

**Come to CHITTAGONG Come to**  
**BANGKOK THAI RESTAURANT**  
 The only place for ORIGINAL THAI FOOD SEA  
 FOOD in CHITTAGONG. NO BRANCH! Please try  
 us and you will love BANGKOK THAI  
 RESTAURANT more than ever before.  
 10% Discount to PayLess Privilege Card Members  
 1443 ASIAN HIGHWAY, OPPOSITE Y. M. C. A. NASIRABAD  
 CHITTAGONG, TEL: 226803, FAX: (880) (31) 225258

# The Daily Star

**Nirman Tiles**  
 In Broken  
 Marble Tiles  
 Brighter Home  
 At Lesser Price  
 Tel: 605957, 861985

VOL. IV NO. 11 REGD. NO. DA 781

MAGH 11, 1400 BS,

DHAKA MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 1994

SHABAN 11, 1414 HIJRI

12 PAGES: PRICE TAKA 4.00

## Inside Today

### Article

**Trade Liberalisation  
needs added Trans-  
parency**

Column: Along My Way  
by SB Chaudhuri  
Page 4

### International

**Cluster-bomb attack  
rocks Kabul**



**Telly Savalas dies in  
Los Angeles**  
Page 5

### Business

**Decrease in inflation  
shows no growth of  
economy: Moyeen**

**Abu Dhabi court rejects  
pleas for BCCI officials'**  
release  
Pages 6, 7

### Feature

**Development**  
Machinery manufac-  
turing and economic  
development; Caritas  
works in promoting  
universal solidarity;  
Wrong aid prescrip-  
tion in Russia; and  
Genetic loss could  
cost the earth  
Page 8

### Metropolitan

**Dhaka Day by Day**



**Bangladesh's Place in a  
New World Vision**  
Page 3

## NEWS BRIEFS

**PM visits Shah  
Mogdom (R) mazar**  
RAJSHAHI, Jan 23: Prime  
Minister Begum Khaleda Zia  
visited the Mazar of Hazrat  
Shah Mogdom (R) in the city.  
She offered Fateha at the  
mazar and prayed for the eter-  
nal peace of the saint, reports  
BSS.

**Rouf to meet  
candidates**  
By Staff Correspondent  
Chief Election Commis-  
sioner Justice Abdur Rouf will  
meet the candidates con-  
testing the Dhaka City Cor-  
poration elections and the  
relevant government officials  
at the Agargaon Community  
Centre in the capital tomorrow  
at 11 am. According to the  
Election Commission sources,  
the meeting will also be at-  
tended by the Divisional  
Commissioner, Metropolitan  
Police Commissioner, the  
Deputy Commissioner,  
Metropolitan Magistrate,  
Returning Officer and the  
Assistant Returning Officers.

**Moinuddin Manik  
joins BNP**  
RAJSHAHI, Jan 23: Former  
parliament member and JSD  
leader Moinuddin Manik along  
with several thousand workers  
joined the Bangladesh  
Nationalist Party (BNP) in the  
presence of BNP chairperson  
Prime Minister Begum Khaleda  
Zia at a function at the Circuit  
House premises here today,  
reports BSS.

**Cold wave claims  
3 more in Sirajganj**  
SIRAJGANJ, Jan 23: Three  
people were killed in cold  
wave that swept over the dis-  
trict as elsewhere in the  
country yesterday raising the  
death figure to 17, unofficial  
sources said, reports UNB.

## Violation of city corpn election rules EC to take legal action against 84 candidates

By Staff Correspondent

The Election Commission is  
to take legal action against  
three mayoral and 81 commis-  
sioner candidates on charges  
of violating election rules.

According to the Commis-  
sion, these candidates did not  
submit statements of their  
sources of funds for election  
campaign within the stipulated  
seven days after the date for  
withdrawal of candidature.

The commission, in a  
statement yesterday, reminded  
the candidates concerned that  
they might be awarded impris-  
onment ranging from two  
years to seven years, and even  
fined, for violating the City  
Corporation Rule 44 (kha).

Among the candidates who  
did not declare their sources  
of election funds, three may-  
oral and 60 commissioner can-  
didates are from Dhaka, seven  
commissioner candi-

dates from Chittagong and 14  
commissioner candidates from  
Khulna.

