# Gulf states urge Iraq to accept UN resolution

Gulf countries called on Iraq yesterday to accept the new UN resolution on disarmament quickly to avoid a US-led war that would hit the whole

"The sooner the Iragi leadership accepts the new resolution, the more it will foil attempt aiming to drag Iraq and the whole region into a destructive war," Saudi Arabia's Al-Jazirah newspaper said in an editorial.

The paper, which predicted that the Iraqi leadership would respond positively to the resolution, cautioned Baghdad that a potential war would not be in the interest of Iraq, Arabs or

Al-Nadwa newspaper warned Iraq against ignoring or trying to "play around" with the new resolution

"So long as the resolution has been adopted by the international community, there is no way for Iraq except to bow to the international will, not only for its own interests, but also for the interest of peace and stability in the Middle East and the world," the paper

The 15-member council voted unanimously Friday to send weapons inspectors into Iraq, backed with a threat of "serious consequences" if President Saddam Hussein were to fail to show that his regime has scraped weapons of mass destruc-

Iraq now has seven days to accept what the council called "a final opportunity to comply with its disarmament obligations.'

But the English-language Arab News of Saudi Arabia warned that the new resolution did not categorically rule out a US-led war against Iraq.

"It does not take much intelligence,

however, to realize that this is hardly the end of the road. It is only the first

"In short, a US-led war against Iraq is still a distinct possibility. It is the timing that remains a mystery," the papersaid.

Al-Bilad daily said "Iraqis, who have been afflicted with two wars that killed half of their generations, need more than others a month of peace during which warriors in Baghdad's presidential palace and the White House should lay down arms."

In Kuwait, Al-Siyassah quoted Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah al-Ahmad al-Sabah as saying the Emirate hoped Baghdad would "understand" the resolution.

Sheikh Sabah "valued" the resolution, particularly in respect to the issue of POWs missing from Irag's seven-month occupation of Kuwait that led to the 1991 Gulf War. the paper said.

He hoped Baghdad "understands the resolution" and took note that it was approved "By some of the (council) members on whom Iraq was relying to obstruct any resolution.

Kuwait's UN representative, Mohammad Abu Al-Hassan, cited by the official KUNA news agency, urged Iraq to "quickly accept the new UN resolution to spare the Iraqi people and the (Gulf) region the atrocities of a

new conflict or war. "The ball is now in Iraq's court. It's Iraq that will decide if new sanctions should be adopted or if it will cooperate not only on inspections of weapons of mass destruction but honour all its

In an article entitled "The last chance resolution," Al-Ittihad of the United Arab Emirates urged Iraq to "Accept it and seize this godsend,

arrested a BNP activist, Saidul Islam Polu, also a listed criminal. The team interrogated him and later. recovered a pistol from the residence of his father-in-law at Vatikhana road of the city.

Polu along with his wife Tania tried to escape from his residence by jumping into a pond, but he gave up after two hours of hiding in the water. The troops then pumped out water from the pond in search of firearms. In Barisal, law enforcers also arrested an alleged gunrunner, Omar Ahmed, from the Barisal Central Jail gate yesterday morning.

Our Mymensingh correspondent said joint forces arrested seven people including a union level BNP eader in Trishal and Bhaluka.

Five alleged robbers were arrested by the army at Dhala Namapara in Trishal. The team also seized one pipe gun and equipment for making firearms

Our Khulna correspondent reported that joint forces arrested 200 people including two listed criminals from 10 districts of Khulna The team also recovered two firearms along with six rounds of ammunitions during the drive.

Meanwhile, joint forces arrested Awami League leader and Chairman of the Khulna Disabled Freedom Fighters' Association Auyub Ali Khan Bangali from the Sonadanga Police Station when he went there to file a case against his rivals. Ali is wanted in a number of criminal cases. He is also an accomplice of Ershad Shikder, a notorious criminal sentenced to death. Bangali took control of the illegal toll collection at the Skid Ghat after Shikder was arrested.

