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#### **CHIRAC GUILTY OF GRAFT**

The French ex-president was sentenced to two-year suspended jail

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#### Forgive, forget

Jamaat urges all at V-Day discussion STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Leaders of Jamaat-e-Islami, the party that opposed the country's Liberation War and collaborated with the invading Pakistani army, yesterday said they wanted to forget their past.

They also said they now want everyone to "forgive them and forget what they did" during the 1971 war. SEE PAGE 19 COL 1 61 ZILA PARISHADS

## AL men appointed administrators

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday appointed administrators to 61 zila parishads (district councils); most of them are top Awami League leaders of the districts.

The appointment came about nine months after Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina announced in parliament that the government will appoint chairmen to all zila parishads to make the local government stronger.

The LGRD and cooperatives ministry has issued gazette notifications on the appointments. However, no administrators have been appointed in three hill districts yet.

"According to the constitution, a zila parishad should be run by an elected representative. No successive government ever held polls to zilla parishads," SEE PAGE 19 COL 5

The ruling party

#### Secret killing sponsored by state

Fakhrul claims BNP its main victim

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

**BNP** acting Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir yesterday alleged that secret killings have been taking place 'under the shield of the state' and opposition, especially BNP, activists are being victims of such killings.

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Homecoming for freedom fighters after the liberation of Bangladesh on December 16, 1971.

PHOTO: FILE

#### Sabbir Murder Case

# All 5 acquitted

Negligence of prosecution blamed

CHAITANYA CHANDRA HALDER

All five accused including Sanvir, son of Bashundhara Group chairman, have been acquitted of killing Humayun Kabir Sabbir due to the failure of prosecution in producing eyewitnesses in the much-talkedabout murder case.

Sabbir, a director of Bashundhara Telecommunications Network Ltd, SEE PAGE 19 COL 5

Sabbir

## BNP leader killed after abduction

Hartal called for tomorrow in Jessore over murder of district leader

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Jessore BNP leader was found dead by Dhaka-Mymensingh highway yesterday, a day after he was abducted from the capital's Mohammadpur area.

The dead, Nazmul Islam,

was finance secretary of Jessore district BNP. He was driving to his Dhanmondi residence around midnight on Wednesday when he was kidnapped, family members said.

Police recovered the body of **SEE PAGE 19 COL 5** 



**Nazmul Islam** 

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#### Freedom Fighters

### 5 lists so far, all in question

RIZANUZZAMAN LASKAR and PANKAJ KARMAKAR

With the change of governments changed the list of freedom fighters.

Thanks to political partisanship, there is yet to be a complete list of freedom fighters, the greatest sons of the soil, who liberated the country from Pakistani occupation 40 years ago.

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## V-Day

today SYED BADRUL AHSAN

History is forever a matter of remembering what has been.

And forty years ago, in this land, history took shape and form and substance, through reinventing itself on a declining December day.

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