Student bodies

accuse Shibir

of RU killings

By DU Correspondent

tions yesterday protested the

killing of two students at the

(JCD), pro-Awami League Ch-

hatra League (S-P) and the

Ganatantrik Chhatra Oikya

(GCO) held separate rallies on

cused the Islami Chhatra

Shibir (ICS) of the killings at

and over 50 injured in a gun-

battle between two rival stu-

dent organisations on the RI

the Rajshahi University.

campus Sunday.

killers immediately.

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national politics.

ishahi University

maat and Shibir.

The student leaders ac-

Two students were killed

The leaders condemning

the Chhatra Shibir called

upon the students and the

people of the country to stand

against the Jamaat-Shibir cir

The students also de-

The JCD leaders, address-

manded arrest and trial of the

ing a rally in front of the

DUCSU, building said, the Ja-

maat-Shibir circle was showing

their muscle power through

terrorism almost every where

tion political parties were sup-

porting this anti-liberation

force, the JCD leaders said

adding that this support gave

Jamaat-Shibir the chance of

involving themselves in the

The JCD rally was ad

dressed by among others

Shahiduddin Chowdhury Annie

held a rally at the Aparajeo

Bangla on the DU campus to

protest the killings at the Ra-

urged the students to be

united against all anti-libera-

tion forces including the Ja-

Chhatra Oikya (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 Univer-

Hasina

From Page 1 Col 4

The ruling party is snatch-

regime, but the nation is un-

The Awami League chief

said her party was trying its

best to give democracy an in-

stitutional shape but this effort

hit snags due to the "anti-

Florida in the USA vesterday.

The BCL leaders in the rally

Besides, the Ganatantrik

Meanwhile, the BCL(S-P)

and Mosharraf Hossain

Some 'so called' pro-libera-

the Dhaka University campus.

Rajshahi University Sunday.

Different student organisa-

The Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal

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

DCC intensifies anti-mosquito

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.

The DCC also sought the cooperation of the city residents in keeping water hyacinth off ponds and other water bodies.

The DCC said that under its crash programme cleanliness drive has been intensified and zonewise efforts were on to treat the drains and other breeding grounds with various insecticides. The DCC said it was continuing to release gappi fish into the breeding grounds. . .

were being interrogated and more arrests would take place

Police sources said wireless messages intercepted by the Indian army indicated the rebels planned to stage bomb attacks in Jammu to disrupt government plans to stage legislative elections in Kashmir.

Delhi plans

From Page 1 Col 5 voters list has been taken up by the election commission, he said, adding that security forces had simultaneously stepped 'up their campaign against Muslim guerillas in the Kashmir valley.

Sharma did not say when the government hoped to hold elections in Kashmir, India's only Muslim-majority state that has not had an elected government since New Delhi imposed federal rule in January 1990.

Muslim militants fighting to end Indian rule over Kashmir have vowed not to take part in any elections, saying they did not recognise the Indian constitution and would not be satisfied with anything less than independence.

India accuses neighbouring Pakistan of arming and training the militants. Islamabad denies this, but gives diplomatic support to what it describes as a self-determination struggle.

Sharma said India has taken repeated initiatives with Pakistan to settle all unresolved issues," but the latter "has continued on its distressing path of confrontation ... and unacceptable interference in our internal affairs."

Two killed in Dhamrai, Gazipur

By DMCH Correspondent Two persons were killed in separate incidents in Dhamrai

and Gazipur yesterday. Hajrat Ali, 55, sustained sharp-weapon injuries on his head at village Deopara under Kaligani thana in Gazipur last Saturday during an attack by

some unidentified miscreants. He succumbed to his injuries at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) early vesterday.

Harun, 26, of village Nandeshwari under Dhamrai Thana, was found dead at a garden at Shaturia in Manikgani yesterday. His body bore stab wounds.

The two bodies were sent

to the DMCH morgue for au-RU student murdered

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

The plaintiffs of the cases were ICS leaders Shafigur 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 those responsible for the

killings. The press conference addressed by Nistak Ahmed Rakhi, Shahin Shawkat, Mokammel 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 Islami 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

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

owners and the government. Despite the request from the government, the labour leaders continued their pro-

their leaders at the jute and

textile inistries urged them

to settle their problems

through negotiations with the

gramme the Press Note said. 'The labour bodies took their programmes up to the road and highways by not keeping confined it within their won 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 Chatkal, Janata Jute

Mills. Cooperatives Jute Mills, National Jute Mills, Pubali Jute Mills and other private mills in Ghorasal equipped with Lathis and leathal weapons started to proceed towards Ghorasal

railway station for damaging

the station and rail line. Police officials on duty requested the labour leaders and workers repeatedly through loudspeakers to refrain themselves from illegal activities and not to damage the government property, the Press Note added.

