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DU classes resume today

Classes of Dhaka University will resume today (Thursday) after a week long winter vacation, reports BSS.

BNP rival groups clash in Barguna

BARGUNA, Jan 1: Two rival groups of BNP workers clashed at Betagi upazila over tomorrow's (Thursday) district conference of the party. Senju Mia (18) was admitted to Betagi Upazila Health Complex with his head broken in the clash. The clash ensued when the rival groups were campaigning against each other, reports UNB.

Clash in Narsingdi: Three injured

NARSINGDI, Jan 1: Three people were injured in a clash between the supporters of two candidates for chairmanship of Madhobdi Union Parishad of sadar upazila Tuesday. According to police, supporters of chairman candidate Sahuddin Ahmed while returning from a campaign at midnight were attacked by the supporters of existing chairman Engineer Shawkat Ali at Madhobdi Bazar, reports UNB.

Portugal assumes EC presidency

LISBON, Jan 1: Portugal assumed the rotating presidency of the European Community on Wednesday for the first time since joining the 12-nation organization in 1986, reports AP.

Clash with police at BL College : 9 wounded

Student shot dead

KHULNA, Jan 1: One student was shot dead and nine others were injured in an armed clash between students and police in BL University College premises today, reports UNB.
 The victim was identified as Fazle Rabbi Mukta (22), 1st year science student of BL college. He died on the spot.
 The clash began when a group of police entered into the college auditorium where Rotaract Club was holding the

New Year's eve "Applause" function. The students objected the presence of police inside the hall. This led to quarrel and at one stage police resorted to lathicharge, witnesses further said.
 Student activist claimed Mukta was killed by police bullet and called for day-long strike in Khulna city tomorrow (Thursday) in protest of the police action.
 Authorities closed the college for an indefinite period.

The strike call was given jointly by JCD, Chhatra League, Chhatra Shibir Jatiya Party.
 Police, however, denied the charge and said Rabbi was shot dead by an activist of his rival group.
 Blaming the students for the clash, police said they fired about 30 rubber bullets and 70 tear gas shells to quell the agitating students.
 Witnesses, however, said police fired more than 100
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Khaleda asks JCD members Identify and help punish terrorists

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia Wednesday expressed her firm belief that the student-community, the driving force of the society, would always help further the present democratic government, its politics of peace, progress and development, reports BSS.
 She said, "We believe that our students will strengthen and continue to play their traditional role for the betterment of the teeming millions in the new democratic atmosphere."

The Prime Minister was addressing the 13th founding anniversary of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal at Engineers Institute premises.
 Begum Zia said the students of different educational institutions in the country were coming under the flag of JCD with a belief that the organisation had a better leadership and it would always uphold the healthy and correct student politics. "You must have to live
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Police assault Star man

By Staff Correspondent
 Muniruddin Ahmed, Staff Correspondent of The Daily Star based in Khulna and Hanif Dakua, photographer of Dainik Janabarta were seriously injured Wednesday after being severely beaten by police during student-police clash at the BL College in Khulna city.
 Both the journalists, who were on duty to cover the incident in the college premises, sustained head injury and were admitted to the Khulna Sadar Hospital.

According to information received in Dhaka the clash on the college campus began in the morning and when the two journalists were discharging their duties at the spot, they were manhandled by police at around 1-30 pm. A group of policemen encircled them, mercilessly beat them up and confined them for quite some time, witnesses said.
 A group of local journalists rescued them and rushed them to the hospital. It is alleged that the cameras of both the journalists were taken away by police and were not returned till Wednesday night.
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Swollen face of a baby: Mosquitoes made it all.

Mosquitoes menace metropolis

By Asjuzzaman
 In Dhaka mosquitoes are now a menace.

So far, authorities have done little to take sting out of this vast army of the tiny creatures, city dwellers say.
 The failure by the concerned authorities in spraying insecticides ahead of the high breeding season of mosquito, caused the present menacing situation in and around the capital, informed sources said.
 For about eight months, the authorities did not spray larvicide in drains and ditches

where mosquito larva grows up, the source said, adding that this year the season was congenial for mosquito breeding.

Besides the Dhaka City Corporation (DCC), there is a separate department of the government-Mosquito Control Department (MCD) to eradicate mosquitoes from the capital of seven million people.
 November to February is the season for mosquito breeding. Some 2465 kilometres of drains and hundreds of ditches of stagnant water are consid-

ered to be the mosquito-breeding centre in 210 sq km areas of city.

