More Bangladeshis now employed in Kuwait

By Asiuzzaman

The "new Kuwait" has employed more Bangladeshis than were there when Iraq invaded, sources in the Labour and Manpawer Directorate said

Until last month 61,357 Bangladeshis were employed in Kuwait against some 57,000 who had fled during the Iraqi invasion in August 1990, one official of the Directorate said. He said that of the total

employees, 19,695 were reinstated while 41,662 got fresh employments in Kuwait.

None of the nearly 5,000 employees, who fled Iraq during the war returned to that country nor was any fresh employment made by it because of a UN- imposed sanction an of-

"There are misgivings in the public mind that Bangladeshi workers have lost their position in Kuwait and that the 'new Kuwait' is not taking many workers from abroad, the official said adding that "the employment is still On the UN compensation

for Iraq-Kuwait returnees, the

official said that chances of getting compensation were bleak as the payments had to be made by Iraq, defeated in the Gulf war.

The senior official said that the UN Compensation Commission and the International Organisation for Migration were just assessing the damages caused by Iraq to the expatriates in Kuwait and Iraq.

The assessment would continue until June 1993 in line with the resolution in, the United Nations that Iraq should compensate war vic-

"The claim is not yet made to Iraq and it is uncertain whether Iraq will be able to pay the compensation," the official said in reply to a question that the ILO had paid Taka 113 crore for the Bangladeshi returnees as claimed by the returnees' Association.

Babri Mosque.

By Staff Correspondent

Rohingya refugees returned

home on Thursday the seventh

batch being repatriated out of a

quarter of a million refugees

living in Bangladesh, officials

Officials reached by tele

phone at Cox's Bazar claimed

all the returnees volunteered

to go back home in Arakan,

from where they had fled to

Bangladesh to escape a military

triation Commissioner Golam

Murtaza and other officials

were present on the bank of

the river Naaf to give-a send-

The team included 47 male,

The latest returnees raised

The officials said the

Meanwhile United Nations

54 female, 53 boys and 55

so far the number of refugees

sent home to 1767 since the

repatriation began in Septem-

refugees were provided with

food ration for at least one

High Commissioner for Refu-

gees has stopped monitoring

the repatriation over the

allegation that many are being

were present during Thurs-

No official from UNHCR

The UN officials monitor

the four previous batches of re-

Two other batches of

refugees are ready to leave vol-

untarily on December 12 and

3 killed, 16 hurt

in road accidents

By Staff Correspondent

and 16 others injured yester-

day in three road accidents in

said, an unidentified truck hel-

per was killed Thursday when

the truck dashed a road-side

Police said that the young

In another accident, a teen-

age boy died and his father

critically wounded yesterday

when a truck hit their motor-

bike at Tipu Sultan Road in the

Police said Syed Mahbub

Hossain (14) died at the Dhaka

Our Narayangani Corres-

pondent adds: At least one

passenger was killed and 15

others injured when a Dhaka-

bound bus skidded off the road

and fell into a roadside ditch at

Char Syedpur on the Dhaka-

Munshiganj Highway Thursday

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has left 20 dead. More than

250 houses were set ablaze

after the demolition of a place

The situation in Faizabad

In Maharashtra, which

too, was described as 'tense'

showed signs of improvement

yesterday, the situation deteri-

orated today taking the death

roll to 250, as Bombay re-

mained the worst affected with

140. Police opened fire in four

places in the city to drive away

states to take the help of the

The Centre advised all

mobs indulging in rioting.

of worship in Lohta Bazar.

but 'under control.'

Medical College Hospital

tree to save a child in the city.

man (30) died on the spot at

Mirpur at about 6-30 pm.

capital.

afternoon.

the city and Narayanganj.

Three persons were killed

Our DMCH Correspondent

sent home against their will.

day's repatriation.

14, it was learnt.

turnees.

Refugee Relief and Repa-

persecution.

week.

off to the refugees.

