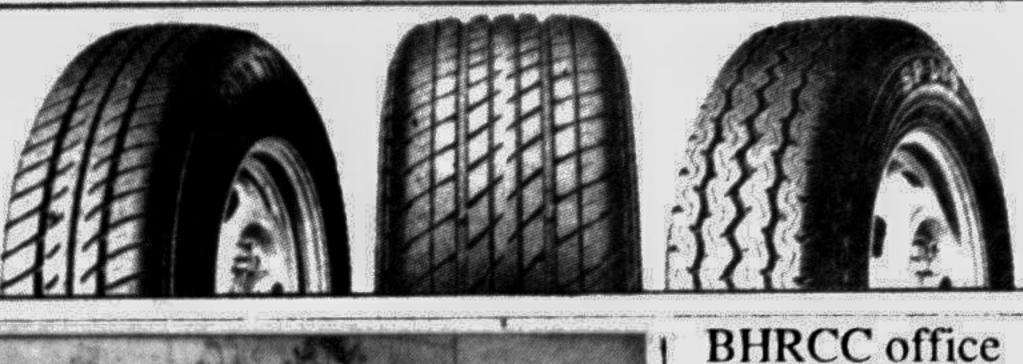


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Bangarappa expelled from Congress

NEW DELHI, Dec 20: A powerful politician was expelled from the governing Congress Party on Monday after he asked Prime Minister P V Narasimha Rao to apologise for the demolition of an ancient mosque and accused him of nepotism in recent state polls, reports AP.

The expulsion of Sarekoppa Bangarappa could jeopardize the chances of the Congress in future polls in the southern state of Karnataka. Bangarappa was chief minister of the state until last year when Rao threw him out on charges of largescale corruption.

Bangarappa, who belongs to one of India's numerous poor castes, said he will float a regional party that is sympathetic to farmers, who resent Rao's economic liberalisation policies. The maverick politician

launched a scathing attack on Rao after the Congress lost elections to legislatures in two northern states this month.

garappa had been sidelined in the Congress and was itching to get out. He could now try to forge an alliance with a political party representing poor castes that has come to power in the politically important state of Uttar Pradesh.

The destruction of the Babri Mosque in Ayodhya on Dec 6, 1992 by Hindu zealots angered Many of them turned away from failing to protect the mosque.

Earlier this month, Rao also fired a junior minister in his cabinet after he blamed the Prime Minister for leading a lacklustre election campaign.

'Black diamond' available

From Page 1 Col 4 tory materials and in manufacturing welding electrodes.

Prof Kurny said most of the requirement of this mineral in the country is still met through imports. Ilmenite worth about Tk 80 lakh is imported every year for preparing welding electrode only.

India and Shri Lanka have all ready started commercial extraction of that mineral.

In Bangladesh, more than 5 tons of Ilmentte could be separated everyday through construction and operation of a ptlot plant at a cost of Tk 35 lakh only, Kurny said adding that 40 type of minerals were found of which eight type minerals extraction would be commercially

He sought policy support and funds from the government to launch the pilot project.

"We have enough indigenous technology to process the heavy mineral. Foreign experts had worked last 25 years on it, but they could not help in making it a marketable product. Now we

Woman robbed From Page 1 Col 8

spondent that the muggers took away her bangles and a chain. The lady hurriedly left the

area in panic while the pedestrians started chasing the muggers escaping in a baby taxi. Two young men on a motor cycle chased them upto the Science Laboratory Crossing where they lost trace of the baby taxi.

"There were four of them," the witnesses - among them the guards of the Deputy Minis-ter's house — said. "When we tried to block their way, they hurled the cocktails and made their escape."

But observers say Ban-

the minority Muslim voters. the Congress, blaming it for

should strive for it to save

crores of foreign exchange." Prof Kurny said Ilmenite

> by Prof Kurny, Dr ASMA Hasib, Md Zahidul Hug and Nasima Akhter of the Metallurgical Engineering Department of BUET

Heavy minerals were first discovered in the beach sands of Cox's Bazar during a geological survey for radioactive minerals in the early sixties. Systematic exploration of beach sand minerals started in 1968 under the supervision of two Australian experts and till 1985 heavy mineral deposits numbering 17 were identified along the

Proposal to drop mention of God from German

CONSTITUTION
BONN, Dec 20: A proposal to drop mention of God from Germany's constitution was sharply criticised today by Christian Democrats (CDU), re-

ports Reuter.

