

Come to CHITTAGONG Come to
BANGKOK THAI RESTAURANT
 The House of Peace & Rest, The Place of High Class.
 We Cordially invite you to try our Beautifully
 prepared and Beautifully presented authentic
THAI CUISINE and **SEAFOOD** in the cosy
 atmosphere of a **LOVELY HOUSE**.

1443 ASIAN HIGHWAY ROAD, NASIRABAD,
 CHITTAGONG. RSVP CALL TEL: 226803

The Daily Star

BODHUA
 YOUR FAVOURITE SARI SHOP
 143/A, NEW BAILEY ROAD, DHAKA-1000, DIAL: 468894
 The exclusive house of fashions for
 those who care for —
 Sophistication, Elegance, Dignity and
 Ladylike in Silk and Cotton Sarees

VOL. 1 NO. 144 REGD. NO. DA 781

JAISTHA 30, 1398 BS,

DHAKA FRIDAY JUNE 14, 1991

ZILQAD 30, 1411 HIJRI

12 PAGES : PRICE TAKA 3.00

Inside today

Magazine



In conversation with
 The Daily Star, noted
 economist Prof. Nurul
 Islam reflects on the
 state of sick industries
 in Bangladesh, the
 country's drive for
 food self-sufficiency
 and the global aid
 climate
Page 9

Article

The withdrawal of the
 last Cuban troops from
 Angola, the signing in
 Lisbon of the peace
 agreement between
 the MPLA government
 and UNITA, symbol-
 ised the end of civil
 war and external
 military inter-
 vention
Page 4

Judgement

The remaining part of
 the text of judgement
 in the arms case
 against deposed
 President Ershad
Page 11

Budget speech

Concluding part of the
 Finance Minister's
 budget speech in
 parliament
Page 8

NEWS BRIEFS

FFs drop Ershad

The Central Executive
 Council of Bangladesh Mukti-
 joddha Sangsad Wednesday
 took a unanimous decision to
 relieve Alhaj Hussain Moham-
 mad Ershad from the post of
 the Council's Chief Adviser, a
 council press release said
 Thursday, reports BSS.

Mizan's transfer to hospital ordered

A High Court Division Bench
 of the Supreme Court Thurs-
 day ordered former Prime
 Minister and Jatiya Party
 leader Mizanur Rahman Chow-
 dhury to be transferred im-
 mediately to PG Hospital for
 proper medical treatment un-
 der custody.

Saifur Rahman outlines policy objectives

Budget aims at self-reliance

Star Economic Report

Finance and Planning Min-
 ister Saifur Rahman on Thurs-
 day identified three major
 policy objectives of the pro-
 posed national budget for
 1991-92.

Explaining the objectives at
 a post-budget press confer-
 ence, the Minister said, at-
 tainment of greater self-re-
 liance, curtailment of unpro-
 ductive expenditures and rais-
 ing the volume of public devel-
 opment expenditure constitute
 the prime focus of the budget.

The crowded press confer-
 ence, held at the Committee
 Room No One of the Jatiya
 Sangsad (Parliament), was at-
 tended by State Minister for
 Finance Mujibur Rahman, State
 Minister for Information Nurul
 Huda, Principal Finance Secre-
 tary Khurshid Alam, Governor
 of Bangladesh Bank SB Chowd-
 hury, the Chairman, National
 Board of Revenue, members of
 the Planning Commission, and
 senior officials of the Ministry
 of Finance and other min-
 istries.

The Finance Minister said
 that development expenditure
 recorded a sharp decline un-
 der the fallen Ershad regime.
 Public sector investments did
 not rise while the country's
 population continued to swell
 in the eighties, leading to the
 worsening of the unemploy-
 ment situation, he added.

He pointed out that the
 public development expendi-
 ture which stood at about 14 to
 15 per cent of the Gross Do-
 mestic Product (GDP) in 1980-
 81 came down to 8 or 9 per
 cent of the GDP in 1989-90.
 Besides development expendi-
 ture was almost totally
 "externalised", restricting

sovereignty" in economic de-
 cision-making, he added.

The proposed budget for
 1991-92, the Minister said,
 has been formulated with the
 clear aim of reversing such ir-
 rational trends of the eighties.

On the criticism of the bud-
 get made so far by the opposi-
 tion political parties, he ob-
 served that such criticism was
 not unexpected under a demo-
 cratic pluralistic political sys-
 tem. But it was not fair to
 comment that the proposed
 budget for 1991-92 did not
 provide any sense of direction.

