### Dateline Khulna

# Fewer ships anchor at Mongla port

From Our Correspondent

KHULNA. Jan 25: The outbreak of war in the Gulf. a few number of ships were calling at the sea port of Mongla in comparison to normal time. According to source close to the Port, the crews of the already anchored ships also found in a hurry to go back to their countries.

At normal times about two dozens of ships on an average anchors at port whereas only nine ships on an average anchors at port whereas only nine ships were found anchored at the port on Tuesday

According to another source of the Customs Department, the crews were found reluctant to land at the port which was normal activity of the sea sick crews.

In every winter Khulna city used to accommodate many foreign nationals who are conspicuous by their absence this year following the outbreak of war in the Gulf.

#### Symbols distributed

The Returning Officer of Khulna distributed election symbols to 57, candidates of

the six constituencies in the district. Other than the major parties like Awami League, BNP and Jamaat including Muslim League who were given their traditional election symbols, a number of parties and independent candidates were given new symbols.

Awami League candidates got boat, BNP awarded shef of paddy, Jatiya Party plough, Jaamat balance, Jaker Party rose, Muslim League hurricane and JSD (Rab) was awarded lo-

A few independent candidates got peculiar symbols etther related to his profession or a total contrast to that. A frozen food exporter and shrimp trader Mr. A U Ahmed got shrimp as his election symbol while Mr. Liaquat Ali, editor of a local daily who is not at all habituated to bettles was awarded bettle leaf as his election symbol.

#### **US** aggression condemned

BSS adds: Members of the Khulna District Bar Association condemned the naked aggres-

### Sanskrit to be introduced upto secondary level

Prof. lajuddin Ahmed. Adviser for Ministries of Food and Cultural Affairs on Friday underscored the importance of cultivating Sanskrit, a classical language, for the flourishment of multilateral education system in modern perspectives, reports BSS.

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second national conference and biennial general meeting of Bangladesh Sanskrit Samity. held at the seminar room of He assured the association

Prof. Ahmed was addressing

the inaugural session of the

of introducing Sanskrit, where necessary, side by side compulsory religious education upto secondary level. Presided over by Dr. Paresh Chandra Mandal, President of

the Association, Prof. Anwarullah Chowdhury. President of the Teachers Association of Dhaka University. Dr. Nimchandra Bhoumik. General Secretary of Bangladesh Hindu-Bouddha-Christian Otkkya Parishad, Prof. Niranjan

the samity were, among others, spoke on the occasion. Sanskrit is not only the language of the hindu community but also a mother of Bengali Literature

Adhikari, general secretary of

sion of US-led multinational forces on Iraq.

In an emergency meeting held Wednesday at the Bar Association auditorium, the lawyers called for immediate withdrawal of all Jewish forces from Palestine, Gaza Strip and Golan Heights.

The emergency meeting was presided over by newly elected President of the Bar Association, Advocate Sheikh Mohammad Ali and addressed, among others, by Abdul 'Wahhab, Abdul Hai, Abu Mohammad Hossain, Ad.S.M. Abdul Quddus, Ad. Abdus Sattar, Ad. Omar Farooq, Ad. Md. Rafig, Ad. Shaikh Fazlul Haque and Ad. Munshi Abdul Hamid.

The meeting also decided to stage a protest procession today against US-led multinational aggression against Iraq to voice their condemnation.

### Directive to enhance Talibabad satellite

GAZIPUR, Jan 25 : Presidential Adviser in charge of the Ministries of Communications, Post and Telecommunication A B M G Kibria has urged the concerned officials of T and T Board to implement the enhancement programme of capabilities of Talibabad earth satellite station, reports BSS.

He was visiting Wednesday the earth satellite station to see the functions of different sections of the station.

He thanked the officials and employees of Telephone Shilpa Sangstha for holding their union election fairly and peacefully.

Mr. Kibria sought the coopcration of all to maintain law and order for holding the forthcoming national election free, fair and peaceful.

Mr. Enamul Haq, Additional Secretary in charge of Ministry of Post and Telecommunication, Mr Sirazul Islam Khan, Chairman T and T Board and Mr Fazle Rahman, Managing Director, Telephone Shilpa Sangstha were present.



