Hospital inside

FROM PAGE 1 for class-III and -IV employees.

Many of these outsiders are not only involved with petty crimes but have also established control over illegal businesses in the area with the help of a section of NIDCH staff, said the sources, adding that some are also involved in doing business over the tender and recruitment process at NIDCH, which often leads to clashes among the criminals.

Besides, the Sattola slum, infamous for criminal activities, is just next to the hospital. For criminals to get into the compound climbing over the boundary wall and commit crime inside is a child's play, as NIDCH lacks adequate security personnel.

Bhuiyan Mahbub Hasan, officer-in-charge of Banani Police Station, also admitted the fact that lack of proper security facility ties there.

"Anybody can easily enter the hospital compound and that is the main security problem there. We investigate if and when anyone files a complaint with us," said the OC.

pital compound last August 8. month.

Star that the family was

crossing the street even

though a foot overbridge

was there within 80 yards.

He rushed to the spot

Lying on his hospital

bed, Shahjahan told The

Daily Star that the acci-

dent happened around

3:00pm when he along

with his wife Anjana

Begum and sons Arafat

and Abir were crossing the

He said they had just

bus. They proceeded to

they found the road clear.

Airport Road near Kakoli.

and took the body and

Shahjahan to DMCH.

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NIDCH, was stabbed to death in his quarters early

Relatives of the victim believe this was not an incident of robbery, rather a murder, as criminals were threatening Nitai over

Police, however, believe that the criminals entered his home scaling the boundary wall of the compound. His home was next to the wall.

Police arrested four persons in this connection. One of them was picked up from the Sattola slum.

The very day the murder took place, a motorbike of an electrician, Shahjahan, was stolen from the hospital compound around 9:30pm.

Rouf, who was on duty at that time, told The Daily Star that no other guard wanted to do duty in the residential zone as snatching and chase and counter egged on criminal activi- chase among criminals happen there almost regu-

away Tk 2 lakh and 16 tolas of gold from two apartments of class-IV employees around 10:30am.

Anwar Hossain Liton, a Latest, Narayan joint secretary of Dhaka Chandra Dutta Nitai, 47, city unit Juba league, was assistant professor of shot dead on July 19, 2009

following a dispute over submitting tender documents to NIDCH. Liton was also a contractor and owner of a restaurant.

An assistant professor of NIDCH told The Daily Star that criminals regularly demanded money from doctors in the name of toplisted criminal Shahdat. They had also threatened Nitai last year over recruitments at the hospital, he added.

While visiting the hospital compound yesterday, it was found that most of the class-III and -IV employees illegally built tin-shed houses adjacent to their quarters and rented those out to outsiders. Sources said there were

more than 300 such houses where apart from criminals, people like rickshaw pullers and hawkers, live with their families. The house rent ranges between Tk 2,000 and Tk 5,000. Bashir Ahmed, medical

superintendent of NIDCH, said, "We have only 30 security guards. It is very hard to deploy guards at every point of the compound with this manpower."

He also admitted that criminals might live in the quarters.

"We asked the outsiders to vacant the area several times, but they didn't. We will soon hold a meeting with the law enforcement agencies in this regard," he

> AFP reports that the text, adopted by consensus after five hours of arduous negotiations in Washington, also expressed "solidarity and support for the government of the Republic of Ecuador."

Assange

The meeting of the

Americas bloc was con-

vened at Ecuador's request

to consider a resolution

rejecting any attempt to

put at risk the "inviolabil-

ity" of its embassy in

London, where Assange is

eign ministers and repre-

sentatives of the 34-

member regional body

rejected "any attempt that

might put at risk the invio-

lability of the premises of

diplomatic missions."

In the resolution, for-

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holed up.

