

# 10 top militants held in Kashmir

JAMMU, India, Feb 13: Indian police arrested 10 top Muslim militants in a series of raids in this Kashmir winter capital today, a police officer said, as a general strike crippled the Kashmir valley, reports AFP.

Police chief Manohar Nath Sabharwal said here that six members of the Pro-Pakistan Hizbul Mujahideen guerilla group and four other militants had been arrested in pre-dawn searches of city hotels and hideouts.

He said a special police unit from Srinagar, the urban hub of the Muslim secessionist drive, had helped track down the rebels.

## Sabharwal said the militants Haryana bans lottery

CHANDIGARH (India), Feb 13: The north Indian state of Haryana on Monday banned state-run lotteries, alarmed that many families were being bankrupted by compulsive gamblers, reports AP.

The adjoining state of New Delhi banned lotteries in the capital late last year, but many people simply drove to Haryana to buy tickets for the daily lotteries.

Haryana Chief Minister Bhajan Lal told a news conference that his government will lose 800 million rupees (dhs 27 million) a year because of the ban. The order comes into effect April 1.

## DCC intensifies anti-mosquito drive

The Health Division of Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) has intensified a mosquito control programme and under it has launched a crash programme, reports BSS.

The DCC in a press release sought cooperation of the city residents in keeping clean the compounds of their houses, ponds, ditches and other water bodies in the city.

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## RU student murdered

From Page 1 Col 7 three cases against 58 JCD leaders and workers accusing them of killing the Shibir activists.

The plaintiffs of the cases were ICS leaders Shafiqur Rahman, Emajuddin and Tarikul Islam.

The Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) at a press conference at the BNP city office today accused the ICS activists of murdering the two students and demanded immediate punishment for those responsible for the killings.

The press conference addressed by Nistak Ahmed Rakhil, Shahin Shawkat, Mokrabbil Kabir, and Yusuf Ali Mollah demanded immediate reopening of the university.

The JCD leaders also demanded punishment to a Chemistry Department teacher, Prof Omar Ali, for his allegedly supplying gun powder to the Islamic Chhatra Shibir activists for setting the hall rooms on fire.

They held the Vice Chancellor responsible for the incident.

Meanwhile, the Rajshahi University Teachers' Association (RUTA) at an emergency meeting demanded reopening of the university immediately after the Eid-ul-Fitr.

The meeting presided over by RUTA President Prof Aminul Islam demanded immediate formation of a probe body to inquire into Sunday's incident and publication of the enquiry report in one month's time.

The RUTA meeting held Vice Chancellor Prof Yusuf Ali responsible for the killing on the campus and also requested the members of the law enforcing agencies to perform their duties impartially.

## Press Note: One killed

From Page 1 Col 4 and settle their demands through constructive negotiations with the owners and the government.

The Press Note said the government was determined to maintain law and order and expected cooperation from all concerned.

It said the labour organisations of the private jute, yarn and textile mills had announced a 96-hour strike and barricade programme from February 12 demanding implementation of the wages and other benefits like the nationalised mills. The government in different meetings, with their leaders at the jute and textile industries urged them to settle their problems through negotiations with the owners and the government.

Despite the request from the government, the labour leaders continued their programme the Press Note said.

The labour bodies took their programmes up to the road and highways by not keeping confined it within their own mill areas. From this, it was clear that they have taken these programmes with ulterior motive. Following such illegal programmes, the government has taken appropriate measure for maintaining normalcy of life of the people and overall peace and discipline.

Despite these steps, about 10 thousand workers of the Fouzi Chakral, Janata Jute



Dhaka city Mayor Md. Hanif (2nd right) visiting a stall at the Ekushey Book Fair in the Bangla Academy yesterday. — Star photo

# 250 Russians killed as missile site blown up, Chechens claim

MOSCOW, Feb 13: Chechen fighters said they killed 250 Russian troops by blowing up a booby-trapped missile site as the war for control of their rebel region spread to the countryside from the ruins of the battered capital Grozny, reports, Reuters.

It was not immediately possible to verify the claim, made by Chechen Information Minister Movladi Udugov on the Ekho Moskvy radio station.

Udugov said Chechen forces blew up an ex-Soviet missile launching site near the town of Alkhan-Kala on the southwest road out of Grozny, killing 250 Russians and destroying 24 Russian armoured vehicles.

The entire compound was blown up. It had been mined... all the equipment and soldiers who entered the compound were completely destroyed by fire," he said.

Russian forces, sent to Chechnya in December to crush the region's independence aspirations, finally succeeded last week in driving most Chechen fighters out of Grozny.

But the Chechens, although outmanned and outgunned, appeared to have regrouped with the aim of waging a long guerilla war from the craggy and heavily forested mountains of the southern Caucasus region.

Reports of fresh battles near Chechnya's western border with Ingushetia suggested that the Kremlin's struggle to subdue the proud and vengeful

## Opposition MPs breached oath

From Page 1 Col 7 for holding free and fair elections. The submission of the resignation has been followed up by calling hartals on several days, disturbing the normal day-to-day life of the people.

