

## Martyred Intellectuals Day programmes

By Staff Correspondent

The nation observes the Martyred Intellectuals Day tomorrow to pay homage to those who were killed by the collaborators of the Pakistani occupation forces on the eve of victory in the Liberation War in 1971.

The collaborators — Raza Kars, Al-Badr and Al-Shams — killed the pro-Bangladesh teachers, writers, journalists, poets, doctors and cultural activists in order to cripple the emerging nation intellectually.

The killers picked up most of the intellectuals from their homes and murdered them in groups. The mutilated and decomposed bodies of many of them were later recovered from Rayer Bazar and Mirpur in the city.

There was no trace of many others.

Among those killed were Professor G C Dev, Jyotirmoy Guhathakurta, Mofazzal Haider Chowdhury, Munier Chowdhury, Dr Abul Khair, Anwar Pasha, Dr Fazle Rabbi, Sirajuddin Hossain, Nizamuddin Ahmed, Syed Nazmul Haq, Shahidullah Kaiser, A S M Rashidul Hasan, Altaf Mahmud, and A N M Golam Mustafa.

To pay tribute to them, people from all walks of life will visit the Martyred Intellectuals Memorial in Mirpur from early tomorrow morning.

Different political parties and socio-cultural organisations have drawn up elaborate programmes which include hoisting of black flags, wearing black badges, laying wreaths at the Mirpur Smriti Soudha and offering fatiha there and holding discussions.

The Awami League will pay homage to the martyred intellectuals by hoisting national

and party flags at half-mast and black flags at the party central office and visiting the memorial in Mirpur and Rayer Bazar. The party will also place wreaths at the portrait of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

The Bangabandhu Parishad will place wreaths at the graveyard of the martyred intellectuals beside the University Central Mosque, the graveyard at the Jagannath Hall compound, the Mirpur Memorial and Rayer Bazar. The Muktiyoddha Chalcitra Andolan will begin a four-day cinema festival at the Central Public Library auditorium today. The films, based on the Liberation War, will be screened every day from 10.30 am till 7 pm.

The Muktiyoddha Jubo Andolan will stage street dramas in various places of the city for the next four days from today.

The Sammilita Sangskritik Jote will begin tomorrow a cultural festival at the Dhaka University premises as part of its week-long victory festival '94. The programme includes staging of dramas, poetry recital and musical soirees.

Our Sylhet correspondent adds: A five-day 'Bijay Mela' and photographic exhibition on the Liberation War began at the premises of the Sylhet District Sports Association (DSA) yesterday afternoon.

Divisional Commissioner of Chittagong Md Shafiqul Islam inaugurated the mela.

Some fifty stalls have been opened. The photographic exhibition has been organised by the Sylhet Photographic Society (SPS). The inaugural ceremony was followed by a cultural function.

## No plan to sell FFs' units

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ers and dismissed employees". The press conference was organised to clarify the position of the Trust "in the face of continued propaganda".

M Hamidullah Khan MP, governor of the executive sub-committee of the Muktiyoddha Kalyan Trust, Managing Director Brigadier (Retd) Mujibur

### Dialogue

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would be given on return of the Prime Minister from OIC conference now being held in Morocco. Begum Zia is expected to return on December 15.

But one senior minister told The Daily Star that they are ready for dialogue with no precondition.

Meanwhile, former chief justice, Badrul Haider Chowdhury yesterday sent letters to the Deputy Leader of the House Prof A Q M Badruddoza Chowdhury and Deputy Leader of the Opposition Abdus Samad Azad proposing to settle the present political impasse through a dialogue.

Justice Chowdhury wrote the letters as the president of the Bangladesh Society for the Enforcement of Human Rights (BSEHR).

Justice Chowdhury said in his letter that the ruling party and the Opposition would propose the name of two negotiators from the respective sides, they in turn will choose the third facilitator.

The former chief justice categorically said that the facilitator or negotiator would not be a foreigner.

When contacted over telephone Justice Chowdhury said Abdus Samad Azad "acknowledged his letter with thanks."

"I don't know whether this move would work at all," Justice Chowdhury added.

Speaker of Parliament Shaikh Razzak Ali was learnt to have informal talks with some senior Opposition leaders on the present impasse and the possibilities of resuming the dialogue.

