Nuke-free world

FROM PAGE 16 moderated the reception speaking in Bengali.

Finance Minister AMA Muhith and Foreign Minister

Moni were present at the

programme.

This was Hasina's second

visit to the historic city of Hiroshima. Earlier, the premier and her

delegation arrived at Hiroshima airport at 11:20am (local time). Then the Bangladesh delegation was taken in a colourful motorcade to Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum and Park.

Hasina went round the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum that houses exhibit on the catastrophic event of the atomic bombing.

During the visit to the Museum, Hiroshima Peace and Culture Foundation Chairman Steve Leeper briefed Hasina about the catastrophic events that befell Hiroshima during the 2ndWorldWar in 1945.

The PM signed the visitors' book kept at the Museum, where she expressed her deep sympathy for the innocent victims of the tragic atomic bombing during the 2nd World War and reiterated Bangladesh's stand for world peace. She also placed wreath at the Cenotaph at the Peace Memorial Park.

Hasina then listened to a testimony given by an atomic bomb survivor at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum Hall. Speaking at the reception

function, the PM said Bangladesh is always ready to work with Japan towards reducing nuclear stockpiles, within respective regions, aiming ultimately for a denuclearised

"We also support Japan on the issues of human rights, democracy and socioeconomic development, neglect of which could easily ignite conflicts and wars," she

Recalling her first visit here in 1997, Hasina said she felt the same sense of humility and sadness for those hundreds of thousands who had perished on

the panic created by mass

arrest, security measures of the

law enforcers and burning of

Sporadic clashes between

the law enforcers and pro-hartal

activists across the country left

around 150 people injured and

200 detained. Of them, over 50

were injured while 65 arrested

in the capital. Many of the

arrestees were released in the

Shamsul Haque Tuku said

police only picked up those who

were trying to provoke violence

clashes between hartal sup-

porters and law enforcers left 50

people including seven police-

men injured. Police picked up

seven BNP activists from the

used around 200 rubber bullets

and teargas canisters while the

picketers brick chips, bamboos

Meanwhile, pro-hartal

activists set two buses ablaze in

the old part of the capital and

Uttara. Two cocktails (hand-

made bombs) exploded in front

of the BNP central office in Nava

Paltan, Dhaka as the hartal

BNP Secretary General

Khandaker Delwar Hossain

termed the hartal successful

and claimed that at least 3,000

BNP activists were arrested

across the country while over

2,000 more were injured by

ruling party men and law

enforcers between Saturday

He said a fresh agitation

programme would soon be

declared in consultation with

not bring out processions in the

capital in the face of obstruction

by law enforcers and frantic

arrests. BNP-ally Jamaat-e-

Islami brought out hasty pro-

cessions in four places of the

capital including one for a few

minutes in Motijheel. The

Jamaat leaders and activists

whisked away from the proces-

sion at Motijheel hearing siren

leaders and activists of the

ruling Awami League and its

associate bodies brought out

anti-hartal processions in

several districts across the

country. Pro-AL student wing

Bangladesh Chhatra League

(BCL) staged a huge anti-hartal

showdown through a proces-

sion of motorbikes in Mirpur

and Uttara of the capital and

took position at strategic points

to keep hartal supporters off the

Things went the same in port

On the other hand, the

of an ambulance.

The hartal supporters could

and yesterday evening.

their political allies.

During the clashes, police

In Keraniganj, a series of

vehicles Monday night.

evening.

and sticks.

came to an end.

during the hartal.

Stray clashes

that fateful day of 6th August

"It was a day never to be erased from human history. It was a day when from the peaceful blue skies descended a cataclysm that changed the course of human destiny," she

The premier said Hiroshima Day is remembered today with remorse and anguish by all peace-loving people of the world. "I salute the thousands for their sacrifice and pray for the eternal peace of their departed souls."

She remarked that she also observes with an immense sense of human pride and marvel at the rebirth of the shining city of Hiroshima, out of its rubble and ashes.

"The same is my feeling for Nagasaki that saw an identical fate, soon after Hiroshima," Hasina said. The first ever use of the two

nuclear devices heralded a new era of destructive weapons with a capacity to end human civilisations and the planet, dear Mother Earth, she said.

"Indeed, the sacrifice of those who have perished did not go in vain, for this sacrifice has flagged the imperative need of restraint of the use of such destructive power for the resolution of conflicts," she added.

