ISLAMABAD, Mar 25 Kashmiri leader Amanullah Khan and about a dozen other senior leaders and activists of his militant Jammu Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF) were arrested in a pre-dawn swoop Wednesday, party sources said, reports AFP.

The arrests came six days ahead of a planned crossing into Indian held Kashmir by the JKLF on March 30.

It came amid reports of a government failure to persuade Khan to drop the March. A similar attempt on February 12 leaving many casualties.

The sources said police raided the JKLF office in nearby Rawalpindi at around 3.30 am (2230 GMT Tuesday). Khan and about a dozen people were taken in police jeeps to an unknown place, they said.

The office has been locked

and police units were posted outside, they said.

The police also raided homes of other activists including JKLF Vice President Faroog Haider. His wife told AFP that Haider was not in the house but police continued searching for more than an

Sources said several JKLF leaders anticipating such an action have gone into hiding. The JKLF at a special meeting in Rawalpindi Monday lasting about four hours finalised arrangements for the march.

Sources in the government of Pakistani-administered Kashmir confirmed the arrest of Amanullah Khan Wednesday.

Details were not immediately available. The sources said an official reaction was expected later in the day.

# Jahanara: Trial

From Page 1 Col 5 the trial peacefully. He said that the planned trial would begin at 10 am at the Uddyan near the Engineers' Insti-

Specific charges would be framed against Golam Azam and witnesses and evidence presented, he said.

Razzak said that several foreign observers and Attorneys would also attend the trial

He said, "We want to hold the trial peacefully but the government will have to take the total responsibility if it tries to obstruct the court."

"The public court is not against the law or against the Constitution ... rather it is a symbolic expression of public opinion, practiced all over

He said that the verdict in the planned trial would help the government to frame legal actions against Jamaat chief Golam Azam.

He accused the armed activists of Jamaat and Shibir for attacks saying, "We are going ahead despite provocations ... several attempts have already been made to create trouble and this noon [Wednesday] bombs were set off in front of the CPB office." Speaking on the govern-

ment press note, he said that by issuing the press note the government had actually accepted the logic of the people's court against the Jamaat

Meanwhile, leaders at a huge rally organised by the Central Coordination Com for resistance to the killers of '71 at Bangabandhu Avenue reaffirmed the people that they would hold the public trial at any cost and urged them to attend the trial peacefully.

The evening rally, attended by members of different groups and organisations in the city was addressed by Awami League leader Abdur Razzak MP, Abdul Mannan Chowdhury, Munir Hossain Mofazzal Hossain Maya, Nani Gopal Saha, Mahmudur Rahman Babu and other prominent leaders.

The leaders said that the arrest of Golam Azam did not promise that there would be

any legal proceeding against him, rather it secured Golam Azam from the public demand to prosecute him.

Abdul Mannan Chowdhury in his speech said, \*Golam Azam was arrested under the Foreigners Act. We do not want to punish him only as an illegal foreigner but we want to try him for the crimes he committed in '71. So the government move cannot stop us from holding the public trial."

Abdur Razzak in his speech said that the government would be pressurised into executing the verdict of the public trial and urged the people to reinforce resistance against the Jamaat-Shibir bloc from March 27.

The rally was followed by a large torch procession, participated by thousands of people that marched through Nababpur, English Road and ended at the National Press Club premises.

Different political and socio-cultural organisations yesterday called upon people to help realise today's planned public trial of Golam Azam. Bangladesher Samajtantrik

Dal (BSD) convener Khalequzzaman in a statement said that the people must materialise the public trial at any

The Ganotantrik Chhatra Oikva in its statement expressed its determination to make the trial a success and warned the government against any attempt to foil the

The 'Mrityunjoyee Squad' formed for security of the judges of the people's court, in a statement said that it would resist all attempts to spoil the

Ganatantrik Biplobi Jote leaders Badruddin Umar, M Nurunnabi, Lutfur Rahman, Abir Hassan and Faizul Hakim in their statement urged the people to be present at the venue of the people's court, the Suhrawardy Uddyan.

