

One killed, 11 seriously injured
Fresh Indo-Pak duel
on Line of Control

JAMMU, Feb 24: Indian and Pakistani troops exchanged heavy weapons fire on the line of control dividing Indian and Pakistani-held Kashmir...



City dwellers protesting imposition of VAT and rise in gas price for domestic use yesterday.

— Star photo

Kiwis hope

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champion and co-host Australia in its tournament opener on Saturday. It has a huge advantage in playing all eight of its first round matches on home soil.

BNP meet to be stormy

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office from the present site (at Dhanmondi) and in course of time we will acquire a piece of land for our office.

Chhatra Moitree presses for Golam Azam's trial

By DU Correspondent
Speakers at the annual conference of the Bangladesh Chhatra Moitree (BCM) Dhaka University said that no one could stop the public trial of Golam Azam in the peoples court on March 26.

The Midnight File

Beant Singh named next Punjab CM
CHANDIGARH, Feb 24: Beant Singh, a 70-year-old veteran Sikh politician, was unanimously elected Punjab Congress party leader in the state legislature today.

De Klerk announces referendum
CAPE TOWN, Feb 24: President FW de Klerk announced today a crucial all-white referendum on South African Democratic reform will be held on March 17.

Closer link among SAARC state teachers stressed
The present government is endeavouring to introduce a new education policy to promote education reflecting people's hopes and aspirations.

CHT people start long march towards capital today
Tribals and non-tribals of the country's three hill districts will start a long march towards the capital today (Thursday) to protest Shan-tibahini atrocities, reports UNB.

Shamir
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housing units in settlements or in annexed east Jerusalem this year and there is another 1,000 which will be under construction soon.

Honecker hospitalised
MOSCOW, Feb 24: Former East German leader Erich Honecker left the sanctuary of the Chilean Embassy on Monday and was admitted to a Moscow hospital to undergo medical treatment, a hospital spokeswoman said, reports AP.

US visa renewal procedures simplified

By Staff Correspondent
The US Embassy in Dhaka has simplified the visa renewal procedures for those who have visited the country within the past year.

Those Bangladeshis and the third country nationals who have visited the US and abided by the terms of the visa will now have to submit their passports at the Window No-1 in the Embassy's visa section between 10-30 am and 12-00 noon for renewal on any working day except Tuesday.

Mideast talks

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some analysts said the talks might even collapse. "I envisage the Palestinians perhaps getting up and walking out to precipitate a crisis and force the United States to intervene," said Robert Satloff of the Washington Institute for Near East Policy.

Food aid

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Community (EEC) and World Food Programme (WFP) attended the meeting. Officials said prospects for additional food aid for canal digging programme appeared very bleak in view of the donors' interest in meeting the growing demand for food from the East European countries.

Berlin's bait to get rid of foreigners

BERLIN, Feb 24: Berlin Municipal authorities have offered to pay 10,000 German marks (6,075 dollars) to foreigners who agree to return home, officials said, reports AFP.

Hasina

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The Awami League chief said "the freedom fighters of this country will defend national independence and sovereignty with the last drop of their blood and will not tolerate any conspiracy by any quarter."

100 shops gutted in Gopalganj

GOPALGANJ, Feb 24: More than 100 shops were gutted in a devastating fire at Shagura-bazar in Kotallpara upazila here at early hours Monday, reports UNB.

RU administrative function resumes

RAJSHAHJ, Feb 24: The administrative function of the Rajshahi university resumed today after an amicable settlement of the issues between the leaders of Jatiyabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) and the university authorities, reports UNB.

Ittefaq unions deplore students' statement

By Staff Correspondent
Journalists and employees of the daily Ittefaq in a statement Monday contradicted the statement of several student leaders and 25 activists published in a section of newspaper.

Indian budget

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ing reforms which persuaded the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to bail India out of a debt crisis last year, adds Reuter.

"Changes have been made in industrial, fiscal and trade policies," the President said of Rao's decision last year, forced by crisis over the country's 71 billion dollar foreign debt, to slash red tape, devalue the rupee and cut state spending.

A far-right Hindu nationalist and a dissident left-winger defying his party's boycott, created uproar as they yelled protest and ruling Congress Party members tried to shout them down.

Government pledges to chop state spending and slim down or close loss-making public sector industries helped Rao win four billion dollars in IMF loans last year.

Venkataraman's speech gave only a vague outline of likely budget measures and touched only indirectly on the most sensitive issue — what to do with redundant workers if and when the government reforms the massive public sector.

Tourism Week '92
Bangladeshi Night at Hotel Abakash
To celebrate Tourism Week Parjatan presents two separate programme on February 27, under same roof.



Bangladesh Foreign Minister Mustafizur Rahman (right) meets Italian Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti at Palazzo Chigi in Rome yesterday. In the centre an interpreter.

—AFP photo