

## 54-member body to formulate edn policy

The government constituted a 54-member committee to formulate a realistic national education policy reinforcing the Qudrat-e-Khuda Commission report, reports UNB.

An official release yesterday said the National Education Committee would make recommendations on the basis of reports submitted by the Khuda Commission in 1974.

The commission, led by noted scientist Dr Qudrat-e-Khuda, was formed as per direction by father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

The national committee will review the reports and also examine all aspects of education problems prevailing in the country to update different proposals of the commission.

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Ramadan	Jan	Sehri	Iftar
11	21	—	5:40
12	22	5:20	5:41
13	23	5:20	5:42

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একজন সৎ মানুষ একজন সৎ করদাতাও বটে

বিধিবদ্ধ সতর্কীকরণ "ধূমপান ব্যাস্তের জন্য ক্ষতিকর" সিগারেট প্যাকেটের গায়ে বাংলাতে মুদ্রিত নয় এমন সিগারেট বিক্রয় নিষিদ্ধ। এই ধরনের সিগারেট পরিবহন, মওজুদ ও বিক্রয় চোরাচালান সংজ্ঞার আওতায় বিশেষ ক্ষমতা আইনে মৃত্যুদণ্ডসহ গুরুতর শাস্তিযোগ্য অপরাধ। এই জাতীয় নিষিদ্ধ সিগারেট ধূমপানে বিরত থাকুন। ইহা পরিবহন করে একস্থান থেকে অন্য স্থানে নিবেন না, মওজুদ করবেন না, বিক্রয় করবেন না। এই সতর্কীকরণ বাস্তবায়নের জন্য আইন-শৃঙ্খলা প্রয়োগকারী সংস্থা, শক্ত বিভাগ ও নো-বাহিনী আটক তরুণ অভিযান পরিচালনা করছেন।

## Bangabandhu murder case Farooq, Shahriar, 4 others produced in court

By Staff Correspondent

Six persons accused in the Bangabandhu murder case were produced before the court of Chief Metropolitan Magistrate yesterday.

The next date for hearing of the case has been fixed on February 20.

The Central Investigation Department (CID) submitted the charge-sheet in the Bangabandhu murder case in the CMM's Court on January 17, accusing 24 persons.

The six accused, who were arrested by the CID earlier and are being held in the Dhaka Central Jail as under trial prisoners, are: Col (retd) Syed Farooq Rahman, Col (retd) Shahriar Rashid Khan, Lt Col

an hour stay at the court-premises.

UNB adds: None moved any bail petition on behalf of the arrested accused of the Bangabandhu murder case.

Before the court, Zobaida Rashid said: "I am ill. I'm a housewife. I have no connection with the murder."

Taheruddin Thakur said, "I want to retract the statement made on October 26 under section 164 of the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC)." But he didn't file any petition in this regard.

Khandaker Mushtaque Ahmed, Mahbubul Alam Chashee, Captain (retd) Mostafa and Risalder (retd) Sarwar have been shown as accused although

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Call attention notice accepted

## JMB to be renamed after Bangabandhu

By Staff Correspondent

Communications Minister Anwar Hossain Manju accepted a call attention notice proposing renaming of the Jamuna Multi-purpose Bridge as "Bangabandhu Jamuna Bridge" during yesterday's sitting of the Jatiya Sangsad.

Several BNP lawmakers, however, registered their objections to the proposal made by ruling party legislator Abdul Latif Mirza.

Thanking Mirza for the proposal, the Communications Minister, who is also the secretary general of Jatiya Party, told the House that several past governments, including that of JP Chief H M Ershad's, and the donors were involved with the huge project for constructing the bridge.

On renaming of the bridge.

### JS tidbits

By Nazmul Ashraf

The Jatiya Sangsad yesterday enjoyed some lighter moments when Awami League member Joinal Abedin Hajari asked the Home Minister how many "madmen" were in jails.

Home Minister Rafiqul Islam replied, "Some people are detained in the jails for their madness. But there are many madmen outside the jails."

Replies to another question from Hajari whether the government had any plan to build a separate jail for "mad people," Rafiqul Islam said he personally supported the idea.

The lawmakers burst into laughter when Deputy Speaker Abdul Hamid, chairing the session, quipped, "We're lucky that there is no madman in this parliament."

Rising on a point of order, BNP lawmaker Maj (retd) See Page 12 Col 8

Home Minister eschews JS questions on jail revolt

By Staff Correspondent

Jatiya Sangsad witnessed a hue and cry for few minutes yesterday as the Home Minister denied to answer questions on jail revolts saying the matter was under investigation.