Our Kushtia correspondent reported that the army arrested six persons including a union parishad

chairman and seized two firearms. The army arrested Firoj Al Mamum, chairman of Aria Union

## **BNP** activist dies Parishad and seized a shotgun and a pistol. According to the chairman the firearms are licensed.

Our Jhenidah correspondent reported that joint forces arrested five people including a BNP activist from different parts of the district during the last two days.

In Kurigram, army picked up Saifur Rahman Rana, vicepresident of the district BNP and former MP, from his Nageshwari College Road residence in the town.

Sources quoting the family members said the army team raided the residence at about 2:00pm when Rana was away. They came again at 3:00pm and picked him up.

Neither the control room nor the army could give any further details about the BNP leader

## 'Israel will use UN resolution to eliminate Arafat

AFP, Gaza City

The unanimous UN vote on a USdrafted resolution on disarming Iraq payes the way for war, which Israel will use to act against Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, a top Palestinian official said yesterday.

"There shouldn't be an aggression against Irag ... we believe this UN Security Council resolution is tantamount to preparing for a war. chief Palestinian Authority negotiator Saeb Erakat told the news

"Israel will use it (the war) to physically hurt, kill or remove president Arafat as announced by Israel's foreign minister (Benjamin Netanyahu) and to destroy the peace process and the Palestinian

"We provide the largest peacekeep-

At present, Bangladeshi troops

In this regard, volatile situation in

are on UN peacekeeping missions

in Asia, Africa, Europe and Latin

the Middle East due to the conflict

between the Israelis and the

Palestinians and especially the

looming threat of a United States-

led war on Iraq also came up for

that peace would soon be restored

Both the prime ministers hoped

ing contingents in the world."

America, she pointed out.

discussion.

## Food poisoning Toll of infected rises to 1400

AFP, Moscow

in Russia

Almost 1,400 people, including some 1,000 children, were suffering from dysentery in hospitals across southern Russia yesterday after drinking contaminated diary products, according to a health authorities quoted by the Interfax news

"It is an epidemic that is unprecedented in the past decades in Russia because of the number of people affected and its geographical extent," said Gennady Onischenko, Russia's chief medica officer, quoted by the Interfax news

He said those infected were suffering from high fever, stomach pain and vomiting, apparently after having consumed milk, cream or yoghurt from a factory in the town of Kropotkin in the southern Krasnodar

Production at the factory, where two employees are among those diagnosed with dysentery, was halted and all produce recalled after Krasnodar's regional prosecutor opened a criminal inquiry into the food poisoning.

The toll of those infected rose Saturday to 1,380 from 1,130 on Friday, Interfax said, quoting health authorities. The figure included 949 children.

The increase was due to the discovery of news cases in seven new districts of Krasnodar, according to the chief medical officer in the region, Igor Kalachnikov, quoted by Itar-Tass.

In the neighboring Astrakhan region, three children were hospitalized in serious condition, according to health authorities quoted by Itar-

# **Secretive China**

"Of course we have the utmost confidence in the new leaders because we're going to be the ones choosing them," said a smirking Cai Dongshi, a senior party official in the southern province of Guangdong.

"I haven't thought about what's to come because we haven't gone into the final process vet." he said. "We don't even know the candidates vet.' The uncertainty has made many officials nervous -- like Xi Jinping who took over as governor in the eastern province of Zhejiang recently and has an outside chance of joining the Politburo.

"I have just moved to a new place, so it's sensitive and I can't really talk to reporters now," said the normally outgoing Xi, formerly governor of the eastern province of Fujian.

Jiang has already secured the promotion of at least three key allies to the new Standing Committee including his main adviser and hatchet man Zeng Qinghong who stepped down as head of the party's organisation department last month, party sources say.

Jiang will score another victory by having his "Three Represents' theory, sanctioning private entrepreneurs joining the party, written into its constitution next week, they say.

Chinese leaders and delegates praised Jiang's speech, in which he urged the party to follow the "Three Represents" and recruit from the private sector.

