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**Unrealised Debt : Grief that Remains**

Paradoxically enough our democratic government, the defender of our sovereignty and committed to the welfare of our people, and the ever vigilant opposition parties always ready to take on the government almost on any issue, seem to have a perfect convergence of policies on this issue

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Abdelmalek Benhabyles, who stepped in to a power vacuum in Algeria, had to depart within 24 hours.

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All roads don't lead to Motijheel

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**TOMORROW**

We are pleased to announce that noted Indian journalist, KULDIP NAYAR starts writing for The Daily Star. His stimulating column, "Between the Lines" which provides an insider's view of politics in South Asia will be exclusive to this paper in Bangladesh. Mr Nayar's first column appears tomorrow.

## Writ challenging govt's silence also planned Move to sue Golam Azam

By Asiuzzaman

A group of lawyers is preparing to file a law suit against Golam Azam for his 'criminal activities' during the War of Independence.

The case may be filed in a few days, sources close to the lawyers said yesterday.

The same group also plans to file a writ with the Supreme

Court against the government questioning why it has allowed a foreign national to stay for a long time in the country violating relevant rules and regulations and accepted his involvement in country's politics, the sources say.

"We are collecting the necessary papers in support of our

cases and so far we have possessed more than 50 per cent of it." Z I Khan Panna, one of the organisers of the move, told The Daily Star over telephone.

Panna, a freedom fighter and a left political activist, said that the group, numbering

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## Jamaat to stick to decision on Golam Azam

By Nazmul Ashraf

Jamaat-e-Islami will stick to its decision of electing Prof Golam Azam its party chief, a top level source in the party said.

The party is awaiting government action regarding the citizenship issue of Prof Azam and will take legal steps if the authorities order him to depart, the source added.

The Home Minister Abdul Matin Choudhury told the Jatiya Sangsad (Parliament) Sunday that the government has not yet granted citizenship to Golam Azam and that the government was studying legal implications of the Jamaat's electing Golam Azam as its

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## Fleeing Rohingyas allege atrocities

### Third meet uncertain as Myanmar keeps mum

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Jan 13: Silence from the Myanmar side casts a shadow of uncertainty over the future of third round of border talks.

Officials in bordering Cox's Bazar district said that they had not received any indication from the Myanmar authorities till today that it would send delegation for the January 16 flag meeting proposed by Bangladesh.

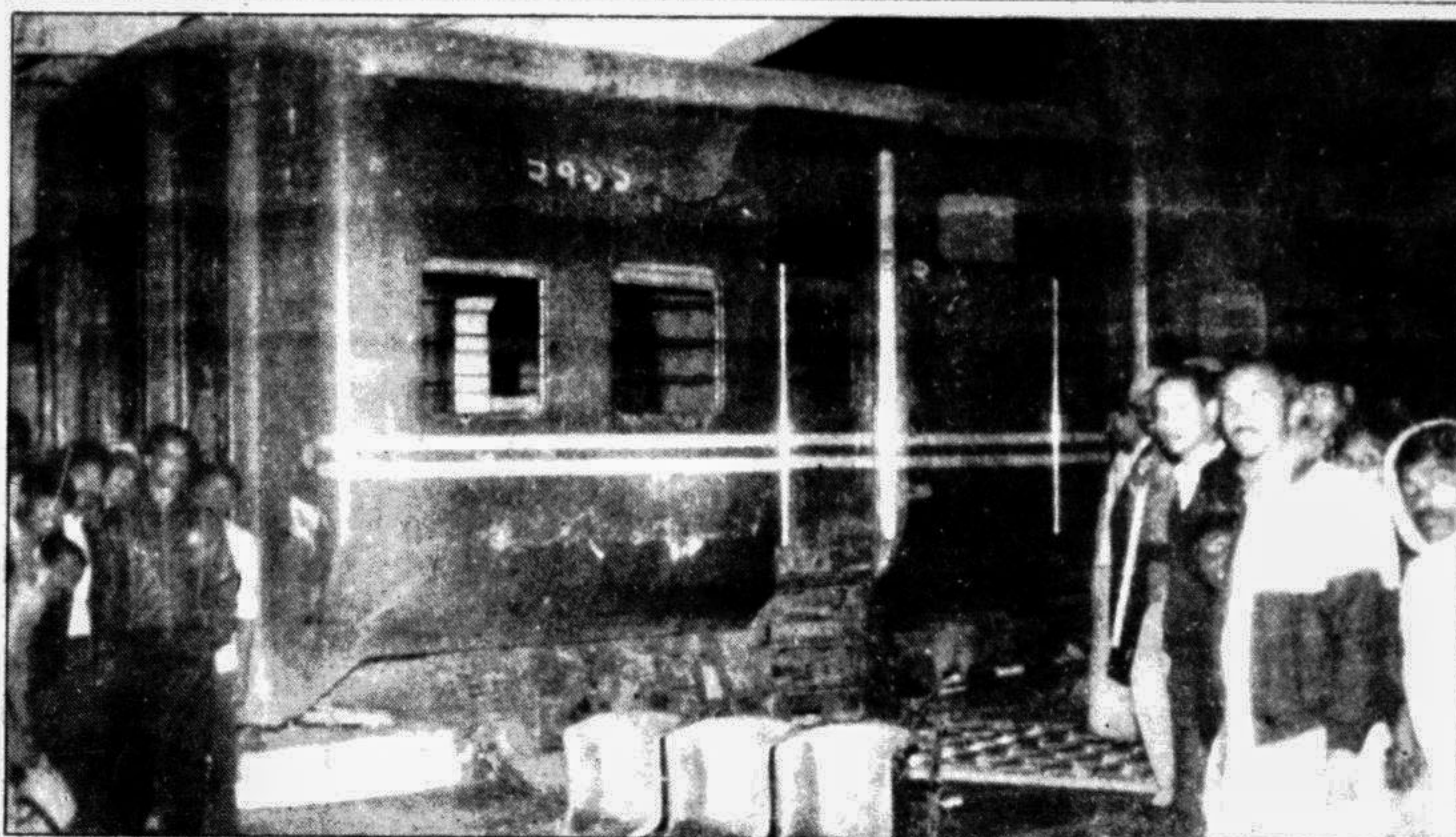
Bangladesh during the second round of talks on January 7 proposed for the holding of third flag meeting Thursday. An official, who declined to