The unruly workers started brickbating the members of the law enforcing agencies and set fire to a new pick-up of police nearby and also damaged TNO's vehicle. This caused injury to several policemen, who to protect their lives and also for the security of the arms and ammunition resorted to lathi charge and fired tear gas

shells. The police action resulted partial disperse of the workers. Later the workers regrouped and became desperate and attacked the police out-

post, the Press Note said. The police being compelled to protect government property, arms and ammunition and lives, opened fire at about 11 am at the instruction of a magistrate of duty. This resulted in death of a worker of the Janata Jute Mills and injury to a shopkeepers. Then

the mob dispersed. (Incomplete).



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, Reuter.

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 intned...

all the equipment and soldiers who entered the compound were completely destroyed by fire," he said.

Russian forces, sent to Chechnya in December crush the region's indepen dence 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 re-

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

Chechens was far from over. Russia's independent NTV television said Russian war planes bombed areas near the towns of Bamut, 30 km west of Grozny, and Assinovskaya 40 km to the southwest

One resident in Bamut told NTV that a Russian tank column drove through the town on Sunday, destroying farms on its way. A Russian officer interviewed by NTV near Assinovkaya reported roundthe-clock sniper fire.

NTV said battles also raged at Argun, a town 15 km east of Grozny, while Udugov said Russian warplanes and tanks attacked the towns of Alkhan Kala and Alkhan-Yurt, a few km 'out of Grozny on the main road southwest.

Opposition MPs breached oath

From Page 1 Col 7

grievances from the court. Regarding the cause of action of the petitioner, Advocate Rahman said such cause of action began with the continuous boycott of Parliament sessions by the opposition members since after the Magura byelection held on March 20. 1994 and ultimately the submission of their resignation letters. Therefore, the petitioner filed the writ before the High Court for a declaration that the en masse resignation letters were illegal and void.

Moksudur Rahman pointed out that the framers of the Constitution did not foresee any en bloc resignation by the MPs and as such no provision had been made in the Constitution for such resigna-

Accordingly, he argued, the resignation letters submitted en masse did not fall within the constitutional provision of Article 67(2). As such the Speaker has nothing to do with them.

He clarified that under Article 67(2), the Speaker has the jurisdiction of dealing with the resignation letter of an individual MP. But there was no scope on the part of the Speaker to give a decision on the submission of resignation letters collectively.

Dismissing the contention of the respondents - Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina, Jativa Party leader Moudud Ahmed and Jamaat-e-Islami leader Matiur Rahman Nizami - Advocate Rahman said that the filing of the writ was not premature since nothing was pending before the Speaker as

per Article 67(2). He argued that these types of resignation letters should not be entertained as the Speaker had no jurisdiction to deal with such collective resignations. Therefore the question of prematurity does not arise, he added.

About the question of locus standi of the petitioner, as raised by the respondents. Advocate Rahman said that the very constitution of the larger bench, as demanded by the respondents, had clearly confirmed the petitioner's locus standi.

Advocate Moksudur Rahman described the writ as 'unprecedented' and pleaded that the court, by dint of its inherent powers, could consider the writ.

He pointed out that the members who had tendered their resignation letters had no choice in the matter. They did not make their individual decision to resign from Parliament for any personal difficulty of their own.

" The counsel said that the decision to resign by the members was made by their respective parties following the "failure" of the party-inpower to concede to their demands for a caretaker or interim non-party government

for holding free and fair elec-The submission of the res-

ignations 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 resignations 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 there-

"Consequently, their decision to submit the resignations law." Advocate Rahman added.

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.

of violence at the Adamjee

.Industrial belt of Narayangani

while it was observed almost

peacefully in other areas of the

country including the indus-

trial zones of Tongi, Chittagong

Narayangani said at least 15

workers were injured in a

clash when police and BDR

personnel halted a huge pro-

cession of the striking workers

at the Bijoy Swarani point on

the Dhaka-Chittagong highway.

fired rubber bullets, lobbed

tear gas shells and lathichar-

ged the processionists when

they tried to put up barricades

The angry workers from the

on the highway at about 9 in

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 pas-

sengers. 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

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)

the AJM but the adjacent

Laxminarayan Cotton Mills and

the Chittaranjan Cotton Mills

remained operated without any

The strike was observed at

Witnesses said, the police

Our Correspondent in

and Khulna.

the morning.

the day.

compound.

disruption.

