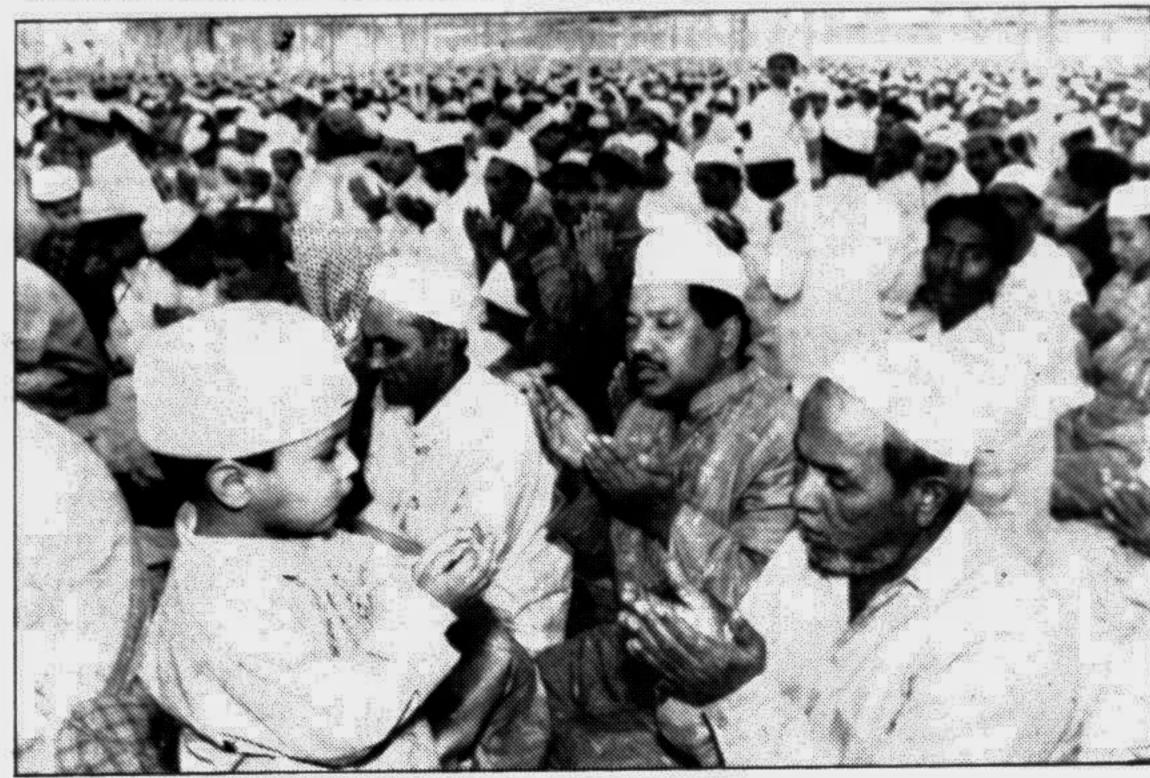


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Munajat being offered at Eid congregation at the National Eidgah in the city.

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#### FBCCI team leaves for Delhi today

A high-powered businessmen delegation led by Yussuf Abdullah Harun, President of the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) leaves here today for New Delhi accompanying the prime minister, reports

Other members of the delegation are Samson H Chowdhury. Abdul Awal Mintoo, R Maksud Khan, Abdul Hague, Obaidur Rahman, Kazi Zafarullah, C K Hyder, Syed Toufique Ali and A K M Shamsuddoha, a FBCCI press release said today.

The delegation will discuss matters of bilateral trade, investment and other issues concerning trade matters with the leaders of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) and the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).

The delegation is expected to return on February 16.

#### Massive hunt for ULFA activists in Assam

GUWAHATI, Feb 13: The army has launched an intensive operation in the Kamalpur area of Assam's Kamrup district following the ambush late on Tuesday night by the banned ULFA who killed two soldiers and seriously injured 10 others. reports PTI.

