BNP-Jamaat to bring back graft

FROM PAGE 16 several roadside rallies in Gazipur on his way to Mymensingh where he had also spoken at another rally.

Addressing all the rallies, he urged people to vote the AL again to power at the next general elections "for continuation of development activities and full implementation of Vision 2021".

Terming the Awami League a family, he urged those in the party to work hand in hand with people and seek votes for the AL by going door to door.

Joy's visit was organprogrammes. It had been planned as such with an Bhaban," he said.

eye on the next election. urged the AL men to con-

power -- and seek votes for information centres had rity measures for the

Hitting out at the past try. BNP-led alliance rule, Joy said, many AL lawmakers and leaders, including Shah AMS Kibria, Ahsanullah Master and Ivy Rahman had been killed by BNP men. Grenade attacks were

carried out on an AL rally to kill his mother, Sheikh Hasina, he told the public gatherings in Mymensingh.

"But during the present Awami League-led government, no incident of bomb blast has happened, no BNP leader has ised purely a part of the been killed by bomb AL's political blasts and no corruption has taken place like Hawa

Highlighting the suc-At every meeting, Joy cess stories of the present government, Joy said, vey one message -- that 9,000 megawatts of power terrorism and militancy had been generated and would come back if the 14,000 educational insti-BNP-Jamaat returned to tutions and 4,500 union

been set up across the coun-

return to power, load shedding will come back. Mills and factories will remain closed for half the day, students won't get books in time, patients won't get healthcare facilities," he added.

up an electronics industry at Gazipur if the AL was voted to power again.

He also promised to set

Addressing a roadside rally at Chandana School and College ground later, he said, "Your income has doubled in the last five years. I promise it will continue in the next tenure (of AL)." Joy in a 20-vehicle Joy.

Mymensingh from Gono Bhaban around 9:50am yesterday.

motorcade started out for

Special Security Force, Rab and police personnel provided foolproof secu-

prime minister's son. District police forces also "If the BNP-Jamaat helped Joy's motorcade to pass through the streets hassle-free.

> Thousands of people, including leaders and activists of the AL and its associated bodies, garment workers, schoolboys and girls gathered at places on both sides of the thoroughfares.

They welcomed Joy by chanting slogans.

More than 100 gates were erected on the Dhaka-Mymensingh highway and hundreds of roadside banners and posters were hung at different places to welcome

PM's special assistant (Media) Mahbubul Hoque Shakil, deputy press secretary Ashraful Alam Khokon and party lawmakers and leaders accompanied Joy.

Next polls

FROM PAGE 1 discussed the upcoming polls in Bangladesh and measures to develop the country's garment industry and promote trade in this sector. Hasina told the delegation

that her government wanted to ensure a continuation of democracy in the country.

Talking about the garmen industry, she said her government was sincerely working in cooperation with all stakeholders for the overall development of the sector. The premier mentioned

that her government puts

emphasis on strictly main-

taining the country's building code in constructing any structure. The government had formed committees to make sure that the building code

was being followed properly, she said. The PM's adviser HT

Imam, Ambassador at-Large M Ziauddin and the British high commissioner in Dhaka, among others, were present at the meeting.

India's Boarder Disputes

Modi blames govt, praises army

TNN, HARYANA

Gujarat chief minister Narendra Modi on Sunday slammed the Centre for mishandling the border troubles with Pakistan and China, while strongly defending the role of Army and calling it a 'symbol of secularism'.

Addressing a gathering of ex-servicemen here, Modi slammed defence minister AK Antony's statement on LoC attacks and blamed the Centre for the repeated Chinese incursions in Arunachal Pradesh.

"Unless there is a determined government at the Centre, these incidents will continue," the Gujarat chief minister and BJP's prime ministerial candidate said.

Recalling the NDA government's achievement at keeping Pakistan at bay, Modi said the then foreign policy assured that Pakistan was isolated in the world. Modi then went on to

target Bihar minister for disrespecting martyred jawans, who were killed in firing by Pakistan army at the LoC in Jammu and Kashmir. Bihar rural works and

panchayati raj minister Bhim Singh had said "People join army or police for sahadat (martyrdom).' Singh later had apologized for his remark.

Modi started his speech heaping praise on the Army and paying rich tributes to the soldiers for their sacrifice and contribution.

BNP grabs FROM PAGE 1

that of the ruling Awami

League in Dhaka and elsewhere in the country, which drew widespread criticism and inflicted losses of crores of taka on advertisers and advertisement agen-

The Swechchasebak Dal captured about 60 percent of the hoardings while BNP's youth and student bodies captured the rest.

