The Daily Star

Bail getter

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brother of Suman and Sunny, The accused appeared before the nephew of Anis -- from the court Speedy Trial Tribunal, Dhaka premises Division as yesterday was fixed for The other accused, Sultan Uddin

witnesses said.

armv drive later."

mises

Lawyers of the accused

A section of court reporters

expressed their concern over the

army presence at the court pre-

asked the judge whether the army

sought permission from him to enter

the court. He replied in the negative

and said, "I came to know about the

Police Station as regards the double

murder, it was alleged that on

September 15, 2000 a gang led by

Suman picked up Mohsin, 18, and

Saem, 19, of Sarat Kumar Das Lane

Rifle Club and tortured them for Tk

50.000 in ransom. Later, the gang

killed the two, sliced their bodies into

Police arrested Suman in

Suman and 33 others on May 19 this

year. Of the accused, 14 are now in

Besides, the prime minister

sought Thai cooperation in agro-

based industry, health, tourism, fish

and beef processing, textile and

Mosharraf Hossain would hold talks

with his Thai counterpart on cooper-

ation in the health sector, particu-

larly in setting up hospitals and

nursing institutes in the private

Bangladesh would like to use Thai

experience in developing traffic

system and elevated flyovers would

eight kilometres would be com-

discussed the source of finance for

the flyover project, he said.

Communications Minister Nazmul

Huda would have further discussion

with his Thai counterpart soon, he

Khan said the Thai government

The foreign minister said

The first phase covering seven to

At the official talks, the two sides

Health Minister Khondoker

communications sectors.

be built in the capital.

pleted in next three years.

sector

added.

iail while 15 others are absconding.

They took the two to Gandaria

n Sutrapur from their houses.

manhole the following day.

uman of the murders.

bail

FM: Ties with India

In the case filed with the Sutrapur

hearing on the case Ahmed. averted arrest by putting on Witnesses said the army came at the blazer and gown of a lawyer. the court premises and appointed When the army came to know that several informers to identify the he fled the court with the help of a accused when hearing began at lawyer, they rebuked their sources about 10:30am. stationed at the court premises.

The five accused -- Rahid Hasan Suman, son of Mahila Awami League leader Nasibun Ahmed, his father Sultan Ahmed, brother Sajit Hasan Sujan and two others Ripon and Anisur -- were present at the court at that time. Fourteen others accused in the case who were in the jail custody were also produced before the court.

The court was recording deposition of Md. Amin Mia, the complainant of the case and father of one of the victims Mohammed Mohsin. When the recording was almost finish, word got around that army has cordoned off the court. The five accused and their lawyers eventually came to know about the presence of army

The lawyers of four accused --Suman. Suian, Ripon and Anisur -hurriedly submitted four separate petitions before the court for withdrawal of the bail bond earlier furnished on behalf of the four. The lawyers appealed to the court to put their clients in jail custody due to unavoidable circumstances. But witnesses said that the intention of the lawyers were to save the accused

Judge Shahed Noor Uddin however granted the petition and sent them to jail custody. The court also adjourned the hearing till December 18 following a time petition by the defence lawyers.

As the four were sent to the jail custody, army picked up two persons -- Mahin Hasan Kajal, younger

Bangladesh, he said, "We have got

other clarifications (from them) and

you have seen differences in last

whatever name you call it," Morshed

Khan cited the metaphor to describe

Bangladesh. "Ours is a free, tolerant

and transparent and democratic

"It's imperative that Bangladesh

work with its closest neighbour,

India, in a friendly spirit for mutual

economic development.

Bangladesh is India-blocked and we

share same river, culture and emo-

tion... we must have cooperation to

resolve all issues." he said.

The minister did not rule out the

possibility of meeting with his Indian

counterpart on the sidelines of the

BIMSTEC ministerial meeting in

along Rajshahi and shoot-at-sight

order there, the minister said, "It will

be unfortunate if the shoot-at-sight

About Indian's sealing its border

Colombo on December 20.

order is carried out."

