Clinton's call to okay new immigration plan

WASHINGTON, Feb 7: President Clinton stressed his administration's commitment to the fight against illegal immigration Tuesday and urged Congress to approve new package of initiatives to do more, reports AP.

"It is wrong and ultimately self-defeating for a nation of immigrants to permit the kind of abuse of our immigration laws that we have seen." Clinton said. "There is too much of it, and we must do much more to stop it."

Immigration initiatives that Clinton proposed Monday in his 1996 budget would add I billion dollars in new spending to reinforce the Border Patrol and US Immigration and Naturalization Service, speed up deportations and provide money for border states.

"We need help from the Congress to implement this plan," Clinton told reporters at the White House.

Transport strike in 4 districts threatened

By Staff Correspondent

Transport owners of four southern districts of the country threatened to go on a 24hour strike on February 10 unless their demands are met by tomorrow.

Reports reaching Dhaka yesterday said, leaders of the associations of bus, truck and minibus owners in a joint meeting in Kushtia took the decision on Monday. The meeting was attended by the leaders from Kushtia, Chuadanga, Jhenidah and Meherpur districts.

Transport owners' demands included legal action against persons responsible for damaging vehicles during the clashes between students and transport workers, security of the passengers and the transport workers and compensation for the damaged vehicles.

Schoolboy dies

From Page 1 Col 5 campus at about 2 am.

At least 100 gunshots were fired during the 2-hour-long fighting. The BAU Employees Union office was set ablaze by the angry students.

No other casualties were reported from today's violence. a sequel to Sunday's clash between the two sides over buying an admission guide which left 15 students and employees

*Witnesses and campus sources said the militant students, reportedly backed by Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, attacked the Employees Union office by breaking its wall and set fire to it at about 12 noon.

That triggered a counteroffensive from the employees who unitedly came in with lethal weapons to protect their office and chased the students.

At one stage, the students launched a fierce attack on the employees at about 1 am with firearms from three sides -Ladies Hall, Jabbar Square and Engineering Faculty. The employees were fought out of the

Gazl fell dead amidst the firing near the dairy farm at about 2 pm.

the students took away the dead from the scene into Shamsul Hoque Hall, witnesses said, while the university authorities said they would try to find out the body.

After the incident, a meeting of provosts, Deans, student consultant, senior teachers and officials of the district was held in the evening with VC Prof Dr Shah Mohammad Faroque in the chair.

Three separate committees were formed to pacify the feuding parties and inquire into the incidents, a university press release said.

Israeli-PLO

From Page 1 Col 5 During a break in the afternoon, Singer characterised the discussions as "very good." But the chief PLO delegate, Saeb Erekat, said earlier he did not expect an agreement to be reached during the two days of

The elections are meant to give more legitimacy to the Palestinian authority running the autonomous zones in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of Jericho.

The accord, signed by Israel and the PLO in September 1993, also calls for Israeli troops to withdraw from Palestinian towns in the West Bank before the elections, but Israel had backed away from pulling out its troops because of the persistent violence.

Singer said nothing about troop withdrawals in statements before the negotiations.

"We will certainly begin with the easy things and then advance to the heavier, more difficult items," he told Israel radio before leaving for Cairo.

Erekat repeated his demand that Israeli soldiers be withdrawn from Palestinian towns before the balloting.

On Tuesday, the president also signed an executive order directing federal agencies to give priority to the crackdown on illegal immigration.

About 550 million dollars of the new money would help states bear the costs of illegal immigrants - a burden California, Florida, Texas and other states have long contended the federal government should assume.

Clinton is asking Congress to approve 246 billion dollars for the US Department of Defence in the next fiscal year, a spending plan that includes 2.4 per cent pay raises for military and civilian personnel.

· The plan presented Monday also includes funds for ex panded training and war

But the plan is expected to run immediately into a buzz saw of domestic politics given that some elements - such as dirs 5 billion for environmental cleanup or 400 million dollars to help disarm the states of the former Soviet Union -

have come under intense criticism from the new Republican majority in the US Congress.

