

**Come to CHITTAGONG Come to BANGKOK THAI RESTAURANT**  
The only place for ORIGINAL THAI FOOD & SEAFOOD in CHITTAGONG (NO BRANCH). Please try us and you will love BANGKOK THAI RESTAURANT more than ever before.  
1403 ASIAN HIGHWAY, OPPOSITE Y.M.C.A. NASIRABAD, CHITTAGONG. TEL: 236603. Fax: (880) (31) - 232338.

VOL. II NO. 334 REGD. NO. DA 781

# The Daily Star

POUSH 16, 1399 BS,

DHAKA WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 30, 1992

RAJAB 5, 1413 HIJRI

FOR HOARDING & NEONSIGNS

**MODART**  
PUBLICITY

17/6-8, Purana Paltan, Dhaka-1000  
Tel: 238935, 405898

12 PAGES: PRICE TAKA 4.00

**Inside Today**

**Article**

**India's 'Operation Push-Back': Inept Handling of a Sensitive Issue**

by Muchkund Dubey  
Page 4

**International**



**Gholi warns Yugoslav President Cosic of international military intervention in Bosnia**  
Page 5

**Business**

**UNDP to give Tk 12.48 crore for export promotion**

**Foreign investment in Pakistan doubles in one year**  
Pages 6, 7

**Prospectus**

**Industrial Development Leasing Company of Bangladesh Limited**  
Pages 8, 9, 10

**Metropolitan**

**Dhaka Day by Day**



**Coming to the Aid of the Less Fortunate**  
Page 3

**NEWS BRIEFS**

**People of Barisal thank Khaleda**

A joint meeting of eleven socio-cultural organisations of greater Barisal district yesterday hailed Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia on the eve of her official inauguration of a new division in Barisal on January 1. They hoped that the government would also implement other demands of the people of Barisal in phases, reports UNB.

**Train derails near Patgram**

LALMONIRHAT, Dec 29: Bogie of a running passenger train derailed near Patgram on Lalmonirhat-Durjama section this (Tuesday) afternoon. Officials here said some passengers were injured in the incident. But they could not immediately give any figure, reports UNB.

**Chinese envoy hosts reception**

Chinese Ambassador Chen Songlu and his wife held a reception yesterday evening at the Chinese Embassy to say good-bye on completion of his tenure in Bangladesh. The reception was attended, among others, by Speaker Shaikh Razzaque Ali, Law Minister Mirza Golam Hafiz, Leader of the Opposition Sheikh Hasina, ministers, parliament members, diplomats, editors and the elite of the city, reports BSS.

**61 more held on various charges**

Police arrested 61 people from different parts of the city yesterday on various charges. A DMP press release said, Of the arrested, six were wanted criminals, one under Anti-terrorism Act, two accused of robbery, five for stealing and two for burglary, reports UNB.

**Ties begin to worsen**

## Pakistan asks India to cut consulate staff

ISLAMABAD, Dec 29: Pakistan ordered India today to cut staff at its consulate in the southern port of Karachi in a move likely to worsen already poor relations, reports Reuters.

The Indian Deputy High Commissioner was called to the Foreign Ministry and asked to reduce the number of staff at the Karachi Consulate General to 20, including four diplomats, the official APP news agency said.

All extra staff must leave by January 31, 1993, the Foreign Ministry said. A total of 62 people of whom eight are diplomats, now work at the Consulate General.

In comparison, Pakistan

employs two diplomats and one non-diplomatic official at its Consulate General in Bombay, APP said.

The announcement was made a day after Pakistan protested to India against what it called highly objectionable remarks made by a spokesman last week about Pakistani President Ghulam Ishaq Khan, officials said.

Indian High Commissioner (ambassador) S K Lambah was called to the Pakistan Foreign Ministry and told of Islamabad's shock and disappointment at remarks on Friday by a New Delhi Foreign Ministry spokesman.

Pakistan said the Indian spokesman used in temperate language while referring to a speech by Ishaq Khan to parliament last week that criticised India over the razing of an ancient mosque by Hindu revivalists earlier this month.

Relations between the two countries, which have fought three wars since their independence from Britain in 1947, are tense because of a three-year-old revolt in the Indian-ruled part of Kashmir.

