

## 9 killed, 7 injured in road accidents

By Staff Correspondent

Nine persons were killed and seven others injured in separate road accidents yesterday in different parts of the country.

Three were killed in the city, three in Sirajganj, two in Natore and one in Sherpur district.

Medical sources said three persons including an employee of the Bangladesh Biman were killed in separate road accidents in the city.

Chief Purser of Biman Humayun Kabir, 52, was killed when a tempo hit a rickshaw in which he was travelling near Kakrail crossing at about 2 pm. He succumbed to his injuries at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) at about 7 pm.

Our Sherpur Correspondent reports one person was killed on the spot when he fell from a bus near Sheri Bridge on Jamalpur-Sherpur highway.

The victim was identified as Shuvass Kumar, son of Shudhir Kumar of village Kurikanja under Shreebordi thana of the district.

Our Natore Correspondent says, two persons were killed and six persons injured, three of them seriously, when two speeding trucks collided in front of Natore Mission Hospital early in the morning.

The injured persons were admitted to Natore Sadar Hospital and bodies of Mohsin Ali, 35, and Abdul Malek, 32, were sent to the morgue for autopsy.

UNB from Sirajganj adds, three persons were killed and another was injured in separate road accidents in the district yesterday.

Police said a van pulled Sanwar Hossen of Kamarkhand thana, died on the spot when a truck knocked down on Sirajganj-Kamarkhand road near Tala Village at about 11 am.

In another incident, a pedestrian, Abdul, 36, was killed another injured when a speeding truck hit them at Boala in Ullapara thana on Bogra-Nagarbari highway at about 12:30 pm.

Police arrested the driver and seized the truck.

Besides, a teenaged girl was run over by a tank-lorry at Chandaikona in Rayganj thana on Bogra-Nagarbari highway in the morning.

**Strike paralyses Kashmir**

SRINAGAR, Dec 20: A protest strike crippled this Kashmir summer capital today as hundreds of people took to the streets to condemn the deaths of three people while in the custody of Indian troops, reports AFP.

Shops, offices, banks and schools were closed in downtown Srinagar to mourn the deaths of two Muslim separatist militants and a local taxi driver allegedly killed following their arrest by the Indian security forces.

Witnesses and relatives said the three were picked up by Indian troops on Monday night. Their bodies were recovered yesterday and today and two of them bore marks of torture, they said.

Inspector General of Police PS Gill denied the three had died while in custody and said they had been killed in clashes between militants and the security forces.

**AL mass contact tour from Saturday**

The Awami League has constituted 23 teams with central leaders to begin weeklong mass contact tour from Saturday. The tour is designed to drum up public opinion for elections under a neutral non-party caretaker government. The leaders will address public meetings at district headquarters under six divisions, reports UNB.

## New rly terminal bldg

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old wooden sleepers were replaced by concrete ones on 54 kilometres of the Dhaka-Chittagong route, and 85 km on Chinki Astana-Kumira and Tongi-Bhairab line.

She said 67 per cent-work of the renovation of 149 railway bridges and 60 per cent renovation work of 55 railway stations have been completed while another project has been undertaken to repair 255 stations.

"Rail services were initiated in our country in 1862, only 37 years after introduction of railway communication in the world," she said. The past governments failed to show skills in operating railway and the government now has to provide subsidy of Tk 150 crore every year.

The new modern terminal building, constructed at a cost of Tk 11.75 crore, is replacing the old one built 105 years ago, in 1890.

It is featured by 14 VIP residential rooms, passenger lounge, restaurant, medical centre, bank, post office, book stall, tea stall, rest rooms for all kind of passengers, prayer room, tourist information centre and 13 counter equipped with computerised ticket selling system.

The Prime Minister said the government has a plan to construct such terminal buildings in other parts of the country.

Referring to the implementation of a massive reconstruction programme in the railway sector, she said

