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## NEWS BRIEFS

### 4 injured in cocktail blast

Four people, including three minors, were injured in explosion of a molotov cocktail at Nimtali in the city Friday afternoon. The injured were admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital. DMCH sources said. They were named Taslima (9), Afsaruddin (10), Nasima (11) and Moslemuddin (50), reports UNB.

### Curfew clamped in Bangalore

BANGALORE, Dec 13: Curfew has been clamped in Bangalore for three days from today in view of unabated violence and arson during the all-party sponsored Karnataka bandh to protest the gazetting of the Cauvery Tribunal's Interim Order. Bangalore is the second city to come under curfew, reports PTL.

### 15 hurt as dacoits attack boat

SIRAJGANJ, Dec 13: Fifteen people were injured, two seriously, when dacoits swooped on a boat on river Jamuna at broad daylight today. Witnesses said the dacoits, armed with lethal weapons, attacked the mechanised ferry boat, beat its passengers mercilessly and looted their valuables and cash, reports UNB.



## Martyred Intellectuals' Day today

By Staff Correspondent

The nation observes today the 'Shaheed Buddhijibi Dibosh' (Martyred Intellectuals' Day) recalling with poignant memory the supreme sacrifice of many of its finest sons murdered by the agents of the Pakistani occupation force before its abject surrender on December 16.

The occupation force of Pakistan brutally killed the leading intellectuals of the country under a blueprint to decimate the best brains of the soil at the end of the nine-month-long bloody war of independence in 1971.

On the eve of the final victory, barely 48 hours before the death knell of the occupation force tolled, its notorious agents killed a lot of intellectuals.

The black-hooded Al-Badar and Al-Shams gangsters along with Pakistani secret agents raided the houses of teachers, journalists, writers, poets, physicians, engineers and other intellectuals from December 9 to December 14 and took them away blindfolded at gun-point and none of them returned to their homes.

On December 16 when the Pakistani occupation force surrendered, bodies of some of the kidnapped intellectuals were found at the marshy land of Rayerbazar on the outskirts of the city.

To implement their blueprint to destroy the country's intellectuals, the killers slaughtered some of the intellectuals at a slaughter house at Mirpur, where a memorial has been built in their memory. Bodies of some of the martyrs were never found. The martyred intellectuals included Prof Munir Choudhury,

Shahidullah Kaiser, Mofazzal Haider Choudhury, Dr G.C. Dev, Jyotirmoy Guha Thakurata, Prof Glasuddin Ahmed, Dr Fazle Rabbi, Anwar Pasha, Sirajuddin Hossain, Altaf Mahmud, Dr Sirajul Haque Khan, Abdul Mukadir, Dr Abul Khaer, ANM Muniruzzaman, Dr Fazlur Rahman, Dr Shaadat Mahe, Ataur Rahman Khadim, Anuddaipayan Banerjee, Rashidul Hassan, Sree S Banerjee, Sharafat Ali, Dr Abdul Karim, Dr Mostafa Muhammad Sadek, Santosh Banerjee, Najmuddin Ahmed, See Page 12 Col. 3



Children at a painting contest organized by National Museum on the occasion of the Victory Day yesterday. — Star photo

## Koreas sign no-war pact

SEOUL, Dec 13: North and South Korea, whose tense peninsula is the last major theater of the Cold War, took a major step toward reconciliation Friday by signing a historic accord calling for peaceful coexistence, reports AP.

Before the signing, the two nations issued a statement pledging to work toward a nuclear-free Korea. It was hoped that the treaty could be concluded by the end of the month after talks at the border village of Panmunjom.

In signing Friday's agreement, North Korea for the first time officially recognized the existence of South Korea. The accord reached in break-through talks late Wednesday calls for the Communist north and capitalist south to put a formal end to their 1950-53 war.

"Today, the tide of reconciliation and cooperation flowing worldwide has reached this land," said South Korean Prime Minister Chung Won-shik.

