

Infantry battalion at UNIKOM replaced

UNB, Dhaka
Bangladesh is replacing its Mechanised Infantry Battalion at the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observer Mission (UNIKOM). The 155-member first batch of a Mechanised Infantry Battalion of Bangladesh Army (BANBAT) left Dhaka for Kuwait Thursday night. An ISPR press release yesterday said the remaining officers and

troops of the 767-member battalion would leave for Kuwait in batches by January 25, 2002. Commanded by Col Mohammad Mosaddeque, the BANBAT-9 will replace another Bangladesh Battalion (BANBAT-8) at the UNIKOM. The first batch of the BANBAT-8 will return home today after a successful stay with the mission for a year.

The remaining members of the battalion are also expected to reach home by January 25, 2002. All members of the BANBAT-8 received UN medals in recognition of their professional efficiency, said the ISPR release. The UNIKOM Force Commander and other high UN officials who had visited the mission area also appreciated their performances, it added.



Bangabandhu Sangskritik Jote staged a demonstration in front of the National Press Club yesterday protesting the filing of corruption cases against former prime minister and Awami League president Sheikh Hasina and other AL leaders.

Gulshan Club executives

ABM Kamal Uddin Khan was elected president of the Gulshan Club uncontested as declared at its annual general meeting yesterday, said a press release. Ten members of the executive committee were also elected unopposed.

They are Abdus Sattar, Anowar Rashid, Jahangir Alam, Lt. Col. (ret'd) MA Latif Khan, MM Hassan Sayeed, Md. Murtaza Reza, Dr. Mishahul Alam Khan, Major (ret'd) Qamrul Islam, Ramzul Seraj and Zahiduzzaman Earuque.

JP (Manju) council postponed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The biennial council of the Jatiya Party (Manju) has been postponed for unavoidable reasons.

The council was scheduled for January 1. However, fresh date of the council will be announced later, said a JP press release yesterday.

Press Club EGM today

UNB, Dhaka

An extraordinary general meeting of the National Press Club will be held today at 11 a.m.

President of the club Khondker Manirul Alam will preside over the meeting that discusses reports of the general secretary and the treasurer, said a press release.

General Secretary Swapan Kumar Saha requested the members to attend the general meeting.

Telephone lines restored at N'ganj

BSS, Dhaka

Bangladesh Telegraph and Telephone Board (BTB) has put in order all the troubled telephone lines in Narayanganj on Thursday night, a press release said.

Dhaka to help reconstruct Afghanistan

BSS, Dhaka

Bangladesh has assured the global community that it would extend all cooperation in reconstruction and rehabilitation efforts in Afghanistan.

sentative to the United Nations (UN) Ambassador Ittekkhar Chowdhury gave the assurance on Thursday while addressing the plenary of the UN General Assembly, a message received here from New York said yesterday.

He said Bangladesh, as a vibrant, pluralist nation of 130 million people and one of the largest democracies of the world, has tackled many socio-economic problems including empowerment of women, which it would like to share with the Afghans during its reconstruction phase.

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