be named, today said that Myanmar authorities have asked their counterparts in Bangladesh to approach through diplomatic channel for the third flag meeting between the sector commanders of Bangladesh Rifles and Myanmar's 'Lunthun' border security force.

Bangladesh at the last meeting proposed the next meeting be held between sector commanders.

The two round of talks were held between the battalion commanders of the two countries.

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OUT OF THE TRACKS: A bogey of the 7-North Bengal Express was derailed and got on the platform of Kamalapur station while the train was shunting yesterday morning. — Star photo

## BCL zeroing in on 25 more 'terrorists'

By Masud Arif

Maniruzzaman Badal had to die because of a power struggle in the Awami League-backed Chhatra League, a source said.

Badal, the Organising Secretary of the BCL (S-A) and a prospective General Secretary of the Chhatra League was killed because of the growing support he was mustering, the source said.

A group of armed activists of a faction in the BCL allegedly tried to kill Kamruzzaman Ansari, the General Secretary, BCL (S-A) of the Dhaka University unit, as he is also a prospective future leader of the BCL, the source added.

The BCL GS Ansari has been avoiding Madhu's Canteen of the DU, the centre of student politics, for the past three days, especially after the death of Badal.

Sources said that the 'third world' group of the BCL (S-A)

was now in the Dhaka Medical College hostel.

The other two factions of the BCL known as the 'Barisal' and the 'Gopalganj' factions took up positions in the Jagannath Hall, Zahurul Huq Hall and Salimullah Muslim Hall.

It was heard that the weapons of Masum-Hannan backed 'third world' group were supplied by one of the prominent Jubo League leaders.

According to the source, the Barisal group is led by Liakat and Golam Faruque Ovee, the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal leader pushed out of the JCD for his terrorist acts last year.

The source also added that Ovee, now in Bangkok, supported and led the 'Barisal' faction for a long time even

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**Greetings**

The Daily Star today enters its second year of publication.

On this happy occasion, we wish all our readers, patrons, well-wishers, agents and distributors who have given us their unstinted support, a very fruitful new year of prosperity and cooperation.

— Editor

**Supplement**

Today's issue of The Daily Star carries a 12-page Special Supplement marking the first anniversary of its publication.

The price of the 24-page issue remains unchanged at 4 Taka.

— Editor

## 'President's speech belies hopes'

By Staff Correspondent



By Mahfuz Ullah  
The freedom that the members of parliament enjoy may well make many feel envious of them.

Within the four walls of the House, they can dress casually, indulge in gossips, pass on slips to others and be attentive or inattentive to the deliberations.

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The Jatiya Sangsad (parliament) yesterday began deliberations on the presidential address delivered in the House on the opening day of its winter session.

The Treasury Bench members appreciated the President for his 'timely and historic speech while the Opposition members were very critical about the address terming it as containing no substantial recommendations that could help the nation overcome a lot of its problems.

The JS members who spoke on the address included Miah Mohammad Mansur Ali and Ansar Ali Siddiqi of the Treasury Bench, Salauddin Yusuf and Professor Abdul Mannan of the Awami League,

Rashed Khan Menon of the Workers Party and Sheikh Ansar Ali of the Jamaat.