Taking the floor Salauddin Qader Chowdhury asked whether the government has taken any specific step regarding South Talpatti. He also expressed his ignorance about the Ganges water treaty with India and asked the Foreign Minister to let the House know about it.

In his sharp reply, Azad said the entire world knows about the Ganges water sharing treaty and he had received felicitations from different See Page 12 Col 6

Cold wave grips Rangpur, other districts

RANGPUR, Jan 20: Severe cold wave gripped Rangpur and its adjacent districts today, reports BSS.

According to the Met office, the mercury fell between 11.8 degree Celsius and 07.8 degree Celsius in the district.

People shivering in cold are eagerly waiting for sunny days as the sky remained overcast by deep fog. Chilly wind and high shower turned the situation worse.

Mirza Azam asked how

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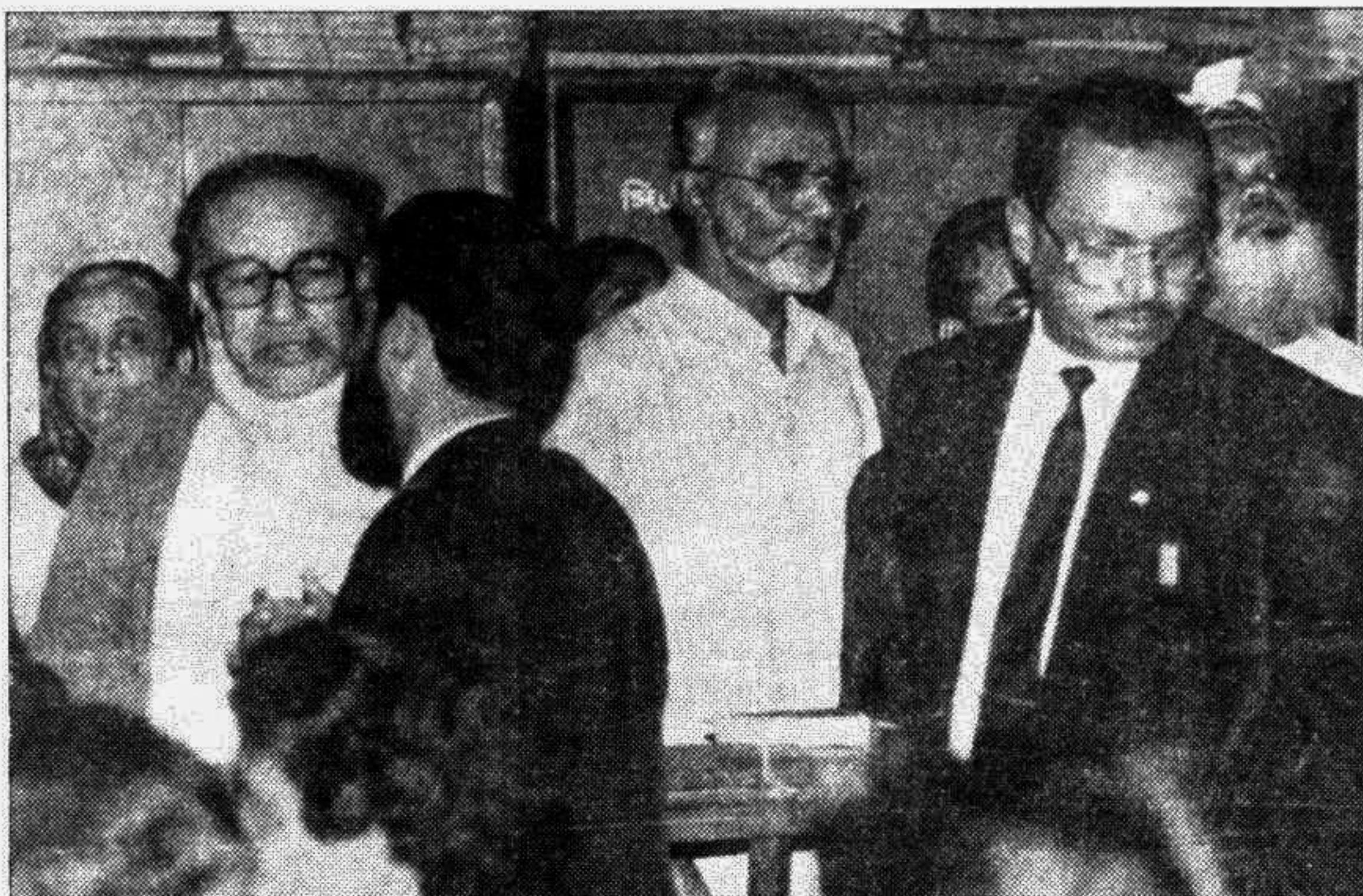
Govt employees call off strike in Tangail

From Our Correspondent

TANGAIL, Jan 20: The 60-hour long impasse in the district administration office ended today when employees of the District Collectorate office announced suspension of their indefinite strike till Eid-ul-Fitr following an assurance given by the Deputy Commissioner to address their complaints.

