ESSEN, Germany, Dec 10: European Union leaders de manded a cease-fire in Bosnis on Saturday and declared their support for UN peacekeeping troops who may have to be withdrawn if conditions worsen, reports AP

The war in Bosnia is "a large and real danger for Europe, German Chancellor Helmut Kohl said in summing up the EU summit's deliberations.

Six of the EU's 12 members have blue helmet soldiers in Bosnia, and the leaders made a plea "particularly to the Bosnian Serbs," to stop harassing and capturing UN troops. All the warring parties were urged to accept a diplomatic solution

The EU "insists on an im mediate cease-fire in and around the safe area of Bihac and on the withdrawal of Bosnian Serb and the Krajina Serb forces from this area, to be followed by a cessation of hostilities throughout Bosnia-

Sangskritik Jote

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Convenor of the Jote, Favez Ahmed chaired the inaugural tunction which was also addressed by Prof Anisuzzaman Rashid Haider, Salma Nargis of the Projanma '71 and Golam Kuddus of the Jote.

TV actor Asaduzzaman Noor read out the declaration of the testival while poet Shamsur Rahman recited his poem and Nilufar Yasmin and Mita Haq rendered songs at the opening session.

The speakers urged the pro-liberation forces to unit edly resist the killers and col laborators of 1971 and the communal forces.

Earlier, one minute silence was observed and wreaths laid it the marshy land, where the nation's leading intellectuals were killed and their bodies dumped by the Pakistani occupation forces and their local collaborators during the War of Independence.

Herzegovina," a declaration

Washington moved the issue along when President Clinton said on Thursday a massive US force -- up to 25,000 soldiers would help protect the withdrawal of the UN units from

That caused alarm in some European countries that have soldiers in Bosnia. Talk of withdrawal could make the fighting worse, and civilians would surely suffer if the UN soldiers leave, they argued.

The EU declaration said if the peacekeepers withdraw, "the implications for Bosnia and its civilian population would be severe.

1st consignment of Indian boulders for JMB reaches today

Bangladesh Railway will carry the necessary boulders for the protection embank ment of the Jamuna Multi-Purpose Bridge (JMB), reports

In the first phase it will carry 50 thousand tons of boulders imported from India to the Sirajganj end of the bridge, said a press release.

It is expected that the first goods train carrying Indian boulders will reach Sirajganj bazar station today, the press release added.

Bangladesh Railway hopes to complete carrying of the said boulders by February next year and in the process earn Taka three crore.

The Rohanpur-Rajshahi railway line has been rehabilitated for carrying goods through Singabad-Rohanpur railway route.

A total of 16.50 lakh tons of boulders will be required for Jamuna bridge protection embankment. Bangladesh Railway expects to carry the entire boulders by railways wagons and in the process earn Taka 35 crore.

AIDS in Bangladesh

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Taanbazar brothel in Narayanganj. "I know that he is infected ... yet I have to bow to his desire, because he is paying for it." she said.

This may be one answer to the high rate of Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) among the people in the high risk zone. VHSS workers said HIV or AIDS is one form of

No national average on the STD could be found as yet. Limited studies however. showed it was high among the high risk people like prosti tutes, their clients, beggars homeless people and vagrants.

According to a recent sur vev conducted by the Institute of Epidemiological Disease Control and Research (IEDCR). 3.8 per cent of all female patients seeking any kind of treatment at the country's MCH clinics suffered from gonorrhoea.

Another survey by the IEDCR on seven vagrant homes in the country showed that 17.08 per cent of the 2359 people tested had syphilis while 18.35 per cent had gon-

The survey was conducted during the period January to October 1993.

But other social practices could also cause AIDS - for example, use of unclean razors at the barbers' shop. The possibility of spread of HIV

germ is quite high if infected razors are used for shaving healthy people.

Use of non-sterilised surgical instruments and used hypodermic needles and absence of screening before blood transfusion could also spread HIV or other sexually transmitted diseases, doctors say.

There is an estimated eight lakh drug addicts in the country. A good number of them are addicted to different injectable drugs like heroin, morphine and pethidine, according to officials of the Department of Narcotic Control.