The premier said the horror of Hiroshima is a constant reminder to urge for the pursuit of peace. Thus, the Hiroshima Day is observed all over the world, including in Bangladesh.

Hasina said that in their efforts for global peace and stability, both Bangladesh and Japan have always worked closely to respect the provisions of the NPT.

She remembered the NPT provisions, which in 1970 made a solemn pledge "to pursue negotiations in good faith on effective measures relating to cessation of the nuclear arms race at an early date and to nuclear disarmament, and on a treaty on general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control."

"As we do, I remember "The Russell-Einstein Manifesto" of 9

Additional police were

Yesterday's hartal did not

deployed at all strategic points

in the capital including in front

affect operations of trains,

launches and domestic and

international flights although

no long-distance buses left from

Kalyanpur terminals since

All educational institutions

and business establishments

and most shops on thorough-

fares remained closed while

government offices and

readymade garment factories

Police charged truncheons on

hartal supporters when a pro-

cession led by BNP leader Ruhul

Kabir Rizvi approached the

party central office in the morn-

ing. The law enforcers picked up

13 people including former

BNP Secretary General

Delwar Hossain and Senior

Joint Secretary Mirza Fakhrul

Islam Alamgir reached the office

around 8:00am but they were

not allowed to stay on the street.

Nilufar Chowdhury Moni and

former lawmaker Helen Zerin

Khan when they were tried to

enter the party office. Both of

them were released in the eve-

front of the office the whole day

as law enforcers kept detaining

anyone approaching the party

office. DIG Asaduzzaman and

Rab officer Maj Emarat Hossain

Leaders of pro-BNP student

wing Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal

burned tyres in front of

Government Titumir College

BNP standing committee mem-

ber Brig Gen (retd) ASM

Hannan Shah at Mohakhali

intersection when he along with

some party activists were going

to Titumir College area to see

picketing activities. Police

picked up two activists from

seen chanting anti-hartal slo-

gans and patrolling the college

area. State Minister for LGRD

Jahangir Kabir Nanak also

brought out a procession

against the hartal in

Meanwhile, miscreants set a

bus ablaze in front of Jagannath

University around 3:15pm.

Police doused the fire, said fire

Mohammadpur.

brigade.

BCL activists however were

Witnesses said police barred

were on duty there.

yesterday morning.

OTHERDHAKASPOTS

BNP men could not gather in

Police also held lawmaker

lawmaker Bilkis Jahan Shirin.

were open yesterday.

BNPHQ

ning.

of BNP headquarters.

State Minister for Home Gabtoli, Shyamoli and

July 1955 in London...the last line read, "Remember your humanity, and forget the rest. If you can do so, the way lies open to a new Paradise; if you cannot, there lies before you the risk of universal death," she men-

tioned. The premier said the leaders of the world, especially those in charge of those deadly nuclear devices, need to remind themselves of the thought-provoking words of two of the wisest.

"Truly, they need to stand at least for once before the Hiroshima Memorial to fully absorb the implications of what they yield the ability to obliterate the world and all it nour ishes." Hasina said she bows her

head once again in humble honour of those who perished in Hiroshima. "I also wish that those who live and stand here as well as those around the world recognise their ultimate sacrifice, by pursuing the path of love and peace."

She said as Bangladesh was born out of the blood of as many as three million people in 1971, its experience could not be different.

"Moved by the magnitude of

our tragedy, Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman enunciated his doctrine of 'Friendship towards all and Malice towards none',' Hasina mentioned. Bangabandhu abhorred the

use of force to settle any international and bilateral dispute, and rejected the idea of interference in the internal affairs of other states, she added.

"Thereafter, Bangladesh began a series of commitments to the UN Charter, to all protocols related to disarmament, to CTBT, the NPT, to human rights and anti-terrorism," Hasina

The PM was served local food and entertained with a cultural programme.

Finance Minister AMA Muhith, Foreign Minister Dipu Moni, Adviser to the PM Dr Mashiur Rahman and Press Secretary Abul Kalam Azad, among others, accompanied the premier.

Koko indicted

NEWS

FROM PAGE 1 government contracts.

China Harbour got a Tk 351 crore contract to set up New Mooring Container Terminal and Siemens a Tk 239 crore contract to supply and install equipment for Teletalk, the state-owned cellphone opera-

The ACC pressed charges against Koko and Saimon on November 15 last year. As both the accused are

fugitives, they did not have any legal right to appoint lawyers to defend them during hearing of charge framing. They would not be able to appoint counsels to defend the case during trial if they do not appear before the court.

