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Good news for readers.  
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Starting today, in keeping with our constant endeavour to serve our readers better, the Friday issue of The Daily Star will consist of two separate eight-page sections — the news and the magazine.  
The expanded magazine will also contain the popular RISING STARS, TEENS & TWENTIES and LIVING sections.  
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## NEWS BRIEFS

**Biswas assents to two Bills**  
President Abdur Rahman Biswas has assented to two bills passed in Jatiya Sangsad, said an official press release yesterday. The bills endorsed by the President Wednesday are The Acquisition and Requisition of Immovable Property (amendment) Bill 1994 and The Suppression of Terrorist Offences (Special Provision) Bill 1994, reports UNB.

**PM to open seminar on 'safe motherhood'**  
A two-day national seminar on 'Safe Motherhood' will begin in the city tomorrow. Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia is expected to inaugurate the seminar at the International Conference Centre (ICC). Executive Director of UN Population Fund Dr Nafis Sadik and representatives from Nepal and Bhutan will also join the conference, reports UNB.

**Matin leaves for Myanmar**  
Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury left Dhaka yesterday for Yangon, the capital of Myanmar, on a three-day official visit. He is leading a six-member delegation. During his stay in Myanmar, the minister will meet his counterpart and sign agreement on mutual co-operation between Bangladesh and Myanmar for preventing illicit trafficking of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and controlled precursors, reports UNB.

**Lady commissioners of RCC take oath**  
RAJSHAHI, Dec 1: The six newly elected woman commissioners of the Rajshahi City Corporation (RCC) were sworn in at a colourful ceremony today. Mayor Mizanur Rahman Minu administered oath of the lady commissioners. They are Rehana Begum, Selina Khanam, Jahan Panna, Lila Arzumand Banu, Shahnaz Parveen Shaki and Nazma Beg, reports UNB.

**Zedillo becomes Mexican president**  
MEXICO CITY, Dec 1: Ernesto Zedillo becomes president Thursday, promising profound political and legal reforms to match the market-opening that resulted in a free trade agreement with the United States and Canada, reports AP.

## Officers assaulted, held hostage: 30 injured in clashes

# Angry Ansars revolt

**Ansars sepoys apparently rose in a revolt against their officers and regular staff to press for raise in pay and facilities, reports UNB.**  
**Witnesses said constables both at the Shafipur Ansars Academy and the Ansars headquarters at Khilgaon in the city manhandled and drove out the officers and staffers.**  
**Unconfirmed sources from Gazipur said at least 30 people, including Ansars, were injured, 19 of them seriously, in clashes between the civilian staffers and the protesters inside the academy.**