Publication ceremony held

By Staff Correspondent

Speakers at a publication ceremony yesterday called for greater communal harmony and regional cooperation to achieve economic emancipa-

Organised at the Biswa Sahitya Kendra, the publication ceremony of the book titled "Samriddhir Swarthe Sampriti" written by Advocate Mostafa Ameen, general secretary of the Communal Harmony Council, was presided by Justice K M Sobhan.

Justice Sobhan in his presidential address said that the Farakka issue and the proper utilisation of our resources should not be mixed up and lessons should be learnt from the examples set by the EEC and NAFTA. Dr Kamal Hossain said that

economic development was contingent upon maintaining peace, and stability through communal harmony.

Others who spoke on the occasion included Awami League presidium member Begum Sajeda Chowdhury, Prof Kabir Chowdhury, Shudhanshu Shekhar Haldar, Kader Siddiky and the author of the book.

Three killed in Sunamganj road mishaps

From Staff Correspondent SYLHET, Feb 7: Three peo-

ple including two minors were killed in separate accidents on Sylhet-Sunamganj road today. One Abul Hashem, 25, died

on the spot when a tractor overturned near Janigaon in the early morning.

The body was sent to Sunamgani Sadar Hospital for post mortem examination. A case has been lodged with Sunamgani Sadar Thana.

Naogaon a speeding minibus crushed two minors in the afternoon.

In another accident at

Abdul Quadir, 6, and Baki Fulbibi, 8, met their tragic end while crossing the road.

The victims were reportedly returning home from the graveyard after burial service of one of their younger sisters.

The driver along with the killer vehicle managed to flee the scene. A case was filed. The bodies were sent to Sunamganj Sadar Hospital for

Agitated people blocked the road to traffic for two hours following the accident

CHT polls

From Page 1 Col 8 and twelfth session in 1993.

Piloting the three separate Bills, Foreign Minister A S M Mostafizur Rahman, who is incharge of Special Affairs Division in Parliament, said the present government wanted to offer "democratic rights to all the Bangladeshi tribal refugees" so that they could enjoy this rights like others in the country after their return home from India. Some refugees were still living in Tripura, he said adding that the government wanted to ensure their participation in the elections after their rehabilitations.

Mostafiz also thanked the Communications Minister, Oli Ahmed, who is the convener of the committee on Chittagong Hill Tracts Affairs, Rashed Khan Menon MP of Workers Party, a member of the committee and others for their efforts for peaceful solutions of the problems their.

With these three Bills the number of Bills, passed the House during current session rose to eight.



A Chechen boy stands next to an armed man at a Chechen checkpoint near Samashki Sunday. The Russian capture of the crossroads on Friday left Chechen fighters just one road into Grozny, where they control about a third of the gutted and almost deserted streets

- AFP photo

PM: Teachers

From Page 1 Col 5

lence, the Prime Minister said it is not the responsibility of the government alone, teachers should also play effective role in maintaining normal academic atmosphere.

To keep the campus free from violence, Begum Zia emphasised effective application of the existing disciplinary

Led by FBUTA president Prof Monsurul Amin, the delegation apprised the Prime Minister of various problems facing the university teachers of the country. Begum Zia gave a patient

hearing to the problems and assured them of looking into Education Minister Jamir-

uddin Sircar and Energy Minister Dr Khandakar Mosharraf Hossain were also present.

The FBUTA delegation included its Secretary General Prof Mohammad Fasiul Alam and members Prof Shahadat Ali, Prof Mostafa Chowdhury. Dr A A M S Arefin Siddique. Prof Abdur Razzak Akhand, Dr Abdur Rahim, Dr Ahsanul Kabir, Prof Shafiuddin Ahmed. Prof A M Faruk, Prof Nasiruddin Ahmed, Dr A N M Munir Ahmed Chowdhury, Prof Khandakar Mustahidur Rahman. Dr Ashraf Ali, Mokhlesur Rahman and Shahid Ahmed Chowdhury

Arjun Singh expelled

From Page 1 Col 4 of congress workers, they are

sadly mistaken. My task, as I said in Madras, becomes more crucial and my responsibility greater to strengthen the Congress party and make it strong enough to face all the challenges that are being thrown up," he said.

He said "so far as I am concerned. I am neither dispir ited nor disheartened.

Singh's party membership had been suspended last month, and he lost his seats on the party's highest policy mak ing bodies. Expulsion is the most serious punishment the party can hand out to a rebellious member.

