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## 'Discussion on Babri Mosque in JS to delay normalisation of situation'

# Bhatia blames absence of 'peace in region' for Summit postponement



Bhatia at Zia airport

External Affairs R L Bhatia has said the SAARC summit should be called at, the convenience of all as soon as the 'dust was over and peace returned in the

Bhatia was speaking to a group of newsmen upon his arrival at the Zia International Airport yesterday as the special envoy of Prime Minister P V Narasimha Rao to discuss issues related to the SAARC summit.

Bhatia said the situation in the region after the "Ayodhya incident" had not fully subsided and serious discussions about the SAARC were per-

The member states are committed to the development sphere now is not right to hold

on discussions on the 'Babri

government spokesman an

nounced the postponement

decision the next day,

Saturday, saying Rao preferred

staying back at home to com-

ing to Dhaka to attend the re-

gional event. Quoting Indian

officials, the spokesman,

Foreign Secretary Reaz

Rahman, had told the Press:

The decision not to attend

the seventh SAARC summit in

Dhaka was taken entirely due

to the internal situation now

obtaining in India resulting

from widespread communal

disturbances which have

negates the Indian Minister of

State Raghunandan Lal Bhatia's

admission in Dhaka on

December 9 that the summit

had been postponed last

The statement said:

"Member-states of SAARC had

agreed to a postponement of

the Dhaka SAARC summit,

which earlier was scheduled

for December 12 and 13,

1992. India had readily agreed

to the new dates (rescheduled

January 13-14) in the hope

that the situation in and

around India would have sta-

bilised and the political ten-

sions created by the actions in

some of the other countries in

the subcontinent would have

abated by then. Unfortunately,

public demonstrations and acts

amounting to interference in

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Law and order situation caused

postponement of summit: Hasina

By Staff Correspondent

was postponed because of de-

teriorating law and order situa-

tion in the country because of

the activities of the communal

position leader in parliament,

said the BNP government had

instigated the fundamentalist

groups before their 'long

march to India but fired on

them in a bid to appease

long march claimed 10 lives.

was addressed among others.

The police action on the

Chaired by herself the rally

Indian government.

she claimed.

Hasina, who is also the op-

the internal affairs of India

month at the request of India.

The Saturday statement also

spread all over the country."

Delhi says interference

in internal affairs

prompted Rao's 'No'

Star Report

He told newsmen that he would like to explain the situation under which the Indian

cuss the probable next dates

The Indian minister was received at the airport by Foreign Minister A S M Mostafizur Rahman.

Bangladesh Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia and hand over a message from the Indian Prime Minister.

Asked whether the postponement of the SAARC last month and again this month would cast any shadow on the future of the organisation, he replied, "I do not think so."

Asked whether threats by religious groups in Bangladesh against the arrival of the Indian Prime Minister contributed to the Indian decision for seeking the postponement, the special envoy answered in the nega-

"We have been assured by the Bangladesh government He said he would also dis- ' that all the security measures were there," Bhatia said.

Asked about the new dates of the postponed summit, he said the issue would be discussed with the Bangladesh

"Dhaka is the birthplace of the SAARC and we are keen to see that SAARC moves forward from here," Bhatia said.

# 40 more killed in Bombay despite army action

BOMBAY, Jan 10: Toll in the renewed wave, of Ayodhya-related violence here and in Ahmedabad rose to 186 today as unabated riots claimed 43 more lives despite army and police patrolling and shoot at sight orders, reports PTI.

Bombay bore the brunt of the violence with 40 deaths taking the total toll in the city to 141. Three people were killed in the Comtipur area of Ahmedabad when police fired on a rampaging mob while other areas of Gujarat's capital remained tense but under con-

Looters went on a rampage in Bombay pillaging shops and burning the loot on the roads. Shanties and vehicles in several areas were also set alight as the orgy of violence spread to more localities with police and army patrols continuing to be the targets of firearms, acid

and petrol bombs. AP adds: More than 1,200 people were killed nationwide in week-long clashes after the 16th century mosque was razed in the northern town of Ayodhya. Police were at a loss to say why violence flared in the past five days after three

weeks of relative calm. At least 116 people have died in Bombay where violence spread. Sunday to 18 posh neighbourhoods and arson and rioting intensified in the nine areas where a curfew was already in force, said Police Chief Shrikant Bapat.