Two hundred and nine

He said the Bureau of Manpower Development had already sent a list of 62,130 Bangladeshis who fled the two Gulf countries and now seeking compensation to the UN

Kao admits mistake

From Page 1 Col 4 pujari is permitted to do puja

When asked how the minitemple had come up on the site after the Central government had taken over the UP administration, Rao said that the authorities could not reach the place because of log for more than 12 hours. Subsequently, he said, the forces had to wait till dark to clear the site.

This was Rao's first meeting with editors and columnists to explain why the government did not got before December 6 when the Masjid was demolished. He said he obeyed the dictates of the Constitution, which said that no state government could be dismissed on mere suspicion. "Had done it, I would have been blamed for acting unconstitutionally." He charged the BJP for going back on the affidavits in filed in the Supreme Court and deceiving the government and the public. He said the government would be bringing out a white paper to give the blow account to prove the UP BJP government's 'perfidy'.

Rao still was a picture of vacillation and that may explain why the banning of the RSS has not been effected so

This vacillation is under attack by the National Front and the academicians and intellectuals on the one hand and by a segment of the Congress party on the other. Although there is no danger to his prime ministership, the pressure to oust him continues and some opposition leaders have also sought the assistance of President Shankar Dayal Sharma for this

Rao has called for a joint front of all forces in favour of secular modes of thought and motion to face the crisis. He had discussion with members of Parliament belonging to the Left Front on the question of joint action and joint approach on the question of secularism.

In the meanwhile L K Advant, the BJP leader under detention, has issued a statement saying that the demolition of the mosque was "part of movement". He has gone back on his earlier expression of regret and has attacked the President, the Vice-President and political parties for betraying the nation and destroying the Constitution.'

It appears that the initial anguish of the BJP leaders over the destruction of the Babri Masjid was a mere formality and that from now on it would not only justify the Ayodhya vandalism but also take credit

Reports culled on the rioting indicate that out of every five deaths in the country-wide Ayodhya-related violence, four took place in Congress-ruled States, including Uttar Pradesh where President's rule was imposed after the dismissal of the BJP government. The toll reached 779 till late on Wednesday evening. The worst affected states were those ruled by the Congress. Mahar ashtra accounted for the maximum number of 215 deaths, followed by Gujarat 177, Uttar Pradesh 104, Assam 75, Andhra Pradesh 22 Karnataka 45 and Kerala 11 The death toll in Madhya Pradesh reached 58 and in

Jute market

From Page 1 Col 4 Bangladesh virtually had to match the price offered by India, the Minister admitted.

Meanwhile, in a dramatic development, some Indian jute traders who came to Bangladesh a few day ago, are trying to procure from Bangladesh the jute products required to meet their contract with Syria.

A highly placed official in the Jute Ministry admitting the fact told this correspondent, on the condition of anonymity, that one Mr Wadwa, a London-based Indian businessman who also owns some jute mills in India, had approached the BJMC to buy the products. But the BJMC authorities refused to sell as they considered it detrimental to the national interest, the official added.

Explaining the Indian trader's approach, the Bangladesh official said that the people who had offered Syria supply of the products at a lower price virtually failed to collect the goods from the Indian market as the price offered was actually lower than the production cost.

India is dumping its jute products for the time being with a view to elbowing out Bangladesh, the largest jute producing country, from the international market, the offictal explained.

He added that with the continued international resistance to the use of synthetics, jute had a tremendous potential in the international market.

Once Bangladesh was out of the international jute market, India would be dictating the

price in the world and thus recoup its present losses in this sector, the jute ministry official said

Rajasthan 43. Capitals of last

two mentioned States have

witnessed large-scale violence.

Meanwhile, Mr Wadwa, disappointed at the public sector jute mills of the country, was trying to persuade the private sector mills to supply him the required jute goods, sources in the Bangladesh Jute Mills Association (BJMA) told The Daily Star.

According to the BJMC sources, some six jute mills owners had already been approached by the Indian national and some of them were now actively considering the proposed deal.

Sources in the BJMC further said that the Indian national was assuring the local mills owners that he would arrange to make up their possible losses by making them earn, profits through selling of jute products to the Bangladesh government under 'local purchase' claiming that he was in a position to influence a section in the Bangladesh government.