Continued the foreign minister:

"Champakoli is Champakoli by

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10-12 davs.

country.

Mymensingh blasts Statements of 19 recorded so far

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Mymensingh

Justice Sultan Hossain Khan, chairman of the one-member judicial probe body, has so far recorded statements of 19 persons including 12 officials and employees of all the four bomb-hit cinema halls till 6:00pm yesterday and seven others the day before.

The recording of statements yesterday began at 9:30pm with a recess at noon. Those who gave their testimonies yesterday included gatekeepers Jitendra Chandra Dey and Yakub Ali, light-man Santosh Gupta, operator Sunil Ghosh, manager Anwar Hossain, canteen boys Rafiqul Islam and Shah Alam, supervisor Mir Hossain, and Badal Chandra Dutta of Chhayabani Cinema, and manager Md Dulal, light-man Abul Mansur and gatekeeper Kamal Hossain of Purabi Cinema.

On Sunday, statements of seven persons including Shyamol Chandra Dey and Sukumar Chandra Dey, light-man and canteen manager respectively of Ajanta Cinema, were recorded.

12 pieces and dumped those into a Justice Khan is likely to talk with manhole the same day. Police recovered the pieces from the four investigation officers of four cases relating to the bomb blasts in Mohsin's father Md. Amin Mia the four cinema halls. All the four filed a murder case with the cases were filed with the Kotwali Sutrapur Police Station accusing 14 Police Station people including Rahid Hasan

During the recording of statements, Additional Inspector General (AIG) of police Hasan Ahmed Comilla last year. Later, the High Khandaker, Public Prosecutor (PP) Court granted him and four others Firoj Uddin Ahmed and first class Magistrate Mosharraf Hossain were The Detective Branch of Police also present. submitted a chargesheet against

At 6:30pm yesterday, Justice Khan told reporters at the Mymensingh Circuit House that it will take six weeks to publish the probe report of the bombings. He said more statements would be

Hospital (MMCH) and Mymensingh

Combined Military Hospital (CMM).

will continue its investigation for

several more days, she added.

Bomb found

inside cinema

At a press conference held at

recorded later and hoped the truth of the matter would come out after the investigation is complete. Meanwhile, advocate Alena

manpower. Khan, director of investigation of Bangladesh Society for the Enforcement of Human Rights

food and not to employ any child without written permission from his investigate the bomb-blast incidents at the four cinema halls here. She vesterday visited the four halls --Aloka, Purabi, Chhayabani and per cent of their dues in advance Ajanta. She also visited the injured and obtain receipts from their parvictims of the bomb blasts at ents or quardians. Mymensingh Medical College

Akheri Munajat Mymensingh Press Club in the afternoon, advocate Alena Khan told reporters that the BSEHR probe body has already recorded state-FROM PAGE 1 ments of over 20 persons. The body

A large number of women also offered prayers from afar at different houses and on rooftops in Tongi and

President lajuddin Ahmed, Prime Minister Khaleda Zia. Leader of the Opposition Sheikh Hasina, senior ministers, state ministers, political leaders and high officials of the

the munajat in Urdu and Arabic. He called upon people to follow Islam in everyday life and dedicate themselves to establishing Islamic values in society. He also urged the Muslims to struggle hard to spread Islam the world over.

lajuddin Ahmed offered the prayers on a dais on the northern side of the iitema venue.

A large number of police, ansars and intelligence personnel were deployed. A number of police control rooms monitored the overall situation. Plainclothes police were also deployed, said sources.

Additional police forces were dispatched from other districts to the

Reuters newsmen

DHAKA MONDAY DECEMBER 16, 2002

FROM PAGE 1 terrorist groups

However, Enamul, who was sacked on Saturday by the state-run news agency BSS, denied having any political affiliation and restated vesterday that quoting Home Minister Altaf Hossain Chowdhury was a "stupid mistake"

Also yesterday, police refused Nahid Enam to see her husband access to Altaf, who virtually avoids when she went to the Detective press following his controversial remark on the death of 19-month-Branch office with some clothes, They also declined to receive the old Naushin.

