

## Chautala sacked

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that the had engineered violence that forced the postponement twice of a key by-election to the Haryana legislature.

Seen as a political outcast, he staged an astonishing comeback barely two months later with his father's blessing. His return unleashed a political furor, sparking the resignation of then Premier Vishwanath Pratap Singh.

VP Singh took back the resignation and the furor ended when Chautala stepped down a second time.

Father and son, whom opponents have accused of treating Haryana like a personal fiefdom, helped Shekhar split VP Singh's party and come to power in November 1990 with the support of former Premier Rajiv Gandhi's Congress (I) party.

Chautala was also at the centre of the crisis that forced Shekhar to resign in a huff on March 6. He quit after the Congress charged Chautala with ordering police surveillance at Gandhi's house and uttering boycotting parliament.

Haryana is expected to elect a new legislature in a ballot expected to be held simultaneously with elections to the federal parliament in May.

AFP adds: India and Pakistan agreed today to exchange information on troop movements and prevent violations of each others airspace in a bid to reduce tensions on their common border.

The agreements, described by Indian officials as confidence-boosting measures, were signed here by Indian Foreign Secretary Muchkund Dubey and his visiting Pakistani counterpart Shahryar Khan.

Under one pact, the two South Asian neighbours will inform each other's military headquarters in advance whenever they undertake military exercises, manoeuvres and troop movement, the officials said.

A telephone hot line will link their directors of military operations.

The agreement would help prevent tensions of the kind which broke out in the winter of 1986, when Pakistan rushed troops and armour to the border in a panic reaction to a large Indian military exercise code-named "Operation Brasstacks."

The second pact commits each other to permit overflights and landings by military aircraft through specified air corridors, the officials said.

The two agreements were finalised at three days talks here which ended Thursday between military delegations of the two countries.

India and Pakistan, which have fought three wars since independence from British rule in 1947, signed an agreement in December 1988 not to attack each other nuclear facilities in what was hailed as a major breakthrough.

But their often-thorny relations hit an all-time low last year because of a muslim separatist campaign in Kashmir, where accession to India is disputed by Pakistan, which holds the northern third of the territory.

Tensions on the border, marked by frequent exchanges of fire, are common.

Pakistan has denied the charges, but expressed moral and diplomatic support for the campaign which it describes as a legitimate struggle for self-determination.



Prime Minister Begum Khaleida Zia addressing high officials of Rajshahi and Khulna divisions at Uttara Gonabhaban on Saturday. —PID photo

## Stamp out smuggling

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the people and advised them to work freely and fearlessly in delivering goods to the teeming millions.

The government, she said, would extend full support to the officials in their discharge of duties. She emphasised each and every official has to be accountable and must function with credibility.

Dwelling on the law and order situation in the country, the Prime Minister stressed the need for checking the incidents of terrorism and recovering unauthorised arms and ammunition.

Begum Zia asked the officials and personnel of the law enforcing agencies to strengthen the measures against social vices including smuggling corruption and terrorism.

In this connection she urged the people to extend whole-hearted cooperation to the government officials in establishing a healthy society through curbing smuggling and

corruption. About the economic development, the Prime Minister stressed the need for proper utilisation of local resources for speedy industrialisation.

Industrial development could help lessen the dependence on foreign assistance, she pointed out.

Referring to the conditions of the country's sugar mills, the Prime Minister said: "If we fail to stop smuggling of sugar, it would not be possible to protect the sugar mills."

The Prime Minister called for rounding-up the main culprits behind smuggling and said action against those ordinary people involved in smuggling for sheer survival would not lead to eradication of smuggling.

She emphasised government actions against those persons who were enjoying luxurious life with illegal income accrued from smuggling.

Referring to the important role of the national media, the Prime Minister said the media

could play a significant role in motivating and encouraging the people to buy and use local products.

The prime minister said the past government was isolated from the people and so it could not take any welfare oriented programmes.

"Ours is a people's government, so we want to go into the depth of the problems for finding durable solution. We want peace and development", she added.

Later Begum Zia addressed a cross section of people who gathered in front of the Uttara Gonabhaban.

She urged the people to work hard for increasing production in fields and factories.