"HIV transmission through infected blood is a serious threat," commented Samirul Islam Babu, General Secretary of Sandhani, an organisation of medical students campaigning for voluntary blood donation in the country.

He said the annual requirement of blood is 2,00,000 bags, out of which 65 per cent come from the professional

Most of the blood received in the blood banks cannot be screened due to lack of facilities. Of late, the PG hospital has started screening blood while other hospitals are yet to follow

According to Sandhani, there are roughly one thousand professional blood donors who regularly donate their blood to the major hospitals in the country.

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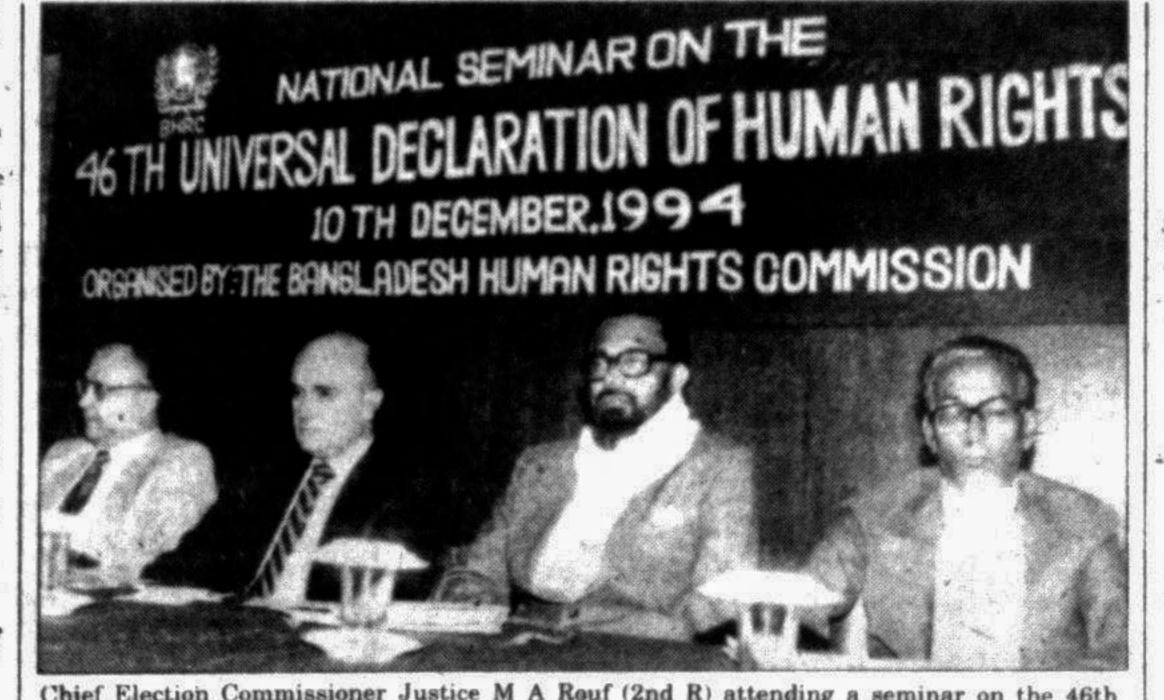
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Chief Election Commissioner Justice M A Rouf (2nd R) attending a seminar on the 46th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in the city yesterday. - Star photo

Neutrality: Rouf

From Page 1 Col 7 Law Secretary Mirja Asaduzzaman Al Farooq, UNB Chairman Amanullah Khan, Brother Jarlad D Suja and Prof Subimal Chakma also addressed the function.

Executive Director of the BHRC Khandakar Majharul Hug presented the keynote paper in the seminar presided over by its Chairman Qazi Adur

Turning on human rights, Justice Rouf said, "Duty is the first criterion to establish rights in society. Duty and rights go together to give a complete shape to establishing human rights.'

If it is possible to practise the duties in a society, then the rights will follow it. he maintained and said Islamic philosophy is very much clear because it believes in duty, not in rights only.

