#### China arrests Protestant devotees

**BBC ONLINE** 

At least 20 Chinese Protestants have been arrested yesterday as they tried to gather for an Easter service in Beijing.

The worshippers, from the Shouwang church, were trying to hold an outdoor service because they own no premises.

In recent weeks, the police have arrested dozens of people from the church, which

has about 1,000 members. The authorities have also been carrying out a wider suppression of dissent harassing foreign reporters

and detaining activists. The most high-profile detainee, artist Ai Weiwei, was taken by police as he tried to board a flight earlier this month.

The rest worship with unregistered groups known as "house" churches.

# All bets are on for royal wedding wagers

AFP, London

British bookmakers are having a field day taking bets on every aspect of the royal wedding, from the first dance to the Queen's hat -- and Prince Philip nodding off during the ceremony.

Betting shops, an institution on every British high street, regularly offer "specials" on politics and reality television programmes alongside the usual sporting staples of football and horse racing.

And major chains wasted no time offering a vast range of odds on the wedding once Prince William and Kate Middleton announced their engagement in November.

"If it's not exciting enough for viewers at home, we're giving them the chance of an additional thrill on the big day," Ladbrokes betting chain spokesman Alex Donohue told AFP.

"We're definitely reaching new customers. Lots of women are coming this time to bet on the colour of the Queen's hat and who is going to be there. There are many men as well who usually don't bet."

Betting on the Queen's hat is a regular Ascot races punt. Yellow is the 5-4 favourite for the wedding.

But it's not just the royals being bet on.

Purple is the 4-1 favourite colour for pop star guest Victoria Beckham's dress.

"So far the most popular bet is that Kate will make Wills wait at the altar, followed by Kate plumping for a train of less than eight feet," said a spokesman for bookmakers William Hill.

Queen Elizabeth's husband Prince Philip is 8-1 to fall asleep during the ceremony, while Middleton's mother Carole is 23-1 to chew gum.

#### **UN Council** to keep up pressure on **Ivory Coast**

AFP, United Nations

The UN Security Council will this week renew an arms and diamond embargo on Ivory Coast for a year to keep up pressure on the new government as disturbances keep the country on edge, diplomats said.

The council will meet on Tuesday to discuss sanctions against the West African nation where President Alassane Ouattara is cementing his authority after capturing strongman Laurent Gbagbo two weeks ago.

The European Union has lifted some of its sanctions and the African Union has ended its suspension on Ivory Coast's membership.

The council agreed to a

six month extension when more buses, he said. the sanctions were last dis-About the card, Sijan, a student of Government cussed in October last year.

**FROM PAGE 20** 

BRTC.

The service suffers a loss of

around Tk 19,000 a day due to

poor response from the

students, said Quazi

Shafique Uddin, general

manager (operations) of

response and financial loss,

BRTC is not giving up.

Despite the poor

"We are still hopeful and

Assistant Headmaster of

will continue with the bus

service," Shafiq Uddin said.

Government Laboratory

High School Md Insan Ali

said there are many students

who want to have this spe-

cial bus service. "But they are

not using it due to negli-

gence of the authorities

the non-availability of stu-

dent cards for the buses.

One of the problems is

Insan Ali said authorities

concerned," he said.

Laboratory School, said he along with many of his schoolmates, filled up a BRTC form in January but he

Little cheers for school bus

is yet to get the bus card. BRTC official Quazi Shafique Uddin said they have provided forms to schools to know about their

needs in morning and evening shifts. But the BRTC did not get the information yet, he said.

"We will prepare a database of the requirement and then we will upgrade the bus service and extend it across other routes," he said. "We will also provide students with multipurpose smart

The service's financial loss comes as no surprise as the buses are found to move with passengers half the capacity.

cards," he said.

On April 10, The Daily Star are slow in providing the correspondent travelled schools with forms for the from Mirpur-11 to Azimpur cards. There should also be to see how the service was running. The 52-seater that day had only 15 students

and a few guardians.

Mohammad Mojahid who boarded the bus at Mirpur-1 with his son Tazim Hasan complained of shortage of buses during the return journey from school. He said half the buses end their return journey at Kalyanpur instead of Mirpur-12.

"Those who like me want to travel beyond Kalyanpur suffer a lot," he said.

However, many special bus users appeared happy.

Sajin Reja and Shariar Mobassher, students of class-V of Government Laboratory High School who boarded a bus at Paikpara, said they are very happy with the service as it makes their life easier.

"Earlier, we had to go to school with my mother on public bus. Now I use this special service as it is better and secure. I can travel alone too," said Sajin.

Waziha Akhtar, mother of Asadullah Galib, a student of

Government Laboratory School, said she is gaining confidence to send her son alone to school as the school bus is safe.

