THE FORT STORIES CONTINUES

FREEDOM FIGHTERS ALL AFIRE: The Muktijoddha Sangsad (Freedom Fighters Council brought out a torch

procession yesterday in the city to protest the 'rehabilitation' of anti-Liberation elements including Golam Azam.- Star photo

The Midnight File

'Muslim rebels waiting

to invade Kashmir'

almost 4.000 armed Muslim guerrillas are waiting in

Pakistan-controlled territory to infiltrate Kashmir, the Press

Trust of India (PTI) reported today. Lt. Gen. DSR Sahni,

General Officer Commanding in chief of the Northern

Command, said 'alertness' of the army had deterred infiltra-

tion from across the Line of Control which divides Indian and

Top brasses forced

Chadli to resign

President Chadli Bedjedid to resign Saturday because they

learned that he had made a deal with the Islamic Salvation

Front (FIS), well-informed sources said today. Chadli had per-

suaded FIS leader Abdelkader Hachani to let him see out the

rest of his mandate, until December 1993, in exchange for a

purge of opponents to the FIS within the military, the sources

Seen from the Gallery

on the President's speech MPs

apparently lost interest. By the

Awami League was finding it

difficult to limit his delibera-

tions within the specified

time, the MPs, especially

Maudud Ahmed of Jattya Party

and Shahjahan Strat of JSD.

had seemingly been warming

prayers break, it started with a

point of order raised by

Maudud Ahmed Then

Shahjahan Siraj, Rashed Khan

Menon and Maudud all got in-

volved in pulling each other's

leg. The Home Minister also

made his comments Tofael

Ahmed of Awami League taking

clue from what others were

talking diverted the delibera-

under attack and reportings by

three Bangia dailtes also came

Hamidul Huq's

condition

critical

By Staff Correspondent

founder-owner of the Bang

ladesh Observer, was in a

critical condition Monday at

the intensive care unit of the

Hamidul Huq Choudhury

A new English datly came

tions to other directions

Before the Home Minister

joined the race.

under scrutiny.

Immediately after Magreb

time Salahuddin Yusuf of

ALGIERS Jan 13: Algeria's main military chiefs forced

Pakistani zones of Kashmir, reports AFP.

NEW DELHI, Jan 13: A top Indian General has alleged that

'A section of press dishing out untrue stories'

Newspaper reports and their objectivity came up for discussion abruptly in the Jatiya Sangsad Monday evening with members of both the Opposition and Treasury benches alleging "untrue" reports in a number of dailies. reports BSS.

As the discussion on President's address was pro gressing after the Maghreb prayer Awami League leader Tofael Ahmed drew the attention of the Chair to a report published in The Telegraph Monday which said that Prof Golam Azam had congratulated him (Tofael Ahmed) for demanding his (Azam) trial as a "war criminal".

Describing the report as "completely untrue". Tofael said that in his life he never had any conversation with Professor Azam neither face to face nor over telephone.

The Awamt League leader said the "Telegraph" on the very second day of its publication started with such an "untrue" report. He said since Moulana Mannan's men were publishing the paper it was difficult for him to understand what it would do in the future.

Speaking next on the issue Treasury Bench member Farida Rahman alleged that two newspapers Ajker Kagoj and Daintk Bhor also published 80 per cent "untrue reports" and those two dailies were distributed free of cost among the parliament members.

She demanded stoppage of free distribution of the two papers and said if necessary "we would buy them". Farida Rahman also mentioned the name of "Dainik Al-Amin" for publishing "untrue reports" alleging that all those papers had been engaged in 'yellow

Later, Awami League leader Abdur Razzak differed with the contentions of Farida Rahman and said both "Dainik Bhor" and "Ajker Kagoj" published reports "objectively"

He alleged that the government had stopped giving advertisements to a newspaper in violation of the commitment of the three alliances to uphold freedom of the press.

Replying to the Awami League member. State Minister for Communications Fazlur Rahman Patal referred to a news item published in the daily "Banglar Bani" recently stating that 100 people died in a train accident in Rajshahi.

He said the news in the "Banglar Bani" was 100 per cent "untrue" and it had caused tension among the people.

He, however, said that "Banglar Bant" had given a clarification on it the next day but he felt that many people might

The State Minister said he

He said freedom of the country and nobody knew what would happen in the future if such freedom was not exercised properly.

Replying to the State Minister, Awami League member Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim said he did not expect that the Minister would mention it as "Banglar Bani" had already admitted its mistake.

He said at times there might be mistakes because of printer's devil as well as computer faults.

Jamaat to stick

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chief The Home Minister's statement followed a two-day debate over the legitimacy of Azam's staying in the country and becoming the chief of a political party.

