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Taiwan considering to

buy arms from CIS

TAIPEI, Jan 12: Taiwan is considering buying weapons

from the newly established Commonwealth of Independent

States (CIS) while trying to develop substantive ties with the

11 CIS nation lawmakers here said today. The defence min

ister has many times asked me about the possibility of pur-

chasing arms from the CIS, and we have sent him relevant

data about other nations buying weapons from the former

Soviet Union," legislator Chou Chun quoted Foreign Minister

Israel for talks on basis

of Camp David accord

Washington peace talks will propose Palestinian autonomy as

specified in the Camp David accords, Foreign Minister David

JERUSALEM, Jan 12 Israeli negotiators at the

Fredrick Chien as saying, reports AFP.

# Try Badal's killers or face movement: BCL

By DU Correspondent

The Bangladesh Chhatra League (S-A) has demanded stern action against terrorists and asked the government to try the killers of

The BCL leaders have also threatened to launch a vigorous movement in case of government inaction in this respect: Badal was killed last Thursday by some unidentified assatlants on the Dhaka University campus.

At a big rally, held Sunday to protest the killing of Badal at Bangebandhu Avenue, the BCL leaders said the culprits Irrespective of party affiliations must be punished.

They urged the government to pass Indemnity (Repeal) bill to stop the politics of killing. BCL (S-A) leaders alleged that the killers of Badal were

some identified terrorists sheltered by the government. The government was also delaying the repeal of the Indemnity Ordinance to avoid the trial of the killers of

Rahman, they said. BCL DU unit President Golam Mustafa Sujan in his speech said that Ziaur Rahman was the first to arm the students and made the student politics dirty.

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur

DU unit General Secretary Kamruzzaman Ansari said that the politics of killing in the country started with the murder of Bangabandhu and spread fast under the Zia government.

Ansari recall the killing of three Chhatra League leaders

Eight former socialist coun-

This was disclosed by

He said barter trade with

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Commerce Minister M K

Anwar in reply to a question in

three of the former socialist

nations - Soviet Union, Foland

Law Minister

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Speaker initially refused to al-

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Parliamentary Affairs Aminul

Huq to introduce the bill on

allowed the State Minister to

ment saying that he would not

allow it in future without prior

written permission of the con-

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newspapers, as "unfortunate".

Mirza Golam Hafiz pointed out

that he could not attend the

session due to a flight delay

from Saidpur where he went

to participate in a canal-dig-

ging programme. He de-

manded that the observations

he expunged from the day's

that by giving the ruling, the

Speaker disowned the prac-

tices in this Parliament and

also the parliamentary prac-

tices in neighbouring India and

Justice Minister, Speaker

Shetkh Razzaque Alt pointed

out that his ruling was in ac-

cordance with the Rules of

Procedure. He referred to Rule

2 and Rule 75 (4) of the Rules

of Procedure and said that all

relevant rules prescribed that

a written authorisation was re-

and said that he would always

abide by the ruling of the

Chair. He, however, reiterated

that the remarks of the

Speaker, as reported in news-

papers, that This is too much,

where are we going," were un-

fortunate and should be ex-

punged from the proceedings

for the sake of the dignity of

Salauddin Quader Chowdhury

(NDP) said that the demand

that the Speaker's remarks be

expunged has curtailed the

Chief Whip Khandakar Delwar

Hossain while accepting the

Speaker's ruling pointed out

that the relevant rule referred

to by the Speaker did not pre-

scribe for written authorisation

in case a concerned Minister

was absent due to unavoidable

that the ruling of the Speaker

had possibly ignored all the

established practices of Par-

The Chief Whip also said

Participating in the debate

dignity of Parliament.

circumstances.

liament.

In support of the ruling,

Mirza Hafiz again stood up

quired in this regard.

the House.

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The Law Minister added

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However, the chair finally

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Pakistan.

Parliament Sunday afternoon.

-Walt, Shawkat and Mohsin on the same day (January 12) in 1980 at the Agricultural

University. Ashim Kumar Ukil, the BCL General Secretary, demanded implementation of the students' ten-point demand.

**BCL Vice President Ahmed** Hossain said that the Special Parliamentary Committee on Campus Violence has not yet been able to devise any means to make the campus violence-

He alleged that police had been acting the role of silent spectators during every incident of violence. "We will continue our movement unless a peaceful academic atmosphere is created in the country," he

The BCL leaders also demanded expulsion of Golam Azam from the country and imposition of a ban on Jamaat Shibir politics.