Singh resigned as the human resources development minister Dec. 24, accusing the prime minister of inefficiency, indecisiveness and mishandling corruption cases that had plagued his government. His revolt followed an elec-

tion debacle for Congress in three of the four states where legislative elections were held last November and December. Singh blamed the rout on Rao's lack of charisma and said his economic reforms were hurting the poor. Six more states will elect

legislatures in voting staggered

over the next five weeks. starting Thursday. Congress, which governs four of the states, is predicted to fare

Although the elections will have no direct influence on the central government, they could have a shattering impact on the internal politics of the Congress Party. They also could be a bellwether of the general election due in 1996.

70 injured in Sunamganj clash

villagers were injured in a clash between two rival groups

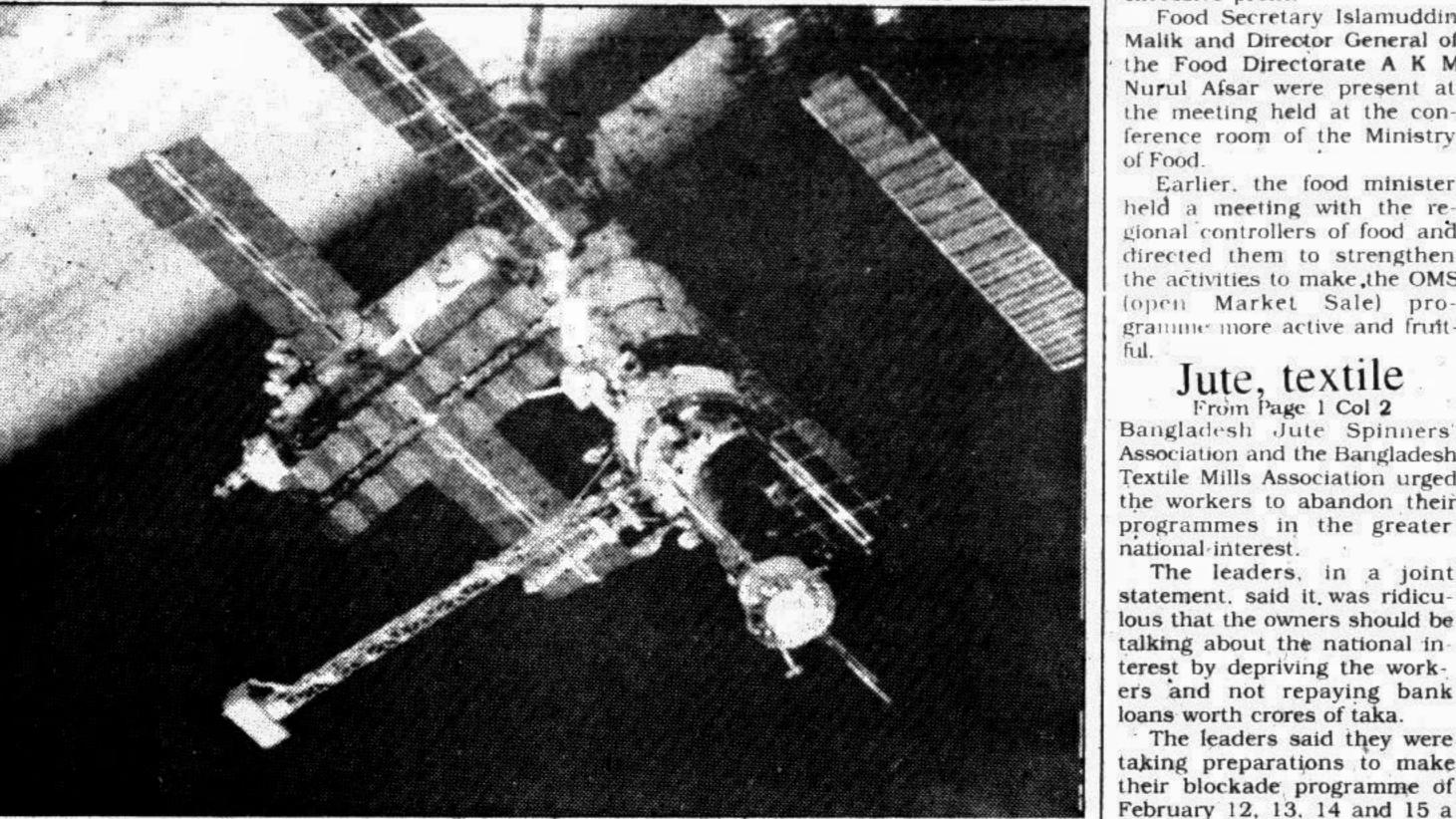
Of the injured, eight were admitted to the Sunamgani sadar hospital with critical injuries. Police have been deployed in the village.