Golam Azam's citizenship was cancelled by the government in 1972 on charges of his collaborating with the Pakistan occupation forces during Bangladesh's War of Independence in 1971.

He entered the country holding a Pakistani passport in 1978 and has been living here since then.

Asked about Jamaat's future course of action following the government statement in Parliament, the Secretary General of Jamaat Matiur Rahman Nizami said that they have no plan to abandon their decision concerning Golam

Talking over telephone last night Nizami, also the leader of the Jamaat Parliamentary Party, told The Daily Star. We are observing the situation and our action will follow the gov-

ernment decision. Replying to another queshappens to us whether the government gives citizenship to Golam Azam or not'. We still consider Golam Azam a citizen by birth and as a member of our party we have elected him our leader', Nizami said.

Golam Azam has been staying here for 14 years. Even a foreigner can be a citizen by living in a country for such a long period, the Jamaat leader remarked.

In this context, he cited the example of Abdul Haq who the government ordered to leave the country in 1976 on similar allegations as those against Golam Azam. But his citizenship was restored following the verdict of the court, he mentioned.

Nizami justified Golam Azam's holding of a Pakistani passport during his entrance into the country saying that it was needed as a travelling

document for returning home. Another leader of the Jamaat speaking on condition of anonymity told The Daily Star that the party would not present Golam Azam in any public function in the near future. It may be done if the situation goes in favour of the party, he added.

tion he commented. Noting 'President's speech

From Page 1 Col 4 timely and appropriate, he

Salauddin Yusuf of the AL said that the President's address completely failed to reflect the nation's severe prob-

He said that the deterioration of law and order, discrimination in the education system, water-logging, problems of irrigation in agriculture, trade imbalance in terms of exports-imports with foreign countries, smuggling in the country's frontiers etc were the burning problems of the country. But the Presidential address did not effectively deal with these problems, he accused.

He, however, congratulated the Home Minister for his 'attempt to curb smuggling'.

Rashed Khan Menon said. 'I am sorry for not being able to thank the President for his address as it indulged in unjustly glorifying the ruling party'. He said that the post of President is an institution but that President Biswas seemed to be the president of the rul-

ing BNP with his repeated attempts to glorify the Prime

Menon was very critical about the attitude of the President towards the persisting problem of the people of the Chittagong Hill Tracts. He asserted that the Hill

Tracts problem, virtually overlooked by the President, must

be solved politically. Menon also accused the president, being partisan as he did not mention the role of the outline of the three alliances in ousting the autocratic Ershad regime, the inherent commitment of outline and the necessity to fulfil the commitments made to the people ear-

Menon also accused the President of not showing proper respect to Maulana Bhashani while the President mentioned the political leaders who contributed to the independence of Bangladesh.

Sheikh Razzak Ali of the Jamaat criticised the President for his statement glorifying the people as the source of all power.

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have not read the clarification.

expected 'objective' had been a member of this parliament.

press was being misused in the

The 70-day time given to the committee to finalise the report expires today According to sources concerned the committee is likely to seek more time from the House Wednesday for the pur-

> The 15-member committee was formed by the House last August to examine and prepare a report on the bill sponsored by Awami League. The sources said, in

JS Indemnity

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seek more time

By Staff Correspondent

Committee on Indemnity

Ordinance (repeal) Bill could

not finalise its report in the

8th meeting Monday evening

at the committee room of

Chairman of the committee

Law Minister Mirza Golam

Hafiz presided over the meet-

Jattya Sangsad Bhaban.

The Special Parliamentary

Monday's meeting, the committee members discussed the bill in detail and concluded that the committee should come to a decision as soon as possible.

The members who attended Monday's meeting were: Barrister Abdus Salam Talukder. Barrister Rafigul Islam Mia. Abdus Samad Azad, Begum Sajeda Chowdhury, Sudhangsu Shekhar Halder. Mohammed

Nasim and Sheikh Ansar Ali. ME talks resume

WASHINGTON, Jan 13 The chief Israeli, Palestinian and Jordanian negotiators met here today inaugurating a third round of Middle East peace talks. BCL

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while in JCD.

Awami League leaders did not play any role in the killing of Badal, the source mentioned.

AL leaders became aware and said that disciplinary action would be taken against the groups in its student wing.

Six activists of the BCL (S-A) were expelled from the organisation Sunday.

It was reported that expelled activists, Abu Zaman Rajib. Jahangir Alam and Masud Alam of Zahurul Haque Hall, Biswajit Kumar and Alok Kanti Das of Jagannath Hall and Tarik Al Hasan Leo of Ziaur Rahman Hall, were all supporters of the 'third world'

Another list of 25 terrorists' in the BCL who would be expelled soon has been prepared, the source added.

