The Midmight File

NATO troops arrive in Croatia

establish a temporary forward operations base for the deployment of 60,000 alliance peacekeepers in Bosnia,

reports Reuter

day, reports UNB.

as Nasu Mia. 35.

they said.

ecretary.

One beaten to

death in Comilla

man was allegedly beaten to

death by a group of his co-

villagers at Goshnagar village

in Burichang thana on Tues-

Opposition

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Mohammad Nasim of

Awami League, Anwar Hos-

sain Manju of JP and Maulana

Matiur Rahman Nizami of

Jamaat said, it is a demo-

cratic and constitutional

right of the citizens to hold

demonstration and proces-

sion. This cannot be ob-

structed by any illegal order.

order. Our rally and proces-

sion will be held at any cost,"

vowed Mohammad Nasim.

the Awami League organising

Jatiya Party general secre-

tary Anwar Hossain Manju

said this prohibitive order is

against the principle and val-

ues of democracy as well as

against the constitutional

right of the people to express

He said: "We're not terror

Jamaat secretary general

Maulana Matiur Rahman

Nizami said any government

believing in democracy can-

not resort to such undemo-

cratic steps. Such ban is

against democratic and civic

Opposition march

revised their programmes

and dropped the indefinite

road-rail-waterways blockade

which was scheduled to start

Metropolitan Police (DMP)

imposed a 24-hour ban from

eight this morning on staging

any demonstration, rally or

procession in and around the

pm at Panthapath and march

towards the PM's Secretariat

at Old Airport Road following

the rally. AL president

Sheikh Hasina will address

JP will start its march

from Moghbazar crossing

after holding a rally there at

3pm while Jamaat's march

will start from the north gate

of the Baitul Mokarram

mosque at the same time.

Jamaat will also hold a rally

Jamaat are scheduled to ad-

dress the respective party

chief Sheikh Hasina yester-

day asked her partymen to

turn all wards and neighbour-

hoods of the city into 'forts of

movement' to oust the 'illegal

special extended meeting of

the party's city chapter last

evening held at the AL's cen-

tral office at Bangabandhu Av-

Mohammad Hanif in the

chair, the meeting was also

addressed by city unit's gen-

eral secretary Mofazzal Hus-

sain Chowdhury Maya, says a

With city AL president

Hasina was addressing a

Central leaders of JP and

Meanwhile, Awami League

prior to its march.

BNP government'.

press release.

AL will hold a rally at 2:30

Dhaka

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rights of the people.

Meanwhile,

PM's Secretariat.

from today.

the rally.

rallies.

ists nor going to burn down

the Prime Minister's House.

Then why this restriction."

themselves by holding meet-

ings and processions.

'We'll not obey this illegal

to protect the autocrats.

The victim was identified

COMILLA, Dec 6: A young

ZAGREB, Dec 6: NATO troops arrived in Croatia today to

Awami League President Sheikh Hasina addressing a public meeting yesterday at Bangabandhu Avenue in the city in observance of the Democracy Day. - Star photo

onion, garlic, cement and

stationary goods mainly by

boat. But carrying of goods by

boats have become very risky

cannot file cases as the thana

boundaries are not properly

identified in the rivering

routes. Police try to avoid

piracy cases saying "it did not

happen in our area," local

PM still

indisposed

By Staff Correspondent

Khaleda Zia did not attend

any official programmes for

the third day yesterday as she

fering from arthritis pain in

She was learnt to be suf-

No official report of her

health condition was available

from the Prime Minister's of-

fice, the Health Minister or

Brigadier Mahtabul Islam.

the personal physician to the

Prime Minister, when con-

tacted, said he himself is ill

and and was not aware about

the health condition of the

None arrested in

connection with

bus fire incident

By Staff Correspondent

None was arrested till

yesterday in connection with

Monday night's horrific bus

fire incident in the city in

which eight persons were

Department where samples

of the burnt out bus was sent

for test was not yet available,

two of the eight persons who

died on the spot were

known. The body of Nazir

Ahmed, 50, driver of WAPDA

in Chittagong, was handed

over to his son Giasuddin

who took it to his village

home at Dhuliapar in

Noakhali. Another body was

identified to be that of Anisur

Rahman, 25, son of Shamsur

Rahman. His body was

handed over to his elder

brother, Mizanur Rahman, a

resident of Tejkunipara in

The body of Abdul Latif,

24, who succumbed to burn

injuries at the DMCH on

Tuesday was handed over to

S M Imran, a relative who

took the body to Mirajpur

under Tangail district.