Besides, statement expressing similar sentiments were issued by Jatiya Janata Party, Justice Abu Sayeed Choudhury Jatiya Smriti Sangsad, Jehadi Islami Khelafat Andolon, Samajtantrik Chhatra Front and Gano Adalat Sangha.

#### Hasina, Jahanara talk trial

The sponsors of "people's court" led by Jahanara Imam met Leader of the Opposition Sheikh Hasina at her official Road residence Minto Wednesday night and discussed today's trial of Golam Azam, reports UNB.

the latest developments and expressed firm resolve to stage people's court this morning at Suhrawardy Udyan, "foiling all conspiracies."

The meeting took stock of

It condemned police obstruction to raising rostrum for the people's court at Suhrawardy Udyan. "It's complete infringement upon the fundamental rights."

Among others, Kazi Aref Ahmed, Prof MA Mannan, Abdur Razzak, Principal Abdul Ahad Chowdhury, Abdul Aziz Bir Pratik, Hassan Imam, Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya, Habibur Rahman Khan, Abdul Matin Chowdhury from Anti-collaborator Coordination Committee and Abdus Samad Azad, Amir Hossain Amu, Abdul Jalil and Mohammad Nasim of Awami League were present at the

meeting.

#### Jamaat From Page 1 Col 8

"the arrest of Golam Azam is the arrest of conscience of

Nizami said Prof Azam is a Bangladeshi by birth and never had he renounced his citizen-

Moreover, he has been living in the country and at his

residence for long 14 years, he said, adding the government had recognised Golam Azam's citizenship in accordance with

the Law of Acquiesce. He noted with indignation that the government didn't take any action against those taking law in their own hands and thus pushing the nation

into an anarchic situation. The government has stooped to the terrorists ... those anarchists will not also pardon this government,

Nizami said "There are many killers of President Zia in the so-called Ghatak-Dalal Nirmul Committee," the Jamaat leader

The National Coordination Committee for Implementation of the Spirit of Liberation War and Annihilation of the Killers and Collaborators of 1971 is preparing to hold public trial of Prof Golam Azam tomorrow (March 26).

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Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia addressing the 'Independence Day Award '91' function as chief guest at Osmani Memorial Hall Wednesday. - PID photo.

#### 'Sacrifices of FFs to remain ever shining'

President Abdur Rahman Biswas Wednesday appealed to the people to foster greater national unity and consolidate and solidify it for the greater national interest of strengthening the independence and democracy, reports BSS.

In a message on the occasion of Independence and National Day today, President Biswas paid glowing tributes to the freedom loving people who waged the armed struggle for independence. "The valour and priceless supreme sacrifices of the nine-month long Liberation War constitute the most glorious chapter of our national history," said the President.

The President also said the dearly loved independence which we cherish more than our lives, was earned at the cost of blood of hundreds of thousands of martyrs. He also prayed to Allah for the peace of the departed souls.

President Biswas said the irresistible spirit of independence that inspired the countrymen to participate in the War of Liberation was the sentinel of independence and sovereignty. He congratulated the valiant freedom fighters, saying that their valour and self-sacrifice would remain ever shining in the nation

The President urged the people to take solemn vow to fortify the independence by forging greater national unity. He also appealed to the peo ple to build a happy and prosperous country ensuring economic emancipation and peoples welfare.

#### Shun violence, urges Abbas

The Acting Ameer of Jamaat-e-Islami Bangladesh, Abbas Ali Khan, Wednesday called upon all to shun the path of violence and conflicts in the interest of forging a greater national unity for democracy and political stabil ity in the country, reports BSS

In a message on the eve of Independence Day the Jamaat leader said March 26 carried a great significance in the na tional life and efforts should be made to eliminate poverty and hunger from the society.

He asked all units of his party to celebrate the day with due honour.

Khan prayed to Allah for the preservation of independence and sovereignty of the country

## Hasina

From Page 1 Col 4

She also requested each and every Bangalee to sincerely extend allout cooperation for completing the trial of "war criminal and killer" Golam Azam today (Thursday).

