High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh Harsh Vardhan Shringla called on Leader of the Opposition Raushan Ershad at her Gulshan residence yesterday. During the meeting, the Indian envoy extended an invitation to the Jatiya Party Parliamentary Party to visit the parliament in India. **INDIAN HIGH COMMISSION**

Fakhrul sees

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without any fear," Fakhrul said yester-

Alleging that treason charges are brought against those who criticise the government, the BNP leader said similar charges were also brought against BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia when she criticised the government.

Fakhrul was speaking at a rally at Dhaka Reporters Unity (DRU). The rally was organised by a body formed to demand the release of MA Mannan who was suspended from his post of Gazipur City Corporation mayor over criminal charges.

Mannan, also an adviser to the BNP chief, was arrested from his Baridhara house in the capital on February 11, 2015.

"Any criticism against the government is not allowed. If anyone makes any remark [against the government], he or she has to face cases," said Fakhrul.

But in the democratic political system, government has to face the criticism, he added.

He also demanded immediate release of Amar Desh acting editor Mahmudur Rahman and journalist leader Shawkat Mahmud.

About the upcoming union parishad polls, the BNP leader alleged that the ruling party men would stuff the ballot boxes the night before the polls with the help of the administration.

"We know what will happen in the polls. Like other elections, with the assistance of the administration, they [the ruling party activists] will stuff the boxes. Even after this, we are participating in the polls to reach out to the people, and the people will see that no election can be free and fair

under this government," said Fakhrul. Meanwhile, in a joint meeting at its Nayapaltan headquarters yesterday, the party decided to hold a rally at the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh, on February 22, to mark the International Mother Language Day.

EC won't

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(BGB) along with regular lawenforcement agencies including police, Rab and Ansar would be deployed.

Earlier on Monday, Shah Nawaz told reporters that the commission had initially decided not to deploy

BGB in the UP polls. Elections to more than 700 UPs will be held in the first phase on March 22, while around 3,500 more UPs will go

on polls in phases till June 4. For the first time in Bangladesh, elections for the post of chairman in the

UPs will be held in partisan lines. Chairman aspirants will be able to contest under party symbols, while others can also run the polls independ-

SECOND PHASE

Elections to 710 UPs will be held across the country on March 31 in the second phase.

The district election officers will announce the polls schedule at their respective districts today, said EC Secretary Sirazul Islam.

As per the second phase poll schedule, the last date of filing nomination is March 2. Nomination will be scrutinised on March 5-6 and the last date for withdrawal from the

India's new

Sources in the Indian law ministry said that at a recent meeting between officials of the ministry and the EC, the poll watchdog made it clear that it was necessary to grant voting rights to these people as the assembly polls in West

Bengal were nearing. The enclaves were exchanged pursuant to the 1974 India-Bangladesh Land Boundary Agreement and Protocol and Instruments of Ratification signed during Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Bangladesh on June 6-7 last year.

Four kids murdered

class I, II and IV at Sundrateki Government Primary School. Ismail was studying at a local madrasa, said Mosharraf Hossain, officer-in-charge of Bahubal Police Station.

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Police and victims' relatives suspect that the murders could be a result of rivalry between two groups of local panchayat (village arbitration).

OC Mosharraf said the children went missing from a playground near their home around 3:00pm on Friday. A general dairy was lodged with the police station the next day.

Using loudspeakers, the parents requested all to inform them about the kids, if they had any.

On Sunday, Joydev Kumar Bhadra, superintendent of police in Habiganj, visited the village and declared a reward of Tk 20,000 for information leading to the rescue of the kids. Around 10:30am yesterday, a

labourer while working at a balu mahal (a place from where sand is extracted) in Kamaichhara area first noticed a hand sticking out of sand there.

Immediately, he informed the villagers about it. A crowd gathered at the scene soon after. The parents too rushed there. Together, they dug out the bodies one after another. A pall of gloom descended on the area after the bodies were identified as those of the children.

The bodies were handed over to the allegation. police later for autopsies.

A murder case was filed with Bahubal Police Station. Later, the case was handed over to the Detective Branch of police and its OC Moktadir

Hossain was given the charge of investigation.

Visiting the spot after the recovery of the bodies, Mizanur Rahman, deputy inspector general of police (Sylhet range), told reporters that they suspect the children might have been murdered out of rivalry between two groups of panchayat.

However, he declined to name any

Also, he declared Tk 100,000 reward for any information leading the capture of the killers. Talking to this correspondent, Afjal

Miah, father of victim Monir, said

there had been a longstanding dispute between two groups of local panchayat -- one led by Abdul Ali and the other by Abdul Khalique Master. He said their group had clashed with the men loyal to Abdul Ali last

area. He believed the kids were kidnapped and murdered following that. Last night, Abdul Ali and Jewel Ali, another local, were detained at the village for their alleged involvement in the murders, said police adding that

month over cutting down trees in the

Meanwhile, Zakaria's father Wahid Miah alleged that the police did not take any effective measures to find out the children even a day after the GD was filed.

the two were being interrogated.