"After I heard it. I realised Jiang's report is a turning point and marks a new era." said Guangdong governor Lu Ruihua. Hu Jintao, 59 and number five in the party, said the speech was "good guidance for building a well-off society and boosting socialist modernisation," and praised Jiang's record in office.

Premier Zhu Rongji, 74, said China's achievements under Jiang "will be written into the annals of history in the course of revitalising the

Jiang broke with tradition by using his speech to review his 13 years in office, instead of just the five since the last congress, in what some analysts saw as a hint he would retire despite rumours earlier this year he wanted to hang on. But the symbolism meant little to many ordinary Chinese.

"The decisions are made by the party, not the people, so we don't follow it so closely," said technician Luo Fangqian, 48, as he prepared for an afternoon stroll with his teenage

"But the country is like a family. The leaders are the parents and we are the children. We just want them to put food in our mouths and to make us prosperous.'

## 7 pirates held in Sundarbans

BSS. Bagerhat

Forest guards arrested seven pirates from Kachikhali Dimer Char area of the Sundarbans on Friday They also rescued six fishermen

made hostages by the pirates. The arrested pirates are Shah

Alam, Jalil, Abul Hossain, Rafiqul, Ibrahim, Nazrul Islam and Panna.

According to police and forest uards, the pirates attacked the boat of fisherman Dulal and Anis at Dimer Char near the Bay of Bengal on Friday night. After dacoity, the pirates locked the fishermen in the ice room of the fishing boat and were fleeing away.

A fisherman managed to escape from the ice room and informed the forest guards at Kachikhali. The guards along with other fishermen surrounded the pirates and arrested them. They also rescued six fishermen from the ice room of the boat.

# No-war demonstrators

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Antonella, a 39-year-old manager of a perfume shop, was among the few merchants around the cathedral whose store was not shut tight. "I don't know if it's foolish, but this

is a democracy and I think we need a bit of courage and that is a sign of peace," she said. The march through Florence has come under heavy criticism from Italy's center-right government and

conservatives, who fear a repeat of

the violence at last year's Group of

Eight Summit in Genoa, in which a demonstrator was killed and hundreds were injured. About 300,000 demonstrators

attended the Genoa summit. Central coordinator Canavo said earlier he did not doubt there could be some disturbances but hoped "that police will not turn to violence

as they did in Genoa." Unlike Genoa, there was lots of mingling early Saturday between police and demonstrators in what was seen as a bid to keep communi-

cation open between the two sides. In several places, youths were seen easily talking to police in full

Yesterday's march was to cover a three-kilometer (1.8 mile) stretch from Florence's historic center to the Artemio Franchi football stadium. where an evening concert will close the demonstration.

The CGIL -- Italy's largest trade union and the group charged with the delicate task of maintaining order at the march -- has said the march will not end like the Genoa demonstrations

"We will ensure we have a maxi-

mum presence," said a 38-year-old CGIL member who gave his name as Luca

The anti-globalization movement, which includes a vast range of groups from environmentalists and pacifists to anarchists, argues that governments and international institutions like the International Monetary Fund put the interests of big companies ahead of those of

# 3 injured as bomb goes off in Kathmandu

At least three women were injured yesterday when a powerful bomb exploded in the heart of Kathmandu, witnesses and police said.

The women were heading toward nearby temples for their morning

prayers when the blast occurred. 'The deafening sound of the bomb jolted me out of my bed early this morning," said Ram Ratna Tuladhar, whose home in Tebahal was near the blast site.

No one was killed in the early morning blast inside the compound of a Buddhist Stupa, police said.

Windows in nearby buildings, including the headquarters of the state-run Royal Nepal Airlines, were broken witnesses said.

Witnesses said the injured were admitted to hospital where they were in serious condition.

# at Narail

early hours of vesterday.

They took away the money, a oun and ten bullets by breaking open bank vault.

the bank, lodged a case with Narail sadar police yesterday.

# at DMCH

An on-trial prisoner of Narayanganj district jail died at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) yesterday, jail sources said that Aslam, 22, son of Tayeb Ali of

tion with a robbery case on October 25 and sent him to the jail hajat the following day.