Official sources said here today that the army has launched a massive hunt to track the extremists and was combing the area to flush them

Stating the ULFA had waylaid an army convoy on way to the Indo-Bhutan border to raid hideouts militant Haberikura village near Kamalpur, sources said, that the extremists fired indiscriminately killing two jawans on the spot. The army personnel also retaliated.

The slain had been identi fied as lance naik Sambhu Bahadur and R G Paradikar while the injured were shifted to the army base hospital at Bashistha here.

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any signing of agreement had to

oughly for its soundness and

ing the government's own rules

for negotiation will only repeat

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was discovered in November,

1995, by Petrobangla's explo-

ration unit BAPEX. It has a

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gas field for one year earlier

conducted a "non-committal"

study on the gas field with the

help of BAPEX and had submit-

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up a 200 MW power station by

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and submit its detailed plans

for Shahbazpur gas field. If the

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## Knitwear export orders

From Page

said another exporter of knitted garments.

Manufacturers are now working on products for which LCs were opened before January 23, the day from which the EPB strictly applied the rules of origin. But they are fearing cancel lation of their orders as importers are pressing for shifting of import duty on the exporters.

A leading supplier to the European market told The Daily Star that his average monthly export of knit apparels enjoying GSP facility came down from 25 containers to 12 containers last month. "For this month, I expect export to further decline to ten containers. he said.

Meanwhile, assessment by Coopers and Lybrand, a London-based leading market analyst, on January 27 said up to 90 per cent of the garments imported to the EC under GSP were not entitled to preference, rather than the 75 per cent previously suggested.

Coopers and Lybrand has also cautioned that importers should note that UK Customs have been unable to obtain assurances that GSP Forms A are now being issued in respect of eligible goods only. UK Customs have therefore decided that, with immediate effect, security for the full amount of duty must be provided for any knitted garments declared for GSP from Bangladesh before they will be released for free circulation.

It has also cautioned that "GSP has not been withdrawn from Bangladesh - but you will need pretty good evidence to convince anybody that any knitted garments are eligible. Although there are discussions regarding the simplification of GSP origin rules for the least developed countries, nothing has been agreed upon and, even when it is, it will not be backdated. Likewise, the EC has not agreed to waive its demands for

back duty.' Meanwhile, a Joint Customs Consultative Committee (JCCC), UK, information paper issued in January said importers and agents will have to provide security for the full rate of customs duty before any such product is released for free cir-

a final accord might be signed.

Bhola island is now only 5 MW.

If a 200 MW power station is set

up there, a 71 km 132 KV power

supply line will be required to

be installed in order to utilise

the remaining power by supply-

ing it to the regional grid. Ac

cording to a preliminary esti-

mate of the Energy Ministry

such a scheme would cost 235

nies like Shell or Exxon, Esso

have submitted their proposals

for the development of Shah-

bazpur gas field. Their propos

als are good and there is no

point in ignoring them," said an

In mid-Eighties, multina-

tional company Shell left this

country when it was refused the

right to explore the Surma

basin in Sylhet. The then gov-

ernment had, instead, allowed a

lesser known company -

Schimitar — to work there.

Schimitar ultimately left the

country amidst charges of ir-

regularities and Bangladesh

had to face a litigation at the in-

ternational arbitration court in

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Bangladesh for almost a decade.

official requesting anonymity.

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Gas: US co allowed

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culation, and pending the outcome of enquiries to establish its entitlement to preference.

According to reliable sources, Vice-President of EC really benefitted the targeted countries and that there was no deviation of trade.

The EC has also not committed any timeframe for solution of the problem. But at the insistence of the Minister for an early decision, the vice-president assured that there was a positive attitude towards finding a satisfactory solution to the problem, the services involved were working closely together and he hoped there would be a favourable outcome before too long.

## Thakurgaon-1

clared a general holiday in the Thakurgaon-1 constituency for next Tuesday (Feb 18) when byelection to the Parliament seat will be held, reports UNB.