Enamul was placed on a threeday remand Friday soon after his under Section 54 of the Criminal

journalist Nizamuddin Ahmed last night refuted The Daily Star report that the police raided the Reuters office in the city.

"The police indeed visited the office but it was not a raid. They took away some papers we usually dump in our trash box," he told The Daily Star

Nizamuddin, however, refused to comment when asked whether Reuters has responded to the legal notice served by the home minister or objected to the police raid. "We cannot answer the question now We are conducting an internal investigation and nothing can be

said before it concludes." The Daily Star attempted to contact Reuters South Asian senior editorial staff William James Sato for his comments on the internal investigation but could not contact him till filing of this report at 9:00pm. Sato came on Saturday, a day after Enamul's arrest. Sato is looking into developments that led the news agency to retract its Dhaka datelined reports on December 7 and 8 on the Mymensingh bomb-

Reuters withdrew its reports after Home Minister Altaf Hossain Chowdhury denied having told the wire service that al-Qaeda or any other terrorist group might have links with the Mymensingh blasts. An official statement about Enamul's arrest on Friday said the

Army nabs JP leader

FROM PAGE 12 five for drug addiction and the other was held for various other criminal activities

Our Bheramara correspondent Ashraf Ali Bhandary, who was arrested by the joint forces, was placed on a three-day remand. He was accused of involvement in printing of fake stamps.

In Shylhet, the army recovered a powerful bomb in Subidbazar Bankpara area of the city on Saturday night and then conducted search in different areas to see if there were more bombs. The city

dwellers got panicked following

Troops also recovered five

Share scam FROM PAGE 12 The SEC filed appeal petitions after the High Court, in its verdict on June

23, 1999, set aside orders passed by the lower court in the cases.

The cases were against

Earlier, the lower court had

The Chittagong Cement had filed

The High Court rejected the

framed charges against all the

companies except Chittagong

a petition with the High Court for

petition and directed the lower court

to fix a date for taking steps under

the Code of Criminal Procedure

(CrPC) where the prosecution

litema, said the Tongi Police Station.

recovery of the bomb. crackers from a hostel of Madan ijtema venue to maintain law and

Barrister Tania Amir and advo-

The police headquarters in a

press release yesterday said they arrested 1,404 people including eight listed criminals across the country in 24 hours ending at 6.00

am yesterday. They also seized eight firearms along with 15 bullets The Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) in a press release said they have arrested 228 people including a convict.

PHOTO: PID

and villages along the Sundarbans,

organised gangs known as

children from their villages, railway

stations and streets in different

areas of the country and then take

them to Kutubdia and Banshkhali.

The gangs start 'procuring' the

children four to five months before

At Kutubdia and Banshkhali, the

traffickers hand over the children to

boatmen, locally known as 'majhis,' for about TK 1500 each. In some

cases, even as many as 50 children

are handed over at a time. The

children are then taken to the

islands and forced into virtual slav-

Sources in the joint forces in Mongla said that they would soon visit the islands to see if the guide-

lines given by them were imple-

hatdar' lure or traffick these

about five months

the season starts.

mented

NEWS

islands and rescued about 300 children. The children bore marks of torture and were found badly malnourished. Many of them complained of sexual abuse for months. Sources said that during the raids. the persons mainly responsible for these misdeeds herded several hundred children into the Sundarbans so that they cannot be traced. The joint forces arrested two

such persons Sources said many of these children now languishing in these islands were left behind during the recent raids 'on economic grounds'. They were not rescued because the industry concerned would then come to a standstill due to lack of

However, the joint forces set some guidelines and asked their employers to provide them required (BSEHR) has reached Mymensingh leading a three-member body to

parents or guardians and countersigned by the union parishad chairman. The employers were also asked to pay the children at least 50

