Iraq ready to comply with

some of Allied demands

Nations said on Wednesday Baghdad was ready to comply with

some of the Allied demands, Cable News Network reported.

CNN quoted the UN envoy Ntzar Hamdoon as saying it would

now approve flight requests by the UN Special Commission.

Baghdad had previously stopped UN flights into Iraq, reports

US urges Arabs to sign treaty

banning chemical arms

Eagleburger on Wednesday urged Arab nations to sign a treaty

banning chemical weapons, saying that such a move would be

a step toward eliminating weapons of mass destruction from

Denmark will ask EC to

tighten sanctions on Serbia

presidency, said Wednesday it will ask its European

Community partners to tighten sanctions against Serbia.

Denmark's Foreign Minister Uffe Ellemann-Jensen suggested

severing all telecommunication with Belgrade, tightening

COPENHAGEN, Jan 13: Denmark, which holds the EC

the Middle East, reports AP.

Boy jockey

From Page 1 Col 4

foiled bids to smuggle young

boys, sometimes kidnapped or

bought for a small amount, to

Gulf countries to take part in

federation as saying: "The

Federation has received in-

structions from higher authori-

ties ordering it to return any

young camel race jockey to

their parents as soon as possi-

stern measures against viola-

tors in line with the new law,

which is to come into effect in

September this year, accord-

Food policy

From Page 1 Col 7

through open tender to reduce

corruption and wastage in pro-

headed by a senior official of

the Food Ministry is preparing

the revised policy which may

be announced after approval by

the cabinet by the end of this

far bought only 1,000 tons of

rice since the procurement

drive began on December

with a target of procuring two

lakh metric tons in the cur-

tributed the low purchase to

the scarcity of space in

godowns, having current stock

of about 13 lakh metric tons of

for alternative godown space as

they fear the situation might

become worse with the arrival

ported wheat by the end of the

make room in its godowns, has

decided to give only rice in

place of wheat for the Food For

Work (FFW) programme for

the first time this year.

Gearing up of early beginning

of FFW programme has also

release nearly four lakh metric

tons of rice by April when boro

procurement is scheduled to

idea but later endorsed it on

condition of 1:1 rice-wheat ra-

tio under the FFW programme.

Earlier, the ratio was 1:1.5 that

permitted distribution of a kg

Failure of the government

of rice against 1.5 kg of wheat.

to buy even a modest volume in

the current record-yielding

aman season, concerned offi-

cials and experts apprehend,

may lead to the damage of a

significant volume of unsold

rice at the farmers level.

Farmers lack proper storage

facility to protect their crops

Hasina

From Page 1 Col 3

tration of utilising the Anti-

Terrorism Act against the op-

position, including her party-

men, instead of curbing grow-

Hasina demanded repair and

reconstruction of roads, na-

tionalisation of Islamia College,

reopening of Mohini Cotton

Mills and Kushtia Textile Mills

vote for Awami League nomi-

pourashava elections, sched-

uled for January 30.

Ahsaullha presided.

ings.

nees contesting the coming

The meeting was ad

dressed, among others, by

Mozaffar Hossain Paltu, Mostafa

Jalal Mohiuddin, Momtaz

Hossain, Abdul Awal, MP, and

Anwar Ali. President of party's

Kushtia district unit Advocate

On way from Pangsha, the

Awami League chief also ad-

dressed two public meetings at

Khoksha and Kumarkhali be-

sides several wayside gather

Hasina asked the people to

Referring to local problems,

ing terrorism in society.

She accused the adminis-

over a long period.

Donors initially opposed the

The measure is expected to

The government, in a bid to

of two lakh metric tons of im

Authorities are now looking

Food Ministry officials at-

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rice and wheat.

current month.

been directed.

Meanwhile, authorities so

Sources said a committee

The Federation is to take

WAM quoted a source in the

camel races.

ing to WAM.

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month.

