### 197 candidates in 8 Dhaka city seats

By Staff Correspondent

A total of 197 candidates have filed their nomination papers from eight constituencies of the Dhaka city till last date of the submission of nomination papers Sunday.

Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina and BNP chairperson Khaleda Zia will contest from two seats each from the Dhaka city. Sheikh Hasina is contesting from Kotwali Sutrapur and Ramna-Tejgaon constituencies, while in Kotwali Sutrapur, BNP has nominated Sadeque Hossen Khoka. Major (retired) Mannan of BNP will contest against Sheikh Hasina from Ramna-Tejgaon constituency. In this constituency, JSD leader A. S. M. Abdur Rob has also filed his nomination.

BNP chairperson Khaleda Zia will contest from Dhanmondi -Mohammadpur and Gulshan-Banani constituencies. Begum Sajeda Chowdhury, General Secretary of Awami League will contest against Khaleda Zia from Mohammadpur-Dhanmondi constituency while Habibur Rahman will contest for Awami League from Guishan-Banani constituency. Dr Kamal Hossain of Awami League will contest against the BNP candidate S. A. Mohsin or Haroon Mollah from Mirpur constituency. In this constituency, the BNP has not decided its nomination.

Jamaat leader Abbas Ali Khan will contest from Motitheel area where it is expected that he will have to face a triangular fight with the Awami League candidate Mozaffar Hossen Poltu and the BNP candidate Mirja Abbas.

CPB leader Saifuddin Ahmed Manik will contest from Demra, while the BNP leader Mir Sawkat Ali will contest from Lalbagh con-

on Sunday a total of 130 candidates submitted their nomination papers. Many of them came with bus-truck processions to submit their nomination papers.

The returning office said that three intending candidates turned up after the expiry of time for nomination filing. They were refused.

#### Moscow to buy 15,000 tons of raw jute

An agreement was signed Sunday for the sale of 15,000 metric tons of raw jute to the Soviet Union, reports BSS.

Bangladesh is expected to earn Taka about 27 crore in foreign exchange from the sale of the jute, which will be exported by January-February. this year

Mr Bazlur Rahman, Director, Export, of the Jute Corporation and the Visiting Representative of Soviet Legprom Export Mr D M Talish, signed the agreement for their respective governments.

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#### ROCA executives

tee of Rangpur Old Cadets Association (ROCA) was formed with Dr Firoz Mahmud Iqbal as convenor and Dr Abdullah el Mushawir and Mujibul Haque as joint convenors.

The other members of the committee are Farid Alam, Shahed Ali, Maminul Islam, Anisur Rahman, Manzurul Haque Sohel, Humayun Faruk, Zakir Hosssain, Shaheenur Rahman, Emroze and Arif.

The committee was formed in a general meeting of the association held at the Dhaka University T.S.C. on Thursday.

#### Japanese envoy calls on Anisuzzaman

The Japanese Ambassador in Bangladesh Mr. Takio Iguchi Monday called on the Agriculture and Land Advisor A.M. Anisuzzaman in his secretariat office, reports BSS.

They discussed matters of mutual interest with particular emphasis on the on- going Japanese aided projects in Bangladesh.

They hoped that the friendly relation between the two countries would be further strengthened in future.

### DU Correspondent

A new convening commit-

#### Express Mail Service with Denmark

caretaker government to meet workers' demands

and police on Page 1)

Express Mail Service between Bangladesh and Denmark will be introduced with effect from Tuesday (today), a postal Press release said Monday, reports BSS.

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#### Training course on GIS begins

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A procession of Bangladesh Free Trade Union activists in Dhaka city on Monday

after biennial conference of the organisation. They chanted solgans urging the

Angry students of City College set important documents of the police outpost ablaze

near the Science Laboratory in Dhaka on Monday (Story on clash between students

A 8-day long training course on Geographic Information Systems (GIS) began on Saturday at Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) jointly organised by BUET computer centre and the university of Melbourne, Australia, reports

Chancellor, BUET, inaugurated the course at the seminar room of the university.