In a statement on the eve of Independence Day, Hasina alleged that the present 'autocratic" government had dashed to the ground the values of the great liberation war by assuming power with the support of anti-liberation Jamaat-e-Islami.

The government is persistently patronising the elements who directly opposed the country's independence, she said, "It also installed an anti-liberation element in the highest post of the state."

Hasina said "these anti-state steps and activities threatened the hard-earned independence and sovereignty of the coun-

Recalling the eventful days of the blood stained struggle against the Pakistani regime for 24 years, the Awami League chief said Bangladesh emerged as an independent nation after nine months of war under the leadership of "father of the nation" Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

"The reactionary killergroup had slained Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib and members of his family on August 15, 1975 when he and his government took pragmatic steps for economic emancipations of the people".

After the ouster of the autocratic regime through a mass upsurge, she said, the present government is ruling the nation by "trampling the values of the liberation war".

# Govt warns

From Page 1 Col 7 The Trial Committee members, in their reply, maintained that the people's court was not an alternative to the established judicial system of the country. Rather, the Committee argued, it was a means of expressing people's opinion on certain issues. On top of that it was people's democratic right to express their verdict through a people's court, they said.

Jahanara Imam did not agree with the Government's contention that she had violated any constitutional provision by initiating the trial.

The Cabinet meeting, however, decided that her interpretation was not acceptable and it was just a challenge to the established judicial system of the country.

Official sources said that although Government served show cause notice on twenty persons associated with the Trial Committee, majority of them did not reply to the let-

Replying to a question, a cabinet minister told The Daily Star that relevant section of law would be invoked to deal with those who failed to reply to the show cause letter.

#### Press Note

The government Wednesday made it explicitly clear to all that it would be forced to take stern legal measures against those, who would engage themselves in vicious move to disturb normal life by resorting to anarchy, indiscipline, terrorism and hatred in the name of so-called Gono Adalat (people's court), reports BSS. A Press Note issued by the

Home Ministry last evening

27 granted

honorary

commission

nants and 11 junior

commissioned officers have

been granted honorary com-

mission in the rank of

honorary captain and honorary

lieutenant respectively in the

active list of Bangladesh Army

with effect from today (March

26), an ISPR press release said

in Dhaka Wednesday, reports

Those granted honorary

commission in the rank of

honorary captain are: Hon Lt

Md Shamsul Haque, Signals,

Hon Lt Md Ali Akkas Miah,

East Bengal, Hon Lt Mohd

Mahe Alam, East Bengal, Hon

Lt Ahmed Hossain Sarker, East

Bengal, Hon Lt Amin Ullah TJ,

East Bengal, Hon Lt

Mohammad Ali, East Bengal,

Hon Lt Sirajul Hoque, East

Bengal, Hon Lt Tofazzal Haque

Patwary, East Bengal, Hon Lt

Golam Rafique, East Bengal,

Hon Lt Abdul Baten, East

Bengal, Hon Lt Abdul Monaim,

East Bengal, Hon Lt Abdul

Mannan Bhuiyan, East Bengal

Hon Lt Abdul Khaleque, ASC,

Hon Lt Abdul Mannan Talukder

Rashid, EME and Hon Lt Md

Abdur Rahman, ACC.

EME, Hon Lt Harun-or-

The eleven recipients of

Sub Maj Shahid Ullah Miah

honorary commission in the

rank of Honorary Lieutenant

Artillery, Sub Maj Taher

Hussain, Artillery, Sub Maj

Sardar Abdul Malek, Signals,

Sub Maj Mohammad Ali Miah,

East Bengal, Sub Maj Md Abdul

Hakim, East Bengal, Sub Maj

MA Rouf, East Bengal, Sub Maj

Ghazi Harun-nur-Rashid, East

Bengal, Sub Maj Md Ruhul

Amin, East Bengal, Sub Maj

Abdul Gafur, East Bengal, Sub

Maj Faiz Ahmed, East Bengal

and Sub Maj Abdul Hakim,

New rules for

requisition of

vehicles

By Staff Correspondent

cided not to requisition public

vehicles from now on. Official

sources said Wednesday that a

Home Ministry decision re-

cently directed the police not

to requisition road transports

belonging to government,

semi-government and au-

tonomous bodies.

