Focus on election- '91

House - to - house campaign starts

By Staff Correspondent

With the start of house-tohouse visit by political workers seeking votes for their candidates, the election campaign in Dhaka city entered its final phase on Friday.

A random survey of wayside election camps of different political parties in the city last evening revealed that in many areas political workers had started distributing coupons carrying names and numbers of voters.

Distribution of coupons is one of the most effective ways of approaching voters. The coupons carry the symbols of respective parties and candidates. Campaigners also take the opportunity to explain ideals and objectives.

The temporary election eamps are being operated more or less peacefully. The cam-ps become active from the morning when campaigners start playin-g'election songs' over microp-hones. These are used as the main meeting place of the workers of the parties.

In a few such camps work-

ers use television to attract pedestrians in the evening.

Abul Hossain an AL worker of Ward No. 18 who works at an AL election camp at Kalabagan under the leadership of Abdul Mannan said: they had started house-to-house visits to request voters to vote for

Jamaat to improve condition of poor, says Abbas

Acting Amir of Jamaat-e-Islami Abbas Ali Khan Friday said his Party does not believe in the politics of falsehood, reports UNB.

If voted to power, Jamaat-e-Islami would take proper measures to improve the condition of poor masses, he said while addressing an election rally at Jatrabari crossing Friday afternoon.

The Jamaat chief, who is also contesting from Motij heel-Sabujbagh (Dhaka-16) constituency.

He said that people were very enthusiastic about the election this time. He quoted a voter as saying 'We could not vote in the past. We are happy that this time you are giving us our voter-numbers with re-

quests to cast our votes'.

Anwarullah, a Nezam of the Kalabagan staff quarter area of Jamaat-e-Islami has opened a wayside camp along with other party workers. The camp is used to publicise party ideals and programmes', he said adding a microphone is used to play 'election songs' of Jamaat. They too have started preparing coupons for distributton among voters.

Golam Hossain, a worker at the BNP election camp near Nayapaltan market said they had prepared voters' coupons and would start house-to-house visit soon. The camp is a meeting place of party workers and is used to organise processions and other activities,' he said. BNP workers have excellent relationships with AL and Jamaat workers operating from nearby camps, he said,

we all are from the same mahalla and know each other', he

Zainaluddin Khan of Janatamukti Party said his election camp at Kalabagan Staff Quarters is being used to organise workers to bring out processions. Workers of his party also have started approaching voters, he said.

Cooperation to recover arms assured

RAJSHAHI, Feb 15: Stude nts and University officials Friday assured civil and police administration cooperation in cleansing the campus of arms. reports UNB.

at a tripartite meeting of the students, university and local administrations held with Prof Amanullah Ahmed. Vice Chancellor of Rajshahi Univ ersity, in the chair in the evening.

The agreement was reached

Strong govt

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tries.

She was addressing four massive public meetings and dozens of wayside gatherings on the first day of her six-day campaign tour to south Bengal.

The first public meeting was held at Kachuamor College ground with Awami League leader Abdul Karlm Bepart in the chair, the second meeting at Srinagar stadium with Mr. Sukumar Ghosh in the chair. third meeting at Mawa Bazar Kali Math with Mr. Nur Mohammad in the chair while the fourth meeting was held at Shibchar Hatir Bazar Math with Mr. Rezaul Karim Talukdar in the chair.

Besides, Sheikh Hastna addressed wayside gatherings at Postogola, Pakuria, Rajendrapur. Abdullahpur. Kuchtamara, Shola Shahar, Town-bart. Mawa, Azra ferry ghat, Pachchar, Bahadurpur. Chasara, Khan Kandi and Nal-

Refuting the falsehood being circulated by some political parties that there would be no Islam and Bismillah' of the Awami League if voted to power. Sheikh Hasina termed it as a blatant lie.

No power in the world can erase out Bismillah from the mouth and La Ilalaha Illallah Muhammadur Rasulullah from the heart of a true Muslim, she

Sheikh Hasina said similar dirty tricks were played by Iskander Mirza-Nurul Amin Gang during 1954 polls and by Moududt-Golam Azam Gang in 1970 polls that there would be no Islam if people voted for Awami League. But the simple and religious minded people of Bangladesh had totally discarded the propaganda time and again and gave their massive mandate in favour of Awami League, she said.