The court could not read out the charges to the accused during the hearing on charge framing, as they were absent. Following prosecution submission on charges against the accused and a prayer the court framed the charges.

The trial against Koko and Saimon would continue in their absence, the court said.

Despite absence of Koko, his lawyers yesterday submitted a petition before the court seeking cancellation of the arrest warrant issued in October. The court rejected the petition.

Earlier, the same court asked Koko and Saimon to appear before it and face trial, but they did not pay heed to it.

Koko's lawyers told the court that Attorney General Mahbubey Alam on October 31 appeared before the court and appealed to the court for issuance of arrest warrant against their client. But the trial court in its order did not mention about the attorney general's submission before it. So, they prayed for correcting the order, the lawyers added.

Special Public Prosecutor Mosharraf Hossain Kajol told the court that Koko's lawyers had no right to file any petition, as their client was earlier shown

As per law, no petition is filed on behalf of a fugitive, Kajol

After hearing both the sides, the judge rejected Koko's peti-

tion and framed charges against the two.

During deposition of the witnesses, Koko's lawyers would not appear before the court to cross-examine them. As a result, the trial proceedings will be concluded within a short time, Kajol told The Daily Star.

On October 13, the Supreme Court stayed for six weeks a High Court order extending Koko's parole for 20 days. The stay came two days after the HC extended the parole.

Earlier on August 19, the home ministry cancelled the parole and asked Koko to return home by August 31 and surrender to the court. Challenging the government

decision, Koko's counsels filed a writ petition with the HC on August 24 and obtained an extension of parole for their client.

HSBC

FROM PAGE 1 and green business entrepreneurship.

Waste Concern is the knowledge partner for the award while a panel of jury played their role in the final selection process.

The Daily Star and HSBC announced this award in June 2010 at a joint press conference. The awards aim to create public awareness through recognition of work relating to adaptation, mitigation and research for climate change. Matia Chowdhury, minis-

ter for agriculture will grace the occasion as chief guest.

Ms Teresa PY Au, head of Corporate Sustainability, HSBC Asia Pacific, will also be present.

1st ODI today

FROM PAGE 16 Rokibul Hasan, and Shahriar

Nafees are the players left out from the team that faced New Zealand in October. Zimbabwe, who lost to

Bangladesh 4-1 last year, will be led by the big-hitting allrounder Elton Chigumbura.

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Ashuganj transit

Arms haul case FROM PAGE 16

April 3 with Karnaphuli police station under section-25/B of Police were seen indifferent the Special Powers Act for to ruling party show of force and arms smuggling. alert about BNP activists yester-

The court fixed today for hearing on the remand prayer against Rahim.

The IO also filed a petition with the same court seeking 10-day remand against former state minister Babar in the arms case filed under section-19 (ka) of the Arms Act.

The court fixed December 6 for hearing on the remand prayer against Babar.

Mentionable, both the two cases were filed with Karnaphuli police station on April 3 following the seizure of 10 trucks loaded with weapons and ammunition from the Chittagong Urea Fertiliser Limited jetty on April 1, 2004.

Regarding the remand prayer Public Prosecutor (PP) Kamal Uddin said, the petitions were filed to gather more information from the two persons.

He said Babar gave important but incomplete information during a five-day remand last month, so he was needed to be quizzed again.

Earlier on October 3, Babar was accused and shown arrested in the country's largest ever arms haul case. On November 1 he was placed on 5-day remand in the cases.

It was the first move by the CID after a Chittagong court on November 24 granted it three months more to complete the investigation into the sensational arms haul case.

Contempt

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court did not sit in the ejlash [courtroom] today considering that the lawyers concerned would not be able to attend the court due to the countrywide dawn-to-dusk hartal," he told The Daily Star.

The judges of the Appellate Division came to their offices but did not sit in the court room, the AG added.

A three-member Appellate Division bench headed by Chief Justice ABM Khairul Haque on Monday fixed yesterday for hearing the contempt petition. The bench on that day

dismissed three petitions filed by the BNP chairperson against an HC verdict that had upheld a government notice asking her to vacate the cantonment house.

On November 23, Khaleda filed the contempt petition against eight high officials of the government and the Cantonment Board for "evicting" her from the disputed house on November 13 despite an appeal was pending with the apex court.

