meet to talk Iraq issue

view that Iraq, by flouting UN resolutions on the Gulf, had

provoked the crisis in which its civilians had been killed. But

it did not specifically endorse Sunday's cruise missile attacks

and today's new air strikes by the United States and its allies

on Iraqi targets and appeared to imply concern they might

AI worried over torture of

journalists in Pakistan

custody after being picked up during recent mass arrests.

LONDON, Jan 18: Amnesty International said Monday it

exceed their UN mandate, reports Reuter

# in road mishaps

By DMCH Correspondent

Seven people were killed and at least 50 others injured in eight separate road accidents in Dhaka, Gazipur Muktarpur and Manikgani during last two days.

One person was killed and five others were injured as a bus and an auto-rickshaw collided near Natun Bazar at Baridhara in the city Monday evening.

An auto-rickshaw passenger who died on the spot could not be identified immediately, Gulshan police said.

Of the five wounded one Shamsuddoha was admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH).

Gulshan police said that they seized both the bus (Dhaka Ja-4373) and autorickshaw (Dhaka Metro Tha-02-25411 and arrested the bus driver Jalal.

In another road accident at Gulshan, a cart puller Shafigul Islam 40, died on the spot as a minibus ran over him in the early morning Monday.

A pedestrian Akkas Ali died Monday noon when a minibus ran over him at Gulistan near the Golap Shah Mazar.

Fatally wounded Akkas Ali was rushed to the DMCH but a doctor on duty declared him

Ramna police seized the killer minibus bearing num ber Dhaka Metro Cha-3190 but its driver escaped immediately after the accident, said police.

Bachchu Mia, a hawker, who was run over by a truck at Farm Gate late Sunday night and admitted to the DMCH succumbed to his injuries early

Monday at the hospital. In another incident on Sunday at Mohakhali in the city a pedestrian Rafiqul Islam, 20, died when a speeding bus smashed him in the afternoon. Some people took the victim to the DMCH where doctors

declared him dead. A report from our Gazipur Correspondent said that at least one person was killed and 15 others were wounded when a speeding bus dashed against pedestrians at Gazipura

Witnesses said that when an unidentified youth was sma shed under the wheels of a bus, its driver recklessly ran over as many as 15 other pedestrians on his way to es-

When another bus on its way to Mukterpur from Munshigani turned over in the road at least 30 people were wounded at around 5 am Monday.

Of the injured three, Mohammad Hassan, 45, Moha mmad Alam, 28, and Nurul Islam, 55, all in critical condition, were admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hos

who fell from the door of a running bus Sunday morning and admitted to the DMCII in critical condition died at the hospital at around 1 am Monday.

## Allied raid on Iraq

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The no-fly zones north of the 36th parallel and south of the 32nd parallel were set up by the allies to halt air attacks by Saddam's military against dissident Kurds in the North and Shi ites in the south.

that ended the 1991 Gulf War.

Saddam's arch-foe.

The policy of this country (towards Iraq) will remain American policy after January 20, he said in a speech at Georgetown University to the diplomatic corps.

Saddam, who visited some ter a missile raid on Sunday night, issued a rallying cry to

Attack them wherever you

From Page 1 Col 3

He said it was "unfortunate" that the Prime Minister was blaming the Opposition for the incidents when Navy personnel were dismissed and courtmartialed for their involve ment in the incidents and when a judicial probe was being conducted.

ruling from you, we want your ruling to stand," he added,

number of notices on the subject, the Speaker, citing relevant clauses in the Rules of Procedure, ruled that a discussion could not take place when there was an ongoing judicial and departmental probe into the incidents.

Deputy Leader of the Opposition Abdus Samad Azad said that the PM's statement was "sub-judice" and that it was also "disrespectful" to the House. The government is trying to by pass holding proper investigations into the inci-

Majid-ul Huq denied the charges that the government was trying to limit the scope of the investigations. There is no reason for the government to bypass anything, we want the investigation to be thorough and to keep it on track."

The Leader of the Opposition charged that the PM pre-empted the verdict on the probe into the incident, in which, she added quoting a newspaper report, "people were killed like birds"

"The Prime Minister has given the verdict before the completion of the judicial in-

vestigation into the incidents." Acknowledging that "we are defeated and that is why we are in the Opposition", Sheikh Hasina said: "All blames are being placed on the Opposition to hide the failures of the government ... avoiding responsibility and not acting like a Prime Minister.