It has also banned carrying firearms in the entire district from 1 pm on Saturday to Tuesday noon under Article 17A of the Arms Act in order to ensure free voting in a congenial lawand-order situation, said an of-

"Stern action, including seizure of the arms under Article 17A(2) of the Arms Act 1878 will be taken against anyone who violates the prohibition, the government warned.

The restriction, however will not be applicable for the law-enforcing agencies policing the forthcoming bypolls as well as security guards of different government, semi-government and non-government organisa-

#### Book Fair

Igbal, Humayun Azad, Abdul lah Al-Muti Sharifuddin, Nirmalendu Goon and Al-Mah mood may be the leading writ ers in terms of publications for this year, the sources said.

The six publishing houses

Maola Brothers, pointing out the problems of publishing 'creative books, said, although the readers were increasing but new writers were not coming up accordingly. He said subjects were being diversified which helped increase new readers. "Publishers should find out

finding out publishers," Huq said. He suggested the publishers to encourage the authors to write on various subjects. such as 'Ganges Water Agree-

Maola is bringing out books ment,' Bangladesh's Politics by Tarek Shamsur Rahman, novels by late Akhtaruzzaman Ilias (Zal Swapna, Swapner Zal) and Nasrin Zahan (Boidehi) and collections of love-poems.

Talking to The Daily Star, noted popular science writer Abdullah Al-Muti Sharfuddin said awards could be introduced to create new writers. He introduced two awards named after his father and mother — "Halnew authors but did not get sufficient response. The awards Academy and the Asiatic Society since 1991-92.

### Kesri blamed for defeat in recent elections

NEW DELHI, Feb 13: Fresh infighting erupted in India's Congress (I) Party today, with a group of dissidents blaming its new chief for its stunning defeat in a series of elections last week, reports AFP.

Ten Congress members of parliament close to former premier P V Narasimha Rao urged party president Sitaram Kesri to call a meeting to discuss the humiliation.

They said the party's drub-bing in elections to the legislature in the northern state of Punjab and in 18 parliamen-tary and state byelections held on February 7 were a major

The reverses have "greatly demoralised the party leading to a feeling of despondency," a joint statement said, "It is a certain indication of further erosion of the support base and loss of image.

The statement was seen as a further intensification of a proxy war between Rao, who was Congress president for five years until September, and his successor Kesri, who has been warring with Rao supporters.

Steps taken to

ensure supply

of urea in

Dinajpur

JHENIDAH, Feb 13: Emer

gency steps have been taken to

ensure adequate supply of urea

in the district where farmers

staged demonstration Wednes-

day blocking the Dhaka-

Khulna highway, a top official

hammad Mizanur Rahman told

UNB that 50 to 100 metric tons

of urea would be supplied in the

district everyday for five days

from today to meet the shortfall

caused by labour strike in

The government had allotted

5,026 metric tons of urea for the

district for the month of Jan-

uary, 4,011 mt for February and

tion received only 547 mt of

urea during the month of Jan-

from Kaliganj buffer stock

godown to Jessore, Magura,

Meherpur and Chuadanga dis-

tricts, will remain suspended

for the five days to meet the fer-

to 250 per 50-kg bag in the dis-

Urea is now selling at Tk 240

Some 2,000 peasants of Nal-

danga and Maharajpur unions

in Sadar thana blocked the

Dhaka-Khulna highway for

three hours on Wednesday de-

manding adequate supply of

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are in progress in the two

Christian protestors

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in Karachi

Thursday tear gassed Christian

demonstrators protesting anti-

Christian clashes last week

that left one person dead and

two churches destroyed, reports

ioined the march through this

southern port city to mark riots

last Wednesday in Khanewal,

600 miles (950 kilometers) to

A force of 200 police, armed

with automatic rifles and

backed by armoured cars,

charged the marchers with ba-

tons as they approached the res-

idence of the governor of south-

riously injured when he was hit

by a tear gas shell. Many were

severely beaten by police, wit-

Sylhet clash

As a result, a fierce clash

broke out between the anti-and

pro-fair group in which 50 peo-

ple including on duty policemen

were injured. Eleven seriously

injured persons were admitted

More than six shops were

Two cases were registered

looted by the agitating people

with Companyganj police.