No such factional conflicts were prevailing among the BCL (S-A) central leaders. No announcement for the

holding of the Council of the Chhatra League (S-A) scheduled to be held this month has yet been made. However it was heard that

AL leaders and BCL central leaders would take steps against the alarming intraparty conflict in the BCL (S-A) that was destroying the popuposted forces not only along larity of the Chhatra League as the border with Bangladesh well as that of the Awami but also along its frontiers with League itself, the source four other countries, a added. Burmese diplomat said in

The factional conflict grew in the BCL over a long period of time when it was first led by the Barisal group and later by the Gopalganj group.

Masum, the leader of third world group gained prominence after the last Dhaka University Central Students' Union (DUCSU) and Hall students' union elections in 1990. He was the General Sec-

retary of the Zahurul Haque Hall students' union. Meanwhile, the Dhaka University students are still afraid of yet another violent incident that they think may

happen any time.



A rally of freedom fighters in the city Monday demanded that the government take ac tion against all war criminals including Golam Azam to show its respect to the country's Liberation War.

The rally also demanded the expulsion of Golam Azam from the country. Otherwise, it warned, the freedom fighters would launch a fresh war against the forces defeated in

The metropolitan unit of the Juba Command of Muktijoddha Sangsad (Ahad Aziz) organised the rally to demand the trial of war criminals and the imposition of a ban on politics by the 'anti-liberation' party Jammat e Islami.

Chairman of the Muktijoddha Sangsad Central Command Council Principal Abdul Ahad Choudhury ad-

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desh) should approach our

government through

diplomatic channel about the

third flag meeting between

sector commanders," the

Meanwhile, growing discon-

tent fumed among the Lunthin

guards after Myanmar army

had taken control of the mili-

tary positions, reports from

among the soldiers of the bor-

der security forces after

Lunthin commander Lieu-

tenant Colonel Tun Ye, who

headed the Myanmar team

during the first flag meeting.

had been removed from

ferred after he had acknowl-

edged at the December 31

talks that the raid on Rejupara

BDR outpost had been carried

out by "mistake" while pursu-

is that the Myanmar authori-

ties violating the ground rules

included five army personnel

in the 18-member delegation

for the second flag meeting.

Col Tun Ye, who was also in

the team, was barred from

speaking, according to reports.

second meeting was led by Lt

More than 500 Rohingyas

crossed into Bangladesh dur-

ing the past three days

through Natkhyangchhart and

Myanmar has

posted forces

'not only along

border with

Bangladesh'

Dhaka Monday, reports BSS.

"We have security arrange-

ment on all our frontiers as

well as inside the country."

deputy head of the Myanmar embassy Kyaw Myint said in

Dhaka Monday while replying

to a query on troops build-up

Myanmar has borders with

India in the northwest,

Bangladesh in the southwest,

China in the north and Laos

The Burmese diplomat said

- Myanmar has no territorial

and Thailand in the east.

designs against Bangladesh."

along the 176-mile Burma-

Bangladesh border.

Myanmar (Burma) has

The Myanmar team at the

BSS from Cox's Bazar adds:

Another cause of discontent

ing insurgents.

Col Mong Du Ye.

Col Ye was reportedly trans-

command, the reports said.

The discontent spread

across the border said today.

source quoted Myanmar au-

thorities as saying.

Your government (Bangla-

By Staff Correspondent

dressed the rally as chief The Sangsad's guest. Secretary General Abdul Aziz Birprotik, and its Organising Secretary Sadek Ahmed Khan also spoke. Juba Command Joint Convenor Ohidul Islain

Swapan was in the chair. Abdul Ahad Choudhury ac cused the government of reha bilitating the anti-liberation forces at different levels of so

ciety. How does a democratically elected government shelter the enemies of the country's independence, he asked. The Rajakars were misleading the people in the name of Islam. The enemies of independence could never be patriots and become Muslims, he com mented

The Sangsad Chairman urged all the freedom fighters to be imbibed with the spirit of the Liberation War, resist anti-

Rohinga Muslims now shel-

tered at Martchha refugee

camp said that Myanmar

troops and police continued

their atrocities on the Arakan

Muslims and that Buchidong

and Maungdu areas were facing

famine as people were not al-

lowed to move from one place

to another. Food supply, other

daily necessaries and medicine

were scarce and scores of

said the refugees.

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against the Ershad government

for misusing the money col-

lected from levy and sur-

Nasim said the countrymen

wanted to know from the BNP

government the steps it had

taken for the construction of

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nothing.

charge.

the bridge.

Teknaf border points.

