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## Special trains from Jan 5 for Biswa Ijtema

Bangladesh Railway will run special trains from January 5 to 11 to facilitate journey of the musallees to the Tongi Biswa Ijtema, reports BSS.

On January 5, 6, 7 and 8 two special trains from Mymensingh will leave for Tongi at 11:30 am and 8:00 pm respectively. Similarly one special train from Akhaura and Bhabar Bazar will leave at 1:30 pm and 10:05 pm daily.

After the akheri munajat on January 9 two special trains from Tongi will leave for Akhaura at 12:40 pm and 5:30 pm. Railway will also run three special trains for Mymensingh and four specials for Dhaka after the munajat. The Mymensingh bound specials will leave Tongi at 12:35 pm, 1:10 pm and 10:50 pm. Dhaka bound specials will leave at 12:40 pm, 1:20 pm, 2 pm and 4:10 pm respectively.

On January 10 and 11 two specials for Mymensingh will leave at 1:45 pm and 10:50 pm from Tongi. One special each for Akhaura and Bhabar Bazar will also run on these two days leaving Tongi at 9:55 am and 12:30 pm respectively.

All the Dhaka bound intercity trains excepting Mahanagar will stop at Tongi from January 5 to January 8 for two minutes.

Dinajpur bound Ekota, Jagannathganj Ghat bound Jamuna, Sylhet bound Joyentika and Chittagong bound Urmee will stop for two minutes at Tongi on January 9. Chittagong bound Karnafally and Mymensingh bound Isha Khan and Balaka Express will leave Dhaka at 12 pm, 1:20 pm and 12:40 pm instead of 11:10 am, 10 am and 9:30 am respectively.

Ekota intercity of Dhaka-Dinajpur and Upakul of Dhaka-Noakhali and Egarsundur of Dhaka-Kishoreganj will run on their weekly off days, on January 3 and January 7 respectively.

Besides, special trains Railway has also made arrangements for adequate supply of water, light and toilet facilities at Tongi Railway Station for the musallees. Temporary ticket counters and waiting sheds have also been erected at different places of Tongi Station for this purpose.

## By-elections to vacant JS seats demanded

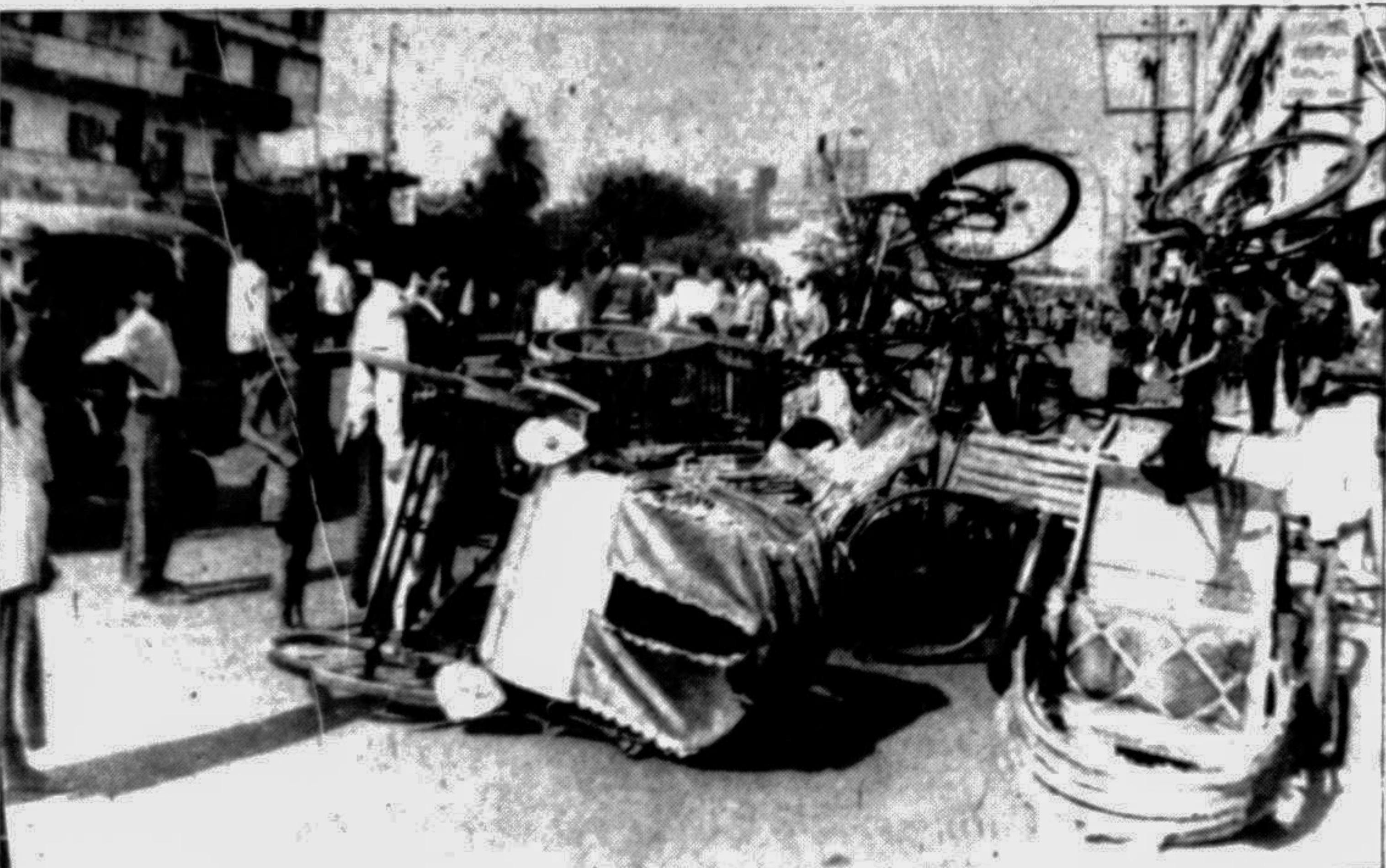
The Ganatantrik Sarbahara Party demanded yesterday by-elections to the vacant seats of the Parliament, reports BSS.