Besides these illegal advertisements of the main opposition, hundreds of arches, gates, placards, festoons on road dividers have turned the landscape of the town into

an eyesore. BNP Bogra district secretary Joynal Abedin Chan said BNP and its associate bodies had rented the billboards from the advertisement companies and that after the departure of their party leader, the digital

banners would be removed. However, there are allegations that local BNP men are so powerful that they did not care to take permission of the advertisement companies or the advertisers.

Mayor of Bogra municipality AKM Mahabubur Rahman could not be contacted despite repeated attempts.

75pc hike

FROM PAGE 16

The board, headed by Justice Kazi Ebadul Haque, proposed 70 percent pay hike and submitted its recommendations to the information ministry on June 30.

Later, the government increased it to 75 percent.

MKA

FROM PAGE 1 (BSF) delegation at his

secretariat office in the tenced to 90 years in capital. prison for committing Cattle export through

proper channel might halt many border offences, but it would be difficult due to religious sentiments prevailing in India, the home minister quoted BSF chief Subhash Joshi as saying.

Regarding the BSF's recent plan to deploy unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV), popularly known as drones, at the border, he said the government would not be anxious if India restricted any such

flight within its territory. He said approved commercial flights and other approved flights from India would always be

allowed in the country. About the acquittal of a BSF soldier in the Bangladeshi minor girl Felani murder case, he said the case had been trans-

ferred to the higher court in India, and Dhaka had anxiously been waiting for the verdict.

The director general level six-day talks formally started yesterday at Border Guard Bangladesh headthe main protest camp disquarters in the capital

> BSF chief Joshi led a 20member delegation while BGB chief Major General Aziz Ahmed led a 19- mem-

Killings by BSF on borders, drug and narcotics

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BCL men attack

FROM PAGE 1 side booksellers and torched those in front of

the office.

Police drove them away around 7:30pm. Selim, who got his left hand fractured, underwent

treatment at a private clinic in Sylhet, said Bedananda Bhattacharya, president of Sylhet district CPB. Activists of the BCL, a Star. student body associated

with the ruling Awami League, also clashed with law enforcers when they tried to bring the situation under control. Around 250 people participated in the divi-

sional meeting of the two parties in Court Point area Sylhet correspondent. About an hour into the were posted.

meeting, which began around 3:30pm, some 150 BCL men came marching from Registry Maidan that is half a kilometre from Court Point. That led to panic the rally.

The BCL had a pre- Paplu. scheduled procession on the occasion of the Prime Minister's arrival in Sylhet.

Sylhet district BCL acting president Hiron

they were passing by Court Point they heard objectionable remarks about Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and the government. A section of the BCL men then went

towards the rally to protest. The participants in the rally were about to go on a break for Asr prayers at that time, Bedananda Bhattacharya told The Daily

The BCL men grabbed chairs at the rally venue and threw those at the CPB and BSD leaders and activists. They also vandalised the podium. Members of police and the Rapid Action Battalion watched the whole thing happen for about 20 minutes, standing of Sylhet, reported our 30-40 yards away near Hasan Market where they

The attack left injured 25 of the two parties, including CPB President Selim, CPB's Sylhet unit secretary Anwar Hossain Suman and Bangladesh among the participants of Chhatra Union district unit secretary Shahiduzzaman

As the rally resumed half an hour after the incident, another group of BCL men marching from Tilagor area attacked the gathering Mahmud said that when again, said witnesses.

Rab and police members this time swung into action, triggering a chase and counter chase for 20 minutes at Court Point and Hasan Market areas.

The law enforcers fired rubber bullets and tear shells to bring the situation under control.

SM Rokon Uddin, additional commissioner of Sylhet Metropolitan Police (SMP), said that at least 10 policemen, including the officer-in-charge of Kotwali Police Station, had been injured. More than 30 rubber

Mohammad Ayub, additional deputy commissioner of SMP. After 5:30pm when the situation was under control, the CPB and BSD

activists resumed the meet-

bullets were fired to quell

the violence, said

Later, Sylhet district BCL was dissolved because its members were found involved in the incident, said Siddique Nazmul Alam, general secretary of central committee of the

Meanwhile, the main opposition BNP has condemned the attack.