He suggested that United Nations adopt fresh convention, saying mere declaration might not help. Practice is more important than that.

ILO Director Werner K Blenk said human right is well protected there where the rule of law was established. The International Labour Organisation (ILO) tried to promote social justice, based on human rights, he said.

He also stressed ensuring equal rights for women and children to establish human rights. "Victory of democracy is also the victory of human rights," he said.

UNB Chairman Amanullah Khan said the human rights declaration was placed to free the people from all kinds of exploitation and oppression and ensure equal rights of men and women before law.

He termed the inequitable share of the Ganges water determined by India as a violation of human rights. Food should be kept above all politics and it should not be used as a political weapon, he said.

Khan suggested the UN role should be reinforced with sufficient powers to deal with the violation of human rights in the member states.

Bangladesh troops end Mozambique mission

Members of the Bangladesh military contingent in the United Nations Operation in Mozambique (ONUMOZ) started returning home after successful completion of their mission, reports BSS.

The first batch of the contingent arrived in the city yesterday.

They were received at the Zia International Airport by senior military officers.

The remaining members of the contingent are expected to be back during this month and in February next.

Bangladesh sent the contingent two years ago to take part in the ONUMOZ. The contingent included an infantry battalion, an engineer company, a logistic company, a medical team along with a field hospital, a movement control de tachment and an aviation section consisting of representatives from the three services. The contingent also included a large group of military observers and staff officers.

Cong routed in polls

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TDP's 160. With all but two of 224 seats decided in Karnataka, the opposition Janata Dal had clinched 115.

Congress, which had held a 178-seat majority in the state was running third with only 34 seats behind the Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which emerged from the political fringe to take 40

Rao's Congress Party also lost control of the small northeastern state of Sikkim, and held only a slim edge in the southern state of Goa.

"The southern debacle is expected to weaken the prime minister, making new initiatives or controversial decisions much more difficult in the coming months," the Indian Express said.

"This could have a bearing on the pace of economic reforms. But there does not seem to be any immediate threat to Rao's leadership.

"Rao may be safe for the time being, but a major question mark now looms against his ability to win the 1996 general election," the Economic Times said in an editorial. Elections in five others states are set for February.

Some of Rao's critics within Congress have pointed the finger of blame at Finance Minister Manmohan Singh, who has spearheaded the liberalisation drive.

In a front-page article, the Asian Age said the general consensus within Congress was that Singh was the 'villain'.

Meanwhile, main opposition

group said today that snap Taslima Nasreen

From Page 1 Col 6 hearing to allow time for preferring a revision petition before the higher court against the framing of the charge (arraignment).

Barrister Sara Hossain moved the request on behalf of the writer on the ground that the defence needs a month's time to prepare the revisional

application. Public Prosecutor Abdur Rezzaque Khan opposed the defence request for a lengthy postponement but agreed minimum time could be allowed.

After hearing both sides. Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate AKM Kamaluddin adjourned the hearing until January 3 and asked the defence to produce the order of the High Court on the revision petition.

Shantibahini

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members of the Shantibahini had been continuing acts of sabotage.

Khisa told newsmen that he had come in contact with the network of the Shantibahini during his stay across the border, although he was not directly connected with its armed wing.

Responding to a question. he said that the Shantibahini cadres numbering about 5000. were being financed and armed by a neighbouring gov-

general elections should be held following defeat for Narasimha Rao's Congress

"The BJP regards the ver dict of these elections as a clear index that the Congress Party has lost the confidence of the people," Lal Krishna Advani, president of the Hindu nationalist Bharativa Janata Party (BJP), told a news conference.

"The (BJP) party's parliamentary board has demanded that the Rao government humbly accept the implications of this verdict, and seek a fresh mandate from the people," Advani said

He said the BJP was also considering a no-confidence vote against Rao, who has a razor-thin majority in Parliament

The Election Commission has set elections in five states for February — Arunachal Pradesh and Manipur in the northeast, Maharashtra and Gujarat in the west and Orissa and Bihar in the east. "What could be better than holding Lok Sabha (lower house) elections at the same time? Advani said.