"The policy objectives of
 the budget are so clearly dis-
 tinct from those under the
 fallen autocratic Ershad
 regime that no one should fall
 to take note of it," he said
 while stating that
 "unsubstantiated" criticism of
 the budget made no sense.

In its broad objectives and
 outlines, the proposed budget
 is not different from what the
 opposition parties have been
 stating as their socio-economic
 goals, he claimed.

He stressed the need for a
 national consensus on the
 common objectives and goals
 which cut across the bound-
 aries of the political parties.

Without raising the volume
 of public investments in key
 areas with greater efficiency
 in the use of resources, it is
 not possible to meet the basic
 needs of the people like food,
 education, health and housing,
 he added.

The Minister said that the
 philosophy behind the pro-
 posed budget for 1991-92 was
 to mobilise the forces of
 Bangladeshi nationalism for
 productive purposes to enable

the country to attain greater
 self-reliance and help sus-
 tained growth in an open and
 competitive world.

He pointed out that depen-
 dence on external aid for de-
 velopment expenditure rose to
 99 per cent in 1989-90 from
 66 per cent in 1981-82.

The proposed budget for
 1991-92 with 14 per cent of
 Annual Development Pro-
 gramme (ADP) under it com-
 ing from domestic resources
 will certainly reflect a greater
 drive for self-reliance, he
 added.

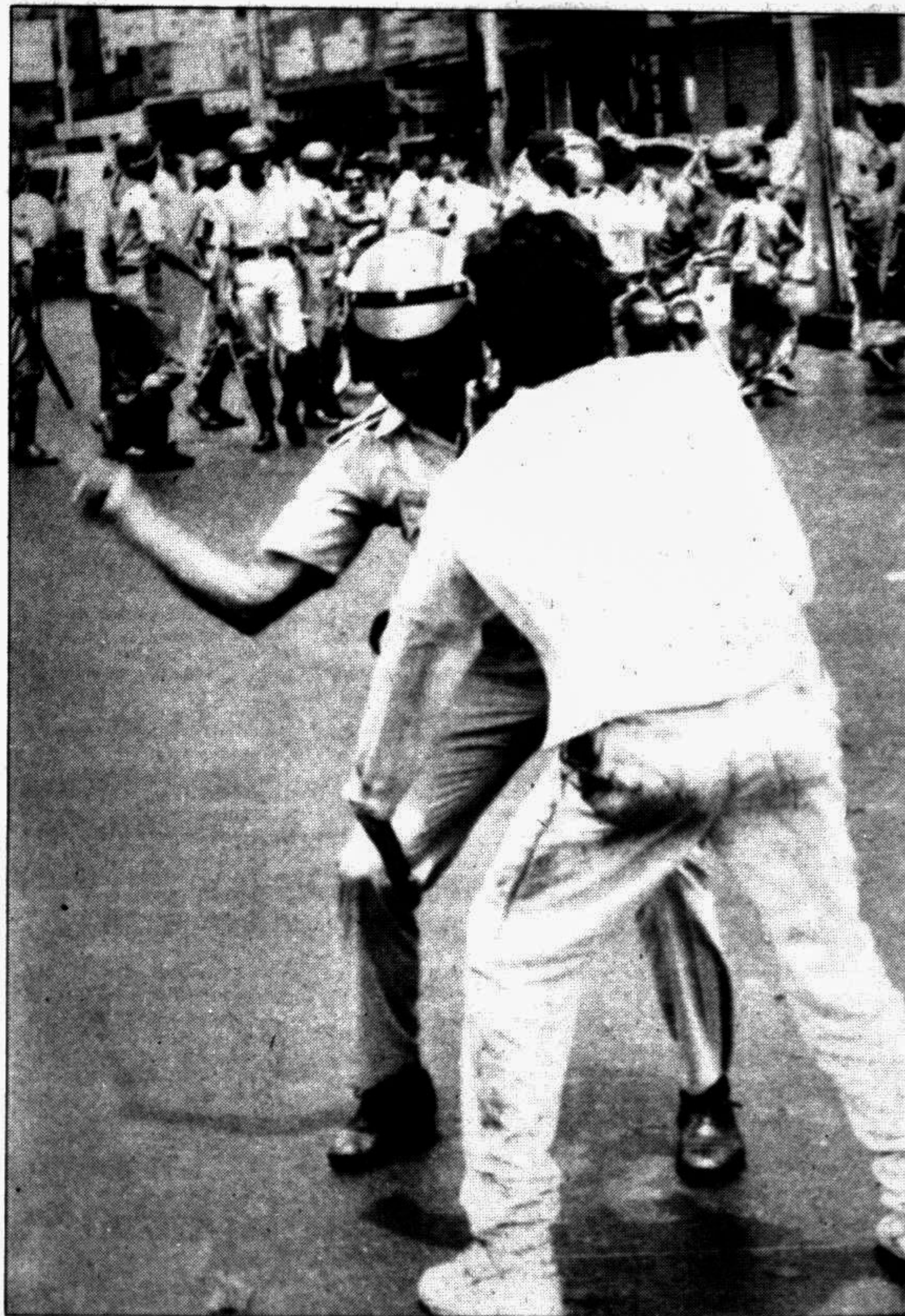
He said that massive growth
 of unproductive expenditure
 in the eighties led to availability
 of less and less domestic re-
 sources and revenue surpluses
 for funding development ex-
 penditure.