PARIS, Jan 13: US Secretary of State Lawrence

NEW YORK, Jan 13: Irag's Ambassador to the United

Dhaka seeks \$40m Saudi aid for Railway sector

RIYADH, Jan 13: Communications Minister Oli Ahmad said here today that Bangladesh is seeking 40 million US dollars in financial assistance from Saudi Arabia for the purchase of 12 new railway engines, 24 airconditioned and 60 second class coaches as well as 50,000 sleepers to go ahead with modernization and expansion programme of the Bangladesh Railways, reports

The Minister was addressing a press conference at the Bangladesh Embassy here. Bangladesh Ambassador Abdul Momen Choudhury and the Additional Secretary, Railway Division. A R Bhutya were, among others, present.

Tension in Ctg

From Page I Col 8 Local Awami League leaders blamed the fundamentalist political forces for the assassination. Chittagong district police said they arrested four suspects. The namaz-e-janaza of Rahmat Ullah was held in the city Shahid Minar premises and then his body was taken to Sttakundu for burtal. Rallies and processions were held at different places here demanding punishment to the killers.

In the same night, a Shibir activist, Mosharraf Hossain, was shot dead during an armed encounter between supporters of Islami Chhatra Shibir and Chhatra League at Sirajudullah Road near Anderkilla.

Shibir leaders here have given a call for a day-long hartal in Chittagong tomorrow in protest against the killing of their activist.

The Islami Chhatra Shibir organised protest rallies and mourning processions in the city after the namaz-e-janaza of Mosharraf at Laldighi Maidan

The Chhatra League city unit also has given a call for a dawn to dusk hartal in Chittagong tomorrow in protest against what it said, rampage by Shibir activists Tuesday night.

Meanwhile, truck-loads of police have been deployed at all important points of the city and its surrounding areas to stave off any attempt of further violence.

However, a press release issued by the local unit of Awami League today has called for a separate dawn to dusk hartal on Saturday here to protest the killing of its leader Rahmat

Oli Ahmad said the expansion of the railways has become imperative in view of the heavy pressure on the railways, currently serving a traffic of about 40 million passengers

The Minister said that he had proposed to the Saudi Ministry of Finance for Extension of financial assistance for construction of four identified bridges or a marine drive on the Cox's Bazar sea-beach.

Two dacoities

From Page 1 Col 5 into the house at around 7 am members and looted the cash at gun point.

In another incident, armed bandits looted cash and goods worth about Taka 50,000 from the passengers of a Dhaka bound bus at Bolta on the Dhaka- Narsingdi Highway last

The armed dacoits also stabbed a passenger Rafiq Mia Amir Hossain, police said.

Some passengers said that the dacoits who were in guise of passengers brandished arms and looted cash and other valuables from the travellers when the bus reached Bolta under Rupganj Police Station at 9 pm Wednesday.

leaving the bus on the Dhaka-9:30 pm Wednesday.

Demra police said that they seized the bus bearing number Dhaka Metro CHA-8814 but no arrest was made.

ECNEC

struction project of Khulna Development Authority (KDA) under the Ministry of Works.

Thirty two-storied buses and 10 per cent spares procurement project of Bangladesh Road Transport Corporation (BRTC) and re-building dilapidated bridges and culverts on Chittagong-Cox's Bazar Highway - in the portion of Lohagara-Ramu Project under the Ministry of Communications (Roads and Highways Division)

tock and Fisheries.

From Page 1 Col 3 mand in both the local and international markets, ensuring adequate price to the jute cul tivators, guaranteeing stable prices of jute and jute products in the global market, strengthening the marketing system in the light of free market economy, restructuring the total jute sector in the light of 'acceptable' suggestion of the World Bank and EEC funded report relating to it, and boosting research on jute development.

The objectives of the proposed jute policy also included continuation of gradual transfer of government 'shares' in the private sector fute mills to the owners of the private sector industries.

The proposed policy has also come out with a package of action programme to realise the objectives.

The programmes includes increase of labour productivity to minimise the production cost, fixation of production target every year taking into account both the carryovers

Tk one lakh stolen from bank counter

From Our Correspondent

SIRAJGANJ, Jan 13: A total of Taka one lakh was stolen from the bank counter today immediately after its withdrawal by a client from Janata Bank, Sohagpur branch of Belkuchi thana of the district.

The client, Shahidul Islam withdrew Taka three lakh and 45 thousand from his account with the bank but found two bundles of 500 taka notes missing when he was putting the money into his bag. Immediately after the miss-

ing, he attracted attention of the bank officials and they searched all the persons inside the bank.