DU exams postponed

The Dhaka University au-

A press release said, the annual subsidiary examinations of 2nd year BA and BSS under course system of 1991, 3rd year BSS (hons) and B Pharm Part-III of 1990, 1st part M Sc of 1990 and 3rd year LLB (hons) of 1991 will not be held from December 12 to 17, reports UNB.

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209 Rohingyas Nirmul human chain return home

From Page 1 Col 6 of the demands then it will fulfil the demands."

She said that "our struggle is also against the incident in India which was an outcome of fundamentalism."

NO untoward incident occurred during the programme that spread over the areas of Mirpur Road, Science Laboratory, Shahabag, Purana Paltan, Zero Point and Nawabpur Road, witnesses and organisers

The police officials were

Hartal observed in Sylhet, Habiganj

From Our Correspondent SYLHET, Dec 10: A half-day hartal was observed here today at the call of Islamic organisa tions in protest against the demolition of the historic Babri Mosque in India.

All Government, private of fices, commercial banks and educational institutions remained closed during the hartal hour.

Vehicular traffic was off the streets during the hartal hours. The agitated people held a protest meeting at Qudratullah Mosque Point violating Section 144 imposed in the town earlier. They also held a number of protest processions.

However, there was no report of untoward incident. UNB adds: A half-day hartal was also observed in the district town Thursday protesting

the killing of two people in BDR firing on Wednesday at Madhabpur thana. Ashraf and Matin died when BDR opened fire to disperse a mob ransacking two temples in a backlash to the demolition

of Babri Mosque in India. The 6 am-12 noon shutdown called by Touheedi Janata brought town life to a standstill with all transport off the streets and shops, business establishments and schools closed. Transaction in bank's and financial institutions was

2 killed, 4 hurt over land dispute

By DMCH Correspondent Two people were killed and another four injured in a land dispute at Savar Thursday.

Doctors at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital said that Shamsul Islam (45) died at the hospital after being admitted there from Bhakurta of Savar in a critical state. Another person Sadek Mia (65) died on the spot.

Those admitted in the DMCH are: Imam Ali (60), Fatema (30), Shirin (35) and Tota Mia (28).

seen active in maintaining the traffic in major cross sections,

vehicles. Riot police were however

> The human chain programme was followed by a rally Club. Samannaya Committee leaders including Abdur Razzak, MP, Nurul Islam Nahid, Kazi Aref Ahmed, Syed Hassan Imam and Nirmal Sen addre-

Our JU Correspondent

Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee organised the human chain at 10 am it stretched from Shaheed Hadis Park to the Dakbunglow Square, about one kilometer in length.

Taka two crore misappropriated in Khulna TCB

From Staff Correspondent amount of misappropriation of

money is likely to exceed Taka two crore in last two years in ICB, Khulna branch According to source, a section of TCB officials in collaboration with some Customs offi-

the amount by various means during the last two years. The four-member audit team working here since last month has submitted a report

Taka 1.35 crore, it was learnt.

The audit team reports that TCB did not follow existing godown and paying of bills.

also submitted a similar report of defalcation of Taka 50 lakh, but no action has so for been taken, it was alleged.

The workers union of TCB Khulna demanded a high level inquiry committee to probe into the matter, the source

Meanwhile, the TCB Chairman has arrived in Khulna

When contacted, local TCB officials refused to give any information or admit or deny allegations of the audit team.

-Star photo

where they requested the committee supporters to keep free parts of the movement of

deployed in some points to maintain order.

in front of the Jatiya Press

adds: Hundreds of teachers, students and employees of Jahangirnagar University joined hand-in-hand Thursday to form a human chain in the Dhaka Aricha Highway in solidarity with the Nirmul Committee's programme.