## Ashuganj-Bhairab bridge

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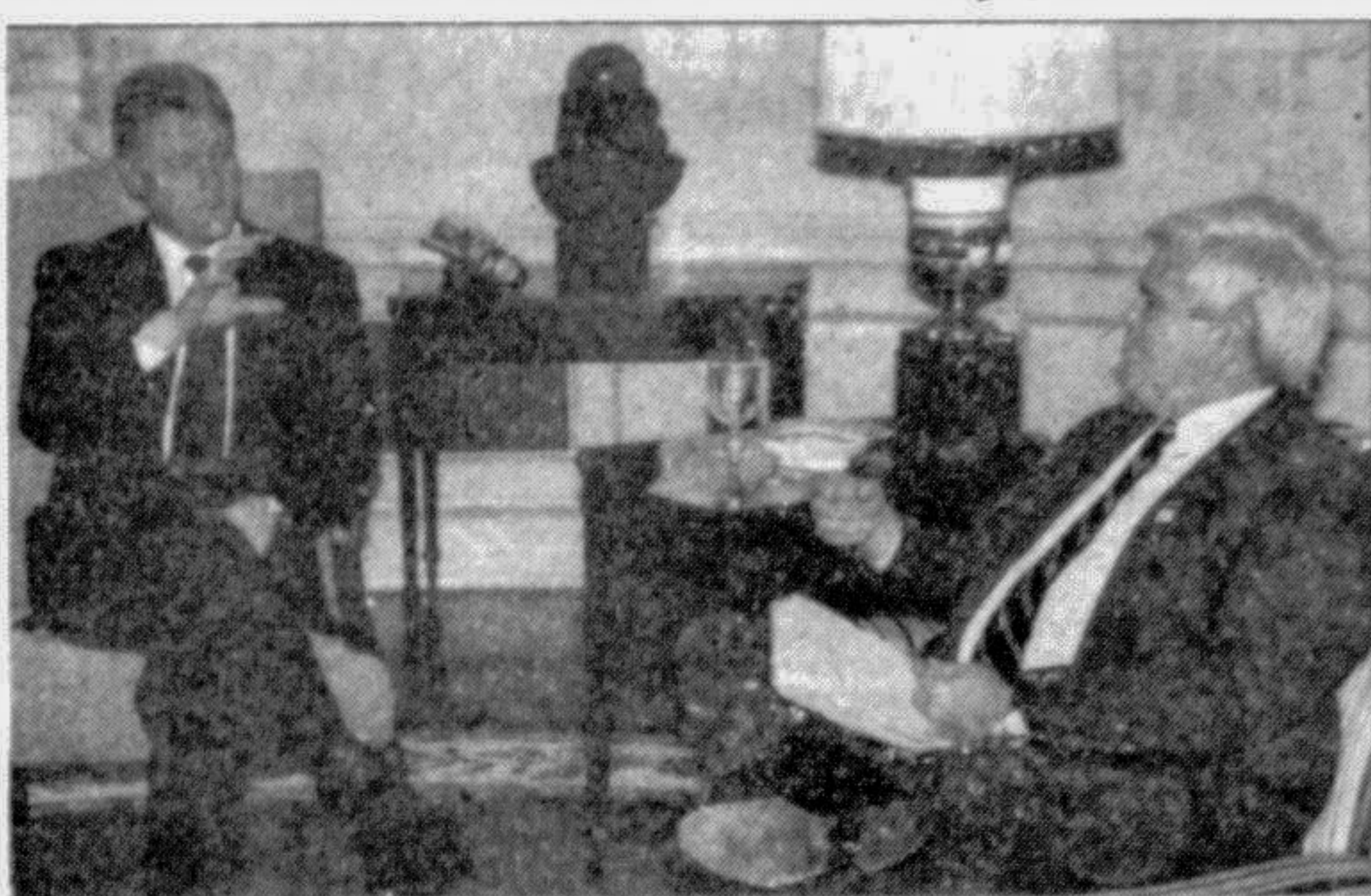
orange, spices and export items like tea from Sylhet-Tamabil-Jafflong areas to other parts of the country.

Meanwhile, considering the tremendous economic potentials of these roads, the World Bank has agreed to finance the Ashuganj-Sylhet road and Kuwait Fund for Development of the Sylhet-Tamabil road project.

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman presided over the meeting at the Secretariat cabinet room. Concerned ministers, state ministers, members of the Planning Commission, secretaries and the Mayor of Rajshahi City Corporation attended the meeting.

The ECNEC meeting also approved the Tk 20 crore Rajshahi City Water Supply Project aimed at producing an additional 97 gallons of water per day. The project is expected to be completed by 1998. It will meet at least 80 per cent of the total daily requirement of water of the Rajshahi city by the year 2000.

Besides, the meeting okayed three other projects taken up by the Energy and Mineral Resources Ministry. These are: 230 Kilo Volt Comilla-Chittagong Power



US President Bill Clinton (L) speaks to Speaker of the US House of Representatives Newt Gingrich (R) during a budget meeting at the White House on Tuesday. Clinton, Gingrich and Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole met to discuss ways to resolve the crisis, which has caused a partial government shutdown.

## Communists, allies to hold 40pc seats in State Duma

MOSCOW, Dec 20: Communists, leftists and their allies will hold about 40 per cent of the seats in the new Russian parliament, according to projections based on results issued today, reports Reuter.

The communists would also need the support of ultra-nationalists led by Vladimir Zhirinovskiy to reach the 226 votes needed for a majority in the 450-seat State Duma (lower house of parliament), electoral analysts said.