She referred to her election pledges and said her government has already taken a number of steps including waving tax on holdings upto 25 bighas, increasing the age limit for entering government service to 30 years and exempting the recovery of defaulting agriculture loans upto Taka 5,000.

## Rival parties clash in Nepal: 6 injured

KATTIMANDU, Apr 6: Six people, including four policemen, were injured Friday when supporters of three political parties clashed in the Nepalese town of Janakpur, reports AFP.

According to a report received here Saturday clashes broke out when party supporters were marching to register their candidates before a deadline in Janakpur, 200 kilometers (125 miles) south of here.

Supporters of the Nepali Congress, the Communist Party of Nepal (United Marxist Leninist faction) and the National Democratic Party clashed outside the office of the local election chief as their candidates filed nomination papers for the May 12 polls, the report said.

Police intervened, seizing sticks and spears from the crowd, it said.

In Kathmandu Water Resources Minister Mahendra Narayan Nidhi condemned the violence, saying democracy calls for patience and restraint. Sticks and spears will not help democracy.

## JCD groups clash at Habiganj: 15 injured

HABIGANJ, Apr 6: At least 15 people, including a police constable, were injured when two warring groups of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) clashed here today, reports UNI.

Salahuddin (25), a JCD worker, was admitted to the local hospital where his condition was stated to be critical.

Police and witnesses said the clash erupted in the evening during an iftar party, arranged by the JCD at its office in Rajnagar area of the town. Several crackers were blasted during the hour-long clash.

The local JCD is reportedly divided into two factions which surfaced last week during an extended meeting of the organisation.

## Pak envoy

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feel that democracy is gaining ground in our brotherly country Bangladesh.

The special envoy will call on Acting President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed, Speaker of Jatiya Sangsad Abdur Rahman Biswas, Prime Minister Begum Khaleida Zia, Foreign Minister ASM Mustafizur Rahman and Communications Minister Oli Ahmed.

The delegation will also call on Leader of Opposition Sheikh Hasina.

Bijrani said Pakistan was ready to provide Bangladesh with any assistance in any field. "We are here to offer any assistance from the Pakistan side in any field which Bangladesh government would desire," he told newsmen.

Bijrani said Pakistan and Bangladesh have cooperation in a number of fields adding, "we have come with open mind and we will be too happy to discuss what the government would like. He said Pakistan would like to have joint ventures in the field of industries. "We like to increase the volume of trade," he added.



Pakistan Prime Minister's special envoy Mir Hazar Khan Bijrani, who is also Railway Minister being received by Communications Minister Oli Ahmed on his arrival at Zia International Airport on Saturday. —PID photo

## ANC accuses de Klerk of disregard for Blacks' lives

JOHANNESBURG, Apr 6: The African National Congress accused the government Saturday on having no regard for Blacks lives after President FW de Klerk angrily denounced an ANC ultimatum for ending township violence, reports AP.

In an escalating war of words that could derail talks on ending apartheid, the ANC called de Klerk's response to its ultimatum "petty." It "confirms the impression that the loss of Black people's lives has made no impact on him or his government," the black opposition group said in a statement.

On Friday afternoon, the ANC demanded that de Klerk take decisive action to end black factional fighting between supporters of the ANC and the rival Inkatha Freedom Party. The demands included the ouster of the ministers of defense and law and order it

said if they were not met by May 9, government-ANC talks would be suspended.

It was the ANC's toughest threat yet and drew angry replies from both de Klerk and the Inkatha leader, Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

ANC and Inkatha leaders have met twice since January in an attempt to find solutions to the violence, which has killed more than 5,000 blacks since it broke out in 1986.

De Klerk denied allegations the government had not done enough to bring peace. He accused the ANC of coming up with new demands "now that we are entering the strait of removing obstacles" to negotiations on a new constitution.

In the latest unrest, police said Saturday one man was stabbed and hacked to death and another was shot to death overnight in Soweto outside Johannesburg.



Agitated people set fire to a truck that dashed two pedestrians near Maniknagar of Demra on Saturday injuring them seriously. —Star photo

## Appointments by influence

By Staff Correspondent

Some recent appointments in the Department of Environment in violation of Government's district quota policy have created dissatisfaction among its officers and employees.