The mosquito has a one-month life cycle, 15 days of larva stage and another 15 days adult stage, a well-informed doctor said.
 The DCC authorities used two types of insecticides to control mosquito.
 Sicofling is used as adulticide and pyrifox as larvicide, the source said, adding that both brands are locally produced.
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Licensed firearms holders asked to deposit arms

All licensed firearms holders have been requested to deposit their arms along with the licences to the offices of Deputy Commissioners of their respective areas by January 15, reports BSS.
 A press note on Wednesday said, "In view of the present law and order situation it is presumed by the government that peace and security of the public life is being disturbed through the abuse of some li-
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Anti-smuggling drive begins

First day raid yields little

By Staff Correspondent
 The government's anti-smuggling drive began yesterday with search and seizure of contraband goods and raids on shopping centres throughout the country by the task force members.

The chief of the Task Force and Member of the National Board of Revenue (NBR) Shah Abdul Hannan told The Daily Star that raids had been conducted in different districts across the country including Khulna, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Mymensingh and Narayanganj. No untoward incident was reported, he added.
 In the capital, members of the Task Force raided two super markets and recovered some banned crockeries and cutleries, official sources said.
 Some one hundred Custom officials divided in eight groups conducted the raids in about 300 shops of New Market and New Super Market in the city.
 Before starting the raid some 300 police and 200 BDR personnel cordoned off the area. They were also aided by Customs securitymen.

The raid was led by Dr Rafiqul Islam, Joint Collector of Customs.
 During the five-hour raid a Task Force team recovered the crockeries and cutleries worth Taka 7,000 from a shop of the New Super Market. The traders, however, claimed that the seized goods worth about Taka 15,000.
 The representatives of the traders association were also present on the spot. Normal shoppings were not hampered during the raid, witnesses said.
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Situation along Myanmar border calm

From Staff Correspondent
 CHITTAGONG, Jan 1: The situation along the Bangladesh-Myanmar border has remained calm today following the flag meeting between the two countries on Tuesday, according to Bangladesh Rifles sources here.
 The BDR sources said that a fresh date for the next flag meeting is yet to be finalised. The troop situation along the border areas remained unchanged, they added.
 More Rohingya refugees continued to arrive from across the border, the BDR sources said.



ANTI-SMUGGLING DRIVE: Securitymen on guard in front of a city shopping centre (top) and officials conducting search for contraband goods at a shop in city yesterday. - Star photo

One killed in Gopalganj poll clash

From Our Correspondent

GOPALGANJ, Jan 1: One person was shot dead and four were injured in a clash between the supporters of two candidates of the forthcoming UNION Parishad election in Gopalganj Sadar upazila today.
 The clash ensued when a procession of the supporters of Syedur Rahman, one of the candidates, were passing by the residence of his rival Shahabuddin Sardar.
 Both groups raised provocative slogans and at one stage were locked in the clash.
 Abdul Gani Sardar was shot dead on the spot and the four others, Gaus Hossain, Jamal Hossain, Hossain Sardar and Elias Hossain, received bullet injuries.
 Police rushed to the spot and arrested Shahabuddin Sardar.



UN lacks democracy, says Ghali

CAIRO, Jan 1: The United Nations' new Secretary-General worries about a threat of global dictatorship unless leaders of the "new world order" change their tactics for bringing about global democracy, reports AP.
 And while fledgling democracy must be protected, Egypt's Boutros Ghali wrote in a political journal, the major powers must defend it by overstepping weaker states sovereignty.
 Ghali complained of "the

absence of democracy in international relations" and argued that all countries should have a role in formulating global policies, ideally through the United Nations.
 But that body is marred by a lack of democratic processes brought to it by its post-World War II organizers, he wrote.
 Ghali recorded his thoughts on the world's new-found preoccupation with democracy in a little-noticed article in the winter edition of "International Politics," a limited-circulation Egyptian quarterly he edited.
 It appeared in November shortly before the Security Council nominated Ghali to replace Javier Perez de Cuellar in the top UN job. He took over officially at midnight New Year's Eve.
 The article provided rare insights into the mindset of the veteran Egyptian diplomat brought to the secretary-general's job.
 He largely avoided discussion of controversial UN topics during his campaign.

