

US to help probe Sunday's blast

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attack and offered to help bring the perpetrators to justice. Arab militants are the prime suspects in the attack, which killed 16 people and wounded more than 60.

Malaysia: 25 seek help

From Page 1 held their permits and passports. Their complaints include inadequate provision of basic amenities and unlawful wage deduction by their employer.

Comilla dist AL election held

COMILLA, Nov 20: Election to the Comilla district Awami League was held today after three-and-a-half years of postponement, reports UNB.

Bodies recovered

From Page 1 laws in the area, police said. In another incident two employees of a restaurant at Mirpur 10, were stabbed by some local mastans for refusal to pay toll.

BSEC enterprises

From Page 1 Limited (Tk 37.01 crore), Bangladesh Diesel Plant Limited (Tk 30.83 crore), Dockyard and Engineering Limited (Tk 22.17 crore), GEM Company Limited (Tk 20.76 crore), Khulna Shipyard Limited (Tk 18.17 crore) and the Metalex Corporation Limited (Tk 7.13 crore).

Child labour

From Page 1 prostitution. The measures approved after deliberations lasting two weeks which ended on Thursday, included a recommendation that child labour be put on the agenda for an informal ministerial meeting at the 1996 International Labour Conference.

Armed Forces Day

From Page 1 kin of the martyred soldiers who received the gallantry award 'Bir Shrestho' will be held at the Prime Minister's office, Armed Forces Division, at the Dhaka Cantonment.

Bandaranaike in India for treatment

NEW DELHI, Nov 20: Sri Lankan Prime Minister Sirima Bandaranaike arrived in the Indian city of Thiruvananthapuram today for 20 days of medical treatment, the Press Trust of India (PTI) reported.

Bandaranaike, 79, the mother of Sri Lankan President Chandrika Kumaratunga, is staying at a Kerala state government residence.

NGOs: Poverty

From Page 1 BRAC and some others, the study revealed. Principal Coordinator of Proshika, Sirajul Islam and Savings and Credit Programme officer of BRAC while talking to The Daily Star said some loanees have been identified who are involved with more than one organisation at the same time.

Errata

The High Court Division on Sunday last, upon a writ petition filed by 218 judges of Subordinate Judiciary, directed the government to pay salary to the petitioners for only the month of November on the basis of the notice dated January 8, 1994.

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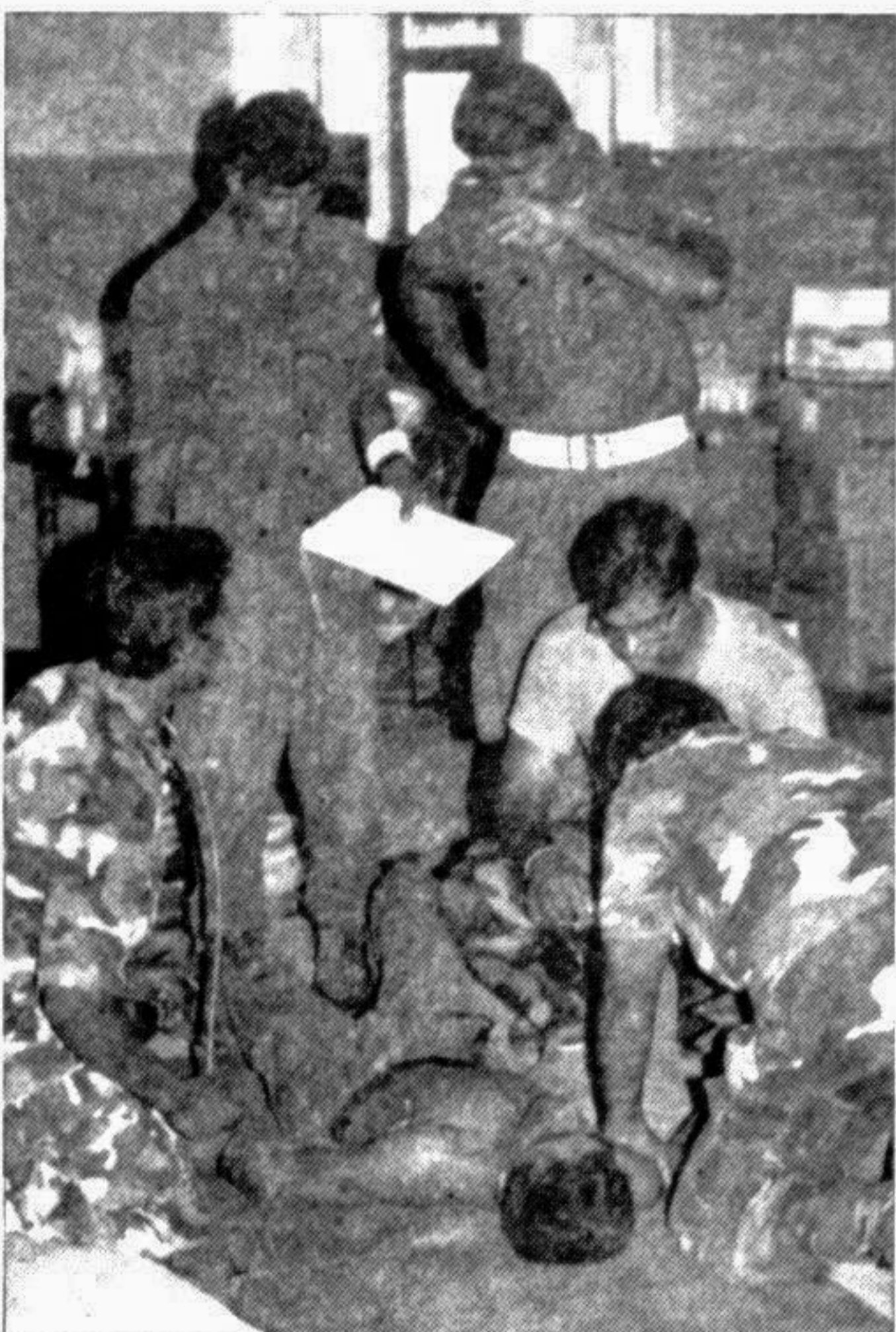
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Sri Lankan troops treat a wounded soldier Sunday as security forces stormed the Tamil rebel bastion of Jaffna.