Sheikh Hasina said those, who captured power at gun point and snatched away voting rights of the people, had no right to seek vote.

She said the nation would not go back again to those days of killing, corruption and vandalism, let loose by the Zia-Ershad regimes.

Space shuttle's military mission

CAP CANAVERAL, Feb 15: The US space agency NASA moved discovery to its seaside launch pad on Friday in preparation for a March military mission that will be the first space shuttle flight of the year. reports AP.

Peru's cabinet

LIMA, Feb 15 : President Alberto Fujimori Thursday accepted the resignation of Prime Minister Juan Carlos Hurtado Miller.

UNITED NATIONS, Feb 15:

Following is the full text of

United Nations Security

Council Resolution 660, which

Iraq was reported today as be-

ing ready to implement, re-

the immediate and uncondi-

tional withdrawal of Iraq

troops, was passed on August

2-the day of Iraq's invasion of

Alarmed by the invasion of

Kuwait on August 2, 1990 by

Determining that there ex-

ists a breach of international

peace and security as regards

the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait,

acting under Articles 39 and

40 of the Charter of the United

. Condemns the Iraqi in-

2. Demands that Iraq with-

draw immediately and uncon-

ditionally all its forces to the

positions in which they were

Kuwait to begin immediately

intensive negotiations for the

resolution of their differences

and supports all efforts in this

regard, and especially those of

necessary to consider further

steps to ensure, compliance

Other resolutions

11 resolutions adopted by the

UN Security Council since Iraq

invaded Kuwait on August 2.

AP adds: Here are the other

Yemen, the only Arab mem-

Aug. 6- The Council voted

13-0 to order a trade and fi-

nancial embargo of Iraq and

occupied Kuwait. Cuba and

Yemen abstained on Resolution

the Council voted 15-0 to de-

clare Iraq's annexation of

Kuwait null and void.

detained foreigners.

Aug. 9— In Resolution 662

Aug. 18- In Resolution

Aug. 25- The Council

voted 13-0 to give the United

664, the Council voted 15-0

to demand that Iraq free all

ber of the Council, did not vote

on Resolution 660, saying it

did not have instructions.

4. Decides to meet again as

3. Calls upon Iraq and

located on August 1, 1990,

The Security Council.

the military forces of Iraq.

The resolution, calling for

ports Reuter.

Kuwait:

Nations,

vasion of Kuwait,

the Arab League.

with this resolution.

corpses

ports AFP.

Foreign journalists, visiting the site for the third consecubodies being recovered.

the right to enforce the eco-

nomic embargo against Iraq

and Kuwait by halting shipping

to those countries. Cuba and

Yemen abstained on Resolution

voted 13-2 to allow humani-

tarian food aid into Iraq or

Kuwait only "to relieve human

suffering." and said only the

Council could decide when

those circumstances exist.

Cuba and Yemen voted against

voted 15-0 on Resolution 667

to condemn Iraq's aggressive

acts against diplomatic mis-

sions in Kuwait, including the

abduction of foreigners in the

Sept. 24- On Resolution

669, the Council voted 15-0

to stress that only its

Sanctions Committee could au-

thorise food, medicine or

other humanitarian aid to be

sent into Iraq or occupied

voted 14-1 to explicitly ex-

pand its economic embargo to

include all air cargo traffic in

or out of Iraq and Kuwait, ex-

cept for humanitarian aid au-

thorised by the Sanctions

Committee. It also calls on UN

member nations to detain any

Iraqi ships that may be used to

break the naval embargo. Cuba

13-0 to hold Iraq liable for

war damages and economic

losses, to ask nations to collect

evidence of grave human rights

abuses by the occupying forces,

to demand that the Western

embassies in Kuwait City be re-

stocked with food and water,

and to demand that all

hostages be released. Cuba and

Yemen abstained on Resolution

15-0 on Resolution 677 to

condemn Iraq's alleged at

and repopulate their country

tempts to drive out Kuwaitis

and it asked UN Secretary-

General Javier Perez de Cuellar

to take possession of Kuwait's

census and citizenship records

comply with all previous reso-

lutions. After that date, nations

allied with Kuwait are autho-

rised "to use all necessary

means," including force, to

oust Iraq. China abstained on

Resolution 678. Cuba and

Markets pause

rallied briefly Friday following

lraq's offer to withdraw its

forces from Kuwait, but the

Buying frenzy stalled as con-

cerns surfaced over the terms

staged a strong advance, and

oil initially slid more than two

Dollars a barrel as euphoria

swept the markets that the 30

day old war might be drawing

to a close.