They condemned the BNP government for conspiring to award citizenship to Golam

The rally was also addressed by BCL Dhaka City General Secretary Motiur Rahman Moti, City Organising Secretary Akhtarul Alam, BCL Joint Secretary Momtazuddin Mehdi and BM Mozammel

The rally was followed by a large procession.

8 ex-socialist states

owe Dhaka Tk 289 cr

By Staff Correspondent

The Chhatra League will hold a milad mahfil and Qurankhwani today for the deceased at its central office.

and Romania - has ceased and

as a result barter trade has

shrunk in volume and import

from these countries has re-

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cluding the three mentioned

above owe the total amount to

The outstanding amount

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House, will be realised from

these countries after the

completion of agreements in

accordance with the relevant

clause through Sonali Bank. He

said the proposal to adjust the

outstanding amount with re-

payable loans of Romania

Poland and former Soviet

Czechoslovakia continue to be

He said trade with the na

tions with which barter trade

has stopped is being con-

ducted in hard currency

Export earning

From Page 1 Col 4

considerably affected.

stiff competition from India.

Jute also suffered due to wage-

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garment manufacturers are

finding tough to match with

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to participate in more interna-

the decline in performance.

tional fairs also contributed to

the government does not take

effective steps to tackle the si-

tuation on an urgent basis,

economy will continue to slide.

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Business leaders feel that if

tivation in the country.

Shrimps suffered due to

Bangladesh is also facing

Besides, Bangladesh exports

14.52 per cent. Itemwise, raw

jute, jute goods, frozen food,

in operation.

Union are being considered.

Bangladesh, he added.

According to Sonali Bank

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia taking salute at a parade marking the graduation of a new batch of Naval officers at the Bangladesh Naval Academy Parade ground at Patenga yesterday. -PID photo

# Powerful navy a must

From Page 1 Col 7 missile boat, gun boat and floating dock were acquired at the initiative of Shaheed Zia. "Now you have to give overall leadership of building up a modern and powerful naval force", she told them.

The Prime Minister reminded them that their main objective would be to serve the nation with discipline, obedience and sincerity and protect national independence and

She said that the vast marine boundary of Bangladesh was integrated with the flourishment of national economy. It is one of the main responsibilities of Bangladesh Navy to maintain complete control of this boundary and to ensure harnessing and protection of the huge marine resources".

Begum Zia lauded the role

of Navy during the time of nat ural calamities and said the naval force had earned respect of all for protecting fish resources, anti-smuggling drive and particularly the curbing of piracy in the Bay of Bengal.

Speaking briefly on the occasion, the Prime Minister stressed the need for acquiring academic knowledge along with professional training in the academy

She told them that they were embarking upon a new life where they would require more knowledge and higher technology. She urged them to keep pace with the modern innovations in their respective field of work.

Begum Zia expressed the hope that the newly commis sioned officers would contribute their mite in the na tional development. We have a glorious history of liberation war before you which will in-

spire you in your every work and step, she added.

She said the great tasks of protecting and preserving our naval vessels lay on the offi-

The Prime Minister later addressed the officers and sailors of Bangladesh Navy at the BNS Issa Khan here, and said the modernisation and expansion of Navy would continue for sustaining country's development and strengthening the defence.

She said setting up of a Sea Research Institute and cre ation of a forward base were under active consideration of the government.

She expressed the hope that the members of Navy would put in their best efforts to make the Naval Force stronger one.

Begum Raushan Elahi, MP was also present on the occa

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### Defaulting vessel From Page 1 Col 8

the port Friday. Saturday, the ship lifted anchor and sailed off without

clearance of the port authority.

A departmental case was filed with the DG of Shipping and an inquiry was going on.

### Credit

From Page 1 Col 8 commitment by the World Bank during the current fiscal

Officials said only one credit was negotiated with the World Bank after last May's consortium meeting. Moreover, four credits negotiated last year could not be effective due to non-fulfilment of various conditions.

### Export fund

From Page 1 Col 8 1986, 1987 and 1989. A total of over Taka 75 crore had been provided under this fund dur-

The utilisation of this fund is being monitored by the mentation.

1991, only Taka 7.80 crore was spent through different projects. This amount is a little over 70 per cent of the total

EEC. They said that the EEC may even withdraw Stabex i the fund was not fully utilised. Jute Ministry sources said that the concerned authorities

project proposals for optimum utilisation of the fund. They said that a lack o competent and dynamic per-

sonnel was the reasons behind the shortage of project pro-The same sources said that

### Levy said here today. Once procedural matters are settled, Israel will propose to the Jordanian Palestinian delegation

However, at around 3 am

The port authority immediately contacted the navy and a naval gunship, BNS Noakhali chased the ship about five miles and stopped it.