#### **Iajuddin** visits FDC

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Presidential Adviser for Culture and Food lajuddin Ahmed Sunday paid a surprise visit to Bangladesh Film Development Corporation

(BFDC). He inspected different sections including the studio floor that is near completion at a cost of Tk 3 crore.

Speaking to the officers and film makers, Prof lajuddin urged them to make films on people and life to uphold the culture and heritage of the country.

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### 'Resist hoodlums to save garment industries'

The garment factory owners of the city have sought cooperation from all to resist the hoodlums disrupting production in many factories for the last two weeks, reports BSS.

They were speaking in a meeting organised by the Garments Welfare Committee Zonc-1, at Sonargaon Hotel in the city Saturday evening.

The committee, affiliated with the Bangladesh Garments Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA), was formed with the owners of factorics located at Malibagh, Maghbazar, Santibagh, Rampura and adjoining areas, to coordinate measures to check the outsiders who want to create trouble.

If this sector, employing lakhs of workers, mostly women, faced a closure, serious socio-economic uphcaval will grip the country. At the same time the nation will lose

a huge quantum of foreign currency, they cautioned.

Presided over by BGMEA Chairman Mosharraf Hossian, the meeting was addressed, among others, by Messrs Golam Kuddus, Convenor of Zone-1 Committee, Shafiqui Islam, Quazi Muniruzzaman, Shakur Chowdhury, Shahadat Hossain and Romel.

Mr. Mosharraf Hossain said, it had been proved that the trouble being created in the garments industries by some miscreants is not a labour unrest, rather it is a well-engineered conspiracy to destroy the country's economy. It is the duty of the concerned government agencies to unearth the elements and bring them to book. The workers and the owners want their security, he

He called upon the garments owners of the city to form similar committees.

### SAARC mission to monitor polls

Bangladesh to observe the parliamentary elections of February 27. reports BSS.

The delegation consisting of 30 eminent persons, from four SAARC countries of Nepal. Sri Lanka, India and Pakistan will

visit Bangladesh from February 20 to March 2.

The delegation will assemble in Dhaka and then divide into 14 groups to visit the different districts in the country. It expects to cover 60 to 70 constituencies during its visit to Bangladesh and will issue an interim assessment and a final, report.

Similar SAARC NGO observer missions visited Pakistan in 1988, and in 1990 to observe the presidential elec-These observer missions

were co-ordinated by the International Centre for Ethnic

A SAARC non-governmental Studies based in Sri Lanka. observer mission will visit ICES also sent a study group on March 1990 to review the electoral system in Pakistan.

Dr Neelan Tiruchelvam, Director of the International Centre for Ethnic Studies. called on the Advisor on Foreign Affairs Fakhruddin Ahmed in Dhaka Saturday and briefed him on the proposed observer mission.

Dr Tiruchelvam also called on Begum Khaleda Zia, chief of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party and the 7-Party Alliance, Sheikh Hasina, chief of the Awami League and the 8-Party Alliance, and Mr Haider Akbar Khan Rano, Member Politburo of the Workers Party of Bangladesh and leader of the 5-Party Alliance.

Dr Tiruchelyam also met with Dr Kamal flossain. Dr Zillur Rahman Siddiqi. Mr K G Mustafa, and Justice K M Sub-

#### Dr Kamal demands trial of Ershad

Awami League leader Dr Kamal Hossain, contesting the Feb 27 parliamentary elections from Dhaka-11 constituency, began his election campaign through a public meeting at Mirpur on Sunday. reports UNB

Dr Kamal in his speech paid tribute to the memories of 7 martyrs who were killed during final phase of the anti-Ershad movement.

He said the supreme sacrifice of the martyrs would be meaningful only if the victory of democratic movement could be consolidated through a free and fair election.

The Awami League leader said the national economy has been ruined during the past eight years through plundering of national resources by the corrupt regime of ousted president Ershad.

