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## Forged notes of taka, US dollar seized: 5 held

By Staff Correspondent

CID police arrested five persons, including a so-called forger-teller, and seized a large number of forged notes of taka and the US dollar from his chamber at a shopping centre in the city yesterday.

Police raided Shankat Mukti Kendra on the sixth floor of Eastern Plaza and arrested Mannan, who claimed himself to be a palmist, along with his aides Farhan Sheikh, Ali Akbar and Mizanur.

The CID team, led by ASP Khalequzzaman, found a secret room behind Mannan's chamber and recovered 50 forged 100-dollar notes and 200 forged 500-taka notes, besides a computer, some equipment and materials used in preparing those.

On the basis of their confession, the CID team arrested one Abdul Salam Jahangir, an alleged partner of Mannan, from an office at Gopibagh at about 1 pm. Police recovered 65 fake 500-taka notes from Jahangir.

A CID official said the arrested persons were the members of a gang engaged in producing forged notes. A case was lodged with Dhanmondi thana in this connection.

## 2 commemorative coins from tomorrow

Bangladesh Bank will issue two commemorative coins marking the Silver Jubilee of the country's independence and of the central bank, reports UNB.

Each of the two coins with nominal value of Tk 10 will be made available in the market from tomorrow with a sale price of Tk 1,200.

## Prokrichi

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Coordination Committee Engr Ruhul Matin, Secretary general of Prokrichi-BCS Central Coordination Council Dr Mohammad Abdur Razzak were among others present at the press conference.

The Council will hold rallies at the Institute of Engineers and the Krishibidhik institution at Farm Gate in the city tomorrow. After the rallies they will bring out a procession and submit a memorandum to Prime Minister.

The other programmes announced yesterday include protest rallies at all departments, organisations and districts and divisional headquarters till January 6.

## Pvt hospitals

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There will be real foreign investment in the sector. BMA feels foreign investors will not come to invest in this country because there are many problems in the health sector in the country. About sixty per cent patients go abroad to buy life for this reason."

"Why should the big investors like Mount Elizabeth Hospital come and establish hospital here?" He noted. "If they do, it will be a charity. Though the existing healthcare system is fragile we are still proud of possessing one of the best infrastructure facilities in the world. So, there is no need for establishment of new hospitals. Frankly speaking, the government should opt for utilising the existing ones."

He said, "What we suspect is that local agents will operate and make business by appointing third grade consultants who, in turn, will refer patients to hospitals abroad. We also suspect involvement of a third party in designing the whole idea."

"Is the government taking the health sector to business by taking such a decision? Any type of investment means making profit. They will certainly be looking for profit, publicity and promotion. Doctors can not be involved in those."

"Ultimately, people will not benefit from this because we have a very weak monitoring system."

He said that the BMA had suggested transfer of technology in the government hospitals which would benefit the people most.