Reliable sources say, the appointments were influenced to suit the desire of a former minister and two high officials of the department.

Records show that out of 16 persons appointed in the department, three are from the district of Feni, four from Dhamrai and Kaliakair upazilas of Dhaka and Gazipur districts, and two others from Tangail district.

Remaining seven recruits are from the rest of the districts of the country. Sources say, the appointing authorities did not follow Government's district quota policy in selecting the candidates in November last.

Before the recruitment of the 16 persons, a few other appointments were made allegedly by selecting under-qualified candidates. Such recruitments, sources say, will affect the quality of work of the department which was upgraded in 1990 in view of the important role it has to play to conserve the environment.

## DDT production

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DDT was applied on fences and walls of dwellings to kill mosquitoes.

Ultimately the insecticide entered the food cycle through fish and crops. And scientists say the concentration of DDT in humans in Bangladesh is 12.5 parts per million (PPM) at least five times higher than that in the United Kingdom.

The use of DDT in agriculture has been banned for many years. It has been restricted to public health use in about two dozen countries of the world.

In Bangladesh the Department of Health Services had so long been the main buyer of DDT produced from the plant at Barabkunda. However, DDT was being secretly used for the production of mosquito coil, and applied on dried fish in store houses to protect those from insect attacks. Experts say it was secretly being used in agriculture.

Those who advocated the continuation of DDT production had argued that the insecticide was still being produced in neighbouring countries.

The DDT plant at Barabkunda which was set up with an installed capacity of 18000 tonnes a year has by now become a worn-out unit.

Its production capacity has come down gradually and in 1989-90 only about 400 tonnes of DDT were produced.

The plant was incurring loss. But production of DDT was continued keeping in view the jobs of its several hundred employees, according to sources.

## JS session

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Opposition to discuss the obituary references, but it could not be done due to a lack of time.

The duration of the present session is yet to be fixed, but the pending load of business before the House suggests that it is impossible to end the session before the Eid.

A Parliament Secretariat source said that the question hour cannot be started from today (Sunday) since the printing of questions and answers is taking some time.

A schedule prepared for the question hour shows that it will start after 15 days.

The passage of 44 ordinances-turned-bills is also impossible before the Eid.

The ordinances have to be passed in the form of bills within 30 days of their being placed before the Parliament. Otherwise they will lose their effectiveness.

## Tin Bigha

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with the neighbours are at their best when a Janata government is in power, he said.

Both Bangladesh and India would benefit greatly if they permitted free trade on a selective basis, decided upon through a mutual discussion of our relative trading strengths. This will reduce the scope of unofficial trade (smuggling) between our two countries and increase state revenue. "Communication between our two countries is of utmost importance in resolving all our outstanding issues", the minister emphasised.

On upcoming Indian elections Subramaniam said that the issues of stability of government-favouring Rajiv Gandhi and that of a clean, mature and honest government — favouring Chandra Shekhar — will dominate the coming elections. Others like VP Singh, Advani and the left parties will be in the sidelines. Allaying fears of communal violence in the elections, the minister told the Star that communal forces will be rejected in India as they have been in Bangladesh. "Last time BJP got support because of seat adjustment with VP Singh. On their own they will gain very little support."

(See details of the interview, Page 6).

**Stranded Pakistanis**  
KHULNA Apr 6: President of stranded Pakistanis general repatriation committee (Ejaz group) Ejaz Ahmed Siddique, in a statement Saturday welcomed the arrival of a Pakistan delegation headed by Minister for Railway and hoped that this visit would further strengthen the ties between the two Muslim countries, reports BSS.

## Lucky winners

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their Dhaka-London tickets.

The offer for the Bangladesh nationals on April 23 is a part of the BA 'world's biggest offer' under which the airlines had announced to carry 50,000 passengers free from all its 95 destinations around the world.

On this day, every seat on every plane in every class, including the Concorde on all the BA flights throughout the world will be free.

The British Deputy High Commissioner in Dhaka George Finlayson, Dr Syed Manzoorul Islam, Chairman of the English Department, Dhaka University, and Syed Manzoor Elahi, president of the Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce drew the lucky entries.