One killed, 100 hurt

From Page 1 Col 4

the police outpost: Then a section of the processionists suddenly attacked the police and BDR personnel while the TNO of Palash thana, Abul Moyeen and the ASP, Jainul Abedin, were meeting with the leaders of the labourers.

Police said the ASP and five other policemen were injured in the attack.

Shortly afterwards, labour leaders alleged police forced the TNO to order firing on the workers. In the firing. Solaman, a worker of the Janata Jute Mills, was killed and about 50 were injured

they further alleged. The angry workers then moved to the Ghorashal Flag station, set fire to the station office and uprooted rail-track near it.

According to district administration officials and police sources, the second round of clash occurred at the Ghorashal railway station where Magistrate Al Noorf Faizur Reza. the OC of Narsingdi Sadar thana, Syed Akhtaque Hossam, Assistant Sub-Inspector Nazrul Islam and 15 other policemen were injured.

The labour leaders alleged that police entered the Baghpara and Charchara villages in Palash thana and harassed innocent villagers.

Of the injured, Tamijuddin, 50, Shahidullah, 20, Halim 28, Shafi Sardar 40 and Abdul Mannan, 50, were admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital from where Tamijuddin, Halim and Shafi Sardar were shifted to the Pangu Hospital. The other injured were admitted or treated at different hospitals of Narsingdi.

The workers' programme was marked by stray incidents of the members belonging to their parties constitute a fraud upon the Constitution and the As a sequel to the submission of the said resignation

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. ing 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

democratic attitude of the government." The Awami League continues agitation along with the people to establish right of vot-

fortunate."

ing 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 C:15

Khandaker Delwar Hossain was in Manikganj.

session would be prolonged.

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

A minister, who is a mem ber 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 an-

nounced the CMEQA programme to improve the management and health care delivery, system. This was introduced at the DMCHon 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 Kile

New residency fees for expatriates in Kuwait

· KUWAFT 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 Reuter.

Extra fund for ADP

From Page | Col 8 concerned and no further request for additional funds will

be entertained after March 15.

The meeting decided to construct three flyovers in the city - at Sayedabad, Mohakhali and Maghbazar - to ease growing traffic congestion in

the capital city. The flyovers are expected to be completed within, the next three years. The one at Sayedabad will be built on a

priority basis. Another Tk 65crore project on expansion of education in the Dhaka metropolis was undertaken at yesterday's meet in view of the increasing pressure for enrollment at the primary, secondary and college

The major ministrics and agencies which will get additional allocations are: the LGRD Ministry - Tk 140 crore, of which the rural sanitation programme will get Tk 20 crore for extension of sanitation coverage to 35 per cent from the existing 15 per cent; the Jamuna Bridge project - Tk 128 crore: the Energy Ministry Tk 130 crore: Road and Highways Division Tk 266 crore plus Tk 190 crore-for Feeder Road and Bridge programme: the Palli Karma Sahayak Foundation - a credit delivery NGO - Tk 30 crore: the Irrigation Ministry - Tk 27 crore; and the Rural Electrification Board — Tk 25

The meeting expressed satisfaction at the first-half performance of the current

According to a message IOM chief due today from Florida, Hasina alleged

The Director General, International Organisation for Migration (IOM). James N 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 Khan Panni was in the

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 Rafigul Bari Chowdhury.

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State Minister for Planning Dr A Moveen 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 Constitu

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 gov-

ernment 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 the mandatory requipement of Article 116 of consultation 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 in-

dependent judiciary. The requirement of consultation was thus indispensable to maintain and uphold the independence of the judiciary, which has been recognised as a basic feature of the Constitution, both by our Supreme Court and also by other Supreme Courts in the Sub-

continent Dr Kamal Hossain with Mr Amirul Islam, Abdul Baset Majumdar and Subrata Chowdhury. Appearing for the respondent were TH Khan and Kaiseruddin, Deputy Attorney

General.

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

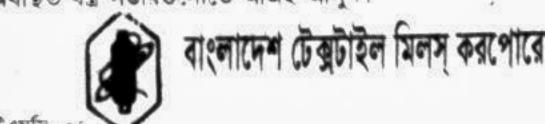
century. Bangladesh attained 62 per cent EPI coverage in 1993, 75 per cent in 1994 and is now going to launch the 'EPI National Immunization Day drive for attaining at least 80 per cent EPI coverage.

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বন্ত্র সম্ভার বস্ত্র সম্ভার পবিত্র রমজান মাসে অপূর্ব সুযোগ

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