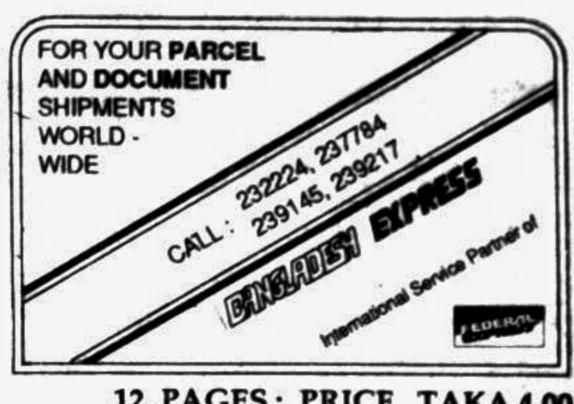
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By Staff Correspondent

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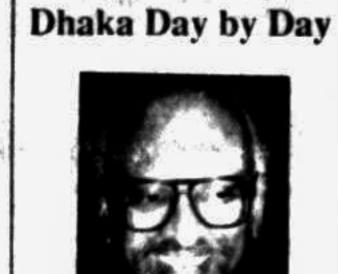
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10 hurt in Saadat College clash

Five invigilators, two magistrates and three employees of Saadat University College were injured Sunday as some examinces of the on-going honours examinations allegedly attacked them demanding to allow them for adopting unfairmeans in the examination. The invigilators left the examination halls protesting the incident. The examinations were held despite the indiscipline, reports BSS.-

BUET teachers withdraw strike

Engineering University Teachers Association Sunday decided to withdraw their abstention from work programme in a general meeting of the association, an association press release said. Earlier the teachers of the Engineering University had decided to abstain from work in protest against alleged anomalies in appointing professors in CSE department and the terrorist activities of November 19, reports BSS.

Hashish recovered from Pak ship

By Staff Correspondent CHITTAGONG, Dec 29: The Chittagong Customs late Saturday recovered two bags of hashish worth Taka four lakh from a Pakistani vessel at the port. Officials Sunday said team of the port customs recovered hashish weighing 36 kilograms concealed inside the locker of the Pakistani flag bearer MV Sakhina-e-Najam late on Saturday night.

Rangoon asks for list of Rohingyas

Burma agrees to talk tomorrow

By Staff Correspondent

Burmese government has finally responded to Bangladesh's peace initiative and agreed to sit for talks.

Foreign Ministry sources said that the government of Burma (Mayanmar) yesterday conveyed its decision to attend the proposed flag meeting with the Bangladesh side on Tuesday at the Maungdu township to discuss the crisis arising out of the cross border attack of the Burmese border guards on a BDR outpost on December 21.

Two Bangladeshi citizens, including a BDR man, were killed in the surprise attack

and another 22 were injured. Tension has since been prevailing along the 176-mile Bangladesh-Burma border.

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The Ministry sources said that Mayanmar Foreign Minister U Ohu Gyaw conveyed Yangon's (Rangoon) decision to attend the proposed flag meeting to the Bangladesh Ambassador Mostafa Farooq Muhammad.

The proposed meeting, scheduled to begin at nine in the morning tomorrow, will be participated by the local border guards commanders of both the countries.

Earlier, Bangladesh had

twice proposed for meeting and set dates but the Burmese authorities had expressed their inability to attend.

The positive response came after Bangladesh had made the offer for the third time.

The Burmese envoy, U Soe Myint, was summoned thrice to the Foreign Ministry since the Burmese attack. Bangladesh's strong reaction over Burma's continued indifference to the talks offers was conveyed to the ambassador.

The Mayanmar ambassador left Dhaka for the Burmese capital Sunday for consultations with the Burmese government, Foreign Ministry sources and embassy officials

They said the envoy, who is scheduled to return to Dhaka on January 2, will also visit the BDR outpost at Rijupara of Bandarban district.

His helicopter trip has been okayed by the Burmese government, the sources added.

UNB adds: Burmese authorities have requested Dhaka to submit l'sts of the Rohingya Muslims fleeing that country into bordering areas of Bangladesh.

