Election sidelights

Abul Hossain, a labourer of Karim Jute Mill of Demra, yesterday submitted nomination from Jatiya Biplabi Front. Hossain's weekly salary is Tk 203 only, general workers raised the security money required for filing nomination.

Prof Matin & others

Many of the former JP MPs, who resigned along with former deputy prime minister Prof M. A. Matin have decided to contest the election independently.

Prof Matin is contesting from two constituencies Sirajganj-6 and Sirajganj-7. He filed nomination papers on January 8.

GKC files nomination for Khaleda

BNP chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday filed nomination paper for contesting the polls from Feni-1 con-

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Pirganj constituencies, namination papers for the former president were submitted by Golam Mostafa Batul, Secretary, Rangpur district unit of Jatiya Party.

Another Jatiya Party candidate -- Shah Alam -- submitted his nomination paper in Pirgacha constituency.

The district administration here told newsmen that 87 nomination papers-were received from the six constituencies for the February 27 parliamentary elections.

Two formerJatiya Party members of parliament (MPs) submitted nomination papers as independent candidates. Of them, Moyenuddin Sarker submitted nomination paper in Gangachhara while Abdul Jalil Sarkar in Pirganj.

Awami League, BNP and Jamaat-e-Islami candidates filed nomination papers in all the constituencies in district. Among them was former AL minister Matiur Rahman who filed nomination papers in Pirganj constituency.

No untoward incident was reported from anywhere in the district.

By Staff Correspondents

stituency. She is contesting from four other constituencies in Dhaka, Bogra and

Chittagong. Gias Kamal Chowdhury, former President of Jatiya Press Club, and Major (Retd) S. Iskander, younger brother of Begum Zia submitted the nomination paper on behalf of BNP chief.

Former Minister Zafar lman's nomination paper to contest on Jatiya Party ticket from the same constituency was submitted by two party workers, party sources said.

Shirin Akhter, a JSD (Inu) candidate, personally submitted the nomination paper to contest the parliamentary seat

> Ubaidullah to run in five seats

from Feni-1 constituency.

Chairman of Bangladesh Islami Biplobi Parishad, Maulana Sheikh Md. Ubaidullah bin- Sayeed

Rab loses 'torch' to

By Staff Correspondent The Election Commission has allotted polls symbol 'torch' to Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (Inu) on Saturday.

The full commission sat and heard arguments from Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (Rab) and Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (Inu) in the morning. The judgement was delivered in the evening.

27 injured as AL, BNP clash in Khulna

KHULNA, Jan 13: At least 27 people including three policemen were injured as sporadic clashes between the activists of Awami League and Bangladesh Nationalist Party broke out in the port city today, reports UNB.

Witnesses said pitched battles erupted at about 11 this morning at Sir Iqbal road between the parties after a bomb was thrown on a truck procession of 8-Party Alliance.

Jalalabadi, yesterday submitted nomination from constituencies.

A. R. S. Doha files nomination

A. R. S. Doha, former foreign minister, yesterday filed his nomination as an independent candidate for Munshiganj-3 constituency. On Saturday, he submitted nomination paper as an independent candidate for Dhaka-10 constituency.

UZ spending

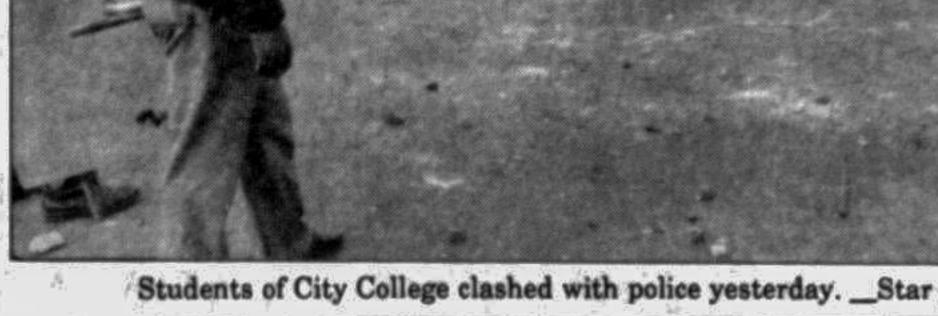
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official said the chairman of a particular upazila left his office even after a magistrate went to investigate certain irregularities on orders from the Deputy Commi-ssioner. The matter was reported to the Local Government Ministry but it was filed with a comment "unfortunate."

The revenue collection from the upazilas recorded a steady deeline over the last eight years. Government identified 14 new areas for collection of taxes in addition to fisheries and hats and

But the result was all the more discouraging. There are upazilas where annual revenue collection did not exceed even Taka one lakh but the expenditure ranged between Taka 40 lakh and 50 lakh in each upazila. The rate of decline of revenue collection was 10 per cent per year, according to a dependable estimate. But the government's projected rise of revenue income per year from upazilas was 25 per cent.