Kazi Alamgir, a driver of school bus, said students tend to board the buses from wherever they like instead of the designated stations. This practice causes delay. "We are late in reaching the destination by at least 20 minutes even on a normal day," he

said. There are no bus sheds at designated stops and students are reluctant to wait there, he said.

Abul Kalam, another school bus driver, said it is not possible to reduce traffic congestion unless car-using students receive this service.

Dhaka city Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka blames lack of coordination among the authorities for not having bus sheds for the special bus service. He said the DCC will take steps if they

are asked to.

# Khaleda sends letter

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the constitution is a very important document and, therefore, any amendment to this should be brought after taking opinions from all and through a consensus.

In a late night development, the BNP chairperson sent a letter to the chief of the parliamentary special committee on constitution amendment saying she will not attend its meeting today. The parliamentary special

committee on April 21 sent invitations to the chiefs of the ruling Awami League and Jatiya Party, and the main opposition BNP to join talks on the proposed changes to the republic's charter.

The chiefs of BNP and JP were invited to sit with the special committee today and with the AL President

Sheikh Hasina tomorrow. The talks started yesterday with the constitution

experts.

Advising that BNP chairperson Khaleda Zia should join the talks, former adviser to a caretaker government Akbar Ali Khan said as a big political party BNP should have its observations regarding the constitution and its amendment.

"The party [BNP] should express its views at all forums including the parliamentary standing committee," he said.

Former vice chancellor of Dhaka University Prof Emajuddin Ahmed said if the intent of the ruling party

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amendment by inviting the opposition leader to the dialogue, then it would be a very dishonest move.

"Still it is not bad if BNP responds positively but question will still arise about the government's intention as to why they have invited the opposition so late. They [the government] should have called all the political parties a lot earlier," he said.

As the constitution is the fundamental law, so there should be a consensus in bringing about changes in the charter, he added.

Dhaka University Prof Imtiaz Ahmed said there is no reason for the opposition leader to skip the meeting.

"BNP should take it positively and join the talks, as it is only a discussion. They will not sign any stamp paper in the discussion. They should tell where they want the amendments to be made and

It would be a separate debate if the main opposition doesn't support the very process of amendment, he said.

where they don't," he said.

In the letter to the committee Chairperson Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury, Khaleda questioned the necessity of bringing changes to the constitution, said party insiders.

Khaleda sent the letter last night in response to the invitation from the special committee to attend today's meeting.

The BNP chairperson's personal secretary Saleh

is to legitimise the process of Ahmed and assistant personal secretary Suratuzzaman handed over the letter to the personal secretary to the committee chairperson at her residence at Lalmatia in the capital at

about 11:50pm. Khaleda consulted with party leaders including Moudud Ahmed and Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir before sending the letter, said party insiders.

BNP will hold a press conference at 4:00pm today

to clarify its position. On April 20, the special committee sent a letter to Khaleda inviting her to attend a committee meeting to give opinion on the government's move to amend

the constitution. The secretary to the committee handed over the letter to the BNP chairperson's personal secretary at her Gulshan office.

BNP standing committee, the party's highes policymaking forum, the same day sat to discuss the issue with Khaleda in the chair. The BNP chief decided not to attend the meeting.

The committee fixed today for the leader of the opposi tion to attend the meeting.

Khaleda at the standing committee meeting assigned four party leaders to prepare a reply to the letter from the committee giving the reasons for her turning down the invitation, said a party source.

# Yes to caretaker govt

FROM PAGE 1

hamperingits independence. Almost all of the participating jurists opposed the special committee's move to

that restoration. They instead suggested strengthening the existing system of the Supreme Judicial Council led by the chief justice for removal of constitutional officers such as the SC judges, chief election commissioner, election commissioners, chairman and members of the Public Service Commission, and the

According to article 58C of the current constitution, an immediate past chief justice is appointed as the chief adviser to a caretaker government. If such a retired chief justice is not available or is not willing to hold the post, then the person who among the willing retired chief justices retired last before the immediate past chief justice, is appointed as the chief

justice is available or willing to hold the office of the chief adviser, the president shall appoint as chief adviser the last retired judge of the SC Appellate Division, says the constitutional provision introduced in 1996 through the 13th amendment amid a political turmoil.

not conform to the independent judiciary," former chief justice Mustafa Kamal told reporters emerging from the talk held at Jaitya Sangsad Bhaban.

carrot in front of a sitting chief justice, through which they are made loyal to the executive branch of the state.

"Therefore, I told them to the former chief justice said.

introduction of a system of forming a 10-member makeshift cabinet -- five from the ruling party and five from the opposition parties in parlia-

strengthen the EC and keep the judiciary free of controversy, Zahir said.