Foreign Ministry officials See Page 12 Col 3

Fresh taxes on commodities under fire

Star Economic Report

The business community on Sunday bitterly criticised the fresh enhancement of taxes on some daily necessities and viewed that this would have an adverse effect on the already squeezed purchasing power of consumers.

The Government on Tuesday raised taxes on daily necessities like tinned and powdered milk, pepper, cinnamom, cardamon, cumin seeds and copra inedible upto

15 percent amounting to Taka 50 crore.

The President of Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Manzur Elahi in his reaction to the tax hike said increase in taxes on such ad hoc basis would reduce the demand of these items in the domestic market He said the depression of demand would result in less import of commodities. The

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Shantibahini men kill 7 more

CHITTAGONG, Dec 29 Outlawed Shantibahini gunmen today shot dead seven people and wounded one in Baghaicehari upazila of Khagrachhari hill district, reports UNB. Official sources said the

tribal insurgents kidnapped eight Hindu fishermen from Karangatali village while fishing in river Kasalong at about 4-30 pm and sprayed bullets on them in a nearby forest. Seven fell dead on the spot

while one escaped with severe wounds.

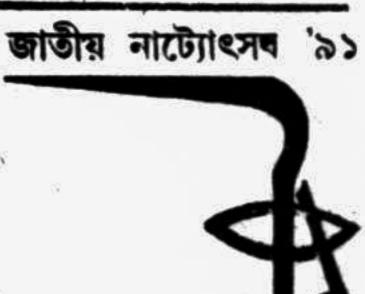
The dead were identified as Dayal Haridash (35), Shefal Das (12), Avimonu Das (55), Bali Das (23), Rabi Bala Das (12). Himangsu Das (18) and Sudhangsu Das (21). Injured Rabijal Das was ad-

Hospital. Earlier, Shantibahini gun-

mitted to Khagrachhari Sadar

me killed six people at the same spot on June 29. About 4,000 people have

been killed by the outlaws in the troubled Chittagong Hill Tracts since the insurgency began in mid 70s.



Drama festival begins today

The first National Drama Festival begins today with much enthusiasm at the Shilpakala Academy, reports Prime Minister Begum

Khaleda Zia will inaugurate at 6:30 pm the 29-day festival, organised jointly by Bangladesh Group Theatre Federation and Bangladesh Shilpakala Academy.

Affairs Prof Jahanara Begum. Additional Secretary to the Ministry Islam Uddin Malik

State Minister for Cultural See Page 12 Col 8

REB tender bars local firms from bidding Star Economic Report

The Rural Electrification

(REB) has recently floated an international tender for procurement of materials and equipment barring Bangladeshi firms from bidding. Only the firms from OECD and developing countries except Bangladesh are eligible for biding, the tender notice said.

The materials and equipment to be procured will be used for the construction, maintenance and operation of a system for 11 KV distribution lines to be installed in rural areas of Bangladesh. Sources say the items, mainly electrical ones, are also manufactured locally and are of international standard.

terms and conditions of the tender as outrageous. Such terms and conditions

will discourage local manufac-See Page 12 Col 7

beaten at DU

A Chhatra League (S-A) activist was beaten up allegedly by a group of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) workers at the "Kala Bhavan" (Arts Building) area yesterday (Sunday) at

Several rounds of gunshots were heard from the Jahurul areas at that time.

Campus sources said the Institute of Social Welfare and Research, was assaulted near "Aparajea Bangla" and was hit by "rifle butt" and received head injury.

Hasina likely to return Jan 3

and Leader of the Opposition Sheikh Hasina is expected to return home from Singapore on January 3, reports UNB.

on November 26 to see her ailing brother-in-law Prof Sha-

Prof Siddique, the husband of Sheikh Rehana and a teacher at Brunei University, is suffering from paralysis. He was recently operated upon in

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Air Force to be made stronger: PM

Students of the Institute of Fire Arts brought out a procession in the city on the occasion of Shilpopharya Zaingl Abedin's

JESSORE, Dec 29 : Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia said here today that the members of Air Force should set examples of individual skill and efficiency in the onward march of the Bangladesh Air Force, reports BSS.

birthday yesterday.

