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NEWS BRIEFS

Turkish Gen in city

The Turkish land forces Commander General Muhittin Fisunoglu arrived in Dhaka yesterday, on a four-day goodwill visit to Bangladesh. General Fisunoglu is accompanied by his wife Begum Neriman Fisunoglu and a four-member delegation. Chief of Army Staff Lt General Muhammad Noor Uddin Khan, Begum Sophia Khan and other senior army officers received the distinguished guests at the Zia International Airport, reports BSS.

Rail Week begins today

Bangladesh Railway will observe 'Rail Week' across the country from today aiming to improve its service ensuring security and punctuality train journey. During the week, various mass-contact programmes will be taken up to solicit public opinion for overall development of the sector, reports UNB.

Abbas Ali Khan hospitalised

The Acting Amir of Jamaat-e-Islami Bangladesh Abbas Ali Khan has been admitted to Ibne Sina Clinic with enlargement of the prostate gland. He has sought the do of all. However, the physicians have advised his friends and well-wishers not to visit him at the clinic, reports BSS.

City BNP meets today

An emergency joint meeting of the Dhaka city unit of BNP and its front organisations will be held today at 4 pm at the city unit office of Nawab Yusuf Market (Nayabazar), reports BSS.

Yeltsin ban on Communist Party partially goes

MOSCOW, Nov 30: Russia's top court delivered a mixed verdict Monday on President Boris Yeltsin's crackdown on the Communist Party: it largely upheld his ban on the party, but allowed it to resume grassroots activity, reports AP.

Both sides claimed victory, on the eve of a crucial session of Russia's Congress of People's Deputies.

For Yeltsin, the ruling by the Constitutional Court could shield him from impeachment attempts by former Communists who dominate the Congress. For the Communists, the ruling means they can begin to reorganize.

The court decided that Yeltsin acted constitutionally when he shut down the national structure of the party, headed by the Politburo that ruled the Soviet Union for seven decades.

But the court also said grassroots Communist groups can exist, and left open the possibility that they could rebuild a national organization.

Chief Judge Valery Zorkin, who presided over the four-month landmark trial, announced to a packed courtroom that Yeltsin had authority to seize state property that was under the party's control. The panel of 13 judges said other party property whose source has not been determined should not have been seized without a decision of the Court of Arbitration, the country's business court.

"The ruling has all the qualities of a compromise," said Andrei Makarov, a Yeltsin lawyer.

The regional organizations of the Russian Communist Party were pronounced lawful, as well as the property that was not established as belonging to the state," he said.

Yegor Ligachev, the party's former ideologist, said the ruling would allow the party to "both revive and unify."

He predicted it will give a boost to former Communists who have formed various smaller parties, and that these

gradually will unite and try to regain property through the courts.

Makarov, however, did not think the Communist Party was likely to restore itself on the basis of its "regional organizations."

Another Yeltsin lawyer, Mikhail Fedotov, predicted that former Communists will sue to reclaim property bought with party dues, such as old age homes and youth camps.

Further legal action almost certainly will be necessary to determine what property belonged to the state and what was purchased from the dues of the party's 19 million members.

The Communist Party once owned office buildings, apartments, resorts, hospitals, schools, newspapers, automobiles and vast bank accounts. Since its dissolution, these have been taken over by the state or groups of workers.

"I think this is a victory not so much for the President as for society as a whole, which is

learning to resolve such disputes in a normal, legal fashion," Fedotov said.

Yeltsin had no immediate comment on the ruling.

The trial resulted from a lawsuit filed by 37 pro-Communist legislators. They argued that Yeltsin exceeded his constitutional authority when he issued three decrees banning the party and nationalizing its property after the failed August 1991 coup.

Fifty-two anti-Communist lawmakers filed a countersuit, arguing the party was an unconstitutional organization that illegally grabbed power in the 1917 Revolution, killed millions of people during Josef Stalin's reign, and resisted reform right up to its demise.

The court ruled that the countersuit by the anti-Communists was moot, because "in August 1991, the Communist Party of the Soviet Union in fact collapsed and lost the status of an all-union organization, and its organiza-

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Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia addressing a public meeting at Char Fashion High School ground in Bhola yesterday. —PID photo

BNP keeping poll pledges: PM

BHOLA (Barisal), Nov 30: Prime Minister Khaleda Zia said, here today that her party was fulfilling all its election pledges one after the other and accused Awami League of breaching its commitments.

Begum Zia was addressing by-election campaign rallies at Charfashon and Manpurabazar under Bhola district.

The rallies were organised to seek votes for BNP candidate Abdus Shahid Maltia in the Bhola-4 constituency by-election scheduled for Dec 2.

The PM and BNP Chairperson said this party (AL) had introduced one-party rule and stopped publication of all newspapers when in power after the Liberation War.

From Staff Correspondent

The AL government, she alleged, had misappropriated relief goods and played with the lives of the commonman.

The leader of the same party, the PM further alleged, participated in the 1986 parliament elections under the autocratic regime breaching its commitment to the people.