The money could not, however, be recovered.

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vesterday tied up the house

and beat up the bus driver

Later the dacoits escaped Chittagong Highway at around

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Fourth phase of Deep ubewell Project and 400 pump sets for duel function of flood control and irrigation extension through 26 floating pump projects under the Ministry of Agriculture and revised project of the second fish cultivation development under the Ministry of Lives-

New jute policy

and the new demand, ensuring of multidimensional use of jute in the everyday life of the citizens, formulation of laws prohibiting use of synthetic goods, ensuring of lawful functioning of the labour organisations with a view to coordinating the labour productivity and the wages as well as labour welfare. The proposed action programme also speaks of adequate training of the workers

> jute sector. The draft policy, in addition to a set of action programme, has also suggested some subsidiary measures to realise its

and employees involved in the

The subsidiary programmes include opening adequate number of jute purchasing centers all over the country during the harvesting period, and providing the jute purchasers with bank loan facili-

Supplying the cultivators with quality seeds at a nominal price, arranging training to the cultivators for producing quality jute reducing production cost by increasing efficiency of the mill workers and employecs, ensuring regular supply of electricity.

The subsidiary measures also include gradual close down of the Bangladesh Jute Corporation (BJC).

Besides, the policy has strongly felt for setting up of a research organisation - jute development centre - under the Jute Ministry.

It also say the research center should be run with the financial help of both the public and private sector jute

According to the text of the proposed jute policy, 25 million people of the country are dependent on jute while the jute sector had 0.26 million people as workers and em-

ployees. The jute sector earns 35 per cent of the country's total foreign exchange which is 12 percent of the nation's annual national income.

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On that night, Rahman said, Published by the Editor on behalf of Mediaworld Ltd., 52 Motifheel the Indian Government had C/A, Dhaka-1000 and printed by him at The Sangbad Ltd., 36 conveyed the Cabinet political Purana Paltan, Dhaka. Editorial, News & Commercial Offices: committee decision to Dhaka's House No. 11; Road No. 3; Dhanmondi R/A., Dhaka-1205. PABX: envoy in New Delhi. Before



The weekly Australian magazine New Idea has published a transcript believed to be a taped conversation between Prince Charles and his friend of 20 years Camilla Parker Bowles. Dubbed "Camillagate" the tape was recorded three years ago and was said to be the reason Princes Diana ended her marriage with Prince Charles. (Story on Page 5) - AFP photo

US, allies strike Iraq

'no-play' zone protecting Shi'ite dissidents in southern Iraq and to halt movement of anti-aircraft missiles there and in a no-fly zone protecting

Kurds in northern Iraq. Defence experts said likely targets could include those missile batteries and Iraqi airfields.

Earlier, Iraqi salvagers crossed into Kuwait for a fourth consecutive day on Wednesday

Abdel Latif Kabbaj, spokesman for UN observers in the demilitarized zone along the Iraq-Kuwait border, said the Iragis, unarmed and in civilian clothes, "have come back" to an area about 50 miles (90 kms) north of Kuwait City.

He did not have a figure on how many workers there were, but teams of about 150

By DMCH Correspondent

tre, Mostafa, became angry and

pushed down the beggar and

as a result the baby fell down

Dhanmondi police said

Parul was immediately rushed

to the Dhaka Medical College

Hospital (DMCH) where doc-

tors on duty declared her

dead. Her body was went to

the hospital morgue for au-

the guard, Mostafa, and sent

him to the Dhaka Central Jail

after he had been produced

before the Chief Metropolitan

Magistrate's Court Wednesday.

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sued January 9 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 cooperation in

South Asia, could not be

achieved under the present

Bhatia who arrived in Dhaka

the following day to explain his

country's position, gave similar

statements to the Press as well

by suggesting that new dates

for the twice-postponed sum-

mit could be fixed only after

normalcy and peace returned

in the region, throwing the

regional event into an uncer-

tainty for which Bangladesh

government has devoted much

endeavour and spent millions

"All preparations were

The Foreign Secretary said,

nalised by Bangladesh to hold

the SAARC Summit on the

rescheduled dates after re-

peated reconfirmation of their

commitment that all member

states would attend. This was

established right until late

night on January 8, 1993 when

the Government of Bangladesh

was informed that the Indian

Prime Minister would not be

able to participate in the

summit even on the revised

that "on the 5th, 6th and 7th,

they reconfirmed that they

Bhatia went a step further

as to Bangladesh leaders.