Begum Zia said the people expected that the Air Force, which had a glorious tradition of solidarity with the masses, would emerge stronger and steadier in the future. The Prime Minister was

addressing the graduation parade marking the commissioning of the 23rd GD (P) and the 27th non GD courses of Bangladesh Air Force at BAF base Mattur Rahman here. Begum Zia said the mem-

bers of the Air Force, formed during the War of Indepen dence, had to earn the love, confidence and honour of the people through their work. The Prime Minister said the motto of the Air Force of

keeping the sky free from any intrusion should be reflected in the life of its members. She called upon the members of BAF for increasing their knowledge, efficiency and professional skill to make best use

exchange of the hard earned money of the countrymen. The Prime Minister said the nation would always remember with due respect the active participation of the

of the equipment acquired in

members of the Air Force in the relief and rescue work besides the administration. The sincerity and sympathy of the Air Force personnel reflected in the relief work deserved appreciation, she said.

Begum Zia said that proper leadership would have to be given to continue the unflinching devotion of the Air Force personnel to the nation.

Earlier, the Prime Minister reviewed the smartly turned out parade and took the salute at the impressive march past and distributed awards and wings among the outstanding Flight cadet Sergeant SM

Nazmul Anam was adjudged the best all round cadet and was awarded the coveted "Sword of Honeur." Flight Cadet Wing under officer Md Mostafizur Rahman' received Osmani Gold Medal for outstanding feat in general service training while the Comma ndant's Trophy for best performance in GD (P) and non-GD branches went to flight cadet Shaheen Md Iqbal Hossain Bhuiyan and Cadet Farhad Ahmed Tanvir respectively. Squadron Number Two got the academy colour for the wipter term from the Prime Minister for being adjudged the champion squadron for best performances in all com-The parade ceremony was

attended, among others, by Social Welfare Minister Tarigul Islam, State Minister for Education Principal Eunus Khan, State Minister for Cultural Affairs Jahanara Begum, State Minister for Shipping Harunur-Rashid, State Minister for Fisheries and Livestock Gayeswar Roy, State Minister for Irrigation, Water Resources and Flood Control Mosharraf Hossain Shahjahan, Deputy Minister for Shipping Zahidul Huq and Deputy Minister for Health Strajul Hug. Wing Commander (Retd) Hamidullah Khari, MP, Seltna Rahman, MP, Chief Election Commissioner Justice Abdur Rauf, Defence Secretary Anisur Rahman and the chiefs of three services. Later, the Prime Minister

addressed officers and airmen at the academy auditorium.

The Prime Minister said the present government would endeavour to expand and modernise the armed forces. Begum Zia said during the last nine years of autocratic rule the armed forces were not de-

The Prime Minister said the government would try its best to make up the damage caused to the air force in the last cyclone though it was very difficult because of resource constraints.

Listing the development activities of the present gov-See Page 12 Col 6

Dead live in voter list

-Star photo

By Nazmul Ashraf

All who were killed in the April 29 cyclone in the coastal areas are still 'cligible' voters for the coming Union Parishad

The ghost voters exist in the voters' list since no initia tive was taken to exclude the cyclone victims from the list.

Relevant quarters apprehend that false voting might occur due to existence of the ghost voters in the list. According to official record, a total of 1,38.000 people were killed in the April 29 disaster But the voters among the victims could not be numbered as See Page 12 Col 6

PWD employees announce fresh programmes

By Staff Correspondent The Public Works Depart ment (PWD) employees Sunday announced a series of action programmes to press home their demands that include abolition of engineering cells in various government depart-

At a press conference at the National Press Club, leaders of the PWD Employees Action Committee said some 25,000 See Page 12 Col 6

Now come undivided Indiawallas

By Staff Correspondent the birth of the SAARC (the

An organisation styled Subcontinent 'Resurrection Movement has been floated Sunday, aimed at 'furthering a voluntary grand congress of all nations and sovereign countries of South Asia for building a prosperous future of the people of this region."