Miah Mansur Ali of the ruling party, who yesterday initiated the discussion on the address of President Abdur Rahman Biswas, observed that the hopes and aspirations of the people had been reflected in the president's speech.

He said that the President had rightly termed the Sangsad as a sovereign one and that the struggling masses that ousted autocracy was now looking at parliament for working out ways and means to solve their problems.

The guidelines the President had suggested to solve people's problems was

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## Tk 377 cr mobilised for Jamuna bridge

Construction of Jamuna bridge is expected to be completed in five-year time. Communications Minister Oli Ahmed said in parliament last night, reports UNB.

Replying to a call notice, Oli Ahmed said work on the bridge will start in due course and it will be completed in five years.

He said the World Bank, one of the financiers, has responded positively and tenders from constructors will be invited soon.

The Minister said a provision of Tk 1,481.83 crore including Tk 857.60 in foreign exchange has been made in the 3-year investment programme of 1991-94.

The construction of the bridge with rail and gas lines will cost Tk 2500.90 crore including a foreign exchange component of Tk 1,600.80 crore.

An amount of Tk 377 crore has been mobilised till December 1991 through Jamuna surcharge levied since 1985. Of this, Tk 323 crore has been deposited with the Bangladesh Bank, the Communications Minister added.

He said Tk 78 crore has already been spent on the bridge project on account of survey, acquisition of land and for

building flood protection embankment-cum-roads.

Earlier, moving his notice, Opposition Chief Whip Mohammad Nasim emphasised the importance of the bridge and early implementation of the project.

He said nothing has been done except setting up of Jamuna Bridge Project Implementation Cell and collecting lakhs of taka from the people as Jamuna surcharge.

BSS adds: The Communications Minister said president Ziaur Rahman had discussions on Jamuna bridge with the Japanese government in 1978-79 and sought Japanese cooperation for implementation of the project.

The Minister said subsequently levy and surcharge were introduced by an ordinance in 1985 for the construction of the bridge.

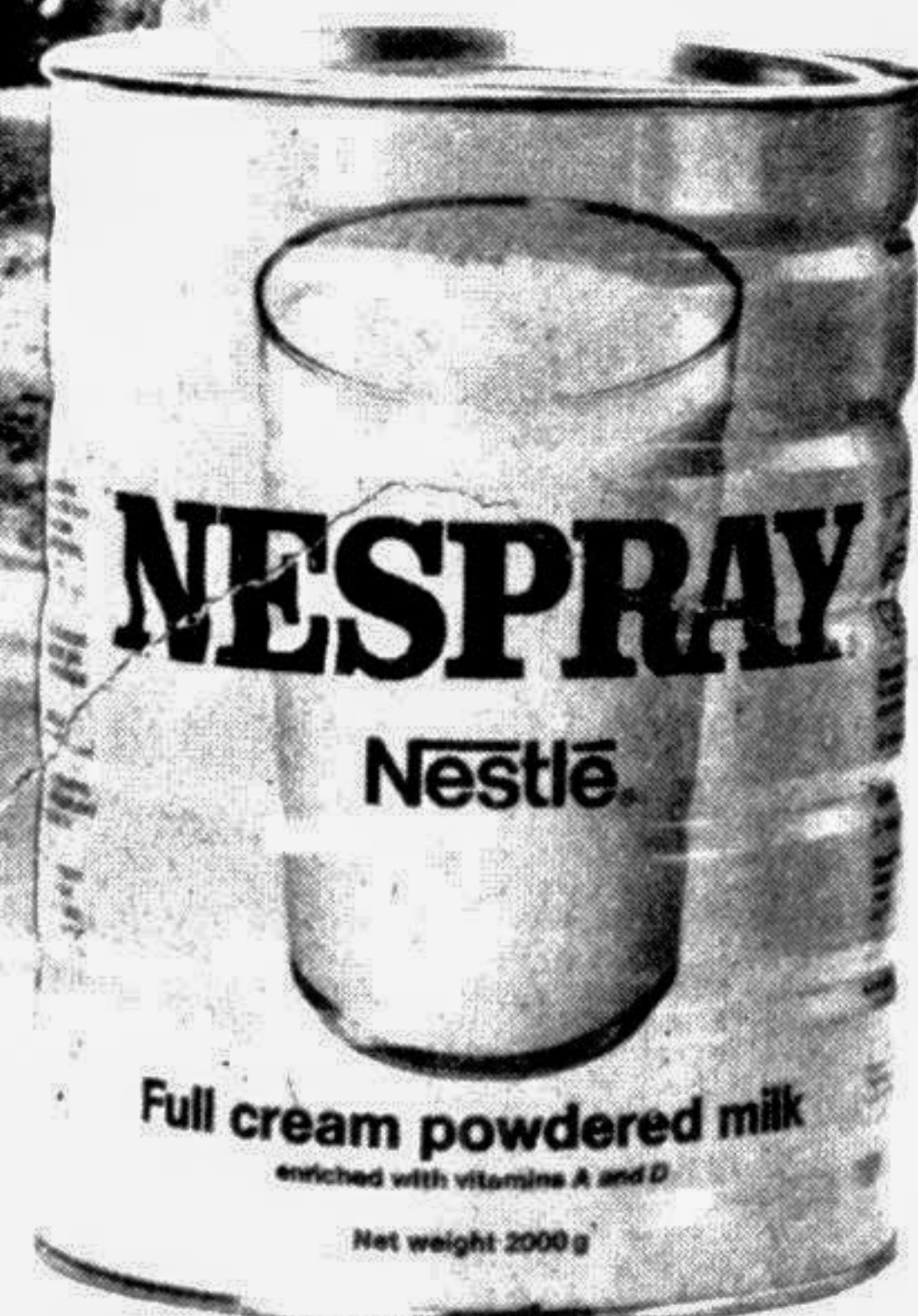
Oli Ahmed said the autocratic government had used the Jamuna bridge project for political gains but it neither made it a core project nor took the approval of the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council (ECNEC).