Surpluses in the revenue
 budget were virtually wiped
 out because of free-wheeling
 current expenditure of the
 government in the eighties,
 he added.

The Finance Minister stated
 that poverty alleviation efforts
 must be strengthened in a
 Least Developed Country (LDC)
 like Bangladesh to help sta-
 bilise democracy.

He said that the larger allo-
 cation of development funds
 for agriculture, rural develop-
 ment, water resources, irriga-
 tion, fisheries, livestock and
 forestry under the budget for
 1991-92 clearly demonstrated
 the will and determination of
 the government for poverty al-
 leviation.

He indicated that more al-
 location for the agriculture and
 other sectors, supporting
 uplift activities at the village-
 level.



Police moved in with batons on a Jatiya Party procession Thursday that turned violent while demanding the release of jailed deposed President H. M. Ershad. —Star photo

Big gold haul at ZIA

Customs authorities at the
 Zia International Airport
 seized 900 tolas of gold worth
 Taka 72 lakh from a
 Bangladesh Biman flight (083)
 coming from Singapore
 Wednesday night, customs
 sources said Thursday, reports
 BSS.

The customs surveillance
 team led by superintendent A
 M Idris made rummage inside
 the aircraft after its landing
 and found 90 gold bars each
 weighing 10 tolas hidden un-
 der seat number 03P in the
 Executive Class, the sources
 said.

The occupant of the seat,
 Muhammad Glasuddin, who
 hails from Debdwar in
 Comilla, was arrested and later
 handed over to Cantonment
 police station.

A case has been registered
 with Cantonment police.

Gunbattle on DU campus : Two injured

At least two persons were
 wounded with bullet as student
 activists of Awami League and
 JSD (Inu) fought a prolonged
 gunbattle in the Jagannath Hall
 premises of Dhaka University
 tonight, reports UNB.

The injured were taken to
 Dhaka Medical College
 Hospital and one of them was
 rushed into the operation
 theatre in critical condition.

They were named Bikash
 and Ashim Chandra Halder.
 Bikash was being operated
 upon.

Campus sources said the
 fighting erupted after pro-JSD
 Chhatra League (N-A) support-
 ers ransacked a room of the
 Chhatra League (H-A) activists
 at 10-30 pm at the East Block
 of the hall.

About 100 shots were heard
 till midnight.
 Police were patrolling the
 hall compound.

Arms recovered from CU campus

CHITTAGONG, June 13: A
 tense situation still prevailed
 in Chittagong University as
 government high officials held
 a series of meetings with lead-
 ers of political parties, teach-
 ers and students of restore
 calm on the campus, reports
 UNB.

Police sources said a US-
 made revolver and eight
 rounds of bullet were recov-
 ered from the university gate
 today.

Hathazari police arrested
 Dulal Mohammad, a 3rd year
 student of Political Science
 Department of the university,
 in this connection.

Home Secretary Luthfullah
 Majid and IGP AM Chowdhury
 separately met with the rep-
 resentatives of BNP, Awami
 League, the Vice-Chancellor of
 CU, Teachers' Association,
 CUCSU and Islami Chhatra
 See Page 12 Col. 2

Opposition parties in Parliament review budget

Farmers, low-income group will be affected

By Staff Correspondent

The opposition political
 parties in the Jatiya Sangsad
 (Parliament) in a joint meeting
 on Thursday reviewed the
 budget proposals of Finance
 Minister Saifur Rahman for the
 year 1991-92.