The name and objective of the organisation were announced at a Press conference held at a local hotel yesterday. The organisers believe that Bangladesh, India and Pakistan should go back to the August 13, 1947, and restore undivided India to materialise the hopes and aspirations of over one billion people of the re-

A five-member organising committee of the organisation has also been announced with Mr Amanullah and Mr Shafful Alam as its President and Secretary respectively. Shafful Alam served the then all-Pakistan Awami League as its office secretary for several years, the Declaration read out at the Press conference

The leaders of the newly formed organisation told the newsmen that their long cherished desire for the resurrection of the subcontinent got a spurt right from South Asian Association of Regional Cooperation). Referring to the Prime

Minister Khaleda Zia's address at the recently concluded SAARC summit in Colombo, the leaders of the organisation said they would mobilise support of the masses to back her mission of materialising her concept of providing two square meals of 'daal-bhat' (rice and pulses) for one billion people of the region. They also claimed that the Indian Prime 'Minister's pro-

posal in the summit for free

flow of trade, transportation,

services and capital invest-

ment among the SAARC mem-

ber countries was the positive

response to the feeling of the Prime Minister of Bangladesh. They also told the newsmen that our Prime Minister had rightly realised that the question of daal-bhat of 120 million people in Bangladesh was closely linked with the interests and cooperation of one billion people of the sub-conti-

They have set before them six point immediate objectives that include building a mass movement for investment of capital and technology See Page 12 Col 8

Business circles view the

BCL activist

By DU Correspondent

about 12.30 pm.

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Awami League President

Hasina left here for Brunei

fique Siddique undergoing treatment at a Singapore hos-

Loyalists drive out Georgian rebels

TBILISI, Dec 29 : Georgian government troops on Sunday drove rebel forces out of the parliament building and took control of a main square in the embattled capital, reports AP.

Despite the loss of ground, opposition fighters trying to oust President Zviad Gamsakhurdia said they planned to plunge into a new offensive against the mammoth Government House where Gamsakhurdia was holed up.

The opposition made gains on Saturday when a group of senior officials in Gamsakhurdia's government defected and demanded the president surrender his power to the parliament chairman. But Gamsakhurdia did not budge from his underground bunker, which is guarded by several hundred troops.

Georgian capital Tbilisi today The defections came after after beleaguered President negotiators tried in vain to Zviad Gamsakhurdia again re-

eall a cease- fire in a week of street battles that have left the city centre in flames and killed at least 50 lives by Health Ministry count. In an event that could effect

the power struggle, the opposition said Gamsakhurdia's forces on Sunday arrested the leader of group of Afghan war veterans that so far has remained neutral. Participation by the battled-

hardened veterans, estimated at several hundred, could tilt the balance against the government. Their leader, Nodar Georgadze, was a deputy defense minister and one of the officials who defected Saturday. He was taken to the parliament building, the oppo-Fighting erupted in the

fused to resign, Radio Moscow said, reports Reuter.

The new wave of violence shattered a ceasefire agreed on ' Saturday evening between leaders of rebel and loyalist armed groups in the Transcaucasian republic.

The groups unite to demand the resignation of Gamsakhurdia, hiding in the basement of the parliament building, but Radio Moscow said he had refused the new demand. The fighting resumed after

the demand of the opposition to resign," it said. Rebel National Guards have been bombarding the parliament since last Sunday in a bid to oust Gamsakhurdia, who they accuse of trying to impose

a dictatorship, since winning

presidential elections in May.

Health Ministry officials on

Zviad Gamsakhurdia rejected

Saturday said at least 51 people had been killed and 283 wounded so far.

Moscow Radio said armed opposition units had occupied part of the parliament and government complex where Gamsakhurdia and his supporters were sheltering. The government house

and nearby buildings are on

fire," it said. Many buildings

along the central Rustaveli Avenue have been burnt out. Military and political figures, some formerly loyal to Gamsakhurdia, met on Saturday night and issued a communique insisting the President hand over his power to the

"The armed opposition considers it its duty to declare that President Gamsakhurdia, who has been unable to pre-See Page 12 Col 2

republic's parliament. They

also called for new elections.

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