BSS adds: Chief Election  
Commissioner Justice Abdur  
Rouf, sounding a strong warn-  
ing yesterday said, stern action  
would be taken against viola-  
tors of election rules and regu-  
lations irrespective of party af-  
filiation or social positions.  
The EC would not hesitate to  
bring to book anyone violating  
election procedures before,  
during and after the elections,  
he asserted.

Addressing leading citizens,  
mayoral and ward commis-  
sioner candidates and officials  
at the Chittagong Muslim  
Institute Hall in the morning,  
Justice Rouf pointed out that  
there was no scope for anyone  
to ignore or violate election  
rules contained in the  
Constitution, election proce-

dures and general laws of the  
country. He said, "We are  
carefully and cautiously apply-  
ing the election rules and su-  
pervising the elections in the  
four city corporations with a  
view to building up a good im-  
age of election at home and  
abroad."

UNB adds: In Chittagong  
yesterday, Justice Rouf asked  
all the candidates contesting  
the CCC polls to erase all wall-  
writings within two days.

"If the candidates do not  
wipe out the wall-writings on  
their own, the cost of these  
writings will be estimated and  
kept in the accounts files of  
their polls expenses and, if  
necessary, legal measures  
would be taken against them,"  
he warned.

The CEC was addressing a  
meeting in the District Council  
See Page 12 Col 6

## Steps taken for impartial polling

By Nurul Kabir

The Election Commission, a  
constitutional body to conduct  
the national polls as well as  
those to the local govern-  
ments, is now working from  
dawn to dusk to make the up-  
coming four city corporation  
polls free, fair and impartial.

The Commission, headed by  
Justice Abdur Rouf, has already  
taken some unprecedented  
steps this year to make the  
whole polling process  
leakproof, as much as possible  
under the existing laws.

In the wake of the age-old  
allegations that the officers of  
the administrative cadre had  
always been involved in the  
government's attempt to ma-  
nipulate election results, the  
Election Commission this year  
has assigned the Deputy  
Election Commissioners, in-  
stead of the Deputy  
Commissioners (DCs), to per-  
form the responsibilities of re-  
turning officers in the city

polls.  
Besides, the Commission  
has decided to depute a dis-  
trict-level election officer to  
work as Assistant Returning  
Officer for every three wards of  
a city corporation during the  
polls. Also, an additional  
polling officer will be ap-  
pointed, for the first time, to  
assist the polling officer. The  
additional polling officer will  
monitor the voting process  
and submit his observations to  
the returning officer on a regu-  
lar basis on election day.

The Commission has also  
made arrangements for exten-  
sive training programmes for  
presiding officers, assistant  
presiding officers and polling  
officers on how to conduct the  
elections smoothly.

A booklet, containing the  
election rules, has already  
been distributed among the of-  
ficials deployed to conduct the  
training programmes.

The Commission has also  
distributed among the candi-  
dates separate booklets ex-  
plaining the duties and re-  
sponsibilities of their election  
and polling agents. The objec-  
tion is to enable the agents to  
represent their respective  
candidates in conformity with the  
laws and rules.

Besides, having talks with  
the political leaders, the Chief  
Election Commissioner has  
had discussions with media  
representatives, lawyers,  
teachers and different trade  
union leaders to help the  
Commission in conducting the  
polls effectively. The Election  
Commission officials, during  
the meetings, explained the  
rules and laws relating to the  
polls. They said, making the  
voters and others concerned  
aware of the election rules  
would ensure the neutral hold-  
See Page 12 Col 7

## Govt to rethink plan for privatising BSRS

By Sohail Manzur

The government plans to  
reconsider the decision of pri-  
vatising the Bangladesh Shilpa  
Rin Sangstha (BSRS) and op-  
erate it as a commercial bank in  
its present form as a DFI, ac-  
cording to official sources.

The reason for such a plan,  
is to break the deadlock that  
has been hindering the normal  
functioning of the Sangstha  
since 1985, the sources said.

The activities of the BSRS  
as a development financing in-  
stitution (DFI) came to a halt  
in March, 1985, when the  
Asian Development Bank (ADB)  
embargoed the corporation on  
financing new projects because  
of its poor loan recovery per-  
formance and the sickness of a  
number of projects it had fi-  
nanced.