Meanwhile, identities of

said Demra thana police.

The report of the Forensic

burnt alive.

her personal physician.

continue to be indisposed.

Prime Minister Begum

people alleged.

her legs.

In most cases, the victims

due to rampant piracies.

Hasina

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three-party joint declaration

once she gets elected. But

she never kept her promise,"

fice their lives to cast a vote

independently? Why does not

Khaleda Zia want the people

to exercise their voting

rights freely? Give people a

break. Let them choose their

Awami League leader Ab-

dur Razzak pointed out that

the Prime Minister's recent

proposals of forming a na-

tional government or her

proposed resignation one

month before the election

were not within the frame-

"If she can make such pro-

posals (which are not in the

Constitution) then why can

she not accept the idea of the

caretaker government in-

stead of making an excuse

saying that the Constitution

does not have a room for

such concept?" Razzak asked.

dressed, among others, by AL

General Secretary Zillur Rah-

man, Tofael Ahmed, Amir

Hossain Amu, Mohammad

Nasim and Mayor Mohammad

dent called on the people to

make the Opposition's agita-

tional programmes from to-

day an allout success to free

the country from the 'neo-

planned march towards the

Prime Minister's Secretariat

today and a 72-hour coun-

trywide hartal from Decem-

ber 9 to press for the care-

Kidnapped boy

released

From Staff Correspondent

Kidnappers today released a

teenaged boy five days after

trader was kidnapped on Fri-

day evening from Hatazari

manded a ransom of Tk 10

his abduction.

area, police said.

lakh from his father.

orous police drive.

CHITTAGONG, Dec 6:

Yusuf, son of a timber

The kidnappers de-

They were forced to re-

lease Yusuf in the face of vig-

SAPTA

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regional para-tariff and non-

tariff barriers, widen and

deepen the tariff cuts and

expand the list of products.

the sixth meeting of the

Committee on Economic

Cooperation has mandated

that the second round of

trade negotiations should

dually lower tariffs on a

broader range of goods and

eventually building a trade

block known as South Asia

Free Trade Area (SAFTA). A

proposal to set up a South

Asia Development Fund for

this purpose is now under

inter-governmental meeting

on trade liberalisation

negotiations will be held in

session of the council of mi-

nisters and the 21st session

of the standing committee

scheduled to be held in New

Delhi on December 15 and

19 will be reviewing the

progress achieved in the

promotion of intra-SAARC

trade and economic co-

Rallies banned

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and Mirpur Road crossing,

west end of the Tanel Road at

Sangsad Bhaban area, Korotoa

crossing, Shyamoly Shishu

Mela crossing. Agargaon

crossing, the road in front of

Taltala petrol pump, Old Air-

port area. Shaheed Jahangir

Toron (third gate) at Dhaka

Cantonment, Mohakhali

crossing, Nabisco crossing,

seven-road crossing, rainbow

crossing in front of the FDC

and all roads and lanes within

Sri Lanka early next year.

The second round of

The forthcoming 16th

consideration.

operation.

the areas.

SAPTA proposes to gra-

begin.

taker government issue.

Opposition parties have

The Awami League Presi-

Hanif.

autocrats'

The meeting also ad-

work of the Constitution.

leader." the AL chief said.

"Why should people sacri-

Hasina noted.

200 piracies committed in Padma, Jamuna last year

ARICHA, Manikganj, Dec 6: At least 200 piracies were committed in different routes in the rivers Padma and Jamuna in six thanas of Manik-ganj, Rajbari, Pabna and Sirajganj districts last year, reports UNB.

According to police, press reports and local people, the pirates looted goods worth about Tk 20 million and cash 10 million from boats, launches and trawlers. At least 200 people were injured by the dacoits.

The pirates are active in Harirampur, Shibalaya and Daulatpur thanas in Manikgani district. Goalunda thana in Rajbari district, Bera thana in Pabna district and Kazipur thana in Sirajganj district.

Police said a strong gang of pirates, organised in the char areas of the Padma-Jamuna confluence, as it is an important place that links the co-untry's northern and sou-thern parts to other regions including the capital, are engaged in committing the dacoities.

