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## Asian Industrial Park to be set up in Ctg

**By Special Correspondent**

The Asian Industrial Park (AIP), a Malaysia-South Korea joint venture project, will be set up on 2300 acres of land near Chittagong Port where about one thousand export-oriented labour-intensive industrial units could be established.

The proposed AIP, to be implemented at an estimated cost of about one billion US dollars, will be the first of its kind in Asia.

Prestabina Sdn Bhd of Malaysia and South Korea's Sigma Group of Companies recently signed an agreement in Kuala Lumpur for jointly setting up the AIP in Bangladesh.

Chairman of Prestabina Haji Arifen bin Kendut who is also Managing Director of the AIP Management and Development Pte Ltd, said the project has been 'conceptually okayed' by the authorities concerned in Bangladesh.

The company is now surveying and selecting lands in Anwara and Patiya areas of Chittagong for the project. The process is likely to be completed within two or three weeks after which the company will go for purchase of the lands and complete other formalities as required under law, said Haji Arifen.

The Malaysian entrepreneur, along with eight others from his country, attended the Bangladesh Investment Conference held on January 24-25 in the city.

Talking to The Daily Star about the planned industrial park, Haji Arifen termed it a new concept and said, "it will be the first of its kind in Asia where foreign companies will be invited to establish or relocate their industries."

Haji Arifen said the AIP will be able to accommodate about 1000 industries. It will also bring another two or three thousand local firms in the productive process, he added.

"The AIP will create at least 300,000 job opportunities, directly or indirectly", claimed Arifen. It will attract a lot of foreign investment, he hoped.

He mentioned that the AIP will develop all infrastructural facilities for the investors and for this Bangladeshi manpower will be engaged.

Explaining the reason for selecting Chittagong as the site for the proposed AIP, Haji Arifen said, "It will

## Resignations of 147 MPs CJ forms larger HC bench to hear writs

**Supreme Court Correspondent**

Chief Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed yesterday constituted a special bench to hear the two writ petitions regarding the resignations of 147 Members of Parliament.

The bench comprising Justice A M Mahmudur Rahman, Justice Kazi Ebadul Huq and Justice IM A Karim is likely to start hearing of the petitions within a couple of days.

The larger bench of the High Court was constituted following separate applications filed before a two-man division bench on behalf of three opposition leaders — Awami League president Sheikh Hasina, Jatiya Party leader Moudud Ahmed, and Jamaat

## JS discusses HC rule on Speaker today

**By Staff Correspondent**

Parliament will discuss today whether the High Court ruling on the Speaker has breached the privileges of the MPs and infringed the sovereignty of the House.

The question of sovereignty of Parliament is involved in the matter. I think it should also be discussed whether the privileges of the MPs are breached," Speaker Shaikh Razzak Ali told the House yesterday, while accepting a motion moved by treasury bench MP Nurul Islam Moni.

The subject would be included in the order of the day tomorrow (Monday), said Razzak Ali who chaired the session.

The Speaker will sum up the deliberations and give his opinion.

Moni had earlier submitted two notices seeking a discussion on the recent ruling by an HC bench on the Speaker relating to the resignations of 147 opposition MPs. The notices were kept pending since Wednesday for a decision.

The Speaker accepted the notice given under Article 147 of the Rules of Procedure while the other notice given under Article 164 has been kept pending. A similar notice submitted by another treasury bench MP, Abu Yousuf Mohammad Khalilur Rahman, has been sent to the Parliamentary Privilege Committee.

In his notice, Moni said that the ruling on the Speaker amounted to a ruling on the 330 MPs since the Speaker is the guardian of the sovereign Parliament.

"Speaker is not an individual but an institution. Issuing such ruling is an infringement of the sovereignty of Parliament,"



**James P Grant dead**

UNITED NATIONS, Jan 29: James P Grant, the crusading director of UNICEF who won the Presidential Medal of Freedom for his efforts to improve children's health around the world, died on Saturday, two days after resigning for



Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia visited the Ibrahimpur area in the capital Saturday night soon after a big fire destroyed many slums, killing at least two persons and leaving thousands homeless. — PID photo



Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina addressed a rally at Bangabandhu Avenue in city yesterday. — Star photo

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health reasons. He was 72, reports AP.

The cause of death was cancer, according to a statement from the United Nations Children's Fund. It said he died at a hospital in Mount Kisco, New York.

Grant had been battling the disease for the past few years and his condition had recently deteriorated. On Thursday, his deputy, Richard Jolly, was appointed acting executive director.