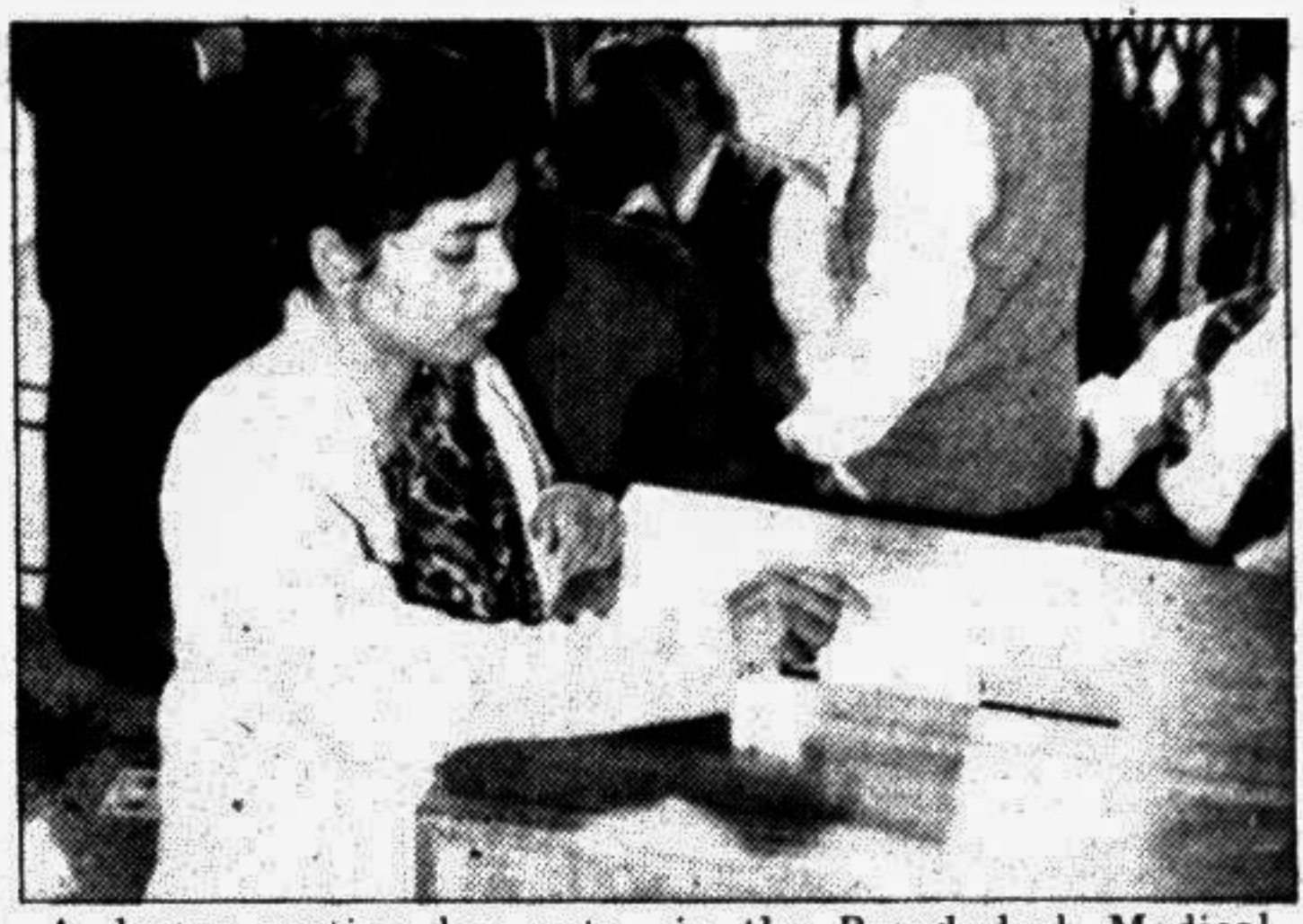
Five Ansars officers have been kept captive inside the Khilgaon headquarters, said one of the constables guarding its gate, locked from inside. "We are ready to face any consequences," said the defiant member of Ansars, an auxiliary force which assists police to keep law and order.  
The uniformed demonstrators also went on the rampage, shouting their demands in both the academy and head-

quarters areas, he told UNB reporters from outside the gate.  
The rebellious Ansars personnel reportedly barred Director General Major General Badruzzaman and other high officials from entering the academy in the morning when they went there to attend an official function.  
An official source said angry constables assaulted and drove out other civilian staff from the academy and blocked the highway nearby, disrupting traffic. They reportedly also set ablaze eight motor-cycles and damaged several other vehicles on the Dhaka-Tangail road.



Revolting constables guarding the main gate of the Ansars Headquarter at Khilgaon in the city yesterday. — Star photo

A Home Ministry source said large contingents of police were reinforced at Shafipur and the paramilitary BDR was kept ready in the wake of the revolt by the Ansars constables.  
The sepoys in the headquarters even clashed with local people at Khilgaon as the residents also brought out a procession demanding removal of the office from the residential area.  
A home-made bomb hurled from outside exploded inside the Ansars headquarters premises during the melee. Tension gripped the Khilgaon area.  
Earlier, in a leaflet the disgruntled constables announced their action programme and asked all their TVDOs, Circle Adjutants, Battalion Commanders, Deputy Directors serving in the battalion headquarters, different camps, the Ansars Academy and Khilgaon headquarters to leave their respective offices by December 5 and not to return until their demands were met.  
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A doctor casting her vote in the Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA) elections at the BMA Bhavan in the city yesterday. — Star photo

## UN forced to close Sarajevo airport

SARAJEVO, Dec 1: The United Nations has been forced to close Sarajevo's airport for UN Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali's visit to the capital on Wednesday, he said.  
AP adds: NATO foreign ministers on Thursday agreed to try to restart negotiations to end the war in Bosnia. They also approved a proposal to study how to expand the alliance to include former Warsaw Pact foes.  
The plan to open up to the East was to be the centerpiece of the two-day meeting. But unprecedented strains between the United States and its European allies over the crisis in Bosnia overshadowed the talks.  
After a turnaround in US policy, NATO ministers also agreed to relaunch diplomatic efforts to end the Bosnian war — steering away from Washington's previous calls to step



A despondent Ghali at yesterday's press conference in Sarajevo. — AFP photo  
up air strikes on the Serbs and end the ban on arms supplies to the Muslim-led government in Bosnia.  
In an effort to heal the divisions, US Secretary of State Warren Christopher swung behind the European view that See Page 8 Col 5