KHULNA, Dec 10: The

cials, surveyors, carrying agents have misappropriated

on defalcation of more than

The team detected a case of defalcation of more than 800 MT of salt imported from India last week of November. In two other cases the team detected defalcation of more than 175 MT of salt.

rules and norms in appointing carrying agents, renting Last year another audit team

HC orders release of Nazrul after 12-yr illegal jail

By Staff Correspondent

The High Court Division of the Supreme Court in an unprecedented decision Wednesday ruled that the detention of Muhammad Nazrul Islam, jailed for 12 years in Satkhira, was "illegal and without jurisdiction" and ordered his immediate release.

A Division Bench consisting Justice Mozammel Haque and Justice Mahfuzur Rahman made the rule "absolute and the detention of Md. Nazrul Islam right from his date of arrest till today is hereby declared illegal and without jurisdiction. Declaring all criminal pro-

ceedings against him were illegal, void and without jurisdiction "as if no criminal proceedings were started against him at any time", the ruling added "the detenu ... shall be set at liberty forthwith from custody without any delay for a single moment."

Nazrul Islam was jailed at Satkhira jail in 1980 at the age of 12 years falsely implicated in connection with a number of mostly dacoity and gang cases. Inspite of his acquittal from all of these cases he was still being detained in jail

The High Court issued a suo-moto rule on October 18 after a report was published in a national daily in the same

Former Attorney General and senior Advocate Rafigue-ul Haq was appointed by the court as Amicus Curie to represent the detenu.

The court issued a rule against the Deputy Commissioner, the Superintendent of Police and the Jailor of Satkhira but all failed to respond while the detenu was produced before the court on November 3 by the sub-jailor chained with 'danda-beri'. the court learned that the detenu was being harassed by the administration and that he was chained for the duration of his term except for one year while he was undergoing medical treatment

The court ordered that the detenu be immediately freed from the 'danda-beri' and issued a show-cause notice on the Home Ministry as to why he should not be released from detention. He also noted that in the

other cases he was discharged and or acquitted long before but was not released from jail.

copy of the judgement be sent to the Prime Minister so that she should personally conbeing a poor minor boy ... was put to such unexpectable sufferings and inhuman torture ... some interested person and due to administrative negli of Bangladesh with all its funrule of law is being claimed to have been set up in the country and the democracy has been established."

Pakistan to rebuild all damaged temple

government will rebuild scores of temples damaged or razed in Pakistan during demonstrations this week, the federal Religious Affairs Minister said in an interview published today, reports AFP.

Maulana Abdus Sattar Nizazi told the Dawn newspaper that the reconstruction would start after a list was prepared of those temples which were attacked by mobs retaliating against the destruction of a

Premadasa

district. Lt General M Nooruddin

Khan PSC, Chief of Army Staff will host a launcheon in honour of the Shri Lankan Madam President and Premadasa at Bogra Cantonment tomorrow.

President of Shri Lanka and Madam Premadasa Sonargaon in the evening tomorrow.

and school programme at Manikgonj on December 13 and also visit national museum at Shabagh in the afternoon. President Abdur Rahman Biswas will host a banquet at

Bangabhaban in honour of Shri Lankan President and Madam Premadasa in the evening. President and Madam

Premadasa will leave Dhaka on December 14. They will be seen off at Zia International Airport by Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman and Begum Rahman.

The Midnight File

Rao rules out imposition of internal emergency

NEW DELHI, Dec 10: The Prime Minister P V Narasimha Rao today ruled out imposition of an internal emergency in the country to restore normalcy. In an interview to Doordarshan, the Prime Minister said, "I don't think that will be necessary" when asked whether one of his options would be to impose an internal emergency to bring the situation under control rapidly."

Pro-communist forces seize downtown Dushanbe

DUSHANBE, Tajikistan, Dec 10: Pro-Communist forces led by the new interior minister and backed by tanks, combat helicopters and armoured vehicles took downtown Dushanbe on Thursday. They seized control of key government buildings and industrial sites in the capital of Tajikistan, a former Soviet republic of 5.1 million people in Central Asia. Heavy fighting was reported throughout the city, but casualty figures were not immediately available, reports AP.

PM: Babri Mosque

From Page 1 Col 4 said that only democratic environment could ensure rule of law and implementation of human rights.