Allegations are also many in respect of leasing fisheries and hats nad bazars. In many places, all parties were not allowed to participate in auction bids except the favoured ones. A study carried out by an American reseracher, Prof. Harry Blair, on upazilas suggested that Upazila Parishads should be empowered to collect land revenue for financing upazila development activities. These would substantially reduce allocations to upazilas. It was also proposed that taxes imposd on sale of land be collected by the upazila administration instead of the Ministry of Land Revenue.



The Paily Star

Students of City College clashed with police yesterday. _Star photo

Chances

From Page 1 dorsing military action in the Gulf, the US Congress on Saturday may have undermined

Perez de Cuellar's efforts. The UN chief also met earlier with former Nicaraguan leader Daniel Ortega, who had an audience Saturday night with Saddam.

But the Reuter news agency hinted the chances for peace were slim.

The UN chief has little room to manoeuvre, hemmed in by Security Council resolutions demanding Iraq quit Kuwait and, according to a Soviet expert, by Saddam's view of the world.

Baghdad's official newspapers ignored the peace mission in a capital being rapidly abandoned by the few remaining diplomats, editorials spoke only of war and inevitable Iraqi

Bush asks pullout In Washington President

George Bush, strengthened by an historic congressional vote authorising him to wage war in the Gulf, called on Iraq to begin a rapid, massive withdrawal from Kuwait before Tuesday's deadline for a pull-

Mr. Bush, who interrupted a weekend at the Camp David presidential retreat to hold a press conference following the congressional vote, called the legislature's granting of author-

ity to use force the best shot

The US Senate approved 52-47 a resolution empowering Bush to "use United States armed forces" to expel Iraq from Kuwait. The House of Representatives, the lower chamber, approved it 250-183 less than an hour later.

Fahd...first roll

Meantime, Iraq said today the head of Saudi Arabia's King Fahd would be the first to roll if war broke out in the Gulf. An article in Baghdad's Al-Thawra daily, organ of President Saddam Hussein's ruling Ba'ath party, said: "We must say that the heads of agents and traitors will be torn apart and flying as punishment for their disgraceful acts."

"At the forefront will be the head of the traitor of the two (Muslim) holy shrines (Fahd) who has become a symbol of moral and political decline."

Iraq says Fahd disgraced Islam and violated the sanctity of the Makkah and Madinah shrines when he invited non-Muslim Western forces to the kingdom to defend it against possible Iraqi attacks.

Israel to retaliate

In Jerusalem two cabinet ministers told the visiting US officials, Israel would reject any U.S. request not to retaliate in case of an Iraqi

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terday. Mrs. Sajeda Choudhury, General Secretary of Awami League Mr. Ataur Rahman Khan Kaiser, Finance and Planning Secretary, and Mr. Nurul Islam Anu, United States branch of Awami League, were present during the meeting.

Dr. Neclan, a Sri Lankan national now heading an advance team here to discuss election issues with political parties and election commission, exchanged views with Sheikh Ilasina on the visit of the SAARC election observer group to oversee the coming polls.

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"We still hope to finalise a joint panel before the last date of withdrawal of candidature," said a leader of the alliance.

During the seat adjustment discussions, Awami League the biggest partner of the alliance agreed to provide nominees of other components 62 seats in which 21 were offered to BAKSAL while NAP, CPB and Ganatantri Party were given 13 each. Two factions of Gano Azadi League were promised two scats.

According to a source, who attended the meeting, nominations for nearly 40 for those 62 seats were finalised. For the remaining seats Awami League and other components could not reach an understanding on the individual competence of the candidates.

Iraqi missile stolen

The Midnight File

LONDON, Jan 13: American and British Commando forces have stolen an Iraqi surface-to-air missile in a behind-thelines raid on occupied Kuwait, the Sunday Times said. The newspaper quoted a senior Pentagon official as saying that troops from U.S. Special Forces and Britain's Special Air Service flew by helicopter to Kuwait, seized the missile and brought it back to Saudi Arabia for dismantling, reports

Iran begins manoeuvres

TEHRAN, Jan 13: Iranian Armed Forces and Revolutionary Ouards troops Sunday began military manocuvres along the border with Iraq which officials said were linked to the presence of foreign troops in the Gulf. The Acting Commander-in-Chief of the Revolutionary Guards, Rahim Safavi, said last Monday that the manoeuvres were "directly linked to the presence of foreign forces", reports AFP.

