Kamalganj, assistant conserva-

tor of forest of Moulvibazar, a

manager from Petrobangla

and an inspector from the

said extraction of gas from the

wells will not be harmful to

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Chevron financed the environ-

mental impact assessment

(EIA) of the seismic survey

done by the International

Union of Conservation of

did not harm the biodiversity of

ent of Chevron's financial

support. In 2006, the IUCN

head office received \$46,

286,875 for implementation of

environmental programmes

Snow Mountain Engineering

Corporation (SMEC) to con-

duct EIA and initial environ-

mental examination (IEE) on

gas exploration in the

drill wells in block-14 on

approval of IEE and EIA reports

by the energy ministry and

Bangladesh, not the govern-

ment, will pay the SMEC for

on IEE and EIA in Dhaka and

Moulvibazar, Chevron official

Khan Md Ahsanullah said in an

email message to The Daily

drilled about 16 wells in

Bangladesh without any major

The USAID funded project

Nishorgo was implemented in

the Lawachhara National Park

and other protected forests --

Satchhari Reserve Forest,

Teknaf Game Reserve, Chunati

Wildlife Sanctuary and Rema

basin in the northeast part of

Bangladesh. The basin has

been identified as the eastern

fold belt, the most prosperous

gas reserve in Bangladesh,

Mohammed Tanzimuddin

Khan, a researcher at the

University of New England,

Australia, mentioned in one of

done in Lawachhara forest

under the Nishorgo Project.

According to it, the forest has

plants of 167 species, four

species of amphibious ani-

mals, six species of reptile, 20

species of mammals, and 246

hundred species, different

types of monkey, red jungle

fowl, deer, crab, fishing cat,

nearly extinct animals like

gibbon, blackface monkey,

mirage, modest monkey,

Albino fishing cat, short-tail

monkey, squirrel, snake, but-

terfly, different worms and

insects, wild boar, lizard, mar-

Chapalish, Dumur, Segun,

Talsur, Batna, Awaal, Kanak,

Bonak, Rata, Jarul, Amloki,

explore gas in the periphery of

Lawachhara. We only have this

single patch of unique forest

remaining. The government

should not let anybody destroy

it," said wildlife photographer

Hijacked ship

It would be an "attack on the

They were monitoring the

Md Firoj Alam, an execu-

"If the ship heads at this

ship's position through satel-

"Chevron should not

Udol, Raktan, and Lotkon.

The plants include

There are spiders of over a

An extensive census was

The sites are in the Surma

Kalenga Wildlife Sanctuary.

Chevron said it has so far

Star in September.

NISHORGO AND

LAWACHHARA FOREST

accident.

ECOLOGY

his articles.

species of bird.

ten and civet.

Ronald Halder.

yesterday.

forest," said Ronald.

conducting the IEE and EIA.

Interestingly, Chevron

SMEC has started working

Chevron said it intends to

This time Chevron hired

Its report said, "The survey

The IUCN has been a recipi-

Nature (IUCN) in 2007-08.

wildlife in the forest.

ASSESSMENT

Lawachhara.'

worldwide.

Lawachhara forest.

Petrobangla.

CHEVRON PAYS FOR

In a report, the committee

department of environment.

area will protect wildlife from harm. The well is only 500 metres from the forest.

"It will take 60 to 70 days to dig the well and the noise would not cause any disturbance to wildlife in the forest," said the report of the committee, led by Foyez Ahmed, upazila nirbahi officer in Srimangal.

The committee in its report said digging of the rig would not pose any threat to biodiversity and wildlife in the

When the environment and forest ministry sought opinion on the digging of well and gas extraction, the Department of Forest raised objection to it saying such activities will harm the forest, which is small but extremely rich in wildlife.

It requested the ministry "to ask Chevron to find another place for the work."

In a letter to the environment and forest ministry, Md Abdul Motaleb, former chief conservator of forest, said the Lawachhara forest, home to many rare flora and fauna, is exposed to poaching and

He also said the Chevron's seismic survey in 2008 caused serious disturbance to wildlife in the forest

The locations of the wells are very close to the reserve forest. Constant noise and vibration from drilling will cause harm to the biodiversity of the forest," he said.

But the environment and forest ministry ignored the objections and recently okayed the project in Lawachhara National Park periphery, seven kilometres northeast of Srimangal in Moulvibazar.

Hasan Mahmud, state minister for environment and forest, said the ministry approved the project in the forest area for the sake of national interest.

"The government permitted them to explore gas in the protected area in the greater national interest. We need gas for development," said the minister.