constitutes the largest quantity of heavy minerals of about 25 per cent found in the beach sands and it has to be processed further to remove the chemically combined useless minerals before selling in mar-The research was carried out

with financial assistance from

costal belt.

chancellor Helmut Kohl's

Guenter Verheugen, Manager of the opposition Social Democrats (SPD), has suggested that a reference to God be delated from the preamble to the constitution. The line says Germans adopted their constitution "conscious of their responsibility before God and

Islamic common market From Page 1 Col 4

tries, he said this has been hindering them from even sitting with the developed nations for dialogue on various economic issues. But if they can set up institutions like the proposed Islamic Insurance Company or Islamic Shipping Company with combined efforts, they would attain a position to bargain, the Industries Minister observed.

He, however, called upon the leaders of the Muslim world to . take pragmatic measures for enabling their countries to keep pace with the developments being made in the world.

Presided over by Prof M Shamsher Alt, Vice Chancellor of the Bangladesh Open University, the concluding session of the seminar was addressed by Prof Azhar Uddin, Pro-Vice-Chancellor of Rajshahi University, Prof M Badful Alam, Pro-Vice-Chancellor of Chittagong University, Dr Mahfuzul Huq of Chittagong University, Dr Manazir Ahsan, Director General of the Islamic Foundation of the United Kingdom, Prof Volker Nienhaus of the University of **Bochum of Germany and Ataur** Rahman, Chairman of the islamic Bank, Bangladesh Lim-

A 15-point set of recommendations was also made in the function, which included the formation of an Islamic Common Market Cell in the private sector of Bangladesh to promote and mobilise public-opinion for materialising the concept, setting up of some regional branches of the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) in Dhaka and some other Muslim countries, and undertaking studies by the OIC Secretariat and its appropriate trade-related organs to update information on

various tariff and non-tariff barriers that obstruct intra-Islamic country trade.

UNB adds: Commerce Minister M Shamsul Islam yesterday stressed the need for firm commitment towards cooperation among the Muslim countries to form an Islamic Common Market. Addressing the working ses-

sion-IV of the international seminar on an Islamic Common Market, the minister said the political commitment to ensure a better environment for intra-Muslim unity depends on the willingness of the private sec-

Presided over by FBCC president Mahbubur Rahman, the session was addressed by Malaysian High Commissioner Ahmed Fuji Haji Abdur Razak, IDB Representative Dr Serujogi and several economists from the member countries.

Shamsul Islam said the seminar could play a positive role in accelerating economic development and removing obstacles to free trade in the Muslim coun-

Referring to the declining trend in world trade share of the Muslim countries, the minister said a coordinated effort is a demand of time to gear up trade within the OIC member countries.

The Commerce Minister called upon the Muslim countries to translate the common market concept into reality to increase the mutual cooperation in the field of technology, trade and investment.

Rajshahi University teacher Solaiman Mondal prescrited the key-note paper on "South East Asian Cooperation Under OIC Framework" in the working session of the seminar.

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President Abdur Rahman Biswas and Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia stand in attention while the national anthem is played during the inaugural ceremony of the VI SAF Games at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday. Also seen are Games Organising Committee chief Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman, State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain and president of the Bangladesh Olympic Association Gias Kamal Chowdhury

SAF Games From Page 1 Col 7

simply a test of the participants' sports capabilities. These are instruments to encourage mass participation," she said.

"In our region, we are proud of our shared heritage and tradition. This permeates our daily life. The SAF Games will be more than a mere sporting event. It will provide us an opportunity to understand and appreciate our common ways of life," said Begum Zia, also chairperson of the seven-nation South Asian grouping, SAARC.

She said, "We are at a critical juncture in the evolution of civilisation. Our societies face many challenges. Some threaten to confuse our youth."

The Prime Minister stressed the need for protecting the youths from the negative impulses and observed that sports could unleash their positive energies. "Sports can indeed encourage our youth to achieve glory for themselves and society She hoped that all partici-

pants of the South Asian Fedcration Games would have a happy stay in Dhaka and go back with pleasant memories.

ANC agrees to grant whites a homeland

CAPE TOWN, Dec 20: Rightwing leaders said Monday that the African National Congress has agreed in principle to grant whites a homeland, but the ANC said only that the idea will be discussed, reports AP.

Separately, the ANC and the government were holding an eleventh-hour summit with proapartheid whites and anti-ANC blacks united in the Freedom Alliance. The alliance is under pressure to compromise on a proposed constitution by Tuesday or risk having the ANC and government pass the new charter and hold elections April 27 without them.