Chung and North Korean Premier Yon hyong Muk smiled, exchanged documents and shook hands as other delegates applauded.

"The agreement will bring peace to our 70 million brethren," said Yon, referring to the total number of ethnic Koreans living in the two Koreas and around the world.

"We must now make the Korean peninsula free of nuclear weapons," Yon said.

The two sides agreed to meet February 18 to exchange final documents after ratification by the South Korea's National Assembly parliament and the north's Supreme People's Assembly.

North Korea's growing international isolation and economic bankruptcy were seen as the key factors leading to the accord.

North Korea's secret nuclear arms development has been widely criticized, and even ally China has called for inspections.

Intelligence reports say North Korea will have the capability to produce atomic bombs as early as 1993, and the United States has led growing efforts to pressure the north to halt such research.

Both sides proposed a nuclear-free peninsula Wednesday, and the south also made a surprise offer to accept North Korean-demanded inspections of military and civilian facilities, including US bases in its territory.

## Bail petition of Shyamoli to be moved today

By Staff Correspondent

Bail petition of Mary Janet Shyamoli will be moved at the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Court today (Saturday).

Shyamoli was arrested on December 1 under Section 54 of Criminal Penal Code in connection with the mysterious death of Hafez Mukhter Hossain, former chairman of Narayanganj Sadar upazila. The former chairman was found dead with a bullet wound in his hand in a car parked near Holy Cross College at Tejkanipara on November 29.

Earlier, the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate rejected the bail petition of Shyamoli twice. Tejgaon police are yet to receive the finger print report of the recovered revolver and fresh autopsy report of Mukhter.

## A day of fresh vow: Khaleda

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia said here yesterday the martyred intellectuals were the beacon of the nation and their sacrifices would remain as sources of our inspiration for posterity, reports BSS.

In a message on the eve of "Shaheed Intellectual Day" the Prime Minister paying tributes to the martyred intellectuals who made supreme sacrifices in the Liberation War of the country, said, "I join the entire nation to recall them with regard on this sad day."

Begum Zia said "the martyred intellectuals were immortal and would remain ever inexhaustible in our mind. They are indestructible," she added.

The Prime Minister said the nation was now on a transitional period. She said all we were the soldiers of ideals of the martyred intellectuals in our present effort of making a happy and prosperous society through establishing democracy afresh and creating a cultural heritage.

Begum Khaleda Zia said the day was now one of mourning but of taking fresh vow and determination.

The Prime Minister said that we would have to take fresh pledge to translate the ideals for which the intellectuals died.

## BNP, Jammāt conspiring, says Hasina

By Staff Correspondent

Awami League president and leader of the opposition Sheikh Hasina has called for building up a united resistance to counter the anti-liberation forces in order to give democracy an institutional shape.

In a message on Martyred Intellectuals' Day yesterday, Sheikh Hasina, now in Singapore attending on her ailing brother-in-law, said the social and political rehabilitation at the behest of the ruling party of those forces opposed to the Liberation War was part of a deep conspiracy. She said, through removal of four fundamental state principles from the Constitution, communal politics was being patronised.

Sheikh Hasina accused both the BNP and the Jamaat-e-Islami of jointly conspiring against sovereignty and development.

UNB adds: "The ruling clique backed by identified anti-liberation Jamaat-e-Islami, in the guise of democracy, is hatching a new conspiracy against the country's sovereignty, democracy, progress and economic freedom," Hasina said.

She said that Razakar, Al-Badr and Al-Shams, reared by Jamaat-Muslim League, brutally killed the brilliant sons under a heinous plot to turn Bangladesh into a leaderless nation.

Paying homage to the martyr, See Page 12 Col. 8

## Moshrefa Mishu held on dacoity charge

By Staff Correspondent

Police arrested a female student leader from Dhanmudi area in the city Friday morning.

