

Angola shoots down S African plane

JOHANNESBURG, Jan 23: The Angolan government said today it had shot down a South African transport plane flying out of Jamba, the old headquarters in the south of the rebel movement UNITA, reports Reuters.

Take united move to alleviate poverty: PM

SHERPUR (Bogra), Jan 23: Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia today expressed her confidence that the country can become self-reliant if we can properly utilise our national resources and huge manpower, reports UNB.



Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia decorating engineers with medals in Rajshahi yesterday. — PID photo

Engineers' convention

From Page 1 Col 3 problem of unemployment. We have to ensure proper production and distribution of electricity and limit its systems loss to a bearable stage. Find out the new sources of fuel, mechanise the agricultural system, take proper measures for checking droughts and floods, evolve new technology for constructing low cost roads and houses. The engineers had the major role to play in implementing these programmes, she added.

Court trying Ershad adjourned to pay respect to memory of Mahub Ali

The special judge's Court trying former President H M Ershad, his wife Raushan Ershad and 18 others in the Janata Tower case had its proceedings adjourned yesterday for more than an hour to pay respect to the memory of late Alhaj Syed Mahub Ali, a renowned lawyer of the country, reports BSS.

The Midnight File

10m may die of AIDS in 10 years

PARIS, Jan 23: The French researcher who discovered the AIDS virus predicted in an article published Saturday that nearly 10 million people infected today could be dead within 10 years.

Cuba wants only sovereignty recognition from US

HAVANA, Cuba, Jan 23: Cuba, signalling its position on relations with the new Clinton administration, said on Friday it wanted nothing more from the United States than to be treated as a sovereign, independent state.

Blast in Armenian pipeline

YEREVAN, Jan 23: Public transport came to a standstill, telephones stopped working and lights went out in the Armenian capital on Saturday because of the bombing of a gas pipeline.

Hasina APAO congress begins today

From Page 1 Col 5 of workers and employees of Bangladesh Spinning and Textile Federation who met her at the official residence to express their allegiance to the Awami League leadership.

Mostafiz: No coercion

From Page 1 Col 7 lowing his statement in the meeting, the Foreign Minister categorically denied the allegations that Bangladesh had used any form of coercion, including restriction on rations, to send back the refugees.

Saifur: BSB funds

From Page 1 Col 7 Translate your innovative projects into reality for the country's healthy development, Rahman urged the entrepreneurs terming them as the vehicle of growth.

Croatian clash leaves dozens of casualties

ZAGREB, Jan 23: Clashes between Croatian forces and Serbs in southern Croatia which were continuing today have left dozens of casualties on both sides, concordant sources said, reports AFP.

SAIC governing board meets tomorrow

The seventh meeting of the Governing Board of SAARC Agricultural Information Centre (SAIC) begins here tomorrow at 10 am, reports UNB.

Yanong declares southern waters off-limits to ships

BANGKOK, Jan 23: Myanmar authorities have declared an area of southern territorial waters off-limits to all ships except those involved in seismic oil exploration operations, state-run radio Yanong reported today, says AFP.

Sirajganj Nirmul body man's bail petition rejected

SIRAJGANJ, Jan 23: Sadar Thana Magistrate court today rejected the bail petition of one of the accused in Khashem murder case and granted bail to two others, reports UNB.

Perot pledges support for Clinton

FORT WORTH (Texas), Jan 23: Former US presidential candidate Ross Perot began a promised series of electronic public meetings on Friday by pledging his Citizen Watchdog group's support for new President Bill Clinton, reports Reuters.

Cold wave: 140 die in northern dists in a month

Chilly weather in northern Bangladesh has left at least 140 people dead in the past month — many of them children living in slums, a newspaper said Saturday, reports UNB.

Govt relief for Bandartila victims

CHITTAGONG, Jan 23: The government has undertaken a massive relief and rehabilitation programmes for the affected people of Bandartila and its adjoining areas, reports BSS.

Rao's warning

From Page 1 Col 7 Revivalist Hindu militants razed the 16th century Babri Mosque located at the site on December 6 in connection with the temple campaign, triggering extensive Hindu-Muslim violence across India.

Launch service from Mawa Ghat begins

Launch service from Mawa Ghat to different parts of the country by river routes has commenced, reports BSS.

Sukarno's wife jailed

MEEKER, Colorado: Indonesia's former first lady Dewi Sukarno was sentenced Friday to 60 days in jail for slashing a socialite in the face at a cocktail party, reports AFP.

UN experts

From Page 1 Col 4 acts of provocation. The US ambassador to the United Nations, Edward Perkins, played down the attack and a similar attack Thursday and spoke optimistically about Baghdad's newly cooperative behavior.

BSP polls Feb 10

The Annual General Meeting and election of Bangladesh Sangbadpatri Parishad (BSP) will be held on February 10 at the PIB auditorium, reports BSS.

Auranga

From Page 1 Col 5 accusing Auranga of the murder. The judge Kazi Habibul Awal adjourned the court until February 20, Public Prosecutor Abdur Razzaq appeared for the prosecution while Advocate Sirajul Haq, Advocate Mosharraf Hossein Kajal and Advocate Sazwar Rahman defended the accused.

JS resolution

From Page 1 Col 7 Bangladesh as a model of communal harmony cannot be taken seriously. Expressing a desire to maintain a 'friendly and harmonious' relationship with Bangladesh, the statement said "the government of India would insist that our bilateral relations continue to be governed by accepted norms and principles" of relations among neighbouring countries.

Milam calls on Matin

The ambassador of America, William B Milam, called on Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury, at his secretariat office yesterday. The US envoy stayed with the minister for some time and discussed matters of mutual interest, reports BSS.

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