Aid pledges picked up to 1,500 million US dollars this fiscal, the meeting observed, but World Bank's contribution was very meagre compared to other donors.

ing the period

Commerce Ministry and the Planning Commission has been relieved of processing the projects for their speedy imple-Sources said till April.

Sources said that the slow

utilization of the fund may have an adverse impression on the

have failed to submit enough

the EEC may not pull back the unutilised fund if it finds no logical reason behind its back-

### the autonomy laid down in the Camp David accords which should become the basis of discussions," he told voice of Israel radio, reports AFP.

Seen from the Gallery From Page 1 Col 5 cool but the mind gets excited, naturally leading to heated de-

On this occasion it was quite an opportune moment for people especially their elected representatives to vent

bates and angry actions.

their emotion. Golam Azam, perhaps the most controversial figure in the country's recent history. was made Amir of Jamaat c Islami that enjoys a substantial strength in the Sangsad, the seat of power. This was enough for the combatants to pick up the issue, and interesting enough it coincided with the

winter session of the Sangsad. The honourable members of the Sangsad missed no chance to shout down, with their usua style, the rivals. The visitors galleries were full of people majority of whom had definite loyalty to a particular party The loyalty was visible from the dresses they put on. The Home Secretary with one of his colleagues was on hand to

The members had quitely filled the House before it was time for deliberations on the subject though the day's proceedings had started with a small number of them

assist the Home Minister.

sue was fought from two dis tinct premises; emotional and logical. Jamaat members were more apt in citing rules and regulations and the logic for their actions. But others, in tracing the genesis of the emergence of the country, were more emotional than log-

The war of words on the is

Major (Rtd) Hafiz, in his turn shed new light on the his tory of War of Liberation when he mentioned that General Zia wrote a letter to a commander of Pakistan army, Maj Gen Jamshed by name, requesting him to give due honour to his wife', incidentally the Leader of the House today. But the Leader of the House was not present in the House and no member from the Treasury

### From Page 1 Col 7

people.

Yeltsin, who led resistance to the coup and has since presided over the break-up of the Soviet Union and introduced painful economic shock therapy, of destroying the Soviet Union and its army and starving the people.

By Staff Correspondent

The Bangladesh Awami League said on Sunday that the 'anti-humanitarian' Indemnity Act must be repealed as the first step towards establishing democracy in the country.

party's working committee also called upon the people to be vocal over the demand for passage of the Indemnity Ordinance (Repeal) Bill in the Jatiya Sangsad unanimously. The four-day meeting of the party ended Saturday.

Chaired by the party chief and Leader of the Opposition Sheikh Hasina, the meeting in a resolution said that the government's 'unexpected' conduct in matters of passage of the bill had caused deep anger

It said the Awami League

Bench challenged the authenticity of the statement.

The heat of the arguments and counter arguments became severe when Moulana Sobhan of Jamaat-e-Islami tried to compare the Pakistani passport of Colam Azam with that of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman when he was released from prison in Pakistan. The Awami League MPs instantly reacted and Moulana Sobhan was guick enough to apologise for his statement. The speaker also expunged the statement.

As the debate continued it became clear the politicians irrespective of their political beliefs or personal relationship can be very bitter in their comments. Shawkat Alt of Awami League was no excep-

As his turn came, he showered all the best things about the physical appearance of Moulana Nizami but when it came to the description of the political actions of the latter, he did not fail to find adjectives to make every stroke as strong as possible.

The session yesterday also witnessed a lively scene when the ageing parliamentarian and Law Minister Mirza Golam Italiz took the floor to give a personal explanation. From his deliberations it became clear again the Bangalees are more status conscious than anything

Mirza Hafiz was trying to impress the whole Sangsad by repeating the words that he was the senior most member and descrived courtesy. The Speaker who, according to his words, had learnt many things from Mirza Hafiz was visibly unmoved by all these claims. With words of compliments for the Law Minister the Speaker stuck to his position in clarifying the rules of bust-

The Law Minister, it seemed, did not care much to read the provisions in details and he had to keep quite after the Speaker had given a lengthy explanation quoting clauses after clauses and citing instances from Indian parliamentary history.

### Sick industries

From Page 1 Col 6 industries said.

According to the source, total involvement of money in those industries is around Taka 5000 crore of which Taka 4000 crore was from the Development Financing Institution (DFI) and some commercial banks as loans.

The World Bank, however,

According to the source a proposal for a special law on sick industries is also under consideration by the govern-

ment.