No tangible development was reported from the talks on the question of starting the dialogue between the two sides, sources said.

### CJ-urged

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neutral after joining the bench."

"His gesture has hurt and aggravated the people and created doubts about the independence of the judiciary," Azad said and accused the government of politicising the judiciary and destroying its image. Moudud Ahmed, Tofael Ahmed, Moulana Matru Rahman Nizami and Suranjit Sengupta also spoke at the press briefing.

Moudud alleged that the government had used the judiciary to interfere into political issues, tarnishing the image of the judicial institution.

Nizami said the government is complicating the problem by not resolving the political issue politically. It will be of no use if the government tries to reap political benefit out of the High Court judgement.

## 1264 Ansars face legal action

GAZIPUR, Dec 12: Some 1,264 Ansars, including officers, of Shaipur Ansar Academy have been sued for anti-state activities, officials said, reports UNB.

Deputy Director of the Academy Khalilur Rahman, with permission of the Home Ministry, filed the case with Kaliakoir thana.

## 20 fall, hurt

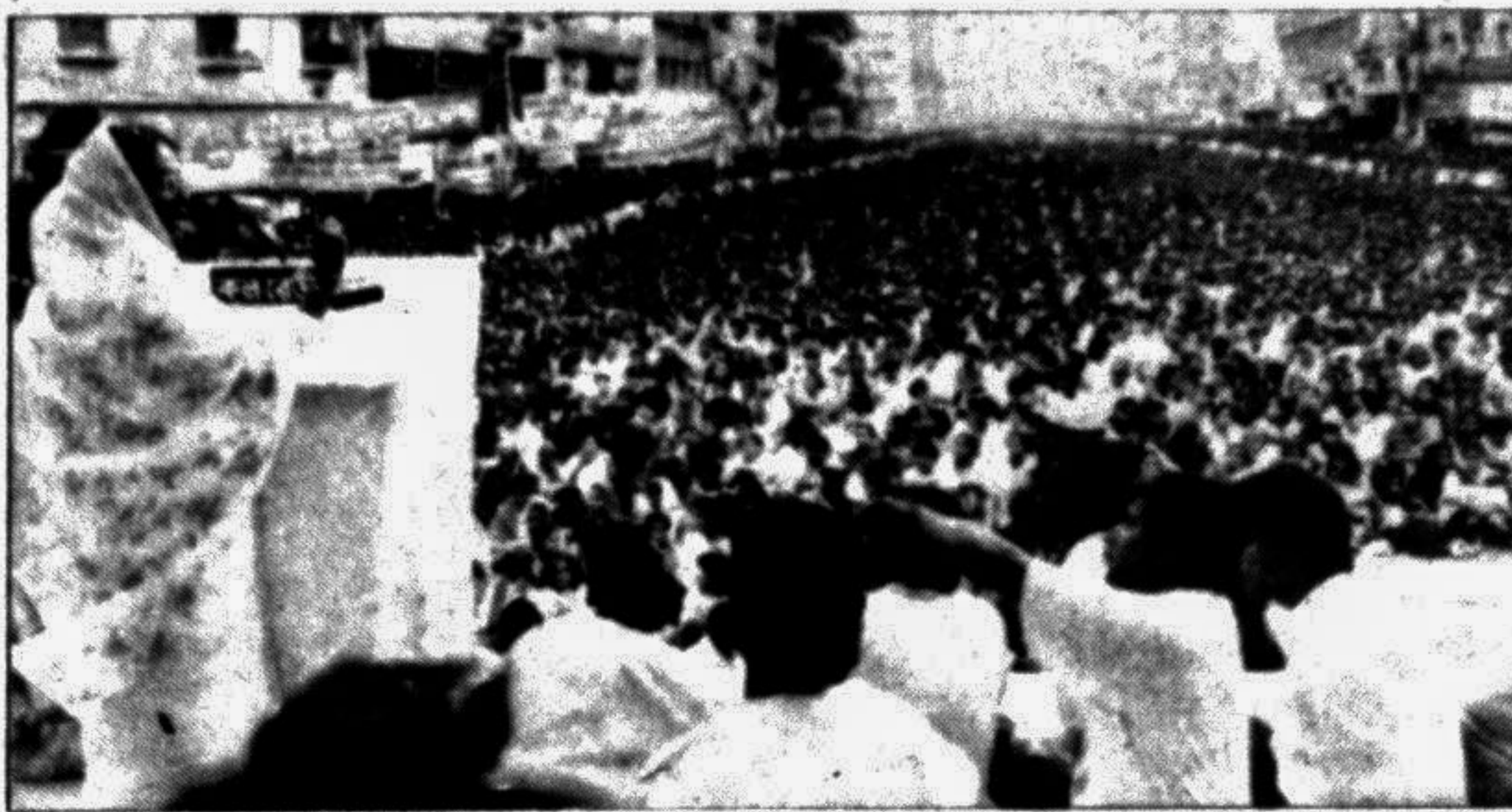
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storey New Super Market building when an alleged terrorist Nurul Islam was rounded up by some people around 4 in the afternoon.