The Prime Minister said that her government was determined to develop the country's southern region which, she said, had been neglected by the past autocratic regime.

The autocratic government of Ershad looted crore of taka received as foreign aid, the PM alleged and announced that the present democratic government was committed to a

balanced development of all areas utilising the country's limited resources.

She sought people's cooperation to make government development efforts successful.

BSS adds: Begum Zia said 'the politics' of the opposition was designed to encourage corruption, terrorism, anarchy and destruction of public property.

She said the people in the past had voted the opposition to power but they had bluffed the people and presented them a famine which had caused the deaths of thousands.

The election rally of Charfashon High School field

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By-election to Bhola-4 JS seat tomorrow

By-election to the vacant Bhola-4 Constituency will be held tomorrow (Wednesday), an official handout said here last night, reports BSS.

The seat had fallen vacant following the death of Principal Nazrul Islam, an Awami League MP.

Seven candidates including BNP, Awami League, Jatiya Party and Independent candidates are contesting the by-election.

Polling will take place from 7 am to 3 pm without break at 88 polling centres. In 1991 there were 53 polling centres in the constituency. The number of centres has been raised to facilitate the voters to cast their votes.

Public holiday was declared in the constituency of Bhola-4 on December 2 to facilitate the casting of votes of officers and employees of government, semi-government, autonomous bodies and semi-autonomous bodies.

Public meetings and processions have been banned for 48 hours beginning from midnight yesterday to midnight of December 2 in the constituency. Election Commission has urged all concerned to abide by the restriction.

Chief Election Commissioner Mohammad Abdur Rouf, Election Commissioner Syed Misbahuddin Hossain and Secretary of the Election Commission AZM Shamsul Alam have already left for Bhola. Chief Election Commissioner will stay at Bhola till the day of polling.

Stranded Pakistanis Token repatriation starts this month

By Toufique Imrose Khalidi

A token repatriation of the stranded Pakistanis is likely to take place in the last week of this month to honour the August accord between the Prime Ministers, official sources indicated.

"We are trying to set about by sending a batch of the people by the year end... as a symbolic implementation of the commitment at the highest political level," a senior official, who is a member of the task force formed to coordinate the repatriation activities in Bangladesh, said.

During Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia's August 9-11 visit to the country, Pakistan promised to start the process of taking its 2.38 lakh nationals by December. A joint statement issued at the end of Begum Zia's trip said that 3000 families would be taken initially.

Islamabad has said that housing facilities for the returnees who would number

nearly 20000 are complete. A flat for each of the families has been constructed in Pakistan's most populous Punjab province with monetary assistance from the Rabita Trust, a joint effort of the Pakistan government and the Makkah-based Rabitat al-Alam al-Islami or Muslim World League.

Identity cards have already been prepared for the 3000 families who have been picked from the camps in Adamjeenagar, Bogra and Chittagong. According to Nasim Khan, the leader of the Stranded Pakistanis' General Repatriation Committee (SPGRC), the selection has been made on alphabetical order which, Khan says, was agreed at a joint meeting of the Pakistan High Commission in Dhaka, SPGRC leaders and the local Rabita officials.

The task force headed by Foreign Secretary Reaz Rahman has so far held two

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Diseases claim 2775 Rohingyas in 4 months

By Farid Ahmed

A total of 2775 people died of various diseases including stomach ailments and malaria in the Rohingya refugee camps in Cox's Bazar and Bandarban districts during the last four months, according to the Health Directorate in Dhaka Sunday.

Out of the total, 509 refugees died of stomach ailments including diarrhoea, blood dysentery and normal dysentery while 458 of acute respiratory infection (ARI), 47 of malaria and 1761 of other diseases in 19 Rohingya refugee camps in the two districts since August 1 this year, according to the Health Directorate figures.

A total 2665 refugees died in 18 camps in Cox's Bazar district while 110 others in a Bandarban camp.

Twelve refugees died Saturday. Of them, three of ARI and seven of other diseases in the Cox's Bazar camps while two died in Bandarban camp.

Concerned doctors said that hundreds of refugees were being affected with various diseases and rushing to the medical teams working among the Rohingya refugees in Cox's Bazar and Bandarban everyday.

According to an official estimate some 2,35,919 Rohingyas are staying in 18 camps in Cox's Bazar while

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OIC to press for use of UN force against Serbs

JEDDAH, Nov 30: Islamic nations, accusing the world of a half-hearted response to the plight of Muslims in Bosnia-Herzegovina, meet in Saudi Arabia on Tuesday to press for UN military intervention against Christian Serbs, reports Reuter.

Foreign ministers of the 47-member Organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC) will be holding their first talks specifically called to help Bosnia's Muslims who have lost most of their territory to the well-armed Serbian minority.

OIC Secretary General Hamid Alghabid says the foreign ministers will ask for UN

military intervention and a change in the arms embargo against the former Yugoslav republics that fails to discriminate between victims and aggressors.

"We will seek new strategy to help Bosnians with all means," he told one interviewer.