The clash between the two groups of villagers, one led be Akkas Uddin and the other by Salekuddin started as a seque to a longstanding dispute. The two groups used lethal weapons during the clash.

From Staff Correspondent · SYLHET, Feb 7: About 70

at Birganf of Sunamgani sadar thana this morning.

Two separate cases were lodged with the Sadar Thana. A tense situation was prevailing in the village.



The Russian Space Station MIR with a Soyuz spacecraft docked lower left. Monday as seen from the US space shuttle Discovery as it backs away with the Earth below. The Discovery and her crew approached to within ten metres and then circled the space station for an inspection.

introduce brakes

From Page 1 Col 7 Many markets have imposed or reimposed brakes on the operations of foreign funds

to avert a similar nosedive. Opening up the Dhaka Stock market - the country's only bourse - to foreign investment in early 1992 invited a dramatic response from

overseas portfolio funds. Liberal policy and high returns have so far attracted some 30 foreign funds and they own shares currently valued at an estimated 150 mtllion US dollars.

The inflow of foreign funds also brought about a boom in the Dhaka Stock Exchange which experienced substantial rise in the share price indices from 340 in 1992 to 890 in

Foreign investors reacted sharply to Mexico's currency devaluation on December 20 and extensively pulled their money out, leading to a plunge of the Latin American stock market that saw a rock-bottom 46 per cent price drop overnight. Financial experts, however,

say the withdrawal by the foreign funds originally began from different smaller markets with interest rates in the United States rising, a factor that has been consistently pushing money to bond markets from stock markets since early 1994. The Mexico crash precipitated the crisis.

of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) Sultanuzzaman Khan said there had been very little impact on the Bangladesh market of either the Mexico crash or the interest rates hike in the USA.

Khan, however, said precaution against any instability was necessary for an emerging market like Bangladesh.

While the SEC Chairman ruled out any tangible impact yet on the market, market sources reported low participation by foreign funds during the last two months, causing the recent slowdown in the DSE.

Since mid-December, said a renowned stock market opera-

Clinton to nominate Carns as CIA chief

WASHINGTON, Feb 7: President Bill Clinton has decided to nominate retired Air Force General Michael Carns to be the new Director of the CIA and could announce his choice as early as tomorrow, administration officials said today, reports Reuter.

Carns, a former fighter pilotwho climbed to the post of Air Force Vice Chief of Staff before retiring last year, has no direct experience in the intelligence field. But he is regarded as a management whiz, and has powerful backing.

nections with foreign funds. overseas funds are on the sideline, causing share price indices of the DSE to plummet from 890 in December to 820 at present, or by about five per cent. A senior SEC official said

the involvement, of foreign funds in the Bangladesh market was too small to affect it seriously by any pullback by the foreigners.

Moreover, he said, Bangladesh has a very comfort able foreign currency reserve, which is currently three billion US dollars, to easily offset any adverse situation il loreign funds in the capital market at all flow back. "It will have no impact on our exchange rate.

The official also ruled out the possibility of any significant withdrawal of foreign portfolio funds from the Bangladesh market because the bourse is "very lucrative."

He cited that share prices in Bangladesh in the last two 'months dropped by less than five per cent compared to a 25 per cent drop in India. Pakistan and Sri Lanka. Market operators also said

that high returns and policy incentives would continue to court foreign funds. The price earning ratio in the Bangladesh market is below 12 while it is 20 in neighbouring India and Pakistan

Appointments & transfers

By Staff Correspondent

The government yesterday effected some changes in the upper tier of the administra-

The director of the Bureau of Anti-Corruption A S M Abdul Halim, has been appointed Joint Secretary in the Health and Family Welfare Ministry.