Major rejects early polls

LONDON, Jan 13: British Prime Minister John Major said in an interview broadcast Sunday that he has no plans to call an early general election. Major's early lead in opinion polls when he replaced Margaret Thatcher in a leadership battle in November has since been eroded by the opposition Labour Party, reports Reuter.

Probe against Tyminski dropped

WARSAW, Jan 13: A prosecutor has dropped a controversial slander investigation of former presidential candidate Stanislaw Tyminski. The probe was dropped after former Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki said he does not want the matter pressed. Tyminski is the expatriate businessman with Polish, Canadian and Peruvian citizenship who came from nowhere to eliminate Mazowiecki from the presidential race on Nov. 25, reports AP.

15 killed in Punjab

NEW DELHI, Jan 13: Sikh militant blew up a whiskey store in the north Indian state of Punjab as 15 people died overnight in separatist violence. Militants shot dead a Hindu chemist early Sunday after he alighted from a bus that brought him from Ludhiana district to Tarn Taran country, a bastion of Sikh separatism, PTI said Sunday, reports AFP.

US marine dies in Gulf

RIYADH, Jan 13: A US marine died after suffering a heart attack following physical training on Friday, the US military announced Saturday. The marine, attached to headquarters battalion of the 2nd Marine Division, collapsed and died after reporting to a US military medical station following a workout, it said in a statement, reports AFP.

Quake rocks Romania

BUCHAREST, Jan 13 : A mild earthquake shook castern Romania early Sunday but there were no immediate reports of damage or casualties, the official news agency Rompress said. The quake, recorded at 4.3 on the open-ended Richter Scale, had its epicenter in the Vrancea region and was felt in Bucharest, reports AFP.

JP's comeback

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would not dare face hostile political activists, who are still celebrating the fall of Ershad. Despite a clarification by

the Interim Government about Mizan Chowdhury's attempt to secure an interview with the Acting President, the administration has hinted that such a meeting would anger the students. Mizan Chowdhury sought a meeting with the Acting President in order to secure recognition of his party's existence even after the mass upsurge against it. APSU leaders say the political parties and students will not allow this to happen as it would encourage the autocratic forces.

Jatiya Party's participation in the polls could change the election scenario. The electorate appears to be broadly lined up behind Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) and Awami League and many of the smaller parties are aligning with one or the other of the two main contenders. Jatiya party's presence will add a third element, which may, affect the way votes are split.

However, most political analysis firmly see the coming election as a battle between Awami. League and BNP, the major contenders of power. Jatiya party's presence will in no way, affect the election scene, according to the ana-

A BNP procession in front of Dhaka Divisional Commissioner Bhaban - Star photo

A procession of Awami League supporters on eve of submission of nomination paper in Narayanganj. - Star photo in six constituencies. Of them

Prisoners

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thorities received 52 prisoners from courts. The crisis was resolved Saturday at a meeting between the authorities and the rebellious prisoners.

Sources said the repair work of the damaged wards and cells had began and some of the prisoners had returned to their lockups.

Around 5,000 prisoners in Dhaka Jail were celebrating their victory for the second day yesterday. They demanded 35 maunds yoghurt which would be supplied today.

Several hundred relatives went to the jail gate to inquire about their interned relatives. The visitors room, which was closed since December 29, would be reopened today, sources said.

The two leaders of the Dhaka Jail Mutiny will not be released under the general amnesty reducing sentence to a half, a jail source said.

Selim and Jashim were declared by his fellow prisoners Deputy Inspector General (Prisons) and jailer of Dhaka Central Jail respectively after the revolt on December 29.

Selim of Manikganj was awarded 30 years rigorous imprisonment in a murder case in September, 1988.

Jashim of Mymensingh also a convict of a murder case was awarded 20 years' rigorous

imprisonment in June 1985.

reduce sentences by a half to quell the rebellion in Dhaka, Chittagong, Jessore and Feni jails. The authorities also ac-

would enjoy the amnesty, the source said. Under the amnesty, the convicts below 16 years of age and those who were sentenced

to two years would be released

immediately.

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the prisoners. About 20,000

prisoners in 76 central, dis-

trict, sub and upazila jails

Sources said that Parveen Boby, who was sentenced to 10 years' rigorous imprisonment and fined Tk. 10,000, in default to serve another 2 years in October 1985 by a Martial Law court for her involvement in a bank dacoity would be re-

Iraq frees Kuwaiti envoy

AMMAN, Jan 13: Iraq has freed the former Kuwaiti Ambassador in Baghdad from house arrest and allowed him to leave the country, the Kuwaiti Embassy in Amman said today, reports Reuter.