Minister of State R L

circumstances.

of dollars.

dates."

Meanwhile police arrested

from her lap and died.

topsy, police added.

have been crossing the border since Sunday, dismantling a former Iragi naval base on dis

puted territory. Kabbaj said the UN Irag-Kuwait Observation Mission, whose members do not carry arms, "continues to protest the incursions."

In addition to the four sal vaging forays into Kuwait, which included the removal of four anti-ship Silkworm missiles on Sunday, the Iraqis

Banned UN flights in Iraq in an effort to force UN weapons inspectors to use Iraqi aircraft. Moved anti-aircraft missiles the northern and southern "no-fly" zones set up

air attacks. Sent fighter jets for brief forays into the southern no-fly zone, where a US warplane

by the allies to protect Kurds

and Shi'ite Muslims from Iraqi

shot down an Iraqi fighter on Dec 27 after it ignored radio warnings to leave.

The Security Council on Monday condemned Iraq's cross-border forays to retrieve weaponry and demanded that four anti-ship Silkworms misstles taken in Sunday's raid be returned. The missiles and other weapons were slated for destruction by the United Nations.

With reports that President Bush has decided to take military action against Saddam Hussein, China on Wednesday urged a peaceful resolution to the latest tensions in the Gulf.

"We hope that this question (of Iraq's seizure of weapons in Kuwait) will be properly set tled as soon as possible through peaceful consultations," the official Xinhua News Agency quoted a ministry spokesman as saying.

Tragic! 45 hurt as night

coach plunges

A one and a half year-old into ditch baby was killed when a guard pushed down a beggar woman PABNA, Jan 13: A Dhakawho was carrying the child on bound coach tonight tumbled her lap at a market place at into a roadside deep ditch at Dhanmondi in the capital Monoharpur, 6 kilometre Tuesday night. north of here, injuring at least The dumb beggar whose 45 people, 13 critically, re-

name could not be known ports UNB. went to a shopping centre at Road No-6, Dhanmondi Tucs-Witnesses said a packed day night for begging alms. She night coach (Dhaka-Metrowas carrying the baby Parul on 9984), coming from Lalpur in Natore district, skidded off the When the beggar woman Pabna-Ishwardi highway after repeatedly implored for alms, the driver lost control at about a guard of the shopping cen-9:45 pm.

> Eighteen of the injured were admitted to Pabna Sadar llospital where 13 were stated to be in critical condition.

The critically injured were identified as Badaruddin (30), Bakkar (42), Sakhina (22), Abdus Sattar (42), Meser Ali (50), Akbar Ali (25), Majedur Rahman (30), Ali Akbar (25), Mozahar Ali (40), Abu Sayeed (42), Ajmal Hossain (12), Mofazzel Hossain (30) and Jashimuddin (22).

Fire brigademen rushed to the spot and conducted rescue operation.

"It was affirmed to Bang-

ladesh High Commissioner in

New Delhi that the decision

Bangladesh' but had been

taken in the light of internal

The Foreign Secretary

termed Bhatia's statement that

discussion in the Jatiya Sang-

sad on the Babri Masjid deve-

lopments would delay norma-

lisation of situation "unwar-

"It is unwarranted to specu-

late in advance what would be.

the nature, content or out-

come of such discussions nor

can they be constructed in any

light as a conscious policy of

the government of Bangladesh

to interfere in the internal af-

fairs of any country," Rahman

said in response to Bhatia's

statement on his arrival in

not mention the Indian minis-

raise any issue in Parliament

that they consider to be of

External Affairs Ministry state-

ment that a 'vitiated regional

atmosphere' after "public

demonstrations and acts amo-

unting to interference in the

internal affairs of India," was

not conducive to holding the

summit, the Foreign Secretary

rebutted by saying, "In a demo-

cratic society there is nothing

to preclude any section of the

public to voice their senti-

ments through demonstrations

But he asserted that mined

or rallies."