Especially touchy were subjects that might have alienated the United States or the other four permanent Security Council members whose veto could have cost him his appointment.
 "If we refuse a totalitarian system within a particular country, then it is only natural that we refuse totalitarianism in the new world order," Ghali wrote.
 By that, he said, he meant "that a single state or handful
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বিগত ২৪শে ডিসেম্বর, ১৯৯১ ইং তারিখে সরকার কর্তৃক পৃথক কতিপয় রাজস্ব কার্যক্রমের উপর বিভিন্ন পত্র-পত্রিকায় প্রকাশিত রিপোর্টের উপর সরকারের দৃষ্টি আকর্ষিত হয়েছে। উক্ত রাজস্ব কার্যক্রমের মাধ্যমে সরকার ৫০ কোটি টাকার অতিরিক্ত আয়দানি শুদ্ধ আয়োগ করেছেন বলে বিভিন্ন পত্রিকায় যে তথ্য দেয়া হচ্ছে তা একেবারেই কল্পিত নয়। এ বিষয়ে সূত্র ধারণা নিরসনের জন্য নিম্নবর্ণিত তথ্যাদি সর্বশ্রেষ্ঠ সাক্ষর অবপত্রের জন্য জানানো প্রয়োজন।

- ১। দেশীয় দুগ্ধ শিল্পকে উৎসাহ প্রদান ও বিদেশী শুদ্ধ দুগ্ধের অতিরিক্ত আয়দানি নিরসনসহিত করার জন্য সরকার ২-৫ কোটি টন ও বস্তায় আয়দানিকৃত শুদ্ধ দুগ্ধের আয়দানি শুদ্ধ নামমাত্র ৫% বৃদ্ধি করেছে। এই সামান্য শুদ্ধ বৃদ্ধিতে খুচরা পর্যায়ে বিশেষ কোন মূল্য বৃদ্ধি হবে না বলে সরকার দৃঢ়ভাবে মনে করে। নিত্যপ্রয়োজনীয় নয় এমন কতিপয় মশলা যেমন পোল মরিচ, দারুচিনি, এলাচ, জিরা, মৌরিসানা ইত্যাদির উপর ১৫% শুদ্ধ বৃদ্ধি করা হয়েছে। উল্লেখ্য যে, এ সকল মশলার উপর ৩০শে জুন, ১৯৯১ ইং পর্যন্ত কঠিনম ডিউটির অতিরিক্ত ২০% হারে বিক্রয় কর থাকলেও এর পরবর্তীতে মূল্য সংযোজন করা আরোপিত হয় নাই। ফলে আয়দানি ব্যয় পূর্বের চেয়ে কমে যাওয়ায় এসকল পণ্যের বহির্ভুক্তি চোরালান উৎসাহিত হচ্ছিল। এ প্রসঙ্গে উল্লেখ করা প্রয়োজন যে ১৫% শুদ্ধ বৃদ্ধির পরও এ সকল মশলার করতর ৩০শে জুন, ১৯৯১ ইং তারিখে প্রযোজ্য করতরের চেয়ে কম থাকবে।
- ২। এছাড়া একই তারিখে সরকার সেচ ব্যবস্থা সম্প্রসারণের মাধ্যমে কৃষি উৎপাদন বৃদ্ধির লক্ষ্যে ডিপ টিউব ওয়েলের বিভিন্ন কমপোনেন্টস যথা ডিজেল ইঞ্জিন (২০.০১-৪৫ এইচ পি), ইলেকট্রিক মটর (২০.০১-৪০ এইচ পি), পাম্প, ফ্লাইং, পীয়ার, স্পাইসার শ্যাফট ইত্যাদির শুদ্ধ (৬০%-১০০%) থেকে ১৫% এ নির্ধারণ করেছে। একই সাথে নির্মাণ শিল্পের ব্যয়ভার কমানোর উদ্দেশ্যে পিপ আয়রণ ও মেটাল আয়রণ গ্রুপ এর আয়দানি শুদ্ধ সম্পূর্ণ মওকুফ ক্রয় আহাজের শুদ্ধ ২০% থেকে ১০% এ কমানো হয়েছে। এছাড়া নদীমাতৃক বাংলাদেশে যাত্রী সাধারণের নৌপথে চলাচল সহজসাধ্য করা ও হিমায়িত মৎস্য রক্ষণাদি উৎসাহ প্রদানের জন্য মেরিন ডিজেল ইঞ্জিনের খুচরা যন্ত্রাংশের উপর উল্লেখযোগ্য পরিমাণ আয়দানি শুদ্ধ হ্রাস করা হয়েছে।
- ৩। এই বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রকাশের পর সরকারের সিসিমা সম্পর্কে জনমনে সৃষ্টি যে কোন প্রকার অমূলক ও ভ্রান্ত ধারণার উপস্থাপন হবে বলে সরকার মনে করে।

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