

Court rejects Murtaza's plea to dismiss case

KARACHI, Dec 4: A Pakistani special court rejected today a plea by Mir Murtaza Bhutto, jailed brother of Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto...

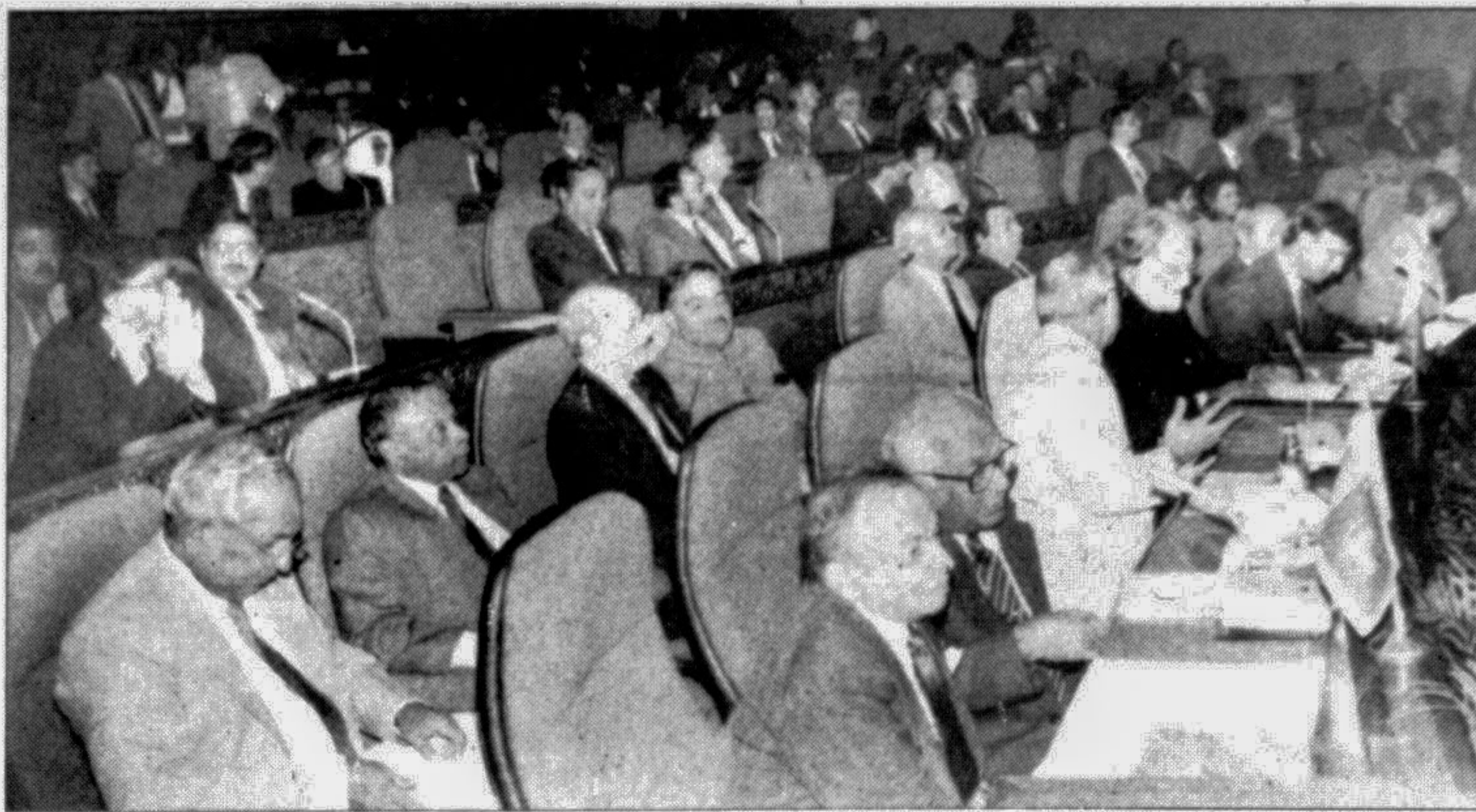
JS: Labour problems

From Page 1 Col 7 this view, sources added. On the other hand, Jute Minister Brig (ret'd) Hannan Shah and Textiles Minister Major (ret'd) Abdul Mannan are learnt to have vehemently opposed the views put forward by the labour minister and the party whip.

High-level sulphur in coal

From Page 1 Col 7 pany, an analytical consulting and technical chemist of Calcutta performed the test. The findings of the Mineral Resources Directorate of Meghalaya also confirms presence of sulphur at high percentage in the coal available there.

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Partial view of the SAARC Council of Ministers' meeting at the International Conference Centre in the city yesterday. — Star photo

Commitment to SAPTA renewed

The SAARC Council of Ministers beginning a two-day meeting here yesterday affirmed its commitment to implementing the SAPTA by 1995 to create a liberal trade atmosphere in the region, reports UNB.

