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credit may

be stalled

position to some of the World

Bank's reform suggestions, ac-

cepted by the previous gov-

ernment, may stall approval of

a proposed 75 million US Dol-

lar IDA credit to Bangladesh,

hemently objected by the new

administration when a World

Bank appraisal mission on In-

dustrial Sector Credit (ISC-ii)

was visiting the capital early

this month, official sources

long list of reform suggestions

with the ISC-ii, some of which

fueled widespread controversy

within the country. The private

sector in particular has re-

cently become vocal against

The government objected

to the Bank recommendation

for elimination of pass book

system which allows the indus-

trial importers to import at a

lower margin and avoid ad-

The World Bank, however,

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We regret

We regret that due to a me-

chanical failure in the printing

plant, a sufficient number of

copies of Friday's (April 13,

1991) issue of The Daily Star

could not be printed for gen-

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to our valued readers and pa-

trons for any inconvenience

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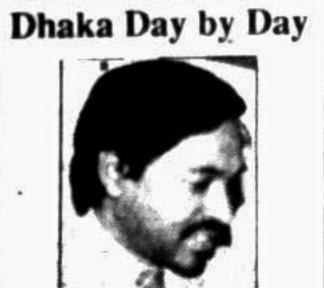
The World Bank tagged a

The suggestions were ve-

reports UNB.

The new government's op-

- Inside today – Metropolitan



Dr Azizul Huq of CNRS regrets absence of collaborative research links in the medical field. Page 3

Article The conflict in the

Gulf delivered a wrecked Kuwait back to its people, but new horrors have struck the Iragis, dashed the hopes of the long suffering Kurdish people, and stirred old quarrels among neighbouring coun-

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tries.



The All-Indian Congress Committee spokesman MJ Akbar is facing considerable difficulty in his Bihar constituency of Kishanganj. Page 5

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NEWS BRIEFS

Diarrhoea death toll 240

Nearly 240 people have so far died of diarrhoea taking an alarming turn in five southern coastal districts, reports reaching in Dhaka Saturday said. About 5,000 people are now under attack of the waterborne disease that has erupted in Barisal, Pirojpur, Bhola, Barguna and Patuakhali districts, the reports said quoting officials and villagers, reports

750,000 casualties

PARIS, Apr 13: Three Iraqi Shitte leaders claimed on Friday that government troops had killed or wounded 750,000 people in a crackdown on insurgents in southern Iraq. The three clerics visiting France to request protection for Iraq's Shiite population, called for a demilitarised enclave in southern Iraq similar to that being proposed for the northern Kurdish region. reports Reuter.

Andreotti sworn in

ROME, Apr 13 : Giulio Andreotti, the grand old mar of Italian politics, will be sworn in today as the head of the country's 50th Postwar government an unchanged five-party coalition. Andreotti as success in forming the new government eliminated the prospect of general elections a year ahead of schedule, which would have been necessary if the coalition partners had not reached agreement, reports Reuter.

Reuter Chief in Tunis expelled

TUNIS. Apr 13: The government has ordered the Bureau Chief of the British news agency Reuters out of the country for spreading "deliberate distnformation," a government official said Saturday.

schri and Iftar timings

Victim an outsider, says Provost: Police seize ladies' handbag

Daylight murder in DU hall

A young man was killed Saturday morning in a room of Dhaka University Zahurul Haque Hall.

The victim Moinul Hasan Khokan(23) was shot allegedly by unknown assailants and he later died at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital. According to hall authori-

ties. Khokan was an outsider and he came to the hall in the morning accompanied by a gtrl, who could not be traced after the killing.

Our DU Correspondent

The issue of the form of

government will come up for

discussion when Parliament

resumes its session after the

Pid vacation

already notified the Parliament

Secretariat, will place a bill

seeking reversion to parlia

mentary system, on a private

to the inaugural session of Par-

Secretariat sources, the bill

could not be scrutinised, be-

cause the Parliament has not

yet set up any scrutiny com-

mittee. The sources said, at

least 15 days' notice is re-

quired to table a private mem-

Treasury and the Opposition

benches told The Datly Star

that during the Eid vacation

the issue will be taken up for

discussion among the parties

Members from both the

The notice was given prior

According to Parliament

members day.

Awami League, which has

By Staff Correspondent that Khokan, who was shot in the forehead, was staying at Room 404 for a long time.

Some of the residents of the Hall heard the sound of a single gunshot from that room at around 11 am. Khokan had entered that room with a young lady immediately before the sound of the shot was

The lady, who accompanied Khokan, was more or less known by face to some of the residents of the Hall. But her name or identity was not

Form of govt: Backstage parley

during Eid vacation likely

By Moinuddin Naser

BNP leaders said it is a vital

issue for the nation. They said

BNP is yet to take any decision

on this issue, but majority of

the members members feel

that the issue should be de-

bated in Parliament to evolve

Bench members opine that if

Awami League brings any such

bill unilaterally, it may even-

tually ruin the possibility of

reaching a consensus on the

in the Eight-party Alliance

have, however, expressed their

member Salahuddin Yousuf

told The Daily Star that the bill

was notified to the Parliament

Secretariat before the begin-

ning of the session. As the

time bar of 15 days had not

been over, the bill could not be

tabled on the private members'

The allies of Awami League

Awami League presidium

vital constitutional issue.

reservation about the bill.