Twenty-nine persons including

12 actresses of the jatra party

A tense situation was pre-

vailing at Companyganj follow-

were arrested from the spot.

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At least one marcher was se-

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Hundreds of Christians

KARACHI. Feb 13: Police on

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Deputy Commissioner Mo-

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trict market, he said.

The once-dominant Congress lost by-elections held to fill four parliament seats, and 14 out of 18 by-elections for different state assemblies.

The Congress defeat included the loss of a seat its candidates had been winning for 16 years. Two other seats which it won even during a countrywide op-position wave in 1977 were

The most disastrous show was in Punjab, where a Sikh-Hindu alliance swept to power after crushing the ruling Congress party.

"The loss of ... impregnable citadels ... is a matter of grave concern," the Congress members said.

There was no immediate response from the Kesri camp. which had on Monday blamed Rao for the Punjab drubbing.

"No individual can be blamed for the defeat," said Congress official and Kesri aide Ghulam Nabi Azad. "The primary reason for the defeat in the state was the neglect of the party organisation ... by the previous leadership."

#### One killed in Jhenidah clash

JHENIDAH, Feb 13: One person was killed and 10 others were injured when two groups of villagers clashed over supply of irrigation water in a paddy field in Sadar thana today, reports

Police said Javed Ali, 45, of south Somospur village was chopped to death on the spot. Witnesses said during the clash which erupted at about 10 am, both the groups used sharp

The body was sent to sadar

#### Michael Jackson becomes father

healthy boy was born about am Thursday to Michael Jack son and wife Debbie Rowe Jack son at Cedars-Sinai Medical Centre, said a hospital source reports AP.

It was a natural childbirth without complications, the source said on condition of anonymity, and the couple was expected to leave the hospital with the infant by midmorning The name, weight and length

weren't immediately available. Hospital spokesman Ron Wise said he was unable to confirm the information.

#### Two more close aides to Kim arrested

close aides to President Kim Young-sam were arrested today along with an opposition legislator, in the bribery scandal surrounding a bankrupt steel company, reports AP.

Senior prosecutor Choi Byung-kook said further highprofile arrests were "very unlikely," indicating prosecutors were close to wrapping up their probe into the three-week-old scandal

Opposition political parties accused the government of covering up the scandal while public attention was turned to the sensational defection of Hwang Jang Yop, 72, a member of the Central Committee of North Korea's ruling Workers'

ing official to defect from the communist North. He is now in the South Korean Embassy in Beijing seeking asylum in Seoul.

#### Black Faruque

ous mills and factories in Tejgaon industrial area.

In another raid on Wednes-Mia alias Guddu, a terrorist of Ashique Group of Mirpur, Tejgaon and Mohammadpur area, from Sher-e-Bangla Nagar area. Police also arrested Shahed

Akhter alias Tutul yesterday with 10 bullets from West Rajabazar area.

When police challenged Tutul and his two accomplices, they tried to escape, but Tutul

#### Strike in Kashmir protesting Deve Gowda's visit

SRINAGAR, Feb 13: A general strike greeted Indian Prime Minister H D Deve Gowda Thursday on his first visit to the troubled northern state of Kashmir since local elections here last year, reports AP.

Streets were empty and shops were closed in the state capital of Srinagar following a protest call by Muslim militants. Gowda arrived at the airport near the capital, and later addressed a small crowd as he inaugurated a hydroelectric project at nearby Baramulla. People in the crowd said

army troops had forced them to come. Gowda had hoped the local elections, which followed years of direct federal rule in Kashmir, would mark the beginning of peace in the region. But clashes between security forces

and separatist militants have continued. PTI adds: The Prime Minister H D Deve Gowda, said today India would "respond constructively" if the new Pakistan goveriment showed a "positive approach" to the resumption of stalled bilateral talks. "We are ready to respond

constructively," Gowda said while addressing troops close to the Line of Control in this sector where Pakistan army had suffered heavy losses during 1948, 1965 and 1971 wars.

