking a female college student. Pappu used to stalk Shatabdi Ghosh Chaity, 19, a

student of Kumudini Govt Womens' College, police said. Our Madaripur correspon-

his Tk 5,000 fine.