Later, the government, in a  
Memorandum of Under-  
standing (MOU) with the ADB

and some other donor agen-  
cies including the UNDP and  
the IDA, agreed to improve the  
situation by taking appropriate  
measures.

In September 1990 the  
ADB, in response to a govern-  
ment request for lifting the  
embargo on the BSRS, offered  
some advice as preconditions  
for the proposed lifting.

The conditions included  
privatisation of at least 51 per  
cent share of the BSRS in two  
years and finalisation of a  
pragmatic operating policy for  
the DFI, providing it with addi-  
tional functions of a commer-  
cial bank.

As per the suggestion of the  
ADB, the government decided  
to privatise the BSRS and hand  
over all its shares and under-  
takings to a public limited  
company, the Development  
See Page 12 Col 1

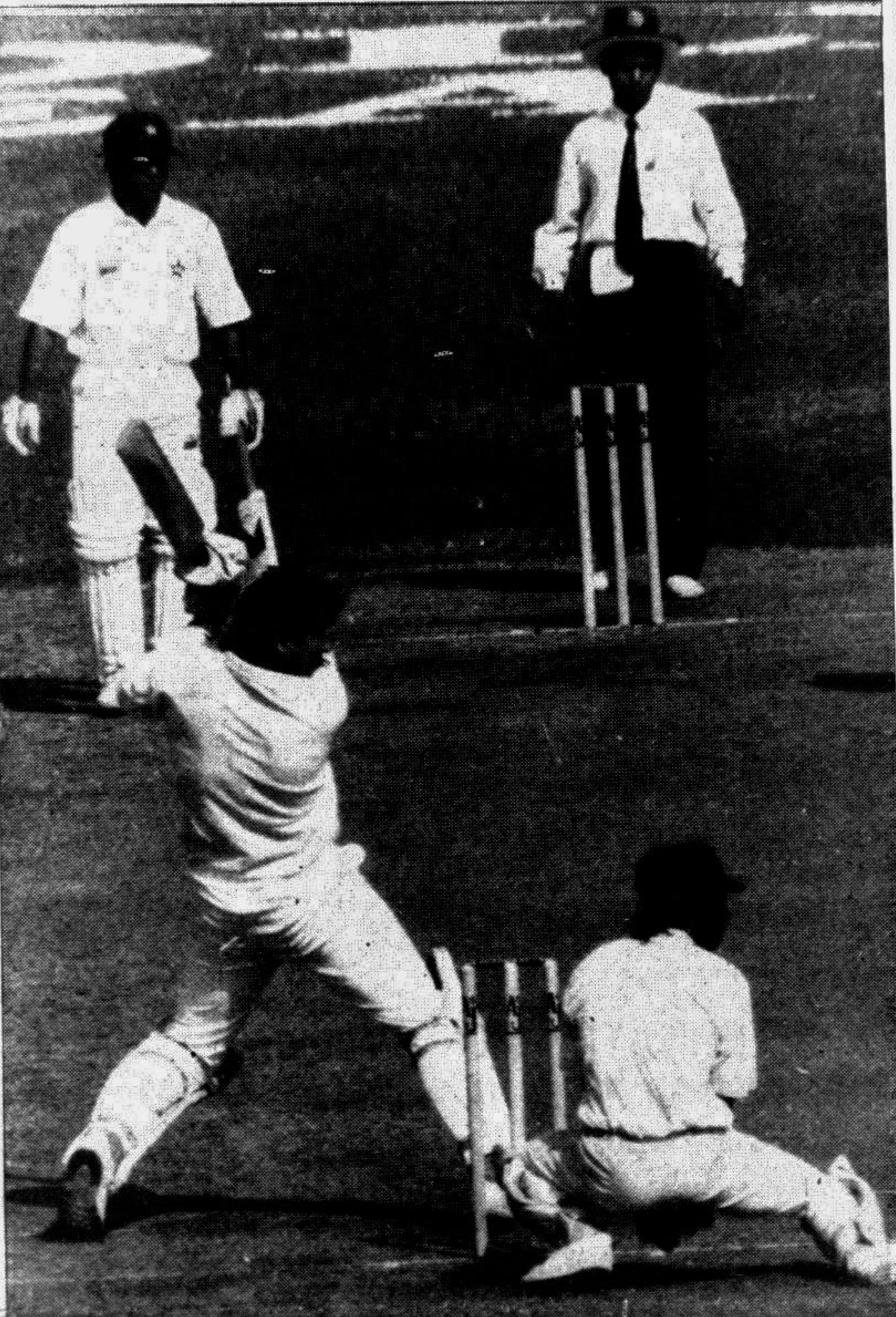
## Shrimp cultivation zones to be declared industrial lands

Necessary measures will be  
taken to declare the land un-  
der shrimp cultivation as in-  
dustrial land so that all finan-  
cial institutions can provide  
funds to the entrepreneurs  
easily, reports UNB.