The power, energy and mineral resources ministry recently asked the Moulvibazar deputy commissioner to allocate 15 acres of land to Petrobangla to allow Chevron use Gilachhara Tea Garden and

Fulbari tea garden. All these activities happen at a time when the government is working on a tougher wildlife preservation law to prohibit any activities within a radius of three kilometres outside the ooundary of a forest.

Earlier, an explosion at a gas pad operated by another US oil company Occidental caused huge damage to the forest in 1997. The company later shut its operation in Bangladesh. Newspapers reported

another fire at Lawachhara during the Chevron's seismic survey in 2008. A probe committee was formed to look into the incident. It submitted a report saying the fire was not caused by Chevron.

The United States Assistance for International Development (USAID) had implemented a project on forest management, Nishorgo, in the Lawachhara National Park over the last few years.

During the tenure of the last caretaker government in 2007, former CCF AKM Samsuddin in a letter to the secretary of the environment and forest ministry objected to giving Chevron the permission for gas exploration there.

He said Lawachhara is one of the country's last tropical forests and home to seven of the ten species of primates available in Bangladesh. At least 49 Hoolock gibbons, a critically endangered species, were in the national park in

Chevron dug nearly 800 wells up to 21 metres deep in the Lawachhara forest during the seismic survey, the letter

1997, according to a survey.

'The Chevron's seismic survey was harmful to wildlife tive (safety and security) of the forest. Many wild aniofficer of Brave Royal, told The mals left the forest and entered Daily Star the ship was headadjacent villages," the letter of ing towards Somali coast at

CCF mentioned. 11.3 nautical miles (app. 20 Many of the wild animals were captured and killed by

km) per hour. locals, reported newspapers. speed, it should reach Somali Asked about the violation of coast by 2:30am to 3:00am law, Chevron in a reply by e-

On the seismic survey, a

Explaining its position the

Chevron official said they knew

about the letter of the former

company said it took special

precautions such as alternat-

ing seismic data cable lines

along existing trails to avoid

felling of trees in the forest.

ahead with the project.

CCF.

tomorrow [today]," he said. mail said, "Chevron The ship was hijacked with Bangladesh values all laws of 25 crew and wife of the chief the country it operates in and engineer on last Sunday. shall not conduct any activity Despite repeated attempts, until and unless it has full authorization to do so by the Government of Bangladesh."

the crew members could not be contacted. Officials of SR Shipping

Limited, the owning company of the hijacked ship, and its sister concern Brave Royal Shipping Management Limited held a meeting to chalk out the negotiation with the pirates, if they contact after reaching the shore.

It is expected that the On violation of Wildlife hijackers will contact the (Preservation) order 1973, authorities concerned asking Chevron said it got approval ransom in exchange of the from an expert committee to go hostages after reaching the The committee was comcoast.

'gunfight' with Rab

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Four alleged muggers were bullet hit and arrested after a "gunfight" with Rapid Action Battalion Thursday night at the city's Adabar.

They are Obhi Ahmed Rubel, 23, of Madaripur; Zakir Hossain, 24, of Munshiganj; Khokan Chandra Biswas, 22, of Dhamrai upazila of Dhaka, and Rafiqul Islam, 24, of Gazipur.

On information, a team of Rab-2 went to Shyamoli Sarak around 9:00am to arrest a gang of muggers, Rab sources said.

Sensing the presence of Rab personnel, the criminals opened fire on the lawenforcers, Rab said. The Rab Rafiqul bullet injured.

At one stage of the gunfight, the muggers other than the injured managed to flee the

The Rab team then arrested the four muggers.

and two machetes were also recovered from the spot.

Adabar police said all the four youths received bullets in their legs.

Haiti candidates move toward confrontation

AP, Port-au-prince

Haitians prepared for armed clashes and more days of flaming barricades as rival candidates called on supporters to take to streets and tip the balance in a sharply disputed presidential election leading.

Gunfire ripped through post-earthquake shanties near the ruins of the national palace on Thursday afternoon, killing at least one man and injuring several more, witnesses said Third-place candidate and carnival singer Michel "Sweet Micky" Martelly blamed the attack on supporters of government-backed candidate Jude Celestin, who is edging him out by less than 1 percentage point for a spot in a January run-off.

The provisional electoral council announced a seeming compromise on Thursday afternoon with a re-count of tally sheets at which international observers and the three leading candidates Celestin, Martelly and first-place vote-getter and former first lady Mirlande Manigat could attend.