The central electoral commission said out of 223 constituency seats decided, the communists had won 57, their agrarian allies 20 and the leftist power to the people bloc led by former Soviet Prime Minister Nikolai Ryzhkov eight.

Far-left communists of working Russia had won one seat.

Many constituency seats have been won by independents who have yet to declare their loyalties. Some may support the communists, although in the last Duma most were pro-government.

## Clinton's bid to resolve budget deadlock

WASHINGTON, Dec 20: President Clinton met with Republican Congressional leaders yesterday to try to resolve a budget deadlock disrupting the government for the second time in a month, but the talks ended with no immediate comment, reports Reuter.

Senate Republican leader Bob Dole and House Speaker Newt Gingrich left the White House after meeting with Clinton for nearly two hours without talking to reporters.

Dole and Gingrich were holding a news conference at the US capital at 5:30 pm est.

There was no immediate White House comment on whether the talks between Clinton and the Republican congressional leaders had produced any results. Clinton met with House and Senate Democratic leaders after his session with Dole and Gingrich.

Meanwhile, the Senate approved and sent to President Bill Clinton on Tuesday a 275 billion dollar defence bill the White House said he would veto because it orders a US anti-missile defence that could wreck treaties cutting nuclear weapons.

The Senate gave the bill

## Agents clash in front of passport office

By DMCH Correspondent

At least five persons were injured during an armed clash reportedly between two groups of agents in front of the passport office at Ekaton in the city yesterday afternoon.

Of the injured, two persons identified as Rafiqul Islam, 28, and Delwar Hossain, 30, were admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH). Both of them received bullet wounds in their legs, medical sources said.

At least ten rounds of gunshots were fired and several crackers blasted during the clash which lasted for about half an hour from around 2:30pm, witnesses said.

The cause of the armed fight could not be known immediately. None was arrested in this connection, Ramna police said.

## Kidnapped businessman rescued

SATKHIRA, Dec 20: Police in a hunt in the Sundarbans on Tuesday night rescued a businessman held to ransom by gunmen, reports UNB.

They arrested four kidnappers along with three guns and 15 bullets from Duglar Char in Shyamnagar thana in the midnight swoop on the captors' hideout.

Acting on a tip-off, police raided the hideout and rescued Wazir Rahman, the owner of a Shrimp project, after an encounter with the miscreants who had demanded Tk 50,000 from the victim.

Abdul Majid, Amir Ali, Abdul Razzak and Hazrat Ali were nabbed and one double-barrel gun, a country-made gun and a pipegun along with 15 rounds of ammunition were seized from them, police said.

## CEC: Polls date

Asked about the number of arms surrendered voluntarily at the directive of the Home Ministry, he simply said the number was not 'noteworthy'.

He recalled that a large number of arms were surrendered voluntarily as all the political parties had reached a consensus on the election issues in 1991. The case was, however, not the same this time, he added.

About voters' list and voters' identity cards, EC Secretary Irshadul Haq said printing of those were delayed due to the current unrest in the country. The job would be completed by the end of this month and on priority basis ID cards would be distributed among the voters in municipal areas by January, he hoped.

"It's a continuous process. The newly introduced ID card system will remain applicable in future for transparent elections," he said.



Police obstructing a procession of the Islami Chhatra Shibir at Purana Paltan crossing in the city during hartal hours yesterday.

## SAF games

with the Maldives at 4:30 pm local time. Radio Bangladesh will broadcast the running commentary of the game.

Silver medalist Bangladesh Kabaddi team will play a vital match against Pakistan at 8:15 at the Nehru Park Sports Complex.

## RESULTS

Table tennis result: In the men's team events Bangladesh lost 1-3 sets against Pakistan this morning at the Santhome High Secondary School Auditorium.

Mosaddequl Huq Rochi beat his Pakistani rival Asim Asiz by 21-19, 21-18 in the first set. But they were eliminated from the event after losing the last 3 sets.

Basketball: Pakistan beat Bangladesh 59-41 in the basketball tie at the Jayalaltha Indoor Sports Complex today, according to BSS.

Pakistan led the first half 29-21. Bangladesh put up a good fight against the much superior Pakistan team.

If Bangladesh can beat Sri Lanka in their encounter against them tomorrow they stand a chance of winning a bronze in the competition.

Kabaddi: India humbled Bangladesh 32-9 in the Kabaddi competition at the Nehru Park Sports Complex today.

India led the first half 21-1. India also won six Ionas against the helpless Bangladesh team.

## Shibir enforces hartal

quarters and in Mymensingh town to protest the death of three of its activists at the Bangladesh Agricultural University in Mymensingh on December 16 in a gunfight with a rival student body.