The announcement to call off the strike was made from the rally of the Liaison Committee of Bangladesh Government Employees Coordination

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Col (retd) Farooq Rahman (C) and five others accused in Bangabandhu Murder Case were produced in the CMM court yesterday.

—Star photo

## Yasmin murder Warrant for arrest of 25 witnesses

From Our Correspondent

RANGPUR, Jan 20: The Special Court Judge, Rangpur, today adjourned the hearing of the sensational Yasmin rape and murder case and fixed January 27 and 28 as the next dates for hearing.

Today's hearing was adjourned as 14 witnesses supposed to appear before the court to submit their depositions did not turn up. The judge ordered issuance of warrants of arrest against them.

Yesterday also, the special court issued warrants against eleven other witnesses for their failure to attend the court for submitting their depositions.

The 25 witnesses are: Four physicians, four police personnel, twelve persons belonging to various professions and four prostitutes.

## HC stay order on removal of two SEC members

By SC Correspondent

The High Court ordered an stay of the government order relieving Alamgir Kabir and Dr AKM Shahabul Alam from the posts of member of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

Acting on separate writ petitions, the division bench of the HC, comprising Justice Md. Mozammel Haque and Justice

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## Testing time for top guns

MELBOURNE, Jan 20: World number one Pete Sampras fought off a determined 19-year-old Dominik Hrbaty of Slovakia in five sets to reach the quarterfinals of the Australian Open here today, report agencies.

Sampras, down 2-4 in the final set, clawed back to beat the 76th-ranked Hrbaty 6-7 (4/7), 6-3, 6-4, 3-6 and 6-4 in nearly three hours of intense heat on Centre Court.

The American will next play No 10 Albert Costa of Spain.

Third seeded Croatian Goran Ivanisevic also survived a testing time against Norway's Christian Ruud before prevailing 4-6, 6-2, 6-7 (7/9), 6-3 and 6-3. He next faces the number five seed Austrian Thomas Muster in the last eight. The Austrian beat American Jim Courier in a tight four-setter 6-2, 3-6, 7-6 (7/4) and 6-3.

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Ganges water sharing treaty tabled

## Three bills in JS to extend tenure of CHT bodies

By Staff Correspondent

that extension of the tenure of the parishes proved incompetence of the government in holding elections there.

Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Noor Uddin Khan, who is also in charge of Special Affairs Division in Parliament, argued that the extension was necessary to hold "meaningful" elections in the hill districts.

President Shahabuddin Ahmed had earlier promulgated three ordinances extending the time limit for holding fresh elections in the three hill districts to 2000 days from 1640 days.

The original tenure of the elected local government parishes expired on July 11, 1992, and the tenure was extended, in phases, by 1640 days until January 5, 1997.

Major (retd) Akhteruzzaman MP of the BNP opposed introduction of the bills and said

the region.

However, the BNP legislator's objection was rejected by the House by voice votes.

The Minister for Water Resources Abdur Razzaq placed in the House the recently signed Ganges water sharing treaty with India. The House is scheduled to have a three-hour discussion on the content of the treaty soon.

Immediately after placing of the treaty in Bangla version, Opposition Chief Whip Khan-Darul Hossain requested the Treasury Bench to provide the English version of the agreement, which is the standard in case of any dispute on the treaty. The Deputy Speaker Abdul Hamid

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## 5 fire incidents in a day in city: 20 hurt

By Staff Correspondent

At least 20 people were injured and more than 250 thatched houses, shops, shoe factories and godowns gutted in five fire incidents in the city yesterday.

The fire, which broke out at about 3.15 am, was brought under control at about 3.50 am.

Some 25 kutchha houses were gutted at the Bara Quarter slum at south Pahartali in another blaze at about 11 pm Sunday night.

The fire originated from an oven and soon engulfed the surrounding houses in the slum.

In another fire incident at 3.30 pm today, a small grocery and a tea stall were gutted near Khan Saheb's school in Dhumkali thana.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister

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Water flow at Hardinge Bridge up

BHERAMARA (Kushtia), Jan 20: The water flow of the River Padma increased by 423 cusecs at the Hardinge Bridge point during the last 36 hours. Hydrology Department sources said today, reports BSS.

The water flow was recorded 56 thousand and 206 cusecs today against 55 thousand and 793 cusecs on Saturday.

Bangladesh-India joint team to measure and monitor water flow at Hardinge Bridge point on Saturday.

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