Custodial deaths

embankment in Mirpur on April 26.

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Rani said she now fears the Rab personnel might come back to get her any day as she, in her words, is the only witness to her husband's arrest Rab, however, denies detaining Sumon or Rani.

With stories like Rani's abound, the country yesterday observed the World Human Rights Day 2010.

The day bears particular significance when families of at least 1,200 victims of extrajudicial killings since 2004 despair

of ever getting justice. "What's the use crying for rights now? Can you give me my husband back?" Rani asks

summing up the sentiment of

the victim families. Speakers at a discussion organised by the National Human Rights Commission marking the human rights day yesterday put the accent on immediate measures to stop

custodial deaths. They decried that 22 people have already disappeared after being picked up by Rab this

Some speakers, however, said the picture is not all bleak. There have been some positives as well. They especially lauded the formation of National Human Rights Commission (NHRC).

But, they added, the mere creation of the commission will not make much difference unless there is enough political will to address the social ills.

NHRC Chairman Pro Mizanur Rahman said, "The most effective way to ensure human rights in our country is reducing discriminations that exist between the poor and the rich, townspeople and villagers and between male and female.'

Speaker Abdul Hamid praised the government's efforts to try the war criminals, legislation against domestic violence and the new education policy. The discussion, held at NEC

auditorium in the capital, was addressed among others by Srefan Priesner, UNDP resident representative, Prof Shah Alam, chairman of law commission, Kazi Rezaul Hoque, full-time member of NHRC, and Mamtaz Begum, chairper-

son of Jatiyo Mohila Sangstha. Talking about the condition of children, women and indigenous people, most of the speakers expressed dissatisfaction.

"What has happened in the name of encounter, crossfire or Operation Clean Heart? People died one after another of heart failure. And parliament passed a law providing impunity," he told a symposium marking the Human Rights Day.

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under such circumstances.

In his keynote address

former diplomat Harun ur

Rashid said poverty, corrup-

tion and lack of education are

big challenges in efforts to

general Molla Mokbul

Hossain moderated the dis-

cussion addressed among

others by Ishrat Jahan

Ahmed, director (UN) at the

Prince Charles'

The government's majority

lawmakers voted by 323 to 302

to raise the cap on annual

tuition fees at English univer-

armoured Rolls Royce carry-

ing Prince Charles, 62, and his

63-year-old wife Camilla as

they were driven down a major

road in central London, their

Clarence House residence

Royce Phantom VI was cut off

from a convoy of police vehi-

cles accompanying it and

became surrounded by pro-

testing students who had split

off from the main demonstra-

tions at parliament, according

The burgundy 1977 Rolls

Protesters attacked the

UNAB acting secretary

establish human rights.

foreign ministry.

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sities from 2012.

said.

The United Nations Association of Bangladesh (UNAB) organised the discussion at a hotel in the capital. Justice Rahman, also former

chief adviser to caretaker government, said primarily it is the law enforcement agencies of the executive who protect people's rights. "If they [law enforcers] fail, people may go to courts, but unfortunately delay in trial process is a norm here," he added.

One of the good things, however, is that the government has initiated trial of war criminals, he said, adding that delay in trial process in the name of gathering concrete evidence would not be

None should be tried out of anger or grudge of somebody, he added.

In her speech, Rahman criticised the western nations' attitude towards the human rights situation in the developing countries. He questioned, "Who have sought human rights situation report from you, who fought the Iraq war Lauding the setting up of

National Human Rights Commission, he said the role of the state in protecting human rights is very well-defined in the country's constitution.

larly when the business sector is doing well and attracting investors. Chairing the symposium,

observed many influential he added.

tecting human rights, if I had been a lawyer," he said, adding that money here can turn the night into a day.

> energy and climate change secretary, said earlier that: "It's on a knife edge, we could well have a good outcome, but we could also have a car

Bolivia's left-wing president, Evo Morales, reiterated calls for radical cuts in greenhouse gases by developed nations under Kyoto to protect what he calls "Mother Earth."

He said 300,000 people died annually from droughts, floods, desertification, storms and rising seas caused by greenhouse gas emissions since the Industrial Revolution. He described the deaths as "genocide" caused

by capitalism. "There are two ways: either capitalism dies or Mother Earth dies," Morales said. Bolivia's demands that rich nations halve their greenhouse gas emissions from 1990 levels by 2017 -- more radical than any other coun-

tries' requirements. Some diplomats fear that Bolivia's position could derail the entire conference, where any deals require unanimity. But it has also distracted from other disputes, for instance on new funds, protecting tropical forests or sharing clean technologies.