People have regained the environment of free thinking and freedom of speech with the restoration of democracy in the country after nine years of struggle against autocracy, she said. "Freedom of press has been ensured," she added.

The Prime Minister mentioned that democracy and rule of law were inter-related and said that the present government had laid emphasis on establishment of rule of law. "Efforts are being made to recast the colonial laws to suit a democratic country."

Education, as a driving force for development, has been given importance, she said and also mentioned some other priority sectors, including women uplift, health and population, marked by the present government. Begum Zia stressed the

need for eradicating poverty to ensure human rights and development of the people. "Poverty, illiteracy, disease

and terrorism are the enemies of human rights," she said. Referring to the new anti-

terrorism law, the Prime Minister said democracy and terrorism cannot go together. The anti-terrorism law has been enacted to ensure unhindered development of democracy and the country."

Information Minister Barrister Nazmul Huda in his address said that the BSEHR with 250 branches over the country and three others abroad was ever vigilant to ensure human rights to all The Swiss Charge d'Affaires

and the Deputy Chief of US Mission in Dhaka, in their speech, hoped that the organisation (BSEHR) would continue to provide legal aid to the needy and in establishing rule of law in the society. Amnesty International Chairman Ross Daniel said that

government must have sincere will to stop "systematic torture" that prevailed in many countries Later, the Prime Minister

gave away BSEHR's "Best Human Rights Chapter Award" to its Jessore branch.

PM to head Nat'l Council for

A National Council for Wo men headed by Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia is in the process of formation for the overall advancement of wo men, reports BSS.

This was stated by the Minister of State for Social Welfare and Women's Affairs Mrs Sarwari Rahman when UNDP Resident Representative Charles H Larsimont called on her at the Bangladesh Secre tariat office yesterday.

The State Minister discussed the different development Projects undertaken by the Women's Affairs Ministry in accordance with the Geneva Declaration for rural women adopted at the summit on economic advancement of rural women in Geneva in February this year.

BJP reasserts

From Page 1 Col 7 Delhi took out a procession to condemn what happened at Ayodhya, particularly the attack on them and the cameramen by Hindu fundamental-

A few leading intellectuals in the country have proposed a national monument at Ayodhya, apart from the Mosque and the Mandir, to enshrine the secular tradition of India. They have appealed to the govern ment to set up a public trust to take charge of the task. Political activity is as fever-

ish as before. Prime Minister Narasimha Rao, although backed by a unanimous resolution of the Congress Party reposing confidence in him, is shaky. Opposition leaders like VP Singh and Chandrasekhar are not willing to accept him and many within the Congress Party increasingly realise that his "inept handling" has caused them the Muslim elaborate on the one hand and credibility in the world on the other. He has survived the initial attack but he is a much weaker leader in the Congress party and still weaker Prime Minister in the country.

The government is awaiting the Allahabad High Court judgment scheduled to be delivered on December 11 before undertaking the task of building the mosque and the temple at the disputed site. The High Court may give a verdict to indicate which part of the site is disputed and which was not. However, even moderate leaders like Atal Behari Vajpayee have warned of "dire consequences" if the mosque is restored. On the other hand, all non-BJP political parties are unanimous on restoring the mosque. In the meanwhile the Home

Ministry and the Law Ministry are still working on the modalities of banning communal parties and they have on their list RSS, VHP, Shiv Sena, Bajrang Dal, Jamaat-e-Islami, Students Islamic Movement of India (SIMI) and Islamic Sewak Sangh (ISS).

SAARC Summit

From Page 1 Col 8 Asian Development Fund, the Independent Commission on Poverty Alleviation, the Foreign Secretary said.

preceded by informal discussions among the seven minis-The ministers also ap-

The Foreign Secretary confirmed" the visits of President Ranasinghe Premadasa of Shri

Lanka and Prime Minister Mian Nawaz Sharif of Pakistan. He disclosed that Premadasa would be in Bangladesh from Friday through Monday

Saturday. The Foreign Secretary refuted reports that President Maumoon Abdul Gayoom of the Maldives would also be in Dhaka. The reports, quoting an unnamed Pakistan Foreign Ministry spokesman, datelined

would come.