Army men FROM PAGE 1 The following day, she said, Savar

About 10,000 people are involved in fishing and fish process-ing during the dry season in the bay near the Sundarbans. These peohis body. ple, mostly well off, come from Chittagong, Khulna and Barisal

allow photojournalists when they regions and stay in the islands for went to the DMCH morgue to take According to sources in Monala

snap of the body. "I contacted the officer-in-charge (OC) and other police officials of the Savar Police Station, but they failed to tell me anything regarding how my husband died. Rather police told me that I would face problem if I wanted to know the reason behind his death." She added. "I also went to the DMCH and tried in vain to see

the post-mortem report." She said police filed an unnatural death (UD) case with the Savar Police Station to divert the incident. Magistrate SM Isahak Hasan recorded her statement and will hold a full hearing tomorrow.

cates Shahara Khatun. Mostafa Abul Hossain, Moklesur Rahman Badal, Abdur Rahman Hawlader and Habibur Rahman moved the case on behalf of the complainant.

clothes

Procedure Code (CrPC). Meanwhile, senior Reuters

"I did not find it unusual because he occasionally calls me to verify or just discuss when there is some incidents to report on," Milon said 'The issue of al-Qaeda (as quoted) was not my opinion."

Milon further said after the Reuters story created uproar in the government and the home minister at a press conference refuted the report, Enamul dialled Milon's mobile phone number again, once again taking him for Altaf and asked why he was denying his statements

country's image internationally and

threatened its relations with power-

quoted Enamul as saying that

instead of talking to the home minis-

ter, he had actually talked to another

journalist Zakaria Milon, senior

Milon reportedly has easy

Milon told The Daily Star last

night that on December 7 Enamul

had dialled his mobile phone num-

ber mistaking it for the home minis-

ter's number and discussed the

Mymensingh blast incident with him.

crime reporter of the daily Ittefag.

Soon after the arrest, the DB

ful and friendly countries"

now. Milon asked him what he was talking about and at this point of conversation Enam realised the mistake

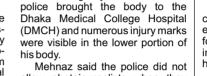
HC rule

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under the Special Powers Act. The court set January 5 for hearing of the rule against the earlier lower court order giving them

to police remand for interrogation. Columnist Shahriar Kabir, DU teacher Muntassir Mamoon and Awami League leader Shafi Ahmed were arrested under section 54 of the CrPC from their houses on

December 8 and subsequently Reuters story had "tarnished the jailed.



Prime Minister Khaleda Zia makes a point during a courtesy meeting with Thai King Bhumibol Adulyadej at the Klai

Slave islands

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Kangwol Palace in Bangkok on Saturday.

However, he said India's barbed wire fences along Bangladesh border was nothing new.

About postponement of the SAARC summit slated for January in Pakistan, Khan said, "As a committed partner of SAARC, Dhaka feels hurt that the meeting is not taking place.

He did not agree with the observation that Bangladesh was shifting its foreign policy focus on the East because of ineffectiveness of SAARC.

"It may take time to make SAARC more dynamic," he said with a hope that the problems in holding the SAARC summit would disappear soon.

"In the era of globalisation. Bangladesh looks at the East not closing its eyes on the West, as it is pursuing economic diplomacy for economic benefit."

Earlier, the minister briefed the journalists on Prime Minister Khaleda Zia's three-day visit to Thailand, which he termed very successful

UNB adds: Bangladesh likes the idea of holding joint cabinet meeting with Thailand to boost bilateral economic cooperation, business and trade, as practised by the ASEAN countries.

The foreign minister made the disclosure following a major breakthrough in diplomatic relations between the two countries during the just-concluded visit of the prime minister to Thailand.

Thailand holds joint cabinet meetings with Myanmar and Singapore for closer economic cooperation.

Bangladesh, he said, sought cooperation of Thailand to become a dialogue partner of the ASEANplus-four combine by getting the membership of the Asian Regional Forum (ARF) as Bangladesh is the bridge between SAARC and ASEĂN.

The minister said he wrote a letter to his Thai counterpart, requesting support for Bangladesh's plea at the next ASEAN meeting. Copies of the letter were sent to all foreign ministers of ASEAN.

