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Shooting sprees,

blasts mark

hartal in Ctg

From Staff Correspondent

half-day hartal was observed

today in Chittagong amid spo-

radic shooting sprees and

cocktail blasts at different

However, no casualty was

The half-day hartal was

reported until writing of this

called by the Awami League,

Chittagong unit, to protest the

recent killings of two of its

Rahmat Ullah, President of

Sitakundu thana AL unit and

Chairman of Barabkundu

Union, was gunned down by

unidentified assailants January

leader Akhter Hossain Raju,

Chairman of East Gujara union

under Raozan thana, was shot

dead January 15 while he was

holding a meeting inside the

normal life came to a halt in

the city and its surrounding areas. Frequent gunshots, blasts of cocktails and massive

picketing marked the half-day hartal. Besides, chases and counter chases between the supporters of rival parties was

a common scene at Anderkilla crossing, Jamal Khan Road, Chawkbazar, New Market

crossing, Agrabad and port

youngsters were seen carrying

arms and blasting cocktails

even in front of police during a

melee, according to witnesses.

But police most of them in riot

Earlier in the hartal period

Anderkilla crossing saw open

gunfights between two local

groups of arms-toting young-

sters while police hardly

Nirmul body

renews call

to defeat '71

killers

By Staff Correspondent

Nirmul Committee Tuesday

observed its first anniversary

with a fresh vow to uproot the

Jamaat-Shibir axis politically

The speakers at the inaugu-

ral session of Nirmul body

founding day ceremony ex-

pressed the determination

that with the united move-

ment of the people, the com-

munal forces of the country in-

cluding the killers of '71

Institution of Engineers.

Bangladesh (IEB) was inaugu-

rated by poet Begum Suffa

Kamal. The full-house audito-

rium was decorated with

posters with calls for crushing

who killed thousands of people

during the war in the name of

religion must be tried and the

society must be freed from the

clutches of the Jamaat-Shibir

The ceremofiv was also ad-

dressed, among others, by Maj

Gen (rtd) K M Shaffullah BU

Ataus Samad, Maj (rtd) Rafiqui

Islam BU, Justice Debesh

Bhattyacharya, Fayez Ahmed,

Prof Kabir Chowdhury,

Badruddin Umar and Lt Col

Poet Sufia Kamal said those

The function held at the

from the soil.

would be defeated.

the communal forces.

quarter.

Ekattarer Ghatak Dalal

gear played a stlent role.

swung into action.

At Anderkilla crossing some

During hartal period today

Another Awami League

places in the city.

leaders here.

union office.

12 at a local bazar.

CHITTAGONG, Jan. 19: A

MAGH 7, 1399 BS,

DHAKA WEDNESDAY JANUARY 20, 1993

RAJAB 26, 1413 HIJRI

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troops to Iraq-Kuwait border Page 5



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Karnaphuli Paper Mills face closure for want of water

## Metropolitan

Dhaka Day by Day



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## **NEWS BRIEFS**

## PM inaugurates

Khaleda Zia formally inaugurates National Folk Culture and Poush Mela celebrations today at 11 am at Sonargaon, Narayangani. Radio Bangladesh programme from the venue and all other regional stations will relay the same, reports

## Dinesh Singh

External Affairs of India

## Police Week '93

The Annual Police Parade Rajarbag Police Line in city

## Film Festival begins tomorrow

The nine-day 3rd Inter national Gold Leaf Film Festival will begin tomorrow at 4 pm at the Central Public Library Eminent painter S M Suitan will inaugurate the festival whose slogan is: Short Film as Alternative Cinema, reports

## Allied forces continue attack: US moves warships to Gulf

# Iraq offers ceasefire

BAGHDAD, Jan 19: Iraq offered the United States and its Western Gulf War allies a ccasefire from 8 am (0500 GMT) on Wednesday if they agreed to respond in kind, Reuter reports.

State television said the ruling Revolutionary Command Council (RCC) made the decision at a special meeting today.

"The Revolutionary Command Council has decided to stop shooting from 8 am Baghdad time on January 20. This gives the new administration in the United States time to study the no-fly zones in the north and south," a RCC statement said.

The statement said the ceasefire depended on the

Tributes to

Zia's memory

birth of late President Ziaur

Rahman was observed vester

day (Tucsday) with elaborate

programmes, reports UNB.