### First Class

1. Abdul Aziz, PAE Operator, District Information Office Narail.
2. Anisur Rahman, Site Engineer, Dhandi, Bauphal, Barisal.

### Club World

1. Saghira Asefa Molla, Sub-Editor, The Bangladesh Times, Dhaka.
2. Afzalur Rashid, Student, 282/3 Bangla Sarak, Dhaka.
3. Dilip Kumar Paul, Agriculturist, Malsala, Pangsha, Rajbari.
4. Mohammed Arif Chowdhury, Private Service, Kuzir Bazar, Chittagong.

5. Rezaul Karim, Student, Mirpur, Kushtia.
6. Mubarak Ullah, Student, Ramgonj, Lakshmpur.
7. Nurul Islam Businessman, Manda, Dhaka.
8. Dr Abdul Kader, Senior Scientific Officer, Livestock Research Institute, Mohakhali, Dhaka.

### World Traveller

1. Musrat Mchjabin, Student, 41-A Purana Paltan, Dhaka.
2. Ali Sydek, Business, Hemayetpur, Savar.
3. Enamul Huq, Sales Engineer, Ganges Motors Ltd, Kakrail, Dhaka.
4. Badradduga, Student, Section 10, Block B, Mirpur, Dhaka.
5. Habibur Rahman, Executive Engineer, Rangpur Canal Division, BWDB, Rangpur.
6. Minu Shamsun Nahar, Housewife, 85 Dhanmondi R. A. Road 7 A Dhaka.
7. M Aleya Begum, Housewife, 76/1 West Rampura, Dhaka.
8. Nehale Alam, Businessman, 9-10 Lucky Plaza, Agrabad, Chittagong.
9. A. Z. Shahidul Huq, Businessman, 44 Dilkusha C. A. Dhaka.
10. Soukhin Chakma, Student, College Gate, Rangamati.
11. Alla Rakha, Fatch Mohamadpur, Ishardi, Pabna.
12. Latifur Rahman (Nabin), Student, Singair, Manikganj.

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## The Midnight File

### Baker to discuss separate peace

JERUSALEM, Apr 6: The upcoming visit of U.S. Secretary of State James Baker III reignited an old political dispute Saturday, Israel's deep rift over prospects for a Middle East peace. Baker, who is due to arrive in Israel on Monday, will discuss ways to advance a two-track approach suggested by Israel and the United States: simultaneous but separate peace talks between the Jewish state, its Arab enemies and the Palestinians waging a revolt against Israeli occupation, reports AP.

### Benazir won't quit politics

KARACHI, Apr 6: Pakistani opposition leader Benazir Bhutto says the government wants her to give up politics but she will never do it. "I will never quit politics," the former Prime Minister told a rally of her Pakistan People's Party (PPP) outside Karachi last night. She said she was facing all sorts of pressures to give up politics from members of the ruling Islamic Democratic Alliance, reports Reuter.

### 25 killed in Cuban train crash

MEXICO CITY, Apr 6: A train derailed early Saturday near the town of Santo Domingo in central Cuba, killing at least 25 people, the Cuban news agency Prensa Latina said. The government news agency quoted a radio station, Radio Rebelde, as saying the number of injured may be as high as 150, reports AP.

### Sen Tower dies in plane crash

BRUNSWICK (Georgia), Apr 6: Twenty three people, including former U.S. Senator John Tower and astronaut Sonny Carter, were killed when a twin turboprop Embraer commuter plane crashed and caught fire near an airport here Friday. Tower, whose daughter Marian also died in the crash, had been President George Bush's first choice for the Defence portfolio, but failed to win Senate confirmation, reports AFP.

### Khomeini's son Haj team leader

NOCISIA, Apr 6: The radical son of Iran's late revolutionary leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini will lead his country's pilgrims to Makkah in June, ending Tehran's three year boycott of the Haj. Tehran Radio Reported Saturday that Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei appointed Ahmad Khomeini as his special representative to handle the affairs of the pilgrims during the Haj, reports Reuter.