Musallis brought out peace processions after Juma prayers bearing banners and posters and also an effigy of US President George Bush. -Star photo

including the troops in Saudi

Arabia are safe and sound, ac-

cording to latest reports that

touch with Bangladesh Mis-

sions in Riyadh and other Gulf

countries. All Bangladeshis in

the troubled region are safe.

Concern over

harassment of

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han, President of the Krishak-

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the attacks on foreigners in

Bangladesh in the wake of the

Gulf war and said this design

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the sources said.

### 77 Bangladeshis in Amman

Seventy seven Bangladeshis are now stranded in Amman and efforts are underway to bring them back home by air, Foreign Office sources said in Dhaka on Friday, reports BSS.

The sources said these people include 75 Bangladesh nationals who were to be taken to Cairo for their eventual repatriation to home that arrangement did not work out finally.

group that include women and children are being looked after by the Genevabased International Organization of Migration.

Efforts are being made to evacuate them by an Aeroflot flight, said the sources.

### Demand to end Gulf hostilities

Staff Correspondent

A number of processions were brought out in the city yesterday protesting the armed conflicts in the Gulf re-

A section of people from Hajaribag area staged a demonstration in front of the National Press Club and demanded immediate end of the war. The demonstrators also burnt on effigy of US President Bush and shouted various slogans in favour of Iraqi President Saddam Hossain.

Another demonstration was staged in front of the National Press Club by a group of people from Kalabagan area deploring the US attack on Iraq.

A faction of the National Awami Party held a workers meeting at the party office in protest against the outbreak of the Gulf war.

The meeting with the central leader Nurul Islam in the chair called for the holt of the war jeopardising peace in the

Addressing the meeting the party General Secretary Abdul Matin Master urged the world bodies to take all-out efforts to solve Gulf crisis through negotiations.

Muslim League chief Alhaj Jamir Ali in a scparate statement condemned the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait and said Iraqi pull out from Kuwait was the only solution to Gulf conflict. felt that the Gulf war would Third World economy

#### to pray for Gulf peace The Washington-based All Bangladeshis in the Gulf

American Muslim Council has appealed to Muslims throughout the world to pray for the safety of their brethren in the Gulf and other innocent people there, reports BSS. The AMC, which views that

Muslims urged

iraq's engagement with the United States was not in the best interest of the Muslim world, said, in a message received in Dhaka Saturday, that Mr. Ekramul Kabir-- an AMC leader-- had met influential Congressional leaders including Senate majority leader Sen George Mitchell, House Arms Committee Chairman Congressman Lee Aspin And Scn Robert Dole to find out peace ful means to solve the problem

The Council further said. besides making vigorous of forts to bring about a solution to the Gulf crisis, it was about to send a peace mission to lraq but it could do so as hostilities broke out soon after the deci-

### Anti-war rally at JU

SAVAR, Jan 25: hangirnagar University Teacher's Association (JUTA) and Jahangirnagar University Central Students Union (JUCSU) jointly brought out a peace procession at the campus on Thursday, reports BSS.

Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Kazi Saleh Ahmed led the procession. The processionists chanted anti-war slogans.

The procession beginning from JUCSU building paraded the campus lanes and by-lanes and ended at the University central cafeteria.

### Big parties create pressure says JPD

Jatiotabadi Palli Dal (National Village Party) accused Friday that the major parties are creating pressure on their weak opponents to retire candidates, Says a Press release.

The leaders of the party, in an emergency meeting, decided to face the situation with patience as the "Ideal soldiers of Shahid Ziaur Rahman."

The meeting was presided over by Giasuddin Ahmed. Party Secretary General Mr. H. A. Haquim, Asadul Kabir Asad and Tajul Islam addressed the meeting among others.

#### Zaker Party urges to recover illegal arms

Zaker Party leader Pirzada Mostafa Amir Faisal Friday urged the caretaker go vernment to intensify its drive to recover illegal arms for fair and peaceful elections, reports

Speaking to a group of Zaker Party workers from Fatullah Pirzada Faisal said his party will cooperate with the government for holding the February 27 elections and establish democracy.

According to a press release of the party Pirzada Faisal said the law and order situation will deteriorate if the illegal arms remain unrecovered.

He said it is not enough to make laws, these must be implemented. None can allow musclemen to disrupt the polls.