Witnesses said the mob crowded upstairs to beat Nurul Islam who was absconding (after committing) a murder in the area early this month.

"In the pressure of the crowd the grille railing gave way and over 20 people mostly shopkeepers fell on the ground," said A K M Mahbubur Rahman, secretary of newly formed Anti-Terrorism Committee of the market.

Dhanmondi police said Nurul Islam who was wanted in connection with the murder of a musician Noni Gopal Hawladar was handed over to police.



Awami League chief and leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina addressing a BCL rally at Shapla Square in the city yesterday. — Star photo

## Nepal's foreign policy won't be guided by Marxism

KATMANDU, Dec 12: Nepal's new communist government's foreign policy and its economy will not be guided by Marxist ideology, Prime Minister Manmohan Adhikary said today, reports AP.

In his first meeting with Kathmandu-based diplomats, Adhikary said that the impoverished landlocked Himalayan nation would instead welcome an upsurge in foreign aid and investment.

"Nepal is a developing country and the process of economic development is still in its infancy," he said.

"It is with this realisation that we will continue to adopt the policy to welcoming foreign investment by offering attractive opportunities," Adhikary said.

Nepal receives \$400 million foreign assistance every year. The money covers about 70 per cent of the nation's annual development budget.

Adhikary, 74, was elected prime minister after the Communist Party of Nepal (Marxist-Leninist) secured the highest number of seats in parliamentary elections, defeating the centrist Nepali Congress Party.

On foreign policy, Adhikary said: "Given the geo-strategic setting of the country, we cannot afford to have a tilt in our relationships."

## Two more victims of Fakirapool fire die

Three more victims of Saturday's explosion and fire accident at Fakirapool in the city succumbed to their burn injuries at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital yesterday, raising the death toll to five, reports UNB.

Those who expired yesterday were identified as Shamsul Islam, 40, of Cox's Bazar, Habibullah, 32, of Chokoria and Abdul Hakim, 35, of Maheshkhali.

The bodies were sent to the morgue for autopsy, hospital sources said.

In the fire accident at the counter of Saudia Transport on Saturday, one Rafiqul Islam was charred to death while one Maung Ching-Chuk died soon after admission at the DMCH. Twelve others with serious burn injuries were admitted to the DMCH.

Meanwhile, Jamaat MP Enamul Haque Monju and the party's Cox's Bazar unit ameer Abu Sabar, in a joint statement have demanded a proper investigation into the accident.

The Jamaat leaders pointed out that doctors after examining the wounds apprehended a flammable explosive was responsible for the fire.

The Jamaat also demanded compensation for the families of the victims and proper treatment of the injured.

## Hasina: Avoid violence

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organisational matters," she warned.

The AL leader further directed the BCL workers to launch literacy campaign in their respective areas on completion of their examinations, to go to mosques for offering prayers and guard against the on-going practices by certain quarters to use mosques for political ends.

Blaming the present rulers for terrorism on campuses, the AL chief alleged they opted for violence to face the Opposition since they failed to confront it politically.

Referring to the BNP chief's remarks, she said, "We will face them (the government) politically and will not use the students against them."

Terming the BCL a well-disciplined and organised organisation having a glorious tradition of fighting against all autocratic regimes in the past and for the cause of the Bangladeshi nation, the AL chief hoped this time too it would succeed in the current struggle for realising the students' 10-point demand and establishing people's right to vote and food.

Sheikh Hasina urged the students to learn the true history of the Bangladeshi nation and its struggle for liberation and blamed the present govern-

ment for 'distorting' the history. She also asked the students to rise against such distortion.