"We will put pressure on the international community to convince it of the need for strong action to stop the Serb aggression since all Security Council resolutions did not work until now."

The 1.6 million Bosnian Muslims prevented from arm-

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Lunthin seizes Bangladeshi fishing boat

COX'S BAZAR, Nov 30: Myanmar Border Security Forces — Lunthin — have forcibly taken away a Bangladeshi fishing boat along with 14 fishermen from Bangladesh territory, reports UNB.

The Lunthin took away the boat, FB "Yasmin", Sunday morning when it reached near St Martin's Island on its return journey from three days of fishing in the deep sea, complained Abu Saeed, the boat owner. In a written statement to DC Enamul Karim.

According to the owner, the boat and its fishing nets were valued at Taka 12 lakh.

Last month, the Myanmar border guards took away two other engine boats with 14 fishermen from the Naf River. They returned one boat with 10 fishermen after a flag meeting with BDR. But the remaining boat and four fishermen are yet to be returned, official sources said.

Alhaj Shamsul Huda dead

Renowned journalist Alhaj Shamsul Huda died at the Suhrawardy Hospital at 9 last night. He was 58, reports UNB.

Family sources said he was suffering from acute asthma and was rushed to the hospital at 8:30 pm when his condition turned serious.

A plain living person of amiable disposition, Shamsul Huda left behind wife, a daughter, a son and host of friends and admirers to mourn his death.

His namaz-e-janaza will be held today (Tuesday) first at 9:00 am at the New Colony ground at Mohammadpur Asad Gate and the second at 11:00 am at the Jatiya Press Club premises.

Later, the body will be taken to Huda's village home at Khaturia in Domar thana of Nilphamari district, where he will be laid to eternal rest at the family graveyard.

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Mostafiz in Jeddah

JEDDAH, Nov 30: Bangladesh Foreign Minister A S M Mostafizur Rahman arrived here today to attend the extra-ordinary meeting of the OIC foreign ministers on the situation in Bosnia-Herzegovina, reports BSS.

On arrival here, Rahman was received by Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud al-Faisal, OIC Secretary General Dr Hamid Al Gabid, Bangladesh Ambassador in Saudi Arabia and other senior officials of the OIC Secretariat, Bangladesh Embassy and the Consulate General.

The Saudi Foreign Minister appreciated the Bangladesh Foreign Minister's participation despite his heavy preoccupation in connection with the ensuing SAARC summit in Dhaka.



The rescued boy.

Kidnapped boy rescued from Dhaka Medical College hall

By Staff Correspondent

A five-year-old boy was rescued from a residential hall of Dhaka Medical College seven hours after he had been kidnapped for a ransom in the city Monday.

Police raided the hall and rescued the boy, Aninda Chandra Majumder, at around 2:45 pm but failed to arrest the alleged kidnapper, Pannu, an expelled student of Alia Madrasa, according to a police source.

Pannu kidnapped Aninda and demanded Taka 30,000 as ransom, said police quoting Aninda's uncle Sukesh Chandra Majumder.

Sukesh and Aninda were in Dhaka from Madaripur to fly for Russia where Aninda's parents were staying, said police.

A case was lodged with Lalbagh police but none was arrested.

— Star photo

Troops take up position in Ayodhya

NEW DELHI, Nov 30: Paramilitary troops have taken up position in an Indian holy town where more than 15,000 radical Hindus have assembled to build a temple on a site where a mosque stands, news reports said Monday, reports AP.

Hindu radicals arrived from across India to resume construction that was suspended last July. Reports said their numbers may swell to tens of thousands by Sunday when work is to resume.

About 10,000 troops were on alert in Ayodhya, 500 kilometres (300 miles) east of New Delhi, Press Trust of India said.

Hindu-Muslim clashes were reignited last July when work on the temple began, defying court orders forbidding construction near the mosque. Work was halted after Prime Minister P V Narasimha Rao intervened and referred the matter to the Supreme Court.

The state government of Uttar Pradesh, where Ayodhya is located, last week assured the Court it will not allow work on the temple. Instead, devotees would sing hymns on the spot.

But in the past few days, the nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party that controls the state

government has sent mixed signals on whether it will avoid a confrontation.

Giriraj Kishore, a leader of the World Hindu Council, an ally of the BJP that is spearheading the temple campaign, told Press Trust that a final decision on the matter would be taken by Hindu saints on Friday.

"If any force is used to stop the (construction), the repercussions will be serious," Press Trust quoted Kishore as saying.

The temple issue rocked Parliament Monday as lawmakers from the governing Congress Party criticized a reported decision by BJP Parliament members to take part in the temple ceremony on Dec 6.

AFP adds: The Supreme Court has named a provincial judge as its official observer in Ayodhya where Hindu zealots plan to defy judicial bans.

Officials said the Court late Sunday named Tej Shankar as its observer to keep an eye on the mosque.

Tej Shankar, a Hindu judge from the Moradabad district court, will report directly to the Supreme Court and could seek fresh orders from the body in case Hindus violate construction ban orders, officials said.



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