It urged Ecuador and Britain to "continue to engage in dialogue in order to settle their current differences in accordance with international law, taking into account the statements made recently by authorities of both gov-

ernments." Assange, who has been in the building for two months, is wanted for questioning in Sweden over claims of sexual

He is refusing to travel to Banani police said they | Scandinavia amid fears he United States over his controversial website. Ecuador granted the Australian

> The UK government has made it clear Assange, who denies the allegations, will be arrested if he steps outside the embassy after

> Speculation has been rife about possible escape routes, and Assange's legal team and the Ecuadorean government have talked about the possibility of safe

passage to Ecuador. The British government has threatened, under a 1987 Act, to enter the embassy and arrest the 41year-old, but foreign secretary William Hague has

"storm" the building. Ecuador's president has said the diplomatic row could be ended tomorrow" if Britain gave the activist safe passage to South America.

Tormented

But Prohlad insulted Kartik and forced him out of his house, said Abu Saleh, officer-in-charge of

Sangeeta's body hanging by a scarf from the ceiling of her house at the same vil-

An autopsy was carried | rose by 31 percent to 30.62 out on the body on Friday evening.

Meanwhile, locals caught Prohlad Mandal from Sundali Bazar on Friday evening and handed him over to police.

ing for Leuton who has gone into hiding.

Mandal filed a case on Friday night accusing Leuton and his father under the Woman and Children Repression Prevention Act,

Apple triumphs

This large slum settlement known as Sattola Bosti, located next to National Institute of Diseases of the Chest and

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Hospital at the capital's Mohakhali, is notorious for crime.

devices had infringed iPhonemaker Apple's software and design patents, but rejected counter-claims by Samsung.

bans on several of its rival's products. Samsung has said it will appeal. Correspondents say the

In recent weeks, a court in South Korea ruled that both

copyright. But the year-long US case has involved some of the biggest damages claims, and is likely to shape the way patent licences are handled in

Samsung promised to appeal

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against the decision describing it as "a loss for the American consumer".

choices, less innovation, and potentially higher prices," the

it was "unfortunate that patent law can be manipulated to give one company a monopoly over rectangles with rounded corners".

finding Samsung's behaviour wilful and for sending a loud and clear message that stealing isn't right". Apple said it intended to seek sales injunctions at a

September. more than half of global smartphone and tablet com-

The nine-person jury at the federal court in San Jose, California had to consider 700 questions about each side's claim that its rival had

Apple had wanted \$2.5bn in damages. Samsung had

Neil Armstrong FROM PAGE 20

describing the event as "one small step for [a] man, one giant leap for mankind". Last November

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

Armstrong received the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest US civilian award. He was the commander

of the Apollo 11 spacecraft. He and fellow astronaut Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin spent nearly three hours walking on the Moon. Armstrong, who was

raised in Ohio, took his first flight aged six with his father and formed a lifelong passion for flying.

He flew Navy fighter jets during the Korean War in the 1950s, and joined the US space programme in 1962.

Correspondents say Armstrong remained modest and never allowed himself to be caught up in the glamour of space explora-

"I am, and ever will be, a white-socks, pocketprotector, nerdy engineer, he said in February 2000, in a rare public appearance.

expected to figure during the

discussed in Singh-Ershad meeting and could once again come up if and when Khaleda

interference in the country's internal affairs, which is not acceptable to the citizens of an independent state," they

ence of opinion between the government and Yunus over the appointment process of Grameen Bank's managing

Bangladesh Bank removed Yunus from the post of managing director of Grameen Bank because of expiry of his service age as per the government's service rule. Yunus lodged a case and the country's highest court delivered a judgment in favour of the government decision. The

ferent opinion about the recent amendment the gov-

"But we are observing that Dr Yunus is putting pressure on the country through 'super power' and different donor

agencies. "We are also observing that Dr Yunus in a statement has tried to misguide people,

what he wanted to say about the new government, when an elected government is in power," they said.

formed a new political party when a conspiracy was going on to implement a 'minustwo formula' after the two leaders were arrested during the tenure of the last caretaker government."

said, "But some of the witremain alert to any sorts of conspiracy that can harm the country's democracy.