This was decided at a re-  
view meeting of banks and fi-  
nancial institutions financing  
salt and semi-intensive shrimp  
cultivation programmes yester-  
day at the Industries  
Ministry.

Industries Minister A M  
Zahiruddin Khan presided over  
the meeting which discussed  
elaborately the progress of salt  
and semi-intensive shrimp cul-  
ture in the current year.

The meeting directed the  
Bangladesh Small and Cottage  
Industries Corporation (BSCIC)  
to identify the shrimp zones in  
the country so that different  
banks and financial institutions  
can extend loan facilities.



Inzamam-ul-Haq, the huge star Pakistani batsman, lays back to square cut Bangladesh's Enamul Huq Moni to the point fence for a four. The left-arm spinner, however, had the last laugh soon afterwards, having Inzamam stumped for only 11 during yesterday's exhibition one-day at the Dhaka Stadium. Pakistan, predictably, won the match by 62 runs but the hosts, won hearts. — Star photo

## Prokrichi demands White Paper on property of secys

By Staff Correspondent

The central action commit-  
tee of the Prokrichi-BCS 26  
Cadres yesterday urged the  
government to publish White  
Papers on the property of the  
Secretaries under the BCS  
(Administration) Cadre by  
February 15.

Otherwise, the members of  
the Prokrichi-BCS will set up a  
public investigation committee  
comprising different profes-  
sionals and conscious citizens  
which will trace out the prop-  
erty and bring those to the  
public notice," the action  
committee said.

A conference of the repre-  
sentatives of the action com-  
mittee, presided over by the  
organisation's convenor Dr M A  
Majed, was held yesterday in  
the city.

The committee members  
demanded the government  
See Page 12 Col 3

## Admin officials threaten action against 'disparity'

Disgruntled administrative  
officials, in a meeting inside  
the secretariat yesterday,  
formed an action committee  
for agitation against 'disparity'  
created in the cadre services  
through upgradation of profes-  
sionals following the Prokrichi  
movement, reports UNB.

The BCS Administration  
Action Committee was constitu-  
ted with Dr Mujibur Rahman  
as convenor of the 41-member  
body.

Abdul Hye and Abdul Ma-  
nnan Ilyas spoke at the  
meeting, held in the Secretariat  
premises at 1 pm.

In its next meeting tomor-  
row at the BCS (Administra-  
tion) Academy, the action  
committee, which comprises  
officers ranking up to Deputy  
Secretary, will finalise its  
agitation programme.

Meeting sources said dis-  
content grew among nearly  
4,000 officials in the BCS  
See Page 12 Col 7

(Administration) Cadre after  
the government recently an-  
nounced pay-hike and up-  
gradation for engineers, agricul-  
turists and doctors and non-  
administrative officials of dif-  
ferent cadre services.

The government has im-  
plemented some of the de-  
mands of Prokrichi and non-  
administrative officials provid-  
ing selection grade and up-  
gradation of posts at different  
levels, consequently down-  
grading the officials of the  
administration cadre and  
creating wide salary gaps,  
ranging up to Tk 2,000, the  
meeting noted.

Officials of nine cadres, ex-  
cluding administration, got  
higher scales according to the  
government circular on  
January 8. The nine cadres are:  
BCS Works, Roads & Highways,  
Public Health, Telecommuni-  
cation, Rail-engineering, Rail-  
See Page 12 Col 7



## Chanpa murder: 3 get life-term

From Staff Correspondent

BARISAL, Jan 23: Three  
people were today sentenced  
to life imprisonment and three  
others acquitted in the sensa-  
tional Fauzia Rahman Chanpa  
murder case.