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The 57th anniversary of

The government priority to

schools, hospitals and elec-

tricity is not always endorsed

by the World Bank, which

helps mobilise foreign aid for

Bangladesh, Finance Minister

Saifur Rahman said on

schools, hospitals and elec-

tricity, the World Bank wants

us to give priority to things

like taming our rivers," the

Finance Minister said speaking

at a briefing the Overseas

WASHINGTON, Jan 19

America changes leaders with

pomp and razzle-dazzle on

Wednesday, plunging Bill

Clinton into a world of crises.

blazing guns and fateful deci-

Arkansas becomes leader of

the world's chief superpower.

inheriting a pile of woes dif

ferent from the campaign is-

sues when he defeated

President George Bush last

eran, hands over power and a

Bush, a World War Two vet-

The former Governor of

sions, reports Reuter.

November

When we talk about more

Tuesday

President-elect Bill Clinton

speaking on condition of anonymity, said the aircraft carrier USS John F. Kennedy was moving into the eastern Mediterranean Tuesday. In ad-

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia visiting different stalls at the Zia Mela held at Baghabari in Bogra.

Khaleda launches loan-distribution

scheme for women in Zia's village

Minister Begum Khaleda Zia

today launched a service-ori-

ented programme from

Baghbari village of the district,

the birth place of shaheed

President Ziaur Rahman, with

the aim of helping the dis-

tressed and helpless women to

achieve economic emancipa-

gramme for the rehabilitation

and welfare of the distressed

and the helpless was formally

inaugurated through handing

over of Taka five thousand each

to the 41 distressed and help-

less women by the Prime

flew in this rice-producing vil-

lage on the occasion of the

57th birth anniversary of sha-

heed President Ziaur Rahman,

said the programme had been

WB doesn't always endorse

govt priorities: Saifur

By Staff Correspondent

Correspondents Association

Bangladesh (OCAB) held with

World Bank objects . . . because

they don't want us to invest in

knees to anybody. Money is no

problem. We have our own re-

Referring to donors' sus-

pension of funds for the energy

sector an outspoken Saifur

Rahman said. "I tell the World

trial by fire to the third-

youngest US President and the

first from the post-war 'Baby

46, led his party back to the

White House with a campaign

geared to one wary slogan,

declaring the top issue: "The

that helped him oust

Republican Bush-runaway

deficits, a sluggish though stir

ring economy, unemploy-

ment-remain for Clinton, who

once promised to unveil a re-

All the economic problems

William Jefferson Clinton.

Boom" generation.

economy, stupid".

The Minister said, "The

But I'm not bending my

him at Hotel Sonargaon.

sources," Rahman said.

social sectors.

The Prime Minister, who

The loan-distribution pro-

tion, reports BSS.

Minister

dition, the guided missile cruiser USS Belknap with Vice Adm. T Joseph Loper, commander of the US 6th Fleet, abroad, left a Portugal port call earlier than scheduled to enter

are two Aegis-class cruisers, the USS Leyte Gulf and USS Gettysburt, both of which are capable of firing Tomahawk cruise missiles, the official

started from here as a mark of

front of the village home of Zia,

the Prime Minister said the

tion programme was aimed at

involving the women-folk as a

productive force in the

progress and development of

priority on women develop-

ment and taken various steps

including the enhancement of

women quota system in differ-

ent services and the Jatiya

Sangsad formation of a sepa-

rate ministry for the women

and the Jatiya Mahila Sangstha.

following the policy of Zia the

present government had at-

tached importance to women

development and wanted to

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Bank officials that your penalty

for system loss often becomes

The World Bank some

times fails to understand that a

disrupted electricity supply

means a disruption in industri-

alisation." he said. I also tell

them (the World Bank), "you

can not slice the head because

ernment had already sanc

tioned Taka 300 crore from its

See Page 12 Col 1

after he took office but is now

As Clinton finishes his one-

sentence oath to "preserve.

protect and defend the consti

tution of the United States, so

help me God," a key military

aide in the crowd will instantly

turn from the old president to

locked satchel known as "The

Football". It contains the codes

a President can use to start

nuclear war. The ever-present

"Doomsday" kit is a reminder

Attached to his wrist is a

backing off that pledge.

the new one.

Rahman said that the gov

self-defeating.

of headache.

The Prime Minister said

She said late Zia had given

the nation.

objective of this loan-distribu-

At a simple ceremony in

respect to the late leader.