"The caretaker government parties in such a way that the versial," Barrister M Amir-Ul suggestion to the special com- morning.

ciary.

mittee. All jurists however favoured maintaining the caretaker government system for holding a free and fair parliamentary election, due to the current confrontational nature of political culture, and they supported the committee's move to limit the tenure of caretaker governments, said

some members of the special committee. About restoration of the parliament's specific authority for removal of constitutional officials, some jurists argued that restoration of this constitutional provision will not be effective, and it may have negative impact on the independence of the judi-

Revival of that authority of the parliament will repeal the existing provision of the Supreme Judicial Council, introduced during the first martial law regime.

"I suggested strengthening the Supreme Judicial Council. There should be a supervisory agency under the council," Justice Mustafa Kamal said. Suggesting a measure to

strengthen the Supreme

Judicial Council, Amir-Ul

Islam said the parliament's role in this regard can be defined. Talking to reporters after the talk, Dr Kamal Hossain said he stressed the need for carefully examining the issue

of appointments and remov-

als of SC judges. He also urged for forging a national consensus regarding constitutional amendment. He suggested formation of a constitutional commission, and taking people's opinions about amending the constitu-

tion. About the state religion, almost all of the jurists recommended scrapping of the constitutional provision that gives Islam the status of state religion. Islam was made the state religion through the constitution's 8th amend-

ment in 1988. "Religion is for the people, not for the state. Every citizen will practice their own religion in peace and harmony," Barrister Amir said.

Barrister Rafique-ul Huq said, "We suggested scrapping of the status of Islam as state religion."

Asked about the matter, former chief justice Mustafa Kamal said he told the special committee not to keep any 'ism' in the constitution. Special Committee mem-

ber Hasanul Haque Inu said the former chief justice categorically spoke against keeping any 'ism', and cited Islamism, socialism, and secularism. Former chief justices Md Taffazzul Islam, and

Mohammad Fazlul Karim, The president will head the and constitutional experts makeshift cabinet which will Mahmudul Islam, Barrister act on advice of the Election Ajmalul Hossain QC, and Commission (EC), and its Attorney General Mehbubey tenure will be one and a half Alam also participated in the months maximum. It will talk that started at 11:30am and ended at 6:00pm. The special committee is

scheduled to hold a talk with the main opposition BNP this morning, and in the afternoon it is scheduled to sit with other political parties representing the parliament except ruling Awami League, with which the committee is scheduled to sit tomorrow

## t | Murder it was

FROM PAGE 1 Atiqur Rahman Khan Bappi and younger brother Ashiqur Rahman Khan Apu came out

of the house to his aid. The criminals opened fire on them leaving Apu dead, and his brothers Bappi and

Setuinjured. Hearing gunshots, Tofatun, who was offering prayers, came down from the fourth floor of the house to the street.

The two siblings survived

but were maimed for life. Bappi is now studying in the UK while a crippled Setu is compelled to stay home all the time. Their gynecologist mother Tofatun was so devastated that she discontinued her job at the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman

Medical College and Hospital. The family was clueless

aboutthepricetheywouldhave to pay for renting out the first floor and a part of the ground floor in 2004 to a 38-year-old man, Iftekhar Beg Jhalak.

The man told them that he would open a restaurant there. He paid Tk 5 lakh in advance but never paid

monthly rent. "Jhalak's house rent and other utility charges had been due for a year," Tofatun Nahar

toldThe Daily Star. When Tofatun, a widow, asked Jhalak to vacate the house and hung up a to-let signboard at the building, her tenant hired the criminals to intimidate the family to retain possession of the two floors

and extort money from them,

alleged the house owner. One of the attackers was hit by a bullet during the incident and was later arrested by

police from a hospital. Witnesses said suspected criminals Nawshad Hossain Molla alias Robin and Iftekhar Beg Jhalak entered the building while their associates Mohammad Ali Munna, Biplob Chandra Das, Atiq Ahmed Shiplu, Monjurul Abedin

Russel and Mahabub Alam were on the road in front of the Russel fired shots first and

Police said Jhalak hired the criminals to make the attack on Tofatun's family members.

his cohorts sprayed bullets

after a few moments, they said.

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### Jahangirnagar University Savar, Dhaka

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restore the parliament's authority to remove judges of the Supreme Court (SC) and other constitutional officers on grounds of misconduct and incapacity. They expressed their skepticism about the effectiveness of

comptroller and auditor general.

The jurists also strongly opposed maintaining the status of Islam as state religion, as it contradicts secularism, one of the fundamental principles of the state. Some of them also spoke for imposing a ban on religion based politics.

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"The current system does

He termed offering of the chief adviser's post to a retired chief justice as dangling of a justice or would be chief

scrap the provision and find an acceptable man for the post," Dr MA Zahir proposed for

system should be changed based on a consensus between the ruling and opposition judiciary is not made contro-Islam told reporters about his