The three convicted are  
Zahirul Alam Kamal and  
Nasiruddin Jamal, both broth-  
ers-in-law of Chanpa and  
Khandaker Zillur Bari, the  
husband of Chanpa's sister-in-  
law. They were convicted for  
killing Chanpa, a housewife,  
under Section 302/34 of the  
See Page 12 Col 8

## Mahathir for Int'l confce to solve Bosnia crisis

MALAYSIA, Jan 23: Legisla-  
tors from 31 nations called  
Sunday for a UN-backed  
international conference to  
find a way to bring peace to  
Bosnia-Herzegovina, reports  
AP.

Malaysian Prime Minister  
Mahathir Mohamad had pro-  
posed such a conference, say-  
ing it should be similar to one  
that worked out a peace  
agreement for Cambodia's civil  
war.

The proposal won backing  
from more than 150 legislators  
at a two-day meeting convened  
by the Malaysian Parliamen-  
tarians' Association and Mala-  
ysia's Institute of Strategic and  
International Studies.

After the meeting, Malay-  
sian Foreign Minister Abdullah  
Ahmad Badawi said Malaysia  
had obtained 'support from  
several members of the Or-  
ganisation of Islamic Confer-  
ence and the Non-Aligned  
Movement to present a motion  
at the UN General Assembly  
for an international conference  
on Bosnia.

Efforts to gain support were  
continuing, he added.  
"We have to assess the  
strength of the support. Once  
we have that, we should be  
able to bring it to the UN," he  
said.

Asked if he was confident  
that all three warring factions  
in Bosnia — Serbs, Croats and  
Muslims — would agree to the  
Malaysian initiative, Abdullah  
said: "We would not know  
whether they (Serbs and  
Croats) would agree or not but  
I think the Bosnians (Muslims)  
would agree."

"Some (Muslims) requested  
that the London peace confer-  
ence be restructured," he said,  
adding that some members of  
the London peace conference  
would be included in the pro-  
posed new conference.

Bosnia-Herzegovina  
President Alija Izetbegovic,  
who attended the conference,  
rejected current European  
Community efforts to end the  
conflict, saying that accepting  
their proposals would be  
"capitulation."

Under those proposals,  
Bosnia would be carved into  
Muslim, Serbian and Croatian  
enclaves, depriving the Mus-  
lims of direct access to the  
sea.

Izetbegovic also met about  
300 Bosnian refugees who are  
being helped by the Malaysian  
See Page 12 Col 7

## Cricket An ego-boosting defeat

Sports Reporter

Bangladeshi cricketers con-  
jured up a delightfully coura-  
geous display against the visit-  
ing Pakistan national team in  
the first match of the Gold Leaf  
one-day series at the Dhaka  
Stadium yesterday.

Even a bigoted believer of  
the worn out wise-cracking of  
cricket being a game of glori-  
ous uncertainty did not expect  
the home team to embarrass  
let alone beat the reigning  
world champions who are on a  
brief goodwill visit to  
Bangladesh.

Detailed report on Page 10

The eventual result, a 62-  
run defeat, was never in doubt  
but the unawed approach, gay  
abandon with which the local  
batmen stood up to the fame  
of the fearsome Waqar Younis  
and his company was the ab-  
stract but really important  
gain, in harmony with the huge  
gate receipts.

A jam-packed Dhaka  
Stadium on a poem of a day in  
the waning January, once again  
showed its viability regarding  
cricket economics and top  
class entertainment.

Though not tarted up to its  
best because of the inevitable  
scars of the recently held  
Sixth SAF Games, entertain-  
ment, the prime objective in  
an unequal contest sans com-  
petition like this, was in abun-  
dant supply.

How far these matches  
would help unveil the clay feet  
of the hosts who are to be off  
to Kenya within a couple days  
for the World Cup qualifying  
ICC Trophy is a sixty-four-mil-  
lion dollar question, but if the  
local players can finish the  
series on a high, with another  
spirited showing, in today's  
match, they will be able to un-  
derstand their Kenyan safari in  
an ideal frame of mind.

## Labour bodies call 6-hour hartal today

By Staff Correspondent

Labour bodies in five nation-  
alised industrial sectors have  
called a six-hour hartal  
throughout the country and a  
24-hour work stoppage in the  
industrial belts today to press  
for a nine-point charter of de-  
mands. Both programmes begin  
at 6 this morning.