The ANC, which is committed to a non-racial democracy, has long rejected the idea of setting aside a portion of South Africa in which whites would have any special privileges.

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Islam of the Jamaat-e-Islami

had collected nomination forms

independents, had also col-

lected nomination forms till

yesterday. A total of 518 forms

for the posts of commissioners

Daily Star last night, said: "I'll

continue doing what I've been

doing since my appointment as

the mayor of Dhaka. I shan't

resort to any stunts or gim-

demand for resignation by the

incumbent mayors before the

elections, he said: "The elections

will certainly be free and fair

under the rule of the BNP,

which has already proved its

sion in the Constitution or in

the DCC rules for such resigna-

making it an issue apprehend-

ing their certain defeat in the

polls", the mayor said, adding:

"To us it is all the same,

whether the polls are held with

or without the mayors in their

offices. BNP candidates will win

the elections under any circum-

The AL city unit chief Mo-

hammad Hanif, while talking to

this correspondent, repeated his

demand for the resignation of

the mayor, alleging that the sit-

ting mayor was "taking steps to

"The resignation is a must

influence the voters."

"Besides, there is no provi-

"They (the opposition) are

impartiality."

tion."

stances."

Reacting to the opposition

micks to influence voters."

Mirza Abbas, talking to The

have so far been distributed.

Ten other candidates, mostly

till last night.

From Page 1 Col 7 from different educational insti-

tutions presented kaleidoscopic

callisthenics. The salient fea-

tures of the country's six sea-

sons were delineated in chore-

ography accompanied by differ-

ent indigenous tunes from the

the girls and the nearly two-

hour pageant ended with men

- from the Ansars - appar-

elled in white, symbolising win-

(See Page 10.)

waiting for the formal opening,

the first competition of the

eight-day, 11-sport meet got

underway with the tennis

matches starting at the Ramna

Tennis Complex early in the

Two football matches were

also held in the evening at the

Mirpur Stadium, in which Shri

Lanka beat Pakistan 2-1 and

the unfancied Maldives forced

hosts Bangladesh to part with a

precious point after a goalless

begin at different city venues

Competitions in five events

morning.

However, without quite

It was a show dominated by

powerful loudspeakers.

amid the cheers of 25,000 spectators.

the meet, a 14-member Bhutanese team led by paddler Prem Rai then entered the arena. The 248-member Shri

bearing the rather bellicose flag with a lion brandishing a sword Shooting gold winner in the Commonwealth Games in '90 and a prospective medal winner in this meet, Ateegur Rahman,

Bangladesh. The display gallery on the

fun and humour when a giant rapt attention.

As the violet hour ap-

port Corporation (BRTC) started earning operational profit from mid-November that stood at Tk 33.28 lakh in one month till December 15, reports UNB. This was disclosed at the

23rd meeting of the parliamentary standing committee on the Ministry of Communications, held at the Sangsad Bhaban yesterday with Communications Minister Oli Ahmed in the chair.

The BRTC has earned a profit of Tk 19.28 lakh in the second fortnight of November and Tk 14 lakh in the first fortnight of this month. The meeting also discussed

an enquiry report on the Bangladesh Railway.

The smallest contingent of

Lankan team then walked out with colonel Raja Dayasinghe

then brought out the biggest contingent of the meet - a 263member team of the hosts

north-western portion of the stadium which housed unseen boys and girls, became a myrioscope conjuring images ranging from that of the PM to the seven Bir Shreshthos of the war of independence. There was little dearth of the

replica of the second SAF Games mascot - a meek deer - coaxed and cajoled the current mascot Adamva - a tiger cub - in, with the crowd listening the contrived exchanges of the two dummy denizens of the Sundarbans — the largest mangrove forest of the world, in

proached, lights in the towers

BRTC profits

The Bangladesh Road Trans-

Preparation for DCC polls

for ensuring neutral and im-

said, the mayor must step down

since the mayors, for the first

time, were being elected

the party's presidium will be

held on December 24 to finalise,

the decision about its mayor

candidate, while the city AL ex-

ecutives will hold a meeting to-

morrow to pick the candidates

for the posts of commissioners.

Party is delaying the party's de-

cision about its mayoral candi-

date, insiders said, adding that

the party high command will

soon nominate the candidate.