However, the Treasury

an acceptable system.

concerned.



Body of the young person shot dead in a room of a Dhaka -Star photo University hall on Saturday moving.

After the gunshot, nobody dared to enter the room and Khokan lay there seriously intured for about an hour. However, some people later came forward and sent him to hospi-

tal where he died at noon.

When contacted, Prof. Mansur Musa, the Provost of Zahurul Hauge Hall, told The Daily Star that he came to know about the incident at around 11-30 am and went to the spot along with police and other House Tutors at about 12 noon. But, by then, Khokan had been taken to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital in a critical condition.

The Provost said that after entering the Room 404, they only found a blood-stained bed and a ladies handbag lying on

Police seized the bloodstained bed sheet, pillows, the handbag and some empty bottles of cold drinks from the room which was later locked and sealed by the hall authori-

The Provost could not say anything more about the hand bag since police did not open

it in front of him. The Provost could not identify the persons who carried Khokan to hospital. He said that the victim was an outsider in his hall and he was not sure whether the youngman was a student of the Dhaka University at all.

Khokan came to the hall riding a Honda motorcycle See Page 10 Col. 2

day on Thursday, he said. The

bill will be placed on the first

private members' day after re-

sumption of Parliament ses-

ready to discuss the form of

government vis-a-vis an ac-

countable government as en

shrined in the Joint Declara-

tion of the three political al-

liances. But, he said, BNP has

not yet indicated its willing-

sources told The Daily Star the

BNP Parliamentary Party did

not put the issue on the

agenda as yet. They said, after

the Eid vacation the BNP Par-

liamentary Party is expected to

discuss the issue. A meeting in

this connection will be held on

April 20 before resumption of

Aman, who is also'a BNP MP

said, the issue must be debated

See Page 10 Col. 2

DUCSU VP Amanullah

the session, they said.

On the other hand, BNP

ness to discuss the issue.

He said Awami League is

Taka 8,073 m deficit in balance of payments

Earners' Scheme amounted to

Tk. 73,183 million while those

under the loans, credits and

grants amounted to Tk. 17,013

million and Tk. 21,054 million

ports and under barter, special

trade arrangements and Wage

Earner's Scheme by Tk.

14,395 million over the previ-

ous year was due to rise in

payments for food and live an-

imals, beverages and tobacco,

crude materials, crude materi-

als (inedible except fuel), min-

eral fuel, lubricants and related

materials, animal and vegetable

were utilised for imports of

non-food projects and non-

amounted to Tk. 5,769 million

while Tk. 15,285 million was

utilised for the import of non-

food items during the year

said the unrequired transfers

recorded a net inflow of Tk.

Bangladesh Bank report

Prime Minister Begum

Khaleda Zia Saturday called

upon the leaders and workers

of BNP to work with dedica-

tion and sincerity to give the

party a strong organisational

the sincerity and hard work of

the leaders and workers the

party had achieved victory in

The Prime Minister was

addressing an Iftar Party

hosted by the Dhaka

Metropolitan branch of BNP.

BNP Secretary General Abdus

Salam Talukdar, Dhaka

Metropolitan BNP President

Mir Shwakat Ali and General

Secretary Salauddin Ahmed

work together to consolidate

Begum Zia said "We must

the last Sangsad elections.

Begum Zia said it was for

base, reports BSS.

also spoke.

Work to consolidate

victory: Khaleda

1989-90.

Long-term loans/credits

Food imports under grants

oils, fats and chemicals.

The increase in cash im-

respectively.

Bangladesh's balance of payments for 1989-90 showed an overall deficit of Tk 8,073 the total exports. million as compared with a surplus of Tk. 204 million in

Bangladesh Bank report released recently. The report said the deterioration in the overall balance by Tk 8,277 million over the previous year was mainly accounted for by an increase in deficit on current account by Tk. 4,246 million and by a decrease of Tk. 2,852 million in

1988-89, according to a

the net flow of capital. The balance of merchandise trade recorded a deficit of Tk. 62,324 million during the year 1989-90 as compared with a deficit of Tk. 56,688 million in 1988-89.

The report said the increase in deficit of foreign trade to the tune of Tk. 5.638 million over 1988-89 was the result of an increase of Tk. 13,404 million in import payments partly offset by a rise of Tk. 7,768 million in export receipts.

Meanwhile, the report said, export earnings during the year stood at Tk. 48,929 million as compared with Tk. 41,161 million last year. Earnings from raw jute manufactures and raw jute together accounted for 28.3 per cent of the total export receipts.

