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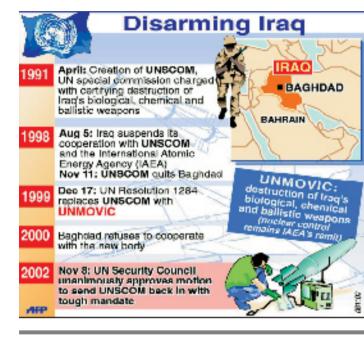
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UNSC gives Iraq last chance to disarm

Seven-day deadline to accept terms



REUTERS, United Nations

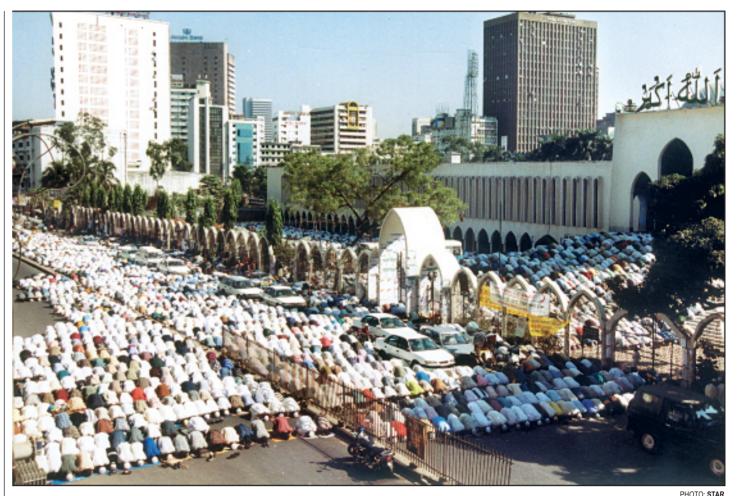
The UN Security Council unanimously approved yesterday a resolution giving Iraq one last chance to eliminate its weapons of mass destruction or face "serious consequences."

The resolution, drafted by the United States and co-sponsored by Britain, gave Baghdad a week to accept the terms and promise to comply. The vote capped eight weeks of tough negotiations on a text after US President George W Bush challenged the United Nations on Sept. 12 to

compel Iraq to implement UN resolutions ordering it to disarm. The resolution gives UN arms inspectors who have been out of Iraq for four years, "immediate, unimpeded and unconditional" rights to search anywhere, including Saddam Hussein's presidential palaces, for chemical, biological or nuclear weapons, and threatens Iraq with "serious consequences" if it fails to cooperate. Bush expressed pleasure on Thursday that the United Nations had taken up his challenge to work with Washington to disarm Iraq and warned Baghdad that if it balked, the United States and allies would "move swiftly, with force, to do the job."

Earlier, at a news conference in Washington, Bush said, "The United Nations will vote on a resolution bringing the civilized world together to disarm Saddam Hussein.

Bush said he had spoken to Russian President Vladimir Putin and French President Jacques Chirac on the telephone, and while unwilling to speak for ellow leaders said: "I am optimistic that we will get the resolution vote." SEE PAGE 11 COL 7



Devotees offer first jumma prayers during Ramadan at the Baitul Mukarram Mosque in the city yesterday, with many having spilled out of the mosque area onto the road close-by.

Prisoner dies at **BMCH**

A CORRESPONDENT, Barisal

Yunus Shikder, 50, an on-trial prisoner of the Barisal Central Jail, died of cardiac arrest at the Barisal Medical College Hospital (BMCH) Wednesday afternoon. Police said Yunus arrested by

Mehendiganj police on October 30 was an accused in a case of extortion, violence and looting (case No. 16/30-102) filed by his opponent **Babul Dewan**

He was sent to the Barisal jail by a magistrate's court on October 31. The on-duty doctor at the BMCH declared him dead on Wednesday after he was taken to the hospital.

The body of Yunus was received by his son Babu Sikder.

ISPR clarifies

The Inter-services Public Relations Directorate (ISPR) in a press release last night said that assistant film

Feni Jubo Dal activist dies in police custody

Army earlier seized 3 crackers from him

Erratum

the mistake.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An activist of ruling BNP's youth front Jativartabadi Jubo Dal, picked up by army yesterday, died in police custody while being taken to Feni Sadar Hospital.

Our Feni correspondent reported that an army team picked up Saiful Islam, 22, an alleged criminal, from his Bashpara village home at 10:00am yesterday and recovered three crackers from him during

body-search. He was handed over to Chagalnaiya police at 3:00pm. Saiful fell sick at about 4:00pm

gation he confessed that he poshanded over to them unhurt. But sessed firearms but the team, acting later they came to know that Saiful on his statement, could not recover died, the army sources added. With this, the death toll during the

He was not tortured during ongoing Operation Clean Heart interrogation and was handed over rose to 22 to Chagalniaya police unhurt, the

Meanwhile, the army arrested 170 people including 32 'listed army sources here said. They said Chagalniaya police also recorded in criminals' from different parts of the their case diary that Saiful was country during the last 24 hours ending at 8:00am yesterday.