The meeting chaired by
 the Awami League chief and
 Opposition Leader in Parliam-
 ent Sheikh Hasina held the
 view that the direct and indi-
 rect taxation in the budget,
 would hit the farmers and the
 middle and low-income
 groups. The proposed budget
 opts for concession to the rich
 people and provides opportu-
 nity to a class in the business
 circle, it said.

They termed the budget as
 a rhetoric where many things
 remained fuzzy and not under-
 standable.

They also criticised the Fi-
 nance Minister by saying that
 the statutory order of the
 taxation had not been supplied
 to the Members of Parliament.

The meeting was attended
 by leaders of all opposition
 parties in parliament except
 Salahuddin Quader Chowdhury
 of NDP, Jatiya Party and Jamaat
 leaders attended the meeting.

After the meeting Awami
 League leader and Chief Whip
 of the Opposition in Parliam-
 ent Mohammad Nasim
 briefing the newsmen said the

opposition members decided
 to fight against the discrimina-
 tion in the budget inside the
 parliament.

Replying to a question he
 said that no decision had been
 taken to go for movement out-
 side the parliament.

Bangladesh Samyabadi Dal
 (Marxist-Leninist) Secretary
 Dilip Barua termed the budget
 as unproductive and business-
 oriented.

In a press release he said
 the increase of fertilizer price
 would hamper food produc-
 tion. The enhancement of gas
 and electricity prices would af-
 fect production in mills and
 See Page 12 Col. 1

Finland will give Dhaka priority in assistance

Finland will accord topmost
 priority to Bangladesh in its
 external cooperation and ex-
 pressed willingness to partici-
 pate in all development efforts
 of the country, reports UNB.

This was conveyed to Prime
 Minister Begum Khaleda Zia by
 Finnish Ambassador Jyrki
 Martti Bertil Aimonen when
 the former made a farewell call
 on her today.

During the meeting, they
 discussed strengthening coop-
 eration in different fields in-
 cluding economy and com-
 merce.

They also stressed on ex-
 changing visits at different
 levels including parliamentary
 delegation between the two
 countries.

See Page 12 Col. 1

Over dozen hurt in baton charge

JP men go violent, damage vehicles

By Staff Correspondent

Over a dozen people were
 injured, several seriously,
 when police resorted to baton
 charge to quell a violent Jatiya
 Party demonstration, protest-
 ing conviction of the deposed
 President HM Ershad in the
 capital yesterday.

Police also arrested three
 demonstrators while damaging
 vehicles at Purana Paltan
 crossing around noon.

The demonstrators de-
 manded release of Ershad,
 Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury
 and other JP leaders.

Ershad was sentenced to 10
 years rigorous imprisonment
 Wednesday by a Special
 Tribunal for possessing unau-
 thorised arms.

Of the injured, Farida, a
 woman, who came from
 Ershadnagar, Tongi, was ad-
 mitted to Dhaka Medical
 College Hospital with head-in-
 jury. Other seriously injured
 persons were taken to city
 clinics.

According to witnesses, the
 JP demonstrators, after hold-
 ing a rally near the Jatiya Press
 Club, started marching to-
 wards the Motijheel
 Commercial Area at noon. The
 processionists turned violent
 when a cracker burst while the
 procession was passing
 through the Topkhana Road.

See Page 12 Col. 4

Opposition united to press BNP on form of govt

By Staff Correspondent

All opposition parties in
 Parliament and independents
 have unanimously decided to
 pressurise the ruling party to
 switchover to parliamentary
 system of government during
 the current session of the Parliam-
 ent.

The decision was taken at a
 meeting Thursday chaired by
 Sheikh Hasina, Leader of the
 Opposition in Parliament. All
 political parties including
 Jatiya Party were represented

in the meeting held at the
 committee room at the
 Sangsad.

Mohammed Nasim (AL),
 Chief Whip of the Opposition
 later told newsmen "We want
 that the ruling party should
 bring a bill on the form of gov-
 ernment during the current
 session of Sangsad". The BNP
 has not yet informed the oppo-
 sition about the bill it is going
 to introduce in Parliament, he
 See Page 12 Col. 7

Chambers give mixed reactions

By Staff Correspondent

Different chambers of
 commerce and industry of the
 country have expressed mixed
 reaction to the proposed na-
 tional budget for 1991-92.