Khan said Khaleda Zia and Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra discussed important subjects and identified new areas of cooperation.

He apprised the newsmen that Thailand agreed to give market access to 128 Bangladeshi products under six categories "with an immediate effect" at zero to 0.5 per cent tariffs in the first phase.

In the second phase, more Bangladeshi goods under three more categories would be considered for Thai market access, depending on the result of the first

agreed to ease the visa regime reciprocal basis in phases.

Asian Highway was not discussed at the official meeting between the two prime ministers. Bangladesh wants "multimodal transport system for the benefit of all", he said

Attack on motorcade Madaripur

court accepts charge-sheet against 49

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Madaripur

A First Class Magistrate's Court, Madaripur, on Saturday accepted the charge sheet in a case filed on charge of firing gunshots on the motorcade of the then opposition leader Khaleda Zia on June 17 last

Magistrate Mohammad Abdul Hakim, after scrutinising the case diary (CD) and statements of the prosecution witnesses, passed the

Meanwhile, the court also fixed December 19 for appearance of the 25 accused, who are now on bail. The Criminal Investigation Department (CID) on Thursday submitted the charge sheet against 49 people including Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim, MP, and A F M Bahahuddin Nasim, former assistant political secretary to Awami League president Sheikh Hasina. In the charge sheet, 30 people were shown as prosecution wit-

nesses. In the case filed with Madaripur Sadar police station, it was alleged that a group of unruly people had blocked the Kazir Tek Ferryghat in Madaripur district while the then opposition leader Khaleda Zia was on an organisational tour of the country's southern part on June 17 last year. They had also removed the ferry from the terminal and fired gunshots on the motorcade.

Masukur Rahman Masuk, a local Jubo Dal leader, had filed a case with Madaripur Sadar thana on June 20. the same year.

Police submitted the final report after investigation. Later, the case was revived and transferred to the CID

in Patuakhali In reply to a question, he said the defused

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Patuakhali

University at about 6:00 pm. Meanwhile, police detained three security guards of the university for interrogation regarding the bomb. They are Sohrab, Anis and Mosharraf

Patuakhali Science and Technology

cinema here last week

UK minister

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local communities in Kurigram district and meet with the local residents of chars. She will visit projects based in rural and urban areas to see how DFID funding is helping poverty elimination in Bangladesh.

She will also meet with senior officials from the Asian Development Bank and representatives of other donors as well as also with ministers of the Bangladesh government

DFID has a substantial programme in Bangladesh run out of its office in Dhaka. The total volume of aid resources has been rising in recent years and will be 80 million pounds sterling in 2002-2003, said a British High Commission news release yesterdav.

Indo-Bangla

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Commerce Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury will visit a trade and industry fair in Kolkata, India, scheduled for December 20 kick-off.

When contacted, the commerce minister said. "The home ministry is not feeling comfortable to provide security at the fair, which is supposed to draw a large number of visitors.

"The home ministry requested us to defer the date of the fair and our ministry has acted on that."

When contacted an official at the Liberation. Indian High Commission said they Pakistani troops, led by General AK are in constant touch with the Niazi, surrendered to a Bangladesh-Bangladesh government so that the fair can be held as soon as possible. These sort of fairs help improve bilateral relations, he said.

government also participated in the munajat of the second-largest congregation of Muslims after Hajj. People from all strata of society

turned the area from Board Bazar in Tongi to Azampur in Uttara into a human sea yesterday.

A large canopy was set up on 162 acres for the devotees. The munajat Army troops yesterday evening was relayed to far-flung areas defused the bomb found inside a through loudspeakers. The 500-gram bomb was

Roads, sidewalks, open spaces and rooftops of nearby houses and defused near a pond of the factory buildings were teeming with people. Some perched on the branches of trees to offer prayers.

The government and private offices, mills and factories in Dhaka, Tongi and Gazipur became virtually empty, as most employees and officials left workplaces to join the munajat from around 12.45pm to 1.00pm.