Former mayors Col.(retd) Abdul

Malek or Barrister Abul Hasnat

are the most discussed names

The alliance of 10-Left par-

ties has, in the meantime, re-

quested labour leader Manzurul

Ahsan Khan to be the alliance's

mayoral candidate, sources

said. Khan has reportedly ex-

pressed his unwillingness to

The central standing com-

mittee of the Gano Forum, at a

meeting yesterday, discussed

the election issue but did not

decide anything about its can-

didate for the mayorship.

Meeting sources said, proposals

were made naming Mostafa

Mohsin Montu as the mayoral

candidate. The city unit of the

party is likely to finalise its

candidate its candidature at a

meeting on December 24.

in the party.

In-fighting in the Jatiya

AL sources said, a meeting of

through popular ballot.

Replying to a question, Hanif

partial polling."

attacked in city

By Staff Correspondent

Three youngmen walked into the office of the Bangladesh Human Rights Coordination Council (BHRCC) at Laimatia in the city at 10:15 am yesterday. threatened to close the office. exploded three bombs and fled the spot.

The explosions, which caused panic, however, did not injure anybody.

in a press release the BHRCC expressed its suspicion that the incident was related to the key role played by the BHRCC in organising the festival of the country's indigenous people in the city last Saturday.

'On that day, the Freedom Party organised a rally in front of the Press Club where its leader Maj (Retd) Baziul Huda made derogatory and shameful comments against renowned human rights activist Father Timm. We have protested his comments through the newspapers. This might have had provoked the attack, we suspect," the BHRCC press release said. It demanded investigation

and punishment of the culprits. 20 teenagers burnt

to death in Argentina BUENOS AIRES, Dec 20: Up

to 20 teenagers burned to death and 20 were injured in a fire at a dance hall during an end of term dance, officials said today, reports AFP. The fire started when some-

one tossed a lighted firework

across the hall where about

1,000 students from a Buenos

Aires church-run college were celebrating the holidays, police Many of the students were trapped inside the burning building because the emergency

The mayor of the Vicente Lopez district of the city said 18 to 20 students died. Police said they could confirm 18 deaths but there might be more.

exit was locked, police said.

The Midnight File

Nagas kill colonel, 14 soldiers

NEW DELHI, Dec 20: An Indian colonel and 14 soldiers were killed today in an ambush by tribal militants in the north-castern state of Nagaland, the Press Trust of India (PTI) reported. Five other soldiers were wounded in the attack by the outlawed National Socialist Council of Nagaland (NSCN) nearly 20 kilometers (12.5 miles) from the town of Mokokchung, the news agency said, reports AFP.

Blast in Phalange Party office in Beirut

BEIRUT, Dec 20: A powerful bomb ripped through the Christian Phalange Party headquarters in the Lebanese capital today, killing one person and wounding 35 party members, security sources said. All of the 30 to 35 members attending a high-level meeting of the right-wing party were "more or less seriously hurt," a police spokesman said. Other security sources said at least one person was killed, reports AFP.

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Reiterating the long standing demand for the separation of the judiciary from the executive, Dr Kamal said it was a fundamental principle of the country's Constitution that the judicial system be separated from the administration. "The constitution has spelt

out the independence of Judiciary.... even parliament does not have the power to amend the fundamental principles of the Constitution," he said noting with regret that the country's judicial system is not fully independent. The judiciary should be in-

dependent and free from any interference to safeguard the Constitution and human rights, he said.

Dhaka-Yangon From Page 1 Col 5

the problem of fishermen who often cross the border. It was also agreed that 18 fishermen still held in Myanmar will be released soon. About 100 Bangladeshi fishermen returned home recently while Bangladesh set free three Myanmar nation

The home side proposed a joint survey of border pillars put up following the demarcation of 176 km border in 1978. The Myanmar side said that it required approval of their government.

Candidates

From Page 1 Col 5 dent adds: Bangladesh Awami League has nominated A B M Mohiuddin Chowdhury to contest the post of Chittagong

Mohiuddin Chowdhury is the General Secretary of City Awami

Leaders of the Chittagong city unit, Chittagong north and south districts Awami League announced this at a press conference held at the Zila Parishad Hall yesterday afternoon. City unit president M A Mannan, north district president Engineer Mosharaf Hussem and general secretary M A Salam, south district president M ldris and general secretary Mosleh Uddin Ahmad were present at the press conference."

Meanwhile, the Chittagong port city is in the grip of election fever ahead of the filing of nomination papers today.

