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Troops poised to drive Saddam out Deadline for withdrawal from Kuwait passed yesterday and troops said they were tired of waiting and ready to drive Saddam. Page 5

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#### Iraq shuts border with Turkey

Jan 16: Iraq has shut its border with Turkey, thwarting evacuees hoping to escape a likely Gulf war, a foreign ministry spokesman said today, reports Reuter.

#### Some Biman flights suspended

Biman Bangladesh Airlines has suspended all its flights to Doha, Bahrain, Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Jeddah and Muscat from January 15 until further notice in view of the present situation in the Gulf. Earlier, Biman's flights to Riyadh have also been suspended, reports BSS.

#### Shab-e-Meraj February 13

The sacred night of Shab-e-Meraj will be observed on Wednesday night, February 13, (Rajab 26), according to a press release of the Islamic Foundation, reports BSS.

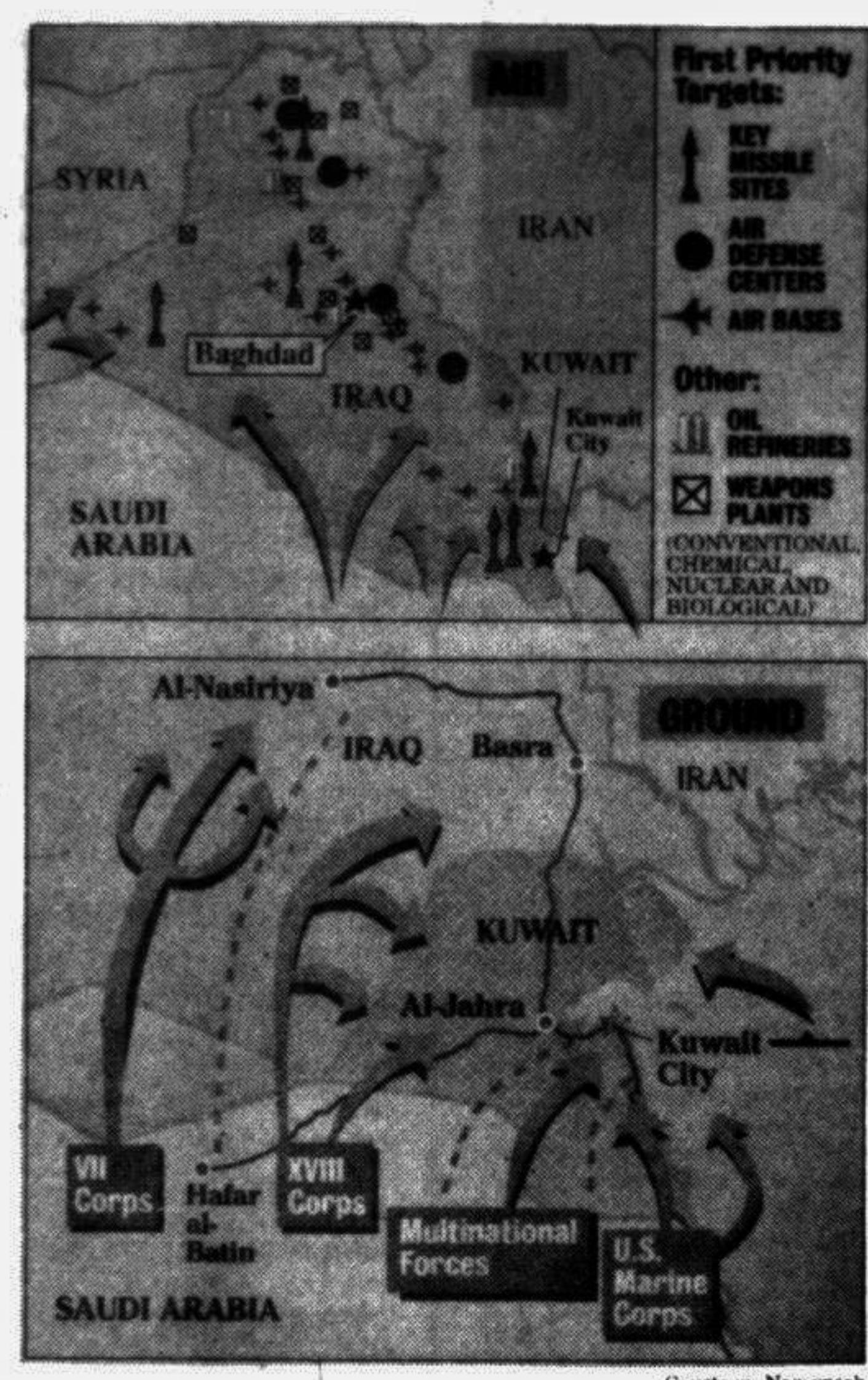
#### 142 more freed

More 142 prisoners at Dhaka Central Jail were released yesterday under a government amnesty, reports UNB.

# The Daily Star

Deadline passes with Baghdad standing fast

## Countdown to war



Courtesy Newsweek



APSU brought out a procession yesterday protesting possible war in the Gulf. —Star photo.

## Private sector may get priority

By Reazuddin Ahmed

Perestroika in the Soviet Union and democratic transformation in East European countries may influence the economic policies of country's major political parties. The changes are likely to be reflected in their election manifestos.

Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) has already indicated that the party will follow market-oriented economy while Awami League will pursue a liberal economic policy within the framework of mixed economy.

The left parties like Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB), National Awami Party, Workers Party, BKSAL, and other left-leaning parties may retreat from centrally planned economy.

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### 5 injured in Gulf-related clashes

DMCH Correspondent

Five persons were injured in clashes between pro-Saddam and anti-Saddam groups at Gulistan area on Wednesday.

Four persons were hurt near Golapshah Mazar when activists of pro-Saddam 'American Aggression Resistance Committee' attacked a rally of anti-Saddam Bangladeshis repatriated from Kuwait and Iraq at 3:30 p.m.

The other person was injured near Jatiya Press Club.

One of the injured, Nasir, who received serious head injury is in critical condition at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital. Other injured persons were also admitted to Gulshan residence where he is detained.

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### Ershad interrogated for 2nd day

By Staff Correspondent

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story after Baghdad invaded Kuwait on August 2 last year.

It has said that its action will champion the rights of Palestinian and that there can be no settlement of the Gulf crisis without a solution of the Middle East conflict.

The minister also sent the condolences of the Kuwaiti people and his Saudi-based government to the families of the dead.

Iraq issued a similar call to the Palestinian people on Tuesday but directly accused "International imperialism and Zionism" of the assassination of the three PLO members.

Iraq has poured scorn on Saudi Arabia for inviting an international force to its terr-

## Mobile security teams during election

The Council of Advisers yesterday decided that mobile security teams comprising personnel of armed police, BDR and Army would be formed at the union level to enforce discipline during parliamentary elections, as and when necessary, reports BSS.

Bangladesh to monitor the parliamentary elections.

The Commonwealth Secretariat is examining the possi-

### Jatiya Mahila Sangsta to get pay, salary

The decision was taken at a meeting of the Council of Advisers at Bangabhaban with Acting President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed in the chair.

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