# JCD factions

secretary Ferdous Morshed Khan, Khorshed Alam

This was not liked by the Khorshed faction, rival to the faction

brief scuffle As the minister left, it was free for all. Activists belonging to Milton faction attacked those of Khorshed faction. But the Khorshed faction later blamed Mohammad Selim, convenor of JCD's CU unit, for

bers of the convening committee --Abul Hasnat and Mizanur Rahman

# AL men

leaders.

He said the four-party alliance was a failure in governing the country. Prices of essentials have increased due to the misrule of the coalition government, he alleged. He also alleged that the government was using the army for political reasons and that the armed cadres of Jamaat-Shibir were yet to be nabbed.

AL leader Abdul Mannan said the government has lost its moral right to stay in power. "They deployed army to maintain law and order which proves that they are unable to run the country.'

the repression of the ruling BNP led Dhaka city AL leader

Robbers looted Tk 1.70 lakh, a gun and ten bullets from Sonali Bank at Gohra Bazar in Sadar upazila in the

bank.

Police picked up the bank guard

# Prisoner dies

So the two joint secretaries had a

were injured in the brawl.

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He alleged that hundreds of AL

Mohammad Hanif and Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya also

## Korea so that the two countries can perform better as United Nations peacekeepers.

from the Bangladesh prime minister to increase manpower recruitment to balance the trade between the two countries which is presently tilted heavily in favour of South

The two prime ministers also talked greater economic cooperation between two countries, including increased Korean investment in different sectors in Bangladesh Chowdhury told newsmen.

At the meeting, Khaleda fondly recalled her 1995 visit to South

significant Korean investment, different sectors in Bandladesh and informed Kim of various facilities the government has on offer to foreign investors. In this connection, she referred to establishment of the

Korean Export Processing Zone. The South Korean premier's response to his Bangladesh counterpart's request for further cooperation and assistance in telecommunications, railway, power and information communication sector was

was quoted to have said.

tion of defence cooperation

In a message yesterday on the eve of

the Shaheed Noor Hossain Day,

President laiuddin Ahmed said the

supreme sacrifice of Noor Hossain will

be remembered forever in the coun-

try's history of democratic movement.

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia in a

message yesterday called upon all to

work together to safeguard democ-

racy and establish a Bangladesh free

Paying tributes to the martyr to the

cause of democracy, the PM said Noor

Hossain's sacrifice did not go in vain,

rather it intensified the anti-autocratic

movement to re-establish democracy

Also in a message yesterday,

Hasina said the autocratic ruler of

opposition leader Sheikh Hasina paid

rich tribute to the memory of Noor

that time was terrified by the mass

movement for democracy and aimed

to crush it by killing Noor Hossain. She

said Noor Hossain's sacrifice further

stirred the three-party alliance move-

ment, which turned into a mass

upsurge to oust the autocratic rule in

forward to pay tribute to the innumera-

ble youths like Noor Hossain who

sacrificed their lives for democracy by

establishing an exploitation-free

Meanwhile, different political and

Shaheed Noor Hossain Sangsad

has chalked out elaborate

The former PM asked all to come

from crime and corruption.

in the country.

in the strife-torn region. On the recent development in the Korean peninsula Khaleda praised the Seoul initiative for peaceful reunification of the north and the south, split following the 1950 war. She suggested that the peninsula should be made nuclear-free

and promised Dhaka's complete support in this regard. The South Korean premier also Bangladesh soon.

Towards the end of the talks, Kim Khaleda also underscored the need for promotion and consolida-

at a mutually convenient time. In return, she extended an invitabetween Bangladesh and South tion to the Korean President to visit

## "World peace is very important to Bangladesh," Khaleda was quoted to have told the visiting dignitary.

Bangladesh at his convenience.