The demands include im-  
plementation of the govern-  
ment-labour bodies' accord of  
July last year, cancellation of  
the government's agreement  
with the World Bank and other  
donors regarding reform of cer-  
tain sectors and reopening of  
the closed industrial units.

The labour bodies that have  
called the strike represent the  
jute, textiles, sugar, steel and  
engineering, and railway sec-  
tors. However, unlike previous  
occasions, none of the opposi-  
tion political parties has ex-  
tended any support to the strike  
call.

Public rallies and proces-  
sions were organised in the  
capital and elsewhere in the  
country yesterday in support of  
the strike.

Meanwhile, the Bangladesh  
Jute Mills Association, a body of  
the private jute mills owners, in  
See Page 12 Col 8

## Govt disowns report on Aminul Huq

The government yesterday  
described as "totally untrue"  
the report published in a section  
of the press that Attorney General  
Aminul Huq has been relieved  
of his responsibilities, reports  
BSS.

Clarifying the position, an  
official press release said that  
as a routine matter Additional  
Attorney General Abdul Wadud  
Khandaker was given additional  
responsibility of the Attorney  
General in the absence of in-  
cumbent Aminul Huq who had  
gone abroad for treatment.

In fact, Aminul Huq yester-  
day of his return home on  
completion of treatment, the  
press release said. Therefore,  
the misleading news published  
in a section of the press is "very  
much undesirable," the press  
release added.

UNB adds: According to the  
Attorney General's office,  
Aminul Huq, who went to Saudi  
Arabia on January 2 for a medi-  
cal checkup, returned home  
and was attending office regu-  
larly since January 17. He also  
reported to the President of his  
return and had a meeting with  
the Home Minister in connec-  
tion with some cases.

## Interview with RCC mayor candidate I couldn't complete my task: Durul Huda

From Asiuzzaman

RAJSHAHI, Jan 23: The  
Jatiya Party mayoral candidate  
for the Rajshahi City  
Corporation polls, Durul Huda,  
has said it was the Ershad gov-  
ernment, after the Ayub  
regime in the then Pakistan,  
which took up massive develop-  
ment works for Rajshahi.

Ayub regime established  
Rajshahi University and a me-  
dical college while Ershad, be-  
sides undertaking extensive  
development projects, set up a  
postal academy and the railway  
headquarters. The JP leader  
said adding the Jamuna Multi-  
Purpose Bridge Project was  
also taken by Ershad for devel-  
oping the northern region.

"Ershad appointed me  
mayor of Rajshahi to imple-  
ment many projects but I  
could not complete my task  
because of the changeover in  
1990," the former mayor told  
The Daily Star in an interview.

"During my brief six and a  
half month tenure, I identified  
the problems of the city and  
started working," he said.

"My successor failed to  
solve the problems of the city  
as the city corporation funds  
were not properly utilised," he

claimed.  
The BNP's mayor just re-  
paired some roads and devel-  
oped some graveyards, he said.  
"If I am elected I will com-  
plete my unfinished work" the



Durul Huda

38-year old freedom fighter  
said adding "I had a personal  
rapport with Ershad and this  
helped me bring in a sizeable  
amount of money for the de-  
velopment of Rajshahi."

The JP leader said, a good  
drainage system, a truck ter-  
minal and an auto-traffic signal  
system are now the main re-

quirements of this northern  
city.

The closing up of the ser-  
vice latrines, introducing  
sodium lights and increasing  
the number of city wards from  
12 to 30 are his success sto-  
ries, he claimed.

Durul Huda alleged that the  
political activities of the JP in  
Rajshahi were being sup-  
pressed by imposing Section  
144 but they were allowed free  
political activities in view of  
the upcoming city corporation  
polls.

"Both the Release-Ershad  
Campaign and development of  
the city will be strengthened if  
he becomes the mayor of the  
city," the JP leader added.

In reply to a question, he  
denied there was any opposi-  
tion to his nomination as the  
Jatiya Party mayoral candidate  
for Rajshahi.

"All the local JP leaders are  
working for me," Huda said.  
Moreover, the local break  
away faction of the party, led  
by former deputy mayor Selim  
Sarder, extended support to  
me, he added.

Selim Sarder was a candi-  
date of the JP (Nationalists).