Kashmir

From page 1 Col 5 sibilities of the parliamentarians of the developing countries, the challenge being faced by them in the changed global order, growing expectation of people from the MPs, and the challenge of religious and regional differences.

SAARC must have courage

From page 1 Col 5 tion was given institutional base including a permanent Secretariat. A considerable short term activities encouraged interaction at all levels. These also paved the way for the people-to-people contact.

Tribute to Zia

Shri Lankan Foreign Minister AC Shahul Hameed in his vote of thanks on the Prime Minister's speech paid a touching tribute to late President Ziaur Rahman in envisaging the setting up of SAARC.

Maldives FM

Foreign Minister of Maldives Fathulla Jameel said political and economic realities of today demand that SAARC devote to the principal task of development of the region.

Bhutan FM

The Foreign Minister of Bhutan Lyonpo Dawatsering said economic cooperation supported by trade liberalisation is

India FM

In his remarks at the inaugural session, Indian External Affairs Minister Dinesh Singh expressed concern at the growing terrorism and violence causing economic difficulties in many countries.

Nepal FM

The State Minister in charge of foreign affairs of Nepal, Mahesh Acharya said poverty remained the biggest challenge to South Asia. Follow up actions on eradication of poverty demand consistent support and devotion.

Shri Lanka FM

Foreign Minister of Sri Lanka A C Shahul Hameed in his statement called for removing the mistrust among the member countries that stood on way for a meaningful cooperation.

JCD JU unit leader held

SAVAR, Dec 4: Police today arrested Sahidul Islam Litu, Vice President of the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, Jahangirnagar University Unit in the afternoon.

Lawyer killed

Later, a clash here between the Jamaat activists and Awami League supporters left 30 injured, four seriously. The seriously injured were admitted to Sadar Hospital.

Awami League FM

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia said the best way to show respect to Suhrawardy was to spread politics of tolerance and democratic values and participate in the nation-building activities unitedly.

Golam Azam protests Clinton-Rushdie meet

Jamaat-e-Islami leader Golam Azam yesterday protested the recent meeting between the US President Bill Clinton and writer Salman Rushdie, saying that Bill Clinton had hurt the sentiment of the world Muslims, reports UNB.

Democracy Day programmes

The major political parties have drawn up elaborate programmes to mark the third anniversary of the downfall of the Ershad regime tomorrow. The programmes include processions, public rally and discussions.

Suhrawardy

From Page 1 Col 8 Sheikh Hasina issued messages calling upon all concerned to show respect to the late leader by putting democracy on a firm footing through a concerted effort.

AL: Modern army

From Page 1 Col 7 Awami League. It is the Awami League which always stood for the cause of Bangladeshi army officers and jawans during the days of Pakistan, she said.

The Midnight File

China to extend credit to Pakistan for defence purchase

ISLAMABAD, Dec 4: China will extend credit to Pakistan for defence purchases under an agreement the two sides signed today, a Pakistani government statement said.

Fresh violence in Sarajevo

SARAJEVO, Dec 4: Tension was high in the Bosnian capital today after fresh violence following the breakdown of the latest peace talks in Geneva, a UN official said.

Dinesh, Assef talk Kashmir

The Foreign Ministers of India and Pakistan, now in Dhaka, yesterday discussed the problem in Kashmir where more than 7,000 people were killed in their fight for independence during the last two years, reports UNB.

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Taiwan

From Page 1 Col 3 not be established at the desired level, he added. Describing the investment opportunities in Bangladesh for the foreign investors as brighter than before, Wazuliah said the present industrial policy which is considered as the most liberal in the region, has created an environment providing a stable base for privatisation moves taken by the government.

Inviting the Taiwanese entrepreneurs to invest in Bangladesh, the DCCI President said that the petro-chemical complexes, fertilizer, textiles, leather processing, canning and preservation of deep sea fish, fruit processing and canning can be the potential areas for joint ventures and other forms of investment and collaboration.

Hasina said that after the independence of Bangladesh, Bangabandhu took steps to build up a modern and disciplined armed forces in the country. In this context, she recalled the efforts made by Bangabandhu for raising a new modern army equipped with sophisticated weapons.

Those who joined AL include Lt Col (Rtd) Bahar, Capt (Rtd) Kabir, Ambia Sikdar, widow of Flight Sgt. Daluiddin, Subedar Majir Ali, Capt (Hon) MA Haq, Capt (Hon) MA Karim, Warrant Officer (Rtd) Ismail Bhuiyan, Based Bhuiyan, Subedar Mujib, SLS Patwari and Subedar Iskandar.

4 arrested from DU Hall

By DU Correspondent A special squad of the Detective Branch (DB) police during an hour-long raid in the Jagannath Hall of the Dhaka University early yesterday, arrested four youngsters including two outsiders.