Turning to the Opposition agitation for national elections under a non-party caretaker administration, the AL chief reiterated that their struggle would continue until the people's rights for vote and food were established.

Reacting to the ruling party's contention that the Opposition demand was illegal, Hasina said, "If the concept of a caretaker government was illegal, then the present government which came to power through polls under a caretaker government was also illegal."

Alleging repression and torture on those demanding polls under a caretaker administration, Hasina said, "As I have launched the agitation, no kind of oppression can stop me going ahead."

Referring to the hunger strike by crippled freedom fighters, the AL chief called upon the government to resolve the issue through discussion. "It is unfortunate that the freedom fighters are to struggle for their rights in the month of the victory of our liberation war," The government was responsible for such a situation, she added.

## Warm welcome to PM

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Hassan of Morocco greeted Begum Zia at the royal saloon of the Casablanca International Airport.

The Moroccan Prime Minister took Begum Zia to the saluting dais while the national anthems of Bangladesh and Morocco were played.

A 19-gun salutes boomed into the air to herald the arrival of Prime Minister Begum Zia. The Moroccan Prime Minister introduced Begum Zia with the members of the royal family, cabinet ministers and high civil and military officials of the government of the Kingdom of Morocco.

Begum Zia took salute from a smartly turned-out contingent of the Moroccan Royal Guard Regiment.

Airport ceremony over, the Prime Minister drove in a ceremonial motorcade to VVIP villa where she will be staying.

Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman, who is already in the city attending the pre-summit meeting and Bangladesh ambassador in Morocco Abdul Quayyum and his wife were at the airport to receive the prime minister.

The Bangladesh delegation include Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahman, Farida Hasan MP, Foreign Secretary M R Osman, Secretary to the Prime Minister Abdullah Haroon Pasha, OIC Assistant Secretary General Mohammed Mohsin, Press Secretary to the Prime Minister M Mozammel Hoq, and Bangladesh Ambassador to Saudi Arabia CM Shaif.

Earlier Mostafizur Rahman held a bilateral meeting with the Saudi Foreign Minister

Prince Saud al-Faisal yesterday.

During the meeting the two foreign ministers discussed bilateral, regional and international matters of mutual interest.

Mostafizur Rahman also conveyed the warmest greetings from Prime Minister Khaleda Zia to King Fahad bin Abdul Aziz of Saudi Arabia.

## Rama Rao takes oath as CM

NEW DELHI, Dec 12: A charismatic movie-star-turned-politician was sworn today as chief minister of Indian Prime Minister P V Narasimha Rao's home state amid frenzied celebrations by thousands of supporters, reports AFP.

N T Rama Rao, popularly known as NTR, took the oath of office as Andhra Pradesh chief minister at a giant sports stadium in the state capital Hyderabad, five years after he was ousted from power.

## Tigers ready for ceasefire

COLOMBO, Dec 12: Tamil rebels have accepted the government's proposal for a ceasefire in the 11-year ethnic war before Christmas, President Chandrika Kumaratunga said today, reports UNB.

"We are hoping for a cessation of hostilities within two weeks," said Kumaratunga, who was elected last month on a pledge to end the conflict.

The president did not say when the ceasefire would take effect. A team of negotiators will be sent to the rebel stronghold of Jaffna to discuss the modalities, she said.



Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin (L) toasts with his Japanese counterpart Tomiichi Murayama (R) after signing a treaty on science and technology cooperation at the Akasaka state guesthouse in Tokyo yesterday. —AFP photo

## Lawyers' Forum slams bomb attack

By Staff Correspondent

The Nationalist Lawyers' Forum, at an emergency meeting in the city yesterday, condemned Sunday's bomb attack at the residence of Justice Kazi AT Manowaruddin as 'barbarous' and demanded punishment of those involved.

Crackers were hurled at the high court judge's residence at New Baily Road in the city which left the chauffeur of the judge's co-tenant badly hurt.

Chaired by Justice T H Khan, Convenor of the Forum, the meeting also termed the press comments made by some political leaders about a High Court verdict delivered on Sunday in the Jatiya Sangsad Boycott Case 'unwarranted, motivated and defamatory'.

