

75 Bangladeshis flee Iraq to Amman

By Staff Correspondent

Seventy-five Bangladeshis, along with about 4,000 other foreign nationals from Iraq have crossed the Jordanian border and are now waiting in Amman for repatriation.

A Foreign Ministry official told reporters that the Bangladesh mission in Iraq, which had recently been relocated at Amman due to war situation, was making arrangement for the evacuation of Bangladeshis to Cairo through Suez Canal.

There are a total of 300 Bangladeshis in Iraq while the total number of Bangladeshis in Kuwait will not be less than 3000.

Meanwhile, the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) and International Red Cross Society are making arrangement for evacuation of about three to four thousand stranded expatriates including Bangladeshis in Amman through Cairo, the Bangladesh mission in Jordan is continuously keeping in touch with these organisations.

According to available information, 166 workers of Khulna AL, BNP granted bail

From Our Correspondent KHULNA, Jan 19: One hundred and 66 workers of Awami League and BNP, charged with election violence, were granted bail by the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate when they appeared before his court today.

BNP lodged nine cases and AL five cases since the violence started on January 13, the last date of filing of nominations.

At least 25 persons were injured, six of them seriously in scattered violence during the 5 days in and around the city.

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formation from Riyadh, the Foreign Ministry did not receive any report of casualty of Bangladeshis there. The families, who arrived at Riyadh from the remote areas, are also being looked after by the mission.

There are more than two lakh Bangladeshis in Saudi Arabia now and the total number of Bangladeshis in the Gulf region is more than 450,000.

Probe body on CU incidents begins work from today

The Inquiry Commission on Chittagong University incidents will begin its work at Chittagong on January 22, reports BSS.

The Commission will have its office at the High Court Building, Agrabad, Chittagong and it will start functioning from 9 am on January 22, according to an official handout.

DUTA holds anti-war rally

Teachers of Dhaka University Monday brought out a peace procession in the city to protest the war in the Gulf, reports UNB.

The procession, under the banner of the Dhaka University Teachers' Association (DUTA), began from the Aparajeya Bangla and paraded different city streets before terminating at the Central Shaheed Minar.

Prof. Anwarullah Chowdhury, President DUTA, Prof. Shahadat General Secretary DUTA and Dr. Abu Ahmed, a

teacher of the Department of Economics, addressed the gathering there.

Speakers at the gathering urged the warring countries to sit for discussions and shun the path of war. They also called for immediate withdrawal of allied forces from the Gulf and Iraqi troops from Kuwait.

They also said that peace cannot be restored in the Middle East without the removal of Israelis from the occupied Arab land and solution of the Palestinian crisis.



Thousands of devotees returning home by train after offering 'Akheri Munajat' at Bishwa Ijtima at Tongi —Star photo

Chinese book fair begins

A Chinese book fair began at the Central Public Library in Dhaka on Monday, reports BSS. Adviser for Culture Prof. Iajuddin Ahmed said that Bangladesh had age-old relations with China. The existing cultural and economic relations between the two countries could be strengthened further through exchange of books through fairs, he added.

Prof. Iajuddin urged all concerned to write books highlighting the background and objectives of Language Movement, War of Independence and the present democratic process which, he said, could help the next generation know the real history of the country.

The book fair, jointly organised by Chalanika Baighar and China International Book Trading Corporation (CIBTC), will conclude on February 3.

Presided over by President of Bangladesh-China Institute, Nurul Huda Mirza, the function was also addressed, among others, by Chinese Ambassador in Bangladesh Chen Songlu, chief of Public Library Shah Md Nazrul Alam and General Manager of Chalanika Baighar Mosarufuddin Bhuiyan.

APSU plea to purge corrupt bureaucrats

The All-Party Students' Unity (APSU) Monday staged demonstration in front of the secretariat demanding immediate purge of corrupt bureaucrats and associates of ousted President Ershad from the administration, reports UNB.

It also submitted a memorandum to the Establishment Ministry demanding an inquiry committee to probe corruption, misuse of power and misappropriation of public funds in all sectors during the autocratic regime.

