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12 die in Orissa road accident

others injured when a bus in which they were travelling hit a tree in the eastern Indian state of Orissa, the Press Trust of India said today. "Six people died on the spot and the rest died in the hospital due to serious injuries." police

said. The overcrowded bus carrying about 40 passengers

was travelling to Talcher district from Pllahara town when

NEW DELHI, Jan 23: Twelve people were killed and 12

### ADP implementation rate

# Donors suspect govt bias for political-priority projects

Donors during a review of Bangladesh's development programmes for the current fiscal year yesterday insisted on quality improvement of public spendings to deliver the targeted benefits to the

Donor representatives who met with the government here for a mid-term appraisal of the implementation of the current Annual Development Programme (ADP) reportedly pointed out with concern that the rate of implementation of projects with local currency was faster than the ones under project

Few of them (donors) thought that the trend resulted from government's bias towards execution of political-priority projects. sources close to the meeting told UNB.

The projected size of the 1995-96 ADP is to the tune of Tk 12,100 crore. The government planned to contribute 43 per cent to the fund from its own resources.

**UK Medical Council** 

eases restrictions

on Bangladeshi

graduates again

Council of Britain has further

relaxed restrictions on

Bangladeshi medical gradu-

ates with effect from January

1, according to a message re-

ceived in Dhaka yesterday.

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and Linguistic Assessment

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ganisations (WHO), are eligi-

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Bangladesh Medical Associa-

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For further information

persons interested may write

individually directly to Gen-

eral Medical Council, Over-

seas Registration Division, 44

Hallam Street, London, in

Doctors' strike

meeting, called by the Chik-

itshak Sangram Committee.

at the conference room of

the hospital yesterday. Presi-

dent of the Dhaka Medical

College Teachers' Association

dressed by Prof M A Hadi.

Prof Nazmun Nahar, Prof M A

Majid, Prof M A Awal, Dr Qazi

Shahidul Alam, Dr Sharfuddin

Ahmed, Dr A Z M Zahid Hos-

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The meeting was ad-

Prof M A Rashid presided.

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Doctors, who in addition

tion sources in UK said.

The Council has lifted all

reports BSS.

The General Medical

ning Dr A Moyeen Khan, who presided over the review meeting, denied outright any motivated prioritisation by the government in ADP implementation.

During nearly a three-hour meeting in the NEC conference room, donors also expressed scepticism about attaining the original ADP targets amidst the current political uncertainty.

Also they voiced concern at the increasing government borrowing, appeared critical of initiating some big manufacturing units in the public sector and reiterated suggestions on easing project implementation procedures, including delegation of more power to the project authori-

Dr Moyeen Khan was learnt to have attempted to allay the donors' anxiety over any adverse impact of the political situation on ADP exe-

He disclosed at the meeting that ADP utilisation during the first six months of current fiscal year was 29 per State Minister for Plan- cent as against 32 per cent

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Sarwar Jamal

re-elected

CCCI chief

From Staff Correspondent

Sarwar Jamal Nizam has been

re-elected president of Chit-

tagong Chamber of Com-

merce and Industry (CCC&I)

Nizam was re-elected un-

contested at a meeting of the

board of directors of the

CCC&I held today with Ali

The meeting also re-elected Jafrul Islam Chowd-

hury senior vice-president

and Nurul Quaym Khan vice-

president respectively of the

CCC&I, according to a press

for a one-year term.

Ahmed in the chair.

CHITTAGONG, Jan 23:

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District Byabasayee Oikya

(PCCI), reports UNB.

PABNA, Jan 23: The local

during the same period of

According to sources, the minister told the donors that the utilisation trend was a reflection of development programmes remaining unaffected by the country's volatile political situation.

Dr Khan argued in favour of retaining the ADP size as it is as some donors said the projection was on the high side. He said rate of implementation would accelerate in the second half of the fis-

Meeting sources said the representative of International Monetary Fund (IMF) vented serious concern at the 'alarming' rise in government borrowing and thus spoonfeeding the losing public enterprises with subsidy.

Many a donor, including the World Bank, criticised the move towards setting up some industrial units, including the proposed Shahjalal fertiliser project, contrary to its adopted policy of deregulation and privatisation.