World Bank President Robert Zoellick said that China, which has overtaken the United States as the top greenhouse gas emitter, would have to take on a new role as its surging influence blurs a traditional divide between rich and poor nations.

"China is a developing country, so is India," Zoellick told Reuters. "It's understandable that they don't want to be treated as an industrialized or developed country. On the other hand, people see that they're the biggest emitter," he

solar power by placing a pen-

alty on greenhouse gas emis-

said.

"People will have to find said. some place in between. The world doesn't fit easily into two different categories," he

Kyoto is the first legally binding UN pact meant to encourage trillion-dollar shifts in the world economy away from fossil fuels toward the coins. cleaner energies like wind and

Some of the coins have

BSF kills 1

OUR CORESPONDENT, Chapainawabganj

Indian Border Security Force (BSF) shot dead a Bangladeshi cattle trader near Masudpur border point in Shibganj upazila of Chapainawabganj early yesterday. The deceased was identi-

fied as Kalu Mia, 30, son of Abdur Razzak of Thuthapara-Sahapara village of the upazila.

Lt Col Abu Bakar Abu, commanding officer of 39 Rifles Battalion, said BSF troops from Shubhopur camp in West Bengal fired on a group of Bangladeshi cattle traders while they were entering Indian territory near main pillar no. 168 around 3:00 am. was cut by three-quarters as

Kalu died on the spot, he said.

After the incident local people took the body to Bangladesh territory.

On information, Shibganj police recovered the body from Kalu's house in the village and sent it to Adhunik Sadar Hospital morgue for an autopsy.

Bangladesh Rifles strongly condemned the killing by sending a protest note to its Indian counter part.

victim

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In the fire, Sujan's relative Ripon, 28, also suffered burns over 28 percent of his body and is now taking treatment at the burn unit. The fire broke out when

Sujan and Ripon were refilling cigarette lighters inside their rented room on Nazimuddin Road in Bangshal. The room had storage of liquid petroleum and lighter refill canisters. On October 6, 10 workers

cal factory in the capital's Dakkhin (South) Jatrabari. Four others, including three women were severely injured. On August 22, two people

were burnt to death at a chemi-

died in a fire at a chemical warehouse in Lalbagh. On June 3, 122 people, mostly women and children, were killed and scores hurt in a deadly blaze originated from a

populated Nimtoli in Old Dhaka. Though banned by the government after the Nimtoli disaster, storage and trading in combustible chemicals are going on unabated in the old

chemical store at the densely

The government had also directed the traders to move their stock to a safer location by August 17, but to little avail.

For the recruitment of the 101 judges and judicial magistrates, the government has kept the provision of 30 percent quota for the children of freedom fighters. This is the first such provision.

Bangladesh Judicial Service Commission (BJSC) is going to select the candidates through tests, and the president will appoint them to the posts.

The commission has already selected 1.604 candidates out of from December 11 to January 3.

The recruitment process six months.

In May 2008, the then caretaker government appointed 394 assistant judges and judicial magistrates following the separation of the judiciary from the executive.

Joypurhat

28 coins at the construction site of Nilkanto Mondir on January 25 last year, said Panchbibi police sources.

He along with locals handed over the coins to Mir Shaid Mondal, 75, of the neighbourhood. Shaid Mondal then handed those over to the local

Akbar. The coins are now with

Biman Chandra Karmakar,

officer-in-charge of the police station, said police will soon apply for permission to the court concerned in Joypurhat to hand over the coins to Mahasthan Archaeological Museum in Bogra. The coins weigh around

coins seems to be silver, police Inscriptions on both sides

of the irregular shaped coins are still very clear. Prof Yaqub Ali told that the coins were made between 1584

that an indictment should be served within weeks.

"We are not talking about months and months again. We are really talking about weeks."

Expressway's

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"For some reason they [the two other companies] did not show up in the final bidding," he said.

kilometre construction cost of the expressway at Tk 175 crore, according to sources. The foreign consultant of the project had put the figure at Tk 500 crore. It is possible to build per

kilometre of the expressway at Tk 175 crore as per financial and technical analyses performed by Infrastructure Investment Facilitation Centre (IIFC) and a Buet team, said Prof Md Shamsul Hoque, a member of the tender committee.

Shamsul Hoque said the toll for a car for end-to-end use of the expressway is Tk 125 and Tk 100 for partial use of the expressway. A public bus has to pay double that of a car, a six-wheeler truck has to pay four times high and a vehicle with more than six wheels has to pay five times the amount for using the expressway. Motorbikes will not be allowed safety grounds.