## Industrial policy

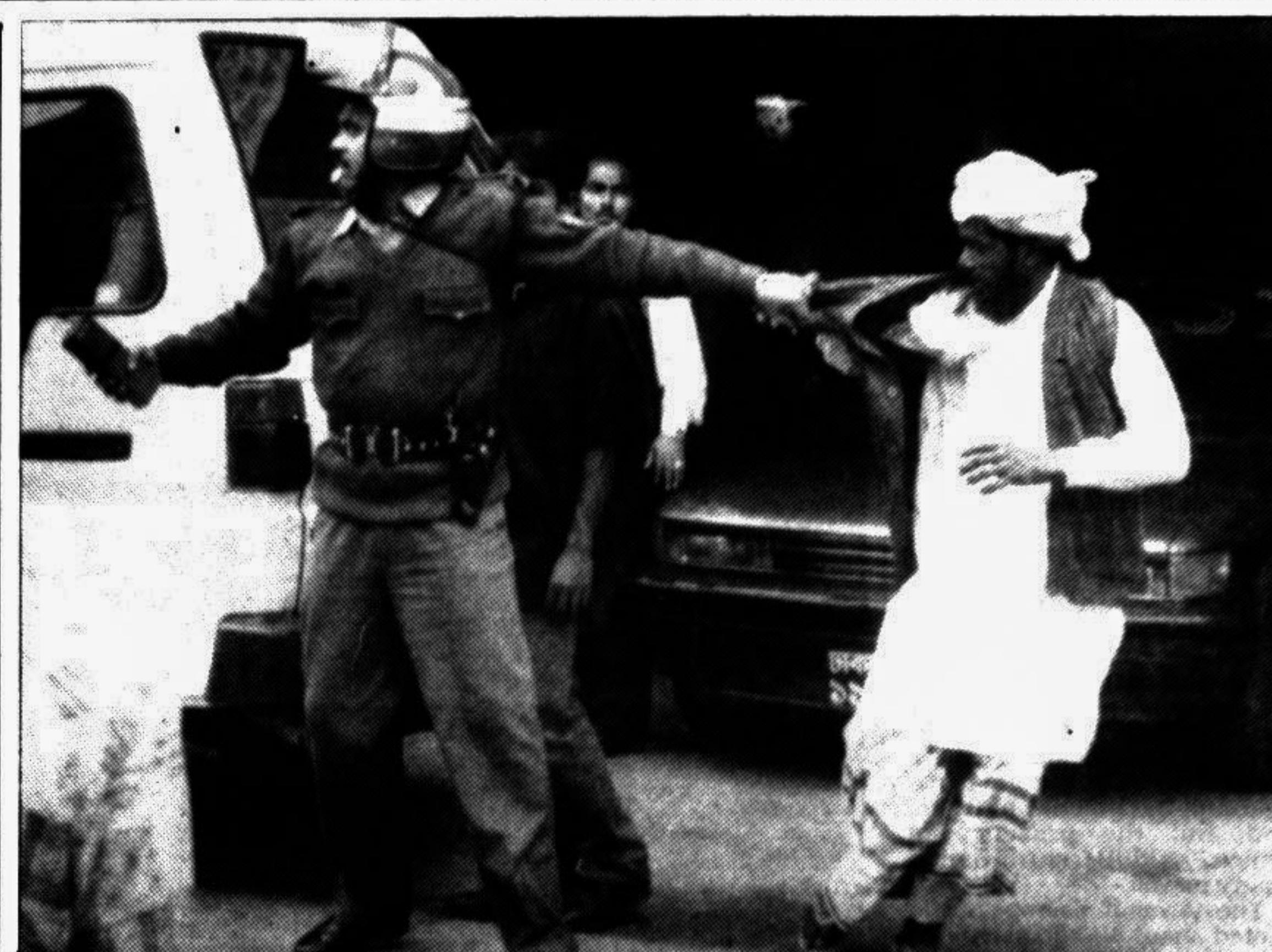
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Bank Governor Lutfur Rahman, MCCI President Samson H Chowdhury, BCI President Sharif M Afzal Hossain, economist Dr Debapriya Bhattacharya, BCI Executive Chairman Farooq Sobhan, Commerce Secretary Sayed Alamgir Farouk Chowdhury, Industries Secretary KM Ejazul Hug, labour leader Abdul Bashar and industrialist Ansur Rahman Sinha were present in the meeting.

## DU library

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They expressed the overwhelming feeling that a work-friendly atmosphere needs to be created where the younger and talented new generation no longer remains dependent on government, rather, they themselves are instrumental in bringing changes in the society.



A policeman trying to pick up one of the activists of Islami Oikya Jote when they gathered at Purana Paltan in the city yesterday for joining a long march against the CHT accord.

— Star photo

## Sangskritik Jote press confce BNP, Jamaat hatching conspiracy against CHT peace accord

Sammilita Sangskritik Jote leader Shahriar Kabir has said that Jamaat-e-Islami along with the main opposition BNP is hatching 'conspiracy' in the three hill districts to motivate people against the CHT peace accord, reports UNB.