Myanmar keeps mum

liberation elements and protect the country's indepen-

Ahad also blamed a section of the freedom fighters for collaborating with different regimes and urged them to join the movement against the forces defeated in the war

Abdul Aziz said that the freedom fighters who took up arms for the cause of their motherland would reactivate to eliminate those who opposed the Liberation War. The freedom fighters cannot sit idle at a time when the enemies are out to destroy the spirit of the war, he added

Aziz called upon the free dom fighters and the people to launch a vigorous movement against the 'rehabilitation' of the Rajakars. The rally was fol lowed by a torch procession.

JS rules, procedure body meets Jan 15

The 8th meeting of the Jatiya Sangsad Standing Committee on rules and procedure will be held at 11 am on Jan 15 Wednesday. Speaker Sheikh Razzak Ali will chair the meeting in his office room at the Sangsad Bhaban, reports

attended the session for some time. Maybe, he was either coming from a match or from evening jogging to keep the Coming to the House he took his sent and turned the

said, reports AFP.

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And of all the MPs present

in the House yesterday, the

Foreign Minister A S M

Mustafizur Rahman was per-

haps the most casual in his ap-

pearance. Wearing a sports

wear (T-shirt) with a scarf

around the neck and a pair of

keds on, the Foreign Minister

chair round to talk to the colleagues sitting behind. With the same casual mood he left the House The Foreign Minister was

casual in appearance but others were no serious, too. As the House took up the agenda to discuss the vote of thanks

Golam Azam

From Page 1 Col 4 more than 100, might seek help from prominent lawyers of the country.

Replying to a question why they did not file any case against Golam Azam much ear lier. Advocate Panna said frequent martial law as well as the presidential rule in which the President had enormous power, made us delay." Golam Azam has been staying in the country for the last 13 years

Golam Azam who opposed the country's Independence in 1971, was stripped off his citi zenship and took asylum in Pakistan. He returned to Bangladesh

on July 11, 1978 with a Pakistani passport to see his ailing mother and involved himself with Jamaat politics. He was elected Amir of the

party on December 29, 1991.

Combined Military Hospital Chairman of the Al-Helal

Printing and Publishing Limited and publisher of the Bangladesh Observer, he was admitted to the CMH several days ago following old-age complications.

A lawyer by profession, Huq was also a cabinet member of the then Bengal provincial government, East Pakistan and Pakistan central governments.

ইম্টার্ন্ হাউজিৎ লিমিটেড-এর আবাসিক প্রকল্প Arakanese were suffering without food and medicine. Rohingyas also said that Myanmar troops had again been stationed along the bor-They said that nearly 15,000 Arakan Muslims were arrested by Myanmar police and taken to unknown destinations during the past few days in Maungdu and Some Arakanese coming to Bangladesh with short transit passes said they needed food Meanwhile, the refugees at different camps including Marichha were running short of food, medicine and winter clothes, according to reports নিম্নের প্রকল্পগুলিতে জমি বরান্দ চলছে ঃ १ छन्नान मर्डन ठाउँन मश्नु । Jamuna Bridge ঃ রামপুরা টিভি ভবনের উত্তর পূর্ব দিকে। ঃ পল্লবী প্রধান সড়ক থেকে) কিলোমিটার, বোটানিক্যাল গার্ডেন সংলগ্ন। নিকেতন cussion in that meeting international tender was supposed to be called in September the same year. However, because of পল্লবী দ্বিতীয় পৰ্ব the negligence of the then government it failed to receive positive response from the World Bank as a result of which international tender was ইষ্টার্ন হাউজিং লিমিটেড (ল্যাভ) Referring to the infrastruc-. ture of the bridge Oli Ahmed said it would be 4.8 km long Earlier, in his call attention আপনার বাসস্থানের নির্ভরযোগ্য বন্ধু notice Mohammad Nasim said যোগাযোগের ঠিকানা ঃ after the independence of the country the government of Bangabandhu had taken im-ইসলাম চেম্বার (৯ম তলা) ১২৫/এ মতিঝিল বাণিজ্যিক এলাকা, ঢাকা-১০০০ mediate steps for the construction of the Jamuna bridge रकान १ २०१५५४, २८३२२१, ४५२१२५-७ to materialise the long-felt demand of the people of the Subsequently with the change of the government the project was dropped and later Ershad government had only Jamuna বিঃ দ্রঃ ২.৫০ (আড়াই কাঠা) প্লটে দুই ইউনিট বাড়ী করা সম্ভব। সম্মানিত গ্রাহকগণ প্রয়োজনে Multipurpose Bridge Authority and collected levy and surcharge from the people doing আমাদের নিকট হইতে প্ল্যান সংগ্রহ করিতে পারবেন। He said various national dailies had brought charges

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