## World Health Day

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coastal Andhra Pradesh were devastated by severe cyclones in 1988 and in 1989 respectively while Nepal witnessed a major earthquake in 1988.

In Bangladesh two thousand people died in post-flood diseases in 1987 and 1276 people died in 1988, the Health Directorate said. About 30 lakh people were affected by the diseases.

The Directorate pointed out that 30 districts including Sylhet, Moulavibazar, Rangpur, Gaibandha, Sirajganj, Rajshahi, Nawabganj, Tangail, Manikganj, Kishoreganj, Netrokona, Rajbari and Sariapur are disaster prone.

To underscore the need for preventive measures and preparedness, the United Nations has designated the 1990s as the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction.

Though it may not be possible to prevent natural disasters, a WHO press release said, adequate preparedness to effectively tackle such situations can help in mitigating the loss both in economic and human terms. So the slogan of the year should be conveyed to the people.

The Bangladesh Chapter of the World Health Organisation and the Health Directorate of the Government have chalked out various programmes to observe the day.

The day's programmes include seminar, discussion meetings, essay writing competitions, poster drawing competitions, publishing of postal stamps, cinema show, special programme on Radio and Television and serving of improved diet in hospitals, jails and orphanages.

**Shahabuddin**  
The Acting President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed Saturday stressed the need for creating worldwide awareness and consensus to implement the objectives of the observation of the World Health Day, reports BSS.

In a message on the eve of the day, he emphasised the need for a concrete and coordinated efforts in the national, regional and international levels to face the natural calamities effectively and protect public health.

Justice Shahabuddin said the World Health Day, which is being observed in all the 168 member countries of the World Health Organisation, including Bangladesh, has immense importance in building global awareness about the extent of damage by natural calamities and to find out their remedies.

He said the day has been declared in the backdrop of increasing trend of natural calamities and the subsequent health hazards that have threatened public health and civilisation.

The Acting President pointed out that Bangladesh as one of the calamity prone countries is being subjected to recurrent calamities, thus creating obstacles to its national development programmes. He also referred to tidal surges of 1970 and 1985 and catastrophic floods in 1987 and 1988 and added that these calamities have not only claimed innumerable lives, but also greatly damaged the socio-economic

infrastructure of the country.

Justice Shahabuddin said natural calamities are inevitable, but the extent of their damage can be minimised by facing them boldly for this, he explained, the requirement were internal mobilisation of people and regional and solid international cooperation.

He also stressed the need for gearing up coordinated post calamity relief and rehabilitation.

**Khaleida**  
Another report adds: Prime Minister Begum Khaleida Zia Saturday said the government was committed to protecting the life and property of the people after removing the health problems, along with those arising out of the disasters.

In a message on the eve of the World Health Day, Begum Khaleida Zia said the WHO has selected slogan "should disaster strike-be prepared" after realising the intensity of the disaster-prone health problems.

The Prime Minister said "everyone has to remain prepared to face any sort of disaster to keep the flow of social and economic development unhindered." She stressed the participation and the cooperation of the people to make the government's efforts fruitful.

Begum Khaleida Zia said the slogan chosen by the World Health Organisation was very significant at the back of our socio-economic condition. She said "disasters in many forms and dimensions caused to individual, family and national life bring tragedy to innumerable families every year."

She said the horrors of the devastating cyclonic storm and tidal waves of 1970 and 1985 were still fresh in our memories. She said unprecedented flood, cyclonic storm, drought and other unforeseen disasters cause miseries to public life in many ways every year.

Begum Khaleida Zia stressed the need for exchange of information on health education and other relevant matters to ensure cherished change in the though process of the people.

She called upon all to take up appropriate measures to face all possible disasters to ensure welfare of the people.

Begum Zia said the significance of the day is projected on the occasion of the founding anniversary of the World Health Organisation through various programmes aimed at creating consciousness about a certain disease among the people.

In her message Begum Zia wished success to the World Health Day celebrated with the commitment of protecting the health of the people.

### ESCAP divided

SEOUL Apr 6: ESCAP members were today divided on the proposal to form an ESCAP council for regional economic co-operation, reports PTI.

An in-depth study of the inter-governmental subsidiary structure of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) topped the agenda in today's session.