Countering the Indian

national or public concern."

The Foreign Secretary did

"Elected representatives can

Dhaka January 10.

had 'nothing to do with

were coming.

compulsions".

ranted.

Send JS probe body to Bandartila, Kamal urges govt

CHITTAGONG, Jan 13: Dr Kamal Hossain, Convenor of the Democratic Forum today urged the government for sending a special parliamentary team to Bandartila and its adjoining areas to have an on the spot enquiry into the incident of January 2 and 3 and then place a report in the forthcoming parliament session, reports BSS.

Dr Hossain, who is head of the four-member professionals team, visited the affected areas at Bandartila today. He called for finding out a suitable solution to the problem following the incident saying the existence and image of the security forces of the country are linked with the incident.

Addressing a public rally at Bandartila, he said, we have ousted the autocratic regime unitedly in order to establish the rule of law and democratic values in the country but, he regretted that the government had failed to do so.

Bangladesh had taken all steps

to avoid "any embarrassment of

that security concern might

have contributed to Rao's de-

cision, the Foreign Secretary

spoke of "extraordinary secu-

rity precautions and massive

deployment of law enforce-

ment personnel to ensure full

demanded by the respective

advance security teams from

"I have personally talked to

the Indian Foreign Secretary

in the light of the newspaper

reports ... he said, ... discard

Foreign Secretary, however,

refused to admit that he was

"blaming" India. "I'm not bla-

ming anybody, I'm just stating

charge that the Bangladesh

government had failed to en-

sure an atmosphere to hold

the summit, Rahman said,

"Well, she can say anything. I'm

not here to comment on what

the leader of the opposition

has said. I've given you the po-

sition of the Government of

ble that every single effort, ev-

ery single measure, every sin-

gle means was taken to en-

courage and to hold the sum-

anyway defaulted in encourag-

He said that new dates for

the summit would be deter-

holding of the summit."

Asked on Sheikh Hasina's

Replying to reporters, the

them, we're fully satisfied."

"It has met all conditions

safety and security."

all SAARC countries.

the facts.

Referring to speculations

any kind to any of our guests."

Prime Minister assured the members of the society of active steps in this respect and said pharmacists would be appointed at the central medical store on priority basis.

Old man found dead in city

By DMCH Correspondent

A 65-year-old man was re-Wednesday.

Haji Mohammad Sona Mia was found dead in a bed room of his house at Noyanagar Wednesday morning. He had vestigation.

Family members said that when they found Sona Mia did not wake up in the morning they broke open the door and saw the body lying on the bed.

Gulshan police. Police on suspicion arrested one Abdul Latif from a neighbouring house of Sona Mia and detained him at the Gulshan Police Station.

The Midnight Eile pharmacists at right places:PM

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia said here yesterday that her government was active in ensuring the role of pharmacists in controlling the standard of medicine which was essential for better healthcare, reports BSS.

Govt to appoint

"We want to implement our health policy through the participation of all concerned. We want to appoint right person at right place," Begum Zia said adding her government would take steps so that pharmacists could get appointment at their respective places and contribute effectively in country's healthcare system especially in controlling standard of med-

The Prime Minister was talking to the members of Commonwealth

Pharmaceuticals Association and Bangladesh Pharmaceuticals Society who called on her at her office.

Earlier, General Secretary of Bangladesh Pharmaceutical Society Nastr Shahriar Zahedee informed the Prime Minister that at present there were 550 pharmacists working in drug industries and 25 in drug administration. He said there was no pharmacist in central medical centre, hospitals and retail pharmacy.

Zahedee said there were no arrangement for controlling production and quality of drugs in about 150 companies and 180 drug companies did not have requisite number of pharmacists.