Joint Secretary, Rural Development and Cooperatives Division (RDCD). Abu Saleh was made Joint Secretary of the Finance Division while Gul Afroz Mahbub, director, Bangladesh Small and Cottage Industries Corporation (BSCIC). has ben appointed Joint Secretary of the RDCD.

Member of the BCS (Telecom) cadre Abdul Manpan Chowdhury has been appointed Joint Secretary of he Water Resources Ministry.

Amman radio airs Israeli songs

AMMAN, Feb 7: Jordanian radio has started playing songs by Israeli performers and western stars such as Barbra Streisand and Frank Sinatra who were previously boycotted because of their links with

Israel, reports AFP The English service of radio Amman Monday broadcast "am nin alu," a hit by Israeli star Ofra Haza, who sings in a mix-

ture of Hebrew and Arabic. A spokesman for the radio told AFP a blacklist of per formers who were shunned because of links with Israel had become void after the Israel-Jordan peace treaty was signed on October 26.

Jordanian television has also lifted a boycott of films starring previously blacklisted performers, notably Elizabeth Taylor.

Since 1951 the Damascusbased Arab boycott office has compiled lists of companies. organisations and people to be shunned because of links with Israel.

LCs opened From Page 1 Col 8

totally waived, while the duty on wheat import slashed down to 7.5 per cent from 15 per

Describing the import of

foodgrain as a "humane busi-

ness," the minister also urged

the businessmen not to go for excessive profit. Food Secretary Islamuddin Malik and Director General of the Food Directorate A K M Nurul Afsar were present at

the meeting held at the con-

ference room of the Ministry

of Food. Earlier, the food minister held a meeting with the regional controllers of food and directed them to strengthen the activities to make the OMS lopen Market Sale) programme more active and fruit-

Jute, textile

From Page 1 Col 2 Bangladesh Jute Spinners' Association and the Bangladesh Textile Mills Association urged the workers to abandon their programmes in the greater national-interest.

The leaders, in a joint

statement, said it was ridicu-

lous that the owners should be talking about the national interest by depriving the workers and not repaying bank loans worth crores of taka. The leaders said they were taking preparations to make their blockade programme of

success to press the demand

for implementing the accord

between the government and the workers. They said blockades are "a recognised way" to realise demands all over the world and "the BNP itself had come to power through such pro-

grammes. The signatories to the statement include Abul Bashar, M A Aziz, Lutfar Rahman, Shah Alam, Rehan Uddin Sarder, Belayet Hossain, Badrul Alam Khan, Iqbal Majumder and Z M Kamrul Aman.

Meanwhile, the Workers Party, in its central committee meeting yesterday, supported the blockade programme and held, the government responsible for creating anarchy" in the industrial sector.

Nurses From Page 1 Col 2

According to a hospital source, the employees and nurses announced the programme apprehending autonomy in the hospitals. The CMEQA programme, they believe, will give autonomy to the hospitals, the source added.

Earlier, the government announced the CMEQA programme to improve the management and health care delivery system. It was introduced at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital on January 15 on a trial basis.

Emergency teams of the staff attended serious patients yesterday.

If the CMEQA programme is not cancelled, the hospital employees will hold a rally near the Jatiya Press Club on March 11 to announce a fresh programme for their agitation

The Midnight Rile

Security beefed up at mosques across Karachi

KARACHI. Feb 7: Police beefed up security at mosques across Karachi, where violence claimed another victim today, as Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto vowed to conduct a "ruthless" campaign against terrorism. Snipers shot dead a man near a mosque in suburban Sacedabad district, two days after 22 people were killed by gunmen in this city. overshadowing a government-sanctioned national strike in support of Kashmiri separatists, reports AFP.

Palestinian police arrest militants

GAZA CITY. Feb 7: Palestinian police arrested scores of followers of a radical Syria-based group Tuesday in the wake of a deadly ambush on Israelis. PLO leader Yasser Arafat also warned he wouldn't let anyone spoil his peace agreement with Israel. Arafat has been under mounting pressure from Israel to crack down on militants and foil attacks against Israelis. On Monday, gunmen killed a private Israeli security guard and wounded another as the two escorted Israeli gasoline trucks into Gaza, reports AP,

Dacoity at garments factory

By Staff Correspondent

Dacoits looted production materials and machinery worth Tk ten fakh from a garments factory in the city's Mahakhali area early yesterday.