Mobs ransacked goods from shops, heaped them on the streets and set them on fire before police arrived. In Tardeo district, three huge bonfires that included a pickup truck raged right in front of a police station.

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#### Greens go down to Koreans Sports Reporter

Bangladesh Greens, the juniors of the two national selections, lost to Housing Bank of South Korea by a solftary goal in the seventh President Gold Cup football tournament at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Choi Tae-Ho scored the decider in the 41st minute.

FC Ploesti of Romania and FC Tatran Presov of Czechoslovakia shared points in a one-all draw in the other match of the day.

Simion put the Romanian side ahead in the 53rd minute while Vidumsky restored parity for the Czech club in the 71st minute from a penalty. Detailed reports on Page

#### Menon calls on PM

Workers Party leader Ra shed Khan Menon, MP, yesterday made a courtesy call on Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at her office, reports UNB.

Menon, who returned home Saturday after more than four months of treatment of his gricvous bullet wounds in London and Bangkok, expressed gratitude for the Prime Minister's personal concern about his health and government support for his medicare.

The left-wing political leader survived assassins' bullets fired at him near his party office August 17 evening last

During the meeting, Begum Zia enquired about the present condition of Menon's health.

Workers Party leader Haider Akbar Khan Rono was also present during the meeting.

Menon later went to see the doctors for routine checkup at the Combined Military Hospital (CMH) where he was treated

before being flown to London. Russia to buy

## 75,000 tonnes of jute

By Nazmul Ashraf

A Russian trade delegation is scheduled to arrive in Dhaka January 18 to negotiate purchase of 75,000 metric tons of jute and jute goods from Bangladesh, a top official in the Ministry of Jute said yesterday.

This quantity covers almost 50 per cent of Russia's annual requirement of jute and jute

The six-member delegation to be headed by V Shivayev. the Deputy Minister for

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## owners' memo to PM

Owners of sick industries held a rally, brought out a procession in the city and later submitted memorandum to the Prime Minister demanding removal of the constraints which bled their units white,

reports UNB.

One Bangladeshi

## ABU DHABI, Jan 10: A Bangladeshi man was executed

in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) today for murdering a local woman, the Interior Ministry announced, reports

Mohammed Shah Rahim Baksh killed the woman last year. The sentence was upheld by the Federal Supreme Court and ratified by President Sheikh Zayed Ibn Sultan al-Nahayan, said the statement carried by official WAM news

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## **NEWS BRIEFS**

PM opens textile fair Jan 13

Inauguration of the Textiles Fair '93, scheduled for today has been deferred to January 13. Time and venue will, however, remain unchanged and all invitation cards distributed earlier valid. Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia will inaugurate the exhibition, reports

#### Rose Festival on Jan 29 The Annual Rose Festival

sponsored by the Bangladesh National Rose Society will be held at Dhanmondi Women's Sports Complex on January 29, The festival will include show and competition on cut flowers, pot plants, rose gardeners and floral art on rose, reports

## Anti-terrorism Law: 13 held

Police arrested 13 people against 10 cases filed in the city under the Anti-Terrorism Law last week (January 3 to 9). A total of 39 accused were named in the cases filed in different thanas of the city, reports UNB.

#### **ALWC** meets Jan 17

A meeting of the Awami "League central working committee will be held on January 17 at 10 am at the party central office. Awami League President Sheikh Hasina will preside over the meeting. Awami League parliamentary party will also meet on January 17 at its central office with Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina in the chair, reports UNB.

#### BSP AGM Feb 10

The Annual General Meeting of Bangladesh Sangbadpatra Parishad (BSP) will be held on February 10, a BSP press release said last night. A decision to this effect was taken at a meeting of the adinterim committee of the BSP held at Dainik Dinkal office here yesterday, reports BSS.