Recalling Pakistan's premier designate Nawaz Sharif's recent statement offering dialogue to usher in a new era in Indo-Pak relations Gowda said 'Sharif's initial views have been favourable and I hope that the new government in Pakistan will show a positive approach in this regard."

Gowda said immediately after taking over as prime minister last year he had renewed the offer of bilateral talks with Pakistan.



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#### PM to attend **OIC** summit in Islamabad

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will attend the OIC Summit due in Islamabad on

March 23, reports UNB. Pakistan will host this "extraordinary summit" of the Muslim countries on the eve of its 50th founding anniversary.

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, as the Prime Minister of Bangladesh, attended the second summit of the OIC in Lahore in 1974.

Hasina is expected to leave for Pakistan on March 22 to attend the conference to be participated by heads of state or government of all 42 member countries of the OIC.

Officials here termed the planned visit of Sheikh Hasina to Pakistan as "significant" as it is expected to provide her an opportunity to have parleys on bilateral matters with Nawaj Sharif who is scheduled to assume the office of the Prime Minister on Monday.

Repatriation of stranded Pakistanis and sharing of assets are main outstanding issues between the two countries.

#### Kishoreganj Jubo League leader held

KISHOREGANJ, Feb 13: Police arrested a leader of Jubo League, youth front of ruling Awami League, from the town today on charge of terrorism, reports UNB.

Police said the youth leader Ajoy Das was wanted following violence on January 4 over observing the founding anniversary of Chhatra League. The programme was foiled due to an armed clash which left 20 people injured.

Meanwhile, Jubo League activists brought out a procession in the district town to protest the arrest. They also demanded withdrawal of "false" cases against Ajoy Das.

#### Armed clash in Sunamgani: 20 injured From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET, Feb 13: Twenty persons sustained bullet injuries in an armed clash between two rival groups of villagers at village Pukidar of Derai thana in Sunamgani vester-Of the injured, five with critical wounds were admitted

to Sylhet MAG Osmany Medical College Hospital while others admitted to thana health com-The clash took place as se-

quel to previous dispute over a Police said, both the groups used firearms and at least 50

shots were fired during the clash.

#### AL rally in city tomorrow

The city Awami League will hold a public meeting at 3 pm on February 15 at the Bangabandhu Avenue to mark the democracy killing day, reports The decision on holding the

meeting was taken yesterday at an extended emergency meeting of the city unit of the party with its senior vice-president Rewaz Uddin Ahmed in the chair.

The party leaders urged the people and the workers to attend the meeting.

#### Moni surrenders

From Page 1 Moni, had earlier denied the

allegations brought against him in the FIR and alleged that the officials of the Taxation Department demanded bribes from him after assessing inflated taxes on his business house and kept it concealed from him. At the same time the Department also froze his 10. separate accounts in various banks in the first week of January, he added

Police had earlier arrested four of his accomplices.

Assistant Commissioner (Taxes) Ruhul Amin in his FIR lodged with the Ramna thana alleged that Moni along with a least 10 armed hoodlums entered into his office suddenly at around 11.30 am on January 30 and used abusive language against him. Ruhul Amin also alleged that Moni assaulted him during that time.

The other FIR in this connection was lodged by Kabirul Fazdani Khan, Assistant Commissioner (Taxation), Tax Area-1, Dhaka. In his FIR. Kabir alleged that

Moni along with atleast 10 armed hoodlums entered into the office of Delwar Hossain, Commissioner (Taxation), Circle-1, at around 10:30 am on January 30. Abusive words were used against the commissioner (Taxation) Delwar Hossain, in presence of Siddik Hossain Chowdhury, Commissioner (Taxation) (appeal area-1) and Md Badiul Islam, additional Commissioner (Taxation).