OC Mosharraf outright rejected the

He also claimed that no one demanded any ransom from the families

following the kidnap of the children. Their bodies were buried in the village yesterday evening.

6 suspected

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Rahman alias Pradip, driver of fire service and civil defence in the district's Mirpur; Mohammad Ashraful Alam, a computer shop owner; and Abul Bashar, a student and also an imam of Kushtia Nagar Jame Masjid

Two others -- Shafiqul Islam alias Palash, and Azizur Rahman -- are employees of garment factories. Replying to a query, Monirul said

the four came to Dhaka from Kushtia to attend a secret meeting. "We suspect that they gathered in

the capital to carry out subversive activities," he said. Regarding financial support of the group, Monirul said the leaders and

operatives used to give money from their earnings to the organisational activities, including publication of literatures, bearing expenditure of cases filed against their leaders, and supporting their operatives in need. The DMP spokesperson said the

Huji men needed to be interrogated further to know if the outfit existed in other districts and to know more about their financial supports.

Police were trying to arrest other operatives of the group. A case was filed with Kotwali Police Station under the Anti-Terrorism Act.

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Mahfuz Anam.

against Mahfuz Anam, even after his admission, was not at all positive for the freedom of media. Article 39 and 11 of Bangladesh's

constitution guarantee freedom of

expression and basic human rights of every citizen, it said. The organisation hoped that every one concerned would play their

responsible role for ensuring the freedom of media considering the constitutional obligation. It also demanded fair and impartial trials in all cases filed against

Meanwhile, the Rajshahi University Journalist Association (Ruja) expressed deep concern over the barrage of cases filed against Mahfuz Anam, reports our RU correspondent.

In a statement, signed by Ruja President Mahbub Alam and General Secretary Rafigul Islam, the association condemned the filing of the cases.

"The filing of these cases across the country indicates an aggressive, politically-motivated effort to harass a senior editor and a key newspaper of the country," it said.

Ruja observed that such move could put democracy and the freedom of speech at stake.

"The ruling party men should have praised Mahfuz Anam for admitting the lapse," it said.

Ruja urged quick resolution of the matter.

Govt plans to build

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Details were not given as to when work on the projects will begin and complete. NO "IS" IN BANGLADESH

Replying to lawmakers' queries, PM reiterated that international terrorist outfits like Islamic State did not exist in Bangladesh, but a few homegrown groups were carrying out acts of terrorism across the country.

In a scripted reply, Hasina also pointed out her government's zero tolerance to terrorism and militancy, and its pledge to fight militants with an iron hand.

Referring to the stringent measures undertaken against terrorism and militancy, PM said police were active round-the-clock to take legal action against identified extremists and seize illegal arms, drugs and explosives. Besides, she said all national high-

ways, railways, waterways, industrial belts, tourist spots, important establishments and public places had long been brought under constant security surveillance to ward off any kind of sabotage, militant attacks and violence. "Those who have been implicated

in the cases of sabotage and are now on bail have also been kept under watch so that such elements cannot go for any more violent activities in the country."

the intelligence activities had been boosting tourism in the country.

strengthened in the areas where foreigners were living and the roads they used for movement.

Moreover, close circuit cameras have been installed and vigilance at the check post has been strengthened, she added.

No plan to reduce diesel price The premier ruled out the possibil-

ity of decreasing the diesel price now. "Whenever the loan taken by Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation

will be paid off, we'll consider reducing the diesel price, if necessary." Replying to a question, the PM said her government had provided subsidy on diesel when the price was

high in the international market, causing BPC to take out loan of around Tk 38,000 crore. Besides, there is a considerable amount of VAT and duty that is still unpaid. This is the first time that BPC

has been able to make some savings, she added. BPC has already repaid Tk 5,000 crore, she pointed out.

"It has to repay more.... Tk 15,000-16,000 crore is awaiting repayment," she added. No plan to split civil aviation and

tourism ministry Hasina informed the House that no

plan was on the cards to split the civil aviation and tourism ministry into two The leader of the House also said since the minister was doing well in

Don't make disparaging clearly divided. The lawyers today do

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The chief justice was speaking at a meeting marking the 90th birth anniversary of late Shawkat Ali Khan, a senior lawyer of the Supreme Court, at SC Bar Association auditorium. He said that till today the country's

judiciary has not lost its sense of ethics. It has not derailed, nor has it acted with bias, he added. "I say the independence of the

judiciary will never be destroyed," he asserted. Justice Sinha said the lawyers once

used to remain united in preserving the dignity of the judiciary. "But now their associations are

request is please don't make disparaging remarks about the judiciary. It hurts me when such comments are made" Speaking on the media, he said journalism is not a business, it's a

not hesitate to criticise the judiciary. My

business. For their personal gains, some of the media outlets do not

"If we spend time filing contempt of court cases against newspapers or newsmen, how would we complete trials of lakhs of pending cases?" he said.