FROM PAGE 1 The signing of the agreement

A total of 96 Over-Dimensional Cargoes (ODCs) will be carried for the Palatana power project in Tripura. The plant will generate 726-megawatts.

Repair and renovation of Ashuganj river port and construction of the road will start this month and be completed by December next year.

The road from Ashuganj to Sonardi via Sarail, Brahmanbaria, Sultanpur and Akhaura is too narrow for transporting large cargoes efficiently and it will be widened to 18 metres.

Chief Engineer of the Roads and Highways Department of Bangladesh Azizur Rahman and Senior Adviser and Director of ONGC Tripura Power Company RK Madan signed the MoU on behalf of their respective sides.

The MoU stays valid until une 2012.

AK Hazarika of Oil And Gas Corporation (ONGC) of India at the ceremony said the Indian government is investing Rupees 4,500 crore in the plant and Rupees 1,000 crore for the exploration of

"This is a great help for India and we look forward to more help from Bangladesh for the development of India's northeast region," he said before the signing.

Replying to questions, Shipping Minister Shahjahan Khan said India will not pay any extra charge but will continue to pay the annual charge under the river protocol for maintaining navigability.

"Why will they pay charge twice? They are constructing the road which we need urgently," he said. Fees and charges will be settled at higher level of the governments if India wants to use the road in future, he added.

Without clarifying if India will pay any charge for using the road, he said it will construct the road at its own "It's a glorious day of my

life... it's also a glorious day for India," said RK Madan.

Primary exams FROM PAGE 16 before they enrol for class VI.

Based on the results, scholarships will be awarded in two categories -- talent-pool and general, equally to both boys and girls.

The government has decided to increase the number of scholarships in general category by 5,000 this year.

will not only help set up the power plant but also stimulate economic development in the north-eastern India and further cement ties between India and Bangladesh, he said. Shipping Secretary Abdu

Mannan Hawlader in his speech said both the countries will benefit from the MoU. "Nothing should be one sided, it should be reciprocal. Now they [India] should think how they can help us [Bangladesh]," he added.

Hawlader said as per the recommendations of the joint survey team, the river port and the road will be repaired, renovated and constructed. A contractor appointed by the Indian government, who is also a contractor in Bangladesh, will do the job while the BIWTA and the Roads and Highways Department will supervise.

Speaking at the ceremony Communications Secretary Mozammel Hag said the road will be widened and strengthened. "Lots of issues will come up during the transportation of the ODCs, he said, adding that normal traffic will not be affected.

DMCH

FROM PAGE 16 his father Bachhu Miah.

CT scans at private hospitals are costly too. Kashem's family had to spend Tk 3000 for the test that would cost Tk 2000 at DMCH.

An associate professor of Radiology and Imaging Department preferring anonymity said a huge number of patients come to DMCH with head injuries as it offers 24hours scanning facilities.

He also said the two CT scan machines are insufficient to meet the hospital's demand adding, they might have gone out of order for taking extra pressure. Records of the DMCH justify

the professor's statement. The one that stopped functioning last week remained out of order for one year before it was mended in May this year. Sources at Radiology and Imaging Department said they

have repeatedly informed the authorities about the condition of the machines. The ministry concerned is also aware of the problem, they added. DMCH Director Brigadier General Shahidul Hoque Mallik

told The Daily Star that one of the machines will start functime. Since assumption of power tioning within a week. The in 2009, the government has ministry has decided to replace appointed 38 judges to the its picture tube, which will cost Tk 40 lakh, he added. HC.

BCL men

FROM PAGE 16

thanas and educational institutions, BCL insiders said.

The BCL men made frequent motorbike showdowns protesting the hartal enforced by main opposition BNP and also threatened them of beating up if found picketing. Activists of BNP appar-

ently could not bring out prohartal processions in many places as huge number of law enforcers patrolled the city Dhaka Mahanagar (south)

BCL unit brought out a pro-

cession from Bangabandhu

Avenue and paraded different

streets. Later a rally was staged in front of AL's central office in the area. Addressing the rally as chief guest, prime minister's APS Shikhor said BNP enforced the hartal to save Khaleda's illegal property

and to foil trial of war crimi-

nals. He also visited Dhaka University (DU) campus around 12:30pm and discussed the hartal situation with DU BCL leaders at Modhur Canteen, sources

Chairman of Jubo League and State Minister for LGRD and Cooperatives Jahangir Kabir Nanak addressed a rally on Bangabandhu Avenue protesting the hartal. Earlier a BCL procession

marched on DU campus and adjacent roads including Katabon, Shahbagh and Nilkhet. BCL president Mahmud

Hasan Ripon and general secretary Mahfuzul Haider Chowdhury Roton also addressed a rally.