Star one of the members of the cell said the neighbouring India had enacted such a law to salvage the sick industries of that country in 1985. India had also set up a special body called 'board of industrial and financial reconstruction to monitor the condition of production and marketing of industrial products, he said, adding that the board helped the industries with necessary information and guidelines. Such a system should have to

Meanwhile, the body on sick industries has already identified the causes of sickness of the industries and is now engaged in scrutinizing some 2000 proposals it received through its ten sub-

though only 1800 applications were submitted to the cell, the actual number of sick industries is more than 15,000.

velop a durable system that would help contain sickness of the industries at the primary level by providing guidelines, suggestions and necessary information, he said.

### Golam Azam: legal issue From Page 1 Col 4 Mohammad Nasim of the AL

the issue coming at the last

The JS members who took part in the debate yesterday included Abdus Samad Azad, Salauddin Yusuf, Sudhangsu Shekhar Halder, Matia Chowdhury, Sheikh Fazlul Karim Se-

lim, Mohammad Nasim, Shawkat Alt and Artfur Rahman of the Awami League (AL), Matiur Rahman Nizami, Maulana Abdus Sobhan and Enamul Hoque of the Jamaat, Shamsuddoha of the Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB), Shahjahan Siraj of the Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) and Independent member of the Sangsad Major (retd) Halizuddin. Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury came out with the government position

on Golam Azam. Matin Chowdhury, in his The minister also pointed statement made to the out that the existing barter Sangsad, said the government agreements with China, North has not yet granted Golam Korea, Bulgaria, Hungary and

### Azam citizenship and it is Poll offenders

From Page 1 Col 4 Members of the police, BDR, Ansar and the volunteers will be deployed at the polling centres. Besides, a reserve force would also be kept standby, the EC sources said. No plan for deployment of the army has been taken so far by the authorities, they added.

tea and leather suffered most. Unlike previous years, the The MCCI study revealed EC this year directed the prethat average unit price of the siding officers to send the reoverall export items had declined by 0.57 per cent with sults of a single centre as soon as the votes are counted. This the fall in unit prices of primary goods by 1.43 per cent directive aims at stopping forcible announcement of reand unit prices of manufac-

sults in any individual centre. tured commodities by 0.03 per The post offices of the re-Although the external reaspective areas will becrate sons chiefly contributed to the round the clock to despatch dismal performance of the exresults of the concerned areas. ports, internal reasons also However, the Returning Officers will also inform the Leather and garment suf-EC of the final result in his fered for recession in importarea. The EC will later coming countries, while jute faced pare separately the results

> sent by the Presiding Officer and the Returning Officer. For the first time, the EC has appointed as its staff all the polling officials until the elections are complete. EC sources said, that this would make the polling officials more

responsible. The ongoing tour by the Chief Election Commissioner, Election Commissioners and other senior officials of the Election Commission is also a fresh step taken this year to mobilise public opinion in favour of a peaceful holding of

During their tour, the first of its kind in the country, the EC officials are exchanging views with the officials of the local government, semi-government, autonomous bodies, local political leaders, elite and candidates in the polls. They are also seeking the allout cooperation to free the polls from violence, corruption and other illegal acts to maintain the existing democratic atmo-

sphere. The EC officials are also warning of stern action against the adoption of unfairmeans in the polls.

Besides, the government directives to deposit all illegal arms and have the authorised arms checked by January 15 are also aimed at freeing the ensuing UP polls from all forms of illegal acts. EC sources said.

studying the legal implications of Jamaat's electing him its

He also informed the House that Golam Azam made the first application seeking restoration of his citizenship in 1976 from London.

He applied for the second time on January 16, 1978. Both the times, he was refused directly. Then he entered the country on July 11, 1978 with a l'akistani passport and he prayed to the government to allow him to stay in the country until government takes any decision on his citizenship on November 9, 1978. Then he submitted an affidavit to the government on April 30, 1981 admitting that he had surren dered the Pakistani passport.

Jamaat members claimed that the party did not violate either the constitution or the law of the land by electing Golam Azam party chief. They argued that Golam was the citizen of the country by birth which was ensured by the Constitution of the country.

Golam's citizenship was cancelled by the AL government illegally, claimed Jamaat MP Enamul Hoque. Matiur Rahman Nizami of

the Jamaat said that the AL government failed to bring any charge against him and his name was included even in the current voters' list.

member of any political party of Bangladesh. He, referring to the profile

of President Abdur Rahman Biswas which contained that he had contribution to the liberation war in 1971 said. "I am afraid, Jamaat would be claiming in future that the people fought their war of independence under the leadership of Golam Azam".