The government has de-

Sixteen Honorary Lieute-

said the government hopes that all conscious people of society will extend their total support and cooperation to the government in resisting the unlawful activities in the light of lawful steps taken by it to meet the situation, centring Professor Golam Azam.

The government has ar rested Professor Golam Azam and put him under detention as per law of the country, the Press Note pointed out. The Press Note said the

government had called upon the initiators of the so-called Gano Adalat through a Press Note Tuesday to refrain from anti-constitutional activities and not to take law in their

Despite government's call. the initiators of so-called Gano Adalat have taken decision to proceed with the holding of the Gano Adalat, the Press Note pointed out and said the government had served show cause notices on the concerned persons earlier as to why legal actions would not be taken against them for unlaw ful and illegal activities.

Some initiators replied to the notices which appeared to the government not accept able after detailed scrutiny, the Press Note said.

The Press Note said, there is a democratic government now in the country. This democratic government is firm to uphold the Constitution and establish rule of law in the country.

Any trial in the so-called Gono Adalat, ignoring the established court is against the Constitution and law of the land, the Press Note pointed

## Clairvoyant's claim

Sports Reporter The just-concluded

World Cup competition had given rise to a spate of predictions, not only by self-proclaimed cricket pundits but also it seems. soothsayers and astrologers in this country. One such gentleman, S

M Ayub, whose pres release described him as psychic astrologer," claimed that he had, with an almost uncanny degree of accuracy, correctly predicted that Pakistan would be winning the fifth World Cup. And this he claims he had the confidence to announce in the 15th February issue of the "Kriralok", a sports weekly of the Ittefag house.

In that issue, Ayub claims he had said that Pakistan's winning margin would be a single-digit sum total of four. According to him Pakistan's 22-run victory over England yesterday at Melbourne had borne out his prediction to a T since the adding of two plus two gives a single-digit figure of four. Be that as it may, wish the Englishmen had foreknowledge of this and the person who made the prediction. Perhaps then the outcome might -- just might -- have been manipulated. Again, perhaps it was best that not many were aware of this especially the Pakistani players, for who knows they might just have been influenced by a false sense of complacency. In that situation, it might not have turned out to be Imran's cup of joy.

## Golam Azam's arrest hailed

By Staff Correspondent Workers' Party leader

Rashed Khan Menon MP, has hailed the arrest of Golam Azam saying the Government act is the recognition to the people's demand.

In a statement issued Wednesday, Menon, however, said that 'mere arrest was not enough ... he must be tried for war crimes and violation of the Constitution'.

#### From Page 1 Col 3 democracy were synonymous.

Fight poverty

The Prime Minister said poverty alleviation had given priority because poverty was one kind of subjugation. "We want to achieve self-reliance at all levels of national life which is a big guarantee for independence," she said.

Begum Zia said her government had given topmost priority to education sector as it believed that education created consciousness which was a safeguard for independence.

The Prime Minister said we want to channelise the spirit o nationalism in our cultural arena because independence was inherent in the full growth of nationalism. Begum Zia also underscored

the need for continued production, social peace and discipline, practice of democracy education and culture to materialise the potentials of the nation. She paid her deep respect to the martyrs of the War of Independence and congratulated those who received the award.

Earlier the Cabine Secretary Ayubur Rahman read out brief life sketches of recip ients of the awards.

Poet Shamsur Rahman, who could not receive his award at the formal ceremony because of his late arrival, took the award later from Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at her office.

While taking his award the poet said he was happy to receive the award from the head of the elected democratic gov-

Rahman also expressed his regrets to the Prime Minister that he could not receive the award at the function. He explained, that he did not see the invitation card properly and was under impression that the function will be held on March 26 on Independence Day.

Cabinet Secretary Ayubur Rahman took him to the Prime Ministers Secretariat.