Advocate Moksudur Rahman said it was apparent that the resignation letters submitted on December 28, 1994 have been piloted by the leaders of their respective parties and the concerned members have not exercised their power in good faith.

Moreover, he said, that Article 67(2) does not contemplate en masse resignation by the members in pursuance of any decision by the political parties made for pressing their demand for a caretaker government not contemplated by the Constitution.

Advocate Moksudur Rahman submitted that the opposition demand for a caretaker government was a political demand and the opposition leaders collected the resignation letters from their respective parties to bargain for the acceptance of their demand, showing total disregard to the constitutional provision and

the relevant law made thereunder. "Consequently, their decision to submit the resignations of their members belonging to their parties constitute a fraud upon the Constitution and the law," Advocate Rahman added.

As a sequel to the submission of the said resignation letters, frequent calling of hartals and the demands for the dissolution of Parliament while the Prime Minister still commands the support of the majority members of Parliament, and for demanding the formation of an interim government by the President are contrary to the provisions of constitution, he argued.

Referring to the resignation of the MPs under Article 67(2) of the Constitution and Rule 177 of the Rules of Procedure of Parliament, Advocate Rahman said that Rule 177 was ultra vires.

As he resumed his seat, Additional Attorney General Abdul Wadud Bhuiyan submitted that Rule 177 of the Rules of Procedure was not ultra vires to Article 67(2) of the Constitution.

Hearing resumes today.

## One killed, 100 hurt

From Page 1 Col 4 of violence at the Adamjee Industrial belt of Narayanganj while it was observed almost peacefully in other areas of the country including the industrial zones of Tongi, Chittagong and Khulna.

Our Correspondent in Narayanganj said at least 15 workers were injured in a clash when police and BDR personnel halted a huge procession of the striking workers at the Bijoy Swarni point on the Dhaka-Chittagong highway.

Witnesses said, the police fired rubber bullets, lobbed tear gas shells and lathicharged the processionists when they tried to put up barricades on the highway at about 9 in the morning.

The angry workers from the jute and textile mills of the Adamjee area also pelted stones at the police and BDR forces and damaged some 10 buses plying on the highway causing injuries to several passengers. A minor boy, Ibrahim, was injured in a cracker blast during the workers-police clash on the spot. This group of workers also clashed with the police and BDR personnel near the DND Irrigation Project, adjacent to the Dhaka-Chittagong highway earlier on the day.

Another group of agitating workers ransacked some 10 shops at the Sona Mia market and allegedly looted goods for, what they said, defying a ban on operations of the market during the programme hours. The market is situated in the Adamjee Jute Mills (AJM) compound.

The strike was observed at the AJM but the adjacent Laxminarayan Cotton Mills and the Chittaranjan Cotton Mills remained operated without any disruption.

# Student bodies accuse Shibir of RU killings

By DU Correspondent Different student organisations yesterday protested the killing of two students at the Rajshahi University Sunday.

The Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), pro-Awami League Chhatra League (S-P) and the Ganatantrik Chhatra Otkya (GCO) held separate rallies on the Dhaka University campus.

The student leaders accused the Islamic Chhatra Shibir (ICS) of the killings at the Rajshahi University.

Two students were killed and over 50 injured in a gun-battle between two rival student organisations on the RU campus Sunday.

The leaders, condemning the Chhatra Shibir, called upon the students and the people of the country to stand against the Jamaat-Shibir circle.

The students also demanded arrest and trial of the killers immediately.

The JCD leaders, addressing a rally in front of the DUCSU building, said, the Jamaat-Shibir circle was showing their muscle power through terrorism almost every where in the country.

Some 'so called' pro-liberation political parties were supporting this anti-liberation force, the JCD leaders said adding that this support gave Jamaat-Shibir the chance of involving themselves in the national politics.

The JCD rally was addressed by among others Shahidul Islam Chowdhury Annie and Mosharruf Hossain.

Meanwhile, the BCL(S-P) held a rally at the Aparajee Bangla on the DU campus to protest the killings at the Rajshahi University.

The BCL leaders in the rally urged the students to be united against all anti-liberation forces including the Jamaat and Shibir.

Besides, the Ganatantrik Chhatra Otkya (GCO) brought out a procession and held a rally on the DU campus to protest the acts of terrorism of the ICS at the Rajshahi University.

## Hasina

From Page 1 Col 4 Florida in the USA yesterday. According to a message from Florida, Hasina alleged that there was no security of public life and property in the country as law and order situation deteriorated because the government is giving shelter to terrorists.

The ruling party is snatching the fundamental rights of people in the guise of democracy," Hasina said, adding "the people hoped that the autocratic system would be abolished with the fall of autocratic regime, but the nation is unfortunate."

The Awami League chief said her party was trying its best to give democracy an institutional shape but this effort hit snags due to the "anti-democratic attitude of the government."