Stock prices and the Dollar

of the pullout, reports AP.

European financial markets

Yemen voted against it.

Nov. 29— The Council voted

Nov. 28— The Council voted

Oct. 29— The Council voted

voted against Resolution 670.

Sept. 25- The Council

Sept. 16- The Council

Resolution 666.

Sept. 13- The Council

Text of Security Council

Resolution 660

91 infants among 312

BAGHDAD, Feb 15: The bodies of 91 infants were among 312 corpses pulled from the ruins of the Amriya bomb shelter that was attacked in an allied air raid Wednesday. Iraqi officials said today, re-

tive day, watched the latest six

Iraq ready to pull out

From Page 1 Col 5 Fitzwater, called for Iraq to produce immediate and con-

However the Iraqi offer to

Saddam Hussein has managed millions of Palestinians and other Arabs. Gorbachev

Iraq has been received with satisfaction and hope in Moscow," Vitaly Ignatenko said

The short statement, read over the telephone by spokesman Vladimir Tumurkin, said the Soviet Union was waiting impatiently for the visit of Iraq Foreign Minister Tareq Azia, due to arrive in Moseow on Sunday for talks on the Gulf war.

Gorbachev's envoy Yevgeny Primakov who visited Baghdad and Tehran earlier this week in an effort to head off a land war, returned on Wednesday saying he saw "a ray of hope." Primako was in Tokyo on Friday.

Kuwait welcomes

But the setting preconditions for a withdrawal "Is not acceptable to us', the official said after consulting Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmed Al-Sabah, who was attending an Arab conference in Cairo.

Britain

to indicate that Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein was now aware and accepted that he must withdraw from Kuwait to end the hostilities. Major said. British Defence Secretary

11 killed in Indian train mishap

The Midnight File

NEW DELHI. Feb 15: At least 11 people were killed and 38 injured today when a Delhi-bound passenger train derailed in northern India, ratiway officials said here. The Kalka Mail was on its way from Howrah in eastern India when it jumped the

tracks near the city of Allahabad, reports AFP.

Socialism thriving: Li Peng

BELJING, Feb 15: China's Communist Party has weathered severe tests from the outside during the past year and socialism is thriving, premier Li Peng said today, reports

Southwest Iran rocked

TEHERAN, Feb 15: An earthquake measuring 5.6 on the Richter Scale rocked the southwestern region of Gachsaran Thursday, the Iranian news agency IRNA reported. The quake's epicenter was 600 kilometres (360 miles) southwest of the Iranian capital, it said, citing the geophysics centre at Teheran University, reports AFP.

World's oldest person dies

PALATKA (Florida), Feb 15: Carrie White, listed in the Guiness Book of Records as the oldest person in the world, died Thursday at the age of 116, the nursing home where she resided said, reports PTI.

Barre in Kenyan hospital

ROME, Feb 15: Somalia's ousted President Mohamed Stad Barre is believed to be in hospital in Kenya after escaping over the border last week, a spokesman for the rebel United Somali Congress (USC) said Thursday, reports AFP.

Shots fired at Saudia office

KARACHI, Feb 15: Unidentified gunmen fired shots from a car at a Saudi airlines office in Karachi, but nobody was hurt, Pakistani police said today. The windows of the airline's finance office in central Karachi and those of an adjoining office were smashed in the attack on Thursday night, reports

Japan-N Korea meet March 11

TOKYO, Feb 15: Japanese and North Korean negotiators will meet March 11 in Tokyo for their second round of talks on establishing diplomatic relations, the Japanese Foreign Ministry said Friday, reports AP.

crete actions on the ground.

Added pressure

withdraw from Kuwait puts added pressure on President George Bush to keep Arab nations in the Gulf coalition while insisting their complaints won't be addressed until the war is over.

Bush's statement Friday calling the offer a "cruel hoax" and 'nothing new' - and reiterating that Iraq must pull out unconditionally - means he is holding fast to his refusal to link the conflict to Israel's occupation of the West Bank and

But Saudi Arabia, Egypt and the other Arab nations in the coalition are under pressures of their own. While diplomats try to keep the war and the Arab-israeli, dispute separate, to link them in the minds of

In Moscow : President Mikhail Gorbachev was satisfied and hopeful after learning that Iraq might be willing to withdraw from Kuwait, his chief spokesman said Friday.