Mega bug set to hit

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It is now up to manufacturers, and the as possible.

ery, Google's team detailed how a flaw in some commonly-used code could be exploited in a way that allows remote

access to devices - be it a computer, internet router, or other connected

many of the so-called "building blocks" of the web - programming languages such as PHP and Python are affected, as well as systems used when logging in to sites or accessing email.

It's too much

FROM PAGE 1 all of them should be tried. We have seen a lot of debate on this. It should end here," he said at a talk show titled "News and Views" on private TV channel Bangla Vision early yesterday.

"The filing of 35 defamation and sedition pleas against Mahfuz Anam is too much," said Shafiq.

Many newspapers wrote a lot of things at that time. "Have all of them apologised?"

"Why all are now after Mahfuz Anam?" he asked. Referring to the Awami League leaders, who allegedly betrayed the party after 1/11 political changeover, he said Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina didn't make any of them ministers after coming to power. "She said that 'I have forgiven them but I haven't forgotten'.'

He said Mahfuz Anam could have made the admission seven years ago after a democratic government returned to power.

At a talk show on a private TV channel on February 3, the Star editor made an introspective comment about a lapse in his editorial judgement in publishing a few reports, based on information given by the Task Force Interrogation Cell during the 2007-08 tenure of the last caretaker government, without being able to verify those independently.

Shafiq said Sheikh Hasina's son Sajeeb Wazed Joy is "very talented".

Joy was very hurt when corruption allegations were brought against his mother after the 1/11 changeover. Joy made some comments on Facebook after Mahfuz Anam recently regretted publishing some reports about Hasina without being able to verify those

independently. "It is very normal from his point of view. But I feel bad about the events that followed. The issue was raised in parliament, and 35 cases have been filed against him [Mahfuz Anam]. Joy let it go after saying something. He didn't file any case. Prime Minister

Greece rejects

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protection are returned to Turkey or their home countries. The EU hopes this will help reduce the flow of migrants to western Europe. The minister also said it was a lie that Greece had not set

up enough accommodation to cope with the influx. The EU has demanded that Greece implement a raft of measures to improve border controls and facilities by May.

If not, some EU member states have discussed potentially suspending Greece from the Schengen area, where there are no passport controls - a region covering

most of Europe. Mouzalas insisted the main reason his government had been slow in registering and identifying migrants and spotting false documents was because the EU had been slow in providing the equipment and personnel it Sheikh Hasina did not file any case either.

Some other people are filing sedition pleas (with courts). "Mahfuz Anam is in no way a traitor. He may have a different opinion but he is a patriotic person. I consider him to be a hundred percent patriot."

Libel cases should be filed by someone whose

reputation has been harmed. "Sajeeb Wazed Joy and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina could have filed a case. But they did not do so. Why excesses are being done about it?" "Health Minister Mr Nasim made a good remark

that Mahfuz Anam should resign now since he has admitted his mistake. This culture is there in the West and even in India. But the practice is not seen here."

Replying to a query whether he, as a member of Bangabandhu's family, would play any role in stopping the lawsuit spree against the Star editor, Shafiq stated that this should end after what the health minister, as a spokesperson of the 14-party combine, had said.

"He [the health minister] did not say anything about filing cases.

Shafiq also referred to Information Minister Hasanul Haque Inu's comment that Mahfuz Anam had done a courageous thing by admitting his mistake.

"It is in our religion that Allah pardons a person if he or she asks for forgiveness. I hope it will end here," Blast hits military

taken away on stretchers.

The army said the attack took place at 1631 GMT and had targeted "service vehicles carrying army personnel". It did not give a toll. "The terror attack was carried out when the vehicles

added Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu cancelled a planned visit to Brussels after being briefed, his office

were waiting for traffic lights at a road junction," it

said. Ambulances and fire engines were sent to the scene, which is near the Turkish military headquarters and the parliament. Wounded victims were seen being

NTV television said the explosion happened near a residential block for top-level military staff.

Images from the scene showed fire-fighters trying to overcome a fierce blaze from wrecked service buses. The spokesman for the ruling Justice and Development Party (AKP), Omer Celik, said on

Twitter he strongly condemned the "act of terror". Turkish police threw a security cordon around the area. A second blast later rocked the area, the AFP correspondent said, but media said this was police detonating a suspicious package.

There was no immediate indication about who carried out the attack.

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