"Illicit trading of arms and drugs, and training camps for the political arms cadres of Jamaat will become inoperative there [CHT]. As a result, they are campaigning against the accord," he said at a press conference yesterday.

The press conference, held at BMA Bhaban at Topkhana road in the afternoon, was a follow-up of the three-day peace and amity expedition of the Jote leaders in the three hill districts.

The team, which returned to the capital in the morning, included Syed Hasan Imam, Ali Zaker, Asaduzzaman Noor, Mamunur Rashid, Shahriar Kabir, Khaled Khan, Hasan Arif and Afzal Hossain. All of them except Hasan Imam were present at the press conference.

Jote general secretary Golam Quddus coordinated the expedition of the Jote leaders who visited Bandarban, Khagrachari and Rangamati districts on December 25-27 to expedite peace and amity among the tribals and Bangalees in the region.

During the visit, the Jote leaders organised three separate rallies coupled with cultural programmes in the three hill districts and exchanged views with the tribal and non-tribal people.

Reading out a written statement at the press conference, Jote general secretary Golam

Quddus said they explained the necessity and significance of the peace accord and replied to the 'false, motivated and conspiratorial campaign' against the CHT agreement.

He said the team has succeeded in removing misconceptions about the peace accord through its rallies and interpersonal communications in the hill districts.

## DUTA polls

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Prof Dr Syed Rashidul Hassan 404 votes.

Incumbent General Secretary and Blue panel nominee Hosen Monsur of Geology department was reelected. He scored 443 votes while his rival White panel candidate Dr Nazrul Islam 439 votes.

Dr Iqbal Kabir of Zoology department was elected Treasurer. The White panel nominee got 472 votes while his Blue panel rival Dr Abu Sara Shamsur Rouf got 404 votes.

Members elected from the Blue panel are: Prof Dr Mannan Chowdhury of Management department, Prof Dr ABM Mahmud of History, Prof Dr SM Imamul Haq of Geology, Kazi Afroz Jahan Ara of IER Prof Dr Shahadat Ali of Zoology and Prof Dr Marun Kader M Yusuf of Biochemistry department.

Members elected from the White panel are: Prof Dr Abdul Kalam Monzur Moshed of Bengal, department, Prof Dr AKM Sirajul Islam Khan, dean of the Faculty of Biological Sciences; Dr AKM Nazrul Islam of Botany and Dr Md Khalilur Rahman of Biochemistry department.

## Recognise talents of youths

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cooperation with the British Council. Editor of The Daily Star Mahfuz Anam moderated the discussion with a large number of participants sprawled around in a circle at the British council auditorium.

The young professionals and entrepreneurs felt that they could change their own lives, make their professions and vocations more meaningful and improve the image of Bangladesh through greater shared efforts and networking in every sphere. They also felt that the government should engage young professionals in the process of decision making and infuse a philosophy that could usher in dynamism and progress for more involvement for the sake of development.

The speakers also expressed their tremendous disappointment at the political leadership's 'backward outlook and lack of initiative' to recognise the talent of young professionals and their 'failure to engage them in the development process.'

Enthusiastic youths spoke out their mind to say that radical thinking has to be introduced into policy making process and for this education needs to be fundamentally overhauled and replaced by creative learning process.

The participants from diverse professional groups focused on one common aspect—that the government should confine itself to infrastructure building and social sectors like education and health while the rest should be kept open for private entrepreneurs to take over.

They expressed the overwhelming feeling that a work-friendly atmosphere needs to be created where the younger and talented new generation no longer remains dependent on government, rather, they themselves are instrumental in bringing changes in the society.

The conference, split into two sessions, first heard the comments and ideas from a

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## DSCSC annual meet held

The 10th annual meeting of the Governing Body of Defence Services Command and Staff College (DSCSC) was held yesterday with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the chair, reported UNB.

Matters relating to the development of training programmes and other activities of the college were discussed at the meeting held at the college at Mirpur in the city.

Addressing the meeting, Prime Minister said the armed forces, built by father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, have turned into a well-disciplined and organised force.