### Abu Hena made envoy to Japan

The Government of the People's Republic Bangladesh have decided to appoint Mr Mohammad Abu Hena, at present. Secretary, Local Government Division of the Government of Bangladesh, as Ambassador of Bangladesh to Japan, says a PtD handout.

### Scientists asked to help protect environment

Presidential Adviser for Planning Prof. Rehman Sobhan Friday called upon the social scientists to give guideline for evolving an effective environment and natural resources management, reports BSS.

The Adviser was inaugurating a two-day workshop on "Environment and Natural Resources Management in Bangladesh " at the institute of nutrition and Food Science auditorium of the Dhaka Univer-

Organised by Bangladesh Sociological Association, the workshops was chaired by Prof. R.A.M. Saaduddin while Dr. Syed Zahtr Sadeque, Dr. Helaluddin Khan Arefeen and Dr. Nazrul Islam addressed it.

Terming the environmental problem as a global concern. Prof. Rehman Sobhan called

### Sharp fall in power output

Production of electricity at Ashuganj power plant has been reduced to about 90 to 150 megawatt against the usual production of 500 mw, reports

The production at the power station has fallen due to the short supply of natural gas by Titas Gas and Transmission Company, Power Development Board (PDB) sources pointed out. The sources said the reduction in gas supply caused by a problem was likely to be resolved in a few days.

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for protection and preservation of environment through combined efforts and communal action.

"Environment is an elemental force for our survival" Planning Adviser said adding that its degradation must be checked for the very survival of

Prof. Sobhan said subjects like population explosion and proper use of natural resources should have taken into consideration along with the environmental issues.

#### BKSAL calls to cast vote judiciously

BKSAL General Secretary, Mr. Abdur Razzak has said that the people must vote judiciously in the coming elections because the rights of balloting in a free atmosphere have come after 15 years' struggle, reports BSS.

He was addressing an election meeting at Takerhat of Madaripur on Thursday, a party press release said.

Mr. Razzak said the country must go back to the 1972 constitution for giving institutional framework to the democratic set up. Presidential form of government encouraged autocracy and the voters should vote for those who would uphold the parliamentary form of government, he said.

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### Seminar on short film begins

A two-day international seminar on short film on the occasion of the second international short film festival began in Dhaka on Thursday, reports BSS.

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The first day of the seminar delt with two subjects "aesthetics of short fiction film" and "aesthetics of documentary film."

The first session of the seminar, held at the German Cultural Centre auditorium in Dhaka, was presided over by Syed Shamsul Huq while Mr. Manzare Hassin presented

Messrs Biren Das Sharma, Raja Mitra, Sabiha Sumar, Kabir Anwar and Syed Salaud-

key-note paper on the first

din Jaki participated in the discussion session. Mr. Manzare Hassin, in his paper, said of the two dialectically opposite trends of con-

temporary film scene in Bangladesh, one is studio based mainstream commercial cinema devoted to pure commercialism while the other trend tries to use cinema as an art form and instrument of social progress. He said short fiction film

makers are always in confrontation with the norms of commercial cinema and they have to innovate and evolve new aesthetic ideas

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A colourful meena bazar was held at Gulshan Park recently for foreign missions in Dhaka. Seen in the Thai stall are Busba Chindawongse, a veteran social worker and Bangladeshi participants. The meena bazar was organised by the Women's Voluntary Association.

### 10 lakhs to cast votes in Rajshahi A total of 6,301 officials will RAJSHAHI, Jan 25: A total

be engaged to conduct the of 10,01,298 voters are likely to excercise their franchise in' the coming parliamentary election on February 27 to elect five members of parlia-Officers. ment from Rajshahi District, according to a PID handout, reports BSS. Out of the total voters

of 406 polling centers.

BNP-5, JP-5, Jamaat-4. Independent-4, Muslim League-3, Zaker Party-2, CPB-5,04,870 are men and 2, UCL-1, JSD (Inu)-1, JSD 4,96,428 women. Polling will (Rob)-1. People Democrate be held through 1,965 booths Party-1, Freedom Party-1 and Oikya Front-2.

election smoothly. Of them 406 are Presiding Officers, 1,965 Assistant Presiding Officers and 3,930 Polling The party-wise candidates are as follows: AL-5,