Youth kills

FROM PAGE 16 said that neighbours thronged

Nurjahan's bedroom hearing her screaming and freed Mitu from her room which Tanvir locked from outside. Mitu said she found locals

were taking her mother out of

the room while she was bleed-

ing severely. Tanvir went missing from the spot at the She immediately informed her father Mahmudur Rahman over cell phone about

the incident who was on his

way to business centre at

Jatrabari. Sub-inspector Sujit Kumar Saha of Kadamtoli police station quoting the victim's family members said like other days Tanvir locked into quarrel with his mother over pocket money after having

breakfast at around 9:30am. Tanvir served in technical core of Air Force but he resigned a year ago and since then he is a little bit abnormal and arrogant, Sujit said quoting Mahmudur Rahman.

A case was filed in this connection with Kadamtoli police station.

Aug 21 probe

the Explosive Substances Act.

Judge Mohammad Zohurul Haque of the Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court passed the order after CID filed a petition on Monday seeking four months time to complete the investigation.

Senior Special Superintendent of CID Abdul Kahar Akhand, also the investigation officer of the case, submitted the prayer after failing to complete the probe by the stipulated time. Earlier on October 3, the

same court gave two more months to CID to complete the probe and the date expired on Monday. With this, the court had

given the CID 19 months in

seven phases to complete the investigation. The other case, filed for killing the victims, in this connection is now pending with the Second Additional

Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court of Dhaka. At least 23 people including Ivy Rahman were killed and scores injured in the grenade attack on the rally at Bangabandhu Avenue.

Appointment **FROM PAGE 16**

the number of posts of judges

in the Appellate Division from seven to eleven, since the number of cases in this division was higher than that at present. Besides, some important

cases including Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman murder case and the case involving the fifth amendment to the republic's constitution were pending in the Appellate Division at that

were awarded as best directors.

BNP claims

FROM PAGE 1 family interests, and not on any national issue.

And the main opposition party said people expressed "no confidence" in the government by observing the hartal successfully.

"There was no spontaneity among people as the BNP illogically enforced the hartal to protect one person's [Khaleda Zia] family interests, and for this people became angry and disgusted with the hartal," AL Joint General Secretary Mahbubul Alam Hanif said at a press conference at the party chief's Dhanmondi political office.

BNP Secretary General Khandaker Delwar Hossain told a press briefing at the Naya Paltan party central office that with one-sided hearing on Khaleda Zia's cantonment house, the government decision (in this regard) has been implemented. So, people observed a peaceful hartal across the country in protest against this.

The AL alleged that the opposition party created anarchy by resorting to violence and vandalism in the name of hartal.

On the other hand, BNP

accused the government of creating a reign of terror by obstructing its peaceful programme and arresting more than 3,000 party men since Saturday. Even the ruling party carders in "police uniform' came out on the streets to resist the opposition men, he claimed.

Hanif said there is no such situation in the country for which the opposition is sup-

posed to enforce a hartal. Terming hartal the last step for protesting anything untoward, the ruling party leader urged the opposition to give up the "culture of hartal and vandalism" for the sake of development of the country'. "We hope BNP will find a peaceful political path as an alternative to hartal, said the special assistant to the

prime minister. And Delwar said people's peaceful protest programmes have been obstructed, creating "chances of foreign forces intervention" in national poli-

They (BNP) will give fresh agitation programmes in consultation with their allies, he said. And anti-government agitations will continue until its fall, he added.

China 'frustrated'

FROM PAGE 16

foreign ministry official said yesterday. 'NEW REALITY'

One cable published on Monday reveals that China's Vice Foreign Minister, He Yafei, told the US charge d'affaires in Beijing that North Korea was behaving like a "spoiled child" to get Washington's attention in April 2009 by carrying out missile tests.