#### JSD (Inu) leader joins AL

Mr. Nasim Khan Taimur, President, JSD (Inu) of Dhaka metropolis, has joined Bangiadesh Awami League expressing his firm faith in the leadership of Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina, reports BSS.

In a statement, Mr. Taimur said Awami League is capable of overcoming the present political crisis confronting the nation and piloting its transition towards democracy.

#### Theatre festival begins today

A six-day theatre festival organised by Bangladesh Centre of the International Theatre Institute (ITI) on the occasion of the international seminar begins in Dhaka today at the Mahila Samity auditorium, reports BSS.

Ms. Pamela Payne, Advisory Editor of Australian Drama Studies, will formally declare the festival open.

The plays to be performed in the festival are, Amina Sundari by Dhaka Padatik, Akhono Kritodash by Theatre, Nankar Pala by Aronyak, Hat Hadai by Dhaka Theatre and Galileo by Nagorik. Abdul Quddus Bayati and Abdul Jabbar Bayati's palagan will also be included in the festival which is being sponsored by Nestle and Reliance Insurance.

The international seminar on theatre journals in Asia: cooperation through communication will be held here from Janaury 17 to 19.

#### PROGRAMME

The regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dhaka will be held today (Tuesday) at 5 p.m. at Dhaka Sheraton Hotel.

#### **Cancer Society meet**

A meeting of the executive committee of Bangladesh Cancer Society will be held on January 16 at 11 a.m. at the Radiotherapy Department of Dhaka Medical College Hospi-

Executive committee members have been requested to attend the meeting, says a press release.

#### Cultural council

**Bangladesh Cultural Council** has urged upon all to observe February 27 as "Peace Day" to create a congenial atmosphere for the people to exercise their franchise in the parliamentary polls, reports UNB.

In a joint press release issued Sunday, President of the Council Moniruddin Moni and General Secretary Ali Ashraf Akhand proposed to the caretaker government to chalk out elaborate programmes to mark the day. The leaders of the Council

also called upon all patriotic individuals to evaluate the significance of the day.

#### Discussion serial

Radio Bangladesh will broadcast a week-long discussion scrial of All-Party Students Unity (APSU) from January 18, reports BSS.

According to a press release, the Dhaka centre of the Radio will broadcast the 30minute discussion each day at 10 a.m.

The serial titled Tomakey Abhibadan Hey Bangladesh' will be produced by Transcription Service of the Radio Bangladesh.

#### BCPS confee

The first International Scientific Conference of Bangladesh College of Physicians and Surgeons (BCPS) will be held in Dhaka from January

One hundred and forty four

papers are expected to be pre-

sented in four plenary and setentific sessions. About four hundred physictans and surgeons from home and abroad are expected to participate in the 3-day con-

## 13000 convicts to be released

The government decided to release different categories of convicts with immediate effect under certain conditions a Press note said in Dhaka Sun-

day night, reports BSS. Out of the total 13 thousand convicts in different jails of the country, 3,683 including 750 in the Dhaka Central Jail will be benefited by this amnesty and special concession for the immediate release, the Press Note issued by the Home Ministry said.

The remaining 9,317 convicts will be released in phases on different dates in eight years, the Press Note added.

The Press Note said (text) : Several rounds of talks with the prisoners and high level review meetings were held to tackle the situation arising out of the recent demands of the prisoners in Dhaka and differ-

HOSPITALS

Their first and main demand was that all of them should be released as the country has been freed from the clutches of autocracy. The government had rejected it as the demand was unreasonable and this had been informed to all quarters in a Press Note on January 11.

Later, the government after

considering their demands decided to release immediately different catergories of convicts under certain conditions, and they will be released on different dates after fulfilling the conditions. Under this amnesty and special concessions, out of total 13,000 convicts in jails all over the couritry. 3,683 including 750 convicts in Dhaka Central jail will have the opportunity of getting

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