"The positive news from in a statement.

A senior Kuwaiti official said in Cairo: "It is a good statement by Iraq, but it carries many conditions. Iraq must unconditionally implement all United Nations resolutions."

In London, British Prime Minister John Major Friday dismissed Iraq's offer to pull out of Kuwait, describing it as a "bogus sham" and saying it would have no effect on Allied battle plans.

But he admitted it appeared

was agreed to Wednesday by a 9-2 vote with four abstentions.

continue through Friday.

despite intensive lobbying by Third World nations that wanted the debate to be public. The debate was scheduled after a January 23 request by

Tom King said separately that

the offer did not mark any ad-

vancement in the fraqt post-

France

tion. "We mustn't jump to con-

clusions, imagining sophisti-

cated and detailed solutions al-

ready exist," said a spokesman

for the French Foreign

prudently."

Bernard.

Ministry. "We can only react"

ment is a report from Nicosia

that would suggest Baghdad

has changed its position," said

Ministry spokesman Daniel

UN council meet

Security Council Thursday met

for the first time since the Gulf

war began to debate the con-

flict in a rare closed-door ses-

cluding the representatives

from Iraq and Kuwait, asked to

be allowed the floor during the

debate which was expected to

meeting behind closed-door

The decision to hold the

At least 27 speakers, in-

Away in New York, the UN

"What we have at the mo-

France also counselled cau-

Algeria, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco and Tunisia for an urgent council discussion of the These North African coun-

tries, which are not members of the Council, said they were boycotting the debate because it was not open.

GCC suspicious And, the Gulf Cooperation

Council, grouping six Arab countries hostile to Iraq. is "very suspicious," of the Iraqi proposal to end the Gulf war GCC Secretary General Abdullah Yacoub Bishara said in Mr Bishara said "the resolu-

tions of the (UN) Security Council were clear and precise, and should not be applied selectively". The GCC comprises Saudi

Arabia, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Bahrain and the United Arab

Hartal observed

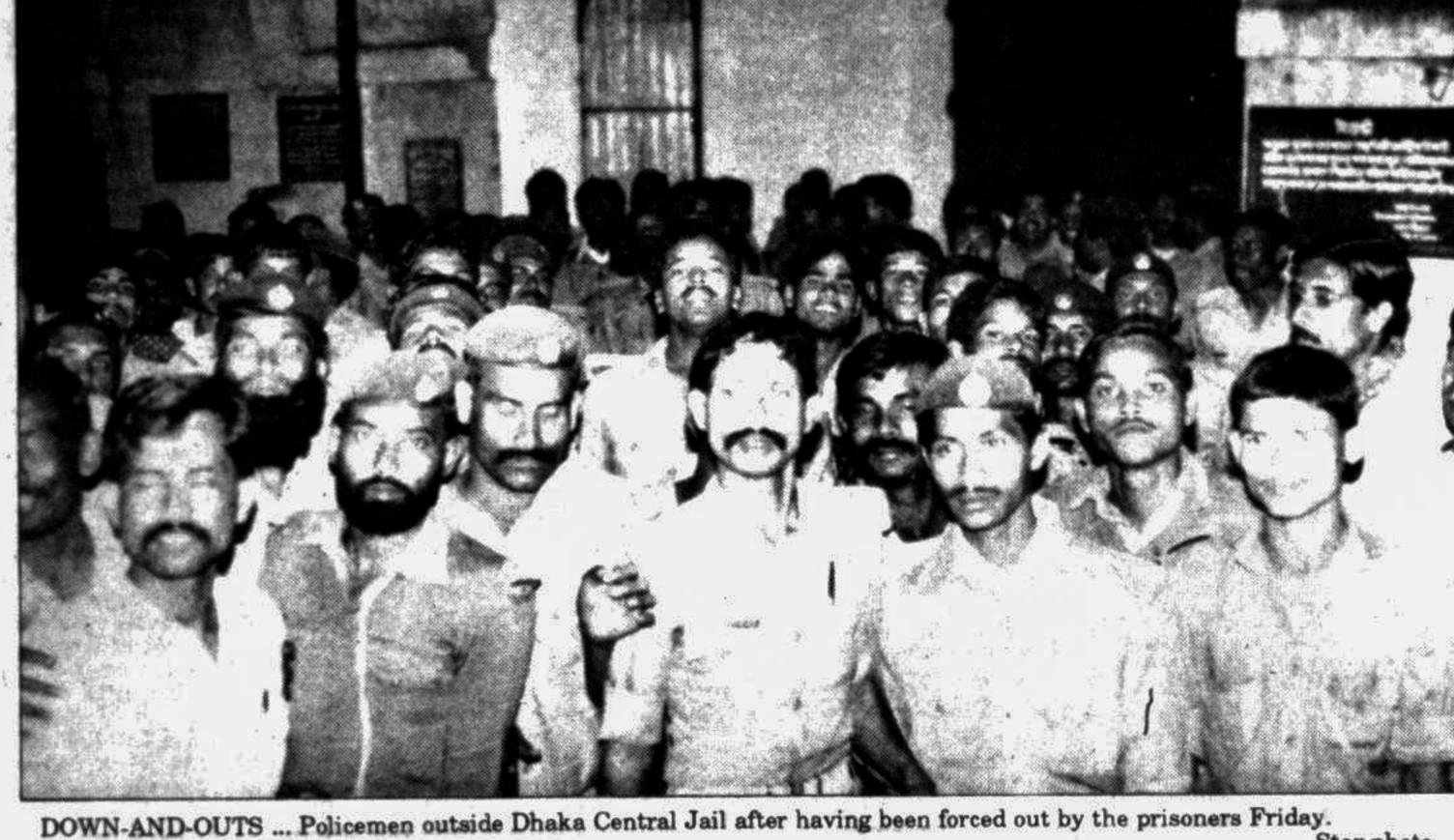
From Page 1 Col 5 He was buried in his residential area. Gulzarbagh, near the