incident seemed to be a "forced disappearance". He urged law enforcers to

deputy commissioner (headquarters) of Chittagong Metropolitan Police, said that he had enquired about the matter. "I have asked all the police

stations of the city, detective branch and criminal investigation department about the matter but all of them have denied arresting Firoj," he said, adding, he would still be

Tehran PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh is likely to meet his Bangladeshi counterpart Sheikh Hasina on the sidelines of the Non-Aligned

Singh's official programmes in the Iranian capital, Indian Foreign Secretary Ranjan Mathai said the date and timing of the meeting are yet to be finalised. Sources, however, said the

meeting between the two prime ministers might take place before the summit starts on August 30. If the Hasina-Singh meet-

the first between them since the Indian prime minister had met her on the sidelines of the Saarc Summit in November last year. Jatiya Party Chairman HM Ershad has recently met Singh

visit New Delhi next month and meet the Indian PM, who had invited her when he came to Dhaka in September last year. Sources said bilateral issues and the political situation in Bangladesh were

proposed meeting between Hasina and Singh in Tehran. The same issues were

Yunus slated

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said in a joint statement. They said there is a differ-

director. The eminent citizens said

matter was settled through a legal process. Anyone could have a dif-

ernment has brought to the Grameen Bank Ordinance for the third time, they said.

especially the young generation, saying a new government after coming to power would change this ordinance to reinstate Grameen Bank in its previous position.

The fifty-one signatories to

the statement include Prof Zillur Rahman Siddique, Artist Quayum Chowdhury, Sayed Shamsul Haq, Artist Hashem Khan,

found dead in factory

body of a businessman from his thread factory in the capi-

Taltola, Nordapara and sent it to Dhaka Medical College Hospital morgue for an autopsy.

throat slit.

Victim's son Md Liton said his father looked after the business and used to stay at Sumon, 18.

"I was at my relative's house in Kishoreganj and my father phoned me around 3:00pm on Friday. He asked me to go to the factory the next morning," said Liton over the phone.

Reaching the factory along with one of his uncles vesterday afternoon, he found the main gate locked from out-

They opened the gate with that some eight sacks of thread were missing.

"As we searched for the sacks, we found his bloodstained body under a pile of threads," added Liton. Victim's relatives suspect

homicide as he went into hiding following the incident and his cell phone was switched off. Sumon had joined the

Thursday.

recruitments at NIDCH.

Security guard Abdur

On July 26, robbers took

In another incident, According to sources, at parts of an elevator worth least six incidents of rob- Tk 5 lakh got stolen from bery took place in the hos- Asma Centre of NIDCH on

Bus kills boy behind them holding Arafat by the hand.

> Shahjahan said. consciousness, he found himself on a bed in Dhaka Medical College Hospital. He was later moved to

DOHS area. He said he had a piece of land on Tongi Station Road and

arrived from Tongi on a gone there to see the land. Witness Ujjal Hossain, get to the other side as a restaurant employee, told The Daily Star that he

from underneath.

A boy (Arafat) was lying dead yards away. The woman (Anjana)

to the chest, Ujjal said. Emergency medical officers at Nitor told The Daily Star that Shahjahan's left leg had been smashed and he

head and right leg too. They said they would xray him later to know the

extent of the injuries.

Hasina, who is also AL president, visited the Banani residence of Syeda Zohra Tajuddin, presidium member of the party. She stayed there for more than an hour. The

premier's younger sister Sheikh Rehana was with her. Rimi and her sister Mahjabin Ahmad Mimi were

also present at the time. While returning to the Gono Bhaban, Hasina took Rimi with her.