Foreign Secretary Shamsher Mobin Chowdhury and ERD Secretary Anisul Huq Chowdhury were represented Bangladesh at the talks while Kim Hang-Kyung, Lee Kyu-Lee Hyong-Kyu, assistant minister for policy coordination represented

Foreign Minister Morshed Khan

During the meeting, the delegation requested Kim to extend the work permit of Bangladeshi workers now working in South Korea. Their work permit expires next March. A few months back, the South Korean government extended the work permit of around 14,400

It assured the visiting dignitary that the government would reduce migration cost so that the Bangladeshi workers do not hop from one job to the other, a common complaint against them. Besides, the delegation called for imposition of some rules that would bar workers from quitting jobs they were

recruited for in the first place. The South Korean prime minister promised his government would

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consider the request.

At the briefing, the PIO also said that in the ongoing anti-crime drive, 148 people were arrested from different parts of the country during the 24 hours till 8 am yesterday. Of the arrested, 27 are listed criminals and

121 others are non-listed. Besides, 21 arms and 152 rounds of ammunition were recovered. The arms included eight pistols, three revolvers, four pipe

began on October 17, members of the army, BDR and police arrested 4,943 people, including 1,309 listed criminals, 3.552 non-listed criminals and 82 suspects. Some of them were released after interrogation.

A total of 742 weapons and 17.911 rounds of ammunition were

Man kills wife

idea of second marriage but was very angry with his wife, he said. Hasina's younger brother Babul who sells betel leaf in stadium market

not allow him to marry again. Motifieel police recovered the Replying to a question, he said body in the morning and sent it to the Dhaka Medical College Hospita

FROM PAGE 1 1998, and start assessing what has

changed in Iraq since then. In Cairo, meanwhile, Iragi Foreign Minister Naji Sabri hinted at Baghdad's acceptance, saying the resolution showed "the international community has aborted a decision by the United States to

use force against Iraq. Iraq's position will be announced later," Sabri said after meeting with

But he said Iraq would defend "its territory, its dignity and its freedom" in case of war, and accused the United States and Israel of having imperialist designs

order to pave the way for an attack Sabri was in Cairo with his Arab counterparts to review the situation later yesterday, after the Arab

Iragi officials have accused

Council resolutions. As US President George W Bush said Iraq faced a final test and would be disarmed by force if it failed, US Secretary of State Colin Powell and UN Secretary General Kofi Annan urged Arab governments with influence over Iraq to

resolution. Resolution 1441 gives UN arms

about the initial US drafts, stressed

"In case of failure by Iraq to

the only Arab member of the Security Council, at least to abstain. Syria, criticised for its action by both the Iraqi and Lebanese press vesterday, said it voted for the

diplomats who had expected Syria,

military attack on Iraq. Iraq has seven days to agree to

False statements or omissions together with a failure to cooperate, would constitute "further material breach" of Irag's obliga-

# Iraq: UN resolution

government of Iraq has a pretty fundamental choice to make. If they make the wrong choice it will be evident early on."

"We are in the process of studying the resolution in Baghdad, and

Washington of forcing the resolupeace. tional community is clear. It is united in telling Iraq that it is now time to cooperate fully with the

inspectors enhanced powers, including the right to "immediate and unimpeded access" to sensitive sites across the country, including Saddam's "palaces."

that the resolution rules out any automatic use of force. "Resolution 1441 ... excludes any automaticity in the use of

comply with its obligations... such failure will be reported to the Security Council by the Executive Chairman of UNMOVIC (UN Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission) or by the Director General of the IAEA (International Atomic Energy Agency), thev added. The unanimous vote surprised

comply with the resolution, which demands it abolish its weapons of mass destruction - something Iraq insists it already did after the council slapped sanctions on it for invading Kuwait in August 1990.