# Left parties move for joint action

Left political parties held three separate but simultaneous rallies in Dhaka Sunday as their first step to combining forces and building a new political platform.

Speakers at the rallies sponsored by the Patriotic Democratic Front (PDF), Five-Party Alliance and Democratic Revolutionary Alliance (DRA) said that both the BNP and the AL were breaking their commitments to the people.

In their identical declarations the left parties promised to launch a joint movement on the basis of some common objectives.

The objectives are: Repeal of the Special Powers Act, Vested Property Act and all other black laws, autonomy to radio and television, freedom of the judiciary, full implementation of the Joint Declaration of three alliances (Seven-Party, Eight-Party and Five-Party) and implementation of the sevenpoint joint declaration of the political parties to end campus terrorism and realisation of the demands of trade unions

and professional groups. The leaders told the rallies that the people were getting disillusioned with the government as well as the opposition Awami League. They also al leged that despite the fall of the autocratic regime of former President Ershad, no change had come in the lives of the commonman.

crossing was presided over by its Convenor, National Awami Party (Muzaffar) leader Pankaj Bhattachrya. It was addressed by General Secretary of the Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) Saifuddin Ahmed Manik, General Secretary of the Sammyabadi Dal Dilip Barua, President of

The PDF rally at the Paltan

By Staff Corespondent

Samad Rahman Azmi

> The PDF leaders alleged that the ruling party was now behaving in a way as if it wanted to establish one-party rule. They were of the opinion that the autocratic forces were still active under the cover of

Attacking the ruling party, the three alliances remained after the fall of autocracy.

He said that the broadcast

ruling party by which national history was being distorted. "Those who speak of democracy have resorted to partisanship," Manik said adding that the Indemnity Ordinance, the Special Powers Act and all other black laws must be scrapped for the cause

ment clarify the situation along the border with Myanmar. The NAP General Secretary

He said that the BNP and the Awami League had sponsored the rise of the Jamaat-e-

the Gano Azadi League Abdus and NAP Joint Secretary Maulana Ahmedur

The NAP, CPB, Gono Azadi

League and Sammyabadi Dal make up the PDF.

Saifuddin Ahmed Manik said that the Joint Declaration of unimplemented even a year

media, pledged to be turned into an autonomous body, still remained in the hands of the

of democracy." He accused the government of abolishing the upazila administration system for petty party interests. The CPB General Secretary

demanded that the govern-

Pankaj Bhattacharya alleged that the ruling party led by Begum Khaleda Zia had undermined the Joint Declaration after being voted to power.

After the rally, the PDF

brought out a procession that

paraded the city streets. The rally organised by the Five-Party Alliance was held in front of the GPO. A resolution of the alliance was read out at the rally by JSD (Inu) leader Hasanul Haque Inu.

The resolution called on all

to help implement the declaration of the three alliances by generating another movement. The Five-Party alliance also blasted the government for its inclination to anti-liberation forces - Jamaat and Shibir and said that this had encouraged those forces to install an anti-

national as head of their party. The Five-Party's resolution alleged that both the ruling party and the major opposition party had ignored the sevenpoint resolution of the recent

meeting against terrorism.

The Five-Party resolution

liberation element and foreign

also alleged that the ruling party was politicising the administration as well as the police department. Nirmal Sen, Kazi Aref Ahmed, Rashed Khan Menon, AFM Mahbubul Haque, Mainuddin Khan Badal,

Khalequzzaman Bhuiyan,

Abdullah Sarker, Bimal Biswas

and other leaders of the Five-

Party were present at the rally

which was followed by proces-Democratic Revolutionary Alliance (DRA) held its rally at Nur Hussain Square. Presided over by DRA coordinator Badruddin Umar, the rally was addressed by Abir Hassan, Faizul Hakim and Shah Atiul Islam.

Badruddin Umar called upon the working class to build up united resistance against the exploitation of bourgeoisie and imperialists.

# Soviet

signs describing some of the leaders of Augusts abortive hardline coup against Gorbachev as 'heroes of the

Demonstrators accused

(Related story on Page 5)

## AL presses for scrapping Indemnity Ordn

A general meeting of the

and fear in the public mind.

following its past 16 years' struggle against unconstitutional means of taking over power had established parliamentary democracy in the country. The party had placed the Indemnity Ordinance (Repeal) Bill in parliament to end once for all the politics of coup and killing, as pledged to the nation, by the party, the resolution said. But, it alleged the government was dillydallying in the passage of the bill.

agreed to provide necessary funds for the rehabilitation of the sick industries, the source pointed out.

While talking to the Daily

be developed in our country, he felt.

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The government should de-

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