The armed forces have shown a remarkable performance in important national activities as well as in UN peace-keeping missions, she said, praising the role of the Defence Services Command and Staff College in improving the standard of the forces.

Chief of Army Staff Lieutenant General Mustafizur Rahman, Chief of Naval Staff Rear Admiral Mohammad Nurul Islam, Chief of Air Staff Air Vice-Marshal Jamal Uddin Ahmed, Defence Secretary Sayed Yusuf Hossain, Finance Secretary Dr Md Akbar Khan, and Foreign Secretary Mustafizur Rahman attended the meeting.

Dhaka University Vice Chancellor Prof AK Azad Chowdhury, National University VC Prof Aminul Islam, Commandant of the College Maj Gen AM Mansur Ahmed and Member-secretary of the Governing Body of DSCSC Colonel QM Muhibur Rahman attended the meeting.

Kamal Uddin new Ctg Chamber president

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Dec 28: Kamal Uddin Ahmed, an industrialist, has been elected president of the Chittagong Chamber of Commerce and Industry unopposed for one year term, a chamber press release said.

Besides, two other industrialists — Saifuzzaman Chowdhury and Belal Ahmed — have been elected as senior vice president and vice president respectively.

The election was held at an emergency meeting of the board of directors of the Chittagong Chamber today with MA Malek in the chair, the release added.

## RUTA polls

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Polling in at least six centres were cancelled due to electoral violence yesterday, the 20th day of ongoing Union Parishad elections, sources in the Election Commission said.

Elections were held at a total of 473 centres in 52 unions under six thanas of six districts.

Elections to 4,031 union parishes out of a total 4,298 have been completed till Saturday. Chief Election Commissioner Mohammad Abu Hena said.

This brings to completion of nearly 94 per cent of the UP elections while the rest will be covered by December 31, he said.

All the six centres where polling was cancelled yesterday are in Charsherpur union of sadar thana under Sherpur district, EC sources said.

Police used batons and lobbed tear gas shells to disperse the marchers who pelted brickbats towards the law enforcers.

The chase and counter-chase between police and the IOJ activists continued till 2 pm. The 13 arrested activists were sent to Motijheel thana custody.

Despite police action, some IOJ activists left the city for Ramgarh by bus.

Dhaka City BNP convenor Sadeq Hossain Khoka MP condemned the police action on the IOJ leaders and workers. In a statement, he said people's democratic movement cannot be suppressed by repressive measures.

Addressing a press conference, IOJ leaders strongly condemned the police action on the procession.

Dhaka City BNP convenor Sadeq Hossain Khoka MP also condemned the police action on the IOJ leaders and workers. In a statement, he said people's democratic movement cannot be suppressed by repressive measures.

The motive behind the killing could not be known immediately and none was arrested till the filing of this report last night.

The woman lived in the house with her son and daughter-in-law.

The body was sent to DMCH for autopsy.

Witnesses said the clash ensured between the supporters of chairman candidates — Abdul Khaleque Tota and Asha Biswas, the wife of local MP — at about 4 pm when two rival processions came face to face on Daulatpur road.

Two supporters of Abdul

Khaleque were reportedly missing.

Five of the injured were rushed to the local hospital and clinic.

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The country's total merchandise exports were recorded at Tk 9,535 crore during the first five months (July-November) of the current fiscal year against its projection of about Tk 9,373.50 crore. It means a 20 per cent increase in earning over that in the corresponding period of the previous fiscal.

## Export

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contracts of the bridge project. It also approved the recommended architectural proposal for the construction of JMB main building and extended the time-limit upto March 31 for constructing the approach road on eastern side.

## We mourn the Passing away of Ejabuddin Ahmed

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## We mourn the Passing away of Ejabuddin Ahmed



Ejabuddin Ahmed the honourable Chairman of Sreepur Textile Mills Limited who breathed his last at Gulshan residence at 5.20 a.m. on 28 December '97 by heart failure (Innalillah.....Rajaeun). He was 78.

We all are shocked at the sudden demise of our beloved and respected Chairman.

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