#### Police SI suspended

KISHOREGANJ, Feb 13: A police sub-inspector was suspended today for sexually harassing a teenaged boy at Nikli thana in the district, officials said, reports UNB.

Earlier on Wednesday, SI Zakir Ali Khan was closed from his duties at Nikli police sta-tion and brought to district police line. Police said Zakir called the

13-year-old boy, a class eight student, and abused him at his residence on Tuesday night. The boy was rescued from Zakir's house and admitted to Nikli Health Complex. He was later brought to Kishoreganj Sadar Hospital from where he

was released today. Police first declined to take any case in this regard. But police super Chowdhury Ahsan Kabir and additional super Mujibur Rahman, while visiting the spot, asked the thana to

register a case.

#### JP extended meet Feb 26-27

The extended meeting of central working committee of the Jatiya Party will be held on February 26 and 27 in the premises of Asiatic Printers and Publishers Ltd, at 226 Tejgaon Industrial Area, a press release of the party said in Dhaka yesterday, reports BSS.

#### Health sector

From Page 1 Ministry of Health and Family,

Welfare. The handout said the committee can co-opt any persons or official for its smooth functioning.

The committee will identify the existing structural and managerial inconsistencies and their duality and properly define those. The committee will recom-

mend the restructuring of the Health and Family Welfare sector and its alternative management, formulate a plan and fix a time limit for the implementation of recommendations and review the primary imple mentation phase. The tenure of the committee

will be one year, the handout

The committee will submit its interim report after three months and final report after six months.

#### Toll collection

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would hold me responsible," the coach driver helplessly told the police official. But the bus driver faced a

dilemma. Who would foot the bill? The owner would not. So he tried to reason with the collectors, who were getting impatient as the driver argued with them for half-an hour. But they were adamant.

Before he paid Tk 300 he tried to bargain saying, "last Eid the rate was Tk 100, why have you hiked it? I will pay at the old rate.

His urgings were ignored and the jittery collectors recorded his number on a notebook. That was the last nail on the coffin, the driver without any further pleadings paid from his wallet and pulled his vehicle out of the bamboo barrier. His last minute appeal for a receipt was responded with a white chit, bearing an obscure signature, which was all that he got as he shifted gears.

But he failed to gain speed as vehicles clogged the road ahead The collectors were harvesting their quarries efficiently. Even the coach ahead, belonging to a transport company owned by a minister, was not spared. Even tough-looking youngsters in flashy cars were humbled in the

presence of the toll collectors. But the road ahead was not free. The Chittagong-bound coach was halted at Shanir Akhra, where another gang came and collected their 'fees' the bunch was happy with whatever they could get. The next gang appeared near Comilla. Another ambushed the coach at Feni. After satisfying all, the bus finally reached Chittagong, hours behind schedule.

### BNP

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The meeting also expressed concern at the frequent loadshedding during the month of Ramadan, causing immense sufferings to the Muslims who observed month-long fasting and the students preparing for SSC examination.

It demanded of the government to ensure fair price and smooth distribution of fertiliser in the current season and to stop smuggling from a neighbouring country that has hit hard local industries The meeting also expressed

concern at the incidents at different places of the country including Naogaon, Jibonnagar and Dinajpur on Eid day that deprived local people of offering Eid prayers. It pointed out that mismanagement of local administration was responsible for the incidents.

#### Sobhraj granted bail after 21 yrs in Indian jail

NEW DELHI, Feb 13: A man who has boasted of a trail of crimes around the world was ordered freed on bail today after 21 years in an Indian jail, reports AP.

The judge said Charles Sobhraj would be free pending trial on escape charges as soon as he posted bail set at 30,000 rupees (about 850 dlrs). Sobhraj told reporters a half sister living in India would post the bond

today or tomorrow. He looked relaxed and happy after hearing the ruling, but said he was not used to being more demonstrative.

