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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Hasina returns home today

Bangladesh Awami League President and leader of the Opposition in the Jatiya Sangsad, Sheikh Hasina, will return home today (Tuesday) under a revised schedule, reports BSS.

### 20 injured in Barguna clash

BARGUNA, Jan 6: At least 20 people were injured and many shops damaged during a pre-election clash at Talali Bandar in Amtali Upazila Sunday. Witnesses said supporters of Barbuque union chairman candidates—Ansarul Islam and Belayet Farazi—clashed with each other during electioneering yesterday afternoon, reports UNB.

### Babri Masjid case: Hearing resumes

LUCKNOW, Jan 6: The hearing of the Ram Janam Bhoom Babri Masjid case was resumed before the special full bench of the Allahabad High Court here today. The hearing will continue tomorrow also, reports PTI.

## Flag meeting today

# Myanmar pulls back troops

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Jan 6: Myanmar today pulled its troops one kilometre back inside its territory ahead of the planned second flag meeting with Bangladesh tomorrow.

Reports received here from across the border said that

Myanmar this morning withdrew its troops from the front line and deployed paramilitary "Lunthin" border guards and police instead, a day before the planned flag meeting between the military commanders of the two countries.

Two-thirds of an estimated 30,000 Myanmar troops earlier deployed along the Bangladesh borders were pulled back and were stationed near Mongdu township, according to the reports.

The flag meeting will take place at 9 am tomorrow at Teknaf to discuss steps to resolve the problems prevailing along the border between the two countries, officials at Cox's Bazar said today.

They say that the Myanmar authorities in a letter to the local Bangladesh Rifles commander at Cox's Bazar confirmed their participation at the Teknaf flag meeting.

The first flag meeting was held in the Myanmar township of Mongdu December 31 after hectic diplomatic efforts following the attack on a BDR outpost by Myanmar border guards December 21.

The letter, handed over to the Bangladesh side at about 11 am today, also informed of the transfer of the local Myanmar Commander Lt Col Tun Ye, according to an official who preferred anonymity.

The name of the new com-

mander, expected to lead the Myanmar team, was not available, he said.

Reports trickling in from across the border said that the Myanmar authorities also suspended digging of trenches along the border opposite Teknaf and Naikhyangchhari upazilas.

However, another report said that Myanmar has concentrated its troops in the Akidong coastal areas opposite St Martins Island of Bangladesh last evening.

UNB adds: The Bangladesh side at tomorrow's meeting will ask for regular flag meetings under the Border Arrangement Agreement of 1978, a spokesman in the Foreign Office told newsmen in Dhaka.

Referring to the country's diplomatic efforts to ease the situation, he said Bangladesh Ambassador in Yangon Mostafa Faruque Muhammad is scheduled to call on Myanmar Foreign Minister Ohn Gyaaw today to apprise him about Dhaka's views.

Bangladesh envoy will also  
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## World Bank wants Dhaka to change population policy

Star Report

The World Bank has advised Bangladesh to revise its current population control strategy shifting the focus on an irreversible method of family planning.

The sudden advice has perplexed the policy-makers as, according to them, this will require reversion of the government's population strategy. The government was so long following a policy of popularising the reversible method (such as use of pills, condoms, coils, IUD and others) giving a free choice to eligible couples.

The irreversible methods are: ligation, vasectomy and other clinical practices.

Bangladesh government has already expressed strong reservations against the new advice of the World Bank and requested the donor to reconsider it. However, there was no reply from the donor till Monday, according to official sources.

The donor's new advice was communicated to the govern-

ment after the recent visit of a World Bank mission to review the progress of population projects financed by the World Bank and other donors.

The World Bank-led mission also included representatives from other donor agencies and countries. The mission reviewed the progress of the Third Population and Health Project of Bangladesh that ended December 31 completing its five-year term.

After the review, the mission said that Bangladesh was lagging behind in popularising the irreversible method and recommended the putting of more stress on this. The World Bank and other donors had previously encouraged Bangladesh to opt for reversible methods. Bangladesh authorities also believe that the reversible practice is suitable for the country where the infant mortality rate is high.

The donor also opposed the Bangladesh government policy  
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## Police force to be expanded, says PM

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia said Monday that the government would build and expand the police force to meet the changing needs of the time under the present democratic system, reports BSS.

Addressing senior police officers at the international conference centre in the city, Begum Zia said "you have to accelerate your activities and properly discharge duties to ensure peace and stability in society keeping in mind that you are part of people as well as of the government in the democratic system."

The Prime Minister said government wanted to train up the police force to make it more effective in ensuring welfare of the peace loving people of the society. She said effective measures had been taken to introduce metropolitan police system in Rajshahi.

Begum Zia also announced that the compensation would be increased to Taka 50,000 from Tk 25,000 for members of police who would die in harness. In case of injury on duty, the compensation would be increased to Taka 25,000 from Tk 10,000.

She called upon the police officers to discharge their duties  
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## 46 Rohingyas held on Satkhira border

From Staff Correspondent

KHULNA, Jan 6: Members of the Bangladesh Rifles this morning rescued a group of Myanmar citizens from Satkhira border of the country, sources said.

They said members of the BDR rescued the group of 46 Rohingya Muslims from Ghona outpost at about 9 am today when they were being smuggled out of the country on promise of job.

The group, composed mostly of young men and women are from Boyarbel village of Mongdu district of

Myanmar, according to sources.

The refugees, who crossed Bangladesh border from Myanmar a week ago, alleged that one Selim of Cox's Bazar town promised them job in the Middle East in return of Taka 2000 per head.

The group reached Satkhira via Dhaka. Three other groups were also smuggled out of the country during the past quarter, the refugees said.