Iraq has a further 23 days to make a currently accurate, full and complete declaration of its alleged programmes to develop chemical, biological, and nuclear weapons and ballistic missiles.

summed up what many said:

"There is no way for Irag except to bow to the international will, not only for its own interests, but also for the interest of peace and stability in the Middle East and the

ment," Hasina said it is not possible to suppress the people through torture. "Crime and violence have marked rise in last 12 months due to torture unleashed by the BNP-Jamaat regime," she added. The BNP has failed to control

crime by resorting to torture and

finally called out the army, she said

repeatedly alleging that the govern-

ment was not allowing the army to

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman

that fair election is not possible

Referring to a recent comment of

repression by the present govern-

without a fair environment, she said: "At last, the finance minister spoke the truth.' She alleged that the last election was not fair, as the BNP "used" police, administration, caretaker government, president and others to win the election. "The chief of the caretaker government left the country forever as the election was

About the demands of rickshaw

owners and rickshawpullers, the

Awami League president said the

government should accept all their legitimate demands. Rickshaws should not be banned before arranging alternative jobs for the rickshawpullers, she said. In this regard, Hasina mentioned that during its five-year rule, the Awami League government had taken a number of steps for creating

jobs for the poor as well as for their

President of the newly floated

welfare and rehabilitation.

Hasina: Army drive Rickshaw Owners League, Amiruddin Tuku, presided over the meeting, which was also addressed by former mayor and Dhaka City Awami League president Mohammad Hanif, Habibur Rahman Siraj and Rickshaw Sramik

## League leaders Shukkur Ahmed and Insur Ali.

Saber's bail

October 24 in a case filed with Savar police station in connection with an

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so far rose to 137.

four days, officials said.

opposition leader Khaleda Zia on June 17 last year and placed on a three-day remand. He was given a one-month detention on October 28 under the Special Powers Act 1974

attack on the motorcade of the then

Licensed arms

stations in the district during the last

Of the total, 237 were surrendered to the Kotwali Police Station. Our Barisal Correspondent reported that 61 firearms were deposited with different police stations in the district yesterday till the filing of this report at 5 pm. With this, the number of arms deposited

According to our Magura correspondent, 47 arms were deposited with four police stations in the dis-

# Bank dacoity

prove its credibility and close the

lisarmament file and avoid war atroci-

"The new resolution will see the spec-

tre of an attack diminish, even for a

Security Council "opposed absolute

US hegemony and limited

Washington's capability to launch a

In Qatar, Al-Sharq said it was the

"last chance for Iraq to get rid of its

weapons of mass destruction. Iraq has

no other alternative but to comply,

especially since the resolution was

stance and cut the grass from under

the feet of the United States and Britain

by accepting the new resolution," the

on Iraq to "open its doors fully to the

weapons inspectors to take away

(from the United States) its excuses"

encouraging that instead of going it

alone, the US has spent weeks of

negotiations discussing what were

difficult and controversial issues so

that there was an opportunity for

whole future of the UN that it should

play a key role in attempting to bridge

the gap between Iraq and its critics.

there is another chance to work for a

peaceful resolution of the issue," it

"It was highly important for the

'War has not been avoided but

Doha-based Al-Rava also called

Oman observer said "it is highly

"Iraq must adopt a courageous

war on Iraq." it said.

voted in unanimously.

for striking Baghdad.

consensus to emerge.

paper said.

Al-Khaleej, also of the UAE, said

By adopting the resolution, the

BSS, Narail

Witnesses said the robbers entered the bazar at around 2 am and tied up the night quard of the

Krishna Pada Das, manager of

OUR CORRESPONDENT, N'ganj

Bandar area, was suffering from dengue fever. He was sent to DMCH on Friday morning, sources added. Bandar police arrested Aslam in connec-

FROM PAGE 12 ing committee MR Milton Chowdhury in absence of first joint belonging to the faction led by

initiating the attack. Khorshed Alam and two mem-

leaders and workers were victim to social organisations will observe the Shaheed Noor Hossain Day today through various programmes including discussion meetings, rallies and

# Dhaka, Seoul sign deals

His assurance followed a request

Korea and said the visit led to increased Korean investment following some agreements between the two countries. She expressed satisfaction over assistance and cooperation for

positive, Chowdhury said. "We will certainly offer assistance in these four sectors," Kim assured that two navy patrol boats purchased from Seoul at "nominal price" would be handed over to

invited Khaleda to again visit South Korea. Khaleda accepted the invitation saying she would make the tour

**Noor Hossain Day** programmes to observe the day in the The programme includes wearing black badge, laying floral wreaths at Noor Hossain Square at Zero Point at 9:00am, Fateha and Doa Mahfil at

Noor Hossain's grave at the Jurain

graveyard at 9:30am and discussion

meeting at Awami League office at

AL General Secretary Zillur

Bangabandhu Avenue at 3:00pm.