Holiday Inn case: Evidence to be recorded Jan 3

Senior special judge Md Abdus Salam yesterday fixed January 3, 1996 as the starting day to record evidence of the prosecution witnesses in the holiday inn case, reports BSS.

Deposed president H Ershad and three others face corruption charges linked to the allotment of a land in the capital through a "shady deal".

Of the five persons who have been formally charged Abul Bashar, former chairman of DIT (presently Rajuk) expired. In all 17 persons, most of whom are government servants, have been named as prosecution witnesses.

Ershad could not be produced in court due to his illness. The Special Judge's Court which tries him and usually sits near the Central Jail, had its sitting in the court of senior Sessions and District Judge Salam.

Balkan talks

From Page 1 lies, had set Monday a deadline to end the talks.

Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic, Croatian President Franjo Tudjman, who returned from Zagreb Sunday night, and Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic 'truly want a comprehensive agreement,' State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns told a press briefing Monday.

A draft provides for a collective presidency, with ethnic groups sharing authority; separation of rival armies with a demilitarized zone for four kilometers wide; US arming of the Bosnian Army and the Bosnian Serbs' retaining control of Srebrenica and Zepa, two Muslim enclaves seized by the Serbs, the Associated Press reported quoting officials close to the talks.

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Roh may be deprived of privileges if convicted

SEOUL, Nov 20: South Korea's ruling party today decided to deprive jailed former president Roh Tae-Woo of pensions and other honorary privileges if he is convicted of taking bribes, reports AFP.

An agreement was reached at a meeting of government officials and ruling Democratic Liberal Party (DLP) members to submit an amendment to the law on honourable treatment of former president, DLP lawmaker Yoo Heung-Soo told reporters.

A revision bill will be submitted to parliament late this month in the form of legislation by the administration," the legislator said.

Team to visit Mali soon

A delegation is expected to visit Mali shortly to explore prospects of settlement of Bangladeshi farm workers along the East African country's Niger river basin, reports UNB.

An agreement, to this effect, was reached between Dhaka and Bamako during the Malian President's visit to Bangladesh last August.

The delegation, to be led by Secretary of the Ministry of Labour and Manpower, will include representatives from other ministries concerned.

Fake doctor held at DMCH

By Staff Correspondent One Mannan, 27, was caught by the patients at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital when he was collecting money from some people showing the identity card of a practising doctor.

Mannan, a resident of Dhaolaipar, was involved in this business for some time, said police. He was caught by some people when he was collecting money from the patients at the ENT Department of the Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

The officials of the DMCH handed him over to the Ramna thana, where a case has been lodged against him.

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Khush warned a boost in rice supply was needed to stave off severe food shortages by the turn of the century caused by population growth, loss of agricultural land to industry and neglect of aging irrigation systems.