Asked about the visit,

Ashraf said she (Zohra) has

been ill for long, and the AL chief visited her to enquire about her condition. The premier also sought Zohra's opinion on nominat-

ing an AL candidate for the bypolls, Ashraf said. "She [Zohra] mentioned Rimi's name, and we took it with due importance," he

added. Meanwhile, Jatiya Party, a key component of the ruling alliance, is now in a dilemma over contesting the Gazipur-4 by-polls separately, fearing "shameful" defeat in the AL stronghold, JP leaders told

this correspondent yesterday. The main opposition BNP has already declared it would not take part in any election during the tenure of the ALled government and the present Election Commission.

seat fell vacant following the resignation of Sohel Taj as AL lawmaker on July 7. Earlier, he resigned as state minister on May 31, 2009. Contacted yesterday, Rimi

The Gazipur-4 parliament

said that besides pressure from local AL leaders, party high-ups also wished her to contest the by-polls. This led her to decide to be a candi-

A writer and social worker, Rimi also said she has been a date," Chunnu said yesterday. primary member of the AL for

He saw a bus dragging a man around 20 yards. The bus then stopped and locals pulled a man out

was screaming her lungs out holding her son (Abir)

sustained injuries to his

Abir was in Anjana's heard people screaming had seized the bus but the will be extradited to the driver managed to flee.

political asylum last week.

jumping bail.

said there is no intention to

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Law enforcers are hunt-

Victim's uncle Sanjay 2000.

Apple will now seek import

ruling is one of the most significant in a global battle over patents and intellectual prop-

technology firms had copied each other, while a British court threw out claims by the US company that Samsung had infringed its

the future. 'MONOPOLY' GIBE

"It will lead to fewer sought\$519m. Current nets 'stay legal'

a major factor behind their

depletion of fish habitats, he

like various other fish

including ruhi and katla,

said Prof Dewan. "Fishing

with the current nets and

also with those with almost

zero-mesh sizes should be

banned to protect the fish

stocks from falling down,"

the fisheries department at

DU says all sorts of fish, of

similar size and age, get

caught in the current nets.

"So, the number of matured

fish for spawning falls and

generation of fish popula-

tion would decline, he

observed, suggesting tough

hear from independent

experts on the impact of the

use of current nets for taking

decisions quickly," said Prof

His colleague Prof Dewan

Asked, Ujjwal Bikash

Dutta, secretary of the fish-

eries and livestock ministry,

said enforcement drives had

"If the court wants, it can

It means that the next

affects fish production."

current nets.

Mahmud.

echoes the idea.

Prof Mahmud Hasan of

he said.

Hilsa depletes in rivers

carry, transport, own, posextinction over the last 10 sess or use current jal [net]." years, said Prof Mostafa Ali A recent document of the fisheries and livestock biology and genetics at ministry read, "The law to stop production and use of current nets cannot be The use of current nets is

implemented because of petitions pending with the court." Despite repeated efforts,

The Daily Star could not reach any of the petitioners. Some 1.56 crore people are involved in the fishing sector, which accounts for 2.73 percent of the coun-

try's annual export earn-Experts are concerned over the continuing production and use of the current nets, which are used to catch adolescent fish including

jatka (hilsa fry) in rivers and the sea. Such practice prevents the juvenile fish maturing for spawning. It also affects

biodiversity. "Fish cannot escape the current nets because these remain non-visible to fish under the water. Other types of nets stay much more visible and thus create scope for fish to escape," said Prof Dewan Ali Ahsan, chairman of fisheries department at

"If fishing by these nets continues, there will be no fish in open water bodies in the days ahead," warned Dewan. "Not only fish, biodiversity will also be affected as many species in water depend on fish."

In the five years until

2010-11, fish production

source of protein for the

Dhaka University.

been conducted continulakh tonnes, buoyed by the ously to prevent the use of expansion of fish cultures, current nets. according to Bangladesh To protect and conserve Economic Review 2012. fish, especially hilsa, the However, sluggish growth government carries out in fish captured from open water sources has led to a fall campaigns every year in its contribution to annual against those who catch jatka by using current nets. output of fish, a major

jatka continues. people. One of the reasons "We cannot take any step to stop production of curbehind this sluggish growth rent nets because of the is reckless fishing using current and mosquito nets, fisheries experts say. Some 20 species of indig-

pending cases with the upper court," he said.