A statement signed by the factory general manager, M S Islam, said that a gang of bandits broke open the main en trance of his Jamuna Fashion wears Limited at Mohakhali around 2:30 am, tied up the security guard and looted the goods worth about Tk 10 lakh.

Gulshan police said that Islam had lodged a case with them, but no arrest was made. The looted material could not be recovered until midnight last night.

US Energy Secy to visit China Feb 19

BEIJING, Feb 7: With Washington and Beijing three weeks away from a possible trade war. US Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary and a large delegation will visit China later this month, hoping to sign deals worth up to 8 billion dollars, reports Reuter.

"O'Leary and the chief executives of about 50 major US energy companies are scheduled to visit Shanghai from February 19-20 and Beijing from February 20-24, a US embassy spokesman said today.

JS session From Page 1 Col 5

Court ruling against the Speaker, which was discussed in the House for several hours. There is very small business in hand to run the session till

If the session is prorogued within a chuple of days, then constitutionally another session must be convened in

mid-March, the source said.

Speaker Shaikh Razzak Ali is schieduled to attend a series of conferences and meetings abroad from the middle of this Before his departure he may

If the advisory committee finally decides to avoid the session in April, the 19th session is likely to be summoned in mid-May as the budget session, the source added.

adjourn the House for three to

four weeks to resume after

Govt hospitals

From Page 1 Col 7 Besides, there is an old canopy with an area of 10,000sq feet where non-perishable items like bleaching powder. hospital beds and mats are stored, said the CMSD official.

"We have here a huge cold storage also, because there are some drugs which require controlled temperatures for their preservation. For instance, insulin needs to be preserved in temperatures ranging between two degrees and 8 degrees Celsius, while a temperature below 23 degree Celsius is a must to keep X-ray films damage-free". Barua said.

One beaten to death

By DMCH Correspondent

A young man, who came from Tongi to see the Ekushey Book Fair in the capital, was beaten to death in the Tejgaon area yesterday.

Rafiqui Islam. 26, son of one Momtazuddin Bhuiyan, was taken to a slum in the Tejgao area reportedly by two of his friends, identified as Salam and Chan Mia who, along with some other accomplices, severely beat him up. Rafiqui Islam was admitted

to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) around 1:00 am. He expired there at 6:30 in the morning. His relatives, who took him to the DMCH, said some unidentified people left fatally

wounded Rafigul near his house at Arichpur railgate at Tongi around midnight Monday Hearing of writ

From Page 1 Col 7 that the writ was not filed in accordance with proper procedure and that there were gross contradictions within the cause title, contents and the prayer portion of the writ. The fault prevailing in the writ makes the petition infructuous for which reason it should be

*rejected, he added. Earlier, summing up his arguments on the question of maintainability of the writ. Barrister K S Nabi said that the petition was a premature one because the resignation letters. were still pending before the

He said that since it was a litigation of public interest. there has to be some guideline for resolving the matter. He said the petitioner has

Speaker.

no locus standi to file the writ, which is also not maintainable under Article 102 of the Constitution.

Barrister Nabi thus plea-ded for rejection of the petition. The hearing resumes this

Traffic markings

From Page 1 Col 7 ing Saturday. Since the road was clear, he failed to under stand why he was stopped. The on-duty traffic policeman tried to convince him that any vehicle plying through the Mirpur Road towards the New Market has to take a little left lane to cross the particular area. Yet

there is no marking to indicate this rule. Selina Nahar, a student of the Dhaka University, said the hump-back speed breaker near the Fine Arts Institute caused many accidents last year due to the absence of clear, discernible markings. Fortunately

none of the accidents there were serious, she pointed out. Dhaka City Corporation officials admitted that many of their roads were lying un-

marked. They, however, said that steps were being taken in this regard and tenders had already been floated. Fund constraints forced them to suspend the work for a long time, they al-

পত্রিকা এজেন্টদের প্রতি নোটিশ

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