The Forum leaders said such comments were designed to bring into hatred the judiciary and create anarchy in the country. They called upon all sections of the society, particularly the lawyers' community, to resist all such evil designs and uphold the image and dignity of the judiciary and the judges, which is so essential for sustained peace and tranquillity in the country.

## 3 cops suspended for beating up prisoner

From Our Correspondent

RANGPUR, Dec 12: Three constables were suspended for allegedly beating up an under trial prisoner at the sadar court here today. The prisoner, Kamrul, sustained severe injuries on his person.

The constables beat Kamrul severely reportedly to prevent him from talking to his relations who had come to the court to meet him.

Kamrul was arrested last year in connection with a robbery case.

An inquiry committee headed by a magistrate has been formed to probe the incident.

## Seoul to employ

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other benefits and facilities under the law of the land. However, these additional benefits and facilities are applicable only to those recruited in a legal way.

South Korean authorities are strictly against illegal recruitment of foreign workers in the country. A good number of workers recruited illegally have already been caught and deported while search for such immigrants continues.

Authorities in Seoul suspect that some 50,000 foreigners are now employed in South Korea illegally. The government's policy is to deport the illegal workers and to replace them by newly imported manpower, said sources concerned.

## Telecom

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amount of yen 14,761 million. The exchange of notes between the two countries took place in 1990 and the feasibility study for the project was conducted prior to that.

According to the sources, there were stark differences in the final selection from amongst the responsive bidders as recommended by all three sides involved in the evaluation process.

For the switching portion of the project NTC recommended Sumitomo while BTB and OECF both picked Mitsubishi. For the transmission portion of the work BTB recommended the Chinese company while both NTC and OECF went for Mitsui and for the out-station plant portion of the project both NTC and the OECF suggested Marubeni but BTB selected the Indian company.

It is learnt that the OECF has sought an explanation from the BTB to justify the selection of the Chinese company based on its past experience and referred to the consultant's evaluation report regarding the selection of the Indian company for the out-station plant portion of the project.

The BTB board, in a recent decision, put forward three options: selecting the three most technically qualified bidders; selecting the three lowest evaluated bidders with several major technical problems and re-tendering for the entire project work.

As the first two options above cannot be accepted by the BTB and the OECF respectively, observers pointed out, the remaining option, re-tendering, seems to be the only way out.

Moreover, they added, if the project is re-tendered the BTB would also get the opportunity to increase the number of telephone lines, by nearly doubling it, and thereby would be able to utilise the full amount of the sanctioned loan amount.

## The Midnight File

### Fuel convoy reaches Sarajevo

SARAJEVO, Dec 12: A fuel convoy reached the Sarajevo airport today after being blocked by Bosnian Serbs on the outskirts of the capital since Saturday. The UN Protection Force announced. The UNPROFOR said it had no information on whether the Serbs had taken any of the fuel from the six truck convoy that had been carrying 30,000 liters of gasoline, reports AFP.

### Pak troops shell militants

JAMMU, Dec 12: Pakistani troops today fired eight rockets one after another on Poonch town while security forces tried militants' attempt to blow up the Jammu airport office, official reports said here. Three rockets fell near Maiti Gate, two fell in Azad Mohalla, one fell behind Baldev Mahal and two others fell in Betar Nullah, the reports said, says PTI.

## Chechen leaders begin talks with Moscow

GROZNY (Russia), Dec 12: As tanks and thousands of troops closed in on their capital today in Russia's biggest military action since 1979, Chechen leaders began peace talks with Moscow over who will control the breakaway republic, reports AP.

Representatives from Moscow met with a Chechen delegation in Vladikavkaz, the North Ossetian capital, but only after a Chechen opposition group was excluded at the regional government's insistence.

"We have come to find peaceful means of settling the conflict," the head of the Chechen delegation, Economics and Finance Minister Timaz Abubakarov, told reporters before the session began at 3:25 pm (1225 GMT).

Backed by jets and helicopters, a column of Russian troops and tanks resumed its moves toward the Chechen capital Grozny, the ITAR-Tass news agency reported. The column, one of three which rolled into the region on Sunday, moved through the village of Gora-Gorsk and was only about 20 kilometres northwest of Grozny.

Forces loyal to the Chechnya government fired rockets on the advancing troops, killing two and wounding several, Interfax reported, citing an unnamed Russian

### Casablanca summit

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determine their claim to the Arab Eastern part of Jerusalem, which Israel has occupied since 1967.