As UNICEF head, Grant

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## Ctg killings: Shop set afire, strike called

**From Staff Correspondent**

CHITTAGONG, Jan 29: A group of angry people set a shop afire and damaged several others here this morning to protest Saturday's violence in which three persons, including two student leaders were killed.

According to police and witnesses, the incident occurred in the Golpaha crossing area near the Chittagong Medical College.

Fire Brigade sources said, the fire was immediately brought under control.

A large number of police, mostly in riot gear, were deployed there.

The supporters of the Chhatra Dal held a demonstration in front of the college demanding

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## BNP leaders discuss latest situation

**By Staff Correspondent**

Senior leaders of the ruling Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) yesterday met party chief Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia to discuss the present situation following the High Court rulings and the Speaker's long overdue decision regarding the resignations of 147 Opposition MPs.

Sources concerned said that Speaker Shaikh Razzak Ali was also present at the meeting held at Begum Zia's Tejgaon office and briefed her on the latest situation.

A senior minister last night told The Daily Star most of the leaders felt that the matter of

## Kachukhet fire: 2 charred bodies found

**By Staff Correspondent**

Police yesterday recovered two charred bodies from the debris of the fire ravaged slum in the city's Kachukhet area.

Bodies of Bakul, 19, and four-year-old boy Jalil were found in the morning.

Most of the people rendered homeless in the devastating fire which broke out around 8-15 pm Saturday reportedly from a short circuit at a plastic shoe factory in the slum, are still staying under the open sky.

Meanwhile, condition of five admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) with burn injuries was reported to be stable yesterday.

## Voters' list: AL memos to EC

**By Staff Correspondent**

A delegation of the Awami League's election affairs committee yesterday submitted two memoranda to the Election Commission (EC) regarding the preparation of voters' list and fresh delimitation of parliamentary constituencies.

The delegation led by Mafzur Rahman, convenor of the election affairs committee, met the Chief Election Commissioner Justice Abdur Rouf at his office.

The delegation demanded preparation of fresh and correct voters' list and fresh delimitation of parliamentary constituencies.

## Agitation needs another push: Hasina

**By Staff Correspondent**

Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina has called for further intensifying the current agitation to compel the government to accept the Opposition demand fully.

The Prime Minister has already agreed to resign 30 days ahead of the next general elections in the face of a mass agitation. Now the agitation

## Tk 2 lakh stolen from bank in B'baria

**From Our Correspondent**

BRAHMANBARIA, Jan 29: Taka two lakh was stolen from the Near the Strong Room of the Janata Bank main branch here this morning.

Police took Sayed Abdul Masud, a senior officer and Nurul Hussain, a security guard of the branch at Poura Bhaban, into custody for interrogation.

The money was reportedly stolen when an officer of the bank went to Manager Abdur Rashid Bhuiyan's room leaving a jute bag with Taka 7 lakh in

## 3 fishing boats looted in Bay

**From Staff Correspondent**

BARISAL, Jan 29: A daring piracy was committed in deep sea some 70 kilometres off Kuakata, Patuakhali at midnight yesterday. The gang of armed pirates decamped with booties looted worth Taka 10 lakh from three fishing boats.

Kabiruddin, one of the fishermen, who managed to flee and reach Barguna today told newsmen that during a scuffle between the pirates and the fishermen, the pirates threw three of the fishermen into the sea. The three fishermen—Zamal, 27; Sreedam, 38 and

## HC rule on Information Secy, PIO

**By Staff Correspondent**

The High Court yesterday issued a rule upon the government to show cause as to why the contractual appointment of the Principal Information Officer (PIO) should not be cancelled.

A division bench of the High Court comprising Justice Ismail Uddin Sarkar and Justice Md Hamidul Huq made the rule returnable within four weeks.

Acting on a writ petition filed by the secretary general

## Int'l trade fair ends

**By Staff Correspondent**

A last-minute rush of shoppers looking for a bargain marked the end of the Dhaka International Trade Fair (DITF) '95 yesterday.

Despite the on-rush of visitors, yesterday's fair ground witnessed an unusual peaceful atmosphere. The 60 loud-speakers which had been blaring relentlessly for the last three weeks remained silent yesterday.

On an average, more than 50,000 people visited the DITF '95 everyday. The total earnings from the sale of tickets

## Withdraw false cases framed by Ershad regime: WP

**By Staff Correspondent**

Nurul Islam Choton, Publicity Secretary of the Workers Party, was arrested by police in a pre-dawn swoop on his Goran residence in the capital yesterday.