Rao called a meeting of Congress' working committee for late today to review his party's rout in the northern states of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka.

4 die in city incidents

By DMCH Correspondent Four people died in sepa-

rate incidents in the city yesterday while four others were injured in hand bomb explosion in the Lalbagh area.

An unidentified couple, presumed to be husband and wife, were killed on the spot when their rickshaw was hit by a speeding truck at Satmasjid Road in front of the Graphic Arts College in Lalmatia at around 7:30 pm. They were declared dead after being taken to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Another unidentified man was killed when he was hit by a minibus at around 12:30 pm near the Mauchak Intersection in Malibagh.

A housewife, Aleya, 30, reportedly committed suicide by taking poison at her home in Kamrangirchar Friday night. She was declared dead at the DMCH.

Four people were admitted to the hospital with severe injuries reportedly sustained from a cracker explosion at Shahidnagar in Lalbagh. They said they were injured when a group of local musclemen exploded hand bombs. Lalbagh police however, said, they were unaware of the incident.

Rabin, Arafat From Page 1 Col 2

for Palestinian self-rule in the West Bank town of Jericho and the Gaza Strip.

"The accords opened up a possible way out of the vicious circle of violence breeding violence, and towards peaceful co-existence," Sejersted, who announced the winners two months ago, said in a speech.



Members of the Bangladesh military contingent alighting from the aircraft at Zia International Airport on their return from Mozambique yesterday. - ISPR photo

AL's JS body on polls affairs meets CEC

By Staff Correspondent The election affairs subcommittee of the Awami League met the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Justice Mohammad Abdur Rouf at his

office vesterday, said a press

release of the commission. During the meeting, the committee members discussed with the CEC issues relating to fresh delimitation of the Jatiya Sangsad constituencies, preparation of fresh voters' list, introduction of identity cards for the voters and electoral rules.

Led by its convenor Mofizur Rahman, the AL sub-commit tee was represented by Barrister K S Nabi, A K M Fazlul Haq Mia and Mahbubur Rahman

DG of Ansars

From Page 1 Col 8 No information on appointment of a new DDG was. however, available.

Sources concerned said that the new DG went to the Ansars headquarters at Khilgaon in the city yesterday morning and held a meeting with the senior officials.

PM's flight

From Page 1 Col 5 Biman has no regular flights

to Mérocco. Biman sources said one aircraft is required as standby for any VVIP handling. As such it was difficult to make one avail-

able on Sunday. "The Prime Minister's office accepted the request to delay the flight without hampering the summit schedule." the Biman source said, re-

questing anonymity. The national carrier cur rently has only five wide-bodied DC-10-30 aircraft in its fleet for 29 international and regional destinations.

Another Biman source said

three flights will be delayed because of the special flight to Casablanca. Biman's Dhaka-Bombay-Dubai-Athens flight, scheduled on December 17, will be delayed by a day while the December 15 Dhaka-Jeddah flight has

been rescheduled for De-

cember 16. The Dhaka-Rivadh-

Muscat flight on December 18

will also be several hours late. Major changes

From Page 1 Col 7 Ahmed Tariq Karim, who has been serving in Tehran since December, 1994 is learnt to be under order of transfer to headquarters.

Dr M Afsarul Qader, DG, UN desk at the ministry, is to become high commissioner to an African country. Lt Col (rtd) Shariful Hug.

accreditated to Kenya since June, 1988 is likely to be appointed ambassador to Brazil. The contract of Major General (rtd) Abdus Salam, serving in Brasilia since May.

1992, has expired. M Khairuzzaman, DG. Africa desk, is likely to be made charges d'affaires in Manila.

Meanwhile, efforts are on to set up a full-fledged embassy in South Africa. An officer of the rank of Counsellor is expected to go to

rangements for opening a permanent mission. According to sources, the government is still undecided on picking the country's first

Pretoria shortly to make ar-

ambassador to Pretoria. The appointments and transfers are subject to approval of the agreement by the receiving country.