The troops also seized nine firearms and 240 rounds of ammuni-

Yunus Sikder, who died at Barisal Till yesterday, army arrested Medical College Hospital 5,000 people and recovered 750 (BMCH) on Wednesday, was earms along with 18,000 rounds picked up earlier by a police of ammunition since the crackdown team, not by army. In a news item on criminals began on October 17. under the headline '2 more die Our staff correspondent in after release by army' published in Khulna reported that joint forces The Daily Star on Friday, it was yesterday arrested Shafiqul Islam inadvertently mentioned that Hossain, senior vice-president of Yunus Sikder was picked up by the city unit of ruling BNP's student army from Jharnabhanga village front Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal under Mehendiganj thana in (JCD) and former vice-president of Barisal on October 30. We regret

Patenga boozers flee army NURUL ALAM, Chittagong

The once bustling 'open-air bar' at the sea-beach in Patenga has become almost inoperative with launch of the

army-led anticrime drive. Police said the smugglers who used to run the bar went into hiding,

fearing arrest. Even the boys employed in selling liquors are now hardly seen in the beach area Interestingly enough, the arrival of visitors to the sea-beach has

dipped, sources said. "Smuggling through the Patenga coastal area has almost stopped thanks to the army crackdown...and most of the areas in Patenga look deserted," a policeman seeking anonymity said

A senior official of the Chittagong

1.5 lakh applicants for fixed phones

BTTB may not be able to meet demands this year

MUSTAK HOSSAIN

The Bangladesh Telegraph and Telephone Board (BTTB) is unlikely to be able to meet the pending demand for fixed telephones by the year-end to fulfil the commitment made by the telecommunications minister, sources said.

Over 150,000 applications are pending in the capital. Of the applicants, 27,000 have deposited Tk 18,400 each against demand notes

Sources in BTTB said the esti-Lalbagh, Zingira, Gandaria mated demand for fixed phones in the capital is more than 250,000 but Mahanagar, Savar, Savar EPZ, prospective telephone seekers do Tongi, Gazipur and Narayanganj not apply as they believe BTTB exchanges have still capacities to would not be able to meet their demand The demand for fixed tele-

said seeking anonymity. But there is no unutilised lines in phones will increase next month Motijheel, Central, Sher-e-Banglanagar, Uttara, Mirpur, when BTTB will reduce the demand note charge to Tk 10,000 Siddhirganj, Nilkhet and Gulshan from Tk 18,400 now, which is highexchanges, he said. est in the world. The exorbitant charge was fixed to discourage

BTTB, had a target to convert all analogue telephones in the city into ital ones by the year 20 could not fulfil it. About 5,000 analogue telephones under the Moghbazar exchange are yet to be converted into digital ones. When asked, an official said these analogue telephones under Moghbazar exchange will be new connections, which total about converted into digital ones on priority basis.

Jatrabari, Mugdapara, Goran.

give new telephones, one sources

director Rashedul Hasan who died SEE PAGE 11 COL 2

Sehri, lftar timings			
Ramadan	Nov	Sehri	lftar
3	9		5-18
4	10	4-48	5-18
5	11	4-48	5-18

and was sent to Chagalnaiya Health Complex. He died on way while being shifted to Feni Sadar Hospital. Army sources in Dhaka said Saiful was picked up by a team of joint forces as local people alleged that he was a criminal. The team recovered three crackers from him during body-search. During interro-

Metropolitan Police (CMP) said all shady businesses in Patenga came to an end. After sundown, people hardly come to the beach area. which was once abuzz with midnight boozers, he said.

Illegal foreign liquors and other contraband goods were available in the area before the army crack down.

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plan in fixed line telephone," a BTTB engineer told The Daily Star. BTTB has 11,500 applications

pending with its Motijheel exchange, 21,000 with Central, 15,000 with Fakirapool, 21,000 with Moghbazar, 12,000 with Gulshan and 12,500 with Sher-e-Bangla Nagar exchanges.

there is no immediate investment BTTB has 31 telephone exchanges under its multiexchange in the city, which includes Gazipur, Savar and Savar Export Processing Zone (EPZ). In some of the exchanges, there are still unutilised lines for giving

> 24.000. The Demra, Chawkbazar,

Open doors to capitalists, Jiang's call to CP

China won't adopt multi-party democracy

REUTERS, Beijing

President Jiang Zemin called on China's Communist Party to open its doors to the new capitalist rich vesterday at the opening of a watershed congress expected to usher in a new generation of leaders.

But Jiang, speaking before a backdrop of a giant hammer and sickle, also stressed the China would not follow Western-style multi-party democracy or abandon its traditional support base of workers and peasants

Jiang told the 2,114 delegates in Beijing's cavernous Great Hall of the People the theme of the congress was modernising the party to adapt to the wrenching social and economic changes as China opens its potentially vast market to the world.

Outside, streets lined with glitzy office blocks and shopping malls were splashed with red flags and slogan-bearing banners highlighting how China's Socialist political system lags far behind its breakneck capitalist-style economic development

Vice President Hu Jintao, 59, is expected to take over as party chief after the congress as head of the new "fourth generation" of leaders after Chairman Mao Zedong, paramount leader Deng Xiaoping and Jiang.

But Jiang, 76, is expected to pull the strings from behind the curtain by installing allies in the new leader

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PHOT: AFI Deng Pufang, eldest son of late Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping, claps his hands as Chinese President Jiang Zemin walks in for the opening session of the 16th Communist Party Congress in the Great Hall of the People in Beijing yesterday.