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Moulana Jobayyer conducted

organisations have chalked out

elaborate programmes to celebrate

already taken a colourful look with

prime buildings decorated with

kaleidoscopic lights and main

streets bedecked with national

the nation in paying tributes to the

The President, the Prime

Minister and the Leader of the

Opposition in Parliament have given

separate messages on the eve of

In his message President

National flag will be hoisted atop

The capital and other cities have

the day with due solemnity.

all offices and residences.

early morning today.

the Victory Day.

country.

terrorism.

Khaleda Zia accompa ilea by ne cabinet colleagues and ruling party leaders offered the prayers on a rooftop of the Bata Shoe factory building.

Home Minister Altaf Hossain

Chowdhury, Education Minister Osman Farruq, Public Works and Housing Minister Mirza Abbas, State Minister for Health Amanullah Aman. State Minister for Education Ehsanul Huq Milon, Chairman of the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society ZAKhan accompanied Khaleda.

Sheikh Hasina offered prayers on the rooftop of the Ashraf Textile Mills, together with former ministers and senior Awami League leaders. The government beefed up

ecurity in the iitema area Police have arrested 107 people from the ijtema and adjacent areas on suspicion since the start of Biswa

The day we won freedom

The war had begun when the

Pakistani occupation army, on the

night of March 26, unleashed a

holocaust on the unarmed and

in the nine-month war

order The Dhaka-Mymensingh

Highway was off-limits to rickshaws and other non-motorised for smooth traffic movement.

> Many devotees fell sick after joining the ijtema. One hundred and twenty-two patients were admitted to the Tongi Hospital. Of them, 29 were sent to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) and other hospitals as their condition deteriorated.

Several thousands were given preliminary treatment at different health camps set up by the government health department and nongovernmental and voluntary organisations

rallies and processions.

US troops

The apology, however, did little

South Koreans have demanded

Saturday's demonstration was

radical student groups has moved

into mainstream politics

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Bangladesh Jatiya Party (BJP)

held a discussion at its Lalmatia

Mohan College in the city on Friday Besides. BDR men arrested a Chittagong Cement, HMMS young man and recovered a gun Financial Consulting & Securities from a hotel at Companyganj on Ltd. Rupon Oil & Feeds Ltd. Imtivaz Saturday night. Husain & Company and First

Our Staff Correspondent in Raishahi reported that a powerful bomb was recovered from Rabinda Arts Building of Raishahi University. A guard at the building first saw the bomb and law enforcers later recovered it.

Meanwhile, the joint forces arrested 138 people including 31 listed criminals across the country in 24 hours till 8:00 am yesterday.

They also seized 26 firearms along with 26 bullets. The arms included three revolvers, 10 shotguns, eight pipe-guns and one pistol

Myanmar PM

Capital Securities.

quashing its cases.

Cement.

FROM PAGE 12 told reporters.

BJP

Modi, who provokes admiration and hatred in equal measure, has been accused of turning a blind eye party offices, place floral wreaths at the National Memorial and hold to the riots in Gujarat.

The violence was triggered after a mob, believed to be Muslim, torched a train carrying Hindu pilgrims and activists in the town of Godhra, killing 58 people.

Shortly afterwards Modi called elections. His critics said he was seeking to make political capital from the violence and a ride on a wave of Hindu nationalist sentiment. But senior BJP leader Arun Jaitley said the BJP had not benefited from the riots.

"I think the people of Gujarat strongly reacted to negative campaign by Congress," he said.

"People are supreme in democracy and they have chosen to go with the communal lines of the BJP, said Shankersinh Vaghela, who heads the Congress party's Gujarat chapter.

He said the BJP's strong showing was a victory for "hardcore Hindutva (Hindu way of life) politics."

One voter, Madhuben Shrimali, 35, a housewife from Ahmedabad said: "We are happy that the BJP has won. Now the Hindu religion will get a boost and Hindus will unite and make a Hindu nation."

The newly-elected BJP lawmakers meet today to formally elect Modi as the new chief minister.