He informed the Prime Minister that there are only 17 Drug Supers for supervising 40,000 drug shops, 197 drug manufacturing companies, 350 Ayurvedic drug centres and 160 Unani factories in 64 dis-

Zahedee urged the Prime Minister to appoint at least 64 Drug Supers for 64 districts. He also urged for appointing pharmacists at hospitals which he said would reduce the risk in using drugs and activate the process of quality and preservation of drugs.

portedly murdered at Noyanagar, Gulshan, in the capital

several bruises on his body, police said after primary in-

Sona Mia's brother Bachchu Mia informed police and

lodged a murder case with

Dhaka rejects Delhi's alibi Ranasinghe Premadasa of Shri Lanka, the current Chairman of the SAARC, in consultations

with other member states. The Foreign Secretary, however, hinted that the holding of the summit might be delayed by several months for

"practical reasons." Admitting that the sevenyear-old regional body has suffered a set-back, Rahman affirmed that "Bangladesh will continue to work unremittingly to strengthen the SAARC process.

Despite postponement of the summit, the Foreign Secretary, who is also the Chairman of the SAARC Standing Committee, said that the association would "carry on as usual" and its activities would go on under the 14 technical committees of the Integrated Programme of

"main vehicle of cooperation. He said that the Council of Ministers, of which the Foreign Minsters are members, was the executive body of the SAARC and the Council had already approved the programmes of the IPA.

The summit, he said, pro-

Action (IPA), which is the

Bangladesh as clearly as possivides policy directions in new areas and therefore summit postponement would not affect the functioning of the SAARC. But the postponement of the mit and in no way and in no Seventh Summit would delay circumstances has Bangladesh the implementation of the report of Poverty Alleviation ing, promoting, supporting the Commission, the SAPTA and programmes related to children which Rahman said were to be considered by the sumby President

international trade sanctions and banning Serbia from all international organizations, reports AP.

JU students From Page 1 Col 5

damaged several rooms of teachers, stopped all regular classes, disrupted the schedulcd examinations, detained transport services, opened fire and exploded crackers demanding withdrawal of punishment given to two of its

members. JCD leaders Mohammad Moazzem Hossain and S M Abu Yousuf were expelled from the university for one year for their misdemeanour with a hall

Provost on November 27. The JCD members held the Syndicate members captive for 16 hours on December 3 and were later released by the intervention of two ministers.

According to the assurance given to the students by the ministers the Syndicate was to consider the case of the accused JCD leaders. But in two of its sessions, the Syndicate was apparently 'reluctant' to rescind the punishment of the JCD leaders, JCD sources said. Editorial on page 4

PM: Textile mills From Page 1 Col 7

enhance the use of countrymade textiles in the readymade garments. She said the use of country goods helps expand the domestic market and set up new mills and factories

in the country.

The Prime Minister urged the people to go for the use of country-made cloths and goods in a large amount by imbibing the spirit of nationalism for contributing to the economic development

Abdul Mannan, in his speech, said besides meeting the lion's share of domestic demands for textiles about 60 per cent of the country's export earning comes from this

Mannan informed the gathering that during the last two years a total of 17 cotton mills and 591 readymade garments industries were set up in private sector. Besides these, approvals were given to set up 25 export-oriented garments industry and hosiery industries under joint-ven-

Later, the Prime Minister went round different stalls of the exhibition and talked to the organisers and participants of the exhibition.

A total of 217 stalls and 16 pavilions from different subsectors of the Textile Industry are participating in the exhibi-

tion. The exhibition has been organised to display the country-made textiles for making the people aware about its quality and variety.

OIC interfering

From Page 1 Col 7 times the police count in India's commercial capital, a newspaper reported today.

The Times of India, citing sources at the coroner's office and hospitals in Bombay, put the death toll in the bloodletting until Tuesday night at

The city's police commissioner, Srikanth Bapat, said only 146 had died.

Meanwhile a five-member delegation led by the Naib Imam of Delhi's Jame Masjid, Syed Ahmed Bukhari, to make an on-the-spot study of the sit uation, could not visit the trouble hit areas in Bombay today, as police made it plain to them that they cannot be allowed during curfew hours.

rived there yesterday evening insisted that it be permitted to visit the curiew-bound areas and provided security by paramilitary forces, its member, Mohammed Afzal, Janata Dal MP, said today. According to Afzal, when asked about the proposed visit

The delegation which ar-

by BJP leader, L K Advant, Khan made it clear that "no one will be allowed during curfew hours."

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