The BNP candidate here for the post of mayor, Mir Md Nastruddin and Awami League nominee A B M Mohiuddin Chowdhury have been continuing their mass contact to drum up support of the voters.

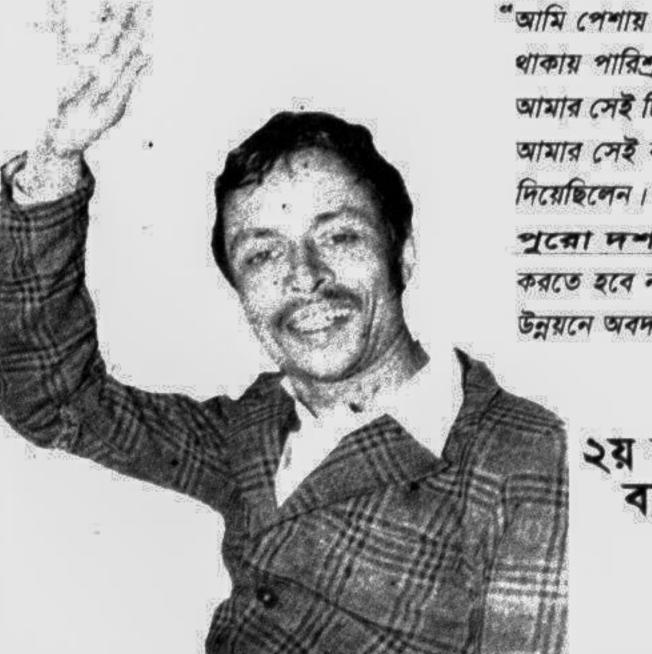
The Jamaat candidate, Alsar Uddin Chowdhury, has also started his campaign to seek the support of the voters. The independent candidate

for the post of mayor is Prof Arti Moinuddin, an ex-state minister in Ziaur Rahman's cabinet.

১ম লটারীর ডিএলিট্রেট টাকার প্রথম পুরস্কার বিজয়ী সুনামগঞ্জের আব্দুল মোমিন



জাতীয় ক্রীড়া পরিষদ আয়োজিত ক্রীড়া উন্নয়ন তহবিল গঠনের লক্ষ্যে ১ম লটারীর প্রথম পুরস্কার বিজয়ী সুনামগঞ্জের আব্দুল মোমিন (টিকিট নং ৬ ০০৩০০২৪) কে গত ১৩.১২.৯৩ইং তারিখে বিকাল ৪টায় জাতীয় ক্রীড়া পরিষদ মিলনায়তনে পুরস্কার প্রদান করা হয়। পুরস্কার প্রদান করেন বাংলাদেশ সরকারের মাননীয় অর্থমন্ত্রী এম, সাইফুর রহমান। আরো উপস্থিত ছিলেন মাননীয় তথ্যমন্ত্রী নাজমুল হুদা ও মাননীয় যুব ও ক্রীড়া প্রতিমন্ত্রী সাদেক হোসেন।



পুরন্ধার প্রাপ্তির পর আব্দুল মোমিন বলেন "আমি পেশায় একজন ইলেক্ট্রিক মিক্সী। এক বাসায় কাজ করতে গিয়ে ভাংতি টাকা না थाकाग्र भातिभ्राभिक हिमार्त व्यामारक वक्षे । धिकिए प्रमः । भरत भविकाग्र मिनिरम् प्राचि আমার সেই টিকিটই প্রথম পুরস্কার পেয়েছে। আমি এতে ভীষণ আনন্দিত হই। প্রথমেই व्यामात त्मरे वाफ़ी अग्रामात कथा मत्म रग्न । यिनि व्यामात्क शाति प्रमिक रिमात्व विकिपि मिराइिलन। এখন ভাবছि ইলেকট্রিক ব্যবসায় টাকা খাটাবো। আমি পুরস্কারের পুরো দশ লক্ষ টাকাই পেয়েছি। আমাকে কোন ধরণের ট্যাক্স পরিশোধ করতে হবে না। আসুন আমরা সবাই মিলে আগামী লটারীগুলোতে অংশ নিয়ে ক্রীড়া উनुग्रत अवपान ताथि। जावाज यिन नार्रेग्रा याग्र।"

সরকার অনুমোদিত

২য় লটারীর টিকিট এখন সকল বাণিজ্যিক ব্যাংক ও বিক্রয় কেন্দ্রে পাওয়া যাচ্ছে।