The Midnight File

Gen Abacha sued LAGOS, Nov 20: The defence lawyer of Ken Saro-Wiwa today sued Nigerian head of state General Sani Abacha over the execution of the writer and minority rights campaigner, judicial sources said here, reports AFP.

Inland container port at Keraniganj soon

The work for establishing an inland container river port at a cost of about Taka 400 crore at Pangaon of Keraniganj thana in Dhaka will start soon, reports BSS.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia is expected to lay the foundation stone of the port in a few days.

State Minister for Shipping Shajahan Siraj said this while visiting the site of the port yesterday.

Amanullah Aman MP and Shipping Secretary Walail Islam accompanied Shajahan Siraj.

Already 88 acres of land have been acquired at Pangaon on the bank of the river Buriganga for setting up the port. The port will have capacity to handle one lakh 16 thousand TEU (twenty feet equivalent unit) containers annually. The port is expected to start functioning by early 2000.

Addressing a gathering the state minister said, the BNP government has been implementing huge projects one after another including Jamuna Multipurpose Bridge (JMB) Project at a cost of Taka 3,500 crore.

AL agitation

From Page 1 the by-elections or general elections ignoring their demand, then his party would call non-stop hartal in addition to an "extensive gherao programme," he said.

We will accept BNP as a contestant in the general election if our demand for neutral caretaker government is met. If the demand is not met Awami League would go for the toughest of all agitations.

Replying to a question the AL leader said his party will not go for polls with the demand unrealised even if all parties participate.

"We are as much ready for elections as for agitations."

"The ruling party may be able to remain in power for sometime but we will oust them as we did to the Jatiya Party in the past," the leader said.

Call to form full-fledged Wage Board

A joint meeting of the Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ), Bangladesh Newspaper Press Workers Federation, and Bangladesh Newspaper Employees Federation was held yesterday demanding the formation of a full-fledged Wage Board and announcement of 60 per cent dearness allowance for the members of the newspapers and news agencies, reports BSS.

Chaired by BFUJ president Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury, the rally was addressed by BFUJ Secretary General M Shahjahan Mia, Joint Secretary General Zakaria Kazi, President of the Bangladesh Newspaper press workers federation, Mosharraf Hossain, Secretary General Bazur Rahman Milton, president of Bangladesh Newspaper Employees Federation Zahangir Kabir, and DUJ president Abul Kalam Azad.

A nine-member central action committee was formed in the meeting with Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury and Fazle Imam as its convener and member-secretary respectively to realise the demand of the three federations.

A two-hour work stoppage was also observed from 12 noon yesterday at the call of the three federations at all newspaper and news agency offices pressing the demand for Wage Board and dearness allowance.

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"Have no fear, democracy has won in Poland, we are a democratic country, more than before. Polish society has shown its maturity, its democratic aptitude," the former communist told state-run France-3 TV station.

Meanwhile, President Lech Walesa's spokesman implicitly acknowledged electoral defeat for the former Solidarity leader today.

Marek Karpinski told Polish radio that Walesa was disappointed with results of the vote but that they were a "necessary lesson" for Poland.

"We will see what Kwasniewski does about his election promises."

Protest rallies held in N' ganj

From Our Correspondent NARAYANGANJ, Nov 20: Separate processions were brought out in the town today protesting yesterday's clashes between rival groups.

Over 100 people were injured yesterday when activists of Jubo League and Jatiya Party fought a series of fights with those of BNP over the purchase of a tender schedule.

The general students of the government Tolaram College brought out a procession which marched through the main roads of the town and was barred by the police at Chashara Square.

The procession was followed by a protest rally at the college premises. The rally presided over by VP of the college student union Abu Hasnat was addressed by father of Niazul, who was critically injured during yesterday's fights.

He demanded punishment to those who attacked his son.

Another procession was brought out by the Jatiya-atabadi Chhatra Dal activists protesting the yesterday's incident. The rally was presided over by Sauiduzzaman Saeed, VP of Narayanganj Law College student union. Speakers at the rally claimed that 15 BNP activists were injured during yesterday's clashes.

'Nari' banned 'Nari', a collection of articles by Humayun Azad, has been banned for remarks against Muslim religious sentiment and fundamental faiths, reports UNB.

The government confiscated the book and imposed restriction on selling, distribution and preservation of its copies, said an official hand-out last night.

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Poet Begum Sufia Kamal in a message sent to the meeting said, people want a solution to the crisis and it is the responsibility of the political leaders to do that.

Kamal Hossain said, the present political crisis poses a threat to the budding democracy. Leaders of major political parties will have to choose between continuation of the democratic process and "authoritarian control and anarchy," he said.