# Mosque' issue in Bangladesh Indian State Minister for



- PID photo yesterday.

In a subtle reversal of ear

lier statements, India is now

insisting that Prime Minister

Narasimha Rao's decision not

to a attend the seventh SAARC

Summit and its subsequent

postponement for the second

time in a month were

prompted by a "vitiated re-

gional atmosphere" due to

public demonstrations and

acts amounting to interference

Ministry statement released

Saturday sharply contradicted

the previous statements on the

situation that led to the post-

mit twice.

ponement of the annual sum-

The statement officially an-

nouncing that Prime Minister

Narasimha Rao "will not be

able to attend" the summit,

said, "It is felt that the political

directions, which are needed

at this stage to provide greater substance and content to the

functioning of regional cooper-

ation in South Asia, could not

be achieved under the present

cited widespread "communal

disturbances" in the country to

cancel Rao's trip when the

Indian officials communicated

to their Banglade ounter-

parts the Cabine! political

committee's late Friday night

decision that the Prime

Minister would not be able to

attend the SAARC summit

rescheduled for January 13-14.

Accordingly, the Bangladesh

Awami League chief Sheikh

Hasina Sunday slated the gov-

ernment for what she said its

fatlure in holding the seventh

summit of the South Asian

Association for Regional

the country which cannot hold

an international conference,"

Hastna asked several thousand

supporters at a rally at the

Bangabandhu Avenue organised

to commemorate the "home

coming day" of Bangabandhu

Sheikh Mujibur Rahman after

She said that the summit

the Liberation War in 1971.

"How can a government run

Cooperation (SAARC).

However, New Delhi had

circumstances."

the internal affairs of Ingia."

An Indian External Affairs

region', reports BSS.

haps not possible at this stage.

of the SAARC and the atmothe summit and deliberate on scrious issues, he said.

Responding to a question

Parliament, the Indian Minister said his country was capable of tackling any situation and discussions and activities on the issue outside India would only delay the process of normalisation of the situation in India.

government sought the postponement of the seventh SAARC summit that was scheduled to begin here on January

for the summit which has been postponed twice.

Bhatia said he would call on

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## Joshi, Advani released

MATA TILA (UP). Jan 10: Six top leaders of BJP, VHP and Bajrang Dal including the party chief, Dr M M Joshi and LK Advani were ordered to be released unconditionally by the chief judicial magistrate R R Yadav here today, reports PTI.

judgement at 1630 hours. The court, whose proceedings started at 1500 hrs and-

ative part of the six-page

All the six arrested leaders were present at the court during the proceedings which were held at the lawns outside the irrigation guest house un-

The prosecution counsel, who presented the case diary to the court, made no formal the judicial remand.

completed and the evidences given by 45 witnesses had The prosecution counsel said sufficient evidence had been gathered against the accused and the prosecution

stipulated time period. The counsel said they will also proceed for trial of the

The counsel said the court should ensure that the accused

Yadav pronounced the oper-

continued till 1555 hrs, had carlier adjourned hearing the arguments till 1430 hrs due to delay in reaching of some prosecution counsels and offi-

der a Shamiana.

appeal for further extension of They told the court that the investigation had been

would be filing chargeshect against the leaders as soon as possible but within the

persons were available for investigations and for appearing before the court as and when required.

by the AL General Secretary

Zillur Rahman, presidium

member Amir Hossain Amu,

Abdur Razzak MP, Mohammad

Nasim MP, Matia Chowdhury

MP, Mozaffar Hossain Paltu,

Momtaj Hossain, and city unit

president Mohammad Hannan.