Relations deteriorated this month after Hindu revivalists demolished the mosque in northern India and the two countries expelled each other's diplomats on spying charges.

## Dhaka-Yangon 12th round of talks today

From Our Correspondent

COX'S BAZAR, Dec 29: The twelfth meeting between Bangladesh and Myanmar officials on the Rohingya refugees supervision issue will be held at 11 am tomorrow at the Chittagong Circuit House.

Chittagong Divisional Commissioner and Refugee Repatriation Coordinator Al-Haj Mohammad Omar Farook will lead the 11-member Bangladesh team at the meeting.

Director General of Myanmar Manpower and Immigration Department U Maung Aung will head the 11-member Myanmar team.

Officials said Bangladesh is likely to hand over a fresh list of 15,000 Rohingya refugees for repatriation.

Both the countries might put forward their fresh plans and programmes to strengthen See Page 12 Col 7

## British Home Minister says Dhaka transit point for drug trafficking

Britain will seek Bangladesh's cooperation in combating drug trafficking, British Home Minister Kenneth Clarke said in Dhaka yesterday, reports UNB.

"Dhaka, we feel in Britain, is growing as a strong transit point for drug trafficking, but we want to restrict this," Clarke told newsmen on his arrival here on a four-day visit.

Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury greeted Clarke at the airport yesterday afternoon. British High Commissioner Sir Colin Imray was also present.

The British Minister said that he would also seek Dhaka's cooperation in resisting terrorism. "Bangladesh, I accept, has done good in curbing terrorism", Clarke observed. He also lauded the strict

anti-drug legislation and measures introduced in Bangladesh.

Clarke, who arrived here on his first visit, described Britain's relations with Bangladesh as "excellent."

During his stay here, Clarke said that he would discuss with his Bangladesh counterpart bilateral matters, including immigration and political cooperation.

Clarke said that he would take the opportunity to visit the immigration section of the British High Commission here to see its efficiency and fairness in performing its job.

"We want a good and efficient working system in visa section in the High Commission," he said.

Responding to a question, See Page 12 Col 1

## 10 feared killed in Pabna as boats capsize

PABNA, Dec 29: At least 10 people were feared dead and 12 others injured today as two engine boats collided and capsized in the Padma, 3 km south of Shujanagar thana, reports UNB.

Police and survivors said the two boats with about 50 passengers aboard, one heading towards Panchga from Shujanagar Ghat and another coming from opposite direction, collided and overturned in the midstream of the river due to dense fog at about 7 am.

Of the injured, Ramzan Ali (32), Saidur Rahman (12), Aleya Khatun (25) and Hatem Ali (40) of Shujanagar and Mojbar (15) of Pabna were admitted to Shujanagar health complex.

## Welfare trust for Shaheed families demanded

By Staff Correspondent

Projomo Ekattor, an organisation of the children of the Liberation War martyrs, has demanded a parliamentary committee on setting up a trust for the welfare of the shaheed families.

Speaking at a press conference at the Jatiya Press Club Tuesday, leaders of the Projomo Ekattor suggested that the parliamentary body be formed to assess the economic condition of the families of the martyrs and rehabilitate them on a priority basis.

"A process has begun in the country to humiliate the families of lakhs of martyrs, the children of the Liberation War martyrs alleged."

The families of martyred journalists Sirajuddin Hossain, shaheed Dr. Abul Kalam Azad, shaheed Altaf Mahmud and shaheed Mafizul Haq had already been evicted from the houses earlier allotted to them by the government, they said and a move was on to evict the family of shaheed Zahir Rathan.

Projomo Ekattor leaders accused the ruling party of breaching its pledge to uphold the spirit of the 1971 War of Independence and by-passing the popular demand to punish Golam Azam.

However, they appreciated government steps including gallantry awards to the freedom fighters, postal stamp on the martyred intellectuals, special gallery on the shaheed at the National Museum and construction of a memorial at Rayer Bazar.

President of the Projomo Ekattor Saifur Rahman spoke at the press conference while other leaders including General Secretary Touhid Reza Noor, Shohan Haider Chowdhury, Babul Chandra Dey, Asif Munir and Nujhat Chowdhury Shampa were present.

## Hasina thanks people

Awami League President and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina thanked the people for observing the "National Hatred Day" throughout the country Tuesday, reports UNB.