"Jordan's position is clear: Jerusalem's holy sites are in our trust until our Palestinian brethren can regain their sovereignty over the city," Jordanian Foreign Minister Talal Hassan told The Associated Press. "There is no reason for a dispute."

Earlier Sunday, the ministers devoted a two-hour session to the conflict in Bosnia. The Egyptian foreign minister had pressed for the unscheduled meeting to allow the Bosnian observer delegation to address the forum.

The OIC nations are expected to renew their call for lifting the arms embargo so Bosnian Muslims get better access to weapons.

The OIC will also renew its offer to send peacekeepers to the embattled former Yugoslav republic under the banner of the United Nations.

### Cruel fate

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day.

The meeting, chaired by Health Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf, decided on action against those doctors and nurses at the gynae ward of DMCH responsible for the incident.

The enquiry committee, headed by Joint Secretary of the Health Ministry M Azizur Rahman, includes the director (hospital) of Health Directorate and director of DMCH as members. An Assistant Secretary of the Health Ministry will act as member-secretary.

## সমস্যাগ্ৰস্ত ও রুগ্ন শ্বেশালাইজড টেক্সটাইল ও পাওয়ার লুম প্রকল্পের পুনর্বাসনের জন্য আবেদন গ্রহণ

সোনালী ব্যাংক, জাহাঙ্গীর ব্যাংক, জনতা ব্যাংক, বাংলাদেশ শিল্প ব্যাংক ও বাংলাদেশ কৃষি ব্যাংকের আওতাধীন একইস্থানে সলগুন বা নিকটে অবস্থিত সমস্যাগ্ৰস্ত ও রুগ্ন শ্বেশালাইজড টেক্সটাইল এন্ড পাওয়ার লুম প্রকল্পসমূহের ৪ (চার) টি প্রকল্প নিয়ে প্রতি প্রকল্পে ৫০ (পঞ্চাশ) টি গুণগতমান সম্পন্ন লুম (সোলিড জেজ) অটোমেটিক লুম, অন্তর্ভুক্ত করে এবং এই ৪ (চার) টি প্রকল্পের সমান অংশীদারীতে/মালিকানা একটি নতুন লিমিটেড কোম্পানী সৃষ্টির মাধ্যমে সাইক্লিং মেশিন ও কারিশারী এবং বাজারজাতকরণের অভিজ্ঞতাসম্পন্ন পরামর্শদাতা সমন্বয়ে গঠিত প্রকল্প নিয়ে পারস্পরিক সমঝোতা/সমঝিতি ভিত্তিতে প্রকল্পের সমস্যা/রুগ্নতা নিরসনকল্পে প্রয়োজনীয় কার্যক্রম গৃহপূর্বক একটি গুণ গঠনের মাধ্যমে উক্ত প্রকল্পসমূহকে পুনর্বাসনের জন্য সর্বশেষ ০১-১২-৯৪ ইং তারিখের মধ্যে উদ্যোক্তা/উদ্যোক্তাগণকে তাদের স্ব স্ব আর্থিক সহায়তা প্রদানকারী ব্যাংকে আবেদন করার জন্য সরকার কর্তৃক সিদ্ধান্ত গৃহীত হয়েছে।

উপরোক্ত সিদ্ধান্ত অনুসারে বাংলাদেশ শিল্প ব্যাংকের আর্থিক সহায়তায় গঠিত সমস্যাগ্ৰস্ত ও রুগ্ন শ্বেশালাইজড টেক্সটাইল এন্ড পাওয়ার লুম প্রকল্পসমূহের উদ্যোক্তা/উদ্যোক্তাগণকে উক্ত গুণ গঠন করে ০১-১২-৯৪ ইং তারিখের মধ্যে মহাব্যবস্থাপক, স্বপ্ন আদায় (ঢাকা) ও পুনর্বাসন বিভাগ, বাংলাদেশ শিল্প ব্যাংক, প্রধান কার্যালয়, শিল্প ব্যাংক ভবন, ৮, বাজউক এডিন্টি, ঢাকা-১০০০-এর বরাবরে আবেদন করার জন্য পরামর্শ দেয়া যাচ্ছে। উক্ত তারিখের পর আর কোন আবেদনগ্রহণ গ্রহণ করা হবে না।



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