He described both the visits bilateral and said that "bilateral, international and SAARC"

holds its concluding session today.

The Foreign Secretary said that some of the visiting ministers would leave today after the concluding session and some tomorrow.

From Page 1 Col 6

Sources said that unless the donors released funds for the power sector, power supply would be in a big mess in the

Rehabilitation of nine power stations has now become essential for a smooth power

supply. Meanwhile, sources said that the plan to involve private sector participation in power sector may not be successful because of some technical rea-

They said that the private sector had not shown much interest because of the existing system loss. Any private generation of power would have to be put on the PDB power grid which would mean a system loss for the private sector. On the other hand, the setting up of a separate grid for private sector would involve a huge

inations

thorities have postponed some honours and subsidiary exam-

> army wherever necessary an official spokesman said tonight. The spokesman said that the Home Minister, SB Chavan has been in touch with Chief

Ministers of various states and since last night has spoken to the Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Gujarat, Karnataka, Bihar and West Bengal. AP adds: Prime Minister

Narasimha Rao, who has been

criticized for failing to stem

the carnage, Thursday said "we

are asserting (ourselves), ... in

fact we have averted many

more deaths."

"The army is in command" in all riot-torn areas. "From day to day, the situation is steadily improving," he said in a television interview. In his television interview,

Rao rejected demands that he quit for failing to anticipate the trouble in Ayodhya. "Why should I? There is no question of resigning at all," he said, adding that leaders of the Hindu nationalist Bharatiya

Janata Party, which led the

Ayodhya campaign, must he held accountable. On Thursday, four Hindu leaders, accused of provoking the violence by communal speeches in Ayodhya, appeared before Judicial Magistrate KP Singh, who jailed them for one

Lal Krishna Advani and Murali Manohar Joshi, the most senior leaders of the Bharatiya Janata Party, were arrested on three counts of inciting communal violence. Vishnu Hari Dalmiya, presi-

dent of the fundamentalist Viswa Hindu Parishad, and Uma Bharati, a BJP legislator, also were jailed for a week after being arrested on the same charges. The police have three months to file formal charges

meantime, the government will have to get the court's approval for keeping the leaders in jail. The charges carry a combined total maximum penalty of 11 years imprison-PTI adds: The BJP today said the government should take all necessary steps to re-

store peace and normalcy in

the country and appealed to

that will open a trial. In the

people not to give way to any provocation. The party Vice President Sunder Singh Bhandari, told a news conference that the BJP regretted that the government's indecision and double talk had led to the happenings of Dec 6. Official actions since that day had only complicated

matters.

He warned the government that the trial of BJP leaders would drive the "last nail in the coffin" of the Congress government. Any ban on organisations

like RSS and VHP would only provoke the people and encourage anti-national elements, he said. He also said BJP leaders would be going to various parts of the country and address rallies to defuse the present situation.

Women

The court also asked that a sider and feel as to how an ordinary citizen of her country

because of malafide action of gence ... while the Constitution damental rights is functioning,

ISLAMABAD, Dec 10: The

Delhi bans VHP, RSS From Page 1 Col 8 floral wreaths there. The Shri Lankan President will also visit Paharpur monastery and the Museum under Naogaon district and archeological sites at Mahasthangarh under Bogra

> Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia will host a banquet in honour of the

President of Shri Lanka and Madam Premadasa will visit rural development projects

The formal session was

proved the "draft provisional agenda for the summit", he

and Sharif would pay a morning to-night visit

Islamabad said Wednesday that the Maldivian head of state

Reaz Rahman told inquisitive reporters that the agenda for the unscheduled trilateral summit would be "openen**ded**".

matters would be discussed. The Council of Ministers

Power sector

PDB has been collecting about Taka 80 crore as bills per month. Earlier, the amount had been about Taka 50 crore per month.

coming months.

infrastructural investment: The government now has a

plan to supply specific industrial areas in Chittagong with private sector power supply if the sector participated.