The programme was sponsored by Ghatak Dalil Nirmul Committee as part of its campaign to press for the trial of the detained Jamaat leader Golam Azam for his crimes during the 1971 Liberation War.

In a statement, Hasina said that by observing the "hatred day" spontaneously, people once again demonstrated their verdict against "war criminal" Golam Azam and politics of fundamentalist forces.

## Zeenat may be inducted into JP presidium

By Asiuzzaman

The Jatiya Party presidium holds a crucial meeting today (Wednesday) to discuss a number of blistering issues including selection of a new acting secretary general and a new committee for its woman front, party insiders said Tuesday.

The presidium may discuss the inclusion of a 'powerful' lady Zeenat Mosharraf in the presidium according to the order of jailed Party Chairman H M Ershad, the source said. The source added that See Page 12 Col 3



Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia addressing a public meeting at Khagrachhari High School ground yesterday. —PID photo

## CHT issue has to be solved within constitutional framework: PM

KHAGRACHHARI, Dec 29: Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia today gave a clarion call to all the people of the area to take part in the peace process, initiated by the government to attain the desired development of the region, reports BSS.

"Sinking all the differences, we have to sit and discuss the problems of the region and work together for solving them effectively," the Prime Minister told a public rally at the local high school ground here.

Begum Zia said the problems of the region had to be solved within the constitutional framework. Resorting to violence, anarchy and destruc-

tive activities would not help in removing the problems of the area.

The Prime Minister said "It is not important whether anyone is from hills or plains. All of us are people of Bangladesh and we are Bangladeshis."

Reminding the people that peace, stability and harmony in society are the pre-requisites for development, the Prime Minister called upon the people to help the present government in its efforts to bring prosperity and progress in the region.

The Prime Minister said the government had constituted a parliamentary committee to find out solutions to the problems of the hill tracts.

The Prime Minister urged the people to help the committee function effectively.

Begum Zia said the elements, who had misled the people on the path of destruction, did not want the welfare of the masses.

She also urged the people to help the law enforcing agencies in the areas in maintaining law and order.

The Prime Minister said her government believed in the balanced development of the country and with this aim in view, it had initiated numerous development programmes.

The meeting was also addressed by Communications See Page 12 Col 7

## No alternative to Muslim national identity: Jamaat

TONGI, Dec 29: Jamaat-e-Islami leader Abbas Ali Khan yesterday asked the party workers and the people at large to forge national unity for foiling designs against the country's independence and sovereignty, reports UNB.

"Try to promote a Muslim national identity. This is the only way to frustrate the designs of the expansionist forces and build up a happy, prosperous and truly independent Bangladesh," he said.

Khan, the acting Ameer of Jamaat was speaking at the opening function of a three-day Rakan (member) conference of Jamaat Islamia here, participated by nearly 20,000 members and leaders of the party from across the country.

Criticising all the post-independence governments, he said selfishness, narrow partisan spirit and creating rift in national unity have driven the country into a crisis.

The political leadership of the people of Bangladesh, during the last 21 years, has increased many times the sufferings of the people, the economic stagnation and political backwardness, he observed.

The Jamaat leader stressed the need for an "Islamic social order" to ensure people's welfare, peace and security. Islamic values, Islamic consciousness and character can only help guarantee independence and sovereignty, he said.

Party Secretary General Moulana Mattur Rahman Nizami, Shamsur Rahman, Prof Yusuf, Makhbul Ahmed, Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mujahid, Qamruzzaman and Abdul Kader Mollah were present at the inaugural session of the conference, held every third See Page 12 Col 4



A procession with an effigy of Golam Azam in the city yesterday. —Star photo

## 'Peer' Sadruddin held in Feni, sent to Dhaka Central Jail

By Staff Correspondent

Police arrested the 'so-called' Peer Sadruddin Ahmed Chisty and sent him to the Dhaka Central Jail Tuesday.

A special team of police on a tip arrested the said peer from a 'Urs' pandal at Baroihat village in Feni at around 3:30 am Tuesday and later sent him to Dhaka under Keranganj police escort.

Two people were killed and over 100 injured when mob clashed with police last Saturday over the demand of eviction of the 'Khanka' (a See Page 12 Col 6

## Nirmul body observes Hatred Day

By Staff Correspondent

More than a thousand demonstrators converged in the capital Tuesday setting ablaze a huge effigy of controversial Jamaat chief Golam Azam and demanding his trial for 'war crimes'.

