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og disrupts ship movement at Ctg Port channel

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, Jan 7: Movement of ships in the Chittagong Port channel has been disrupted for the last two days because of dense fog.

Port sources said ship movement remained suspended since yesterday and it might continue further if the situation remains unchanged.

Clarification about arrest of Golap Barua

The police headquarters has issued a clarification about the arrest of Indian citizen Golap Barua alias Anup Chetia following what it said, misleading and contradictory press reports, says UNB.

In an official release yesterday, it said Indian citizen Golap Barua and his two accomplices — Babul Sharma and Laxmi Prasad Biswas — were arrested on December 21 last on various charges, including trespass into an illegal stay in Bangladesh with forged passports.

Cold-hit people gherao DC

LAJMONIRHAT, Jan 7: Seven thousand cold-stricken people gheraoed the Deputy Commissioner of the district and his colleagues at Ghuniajch village in Sadar thana on Tuesday night, demanding warm clothes, reports UNB.

New JUTA executives

By JU Correspondent

A 15-member executive committee of the Jahangirnagar University Teachers' Association (JUTA) for the year 1998 has been formed unanimously by Prof Jasimuddin Ahmed (Chemistry) and Sheikh Monjurul Haq (Geography) as President and Secretary respectively.

Prof Kalipada Kundu, chief election commissioner, for the JTA polls '98, announced the committee in an official function as there were no contenders for any post following withdrawal of nomination papers on Sunday last.

The other members of the committee are: Vice-president — Md Sirajul Islam (Philosophy), Treasurer — Prof Rabul Islam (Chemistry), Joint-Secretary — Md Samsul Alam (Govt and Politics) and members — Prof Md. Haq Khan (History), Prof Syed Abdul Hye (Economics), Dr Abdul Hossain (Physics), Prof Samiullah Khan (Govt and Politics), Prof Kazi Ibdus Samad (Statistics), Dr Syed Quamrul Haasan (Archaeology), Harun-or-Rashid Khan (Dramatics), Dr Mozammul Haq (Archaeology) and Soma Mortaz (Dramatics).

Sold, cellphones worth Tk 22 lakh recovered at ZIA

By Staff Correspondent

Customs authority recovered 2 gold-bars worth about Tk 0.33 lakh and 31 mobile telephones sets at the Zia International Airport (ZIA) yesterday.

Airport sources said, at about 1:30 pm Customs officials found two abandoned parcels wrapped with Scotch tapes in a box near the immigration counter.

The gold bars were kept inside the packets. Later, Customs officials found another packet in which cellphones worth about Tk 2.09 lakh were hidden.

Cricket

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In sale from yesterday through 0 branches of Al Baraka Bank.

Nearly 50,000 gallery tickets, mostly of the first two days, have been sold and a huge number of fans returned from the counter without getting my tickets.

All the 24 tickets for the 10-eater "Hospitality Boxes" costing Tk one lakh each were sold yesterday, according to INB.

All-party meet

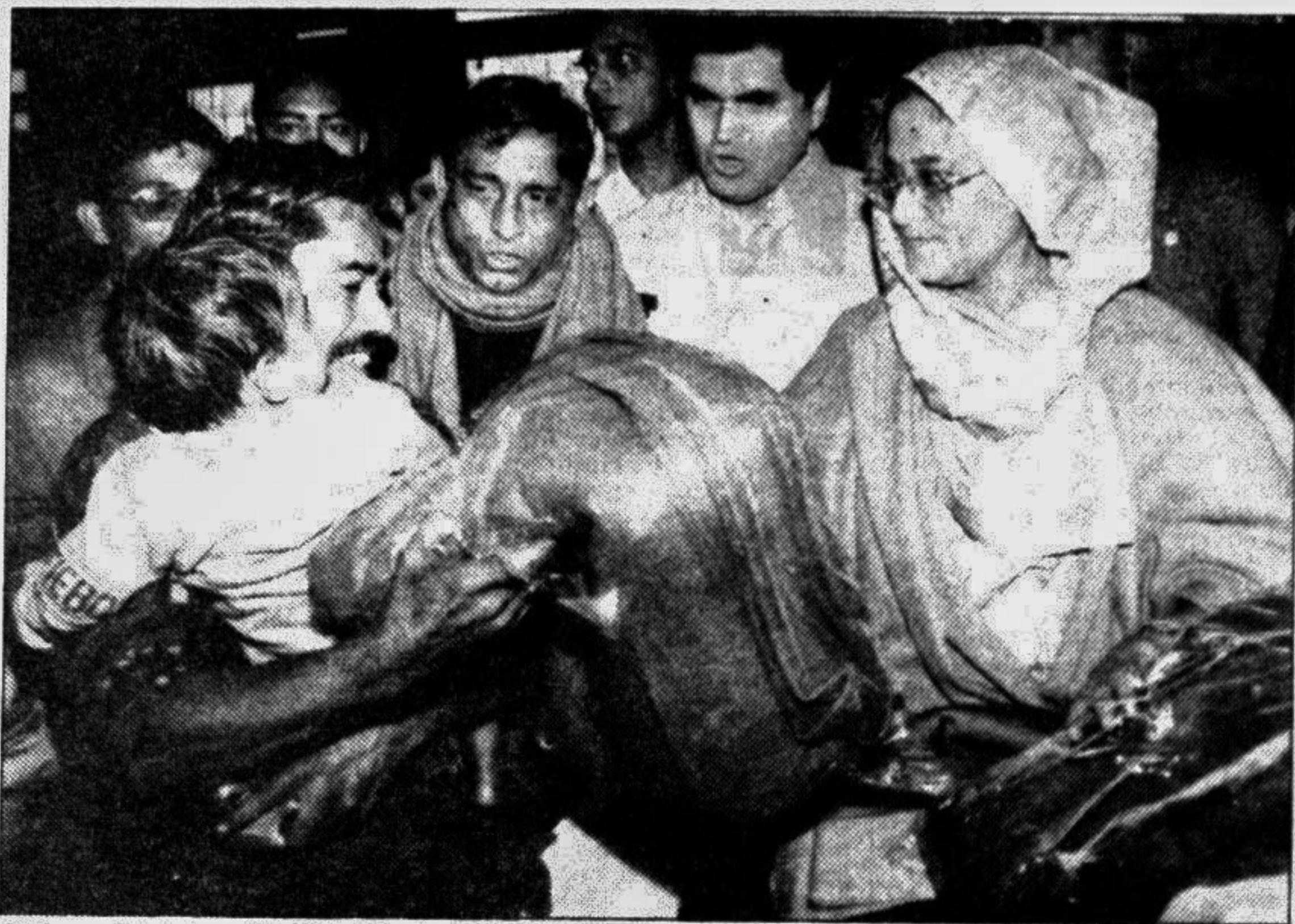
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Meanwhile, a meeting of Islami Olyka Jote was held at the same venue on Tuesday.

Speakers at the meeting vowed to continue their movement on the street till the CHT peace agreement is scrapped.

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina distributing warm clothes among poor people at Awami League central office in the city yesterday.

— PID photo

Dhaka Metropolitan Court to be set up soon: PM

PM: Iftar party

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winter clothes to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund for distribution among the cold-stricken people.

Hasina has already instructed all district administrations to take care of the poor people who are suffering from the cold weather.

Sheikh Hasina yesterday distributed warm clothes among the cold-hit distressed people of the city at Awami League central office.

Meanwhile, in an inter-ministerial meeting, the government yesterday urged private and voluntary organisations and NGOs to come forward to supplement the government's initiative in relief operation for the people hit by severe cold wave.

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