"I now feel like jumping, but I can't do that," he said. "I hope to do something with my life now, and, if possible, stay here.' Sobhraj, a Vietnamese-born

French citizen, said the first thing he would do upon release was go to the French embassy in New Delhi to request identification documents. Without a passport or visa, he could face immediate expulsion from In-

#### 555 more Rohingyas repatriated COX'S BAZAR, Feb 13: Some

five hundred and 55 Rohingya refugees today voluntarily returned to their homes in Myanmar through Teknaf border points here. Official sources told BSS

tonight that it was the 432

batch of Rohingya refugees and the total number of repatriated persons now stood at 2,24,005. Officials in connection with the repatriation process saw the refugees off when they were crossing the border.

At present, a total of 26,832 refugees are awaiting repatriation in three camps of Cox's Bazar district. The sources said adding that the repatriation process is expected to be completed by March next.

#### Shima From Page 1 tions," the Naripakkha release

said adding that a total of five persons including four policemen were accused in the chargesheet. In a joint press statement five human rights groups today

demanded immediate enquiry into the death of Shima Chowdhury and action against those responsible. The statement was issued by Ain O Salish Kendra, Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services

Trust, Bangladesh Mohila

Ainjibi Shomiti, Bangladesh

Society for the Enforcement of

#### Human Rights, Jatiyo Ainjibi Porishod and Odhikar.

Lalbagh fire

From Page 1 house during the fire. Agriculture and Food Minister Begum Matia Chowdhury accompanied by local MP Haji Mohammad Selim and Awami League leaders visited the slum. She assured the slum dwellers of government assistance at the

time of their distress. Meanwhile, the government has allocated six metric tons of rice, 400 sarees, 400 lungis and 40 tins of biscuits for the affected families.

The family of Liton has been allocated Tk 5.000. Haji Selim MP at his own expenses has opened a gruel kitchen for the affected people.

It will remain open for one

Our DMC Correspondent adds: Three persons received burn injuries in a fire at SS Textile Mills in the city Shampur area yesterday.

The fire originated from a gas pipeline while it was being repaired by technicians. The injured technicians who were admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital are Anwar, 23. Ali Ashraf, 23, and Shahidul,

#### IPU confce

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Lok Sabha Speaker PA Sangma

Delhi reported that members of

told newsmen at a briefing here A Reuter message from New

parliament from more than 77 countries meet in India this week to seek ways to reduce the worldwide shortage of women in politics, officials said on Thursday.

Bangladesh's Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Namibian President Sam Njoma will join 250 lawmakers in discussing strategies and targets to bridge the gender gap at the fiveday conference beginning in New Delhi today. The Geneva-based Inter-

Parliamentary Union (IPU), the conference organiser, said it would be a follow-up to the United Nations conference on women in Beijing in 1995. The conference is expected to adopt a declaration on Tuesday

number of women in parliament. "This may be the most important international conference of this century," the

setting out ways to increase the

Speaker of India's parliament. Purno Sangma, told the news conference.

# Federal Express The World on Time

Manuel Marin, in response to Industries Minister Tofael Ahmed's request for derogation on the rules of origin criteria, said there was considerable sympathy for Bangladesh in the EC. However, in analysing the derogation requested, various other factors had to be taken into consideration such as similar requests by other LDCs, their global impact on the textile industry of the EU and ensuring that these derogations

# General holiday in

Constituency Feb 18 The government has de-

ficial announcement yesterday

From Page 1 Humayun Ahmed, Zafar

forming the 'guild' are Anupam, Kakoli, Samoy, Agami, Maola Brothers and Sahitya Prakash Ahmed Mahmudul Hug of

new writers, instead of writers

ima-Sharfuddin Award" for the were being given by the Bangla

#### weapons. Of the injured, five were rushed to Jhenidah General Hospital. hospital for autopsy.

LOS ANGELES, Feb 13: A

# Bribery scandal

SEOUL, Feb 13: Two more

Party. Hwang is the highest-rank-

From Page 1 lected tolls forcibly from vari-

day night, police arrested Arif