Moshrefa Mishu, convener of Chhatra Oikya Forum, was arrested from a house at 48, Green Corner at 10.30 am in connection with an arms case and a dacoity case. The cases were filed against her with Joydeyapur police in November last, police said.

Mishu was produced before the court of Chief Metropolitan Magistrate from where she was sent to the jail.

## Changes in Jatiya Sangsad Rules of Procedure soon

by Mostafa Kamal Majumder

The Jatiya Sangsad (parliament) is expected to change soon its Rules of Procedure to make those compatible with the recent constitutional changes marking a switchover from presidential to parliamentary system.

Reliable sources say a proposal to amend or omit some rules and insert new ones in the Rules of Procedure is under active consideration of the authorities concerned. The Rules of Procedure now has 318 rules and four schedules.

Sheikh Razzak Ali, Speaker of Jatiya Sangsad, told The Daily Star on Friday the thing was still at a nebulous stage. He said some changes were necessary in the light of the changes brought about by the Constitution Twelfth Amendment Act.

The Speaker declined to elaborate on the proposed changes saying it would not be proper for him to make a disclosure before things take a final shape.

The Rules of Procedure, framed under Article 75 (1) (A) of the Constitution, regulates the conduct of business of

the parliament. The present Rules of Procedure was adopted in the first parliament of Bangladesh on July 22, 1974. The rules were amended on seven occasions since then.

The changes now being considered, according to sources, would be substantial. Since the government under the amended Constitution is now accountable to parliament, procedures to ensure accountability need to be adequately defined.

To make the parliament effective, its committees need to be given more power to investigate the complaints lodged by the people against irregularities in the administration.

Definitions of some terms and names of others would have to be changed to tune the Rules of Procedure to constitutional changes, sources said.

The Rules of Procedure was amended first on March 3, 1980 following the passage of the Constitution Fifth Amendment Act. Subsequent amendments were adopted on June 4, 1981; July 12, 1987; May 11, 1988; February 15, May 31, and July 10, 1989.

## 'Go to Parliament not to streets'

Former Chief Justice Kemaluddin Hossain Friday called upon the political parties to take their activities to the Jatiya Sangsad instead of the street, reports BSS.

In the parliamentary system of government, the Sangsad is the focal-point of all activities, he said while taking part in a discussion in the city.

The Bangabandhu Parishad organised the discussion on "Twenty Years of Independence and the Present Bangladesh" as part of its series of programmes on the occasion of Martyred Intellectuals' Day and Victory Day.

Poet Begum Sufia Kamal, chairperson of the Parishad, presided over the discussion held in front of "Bangabandhu Bhaban" at Dhanmudi.

Among others, Justice K M Sobhan, Prof Zillur Rahman Siddiqui, Prof Salahuddin Ahmed, Ali Zaker and Dr S A Malek took part in the discussion.

Justice Kemaluddin Hossain said the movement of the political parties outside the Jatiya Sangsad should be aimed at moulding public opinion. But such kind of movement should

be constitutional and peaceful, he said.

The former Chief Justice said, the opposition political parties must give the government a reasonable time for running the country. Side by side, the government must keep in mind that the 'reasonable time' is not infinite, he pointed out.

Justice Hossain said in the parliamentary form of government, the opposition party is not actually an opposition but an alternative government. The party in the opposition should have a shadow cabinet through which it will announce its programmes, he said.

Justice K M Sobhan called upon the government to solve the problems on the basis of consensus with the opposition political parties.

He also urged the government to implement the joint declaration of the three alliances.

Justice Sobhan said, the Indemnity Ordinance must be repealed side by side scrapping 'all other black laws' to establish rule of law in the country.

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## ME talks progress at snails pace

WASHINGTON, Dec 13: Israel and its Arab neighbours have taken a break from peace talks until Monday after three days of hard bargaining which all sides said was making progress, albeit at a rate that was almost imperceptible, reports Reuter.