Harun, an employee of Bogra Income Tax office, was killed and 10 others were injured when a contingent of BDR opened fire at Guripara in Gulzarbagh area to disperse a

BDR said the shooting was

in self-defence after its contingent came under attack when it rushed there to seize smuggled goods. Boalta police said they re-

covered the snatched rifle. The mob allegedly snatched three rifles Thursday form the BDR personnel. Two were recovered immediately.



-Star photo

Ershad trial

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AFM Hasan Arif will conduct the case on behalf of the government while Barrister Kazi Shahdat Hussain, Advocate Sheikh Rezaul Karim and Yousuf Hussain Humayun will appear before the tribunal defending Ershad.

Earlier on February 10 the lawyers of Ershad filed a petition before High Court Division praying for quashing the trial under Arms Act.

The court issued a stay order on the trial on February 11 but after hearing the petition for two days a two-judge bench of High Court Division discharged the petition and said that the offence committed by the ousted president was a cognizable in the eye of the law.

The lawyers of Ershad in the petition stated that under the Arms Act a president was entitled to have any number of arms without licence.

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Afterwards, a pre-feasibility

study for the Saidabad plant

was done and it was found that

the project could be imple-

mented at a lesser cost since

the water from Sitalakhya river

could be flown to plant site

through open channel that al-

ready exists. Dhaka WASA owns

about fifty acre of land in

Saidabad area which can be

study for improving water sup-

ply in Dhaka city using the

available surface water begins

soon. French government is

providing five million franc for

the study project and all the

formalities for its implementa-

tion has been completed.

France is assisting the project

under a protocol signed with

will conduct the study with as-

sistance from local consultants.

The study project is scheduled

to be completed within a year.

possibilities of using water

available from the rivers - the

Buriganga, the Sitalakhya and

DAILYSTAR, DHAKA.

The experts will study the

A group of French experts

Bangladesh last year.

Meanwhile, a feasibility

used for the plant.