The rescued Myanmar citizens would be handed over to the police tomorrow, according to the sources.

## Jail wardens lay siege to offices of IG, DIG

By Staff Correspondent

Wardens in Dhaka Central Jail Monday laid a siege to the offices of the Inspector General (IG) and the Deputy Inspector General (DIG) of Prisons Directorate demanding removal of anomaly in pay-structure with that of their equivalent ranks in other law enforcing agencies.

When about 500 jail wardens surrounded the offices from 8 am to 10 am, both the IG and the DIG could not enter their offices.

Meanwhile, the Inspector General of Prisons met the Prime Minister and the Home Secretary Sunday night and briefed them about the demands of the jail wardens, sources said.

The sources also said that the matter should be considered after a discussion with the Finance Minister, who was abroad and would be available in the country on 9 of this month. But the jail wardens should withdraw their programmes immediately, the Prime Minister is learnt to have told the Inspector General.

About 5,800 jail wardens in 74 jails in the country, however, continued their demonstration programmes and refrained from drawing their salaries till yesterday (Monday) in protest against the discrimination.  
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## Administrative snags feared 22 secretaries retire next year

Star Report

Twenty-two out of a total of 50 secretaries are scheduled to retire by the end of the next year.

There is a feeling that the retirement of such a large number of seasoned bureaucrats at a time may affect the smooth functioning of the administration at the early stages of democratic renewal. Observers feel that the presence of these highly experienced administrators may turn out to be of vital importance for implementing the policies of the newly elected government.

These officials will be ending their government services on reaching the obligatory re-

irement age of 57. International and regional experience show that the mandatory retirement age is out of step with present day realities.

The life-span and intellectual ability of a person has greatly increased over the years due to superior medical services and better living conditions enabling him to remain healthy and active for beyond the age of 57.

The retirement age in neighbouring Pakistan and Sri Lanka is 60, 58 for Indian government servants and varies from 58 to 60 in individual state administrations.  
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## Wage commission formed

Staff Correspondent

The government yesterday announced a National Wages and Productivity Commission with former Education Secretary Mir Mustafizur Rahman as its chairman.

This commission will propose to the government among other things, new wage structure for the workers and a standard of productivity for the individual workers in relation to the particular amount of wage they are to receive from the different industrial establishments.

The commission comprising representatives from the government, workers and the owners of private industrial establishments.

The five persons selected by the government, however,  
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Jail wardens demonstrating in the city in support of their demands yesterday. — Star photo

## Unauthorised homestead illegally demolished

By Staff Correspondent

An unauthorised homestead was illegally demolished by the Rajuk authorities in the city yesterday.

A magistrate working for the Rajuk, Miss Amatul Latif, with the assistance of a contingent of police ordered some hired labourers to demolish a semi-pucca structure at 25/X, Green Road, allegedly without serving any notice earlier to  
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## Shantibahini ambush foiled: One killed

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Jan 6: Bangladesh security forces today foiled an ambush by the outlawed Shantibahini and shot dead one of its members at Dighinala upazila of Khagrachhari district, officials said.

They said one Shantibahiniman was captured and three others injured in a fight with the security forces. The forces also recovered one rifle, three magazines, one grenade  
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## UN must condemn Israel before talks, Arabs say

NICOSIA, Jan 6: Arab delegations are awaiting U.N. condemnation of an Israeli decision to expel 12 Palestinians, as well as firm U.S. pressure on Israel, before agreeing to take part in a new round of Middle East talks, reports AFP.

Two elements will affect our decision to go to Washington: the kind of pressure exerted by the United States on Israel and the vote in the United Nations Security Council, Palestinian delegate Saeb Oreikat said in Jerusalem today.

In Amman a Palestinian source said Security Council condemnation of the deportation decision would be sufficient for Palestinian, Jordanian,

Syrian and Lebanese negotiators to resume talks in Washington.

He said a proposal to condemn the planned expulsions, drafted by non-aligned countries, had been circulating at the United Nations and added that the Security Council could meet on the issue later today.

Arab parties delayed their departure for Washington to protest an Israeli decision last Thursday to expel 12 Palestinian activists from the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The move by Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, taken after a Jewish settler was shot dead on the Gaza Strip, on

Sunday received the backing of the cabinet despite mounting international criticism.

The United States condemned the measure, which was also deplored by Russia and the European Community, and urged its repeal.

In Israel today the newspaper Haaretz reported that in the aftermath of the expulsion order Washington had decided to restore its dialogue with the PLO.

It said the deportation measure had strengthened the hand of those officials in the U.S. administration favouring contacts with the PLO and predicted that the dialogue would resume unofficially ahead of a formal announcement.

Contacts began in 1988 but were broken off in June 1990 after the PLO failed to discipline members of a Palestinian Commando unit that had tried to land on an Israeli beach.

PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, anxious to secure a United Arab stand on the future of the talks, meanwhile travelled today to Damascus, where he was met by Vice President Abdel Halim Khaddam.

He was earlier in Amman, where he saw king Hussein, and in Cairo for talks with President Hosni Mubarak. Palestinian sources in Tunis, where the PLO is based, had said Arafat wanted to make

sure the Palestinians would not find themselves isolated in the dispute.

Under fire from ultra-nationalist parties and angry settlers alarmed by an increase in anti-Israeli violence in the territories, the Shamir government has repeatedly vowed not to give in to international protests.

Shamir has dismissed warnings that the planned deportations could harm the nascent Middle East peace effort and said the 12 had the right to appeal to a military commission and the Supreme Court.

The Israeli delegation left Sunday for Washington.

আপনার নিজের ও পরিবারের নিরাপত্তার জন্যে আজই একটি জীবন বীমা পলিসি নিন

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