Israelis, Jordanians and the Palestinians have spent more than 20 hours in the corridors of the UN State Department since Tuesday in a painfully slow attempt to agree on how to separate Palestinian issues from Israeli-Jordanian relations.

The negotiations, though couched in highly technical language, could indirectly affect the future status of the Israeli-occupied territories, the powers of the Palestinian

delegates and their complicated relationship with Jordan.

On Thursday evening the joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation received a new Israeli proposal on the framework for future talks and promised to study it over the weekend.

The talks are the second round of direct negotiations in the Middle East peace process launched in Madrid in October under the auspices of Washington and Moscow.

Israel's separate talks with Syria and Lebanon have gone ahead more smoothly but no one expects early breakthroughs towards formal peace agreements.

Syria says it is ready to make peace in return for the See Page 12 Col. 7

## India, China sign accords ignoring border disputes

NEW DELHI, Dec 13: Ignoring their border dispute, India and China signed three cooperation agreements Friday and spoke of closer ties to counterbalance western political domination, reports AP.

For the third day, police arrested Tibetans who marched out of a refugee camp protesting the visit of Chinese Premier Li Peng. They demanded an end to Chinese rule over their former kingdom in the Himalayas, which China annexed in 1950.

The accords committed the Asian giants to restoring border trade, reopening con-

sulates in the Indian city of Bombay and the Chinese city of Shanghai, and to cooperation in space, science and technology, according to AFP.

Li, 63, and Indian counterpart PV Narasimha Rao, 70, were present in the Ornate Ashoka Hall of the presidential palace to applaud the signing of the pacts, which came after a second, two-hour round of talks between the two.

The accords confirmed Sino-Indian intentions to take slowly thawing relations forward despite an unresolved border dispute, which erupted into war in 1962 and led to

almost three decades of estrangement between the world's two most populous nations.

Indian Foreign Minister Madhav Singh Solanki and his Chinese counterpart, Qian Qichen, inked the agreement to reopen consulates and an accompanying note on consular conventions.

But it still fell short of pre-war representative levels when China had a consulate in Calcutta and India operated one in Lhasa.

Minister of state for Commerce Palaniappan Chidambaram and Chinese Trade

Minister Li Lianqing initialled the accord on the resumption of border trade, a 1992 trade protocol and the minutes of an economic cooperation council meeting.

The space agreement was signed by India's secretary of the department of space, UR Rao, and Lu Jiyuan, Chinese Vice-Minister for Aerospace and Aeronautics. It committed New Delhi and Beijing for the first time to space cooperation.

Li is the first Chinese Prime Minister to visit India since his foster father Zhou Enlai was here in 1960 at the height of

Sino-Indian friendship, followed two years later by war and estrangement.

The signing of the agreements coincided with a second unsuccessful attempt in two days by young Tibetan exiles to storm the Chinese Embassy here to protest Chinese rule over their Himalayan homeland.

Some 15 protesters chanting "death to Li Peng" and "long live the Dalai Lama" were beaten back by police, who prevented them from approaching the gates of the heavily-guarded mission in

central Delhi.

Waving black flags and shouting "Li Peng quit Tibet," the demonstrators jumped out of a van and ran towards a steel barricade erected outside the Embassy. They were dragged off in police vans to be charged with breaking a ban on public protests.

The Tibetan issue figured briefly during talks here Thursday between Rao and Li, who told his Indian host that Beijing appreciated New Delhi's "principled stand" of recognising Tibet as a Chinese autonomous region.

## Bush refuses to take sides between Yeltsin, Gorbachev

WASHINGTON, Dec 13: President George Bush refused today to take sides between Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev and Russian President Boris Yeltsin, saying that he supported reformers and democrats 'whoever they are,' and that the Soviets had to decide their own future, reports AFP.

The US president said that Washington had an 'interest' and 'responsibility' for events See Page 12 Col. 2