Later he was released on bail from the Special Tribunal.

Choton was arrested under the Explosive Act. Police filed the case against him on July 17, last year, under Sections 3 and 4 of the Act.

Amal Sen and Rashed Khan Menon MP, President and General Secretary of the Workers Party, yesterday condemned the arrest of their party's Publicity Secretary.

In a joint statement they also criticised the government for reviving the "false charges"

## Dudayev threatens war in Russian cities

**MOSCOW, Jan 29:** Chechen leader Dzhokhar Dudayev, raising the stakes in his breakaway region's battle against Russia, said his separatist fighters would take their war to Russian cities unless Moscow agreed to hold peace talks, reports Reuter.

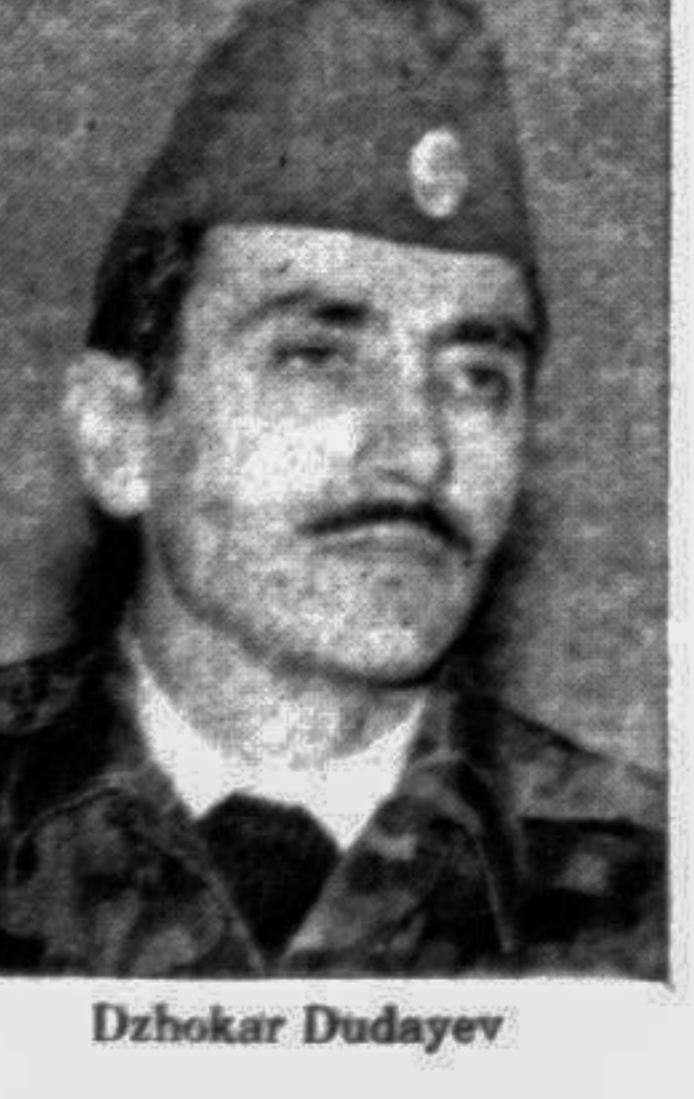
"It is no problem to burn towns," Dudayev boasted in a telephone interview with Interfax news agency. "For this, there is no need for tanks or aircraft. It is enough to resort to the most simple methods."

Dudayev's threat of urban guerrilla-style attacks drew no immediate response from the Kremlin, but it seemed likely to dismiss his ultimatum as belligerent posturing and demand the Chechen rebels lay down their weapons before talking peace.

Dudayev, a former Soviet air force general, said he did not want the war to spill over into Russia because "he feared he would be held responsible for world war three," which he said would be unavoidable if things got beyond his control.

He said the only way to stop the war spreading was for him to meet Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin, whom the Chechens regard as relatively neutral in the conflict.

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**Kuwait returnees stage sit-in**

**From Staff Correspondent**

SYLHET, Jan 29: Several hundred returnees from Kuwait staged a day-long sit-in and also observed a token hunger strike in the premises of the regional office of the Manpower Bureau here today to press home their demands. The demands include immediate payment of compensation by the United Nations, among the Bangladeshi returnees from Kuwait and arrangements for sending the returnees to Kuwait with job opportunities. A rally was also held in support of the demands.