An embassy spokesman said Ibrahim al-Baho, under house arrest since Baghdad's August 2 invasion of Kuwait, had been allowed to leave Baghdad five days ago and was now in Lon-The government decided to

Aid strategy

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cropped up. The bank is not satisfied with credit recovery performance of the nationalised banks and financial institutions, and operations in the energy sector. Official sources were unwilling to comment on this.

The interim government will have another crucial round of talks with the International Monetary Fund (IMF). before the Paris Aid club meeting, the talks, most likely next month, will revolve round the Fund-supported reforms programme. The fallen Ershad regime entered into the deal with the Fund in the early part of fiscal 1990-91.

*BNP never

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joined BNP from Janata Dal included Mir Ashraf Ali, Aftabul Alam and Jamaluddin Babul.

BNP city President Mir Shawkat Ali also spoke on the occasion. Begum Zia said a wave of

support had been created among people in favour of nationalist forces as they had realised that only the nationalist forces would always keep their commitment to the welfare of teeming millions.

The BNP chief said, "We have never deviated from our principles and ideals in carrying out the democratic movement against the autocratic Ershad regime during the last eight years."

Nominations

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Nominations for Awami

League chief Sheikh Hasina were sought from three constituencies, one from Gopalganj district, two from Dhaka. Nominations for BNP chief Begum Khaleda Zia were filed from three constituencies, one

Dhaka, according to an earlier report. On behalf of former President Hussain Muhammad Ershad nomination papers were submitted in five constituencies, the maximum al-

each from Feni, Bogra and

lowed under the law. Bangladesh Nationalist Party, Bangladesh Awami League and Jatiya Party filed nominations in all the 300 Jatiya Sangsad constituencies.

Former Vice President and Jatiya Party presidium member Barrister Moudud Ahmed was among the 90 candidates who filed nomination papers from 6 constituencies of the district. Moudud today filed his nomination from two constituencies -- Noakhali-1 and Noakhali-5.

Awami League, BNP, Jamaat-e-Islami and Jatiya Party put up candidates in all 6 constituencies of the district. Six former MPs, including Abu Sufian (Noakhali-3), Fazle Elahi (Noakhali-4) and Barr-

ister Moudud of JP, and A.R.

Belayet (Noakhali-3) of AL have filed their nominations for the February 27 polls.

Other noted candidates from the district are Gholam Mohiuddin Latu of AL, Mohammed Ali of JP and independent Cholam Sarwar.

Our Chittagong Correspondent says, 221 candidates have filed nominations in 15 constituencies. Of them 10 in Ctg-1, 11 in Ctg-2, 9 in Ctg-3, 15 in Ctg-4, 15 in Ctg-5, 15 in Ctg-6, 14 in Ctg-7, 19 in Ctg-8, 25 in Ctg-9, 21 in Ctg-10, 17 in Ctg-11, 14 in Ctg-12, 15 in Ctg-13, 9 in Ctg-14 and 11 in Ctg-15.

NDP leader Salauddin Kader Chowdhury and former JP Minister Ziauddin Ahmed Bablu submitted nominations in Ctg-6 constituency. AL leader Akhteruzzaman Chowdhury filed nomination in Ctg-14 and JP leader and former Mayor of Chittagong City Corporation Mahmudul Islam Chowdhury submitted nominations in Ctg-15 constituency.

Thirty-two people were injured in two separate clashes between Awami League and BNP activists in Rangamati and Satkania upazilas of Chittagong. says our Chittagong Correspondent. Of them 12 were injured in

sticks, rod and other we-In Khuina 88 candidates have filed nomination papers

Rangamati and 20 in Satkania.

Both the parties used hockey

former JP Minister Anwar Hossain Manju from Perojpur-2 and former JP Minister Mattur Rahman and former BNP minister Abdur Rahman Biswas have filed nominations in Barisal sadar (constituency Barisal-5). In Kishoregonj 81 candi-

15 in Khulna-1, 22 in Khulna-2, 13 in Khulna-3, 15 in

Khulna-4, 11 in Khulna-5 and

12 in Khulna-6, according to

District Commissioner of

from Comilla: Nomination pa-

per for the former Prime

Minister Kazi Zafar Ahmed was

filed from Comilla-12

(Chouddagram) constituency.

He has been hiding since the

fall of Ershad regime on

have submitted their nomina-

tion papers for 12 constituen-

says, 91 candidates submitted

nomination papers in six con-

stituencies of Bakergonj. Of

them, 12 from Bakergonj-1,

13 from Bakergonj-2, 19 from

Bakergonj-3, 10 from Bak-

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and 17 from Bakergonj-6.

ergonj-4, 20 from Bakergonj-5

Former JP Minister Ruhul

cies of Comilla district.

A total of 138 candidates

Our Barisal Correspondent

Our Correspondent adds

Khulna.

December 6.

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