"We continue to watch Iraq's behavior. We certainly would not hesitate to respond if necessary," said Fitzwater.

an Iraqi request to ask the United Nations to press for dialogue and halt military action in Iraq.

Tuesday's ship movements stressed that the additional Navy firepower was a precautionary move triggered by the

## JS Babri Mosque discussion enters another day

By Staff Correspondent

The general discussion on the demolition of the Babri Mosque in India resumed in the House yesterday with a Treasury bench MP challenging an Opposition MP that the former would resign his Parliament membership if the latter's statement relating to the communal situation in

Barguna proved to be correct. The Opposition MP accepted the challenge and both MPs demanded of the Speaker to form an all-party parliamentary committee to probe into

With the leading Parliament

members yet to deliberate on the issue, the Speaker adjourned the discussions at 11 last night to resume at 10 this morning.

The members have already spent five hours allocated by the Business Advisory Committee of the House. - The House, however, is expected to adopt a resolution on the issue today after the leaders of both benches take part in the dis-

When Speaker Shaikh Razzak Ali invited Nurul Islam Moni of the ruling party to See Page 12 Col 3

# Hasina asked for Road mansion

Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina had sought allotment of the Taka 13 crore government residential palace being built at Hare Road, Works Minister Barrister Rafigul Islam Mian disclosed in the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday.

The Minister made the disclosure after opposition members repeatedly pressed him to disclose for whom the palace was being built at such a huge cost, during the question-answer session.

Replying to a question from Awami League member Md. Rahmat Ali, the Works Minister, in his written reply,

paid-up expenses so far for constructing the residential building at 30 Hare Road stood at Taka 8.10 crore. But, the added, the esti-

Taka 13,67,64000.

He further informed the

## BNP rule has increased hardship: Hasina

She told a big public meeting at Joypara this afternoon that the hardship of common man had exacerbated and the national economy nosedived because of the "misrule of BNP government" in the last two

"Although BNP had promised better days for the people during its electioneering, it failed to do good to the people," she said, alleging some ministers and people in the government party have made fortune through corruption while the economic condition of the vast majority of

people has not improved. Referring to the socio-economic scenario in rural areas, the Leader of the Opposition

Hasina said terrorism, cor-

# By Staff Correspondent

At least nine people were

killed and 28 others injured Tuesday in separate road mishaps at Muksedpur, Savar and Jessore.

Gopalgani reports: Four people were killed and 25 others infured early Tuesday when a bus returning from the Biswa Iztema skidded into a roadside ditch at Muksedpur thana

Syndicate, Academic Council a private car on the Dhaka-

turnabout, by Clinton too.

East peace process.

son cord.

juring three others of a family returning from the Biswa Iztema at Tongi.

Our Jessore correspondent adds: Two persons died on the spot when a speeding bus ran over them at Khajura Bus Stand in New Town, Jessore on Jessore-Magura road on Tuesday morning.

The bus, bound for

Benapole backed with devotees, was returning from the Biswa Iztema at Tongi.

## Ban Nirmul body by March 26' By Staff Correspondent

(Rtd) Kazi Nuruzzaman BU.

Jubo Command observed shame day" Tuesday in protest of the Ekattorer Ghatak Dala! Nirmul Committee's first founding anniversary

The Jubo Command demanded ban on the Nirmul Committee before March 26, the Independence Day of Bangladesh and hanging of the 24 of its leaders on charge of treason".

## Shaheed Asad Day today

Shaheed Asad Day today (Wednesday). On this day in

anti-Ayub movement. Different political and so-

cio-cultural organisations have chalked out elaborate programmes to observe the day.



## Poush Mela today

# begins today

takes over on Wednesday from President George Bush, who orchestrated the Gulf War against Iraq in 1991. An AP report from

Washington earlier said: US and British warplanes attacked iragi air defence sites in the northern "no-fly zone" Tuesday while the Bush administration moved several Navy warships into the region with a warning that more attacks could take

At the White House, spokesman Marlin Fitzwater called the latest skirmishes over northern Iraq "a defensive attack'. But he refused to rule out more strikes in the final 24 hours of the Bush adminis-

Meanwhile, the Vatican said Tuesday that it has accepted

And Iraq on Tuesday asked

The officials who disclosed

- PID photo

25 more die

of diarrhoea

From Staff Correspondent

five more people died of diar-

rhoea in three southern dis-

tricts in the last 24 hours.