A fire gutted about 150 shanties at Dapa Slum at Fatullah in Narayanganj yesterday. -- Star photo

#### Ciller proposes coalition govt

ANKARA, Jan 23: Prime Minister Tansu Ciller today proposed a coalition government with the conservative Motherland Party on the principle of a rotating prime minister, reports AFP.

Motherland leader Mesut Yilmaz told a televised joint news conference with Ciller that his party would evaluate the proposal in the coming

### Reaction

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headed by the President could be formed? it asked. Nasim said the meeting observed that in her address Begum Zia presented some 'lame excuses' to justify her bid to hold a 'one-party election under a blue print.

"After violating the Consti tution time and again, now she (PM) is posing as saviour of the Constitution, said Nasim. "BNP is the best example of how an elected and legitimate governmen becomes an autocratic one."

The meeting resolved to intensify the current movement for resisting the 'oneparty' elections and strongly protested "BNP activists' at tack" on a rally of the AL in Sylhet yesterday, said Nasim,

Meanwhile, AL chie Sheikh Hasina said that the motivated speech would deepen the political crisis and lead the nation to

unavoidable confrontations. In a statement, Hasina accused the PM of violating the articles 7, 11, 14, 15, 19, 21 22, 27 to 29, 31 to 33, 36, 37, 39 and 83 of the Constitution as well as her oath as PM, only to cling to

She said that the PM's claim in her speech that she (PM) had offered to step down before the resignation of opposition members from parliament was far from

"The PM has to explain by why she misled the nation in her speech over radio and television," the AL Chief said. Jatiya Party Secretary General Anwar Hossain Maniu said that the PM never paid heed to the Opposition demand for a caretaker government and she never

shifted from her stand. The PM's claim of upholding the Constitution was baseless, he said.

## Iran-Bangla official talks Progress of MOU

# on energy sector discussed

The first round official meeting between Iran and Bangladesh yesterday reviewed the implementation progress of the MOU on energy and oil sector, reports

Energy and Mineral Resources Secretary Moham mad Faizur Razzak led the Bangladesh side while Iranian Deputy Petroleum Minister Nejad Hosseinian led the Iranian side at the meeting at the state guest house Meghna'.

The meeting had a detailed discussion on the progress of different components of the MOU and reviewed the outcome of the follow-up meetings of Iran-Bangladesh Joint Commission.

The MOU on energy and oil sector includes import of 70000 metric tons of bitumin. LPG supply, setting up of a new oil refinery, revamping of existing oil refinery and exploration of oil and gas in Bangladesh.

The meeting informed that Iran has just completed a preliminary feasibility study for setting up the second refinery in Chittagong. Members of the joint commission from both the sides have been working for import of LPG and develop storage and bottling system of LPG in Bangladesh.

Nejad Hosseinian yesterday called on Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Dr Khandaker Mosharraf

Hossain at the Bangladesh Secretariat. The two ministers dis-

cussed different aspects of

the progress of the MOU

signed in October last year during the first ever visit of Iranian President Ali Akbar Hasemi Rafsanjani to Bangladesh. Dr Mosharraf Hossain ap-

prised the Iranian deputy minister of the latest process of importing 70 thousand metric tons of bitumin. He informed that all for-

malities including opening of letter of credit (LC) have been completed and a Bangladeshi ship is now waiting at an Irani sea port to take delivery of the first consignment of the bitumin. But due to the slow pace on Iranian side, delivery of the bitumin is being delayed.

He urged the minister to expedite the delivery process. The Iranian petroleum minister assured that he would personally look into the matter and arrange urgent delivery of the bitumin.

Energy and Mineral Resources Secretary Mohammad Faizur Razzak, Iranian Ambassador in Bangladesh Mahmoud Bayat, Secretary General of Iran Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Mine Dr Shams Ardekani and Joint Secretary of the Ministry of Energy, who is also a member of Iran-Bangladesh Joint Commission, Abdul Latif were present.

#### Aricha

ferry ghats.

#### 152 houses gutted in Fatullah slum From Our Correspondent

NARAYANGANJ, Jan 23: At least 152 makeshift houses at a slum in Fatullah thana area were gutted this

Meanwhile, agitating people in the locality assatilted five firemen for their alleged delay in reaching the spot at Dapa Idrakpur near Desma Shoe factory. Of the injured, Noor Hossain Dhali Abdur Rashid and Babul Chakraborty were admitted to the Narayanganj Sadar

The fire reportedly originated from a household stove in a house of the slum at about 2:30 pm. locals said. Five units of the fire bri-

gade from Narayangan Postagola and Hazigan took about an hour to extinguish the inferno. fire service sources said.