Fazlu, one of the 'gang leaders' of the pirates, was arrested in March this year. He confessed to police that he along with his accomplices had committed more than 10 piracies in the area.

The pirates use mostly ethal weapons and conduct operation by mechanised country boats. They loot goods from cargo and passenger boats and laun-

Local businessmen and farmers carry goods including jute, paddy, rice, wheat, fish, vegetables, cattlehead,

EC: Army role From Page 1

vigil against any terrorism

during the elections. Earlier the EC on Monday directed not to transfer the

officials connected with the election within 15 days of the announcement of the schedule of the polls.

The directive came in a letter to all secretaries of the ministries and divisions. chiefs of the directorates and departments, Divisional Commissioners, Deputy Election Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners. Thana Nirbahi Officers and District Election Officers.

It was stated in the letter that under the Representation of the People Order of 1972 the judicial officials below the district judges, deputy commissioners, police supers and their subordinate officials cannot be transfered within 15 days of the announcement of the polls schedules without permission of the Election Commission.

Water management plan

the city.

From Page 1 criticisms about lack of peoples participation and environmental sensitivity by promising a "national water plan" but in their final FAP report, which was published in September last, the basic style and the approach of the 'water-bureaucracy' and the related donor-culture have not changed much, the study

report observes. The study report was based on an in-depth analysis and review of FAP related documents, interview of key personnel, technical evaluation of pre-FAP and FAP projects and elaborate field survey. The researchers were led by Dr. Atiur Rahman, senior research fellow of the BIDS. The six-month field survey focused on peoples participation, environment, gender issues, agriculture, fisheries, resettlement, com-

social aspects. The FAP project were finalised without considering their likely impact on environment. Even, people's knowledge and prudence were not taken seriously while conducting detailed

pensation and other related

engineering of the structures. People's frustration have been further fueled by frequent waterlogging in and around the structures declining soil fertility and shrinking wetlands.

The impact of FAP on fisheries was always negative as embankments reduce the fish habitat and migration of eggs, fry and fingerlings etc. Growth in "culture fisheries" was also not much observed in the project site. Income of fishermen were greatly re-

The concept of compartmentalisation introduced in some of the FAP projects, is simply impractical and not easily implementable because it already created confusion and resentment among farmers in the project area.

The study reports made a number of recommendations including commitment to people's participation and environment sensitivity in any future water sector plan in the country. It also suggested that politicians should take FAP an issue particularly during the forthcoming election campaign.



The Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) brought out a procession in the city yesterday marking the Democracy Day. - Star photo

3000 trucks stranded at Nagarbari

PABNA, Dec 6: Some 3,000 trucks loaded with perishable goods remained stranded at Nagarbari ghat for the last four days due to disruption in ferry services. local sources said today, reports UNB.

The trucks, with more than 10,000 drivers and workers, were stranded in nearly three kilometres of the road from Nagarbari ghat to Kashinathpur. Perishable goods in about 500 trucks were feared damaged.

District administration sources said the ferries could not carry vehicles according to their capacity due to drastic fall in water level of the Jamuna and emergence of shoals in the river.

Shahjalal Ferry which ran aground at a char on Tuesday could not be salvaged till this afternoon.

Truck drivers at the ghat said no police were deployed for their security.

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absence of a specific law.

rules.

effective remedial measure in

According to official

sources, Bangladesh Tariff

Commission has been made

the designated authority to

execute the anti-dumping

the government of Bangla-

desh unlike in many other

countries, would not itself

volunteer any investigation

only upon receipt of written

complaint from domestic

producers, will initiate probe

into the existence of dump-

ing, detect its intensity and

the extent of injury it is caus-

And again, the com-

plainant will need to have a

significant share — at least 25

per cent - in domestic pro-

duction of the goods identical

to those against which he

dumping rules have been

drawn up in consistence with

the Uruguay Round GATT

Agreement and, hence,

would unlikely to face any

will have to submit its probe

report to the government

within one year and recom-

mend the rate of dumping

duty if evidence of dumping

is found against the imported

Pending a final report by

the Commission, the National

Board of Revenue (NBR),

however, may impose provi-

sional dumping duty after

initial investigation. The duty

will be refunded if the allega-

tion proves unfounded.

product facing allegation.

The Tariff Commission

Sources said the anti-

brings dumping charges.

international criticism.

ing to the local industry.

The Tariff Commission.

into anti-dumping.