Shops along the main roads and in shopping complexes remained closed while a large number of rickshaws were seen plying on the roads since morning. Pickets flattened tyres and damaged rickshaws in Farmgate, Mohakhali, Gullistan and Kataban areas. At least a few dozen motor vehicles were also damaged.

Anti-hartal activists backed by Ganatantrik Chhatra Oikya and Muktijoddha Chhatra Command chased a Shibir procession which was going towards the National Press Club to hold a rally at about 8 am. A number of bombs blasts and gunshot were heard during the chase. Police fired tear gas shells to disperse the rival groups. The ICS activists took shelter inside the Baitul Mukarram mosque.

Anti-hartal activists belonging to Chhatra Command, Chhatra League, Gonotantrik Chhatra Oikya and Sammlito Sanskritik Jote gathered at Topkhana Road and in front of National Press Club and again attacked the Shibir activists at the north gate of the mosque at about 11:30 am.

Both sides hurled bombs at each other. At this stage, riot police, who put up barbed wire barriers in-between, intervened and lobbed at least 23 rounds of tear gas shells and fired a few rubber bullets to disperse the rival groups.

There were also chase and counter-chase at Jatrabari, Paltan, Baitul Mukarram, Farmgate and Moghbazar areas.

At Jatrabari, activists in a Shibir procession damaged a number of buses standing on roadside. The transport workers chased them upto the Ittefaq Crossing, witnesses said.

Female students of Dhaka University brought out an anti-Shibir procession from The DU campus and paraded upto the Jatiya Press Club around 10:30 am.

Pro-BNP Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, Awami League backed Chhatra League also brought out separate processions and held rallies denouncing the Shibir's hartal.

Shibir also held a rally near the Paltan crossing at around 12 noon. Addressing the rally Shibir president Rafiqul Islam Khan demanded immediate arrest of those involved in the killings on BAU campus.

Our Staff Correspondent reported from Chittagong that normal life was partially disrupted in the port city due to half-day hartal which was marked by chase and counter-chase between the activists of Shibir and JCD at Kadamtoll amid bomb blasts.

Shibir also held a rally at Anderkilla crossing and brought out a procession.

## The Midnight File

### Pakistan demands amendment to SAARC charter

ISLAMABAD, Dec 20: Pakistan has demanded amendment to the charter of South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC). Pakistani Foreign Minister Asef Ali said at a press conference here today. The SAARC charter should be amended as requested by the majority of the SAARC countries, he said, reports Xinhua.

### Daewoo to install 17500 digital phone lines

Korean Daewoo Corporation and Bangladesh Rural Telecom Authority (BRTA) have signed a contract to install and operate 17,500 digital telephone lines in the country, reports UNB.

Ground breaking ceremony for the project was held in Keraniganj on Tuesday. Daewoo Corporation, the third largest company in South Korea, will install the lines under a BOT (build, operate and transfer) contract for the BRTA.

Officials said the investment from the newly industrialised country came following the recent visit of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia to Seoul, where she invited the Korean entrepreneurs to invest in Bangladesh.

The Korean giant is providing the project at a cost of 23 million US dollars and modern telephone services for the rural telecom service, to be installed at the thana level.

Under the project, 10 telephone exchanges will be set up in thanas like Keraniganj, Dohar, Nawabganj, Palash and Dhanrai within August 1996.

The installation of the 17,500 digital lines is the initial phase of Daewoo Corporation's plan for investment in Bangladesh's telecom sector. The company's project manager Kwang-O Kim told UNB after the signing of the contract.

### Home Secy

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is planning nuclear tests, saying the subject lay outside his ministerial brief.

He will meet British immigration control officials and drug enforcement officers in the sub-continent and sit-in on immigration applicants' interviews as well as taking part in high level discussions with the government of all three countries.

He said he expected questions from local authorities about the upcoming asylum and immigration bill which has sparked controversy over a proposed 'whitelist' of countries — including Pakistan and India, from which all asylum applications would be assumed to be bogus.

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most of the private and government buildings in the city, but Civic Committee sources said those were removed by police and ruling party activists this morning.

Mayor Mohiuddin yesterday distributed one hundred black flags from a rally to ward commissioners and representatives. During today's inaugural function at the terminal building, hundreds of supporters of the ruling party gathered on the road outside the railway station and they changed slogans welcoming the arrival of Begum Zia to the port city.

Besides, people from all strata of life thronged in both the sides of the roads stretching from the railway station to Agrabad commercial area to see the Prime Minister, who also laid the foundation stone, of World Trade Centre to be built by Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

The foundation laying function was scheduled to be held at 11 am today, but it was shifted to 3 pm due to the half-day hartal.

The PM's arrival was delayed, she at first inaugurated the railway terminal building after 3 pm and then attended the foundation laying ceremony at Agrabad.

## ঢাকা ওয়াসা বিজ্ঞপ্তি

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