### Independence Day Award '92

The government has decided to give Independence Day Award, 1992 to the following organisation and persons for their outstanding con tribution in different fields of national life, reports BSS

Science and Technology Bangladesh Rice Research Institute, Joydevpur, Education — Kazi Zaker Hossain and Literature - Zahir Raihan (Posthumously).

Each of the award consist of a gold medal and Taka 25 thousand in cash.

#### PM's message

From Page 1 Col 4 vering and conflict and build a solid foundation of national cohesion by unitedly giving democracy a permanent institutional shape"

She said "Let the attainment of autarky in all spheres of national life be the vow of this year's independence celebration".

The Prime Minister said the main spirit of our struggle for independence was to establish a happy, contented democratic society. She said imbued with this spirit, our people, irrespective of ideology and opinion, relentlessly fought against autocracy to reestablish democracy in the country. Begum Zia said it had ac-

corded us a new dignity as an independent, sovereign and democracy-loving nation in the international arena. She, however, said the

hard-earned democracy could be consolidated and would take institutional shape only when we would be able to achieve economic emancipation of our masses.

She said her government had devoted all its energies towards this end. Begum Zia recalled with

deep gratitude and respect the sacrifices of millions of martyrs for the sun spangled banner of our independence. She also prayed for the peace of the departed souls.

The Prime Minister felici tated the countrymen both at home and abroad, on the momentous occasion of the 21st anniversary of the glorious independence.

# The Midnight File

### Israel to support Indian participation in ME talks

NEW DELHI, Mar 25: Israel has agreed in principle to support India's participation in the next round of Middle East peace talks, an Israeli Foreign Ministry official said Wednesday. Moshe Yegar, Deputy Director in the Israeli Foreign Ministry, said the issue figured in his talks this week with Indian Foreign Secretary J N Dixit, reports Reuter.

#### Indonesia rejects Dutch development assistance

JAKARTA, Mar 25: Indonesia today rejected Dutch development assistance and called for the dissolution of the intergovernmental group on Indonesia, a consortium of its major western aid donors which is chaired by the Netherlands. "Ties between the two nations have recently deteriorated sharply as the consequence of the reckless use of development assistance as an instrument of intimidation or as a tool for threatening Indonesia," said Coordinating Minister for Economic Affairs Radius Prawire, reports AFP.

### Norway for arms embargo on Myanmar

OSLO, Mar 25: Norway said today it had urged the United Nations Security Council to impose an arms embargo on Myanmar, saying its policies posed a threat to regional peace and security, reports Reuter.

# Independence Day

From Page I Col 4 Besides, a discussion meeting on National Day will be held at the party central office

To observe the Independence Day, Jatiya Party will hold a discussion meeting today at 4 pm at the central of fice of the party at Kawran Bezar.

front of Baitul Mukarram Mosque after Asar prayers today in observance of the Independence and National

wreaths at National Memorial.

Independence and National Day, Radio Bangladesh will broadcast a continuous trans mission for 17 hours commencing 6:30 am till 11 pm. The day's programmes include discussions, recitations, musical sketches and special programmes for youth and children. Bangladesh Television will also telecast special pro-

Bangla Academy will hold a discussion meeting to mark the national day in the academy premises starting at 11 am. To be presided over by Professor Md Shamsul Hug, a paper will be presented by Santosh Gupta while Jamil Chowdhury, Brigadier Amin Ahmed Chowdhury and Harunur Rashid will take part

will conclude on the day.

Nazrul Academy will hold a musical soiree at the Academy premises beginning at 4 pm.

Bangladesh-China Cultural and Mass Communication Centre will hold a discussion meeting on the occasion of the Independence and National Day at the centre's premises in

#### Blankson pleads withdrawal of confession

By Staff Correspondent

Robert Blankson, arrested and detained in connection with heroin trafficking, Wednesday pleaded to the Magistrate, Dhaka for the withdrawal of his confessional statement.

American, Robert Blankson - a South African and Okendu Goddy - a Nigerian were arrested in connection with trafficking 3,270 grams of heroin in February and March this

Metropolitan Magistracy ad heroin trafficking.