The Midnight Eile

Rabin welcomes Syria's agreement to hold talks

QSLO, Dec 10: Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhiak Rabin today cautiously welcomed Syria's agreement to hold talks with the Jewish state in Washington. Syrian Foreign Minister Farouq Al-Shara, speaking on Friday in Lebanon, refterated that Syria would not hold secret talks with Israel. He said of the proposed Washington discussions: "these are not negotiations but an exchange of ideas and they are not secret," reports

Gunmen kill 4 in Karachi

KARACHI, Dec 10: Gunmen killed at least four people in Karachi today, bringing the death count to at least 75 in the 10 days since troops withdrew from the southern port city, police and emergency services said. Two young people were shot dead outside a Sunni Muslim mosque in the north Nazimabad area by attackers who escaped in a car, reports

Disabled freedom fighters on hunger strike

Disabled freedom fighters and martyrs' families began a hunger strike in Dhaka yesterday to protest the reported plan for seiling the Swadhinata Bhaban, the head office of the Muktijoddha Kalyan Trust, reports UNB.

The protesters gave the government six days to reverse the decision. Otherwise, they threatened self-immolation on the 7th day of the strike.

About 200 freedom fighters including crippled ones and some members of the families of those killed in the Liberation War, joined the hunger strike outside the Swadhinata Bhaban in Motifheel at about 10 am.

City fire

From Page 1 Col 8 A case was lodged with

Motifheel police.

Rafigul Islam, 30, was declared dead after being rushed to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital. Twelve others were admitted there with severe burn injuries.

They are Abdur Razzak, 42. Abdul Hakim, 35, Mofizur Rahman, 42, Kafiluddin, 50, Shamsul Huda, 35, Mohidur Rahman 30, the counter manager, Nuruddin Kazi 35, Syeed, 25, Mohibur Rahman, 20, and Shankar, 50.

Ten of the disabled freedom fighters whose names were not available will immolate themselves on December 16 if their demand was not met within the deadline, according to the protesters.

Some freedom fighters, lawyers and cultural activists. including Convenor of action committee Azizur Rahman, Member-Secretary Khandker Abdul Karim Jibon, Abdur Rahman and artist Khorshed Alamgir expressed their solidarity with the demand of the

hunger strikers. Speaking on the occasion at the Swadhinata Bhaban yesterday morning, they urged the government to meet the just demand of the freedom fight-They also criticised the

the Bhaban and some units of the Muktijoddha Kalyan Trust, now facing financial problems. **B** Chowdhury returns home

government for its plan to sell

Deputy Leader of the House Prof A Q M Badruddoza Chowdhury returned home on Friday from Australia. Prof Chowdhury attended a seminar on Environment and TB Control' there, said an official handout yesterday, reports

দ্বিতীয় পর্ব

হাউজিং লিমিটেড - এর আবাসিফ প্রকলপ

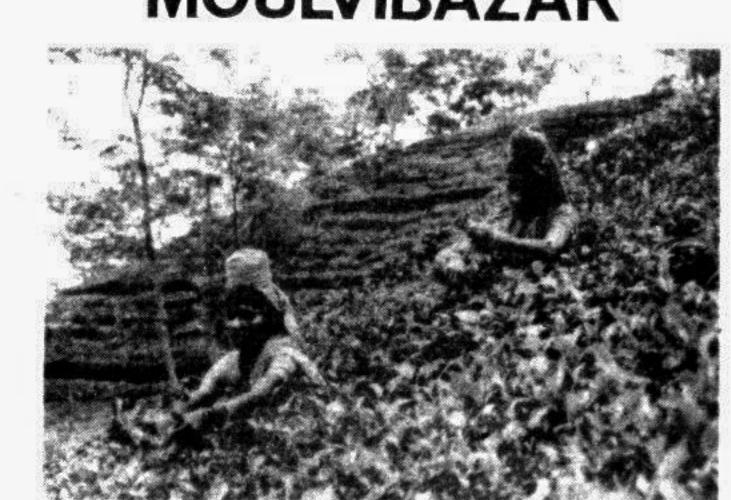
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