Citing past examples of judicial investigations, particularly the one into the Press Club incidents of June 21 last year, she noted that no action was taken on that account. On the other hand, she added, the

at Tongi Monday morning.

All the 15 injured persons were admitted to the Tongi Hospital while the body of the youth was sent to the morgue in the same hospital.

A 70-year-old man Ayat Ali

The White House said again that Western military power would continue to hammer Iraq without warning unless Saddam heeded UN ceasefire agreements and resolutions Clinton said he would con-

tinue the hardline policy when he took over from Bush

of the wounded in hospital afhis armed forces.

find them, he declared

police officer blamed for the

incident was recently made

also alleged that he had been

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Samad Azad reiterated the

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The Awami League leader

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# PM under fire

Mohammad Nasim termed the recent statement by the Prime Minister, at a public meeting in Halishahar "irresponsible".

the Mirpur constituency" in the by-election. that a number of Navy personnel were "dismissed and not suspended" while others were facing court martial and as sured the House that the judi cial committee "would investi-The Deputy Leader asked gate the incidents thoroughly

why the issue was being raised when there was an ongoing judicial probe into the incidents and when the Speaker had already given a ruling on the "I don't understand why

the discussions when an investhey (Opposition) are coming up with this issue even after a "We request you to allow an independent investigation into while addressing the chair. Earlier, while disposing of a

ception to the statement of the Leader of the Opposition about the Mirpur constituency. "It was the most unkind statement of all, we would be happy if it was not uttered at all." charge saying that it had been reported in the newspapers

transferred after the announcement of the election date, violating the rule. Environment, Forest and Fisheries Minister Abdullah-al Noman took the floor on dents," he charged. ground of personal explanation as an opposition member said that he and the Chittagong City

> abused by the naval personnel. He said that the statements made by Nasim about the PM's public speech was "untrue" and added "It has to be cleared or else there would be misunderstandings, so please allow me

> > "No, I won't allow you to continue this debate," the Speaker snapped back.

> > Works Minister Barrister Rafigul Islam wanted the floor on a point of order and cited the relevant rules.

> > The Speaker again reminded him that he had already given his ruling on the subject and therefore would not allow any more discussion

Hasina again took the floor and citing Rule 63 said that the Speaker had the discretion to allow discussion.

"At this point the Speaker abruptly discontinued the discussions on the subject and initiated the general discussion on the demolition of the Babri Mosque.

# 7 killed, 50 injured JS adjourned amid uproar

From Page 1 Col 4 come out with adequate measures to control the situation,

the Opposition added. The Opposition also de manded that the victims of the minority communities be compensated and the damaged

temples be rebuilt. The trouble in the House began when Nurul Islam Moni of the ruling party accused the AL-led Opposition of undermining the national interest by attaching more importance on the reaction of the people in Bangladesh than the Indian action of demolishing the his-

toric mosque. Moni said, "the Opposition is virtually speaking against the interest of the country, the Opposition members are taking a position that goes against their father."

The Opposition members, especially ones from the ALled Opposition, collectively demanded of the speaker to expunge the sentence. The Treasury benchers, at this stage, backed Nurul Islam Moni by thumbing their benches.

Shaikh Razzak Ali, Speaker of the House, at this point asked AL leader Tofael Ahmed who was seeking the floor, to explain that under which rule he (the Speaker) could expunge Moni's stance. Tofael told the chair that Moni's comment had hurt the feelings of the opposition members "Deliberation on a misdeed like attacking temples of the country by miscreants could not be termed anti-national.

Abdus Samad Azad, the Deputy Leader of the Opposition, took the floor to specifically mention a particular rule under which the remark made by the ruling party MP could be expunged from the proceedings of the House.

Besides, the Deputy Leader of the Opposition said, "If we term the government anti-na tional, the Treasury bench would definitely want expunction of the comment".

Niamatullah Sabu of the Treasury bench, at this stage, started heckling Samad Azad from his seat to which the Deputy Leader of the Opposition reacted bitterly.

Samad Azad, pointing his finger to the Treasury bench MP, started saying repeatedly, where do you come from?" The AL led MPs joined the Deputy Leader of the opposition and the Speaker, amidst an uproar in the House, announced adjournment of the proceedings at 11-35 last

The discussion on the issue will resume 6 this evening.

BSS adds: BNP member Mrs Mamaching was the first to re sume discussion at 9-15 pm.