#### Appointment

Major General Abu Kaiser Fazlul Kabir, NDC, PSC, has been appointed new Director General of Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BHSS). He has replaced Major General Ghulam Quader, official sources said yesterday, reports UNB.

#### **Pontoons**

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us to refrain from financing this contract. Earlier, a bid evaluation

committee of Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) and a design and coordination consultant evaluated the bids and considered BSEC as non-respon-

BIWTA has, however, rejected the evaluation and has been insisting that the work be awarded to the BSEC.

# 365 nominations

in Chittagong-5 and Shah newaz Montu in Chittagong-

the accident occurred reports AFP.

Out of 27 candidates in five constituencies of Narayanganj. 14 withdrew their candidature.

Six candidates withdrew in seven constituencies in Kishoreganj leaving 40 others to contest.

Five candidates, one each in all the five constituencies in Rajshahi district withdrew their candidature leaving 12 in the race.

BNP Chairperson and Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia will contest in Rajshahi-2 against three candidates from Freedom Party. NDA and Progotishil Party. A total of three candidates

withdrew their nomination paper in Moulvibazar district. Although two candidates withdrew their candidature in favour of Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman, a last minute scrutiny found the nomination paper of another candidate valid in his con-

### PM, Speaker

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Chowdhury, Health Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf and his brother Chowdhury Akmal Ibne Yusuf, Communications Minister Oli Ahmed Prime Minister's Special Envoy Morshed Khan, State Minister for Establishment Barrister Aminul Haq, State Minister for Social Welfare Faziur Rahman Potol, former Whips M A Karim and Mahbubul Alam Tara and Golam Akbar Khandakar, Alamgir Kabir, Gazi Aziz Ferdous, Prof Rezaul Karim, Shah Chin Pru, Maidul Islam, Kamruddin, Nazmul Huda, Salahuddin Ahmed and Khalequzzaman, Wahidul Alam. Shahnewaz Montu. Shahidul Huq Jamal and Yakub Ali.

Law Minister Mirza Golam Hafiz is the lone candidate in Panchagarh-1 as all the three contestants withdrew nomination papers yesterday.

Three rivals of Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury withdrew their candidature having him the lone candidate in Narayanganj-1 constituency. In Narayanganj-3 also Prof Rezaul Karim in the only candidate.

Health Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf and his brother Chowdhury Akmal Ibne Yusuf have no rivals in Faridpur-3 and Faridpur-4 constituencies as all six other candidates withdrew from the polls race.

Oli Ahmed is the lone candidate in Chittagong-13 and Chittagong-14 constituencies.

State Minister Aminul Hag is the lone candidate in Rajshahi-1, Whip M A Karim in Netrokona-1, and Mahbubul Alam Tara in a constituency

stituency. A candidate of the Combined Islami Action Council will now be contesting Saifur Rahman Some 12 candidates will be contesting from three other constituencies in Moulvibazar district.

Nineteen candidates withdrew their nomination papers in Pabna district.

Eight candidates withdrew their nomination papers in six constituencies of Khulna district, bringing down the number of the candidates in the constituencies to 26. Speaker Shaikh Razzak Ali is left uncontested in Khulna-6 where his only opponent withdrew yesterday.

Six candidates from Faridpur-3 and Faridpur-4 and one candidate from Faridpur-1 have withdrawn their candidature leaving Health Minister Chowdhury Kamal Ibne Yusuf, the lone candidate in Faridpur-3 and Chowdhury Akmal Ibne Yusuf in Faridpur-4. Some 21 candidates will now be contesting in three other constituencies.

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that the government wanted to hold elections with the participation of all political parties and added that there was no dearth of sincerity and earnestness on their

part to create an atmosphere

for the participation of all parties in the polls. She said that the government had tried its utmost to ensure participation of all political parties and had given the maximum concessions as allowed under the

Constitution. The Prime Minister said that she cannot transfer power to an unelected or nominated person as per the

Constitution. Begum Zia said it was not possible to violate the Constitution even for the sake of

political settlement. She also extended her

sincere greetings to those parties which had come forward to help maintain the democratic process despite hostility and propaganda by a section of Opposition political parties.