Addressing a press conference at the National Press Club in the afternoon, the party standing committee chairman Sheikh Mohiuddin said that the 147 seats fell vacant due to the resignations by the opposition MPs to the Speaker.

Replying to a question, he pointed out that the Parliament had not lost its legitimacy even after the resignation of the Opposition members, as the majority MPs of the 330-seat Parliament are still there. "The government is still legal", Mohiuddin added.

He alleged that some elements in the BNP had clandestine links with the quarters who were conspiring to undo democracy and oust the government.

Mohiuddin also demanded punishment of those responsible for killing of Siraj Sikder during Awami League regime.



Rickshaws damaged by the pickets while carrying some degree examinees to their examination hall during yesterday's hartal hours in the city. — Star photo

## 'En masse resignation a slur on democratic system'

Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Dr Khandakar Mosharrat Hossain yesterday said the en masse resignation of the Opposition was a slur on Parliamentary democratic system, reports BSS.

Speaking as the chief guest at a public rally organised by Ward No 42 Unit of BNP at Lalbagh in the city the minister termed the incident as a dark chapter in the history of parliamentary democracy.

BNP Mohanagari president and Food Minister Mir Shawkat Ali, Juba Dal president Mirza Abbass, MP, Shahjahan Siraj MP, and Salahuddin Ahmed MP attended the rally as special guests. Besides, party and front organisations' leaders Messers Begum Rabeya Suraj, Nasiruddin Ahmed Pintu, Ehsanul Haq Setu, and Abu Mohammad Moiuddin also spoke on the occasion.

Referring to the proposal of

One hundred and two leaders and workers of Awami League led by ward committee vice-president Mohammad Jahangir and 31 JP leaders and workers led by ward committee joint secretary Zillur Rahman joined BNP formally at the meeting.

Dr Mosharrat Hossain said that despite giving highest concession by BNP the Opposition members resigned from parliament which proved that they do not want free and fair polls but to unseat the government and destroy democracy.

Mirzab Ali said that those who participated in polls in 1986 to give autocracy a legal status once again made an unholy alliance with autocracy and the anti-liberation forces to disrupt democracy.

Mirzab Ali said that the alliance among the killers of democracy, fallen autocracy and the rogues was an ominous sign for democracy.

Shahjahan Siraj said the opposition has no people's welfare oriented programme. They become desperate for going to power, he added.

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### Prize-giving ceremony of V-Day sports

Food Minister Mir Shawkat

Ali yesterday said the BNP government always gives priority to national interest above party interest.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia has shown the courage of compromise and even to resign one month before the election schedule responding to the demand of the opposition, reports BSS.

He was speaking as chief guest at the prizegiving ceremony of the Victory Day sports arranged by Balughat Juba Sangha here at Balughat ground.

Presided over by president of the Sangha Mohammad Shahjahan, the function was also addressed by Qhaka City Chhatri Dal president Nasiruddin Ahmed Pintu, commissioner, ward no 61, Kazi Kutubuddin Masum and local BNP leader Khalilur Rahman.

Sawkat called upon the opposition MPs to withdraw their resignation from Parliament for greater interest of the nation and the people.