She said the incident like Babri Mosque demolition in neighbouring India had an obvious impact in Bangladesh as it had hurt the sentiment of the people all over the world.

Mrs Mamaching said despite provocations the people of Bangladesh stood against all conspiracies and maintained communal harmony in the wake of Babri Mosque demolition.

Speaking next, Moulana Abdus Sobhan ( Jamaat) said the destruction of Babri Mosque had shaken the world conscience and the people of Bangladesh had protested against and condemned the incident.

He condemned the Narasimha Rao government for the incident and said in the name of secularism members of minority community were being repressed in India.

Moulana Sobhan said even after the killing of such a huge number of Muslims, people of Bangladesh had maintained communal harmony.

Moulana Sobhan, however. admitted that there might be a few incidents of communal disturbance in some places in Bangladesh in the wake of Babri Mosque demolition.

Participating in the discussion Awami League member Abul Hasan Chowdhury condemned the destruction of Babri Mosque and said it had cast a shadow on the civilisa-

lie said international magazine "News Week" in a story on Babri Mosque demolition had also mentioned about communal violence in Bangladesh.

Hasan urged the government to admit truth which, he said, would embolden the moral force. He pleaded for providing

compensation to the affected members of the minority community. The Awami League member criticised the foreign policy of

the government describing it as " weak-kneed." He said that seven people were killed in firing on the long march near the border only because of the fear of

He wanted to know why the Foreign Minister had failed to raise the Babri Mosque issue before SAARC and why the government had fatled to assess the situation before the postponement of SAARC sum-

Participating in the discussion, Salahuddin Yusuf ( AL-Khulna) demanded of the gov ernment for compensation to and rehabilitation of those who fell into the wrath of communal violence on minorities in various places of the country following the demolition of Babri Mosque in India.

He urged the government to admit the losses suffered by the minorities during the communal violence in the country and observed that such occurrences would take place in the country if communal politics exists here.

Salahuddin Yusuf said over 2000 mandirs were demolished and over 3000 women of minority community were raped during the recent communal violence in various places of the country.

"If the government was at all sincere, such occurrences would have not taken place in Bangladesh centering the demolition of the Babri Mosque," he said adding that an all-party committee in Khulna did not allow such incidence in that district.

"But who will give answer as to the barbaric incidents that have taken place in other areas of the country," he asked.

The Awami League member condemned the forces who had demolished the Babri Mosque and demanded of the Indian government to reconstruct it immediately.

Another Awami League leader Kalparanjan Chakma from Khagrachhari alleged that a Boudha Mandir in Senbagh thana under Noakhali district was destroyed during the communal violence there following the destruction of Babri Mosque in India.

Speaking next, BNP member Mashiur Rahman said it was for the first time Bangladesh had protested against an incident that took

place outside its territory. The BNP member said the opposition members had failed to perform their responsibility in maintaining communal harmony in the areas while no incident of violence had occurred in the areas belonging

to Treasury bench members. The Minister of State for Law and Parliamentary Affairs. Barrister Aminul Hug condemned the demolition of the historic Babri Mosque by the Hindu fanatics in Ayodhya and said it was not an isolated in-

cident. Tracing the history, Barrister Hug said that the claim of the site of Babri Mosque as the birth place of God Rama was nothing but a fiction. Historians in India had also made statements that God Rama was not born in Ayodhya.

The State Minister refuted the claim of the Indian gov ernment that the incident of the demolition of Babri Mosque was an internal matter

of that country. He condemned that 14,000 Indian security forces were standing like statues when the historic mosque was demol ished.

Referring to the killing of Muslims in different parts of India particularly in Bombay, the State Minister quoted The Time magazine as reporting it was not a riot between the Hindus and Muslims but a riot between Indian police and the Muslims.

Awami League member Alhaj Syed Najibul Bashar Maizbandhari strongly pro tested and condemned the demolition of historic Babri Mosque by the Hindu fanatics.

In an oblique reference to Jamaat-e-Islamt Bangladesh, Maizbandhari alleged that this party was behind the damaging of the houses and property of the minority communities. He also accused that the BNP and the Jamaat members were speaking on the issue in the same line.

The Awami League member concluded his speech saying that he himself would join a zehad (holy war) if the Babri Mosque is not rebuilt at its original site.

Advocate Dhirendra Devnath Shambu (AL) strongly condemned the demolition of the Babri Mosque and demanded rebuilding of the mosque at its original site.