## Majed, Shahid leading in BMA polls

By Staff Correspondent  
Prof M A Majed, presidential candidate, and Dr Gazi Shahidul Alam, candidate for the post of Secretary General were leading in the preliminary results of the 25th Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA) elections held around the country yesterday.  
According to unofficial returns from 32 out of the 67 centres received by the BMA till the writing of this report at last night, incumbent BMA president Prof Majed secured 1334 votes while his nearest rival Prof T A Choudhury bagged 893 votes. Dr Alam, running for Secretary General, received 801 votes while the incumbent, Dr Gazi Abdul Haque, followed close behind with 714 votes.  
There were a total of 11,932 eligible voters in the elections. The only large centre among the 32 centres is Rajshahi, which had 551 votes cast. However, returns from the two largest centres, Dhaka See Page 8 Col 6

## AIDS Day function marred in Sylhet

From Staff Correspondent  
SYLHET, Dec 1: The dais erected by a local organisation was set on fire and some 10 persons were hurt when a cultural function was allegedly foiled by a group of muslims in local court area tonight.  
The function, arranged as part of the AIDS Day, began with the start of 'esha' prayers. Several hundred muslims at the Qudrat Ullah mosque became angry when the function began with songs. They went to the dais and set it on fire. At least ten persons received injuries, police said

## Police-examinees clash: 5 hurt in Khulna

From Our Correspondent  
KHULNA, Dec 1: At least five persons received injuries when police baton-charged a group of unruly students at the Sunderban College here today.  
Police also lobbed tear gas shells when attacked while preventing degree examinees from adopting unfair means at the English examination at the centre.  
According to eye witnesses, brickbats were showered on the police who did not allow outsiders from sealing the walls of the college for supplying answers to the examinees.  
Earlier, question papers were smuggled out of the centre by the candidates who also reportedly roughed up some of the investigators, said police.

## BNP-Opposition may meet FBCCI Dec 4

The ruling party and the Opposition have agreed to sit together with the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) to listen to the business leaders on the impact of the present political crisis on the national economy, reports UNB.  
Disclosing this to reporters at a function yesterday evening, FBCCI president Salman F Rahman said the meeting is likely to be held on December 4.  
"The parties have asked for a schedule and we are trying to make it on December 4," said Rahman who extended the invitation to both the BNP and the Awami League earlier on November 27.  
Rahman said the two sides Wednesday formally confirmed their readiness to join the tripartite dialogue.  
At an emergency meeting at the Federation Bhavan yesterday afternoon, the FBCCI president apprised his executive committee members of the parties' willingness to sit with the business leaders.  
The Awami League communicated the Federation that Deputy Leader of the Opposition Abdus Samad Azad, party president's adviser S A M S Kibria, AL economic affairs secretary Ataur Rahman Kaisar and Abul Hasan Chowdhury MP would be attending the meeting.  
The BNP, however, was yet See Page 8 Col 1

## HC bench split over Moudud's quashment appeal

A High Court bench yesterday delivered a split judgement on a petition for quashment filed by Moudud Ahmed against the charged and proceedings in a corruption case, better known as the Holiday Inn Hotel Case, reports BSS.  
Senior Judge of the bench justice Naimuddin made the rule absolute, allowed the petition for quashing the proceedings against Moudud Ahmed while Justice Mohammad Ruhul Amin rejected the petition and discharged the rule.  
Earlier co-accused Abul Khair Litu's petition for quashment in the same case was rejected unanimously by the same court.  
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## ID cards will put stop to false voting: PM

KALMAKANDA (Netrokona), Dec 1: Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia today said her government wants to firmly establish the voting rights of the people, reports UNB.  
Introducing voters' identity cards will stop false voting and more powers to the Election Commission will enable it to hold free and fair polls, she said while explaining salient features of a Bill passed by Parliament on Wednesday.  
"Democracy will be strengthened, citizens' rights established and you will feel proud as citizens," she maintained at a huge rally at bordering Kalmakanda area this afternoon.  
Begum Zia said the

## Our motive is not to remove anybody from power: Hasina

Leader of the Opposition Sheikh Hasina yesterday said the lust for power of an individual was leading the country towards confrontation, reports UNB.  
"The government is pushing the country towards anarchy ignoring the Opposition demand for a caretaker government to conduct national elections," she said addressing a spontaneous gathering at Mirpur in the capital where she went to visit a slum at Mazur road which was gutted on Saturday.  
"Our agitation for a caretaker government is not against any individual or government... our motive is not to remove anybody from power, we want to restore political stability in the country through a fair process to ensure development," she told the crowd.  
Citing the bad examples of city corporation polls and by elections Hasina said the Opposition demand for a caretaker government is not against any individual or government... our motive is not to remove anybody from power, we want to restore political stability in the country through a fair process to ensure development," she told the crowd.  
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## JCD expels 13 in Sylhet