### What's on today . . .

#### Seminar on Farakka: Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies will hold a seminar on the Adverse Impact of Farakka Barrage: The Migration Issue. Venue: Library, Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies. Time: 3:30 pm.

**Asiatic Society:** The society will observe its 43rd founding anniversary. Justice Mustafa Kamal, Appellate Division, Supreme Court, will be present as the chief guest and deliver lecture on democracy, constitutionalism and compromise. Venue: Society auditorium (5, Old Secretariat Road, Nizamti). Time: 4 pm.

**Dhaka Sarak** Drama Week: Drama troupe theatre will stage Krishnakanta Will on the fourth day of the ongoing drama week organised by the Dhaka Sarak, a group theatre. Venue: Guide House auditorium, Bailey Road. Time: 6:30 pm.

**Reception:** The Cultural Centre of the Islamic Republic of Iran has arranged a reception to Kashem Raza. Razia won the first prize of the international qirat competition. Venue: Auditorium of the cultural centre, House 54, road 8/A, Dhanmondi. Time: 5:30

#### Border areas of Khulna sector

## BDR seizes goods worth Tk 15 cr last year

KHULNA, Jan 2: Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) in different drives during the past year seized

smuggled goods worth Tk 14.98 crore from border areas of Khulna sector, reports BSS.

According to officials, some 239 people were arrested for smuggling the goods in and out of the country in 1994.

BDR jawans of Sathkhira battalion seized goods worth Tk 7.39 crore, Jessor battalion Tk 6 crore, Nilphamari Tk 60 lakh and Khulna sardar battalion seized goods worth Tk 1.08 crore.

Contraband items including Indian saree, sugar, cattle, spare parts of cycle, phenisidyl, imitation ornaments, and crockery worth Tk 13 crore were seized while being smuggled in.

On the other hand, goods which were being smuggled out of the country included polyester cloth and metals like brass, copper and bronze.

Some 5,665 cases were registered in connection with the illegal cross-border trade.

#### Obituary



Shamsul Kabir (Khashmir), former Marketing Manager of Meghna Petroleum, died in the early hours of Sunday at the Rehni Polyclinic in Dhaka. He was suffering from cardio-respiratory disease. He was 78, says a press release.

He left behind one son and a daughter to mourn his death.

Gulkhan of Shamsul Kabir will be held on Thursday after Asr prayers at his residence, 2B/2, Kalindi Apartment, 36, Indira Road.

## Institute of Fuel Research and Development

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## Employment Notice

Applications are invited from Bangladeshi nationals for the posts mentioned below against the EEC-Bangladesh Project (Development Project), BCSIR, Dhaka.

Sl. No.	Name of the post	No. of post	Age	Pay	Qualification
1.	Computer Scientist	1	Maximum 30 years on 31/12/94	2850-7x125-3725-EB-5155/-	M.Sc. in Applied Chemistry/Chemistry/Physics/Mathematics or Statistics having 1st Class either in M.Sc. or B.Sc. (Hons) degree with a background in Computer Operation and Programming. The candidate must not have third class/division throughout his academic career.
2.	Senior Technician	1	-Do-	1550-7x100-2250-EB-3405/-	1st Class B.Sc. Engg. degree having no third class throughout his academic career. The candidate must have background in Computer Operation and Programming. B.Sc. with Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics having no third division throughout his academic career.

These two posts are purely temporary for a maximum period of seven months with effect from the date of appointment. Application with detailed particulars i.e. name, father's name, present and permanent address, academic qualifications in details experience, etc. along with two copies of passport-size photograph, attested copies of the academic certificates, testimonials, nationality, etc. should reach the undersigned on or before 15-1-95 positively.

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## WDB officials asked to improve quality of work

Agriculture and Water Resources Minister M Majidul Haq yesterday stressed on development of skill and expertise of the engineers of Water Development Board (WDB) for better management of water resources, reports BSS.

S M Rezaul Karim Hidal, the council president, was arrested after the violence between two rival groups at Matiranga in Khagrachari.

## Probe into Khagrachari incident demanded

The Chittagong Hill Tracts National Coordination and Peace Council yesterday demanded release of its president and immediate judicial inquiry into the last year's September 15 incident at Khagrachari, reports BSS.

Proper utilisation of water resources was necessary to increase agricultural production, he said speaking at a function organised by officials and employees of the Water Development Board at WAPDA auditorium in the city.

The minister urged the staffs of WDB to improve the quality of their work so that it would be considered as a symbol of skill. He also urged them to give concerted efforts at their respective position to build happy and prosperous country.

Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources Mohammad Nazrul Islam also spoke on the occasion.

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