BARISAL, Jan 19: Twenty

In Pirojpur, 15 persons

died and 288 were attacked in

the last 24 hours, in Jhalakati,

two persons died while 177

were attacked and in

Patuakhali, eight persons died

and 94 were attacked by diar-

total number of deaths in

Patuakhali has risen to 199, in

Jhalakati 30 and in Patuakhali,

General of Health will visit the

five diarrhoca affected areas of

Jhalakati, Barguna, Patharghata

and Mathbaria from January

According to concerned

sources 203 medical teams are

**BUET** provosts

withdraw

resignations

All the Provosts of Bangla-

desh University of Engineering

and Technology (BUET), who

resigned on January 8, with-

drew their resignation letters

vesterday and resumed their

21 Assistant Provosts tendered

their resignations following

ransacking of the room of

Suhrawardy Hall Provost by

talks with Provosts, BUETTA.

VC held several round of

US and allied warplanes hit

Iraqi targets and shot down

Iraqi planes barely 48 hours

before his inaugural in a clash

that has escalated from worlds

alternating televised specta-

cles of anti-aircraft fire

sparkling above Baghdad and

fireworks sparkling above

alarms, Clinton's 12 year-old

daughter, Chelsea, rang a sym-

As 'Iraqim sounded attack

Americans were treated to

to weapons in one week.

some armed hoodlums.

to settle the dispute.

now are global

Washington.

covery programme the day for Clinton that his headaches

Eight Provosts along with

By DUET Correspondent

working in the affected areas

Meanwhile, the Director

the number has reached 46.

With today's death toll, the

rhoea.

Works minister tells House

# allocation of Hare

By Staff Correspondent

informed the House that the

mated cost along with the liabilities would likely end up at

House that Concord Engineers and Construction Limited was the contractor for the construction work while Superior Builders was setting up the substation. The temporary airconditioning system was being set up by Comilla Electric and

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DOHAR, Jan 19: Awami League President Sheikh Hasina today said her party would continue its struggle for alleviating people's hardship caused by misrule, by implementing AL's new economic policy, reports UNB.

said misery of the farmers aggravated because of rise in the price of agricultural inputs on the one hand and fall of the price of farm products on the The price of fertilizer was

increased four times in the last two years, but the farmers are deprived of fair price of their produce, she said. Hasina demanded reopen-

ing of the closed mills and factories, supply of agriculture inputs at cheaper rates and ensuring food and work for the common people.

ruption, bribery and politicisation were engulfing entire society, jeopardising the objec-See Page 12 Col 6

## Nine killed, 28 hurt in road mishaps

## killing three members and in-

Our correspondent from

of the district. UNB adds : A truck rammed

Aricha highway early Tuesday o 'world's toughest job' today

William Jefferson Clinton, 46, steps into 'world's toughest job' drama of US troops patrolling up the adulation of hundreds of lawiess Somalia, a civil war in thousands of well-wishers at wintry Bosnia, and Haitians celebrations in an inaugural dubbed "An American reclamouring for US asylum

union.

against a stern no-go policy invoked by Bush-and now, in a But the backdrop of press, ing international crisis gave this inaugural a tension of its own. Just as Clinton sought to concentrate on domestic policy, it seemed as if international events were calling to See Page 12 Col 7

### bolic liberty bell with a crim-None of this stopped America from partying Clinton, wife Hillary. Vice President Al The revived Iraqi crisis only barely overshadowed the Gore and their families soaked

Less vivid but possibly even more crucial were the tasks of promoting a solvent and stable post-communist Russia and restarting a stalled Middle

# By Staff Correspondent

1969. Asaduzzaman, a student leader, was killed during the

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### The Shenzen Style: A New Approach to Industrialisation

## International



UN considers sending

## Supplement



Bill Clinton and

a one-page special

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Prime Minister Begum will directly broadcast this

# Mostafiz greets

Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman yesterday felicitated Dinesh Singh on his appointment as Minister for reports BSS.

organised on the occasion of the Police Week '93 will be held today at 9 am at the Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia will take salute and visit the parade

UNB.

other side not shooting.

A senior defence official,

the Mediterranean.

Accompanying the Kennedy

President-elect Clinton to abandon the allied air raid campaign, insisting that continued attacks will not force cooperation by Baghdad.

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# the situation.