They spat on the 25-foot high effigy and threw shoes and sandals at it before torching it near the National Press Club.

Ekattor Ghatak Dalil Nirmul Committee organised the demonstration as part of its "National Day of Hatred" which marked one year of Golam Azam's being elected Ameer (chief) of the Jamaat-e-Islami See Page 12 Col 4

## Collor quits during trial



Collor de Mello. —AFP photo

BRASILIA, Dec 29: Facing near-certain removal from office, impeached President Fernando Collor de Mello abruptly resigned Tuesday as his corruption trial was starting in the Senate, reports AP.

Collor, 43, who was accused of profiting from a huge influence-peddling scheme, had been suspended since Sept 29 on corruption charges.

He had often called the proceedings a "kangaroo court" and vowed through the eye of the trial to never quit. There was no immediate explanation for his sudden turnaround, since his removal has been a foregone conclusion for weeks. The resignation strips Collor of his immunity. He

faces prosecution for corruption and criminal association, crimes which carry up to eight years in jail.

Chief defence lawyer Jose Moura Rocha read a handwritten note from Collor announcing the resignation. Collor was not at the Senate but said he would speak to reporters later Tuesday.

"By this instrument, I resign my mandate as President of the republic," Rocha read.

Senate president Mauro Benevides suspended the trial and called a joint session of Congress. At that session, Benevides declared the presidency vacant after a vote of acclamation and asked acting See Page 12 Col 8

## US-Russian negotiators reach nuclear arms accord

GENEVA, Dec 29: US Secretary of State Lawrence S. Eagleburger on Tuesday announced agreement with Russia on a Start II treaty to sharply reduce nuclear missiles maintained by the two countries, reports AP.

Under the treaty, hundreds of the world's deadliest nuclear weapons — long-range, land-based missiles with multiple warheads — would be banned and stockpiles of US and Russian strategic warheads would be pared to about one-third current levels.

It would be President Bush's third major arms control agreement. In 1990, he

signed an East-West agreement to cut troops and tanks in Europe. Last year, he signed a treaty with Russia to cut strategic nuclear weapons by about one-third.

Eagleburger made the announcement following a 90-minute meeting with Russian Foreign Minister Andrei V. Kozyrev. "We have made very good progress," Eagleburger said as he prepared to fly back to Washington. "We now have a text we can put to the two presidents."

Eagleburger said Bush and Soviet President Boris Yeltsin will review the agreement and

hopefully "we'll have news for you in the next few days" about plans to sign it.

In Moscow, the independent news agency Interfax, quoting unidentified "well-informed sources," said the treaty would be signed at summit in Geneva or Paris.

In Washington, early reaction was positive. Congress Lee Hamilton, incoming chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, called the agreement "a great gift to the nation and to the world."

Hamilton, speaking on Fox Morning News, said "it certainly gives a good sendoff for

President Bush as he leaves the presidency."

Eagleburger left open the possibility of further negotiations to fine tune the agreement.

"It's up to the presidents to look at the documents and see if we've made sufficient progress to sign an agreement," he said. "If there are changes they would want to suggest, obviously, we'd have to come back together again."

Kozyrev said Eagleburger had given reporters "an accurate description" of the situation. "So please now, wait for news from President Bush and

President Yeltsin," he said.

Neither Eagleburger nor Kozyrev provided details on how the last technical problems were resolved.

Leading up to the agreement, Eagleburger and Kozyrev had a working dinner until midnight while experts on the two sides discussed the remaining issues and brought periodic reports to them.

Eagleburger met at the Russian mission for more than three hours Monday with Kozyrev and Russian Defence Minister Pavel Grachev, and then they had lunch together while experts from the two

sides held a working session.

Grachev's appearance at the negotiating table for the first time had seemed to indicate Moscow was ready to make a deal.

Kozyrev, in particular, had expressed optimism all along. Asked hours before it was announced whether he expected an agreement, Kozyrev said: "I am ready to bet a bottle of whiskey. We will do such work here to make it possible for our presidents to have the right decision after the negotiations here."

The foreign minister quickly amended his remark to say: "positive decision."