A second dispatch from

September 2009 said Mr He had

downplayed Chinese Premier

Wen Jiabao's trip to Pyongyang,

telling the US Deputy Secretary

of State, James Steinberg: "We

may not like them... [but] they are a neighbour." He said Mr Wen would push for denuclearisation and a

return to talks. Six-party talks aimed at defusing the nuclear issue and involving the two Koreas, the US, China, Japan and Russia have been stalled since April

South Korea and the US say they should not resume until the North has made a genuine offer on halting its nuclear programme. Another cable relays a diswould not risk renewed armed conflict on the peninsula. Mr Chun confidently had

The minister is said to have

revealed that a new, younger

generation of Chinese leaders

no longer regarded North Korea

as a useful or reliable ally, and

predicted that North Korea "had

already collapsed economically

Kathleen Stephens.

and would collapse politically two to three years after the death of Kim Jong-il", despite his efforts to obtain Chinese help and to secure the succession for his son, Ms Stephens "The PRC would be comfort-

controlled by Seoul and anchored to the United States in a 'benign alliance' - as long as Korea was not hostile towards China," her message added. While these cables offer fascinating insights, seasoned Korea-watchers caution that

able with a reunified Korea

this is a very "South Korean' view of the policy debate in Beijing, says the BBC's diplomatic correspondent, Jonathan Marcus.

It remains unknown whether this South Korean assessment - as reported to Washington - is an accurate reflection of Beijing's current

President calls

FROM PAGE 1

ents are scattered throughout the country," he said, "these talents may dwindle in the absence of proper nurturing and recognition. So it is our duty to encourage creative talents across the country to flourish our traditional art and culture."

"Many unknown creative tal-

petition received more response with over 100 entries in film, 2,500 in photography and 3,500 in lyrics categories sent by participants. President Zillur Rahman handed over the awards to 31 winners of the competition at

the gala evening where noted

With the theme 'Celebrating

Womanhood', this year's com-

singers and dance artistes also performed. Three notable personalities received Lifetime Achievement Awards for their contribution in the three disciplines. They were each handed over prize money

worthTkllakh.

Renowned photographer Rashid Talukder received the Nowajesh Ahmed Lifetime Achievement Award for his photography. Eminent cultural personality and artist Mustafa Monowar received the Lifetime Achievement Award for his contribution in film and television industry and the romantic young lyricist Mohammad Rafiquzzaman for lyrics and

The other 28 awardees although not as well known, also walked away with crests certificates and prize money They will have an opportunity to work with industry veterans. The three winners of the photography competition --

Quddus Helal, Md Moniruzzaman and JA Akash -received Tk 50,000, Tk 40,000 andTk30,000. Ripa Sarkar, Bilal Hossian Nuri and Ashanuzzaman

and Tk 7,000 for their lyrics. The judges' panel, however, could not select any winners in film categories.

received Tk 15,000, Tk 10,000

In the critics' award, introduced for the first time this year, Bikol Pakhir Gaan received award as the best TV Drama. Nurul Alam (Bikol Pakhir Gaan) and Amitabh Reza (Ei Shomoy)

seven and nine, one police official and three pedestrians. Nineteen people were

future of the country," he said, adding, "but we don't notice the creative minds to explore

Pakistan

partnered the ceremony.

AFP, Peshawar

station in the northwest of the country yesterday, killing six people, including two children, officials said. The attack occurred in the

up near a Pakistani police

"It was a suicide attack. The bomber came on foot and detonated himself near a

injured," Khan told AFP.

cussion over an official lunch in February 2010 between former South Korean Vice Foreign Minister Chun Yung-woo and thinking, adds our corresponthe US ambassador to Seoul,

(Tobuo Angurlata Nandoke

Gaan) received the critics award for best cameraman and Sunny Chowdhury (Bikol

Bhalobashe) received awards as

best actors in male and female

Nehal Quraishi (Bikol Pakhir

categories.

Pakhir Gaan) for best editor. Ei Shomoy won the critics' award for best sound. The Daily Star Editor Mahfuz Anam said the awards are

meant to inspire selfconfidence of the nation. "The problems and limitations that we face in our everyday lives make us feel disheartened and depressed about the

many of our positive achieve-Addressing the function, Jim McCabe, chief executive officer of the Standard Chartered Bank Bangladesh, said initiatives like these provide opportunities for

their innate talents. Zaheen Music, Channel i Shaptahik 2000, Radio abc, Urmi Group and dots & marks

suicide attack kills six

A suicide bomber blew himself

town of Bannu, which lies close to Pakistan's lawless tribal belt on the Afghan border, an area which Washington has branded al-Qaeda's global headquarters and the most dangerous region on Earth.

police van close to a police station," said Bannu police chief Iftikhar Khan. "The death toll is now six. They include two boys aged

Shatabadi Wadud (Ei Shomoy) and Joya Ahsan