criticised the government for

its handling of the Rohingya

refugee issue with Myanmar

and push in by the Indian gov-

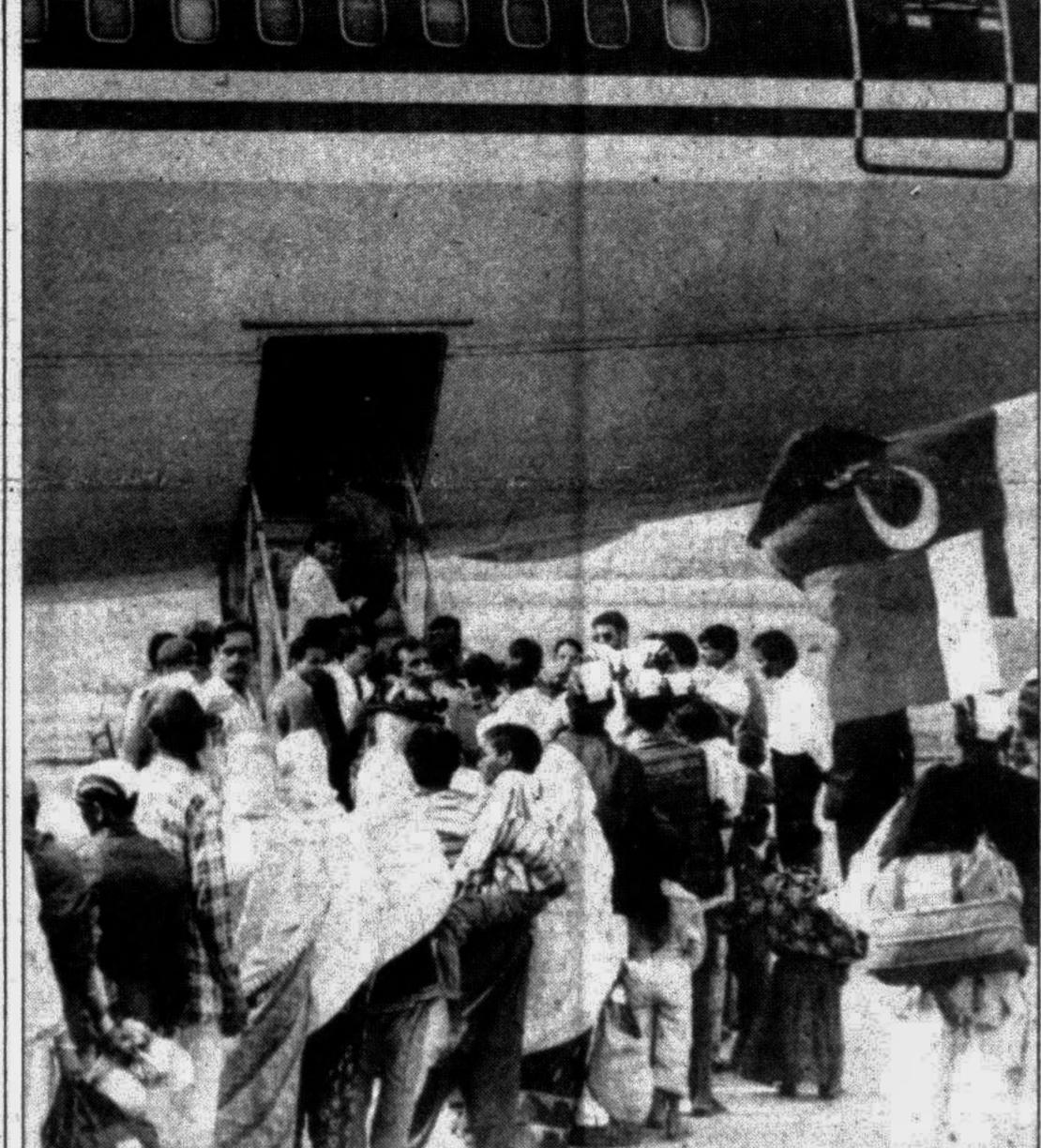
accusation that joint-commu-

nique signed between the two

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She reiterated her previous

The opposition leader also



The first batch of stranded Pakistanis boarding a chartered plane at ZIA for flight to their homeland yesterday. - Star photo

## 325 stranded Pakistanis flown home

By Staff Correspondent Leaving the country they refused to accept as their homeland for 21 years, the first batch of 324 stranded Pakistan nationals returned home Sunday

A wide-bodied chartered Pakistan International Airlines aircraft airlifted the refugees from the Zia International Airport (ZIA) in Dhaka at about 11:45 a.m. for Lahore. Pakistan.