Gonotantrik Party leader Suranjit Sen Gupta referred to the understanding reached between BNP, Awamt League, Gonotantrik Party, CPB for taking unanimous resolution in the House on the Babri Mosque demolition and said that he would not understand way BNP once again shifted from its stand when figures like Deputy Leader of the House, Acting Chief Whip were party to it.

He strongly condemned the destruction of Babri Mosque by Hindu fundamentalists and demanded its reconstruction at its original place.

Gupta, however, expressed his surprise at the attempt by the fundamentalist group here blessed by the government to pass on the responsibility of that incident in India on the minorities of Bangladesh. Recalling one such incident

centering the same mosque

during Ershad's regime when the Dhakeshwari Temple was attacked at the instance of the then government, Gupta said that the present Prime Minister Khaleda Zia visited the temple and condemned the incident. But, this time, the

Gonotantrik Party leader said. that the Prime Minister did not even acknowledge that the minorities were oppressed. Gupta said that why an

elected government could not call a spade. It might be that like Premier Rao, she had also surrendered to Jamaat here, he observed. State Minister for Communication Fazlur Rahman Potol

que had hurt the sentiment of world Muslims and that was why it had earned widespread condemnation from across the Participating next BNP member Nurul Islam Mont said

taking part in the discussion

said demolition of Babri Mos-

the Indian government had from behind instigated the demolition of Babri Mosque.

He said three lakh families had been affected in communal violence in India in the wake of Babri Mosque demolition.

Moni drew that attention of the Opposition members and wanted to know whether they (Opposition) could ensure protection to every house and temple of the minority community if they were in the gov-

# Allegations baseless:Dhaka

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stated that it cannot be said that there is no exception. In fact, the children employed in some areas breaking rules will not be more than 5 per cent at best, it said.

It further said although Bangladesh is basically an agricultural country, it has made considerable progress in the field of industrialisation. With the establishment of industries the demand for industrial workers has also increased

On the other hand, the surplus manpower from the agricultural sector is coming to industrial areas in the hope of greater opportunities. The opportunity of child workers for employment in factories is significant so to say when a large number of able bodied men and women are eager to seek employment there.

According to the handout, men and women working in factories five in the nearby slums. In the family where both husband and wife work or the women who work either in a factory or other place maintenance of their children poses a big problem.

In the context of Bangladesh it is risky on the part of the head of a family to go to the place of work leaving their children specially grown up daughter alone at home. In most cases education of daughters of such families is not possible for financial and social reasons. Under the circumstances, the women workers are compelled to take their daughters to the places of their work.

The garment industry, it said, has been making a significant contribution to the economic activities of Bangladesh specially in the field of export. Since 80 per cent of workers in garment industries are women they take their children to factories of security reasons and it is approved under Section 47 of the Factory It should be mentioned

here that American Federation

of Labour and Congress of

Industrial Organisation

(AFLCIO) has filed a case with

the US court pleading for stopping GSP facilities, to garment exported by Bangladesh on ground of employing child labour and ignoring the interest of garment workers.

After review by different departments of the United States the allegation of AFLCIO turned out to be untrue. As a result, the US President announced that Bangladesh has been making all-out efforts to establish the honour of its workers. Under the circumstance's, the GSP facilities would continue.

The handout said that child labour is not desirable in any country including Bangladesh. The Bangladesh government looks forward to the development of all children of the world in a congenial atmosphere. Bangladesh wants that children grow up with good health and thus develop a healthy society.

The government, therefore, call upon all concerned to abide by the existing laws regarding child labour framed in accordance with the international labour standard.

### Body to form Editors' Guild

A six-member preparatory committee with The Daily Star Editor S M Ali as Convenor and UNB Chief Editor Enayctullah Khan as Joint Convenor has been named to form Bangladesh Editors' Guild, reports

The committee will draft a constitution for the Guild, en rol members and hold election within two months.

It was formed at a meeting of editors of newspapers and news agencies on Sunday with Chairman of Editorial Board of the Daily Ittefaq and the New Nation Barrister Mainul Hosein in the chair.

Other members of the committee are: Morning Sun Editor Anwarul Islam (Bobby), Azad Editor Z A Khan, Banglar Bani Editor Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim and Khabar Editor Mizanur Rahman Mizan

### Rao ministers

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in the past. Singh is also a former cabinet member, having held both the Commerce and External Affairs portfolios.

AK Antony, a former Chief Minister of the southern state of Kerala, was named Cabinet Minister in charge of civil supplies, formerly the responsi bility of Prime Minister PV Narasimha Rao, PTI said.