South Korean firm said. The statement added that

Apple, however, said it applauded the court "for

The two firms account for puter sales.

follow-up hearing on 20

infringed its intellectual prop-

enous fish have faced top priority to having the court orders vacated and the

pending cases quickly dis-Reza Hossain of fisheries posed of," the secretary said. He added that they would Bangladesh Agricultural sit with the law ministry University, citing one of his soon to devise strategies so that "the production and use of current nets can be

stopped forever".

going extinct along with the Barisal JCD increased use of insecticides and chemical fertilisers, and

FROM PAGE 20 Firoj, joint convenor of Barisal JCD, and his family came to Chittagong five months ago after a "political case" had been filed against him in Barisal, his wife Amena Akter told The Daily

Renting a house in Eidgah area, Firoj began some temporary business. On Friday night, when Firoj was at a roadside tea stall, a microbus stopped there. Men from the vehicle then put handcuffs on him and took him away Amena said quoting a local. "We on that night inquired

about him at many police stations, including Halishahar and Double Mooring police stations, but to no avail," she said. They also went to Rapid Action Battalion (Rab-7) office yesrestrictions on the use of terday afternoon but that too was of no help.

> nesses told me there was a sticker of the CID on the rear window of the microbus." Contacted, Ameer Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury, president of BNP, Chittagong city unit, said he was worried that from witness accounts the

Both police and Rab

denied picking him up, she

release Firoj. Banaj Kumar Majumder However, the capture of

"The ministry has given making further enquiries.

Manmohan may meet Hasina in

Movement Summit to be held

in Tehran next week. Briefing the media on

ing materialises, this will be

in Delhi. BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia is also likely to

meets the Indian PM.

"But he did not make clear "We know Dr Yunus

They urged people to

Shamsuzzaman Khan, Kamal Lohani, Justice (retd) Mejbah Uddin Ahmed, Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor AAMS Arefin Siddique, Jahangirnagar University VC Prof Anwar Hossain, Prof Nazrul Islam, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University VC Prof Prangopal Dutta, economist Abul Barakat, Prof Abdul Khalek, poet Belal Chowdhury, Ramendu Majumder, Mamunur Rashid, Selina Hossain and poet Nirmalendu Gun.

lap and Shahjahan was and yelling. Businessman AL ticket

STAFF CORRESPONDENT Police yesterday recovered the

tal's Dakkhinkhan. The dead Abdul Kuddus was aged around 50. Acting on information from his son, police recovered the body from the factory at

Law enforcers said they found the businessman's

the factory with his nephew

a duplicate key and noticed

Sumon's involvement in the

factory one and a half months ago.

date.

The bus came out of nowhere and hit him, When he regained

Nitor, also known as Pangu Hospital. Shahjahan lives with his family in Banani

that he and his family had

several years. JATIYA PARTY Some JP leaders said the party presidium on July 30 decided to contest the Gazipur-4 by-election to

assess its popularity as it prepares to contest the next parliamentary elections independently. "But now we are yet to get a strong candidate for the polls race against any of the prospective AL candidates, including Simeen Hussain Rimi," a JP presidium mem-

ber Ziauddin Ahmed told this correspondent yesterday. Another presidium member of the party, Mujibul Haque Chunnu, mentioned that no AL candidate was ever defeated in this seat. "So, if our candidate cannot bag a considerable number of votes in the by-polls, it would be a shame for the party since our chairman [HM Ershad] has

vowed to contest independ-

ently the next national polls,

The party, however, will

he added.

take a final decision in this regard at its presidium meeting today, he said. JP sources said three local JP leaders collected party nomination papers for contesting the by-polls, and the

last date of submission of

Shamsuddin Ahmed

The three are businessmen

those was yesterday.

Mostafizur Rahman and Arifur Rahman. Mostafizur Rahman is president of Kapasia upazila unit of JP.

Chunnu said the party

chief and some other leaders wanted to nominate Brig Gen (retd) Kazi Mahmud Hasan, president of the party's Gazipur district unit, as its candidate in the by-election. "But, he [Hasan] expressed his reluctance to be a candi-

assault.

Abhaynagar Police Station. Police recovered