Voting was held Thursday under tight security, with turnout among the nearly 33 million eligible voters in the state estimated at 61.7 per-

cent

would open its case by describing the charge and stating by what evidence it proposes to prove that. FROM PAGE 1 talks would be preceded by tete-atete among the two leaders.

"The official talks would cover the entire gamut of Bangladesh-Myanmar bilateral relations with special emphasis on trade and economic cooperation, and road linkage between the two countries,' said the foreign ministry release.

The visit of the chairman and other senior leaders of the SPDC and the government of Myanmar to Bangladesh will provide impetus to further strengthening relations between Bangladesh and Myanmar, it added

During his visit, the Myanmar leader would visit the National Memorial at Savar to pay tributes to the Independence War martyrs. He would also call on President lajuddin Ahmed and attend a banquet to be hosted in his honour at

the Bangabhaban. General Shwe will be accompanied by his wife Madame Daw Kyiang Kyiang during the visit taking place at the invitation of Khaleda. His large entourage will also comprise Secretary-1 of the SPDC and his wife, member of the SPDC Lt.

Gen. Khin Maung Than, the agriculture and irrigation minister, the industry minister (1), the foreign minister and his wife, the commerce minister, the deputy foreign minister, the deputy health minister, the deputy irrigation and population

minister and a number of high civil and military officials from different ministries. General Than Shwe is due to

leave for Yangon Wednesday afternoon

peace-loving people of the then office in the city on the occasion. East Pakistan -- now Bangladesh--Presided over by Saifur Rahman, it negating their overwhelming elec was participated by, among others, party leaders Kazi Firoz Rashid, toral victory. Special prayers will be offered ABM Golam Mostafa and Prof today at mosques, temples, Humavun Kabir Hiru. Bangladesh Liberation War Museum has organised a three-day

President lajuddin Ahmad and Prime Minister Khaleda Zia will lead peace and progress of the country. Bangladesh Television and martyrs by placing floral wreaths at the National Memorial at Savar Bangladesh Betar will air special programme highlighting the signifi-

cance of the day. Newspapers will bring out with special supplements. Ruling BNP has chalked out elaborate programmes to celebrate the Victory Day. The programmes include hoisting of the National Flag

lajuddin Ahmed called for united placing of wreaths at the National efforts by all for consolidating and Mmemorial at Savar and at the strengthening democracy in the grave of the party's founder and late President Ziaur Rahman in the Prime Minister Khaleda Zia in her

message urged all to forge a strong national unity and work together to and party flags atop party offices, make the country happy, prosper-

ous and free from corruption and Party leaders will place wreaths at the National Memorial at 6:40 am Leader of the Opposition in and at the portrait of Bangabandhu Parliament Sheikh Hasina called Sheikh Muiibur Rahman at the Bangabandhu Bhaban at 7:15 am. upon the people to unite and fight out all evil forces, being inspired All front organisations of AL have with the ideals and sprit of the War of chalked also out almost similar

On December 16, 1971, 93,000 The AL will bring out a "victory procession" from in front of its central office at 2.30 pm.

India joint command at Suhrawardy Udvan in Dhaka following their Bangladesh (CPB) will hoist the defeat to the Bengali guerrilla forces national flags and party flags atop

churches and other places of worship, seeking divine blessings for Victory Day programme including those for children this morning on its premises. Bangladesh Army, Navy and Air Force have jointly organised a hardware display on the eastern

and western sides of Tejgaon old airport runway. The display to run through December 20 will remain open for people from 3 pm to 5 pm. and party flags atop party offices

Morning. AL will hoist the national flags

President Kim Dae-Jung Friday, US President George W. Bush conveyed his "deep, personal sadness says a party press release. and regret" over the deaths. ease the growing anti-US sentiment in what had been one of Washington's strongest Asian allies

a new trial of the June accident and greater jurisdiction over US serviceprogrammes.

the biggest to date, as anti-US sentiment once largely confined to The Communist Party of