Rajesh Pilot, formerly Minister of State for Communications, was moved to the llome Ministry and put in charge of internal security, PTI

He will report to Home

Minister SB Chavan, who retains his post. Satish Sharma, a former airline pilot and close aide to assassinated former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, was given independent charge of the Petroleum Ministry as Minister of State, PTI said.

nand, who was moved to the Health Ministry. NKP Salve, a former head of the country's Finance Commission who was also sworn in to

the cabinet on Sunday, was

He replaces B Shankara

given the Energy portfolio, PTI Ghulam Nabi Azad, Cabinet Minister for Parliamentary Affairs was shifted to the Total spi and Civil Aviation Minus Fill said.

Flood project From Page 1 Col 4 and development of environ Besides the Water Deve-

lopment Board, Dhaka WASA

and Dhaka City Corporation had been engaged in completing the project. The Minister pointed out a feasibility study on the Greater Dhaka Flood Protection Project covering the eastern region of the metropolis had been formulated by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) last year. Arrangements are being for the procurement of loan for implementing the

project, lluq said.

# The Midnight Rile

Russia calls for new UNSC MOSCOW, Jan 18: Russia, hinting at its unease over increasing Western military action against Iraq, called today for a new meeting of the United Nation Security Council. A Foreign Ministry statement repeated the Russian leadership's

### Delhi firm

reports AP.

From Page 1 Col 8 to revive the seventh SAARC summit twice postponed following Ayodhya development

in India Premadasa and Rao agreed that their governments will keep in close touch on the question of fixing new dates for the Dhaka summit, an Indian External Affairs Minis-

They also expressed satis faction on the present state of friendly and cooperative relations between the two coun-

try press release said

#### Diarrhoea From Page 1 Col 8

In five thanas of Barguna, 24 persons died today increasing the death figure to a total of 148 while 831 were attacked in this period. Ten more people died in five thanas of Patuakhali raising the death toll to 33. Another 92 people were attacked with the disease in the district today.

One death was reported today from Jhalkathi district where the death toll stands at 24. In four thanas of the district, 191 persons were attacked with the disease in a

According to concerned

sources, 203 medical teams

are working in the affected ar-

#### cas, but the number of doctors in the teams is not adequate Biswa Ijtema

From Page 1 Col 4 Nuruddin Khan, Naval chief Rear Admiral Mohaiminul Islam, and Air Chief Air Vice Marshal Altaf Hossain took part in the munajaat, which began at II-15am and continued till

12-10 pm. A serious traffic jam clogged the Dhaka -Mymensingh Highway from Banani in Dhaka

to Cherag Ali Market in Tongi. A total of 10 people died of diarrhoea and other illness while another 500 people took medicare from the field hospi tals during the three-day litema. Police arrested 30 pick pockets from the litema area.

#### has received reports that Pakistani police tortured or mistreated at least 12 journalists and scores of government opponents during demonstrations in November and December. The London-based human rights said in a statement it was also worried that several hundred people, whom it regards as prisoners of conscience, were still in

Zia's birthday

of late President Ziaur Rahman will be observed today in a befitting manner, reports BSS. The Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) and its front organisations have chalked out elaborate programmes to ob-

BNP to observe

today

The 57th birth anniversary

serve the day. The programmes include placing wreaths and offering fatcha at the mazar of Zia, milad mahfil, discussions and cul-

The BNP leaders will place

wreath at Zia's mazar at 9 am

and offer fatcha and hold mtlad

mahfil there. A discussion will

tural functions.

be held at the Shilpakala Academy at 3-30 pm. The city unit of Jatiyatabadi Juba Dal will hold a discussion in front of Juba Dal office at 80

### Naya Paltan at 3 pm. Ultimatum

From Page 1 Col 7 process go smoothly and that the owners pay the prices without failure.

At present, the owners of the disinvested units owe about Taka 25 crore to the government. The amount was as high as Taka 70 crore with interests on the principal amount. However, it came down to the present level after the Prime Minister's announcement of waiving of in-

due from 45 disinvested units. Of these, cases have been filed against 25 units. The others are awaiting the implementation of the decision. So far, about 572 units have been privatised since the dis-

investment process began in

1976. Of these, 497 units were

Engineers,

Sources said the amount in

disinvested from the Ministry of Industries. In the present phase of disinvestment process, about 42 units will be put into private

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