The IIFC analysed regional information on similar projects primarily in India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Singapore, Shamsul Hoque said.

The government will provide 30 percent of whatever investment the concessionaire will make in the project as viability gap fund from the Public Private Partnership (PPP) fund. The government will also provide the concessionaire with the project's right of way.

The government expects in

the Request for Proposal (RFP) that the concessionaire would pay Tk 175 crore every year as concession fee. However, the exact amount depends on what the bidders will offer in the financial proposal. Moreover, the government

daily number of transactions (vehicles using the expressway) exceeds 80,000 as per the The concessionaire has to form a company and pay the government 37.5 percent of its

surplus business if the total

income as corporate tax, said Shamsul Hoque. The government will also gain a 15 percent VAT on each transaction. The concessionaire is required to procure 50 percent of the construction materials from the local market and pay

It has to have Tk 105 crore bank guarantee.

11 percent customs duty on

Length of the first phase of the expressway is 26km including five kilometres of two elevated link wavs. One of them will connect Manik Mia Avenue with the expressway and the other will connect Old Dhaka, Azimpur, Dhaka University, Buet and New Market.

Hariri in Shakespearea n' dilemma on murder probe

AFP, Beirut

Lebanese Prime Minister Saad Hariri faces a "Shakespearean" dilemma over a UN probe into his father's murder whose pursuit of the assassins could wreak havoc on his country, analysts say. "He is being asked to

choose between the truth on the blood of his father and the stability of the country. He's not at all in an enviable position," said Fadia Kiwane, head of political sciences at Saint Joseph University. Hariri was thrust into the

limelight as a political novice after the February 2005 assassination of his father, five-time premier Rafiq Hariri, in a Beirut bomb blast. "He is in a tight spot because, ever since the assas-

sination, he has been mobilising the whole world to set up the Special Tribunal for Lebanon. Now, people want him to call off the process, said Kiwane. Shiite militant group Hezbollah, the most powerful armed movement in Lebanon,

says its members are about to be fingered by the tribunal which the United Nations set up in 2007. The clerk of the court, Herman von Hebel, said on Thursday in the Netherlands

"Everyone is waiting for the moment when the prosecutor is going (to come) out with an indictment," he told reporters.

The government in August approved the four-lane expressway route along the existing railway corridor stretching from Shahjalal International Airport to Demra with an aim to com-

plete it by the end of 2013. The expressway is expected to improve the road connectivity linking important residential, commercial and business hubs within the

Some noted academicians vesterday viewed that the proposed elevated expressway will not reduce the city's nagging traffic congestion,

initiative highly ambitious,

way or metro rail: future of Dhaka's public transportation system' organised by the Centre for Studies in Social Transformation at the Jatiya Press Club yesterday. Prof Serajul Islam to use the expressway on Choudhury presided over the

> vice-chancellor Shafiullah, engineer M Inamul Haque, noted economist Prof Anu Mohammad and nuclear scientist FR Al-Siddique also spoke, said a press release. They also demanded immediate implementation of the

government's initiative to set up a metro rail to reduce the city's traffic congestion. Probe body

on Wednesday night. At least 14 people were killed and over 100 injured when the Chittagong-bound intercity Mahanagar Godhuli and Dhaka-bound Chattola Express collided head-on at Narsingdi rail station at

will get 25 percent profit of 4:45pm. Replying to a query, Yusuf said they have already talked to all other persons concerned

> Meanwhile, the two other probe committees formed by the railway department completed their enquiry on Thursday. Both the committees concluded that the two Chattola Express drivers were

responsible for the accident. Dhaka Divisional Railway Manager Md Habibur Rahman said the committees will submit their reports to the

Sunday. Nobel Peace

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Norwegian Nobel Committee Chairman Thorbjoern Jagland said Liu wanted to dedicate his Nobel to "the lost souls" of 1989 when troops crushed prodemocracy protests in Tiananmen Square. Witnesses

dreds were killed. "We can to a certain degree say that China, with its 1.3 billion people, is carrying mankind's fate on its shoulders," Jagland said in the

prepared speech. "If the country proves capable of developing a social market economy with full civil rights, this will have a huge favourable impact on the world. If not, there is a danger

arising... with consequences for all. An empty chair at the ceremony symbolised Liu's imprisonment. It was the first occasion that no representative of a detained laureate had been allowed to the ceremony since 1935, when pacifist Carl

Jagland called on China to release Liu and said Beijing's reaction had showed the award was "necessary and

In Liu's absence, Norwegian actress Liv Ullmann was due to read out the laureate's speech from his

"I have no enemies and no

hatred. None of the police who

look forward to the advent of a

Testing time Rights not Four hurt in FROM PAGE 1 prised of upazila nirbahi offi-FROM PAGE 1 ernment, Justice Ebadul said cers of Srimangal and things would not improve

members fired back, which left Rubel, Zakir, Khokan and

Two guns with two bullets

on a false premise."