Rahman in a statement asked the countrymen including his party men to observe the day with due respect. The AL will lay floral wreath at Noor Hossain Square at 8.00am. Meanwhile, AL's student wing Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL)

will hoist black flag at its office in the city

to mark the killing of Noor Hossain.

Besides placing wreath at his grave

Dhaka University campus at 11.00am.

BCL will bring out a procession on the

## AL MPs FROM PAGE 1

leaders and workers. The MPs will also ask for putting an end to the arrest of opposition lawmakers by the army and harassment of the political leaders, the

opposition whip said.

Awami League will try to raise all crucial issues in the parliament and set up their strategies in the next meeting of the Awami League

## hyung, Korean Ambassador in Dhaka, Chung Kang-chung, Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister and

ROK to recruit

Bangladeshi workers till next March. The delegation also requested for more recruitment from Bangladesh for construction and ship building sectors.

Spl police force

guns and two shotguns. He said since the joint drive

recovered during the drive. Officials from the ISPR and the home ministry were also present at the briefing.

area nearby told this correspondent that there were feuds between his sister and brother-in-law as she did

After the salish, Raza gave up the longer so that they could raise all national issues, including arrest and harassment of opposition political

> (DMCH) morgue for autopsy. A murder case has been filed with the Motijheel police station.

South Korea. his Egyptian counterpart, Ahmed

on the "whole Arab region".

League said it "respected" Security persuade it to accept the tough

But China, France and Russia. three veto-wielding members of the council who had reservations

force," the three said in a joint statement.

resolution after being convinced that doing so would prevent a US

tions - diplomatic language expos ing it to retaliation. 'The clock is ticking right now," a senior US official said. "The

> announced that "the outcome of the current crisis is already deter-"The full disarmament of weapons of mass destruction by Iraq will occur. The only question for the

Iraqi regime is to decide how."

Minutes after the vote, Bush

will and we will disarm you by force; be in no doubt whatever over that." French President Jacques Chirac said the resolution gave Saddam a chance to "disarm in

"The message of the interna-

British Prime Minister Tony Blair

warned Saddam: "Defv the UN's

statement. However, courting Arab public opinion in a series of interviews with Arabic satellite television stations. Powell hinted Washington would stop calling for a change of regime in Baghdad if Iraq co-operated fully.

"If the Iraqi regime got rid of

these weapons of mass destruc-

tion and were fully cooperating with

United Nations," Chirac said in a

the inspectors, then, in effect, it has changed its policies; it is a changed regime," Powell told Qatar's Al-Jazeera satellite channel. In an interview published in the Spanish daily El Pais, IAEA chief Mohammed El-Baradei also issued a "double appeal: to the Iraqi government to offer its absolute cooperation, and to the interna-

tional community to give weapons

inspectors a chance before having

expected to begin until next year.

Intrusive inspections are not

recourse to any alternatives."

The resolution, negotiated word by word among the five vetocarrying permanent members, reminded Iraq it had been repeatedly warned of "serious consequences" if it continued to obstruct the inspectors. In Florence, Italy, demonstra-

tors gathered for what organisers

said will be a peaceful, anti-war

protest of up to 300,000 people,

though officials and locals feared it

could turn into a violent repeat of

last year's G-8 summit riots in Genoa. Top US and British newspapers on Saturday heralded the unanimous UN resolution on Iraq as a major victory for US President Bush and for American diplomacy.

"This is a well-deserved triumph

for President Bush, a tribute to

eight weeks of patient but deter-

mined and coercive American

diplomacy," the New York Times wrote in an editorial. Middle East newspapers urged Iraq to comply with the resolution. Saudi Arabia's Al-Nadwa

work neutrally.

not fair." she said.