The Awami League continues agitation along with the people to establish right of voting and food, she said, adding, that the government was trying to suppress the agitation through atrocities.

The opposition was compelled to resign from Parliament as the government did not accept the demands. "The government has established one-party rule in the country which deepened the crisis," she told the Bangladeshis in America.

Hasina said government officials cannot perform their duties properly because of politicisation of the administration.

## Who decides?

From Page 1 Col 15 session would be prolonged. Khandaker Delwar Hossain was in Manikganj.

Talking to The Daily Star, the Chief Whip expressed his ignorance about the latest decision.

A minister, who is a member of the 14-man advisory committee, said he had no knowledge about the change of the advisory committee's previous decision.

He said the committee would meet again this morning to discuss the matter.

A Parliamentary source hinted that the decision to prolong the session came from the ruling party high command. But the source could not elaborate, saying it would remain unclear until the meeting of the business advisory committee, scheduled today.

## Nurses

From Page 1 Col 8 country, had to bear extra work-load yesterday because of the strike.

The government had announced the CMEGA programme to improve the management and health care delivery system. This was introduced at the DMCH on January 15 on a trial basis.

The Nurses and employees earlier observed a 48-hour strike on February 7-8 in support of their demand.

# The Midnight File

## New residency fees for expatriates in Kuwait

KUWAIT CITY, Feb 13: New residency fees for expatriates who want to bring their families into Kuwait came into force today, an interior ministry official said. The charges replaced the minimum wage stipulations for foreigners previously wanting to bring their relatives into the oil-rich Emirate, reports AFP.

## VP Singh's appeal dismissed

NEW DELHI, Feb 13: India's Supreme Court today dismissed an appeal from former prime minister VP Singh to win down tight security, which he said restricted his freedom of movement. The court can't interfere in this matter," Chief Justice AM Ahmadi said as a three-judge team decided it would not advise the PV Narasimha Rao government withdraw the Special Protection Group (SPG) of commandos assigned to protect Singh, reports Reuters.

## Extra fund for ADP

From Page 1 Col 8 year's ADP. State Minister for Planning Dr A Moyeen Khan on Sunday told reporters that 32 per cent of the ADP was implemented during the July-December period a marked improvement over last year's performance of 26 per cent.

The State Minister, for Planning, members of the Planning Commission and secretaries were present in the meeting.

## Judges' promotion

From Page 1 Col 6 as required by the Constitution. The hearing began in the court of Justice Naimuddin and Justice Ruhul Amin.

The court granted a prayer for one day's time by the government counsel and the hearing would now resume on Wednesday next.

Dr Kamal Hossain, appearing for the petitioner, contended that the failure to consult the Supreme Court before promoting any member of the judicial service is a gross violation of Article 116 of the constitution with the Supreme Court before an order can be made regarding promotion of a member of the judicial service. This Article, it was submitted, was a shield intended to protect the independence of the judiciary or a buttress which held up the edifice of the independent judiciary.

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## IOM chief due today

The Director General, International Organisation for Migration (IOM), James M. Purcell Jr arrives in the city today on a four-day visit to Bangladesh, reports BSS.

## Dev projects

From Page 1 Col 8 A number of other projects are awaiting foreign funds, it added. The budget session in 1993 was the 10th session of the fifth Parliament.

Chief Whip Khandaker Delwar Hossain, who is chairman of the eight-member committee, placed the report in the House. Deputy Speaker Humayun Khar'Panni was in the chair.

The highest number of 93 pledges were made in the fourth session followed by 74 in the sixth session and 41 in the second session. Only three commitments were made in the ninth session, the report added.

The Standing Committee held four meetings while two sub-committees held 10 meetings to evaluate and prepare the report. Secretaries, joint secretaries, and other government officials from 30 ministries appeared before the sub-committees and informed it about the progress made in this regard by their respective ministries.

Officials from one ministry could not turn up before the committee, the report said without naming the ministry.

The other members of the committee are Abdus Samad Azad, Keramat Ali Talukder, M A Matin, Abdul Wahab, Sirajul Islam, Advocate, Abdul Matin Khasru and Shah Rafiqul Bari Chowdhury.

## Immunization

From Page 1 Col 3 Health Ministry sources further said that the special drive was also aimed at attaining over 80 per cent immunization against six antigens of the EPI with a long term goal of 100 per cent immunization by the turn of the century.

UNICEF Representative in Dhaka, Rolf C Carriere, in a statement in connection with the launching of The State of The World's Children Report - 1995 in December last said that in Bangladesh, where only two per cent of the children were immunized in 1985, the success of the EPI had meant that almost 75 per cent of the children under the age of one were now fully immunized.

The ministry sources, however, indicated that presently the government was striving to attain at least 80 per cent EPI coverage by the end of the current year and cent per cent coverage by the end of the century.

Bangladesh attained 62 per cent EPI coverage in 1993, 75 per cent in 1994 and is now going to launch the 'EPI National Immunization Day' drive for attaining at least 80 per cent EPI coverage.

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