The demonstrators also demanded immediate publication of a white-paper on the corruption committed in dif-

115 BCS officials to be withdrawn from base posts

A total of 115 officials, appointed under the Bangladesh Civil Service (BCS) Administrative cadre would be withdrawn from the base posts in the Secretariat and sent to field level jobs within the next 15 days, reports BSS.

Establishment Secretary agreed to this demand placed by the BCS Secretariat cadre association when its members met him on Sunday. Secretariat cadre has long been demanding that base posts in the secretariat should be solely reserved for its members.

Withdrawal of troops demanded By DU Correspondent

The Bangladesh Islami Chhatra Sena Demanded the immediate withdrawal of all the Bangladeshi troops dispatched to Saudi Arabia and called upon the Government to play an anti-imperialism role in its foreign policy. It also demanded the immediate recovery of all illegal arms, shifting of the deposed President Ershad and his associates to jail and stopping of all activities against the liberty and sovereignty of Bangladesh.

The Islami Chhatra Sena held a Press conference at the DUCSU Bhaban on Sunday. The Press conference was attended by S. K. M. Abdus Samad, President of the organization, Mochhaheb Uddin Bakhtiar, General Secretary, Mahmud Mostafa, Office Secretary, Masud Hossain, Publication Secretary and other central leaders of the organization.

Born in January 1944 Mr Ahmed did his MA in Economics from Karachi University in 1965. A career diplomat, Mr Ahmed joined the erstwhile Pakistan Foreign Service in 1967 and held various important positions at country's missions abroad including London, Geneva, Jeddah, New Delhi and Jakarta and at the headquarter in Dhaka.

He also served the ministries of Agriculture and Industries as Joint Secretary on deputation.



Wife of Dr Shamsul Alam Milon, who was killed on the Dhaka University campus in November last, inaugurating the first National Short Film Festival in Dhaka on Monday —Star photo

Zaker party's plea to uphold Islamic values

Leader of Zaker Party Pirzada Mostafa Amir Faisal Monday called for electing his party's candidates in next month's polls to uphold Islamic values, according to a press release of the party, reports UNB.

The press release said Pirzada Faisal was speaking to a group of party workers from Motijheel-Sabujbagh constituency in Dhaka city.

He said Islamic values should be accepted as the state principles to pave the way for national unity. According to him the society will be able to achieve stability if Islamic values are used to solve national problems.

Khorshed Alam takes over

Mr Khorshed Alam took over as the Principal Secretary to the government in the Secretariat on Sunday an official handout said in Dhaka on Monday, reports BSS.

Two stabbed

Two persons were stabbed severely in separate incidents in the city Saturday. They were admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH). Nazrul Islam, Manager of Padma Diagnostic at Siddhswari, was stabbed by a patient after he was asked to pay his bills the patient along with his associates left the diagnostic centre without paying bills, the employees alleged.

Mohiuddin made Dy Permanent representative to UN

Mr Mohiuddin Ahmed, Director General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs has been appointed Deputy Permanent Representative at the Permanent mission of Bangladesh to the United Nations, New York, reports BSS.

Goldleaf film festival begins today

The second Goldleaf International Film Festival '90 begins today (Tuesday) at Central Public Library auditorium, Shahbagh. About 150 short films of 24 countries will be shown in the nine-day festival. Film maker Mohiuddin will inaugurate the festival at 4 p.m.

Renowned Indian film director Mrinal Sen will be the chief guest.

AL instruction to disappointed partymen

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She has also requested them to collect the prescribed Form-17 A and 17-B from the returning officers.

Rangpur DC not withdrawn

The government on Monday made it clear that the Deputy Commissioner of Rangpur, Mr. Giasuddin Ahmed, has not been withdrawn from that district and he retains his position, reports BSS.

The government issued the clarification in view of a report appearing in a section of press on Monday about the transfer of Mr. Ahmed.

Awareness for environment stressed

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He urged the government and non-government organisations for taking special care of this aspect during implementations of development projects.

He sought cooperation from people of all walks of life for improvement and conservation of nature and environment.

Organised by the Department of Environment the seminar was also addressed by Environment and Forest Secretary Group Captain (Retd) Syed Ahmed and environmental impact assessment expert Dr Hove Laudvoeg and Director General of the Department of Environment Abul Basar.

Departmental heads of various public and private organisations, representatives from international organisations and experts from home and abroad are taking part.

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