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and another injured in an attack by criminals in the city's CDA Residential area. Belal ran a container

depot, SR Trading, at Pakka

Rastar Matha in the city. Shafiqul Islam, elder brother of Tajul, said his brother used to stock garment accessories and supply

those to different garment

factories based in Chittagong. Tajul along with a man, who was unknown to his family members, went out of his house about 11:00pm on Saturday, and did not return home since then. They repeatedly called him

found switched off, Shafiqul added. A patrol team of police found the body of Tajul near Noya Bazar intersection under Pahartali Police Station about 3:00am early

over the phone, but it was

yesterday. They took the body to Chittagong Medical College Hospital morgue for an

autopsy. Morgue sources said the body bore several stab marks.

Azizur Rahman, officerin-charge of Pahartali Police Station, said a case was filed with the police station in this connection.

Criminals kill Subhan's role was like

FROM PAGE 16 September 12.

Subhan spoke Urdu very well, which is why he became a close ally of Pakistani army in 1971, Simon observed.

"Under his leadership, Peace Committee and auxiliary forces of the Pakistani army, such as Razakar, Al-Badr, Al-Shams and Al-Mujahid, had been formed at different police stations in Pabna," he added.

ALLEGATIONS

The formal charge reads: On May 12, 1971, the Pakistani army and its local collaborators under the leadership of Subhan killed 300 to 400 people at several villages in Satbaria union under Pabna's Sujanagar Police Station.

In the presence of Subhan and under his leadership, five people of Juktitala village under Ishwardi upazila were allegedly killed and three others injured on April 13,

1971. Simon said Subhan, accompanied by local Jamaat leaders and Biharies, abducted three

on April 17 and 18 in 1971. Later, they were killed in the presence of Subhan. Led by Subhan, the Pakistani army raided

Sahapur village under

shelter at a local mosque,

Ishwardi on May 2, 1971, and killed several people there and looted many houses before setting those Subhan abducted two attacked Betbaria village persons from Arankhola cattle market in Ishwardi on May 16, 1971. The

hostages were tortured at

District Dak Bungalow in

Ishwardi. Subhan also led the village and later killed. Pakistani army in alleged attacks at Kulniya and Dogachhi villages in Pabna on May 11, 1971. Seven people were killed and several houses were time offences during the torched at that time, the war. prosecutor said.

the leadership of Subhan, the Pakistani army allegedly picked up 18 people from Varara village in Pabna and killed one of them instantly, Simon said, adding the others had been tortured at Nurpur Power Plant. Some of them were persons, who had taken later killed near Debottar adjourned until today.

In the first week of September 1971, Subhan,

accompanied by local Razakars, abducted two pro-liberation persons from Dublia Bazar under Pabna sadar upazila and killed them inside a temple at Kuciamara village. On October 30, 1971, Subhan and local Razakars

under Ishwardi upazila and looted several houses before setting those on fire, said Simon, referring to the probe findings. Four people were also abducted from the Earlier on July 15, Ghulam Azam was sen-

Meanwhile, defence On May 20, 1971, under counsel yesterday completed cross-examining the 22nd prosecution witness in the war crimes case against Motiur Rahman Nizami.

genocide and other war-

Witness Shahjahan Ali gave his deposition on September 12. The proceedings of the case were

Egypt police warn

Islamist protesters

Japan launches 'affordable' rocket

BBC ONLINE

Japan has launched the first in a new generation of space rockets, hoping the design will make missions

more affordable. The Epsilon rocket is about half the size of Japan's previous generation of space vehicles, and uses artificial intelligence to

perform safety checks.

Jaxa says the Epsilon cost \$37m (£23m) to develop, half the cost of its predecessor.

Japan's space agency

Epsilon launched from south-western Japan in the early afternoon.

Crowds of Japanese

gathered to watch the launch, which was also broadcast on the internet. It was carrying a telescope that is being billed

by Jaxa as the world's first

space telescope that will

remotely observe planets

including Venus, Mars and

Jupiter from its Earth orbit.

Jaxa said the rocket successfully released the Sprint-A telescope as scheduled, about 1,000km (620 miles) above the Earth's surface. Epsilon's predecessor,

the M-5, was retired in 2006 because of spiralling costs. Jaxa said the Epsilon was not only cheaper to

produce, but also cheaper

to launch than the M-5. Because of its artificial intelligence, the new rocket needs only eight people at the launch site, compared with 150 people for earlier launches.

Japan's other recent space innovations included sending a talking robot to the International Space Station.

Israel not to supply weapon systems to Pakistan

PTI, New Delhi

With its defence ties with India growing at a rapid pace, Israel on Sunday asserted that it will not supply any weapons systems and military hardware to Pakistan, saying the policy in this regard was "very clear" and "strict".