The Minister said a meeting of the joint pre-appraisal mission was held in August 1990 in Dhaka and in view of dis-

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Grow tall little man...

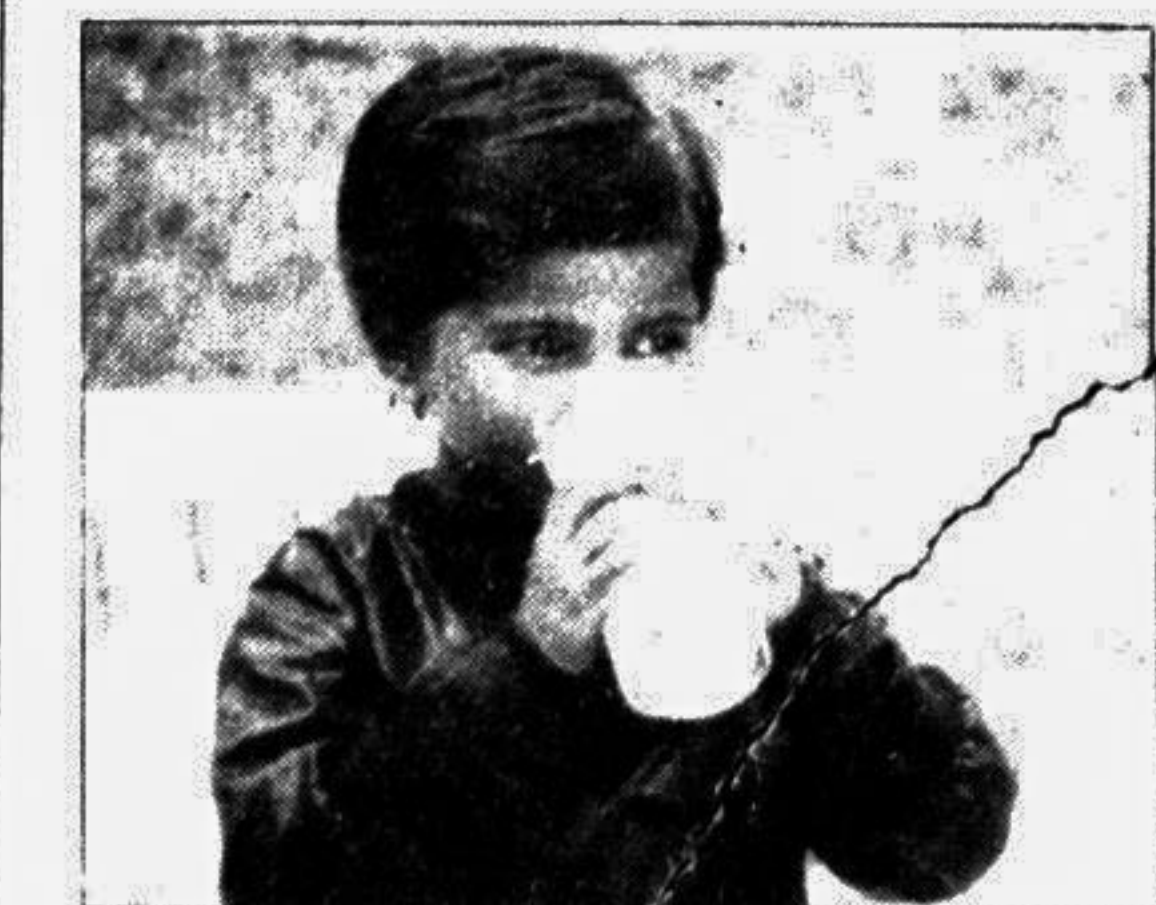


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