The Prime Minister urged all irrespective of party affiliations to give importance to the interests of the country above all things and help safeguard democracy at any

#### ROK presidents

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tally suppress a pro-democracy uprising in Kwangju, an opposition stronghold, six months later. By official count, 240 peo-

ple were killed and more than 1,800 others injured or wounded in the bloodiest civil uprising in modern South Korean history.

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## Sylhet

From Page 1 Meanwhile, the district BNP, at a protest meeting at Ambarkhana Bazar blamed the Awami League and Jamaat-Shibir activists for attacking the BNP's

procession. The Prime Minister is scheduled to visit the Mazar of Hazrat Shahjalal (RA) and Shah Poran (RA) tomorrow morning.

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department of the BUET Dr Monowar Hossain, additional director of Jamuna Multipurpose Bridge Authority Nazrul Islam, Chairmen of BIWTA and BIWTC, representatives of Water Development Board and Ham International and officials of the dredging department of the BIWTA.

The state minister also visited Aricha and Daulatdia

# Multi-million dollar bribery scandal

# 3 ex-ministers of Rao govt chargesheeted

NEW DELHI, Jan 23: The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) today filed charesheets against three former cabinet colleagues of Prime Minister P V

Narasimha Rao, reports BSS. Those who have been chargesheeted are former Human Resources Minister Madhav Rao Scindia, former Parliamentary Affairs Minister V C Shukla and former Agriculture Minister Balaram Jakhar in the popularly known "hawala case".

The chargesheets were filed in the court of special judge V B Gupta, before whom the investigating agency had also filed chargesheets against seven other political leaders, including former Deputy Prime Minister of V P. Singh gov-ernment Devi Lal, pro-Hindu Bharatiya Janata Party Chief L K Advani and leader of breakaway Congress Arjun Singh on January 16 and against 18 bureaucrats technocrats in

November låst year. The chargesheets were framed on the basis of a diary found at the premises of Jain brothers in 1991 in the multi-crore rupees foreign currency case (rupees 65

crore). Besides. CBI also chargesheeted on January 16 against former ministers

Kalpanath Rai and Arif Mohammad Khan and Devi Lal's grandson Pradeep Singh. Ministers V C Shukla.

Madhav Rao Scindia and Balarma Jakhar had resigned from the Rao cabinet when the CBI sought sanction of the president to move ahead with investigation against, them for their alleged involvement in the hawala case. Environment and Forest

Minister of Rao's cabinet Rajesh Pilot today demanded the holding of a meeting of the ruling party's apex body to discuss the issue of election funding, describing the hawala case as an opportunity to make the country's political system clean. His remarks came at a function of nongovernment organisations.

Meanwhile, Congress spokesman V N Gadgil made if clear that there was no question of the prime minister resigning in the wake of allegations levelled against him by BJP and other opposition parties.

During his regular briefing at the ruling party's office, Gadgil also rejected the charges made by BJP leader Atal Behari Vajpayee that Rao had taken Rs 3 crore from S K Jain in two instalments. Referring to the reported statement of S K Jain as released by Vajpayee earlier on

the day bringing allegations against Rao, the spokesman said. "A statement made by an accused cannot be held basis for any investigation. He described Vajpayee's allegations as false and baseless. Meanwhile, the Indian

Prime Minister P V Narasimha Rao reacted very sharply to the allegations brought against him by the leader of the opposition in the Lok Sabha Atal Behari Vajpayee that he (Rao) had taken rupees three (3) crore from S K Jain, the prime accused in the hawala case. An official spokesman of

the government told a hurriedly convened news conference here this evening that. "the allegations against the prime minister is totally baseless. The prime minister has not received any money from S K Jain, nor had he authorised any one else to receive money on his behalf." Earlier on the day, Vaj-

payee told a crowded press conference that the Indian Prime Minister Rao had received the money from S K Jain through others in instalments. He also released a statement which is claimed to have been made by Jain, the prime accused in the hawala case, before the investigating agencies includ-ing Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

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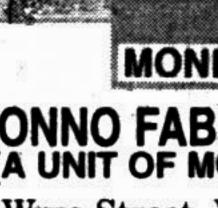
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