Chief Minister of Punjab Golam Hyder Wyne is expected to receive the returnees at Lahore airport. Foreign Minister A S M

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fly zone but offered to hold

"American statements that

talks on "peace."

JCD demands review of expulsions

## Gunshots, blasts rock JU campus

By JU Correspondent stopped all scheduled exami-

Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) activists of the Jahangirnagar University yesterday ransacked office rooms of several teachers protesting 'reluctance' of the Syndicate to review punishment to two of its leaders for insulting a teacher.

Tension ran high as some 50 rounds of gunshots were fired and several crackers were exploded, allegedly by the JCD activists during the incident.

. The agitated 'students

nations including Honours examinations and normal classes. They also blocked the university transport and locked

its office, witnesses said. The Syndicate, highest body of the university, met Saturday at a special session and dropped the agenda for reconsidering the punitive mea sures on two JCD activists for their misdemeanour with a teacher on November 27,

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its allies would act to end any

future threat without warning.

stdent) Saddam Hussein has

backed down in the face of

coalition solidarity," said White

House spokesman Marlin

Fitzwater. "No further warning

"Once again (Iraqi Pre-

#### Baghdad denies backing down but offers 'peace' talks missiles from the southern noin its south, Washington and

BAGHDAD, Jan 10: Iraq said today it had not backed down in its crisis with the West over missile deployments, reports Reuter.

An official statement given to foreign journalists said the United States was 'depicting the situation in an incorrect way ... as if Iraq gave in to threats from (President George) Bush's administra-

US officials said on Saturday that Baghdad had heeded an ultimatum to move anti-aircraft missiles from positions in the south where they were consid-

ered a threat to US warplanes patrolling a no-fly zone decreed by the West. The Iraqi statement fol-

lowed a joint meeting of the ruling Revolutionary Command Council and the leadership of the Baath Party. The meeting was chaired by President Saddam Hussetn. The reality is that our

planes and our anti-aircraft weapons at the moment are in the same security position, to secure the requirements of confronting any hostile at tempt," the statement said. "The situation does not imply any retreat from our posttion," it said "If the purpose of the

American statements, which describe the situation as a retreat from the Iraqi side, was

official here said, reports Reuter.

mands to remove anti-aircraft

iraq gave in to the (allied) threats are wrong," said a BAGHDAD, Jan10: Iraq, in another act of defiance to restrictions imposed after the Gulf War, denied permission for a UN plane to land today. Traq turned down a request for a plane to land on Sunday. They are still waiting for a flight clearance," a UN

to find a way out from (their) spokesman quoted on Radio threats and warnings, we welcome that," it said. AFP adds: Iraq denied today it had given way to allied de-

"We did not reverse our

position" over the missiles, he said, describing their deployment as 'Iraq's legitimate

peace free of any threat," in a change of tone from the belligerent messages coming out of Baghdad for the past week. The United States, Britain,

But he said that "Iraq is

ready for a dialogue to make

France and Russia had given Iraq an ultimatum to move its anti-aircraft missiles stationed below the 32nd parallel by late Friday or face possible military The White House warned

Baghdad Saturday that though Iraq removed surface-to-air missiles from the no-fly zone

will be issued if Iraq violates the requirements of the January 6, 1993 demarche." On the date, the United States, Britain, France and Russia gave Iraq 48 hours to move its anti-aircraft missiles stationed below the 32nd par-

# Sick industries

The Prime Minister has assured of discussing with them within 15 days for resolving the problems, said a statement issued to the press by Secretary General of Bangladesh Sick Industries Association Sarkar Abdus Sattar.

# executed in UAE

It did not say how the execution was carried out but the UAE has used firing squads in the past. The agency gave nodetails of the murder.