While welcoming a good
 number of steps in the budget,
 the chamber representatives
 feel that the budget should
 have specific measures to en-
 courage investment and indus-
 trialisation.

The Federation of
 Bangladesh Chambers of
 Commerce and Industry
 (FBCCI) in its reaction on
 Thursday said there was no
 specific sense of direction to-
 wards industrialisation in this
 budget.

The budget proposals were
 discussed at a meeting of the
 executive committee of FBCCI.
 See Page 12 Col. 5

Stackpole lauds resilience of people

Every effort made to face cyclone aftermath

The democratic govern-
 ment here made every effort to
 face the terrible situation in the
 aftermath of the cyclone.
 Major-General Henry C Stack-
 pole, Commander of the
 United States Joint Task Force
 for relief operations said on
 Thursday, reports BSS.

"The resilience and courage
 of the people here greatly
 helped us in carrying out our
 task. I'm satisfied over the ac-
 complishment of the job as-
 signed to my personnel in the
 cyclone-battered areas of your
 country," Maj-Gen Stackpole
 told newsmen prior to his de-
 parture ending "Operation Sea
 Angels".

Gen Stackpole commanded
 the relief mission that was en-
 gaged in air and amphibious
 transports as well as commu-
 nications, medical and engi-
 neering assessments.

As the remaining personnel
 of the Joint Task Force was
 leaving Bangladesh, the United
 States General said he consid-
 ered the mission unique in na-
 ture as it provided to the Task
 Force a noble job to perform.

He said the magnitude of
 the devastation caused by the
 See Page 12 Col. 7

National Board of Revenue NOTICE

The date for advance Income Tax payment for the
 fourth quarter of the current financial year is June 15,
 1991. The advance Income Tax payable by the
 concerned tax payer is paid through IT Form No-I-T
 31 (B) (Amended) challan. The tax payers should pay
 the advance tax filling in the said challan form as usual
 by replacing the figure "74 (1)" with the figure "64" as
 many places it occurs in the form.

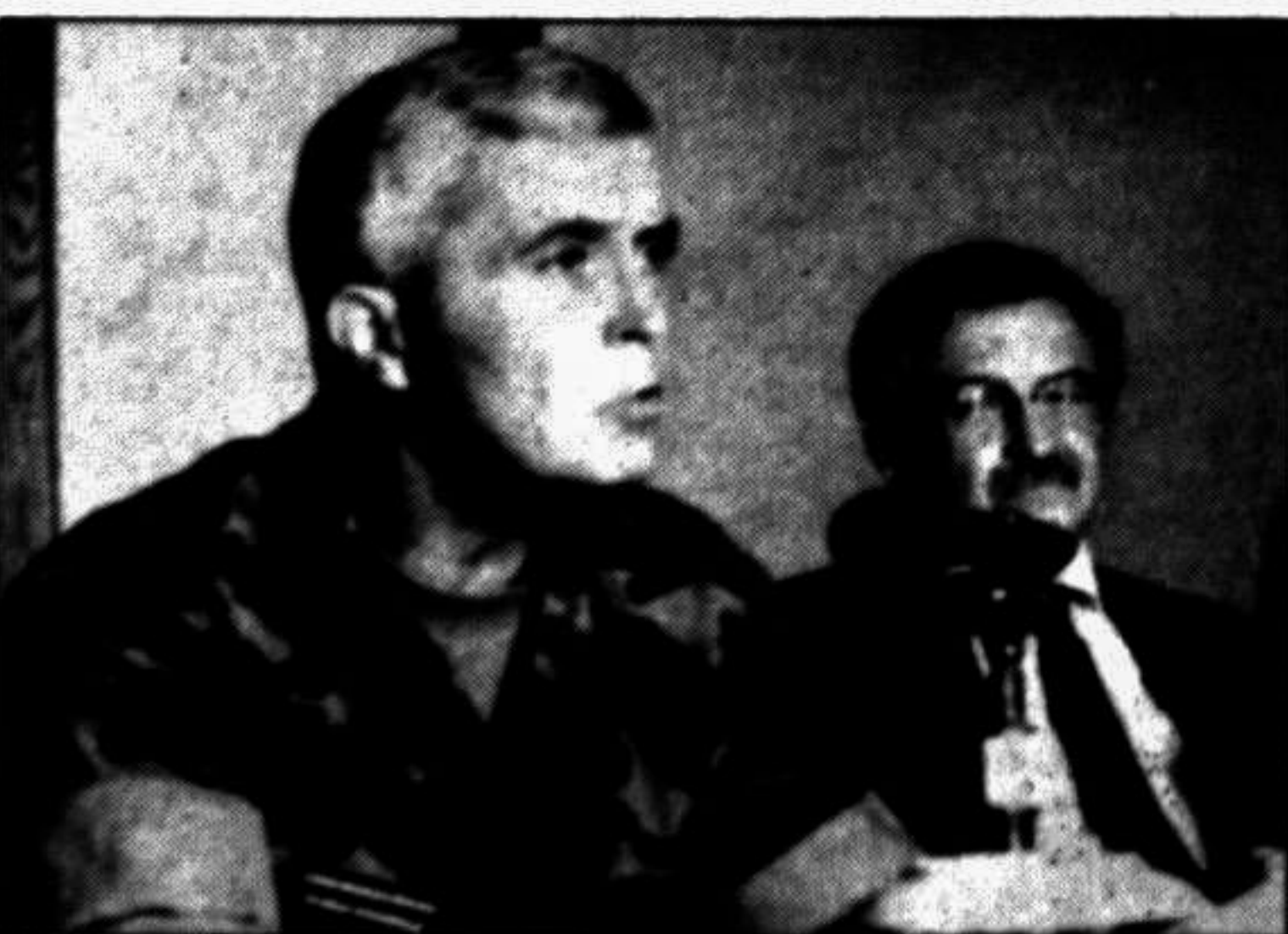
It may be mentioned that the financial limit of total
 income for payment of advance Income Tax in case of
 income of Tk 50,000/= as decided on the basis of Tax
 Imposition Order finalised latest by amendment to the
 relevant clause of Income Tax Ordinance under Fi-
 nance Act 1990, has been redefined as follows:

- (A) For company domiciled in Bangladesh Taka 20 thousand.
- (B) For non-domicile tax payers Taka 5 thousand.
- (C) For other tax payers Taka 60 thousand.

All tax payers concerned are requested to pay their
 advance Income Tax for the last quarter of current
 financial year for the 1991-92 tax year under this system
 by prescribed date.

Rule to impose simple interest @18% per year will
 be applicable if the advance Income Tax is not paid or
 paid less than the amount of payable advance tax.

DFP (C) 7048-11/6 National Board of Revenue
 G-219 Dhaka.



US Task Force Commander Maj Gen Stackpole addressing a pre-departure press conference at the American Centre on Thursday. US Ambassador William B Milam (right) was also present. —Star photo

আগামীকাল ১৫ই জুন
১০ টাকা প্রাইজ বণ্ডের
৯৮ তম ড্র

এই ড্র অনুষ্ঠিত হবে
চট্টগ্রামে

বিষে, জন্মদিন এবং অন্যান্য গুড অনুষ্ঠানে
 উপহার হিসাবে প্রাইজ বণ্ডের তুলনা হয় না।

১০ টাকা প্রাইজ বণ্ডের
 প্রতিটি সিরিজে পুরস্কার রয়েছে:

- ৫০,০০০ টাকার ১টি
- ১০,০০০ টাকার ১টি
- ১,০০০ টাকার ৪টি
- ৫০০ টাকার ৪টি এবং
- ১০০ টাকার ৯০ টি।

প্রতি ড্র'তে অনেক সিরিজ,
 আর তাই লক্ষ লক্ষ টাকার পুরস্কার।
 পুরস্কারের টাকা আয়করমুক্ত।

প্রাইজ বণ্ডের পুরস্কারের টাকা বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক থেকে পরিশোধ
 করা হয়। তাই সরাসরি বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক উপস্থিত হয়ে অর্থ
 কেবলমাত্র ডাক ব্যবস্থক পুরস্কারের টাকা দাখি করা যায়।
 * যারা বণ্ডারী যে কোন বাণিজ্যিক ব্যাংক অথবা আয়কর
 বাধ্যতাবহ পুরস্কারের টাকা দাখি করতে পারেন।

জাতীয় সঞ্চয় পরিদপ্তর