Eliadah's solicitor, Advocate Kazi Abdul Wahab, submitted another petition to the same court in which he pleaded to send her some necessary belongings in the jail.

will organise a discussion

meeting followed by an iftar

party at the National Book

Parliament Professor

Badruddoza Chowdhury will be

the chief guest on the occa-

an organisation to uphold the

spirit of the Liberation War.

will lay floral wreaths at the

National Monument to mark

cial organisation, will also hold

a discussion meeting to uphold

the spirit of the Liberation War

on the day at the Bulbul

Lalitakala Academy beginning

Shibir attacks

From Page 1 Col 5

President Abu Zafar Md

supporters brought out a pro-

cession and tried to march to-

wards the Press Club where on

Following the rally, ICS

(Editorial on Page 4)

Sachetan Jubo Samaj, a so-

the day.

at 2:30 pm.

Obaidullah.

Aamra Muktijodhar Santan,

Deputy Leader in

Centre beginning at 4:30 pm.

Shiddeswari beginning at 3 On the occasion of the Independence Day, the central tomorrow (Friday) starting at 3 council of the Zia Youth Forum

Jamaat will hold a rally in

Other political parties and alliances including the Patriotic Democratic Front (PDF), Five Party, Communist Party, NAP, Ganotantri Party, JSD, BSD, Sammayabadi Dal, Janata Party, student and trade union organisations have also taken up programmes to lay

in observance of the

in the discussions. Employees and artistes of the Shilpakala Academy will lay wreaths at the National Memorial at 6 am. Participated by artistes of the Swadhin Bangla Betar Kendra, a musical sofree will be held at the Academy auditorium at 10:30 am. A two-day exhibition on the Sculptors of the Liberation War at the Academy premises

South African national,

Three foreign nationals, Eliadah McCord — 'an

Among the three, Eliadah and Blankson earlier in sepa rate confessional statements to the Magistrates at the Dhaka mitted their involvement in

Blankson, when reproduced in the court of the Third Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate yesterday, submitted a petition through his solicitors in which he said that he was tortured by police into making the confessional statement on March 4 forcibly. The Magistrate, without giving any order, kept the petition on

the way is the office of the Resistance Committee for Killers and Collaborators situ-Police blocked the proces-

sion at Purana Paltan Square and swerved back the procession which attacked the CPB office and beat up some shop keepers calling them CPB supporters, selling books of the communists.

Police lobbed four rounds of tear gas shells to disperse the agitated Shibirities. No one was arrested in this connec-

CPB President Saifuddin Ahmed Manik and General Secretary Nurul Islam Nahid in a statement slated the incident and demanded exemplary punishment of the culprits. They said that the govern-

ment would have to take responsibility for the attack by the anti-liberation force on the eve of the Independence Day. It also condemned the re-

take a general diary on the incident. Patriotic Democratic Alliance (PDF), Bangladesh Samajtantrik Dal (Khaleq) and Samajtantrik Chhatra Front

fusal of Motifheel police to

also condemned the attack. Later, Jamaat-e-Islami Bangladesh held a protest rally on the same venue which was addressed by party Secretary General Matiur Rahman

Jamaat Secretary said that the government bowed to the pressure of 'so called collaborators resistance committee' and arrested party Ameer Prof Golam Azam. He said that the committee

has included a number of killers of late President Ziaur Rahman but the government of Prime Minister Khaleda Zia is favouring the 'illegal' commit-This government will loose

ground if it goes ahead in this way," Nizami cautioned the Prime Minister adding that 'you should remember the' tragic incident of 1981. The Jamaat leader said that

Begum Zia visited Golam Azam

twice before and after forming

the government last year and pledged restoration of Golam Azam's citizenship. "Was Golam Azam a foreigner or a Bangladeshi when you (PM) met with him during

that period?" he questioned

Nizami who claimed that he

loves Golam Azam more than his life, his parents and children, said that "crores of Islam lovers and supporters of Golam Azam would one day bring their leader out of the jail."

A procession followed the rally presided over by party's city unit President ATM Azharul Islam.

Begum Zia.