From Staff Correspondent  
SYLHET, Dec 1: The Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), at a meeting in Dhaka today, expelled thirteen of its Sylhet unit leaders and activists for their alleged complicity in the murder of a fellow leader.  
Enamul Huque, general secretary of the JCD's town unit, was killed on November 4.  
The 13 whose primary memberships were also suspended are: Shamsuzzaman, Mostafiz Kamal Pasha Moudud, Halimur Rashid Titu, Mithal Siddique, Ali Ahmed, Rezaul Karim Natchan, Najibur Rahman, Afzal Bakht, Sadeq, Mufazzal Hossain Bulbul, Mainuddin Sohel, Shamsul Islam Anin and Anwar.

## Opposition still undecided about date of submitting resignation

By Staff Correspondent  
The opposition members of Parliament at a meeting yesterday discussed the probable date for giving an ultimatum regarding their resignation from the House but no date was fixed.  
The opposition parties had earlier announced their decision to resign en masse if the government failed to meet their demand for elections under a non-party caretaker government.  
Meanwhile, a meeting of the Awami League presidium earlier also could not take a final decision as regards the date for an ultimatum. Party chief Sheikh Hasina favoured December 6 for an announcement to this effect, sources concerned said.  
The opposition parties will again meet soon to fix the date, the sources said.  
The parliamentary opposition parties meeting, held at the Sangsad Bhavan in the evening, warned that any move to hold 'voteless' by-elections would be foiled through a mass agitation.  
Briefing newsmen on the outcome of the meeting, Chief Whip of the Opposition Mo-

## Finance Ministry pledges fund for ID cards

The Ministry Finance has agreed to make necessary funding arrangement to expediently implement the plan for introducing voters' identity cards, reports UNB.  
"Whatever amount is needed is worth spending for strengthening democratic institution. Besides, the identity cards are not exclusively meant for election purpose, rather it has multipurpose use," Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman said at a meeting yesterday.  
The Election Commission (EC) estimated that Tk 300 crore would be required for issuing identity cards to about See Page 8 Col 3

## Corruption cases against 4 govt officials, 2 others

By Staff Correspondent  
The Bureau of Anti-corruption yesterday filed cases against four government officials and two others on various charges at different thanas of the city.  
According to one complaint lodged with the Ramna thana, Senior Assistant Secretary and Assistant Secretary of the Ministry of Relief and Disaster Management Amirul Karim and Lutfar Rahman, respectively, and Dhaka District Relief and Rehabilitation official Abdul Matin Mia reportedly connived to draw 12 metric tonnes of rice in favour of six false organisations for personal gain in December 1993, thereby causing a loss of Tk 8.16 lakh to the exchequer.  
Another case filed with Motijheel thana against a re- See Page 8 Col 3

## Red star over the Himalayas

By Masud Hasan Khan back from Nepal  
The red star now shines over the Himalayas. Nepal's King Birendra Bir Bikram Shah Dev approved the world's first Marxist monarchy Tuesday nodding to a shaky communist government led by Prime Minister Manmohan Adhikari.  
Adhikari's Communist Party of Nepal (Unified Marxist-Leninist), or CPN-UML, formed a 15-member minority government after the November 15 mid-term polls that gave no party a parliamentary majority.  
Why did this happen in Nepal — after all the fall of Communism across the world — and a country enjoying some political freedom west from the Panchayat system? Guesses could fly in all directions. However, the election results showed that the Nepalese people no longer wanted to see the four-year-old Nepali Congress (NC) government in power.  
Still, they did not give a clear mandate to any of the parties — not even a minimum working majority of 103 seats. The CPN-UML commanded 88 seats in the 205-seat House of Representatives. The Congress bagged 83 seats while the Rashtriya Prajatantra Party (RPP) won 19 seats.  
It was the need for a change and giving a chance to the political parties that the people of the "India-locked" Himalayan kingdom had in their mind.  
Sideline for more than three years after the pro-democracy movement in 1990, the CPN-UML's basking in the newly-found power was uneasy, to some extent difficult and embarrassing.  
It has again to negotiate hard with its rival NC and RPP for major decisions in the House. The party has to chart its economic programme, foreign policy towards India and explain if it should pursue the secular line in the world's only Hindu state.  
"Our efforts will be directed towards institutionalising the democratic process," Adhikari told reporters immediately after being appointed Prime Minister.  
The 74-year-old communist, who has the hardened experience of a half century of revolutionary campaign against the monarchy and spent 17 years in jail, now describes himself and his party colleagues as social democrats and very much on the free market bandwagon. Estab- See Page 8 Col 8



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