The former chief justice said he wonders why some industries do not pay salaries and bonuses to their workers regu-

people violate rights of the others at will. Such is the might of money that even the judges cannot stand for the repressed, "Sometimes I think I could have done a lot better in pro-

Justice Kazi Ebadul Haque

Censuring the limited power of the human rights commission, which only investigates and reports to the gov-

Climate talks **FROM PAGE 16** Some of the negotiators broke into groups in an attempt to hash out issues like financing for poor countries, technology transfers, and stopping defor-

"Intensive consultations are taking place. We are engaging heavily with other parties. And it is a good sign," Brazil's negotiator Luiz Figueiredo said earlier at the talks. "I am very hopeful we will have a

good outcome." Brazil and Britain are leading talks on the Kyoto pact. Japan reiterated that it will not extend cuts under Kyoto

beyond 2012, a position that

has angered developing

nations. Tokyo insists that all

major emitters including

China, India and the United States must instead sign up for a new treaty. Akira Yamada, a senior Japanese official, added that the talks were seeking "some good wording with which we can accommodate, not only Japan, but other countries. This negotiation is rather

difficult. However, we think we can reach agreement.' Developing nations say that rich nations, which have emitted most greenhouse gases by burning fossil fuels since the Industrial Revolution, must extend Kyoto before the poor sign up for curbs that would damage

One draft suggested a formula that simply left the future of Kyoto open. It says that environment ministers call "for the conclusion as soon as possible of ... the negotiations for a second commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol.'

their drive to end poverty.

If they solve the dispute over Kyoto, negotiators are

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aiming to set up a new fund to help developing countries cope with climate change, work out ways to preserve tropical forests and agree on a new mechanism to share clean technologies. Ambitions for Cancun are already modest after a UN

summit in Copenhagen last year failed to agree to a binding deal, partly because of opposition from a handful of nations, including Bolivia and Sudan. Chris Huhne, Britain's sions.

to witnesses. The couple was not hurt and arrived as planned at the theatre, where they were attending the Royal Variety Performance, an annual starstudded evening of entertain-

But the rear passenger window of the car -- where Charles had been sitting -- was smashed and the vehicle was splattered with white paint. The protests were the third in response to plans to raise

tuition fees. A demonstration

last month saw students storm

the headquarters of Prime

were the most violent so far.

Minister David Cameron's Conservative party. But Thursday's protests

Cameron denounced the "totally unacceptable" vio-At least 43 protesters and 12 police officers were injured according to police figures.

disorder and assaulting

part of the capital. Officers arrested 26 people for offences including violent

Govt plans

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time the government has made

some 3,000 through a preliminary test, BJSC sources said. The selected candidates will sit for a written test of 1,000 marks

will be completed within next

AKM Yaqub Ali, emeritus professor of Department of Islamic History and Culture, University of Rajshahi, confirmed that the coins were made at the rule of Emperor

Panchbibi Police Station.

303gm and the metal of the

and 1605 and known as Ilahi Coin. Nastaliq style alphabets were inscribed on both sides of

Allahhu Akbar along with other Arabic alphabets inscribed on them, he said.

THECOST Local experts estimated per

metropolitan area, said the communications minister. TRAFFIC CONCERNS

rather keep the problem alive. Terming the government's

they urged it to give up the They were addressing a dialogue on 'Elevated express-

dialogue, while Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet) former

chief of the committee formed

and many witnesses.

railway director general on the imported materials, he

> countries from attending the ceremony in Oslo.

and rights groups said hun-

of social and economic crisis

von Ossietzky was jailed by Adolf Hitler's Nazi regime.

appropriate". court trial a year ago.

monitored, arrested, and interrogated me, none of the prosecutors who indicted me, and none of the judges who judged me are my enemies," Liu told a Chinese court on Dec. 23, 2009. "I, filled with optimism,

future free China. For there is no force that can put an end to the human quest for freedom, and China will in the end become a nation ruled by law, where human rights reign supreme."