Israeli ambassador Alon Ushpiz said his country follows very strict guidelines in exporting weapons systems and there was no question of reversing its policy of not supplying military hardware to Pakistan. "The policy of govern-

ment of Israel is (very clear) and we are tremendously strict about it that we do not export weapons system to Pakistan," he said. A report by Israel's

Haaretz newspaper in June

had quoted a British gov-

ernment report saying Israel exported military equipment, including hitech gear used in combat jets, over the past five years to Pakistan. Israel had strongly rejected the report, saying it would "not do anything that could undermine" India's security.

"Very specifically we do not export weapons system to Pakistan. We have a very strict set of regulations for exporting. It is very, very sophisticated process and different agencies are engaged in that. India is a

close friend," he said, replying to a question on the report by the Israeli newspa-Expressing satisfaction over defence ties with India, which is Israel's largest purchaser of security

equipment, he said there

was no possibility of revers-

ing the policy of not supply-

wheeler passengers

ing weapons systems to Pakistan.

"There is a very strict policy of state of Israel..This is in black and white. The answer to all your questions is a very clear swift long no. You are asking something very very hypothetical and even to no," Ushpiz said.

tries was not about "buying and selling". "I am very proud of the defence relationship," he said, adding Israel was even

Asked about a proposal to supply anti-tank guided missiles (ATGMs) to India, he said, "I will not go into specifics. Even in this case we have best technology."

AFP, Cairo

Egypt's interior ministry on Saturday issued a new warning to Islamist protesters, pledging to crack down if demonstrators block roads or obstruct traffic.

The ministry statement

came a day after thousands of

protesters rallied in Cairo against the military's July 3 overthrow of Islamist president Mohamed Morsi. It accused the protesters of committing "many crimes" such as blocking

traffic and "kidnapping jour-

nalists and confiscating

their equipment". "The ministry affirms that it will confront with utmost decisiveness practices such as blocking roads or obstructing traffic or threatening the security of citizens," the statement said.

been killed and more than 2,000 arrested in a police crackdown on Morsi's Muslim Brotherhood movement since August 14, when police forcibly dispersed two protest camps. The Islamists have con-

insisting that they are committed to peaceful protest. On Saturday, roughly 200 protesters in Cairo marched near the Rabaa al-Adawiya square which was the site of

tinued to call weekly rallies,

persed a month ago. Hundreds were killed in the operation to clear the camp and another Cairo sitin, in what Human Rights Watch described as "most serious incident of mass unlawful killings in modern Egyptian history".

The government defended the operation, saying it was measured and that police acted with selfrestraint after coming under fire from protesters.

vesterday.

ber team at the talks.

smuggling into Bangladesh, and a halt to unapproved development works at the border were tabled at the discussions, said a BGB source.

Egypt arrests two Gaza fishermen A local security source Hamas, which has ruled

Egyptian naval forces

ment.

AFP, Gaza City

opened fire at Palestinian fishermen off the Gaza Strip's southern coast and arrested two of them, the Islamist movement Hamas that rules the Palestinian enclave said.

Hamas "condemns the fire from Egyptian gunboats toward Palestinians within Palestinian waters, and the arrest of some of them," movement spokesman Sami Abu Zuhri said in a statedent. This was the second time

opened fire at two fishermen in waters off the southern Gaza city Rafah and arrested them, noting there were no injuries in the inci-

in recent weeks that

Egyptian forces have opened

fire at Gaza fishermen and

made arrests. On August 30

two Palestinian fishermen

were wounded and five

others arrested by Egyptian

navy forces, according to

Saturday's incident took place amid growing ten-

said Egyptian navy forces Gaza since 2007.

sions between Hamas and Egypt. On August 31, Egypt's foreign ministry accused

Hamas of raiding an Egyptian cultural centre in Gaza and detaining several Egyptians. And on Thursday, two

Egyptian army tanks crossed

an initial border fence lead-

ing to Gaza for the first time.

FROM PAGE 16 Of the deceased, three-

10 killed

Mozibor Rahman, 40, Solendra Chandra Das, and Saiful Islam, 30, died on the spot and five-yearold Keya on the way to Rangpur Medical College Hospital. The other one, an unidentified person aged around 50, succumbed to his injuries at the RMCH. Of the injured, Keya's

mother Durlay, Komola, Roma, Liton, and Tarul were admitted to Thakurgaon Sadar Hospital. Four of them were shifted to RMCH as their condition deteriorated.

that I think the answer is Refusing to speak about any specific arms deals with India, he said the defence ties between the two coun-

keen on transfer of technology to India.

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