BSP proposal for probe welcomed By Staff Correspondent

Leaders of journalists, newspaper press workers and employees unions in a statement on Friday welcomed the Bangladesh Sangbadpatra Parishad (BSP) proposal to set up a committee to investigate what facilities the newspaper owners and the journalists had taken personally during the autocratic rule of deposed presi-

dent Ershad. They said such an investigation would reveal the truth and free the newspaper industry

from vices. The statement said the newsmen had long been demanding to separate ownership from editorial institution by amending the Printing Presses and Publications Act. Nonprofessional people are holding the highest position in the editorial institution by

the Turag which surrounds the

Dhaka city. They will also ex-

amine the probability of utilis-

ing the water from the Meghna

river for solving city's growing

water problem. The French

experts will suggest the set-

ting up of treatment plants

using river waters along with

minimum of 16 crore gallons

of water is now required a day

for the existing consumers in

Dhaka city, while Dhaka WASA

is capable of supplying only 11

crore 50 lakh gallons. A crash

programme of Dhaka WASA is

now under implementation to

enhance the water supply by

increasing the number of deep

tubewells. With the completion

of the crash programme

sometime this year, the num-

ber of deep tubewells will

stand at 170 which will be able

to supply 14 crore gallons of

demand of water in the city

will grow further since the

population in the metropolis is

The experts believe that the

water daily.

on the increase.

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It has been estimated that a

its economic aspect and cost.

The union leaders thanked the owners for paying salary to the newspaper employees for the five days when journalists joined the mass movement and stopped working. They said their union members are prepared for any sacrifice in the virtue of being owners greater interest of the nation, not to speak of a few days' Water treatment

Commenting on the BSP warning that it would not take any responsibility for any strike in the future, they said BSP has nothing to do with the union decisions.

hampering the development of

consequently, as members of

the editorial institution

journalists have become

victims of the circumstances.

posal to form a new Wage

Board as illogical and said they

would not accept it. The Wage

Board consists representatives

from the owners and the

wages of journalists, workers

and employees are decided on

the basis of earnings and ex-

penditures of newspapers,

They termed the BSP pro-

they said.

they said.

salary.

profession. and

As such the final recommendations put forward by the present Wage Board have been made under the existing laws after taking into consideration the financial condition of the newspapers and the present price index.

Zahir, Gazi From Page 1 Col 8

Rousseau (448), Khandaker Hasnat Karim (436) and Abdul Hakim (400). Joint Secretary: Abdul Aziz (446). Treasurer: Sadrul Hasan (452), Organising Secretary: Mahmud Shafiq (417), Publicity Secretary: Delwar Hossain (450). Sports and Cultural Secretary: Syed Mesbahuddin (436), Social Welfare Secretary: Abdul Gaffar Mahmud (420) and Office Secretary: Kazim Reza (419).

The 19 Members are: Kaikobad Milon, Fazlun Nazima Khanam, Abdul Awal Thakur. Abdus Shahid, Afzal Pramanik, Aftab Ahmed, Alam Raihan. Kamrul Islam Chowdhury. Khaled Haider, Zakaria Milon. Rashidun Nabi, Reza Raihan. Rokeya Kamal, Shafiq Chowdhury, Sheikh Mohiu-ddin, Sabera Begum, Saleh Chowdhury, Swapan Das Gupta and Hossain Shahriar.

Khaleda

huge national wealth, killing people, patronising corruption and cripling the country's economy and demanded prompt trial of Ershad and his

associates. She also said the autocratic regime had deliberately misled the youth community through patronising drug smuggling.

Zainal Abedin, the meeting was also addressed by M.A. Jalil, a BNP nominee in Dinajpur-3. The BNP chief also ad dressed a series of public

Balidangi and Birganj. In a vitriolic attack on Awami League, she said the party had introduced one-party BKSAL rule killing democracy. created famine, oppressed the innocent people through private bahinis (corps) and curbed people's fundamental rights. It has no right to seek

The people, according to her, had rejected that particular party in the past and would discard it also in future. The BNP leader said that party was now conspiring to

Gobindaganj Highway.

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Presided over by Mollah

meetings and wayside rallies at Birail, Bochaganj, Fulbari, Daudpur, Thakurgaon, Pirganj.

She said the government in 1972-75 had let loose a reign of terror, curbed freedom of press by banning the publication of newspapers and enforced the Special Powers Act.

eliminate the nationalist forces

and strike off "Bismillah Hir

Rahamanirrahim" from the Constitution. She committed to the local people that BNP would set up a medical college at Dinajpur and construct the Dinajpur-

States and other naval powers

Zahirul Huq (left) and Ruhul Amin Gazi.

-Star photo

12-2 with one abstention, to give Baghdad 'one final opportunity" until January 15 to

for safekeeping.