The sources told UNB that

LP gas crisis Another report from Sira-

Anti-dumping rules

iganj says, unabated disruption in ferry services across the river Jamuna has intensified the LP gas crisis in 16 northern districts.

Local sources said a section of dishonest traders of the region taking the advan tage of the situation were selling the LP (liquid petroleum) gas at an exorbitant

They said the gas was now being sold at Tk 400 per cylinder as against its previous retail price of Tk 204.

It's a crisis caused by the traffic congestion at Aricha-Nagarbari ghats.

Meanwhile, prices of some other essential commodities like rice and soyabean oil shot up in the local markets due to communication disruption between the capital and the country's northern

Newspaper subscribers also alleged that they were being deprived of getting their national dailies due to disruption.

The Commission, in order

to detect dumping against an

imported product, will inves-

tigate its real value and the

export value. The authorities.

if required, will carry out in-

vestigation in the exporting

impact of the suspected im-

port item on the price trend

of an identical product in the

Film award

From Page 1

Bashir (Ghrina) and Hasan

Ahmed (Gharer Shatru), Best

Editor — Jinnat Hossain Jin-

nah (Commandar), Best Dia-

logue - Humayun Ahmed

(Aguner Parashmoni), Best

Cinema Script — Kazi Hayat

(Deshpremik), Best Lyricist

- Masud Karim (Hridov

Theke Hridoy), Best Art Di-

rector - Abdus Sabur (Gha-

tock), Best Sound Recordist

- Mofizul Huq (Aguner Pa-

rashmoni), Best male Singer

- Khalid Hasan Milu (Hridov

Theke Hridoy), Best female

Singer - Runa Laila (Antore

Sheila Ahmed (Aguner

Parashmoni), Best Make-Up

Man — Harun (Hridoy Theke

Hirodoy), Best Short Film -

Rezanur Rahman (Thikana).

Child Artist (special award) -

Hosne Ara Putul (Auguner

Parashmoni) and Special

Award — Ashish Kumar Loh

Best Music Composer, Best

Cameraman (black & white),

Best Dance Director and Best

Documentary categories.

None was awarded in the

(posthumous).

Antore), Best Child Artist -

It will also investigate the

countries.

local market.

BNP procession on Democracy Day The Bangladesh National-

ist Party (BNP), and its front organisations yesterday brought out a procession in the city in observance of the Democracy Day, reports BSS.

BNP Secretary General and LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Abdus Salam Talukdar led the procession which began from the BNF Nava Paltan office premises and dispersed in front of the National Press Club.

Ministers, former Jatiya Sangsad members and central leaders were among the thousands of participants in the procession.

They included State Minister for Social Welfare, Fazlur Rahman, Mahila Dal President and State Minister for Women's Affairs Mrs Sarwari Rahman, BNP student affairs secretary Amanullah Aman, Chhatra Dal president Fazlul Hug Milan, former city mayor and Juba Dal President Mirza Abbas. The processionists chan-

ted slogans affirming their full commitment to uphold the hard-earned democracy in the country.

The ruling BNP has extended by two days the time for submitting applications seeking the party's nominations for the next general elections, scheduled for January 18.

lected for Begum Zia's eldest son, Tarek Rahman, was not submitted vesterday, while her elder sister Khurshid Jahan's application was submitted on the day.

(retd) Nuruddin was among those for whom forms were collected yesterday. The Nava Paltan central

office of the BNP crowded by the nomination-seekers and their supporters of the third day yesterday. The application forms are

being sold for Tk 300 while Tk 6,000 has to be paid dur-

Time for seeking BNP nomination extended

By Staff Correspondent

Office secretary of the BNP. Nazrul Islam Khan, issued a notice yesterday refixing the deadline for collect-

ing and submitting application forms tomorrow (Friday)

Until last night, over 3.000 persons including ministers, members of the just-dissolved Parliament businessmen and student leaders collected applications. Of them, about 1,000 have submitted their forms, party sources said.

The five application forms earlier collected for the BNP chief and Prime Minister Be gum Khaleda Zia, were not submitted until last night. The application form col-

Former army chief Lt. Gen.

ing submission of the forms.

with a scheduled bank for the

EC: Bank loan defaulters must open separate account

From Page 1 An ordinance promulga-

source.

ted by the President on Sunday last amended the Public Ordinance 1972, and made provision to debar bank loan defaulters from participating in general elections. Clause 1 of Article 12 of

the Ordinance says that being a loanee, other than someone who has taken any bank loan for construction of a nouse for residential purposes, defaulting in payment of any loan or instalment on the day of submission of nominations, will be disqualified. This also applies to a

director or a partner of a firm or a director of a financial institution which

has defaulted in repaying the loan or instalment on the day of submission of nomination But the source at the EC said that there was no scope for the EC to take measure to verify the candidate's posi-

tion regarding bank loan.

Moreover, the time allocated

for the scrutiny was too short to carry out such a job. But the source said that if

it was proved any time after the nomination or even after the election that the candidate was a defaulter at the time of submission of the nomination paper, his or her election will be immediately declared cancelled. In any case, legal action will be taken against the candidates for violating the law.

As the Ordinance does not specify anything on the defaulters' rescheduling their loans in arrangement with the banks, there is apprehension that many defaulters may reschedule their loans, as most are influential people, and obtain a clearance certificate before submission of the nomination paper.

Under the Representation of the People (Amendment) Ordinance, 1995 which has four clauses, the pre-election expenses of each candidate has been fixed at a maximum. of Taka 3 lakh. A candidate

purpose of making payments for the election expenses, as required by the Ordinance.

BSS adds: The Ordinance entails upon the election commission to publish in official gazette any irregularities of the contesting candidates. The Election Commission Committee for this purpose shall have the powers of a civil court while trying a suit under the code of civil procedure in respect of enforcing the attendance of any person and examining him on oath of affirmation and compelling the production of documents and material objects.

The commission, for the purpose of ensuring free and fair election, will formulate code of conduct not inconsistent with the provision of the Ordinance. Violation of code of conduct shall be considered as pre-poll irregularity.

Teacher stabbed

From Page 1 Medical College Hospital (DMCH).

Muggers stabbed one Jahangir aged about 20 and snatched Taka about 3,500 at Motifheel area yesterday afternoon.

Jahangir was admitted to the DMCH

In another incident, a housewife Rahela Raman (35) was stabbed by muggers for a necklace in front of the Gonopurta Bhaban in the Ramna area in the afternoon. The muggers exploded hand bombs to escape but people and police nearby rushed in and caught the two muggers, Aziz and Babul. The women was admitted to the DMCH with injuries in the bands.

Two youngmen, Yar Mohammad (25) and Shahid (22), were injured when a bomb exploded at Amligola in Lalbagh. They were admitted to the DMCH. One source claimed that they were 144 jured while making bombs.

A minor girl Shurma Begum (9) daughters of one Chand Miah was injured when two groups of musclemen clashed and exploded cocktails near Jatrabari bus stand. She was admitted to the DMCH. A housewife, Sultana alias

Panna was admitted to the DMCH with serious burn injuries she suffered from her alleged attempt to torch herself at her residence at Aurkun, Tongi.

3 killed in road accidents

By DMCH Correspondent At least three persons

were killed in separate road accidents in the city and Tongi yesterday. A pedestrian identified as

Mohammad Nurul Islam was killed when a speeding truck knocked him down in front of the TV Bhaban in the city vesterday morning.

Nurul Islam, 28, was sent to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where the doctors declared him dead.

In another road accident an old man was killed when a speeding bus ran over him in front of Uttara Housing State at Tongi yesterday.

The victim aged about 70 died on way to the DMCH.

An unidentified man aged about 55 was crushed under the wheels of a speeding truck at Darussalam under Mirpur police station yester-

day afternoon. He died at the DMCH.

Lalbagh From Page 1

9:30 am created panic in the area and people ran for safety and shopkeepers downed their shutters.

At one stage, activists of both the faction also clashed with police who intervened to quell the violence.

"The ward commissioner of the area who is harbouring the local mastaans is responsible for all the violences in the area for last six months."

one of the injured persons who resides in the area told this correspondent at the DMCH. "Armed clashes have become a regular phenomenon

in Lalbagh area," said another injured person. A case has been filed with

Lalbagh thana in this connection with the clashes.

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Dhaka

Notice

This is notified for information of all concerned

that "The National Monument for Unknown Martyrs" at Savar, Dhaka will remain close for visit to general public from 13-12-95 to 15-12-95 as some maintenance and cleaning works of the Monument will be in progress in connection with "The Victory Day Celebration". The temporary inconvenience thus caused is regretted.

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