The United States was the largest buyer of goods during the year 1989-90. The US

AL programme

to observe

Mujibnagar Day

The Bangladesh Awami

League has chalked out an

elaborate programme to ob-

serve the 'Mujibnagar Day' on

April 17 in a befitting manner,

The first government of

Independent Bangladesh was

established at Mujibnagar

mango-grove in Meherpur on

Bangladesh Awami League for

the day include hoisting of the

national and the party flags at

the Bangabandhu Bhaban and

its central office in Dhaka and

garlanding the portrait of

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur

Mujibnagar are, hoisting of the

national and the party flags and

paying respect to the

Mujibnagar Smriti Soudha.

The party programmes at

The programmes of the

reports BSS.

April 17, 1971.

Rahman.

By Shahiduzzaman Khan bought goods amounting to Tk. 15,229 million which accounted for 31.1 per cent of

Imports during the year 1989-90 stood at Tk. 1,11,253 million as compared with Tk. 97,849 million in 1988-89. Of the total imports during the Tk. 25,265 million. year under review, imports financed by cash including barter, special trade and Wage

flow during the year under review stood at Tk. 21,224 million as against net inflow of capital by Tk. 24,852 million over the previous year was due to decrease in net inflow un der long-term capital by Tk. 856 million and an increase in net outflow of Tk. 1,996 million under short-term capital.

net deterioration of Tk. 8,073 million at the close of 1989-

This was due to net deterioration of Tk. 8,679 million on the Bangladesh Bank account, partly offset by a net improvement of Tk. 606 million on deposit money banks accounts. The convertible foreign exchange reserves held by Bangladesh Bank decreased by Tk. 13,650 million during the year under review.

The report said as there was no drawings from IMF during the year under review. repurchases equivalent to Tk. 2,551 million, Tk. 777 million and Tk. 1,643 million were effected under the standby ar-

51,577 million during the year 1989-90 as compared with an inflow of Tk. 48,714 million during the previous year.

Net receipts under 'private transfers' during the year under review amounted to Tk. 26,312 million while those under 'official transfer' stood at

Meanwhile net capital in-

Reserve position showed a

rangements. EFF and CFF.

our victory and fulfil the com-

mitment given to the people

pointed out that certain quar-

ters were trying to undermine

the image of BNP and present

government by giving mislead-

ing statements at different

given by Leader of the Opposi-

tion. Sheikh Hasina, against

Salam Talukdar said the in-

formation given in the state-

ment was wrong and mislead-

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the BNP government Abdus

Protesting a statement

by us before elections."

Journalists postpone strike

By Staff Correspondent Journalists postponed their scheduled 24-hour strike at 6 pm yesterday in response to a request from the Prime

8 am Saturday was to have continued upto 8 am today (Sunday).

The Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) called the strike to protest the misbe-

management.

The Prime Minister, who See Page 10 Col. 1

Mr Abdus Salam Talukdar also called upon the party Minister, Khaleda Zia. members to strengthen the The Strike which began at organisation at all levels.

Allegation refuted The Secretary General

haviour meted out to Union leaders by the Dainik Desh

The DUJ leaders were demanding withdrawal of the closure notice and reinstatement of 14 journalists of the Dainik Desh.

also holds the portfolio of information, asked the State

Hasina's statement

Meanwhile, Awami League Chief Sheikh Hasina in a statement urged the people to See Page 10 Col. 1

By Staff Correspondent

Workers' Party leader Rashed Khan Menon has said that the Five-party alliance will formally meet Prime Minister Khaleda Zia to discuss the present political situation.

Talking to journalists at an Iftar party yesterday Rashed Khan Menon said that the Five party will discuss the issues of the form of government and the repeal of all black laws. when they meet the Prime Minister.

Rashed Khan Menon is the lone leader of the Five party alliance who won a seat in the parliament election. He contested the election

as a candidate of Ganotantri Oikkya Jote (GOJ) using sickle as election symbol. Menon said that the GOJ

does not exist anymore. He said that though the leader of the GOJ did not formally declare the dissolution of this See Page 10 Col. 1

Five-party to meet PM

1,440-man peacekeeping force in Gulf

UNITED NATIONS, Apr 13 U. N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said 34 countries, including the five permanent members of the Security Council, would contribute forces to the new 1,440-man peacekeeping mission in the Gulf, reports Reuter.

the Turkish-Iraqi border.

It would be the first time officers from the United States, the Soviet Union. Britain, France and China would be serving in the same U.N. contingent.

In a letter to Security Council, President Paul Noterdaeme of Beigium, the Secretary-General said he intended "to proceed without delay" with the deployment of the U.N. Iraq-Kuwait observation mission. known as UNIKOM.

An Iraqi woman refugee implores a Turkish army soldier to let her cross the border line in

order to seek help from a doctor for her very ill son on Friday in Isikveren refugee camp at

Another report says : An advance party of U.N. peacekeepers begin preparations to patrol the Kuwait-Iraqi border Saturday but actual deployment is not expected until next week, a U.N. spokesman said on Friday The 30-man team, led by

Major General Gunther Grindl of Austria, arrives in Kuwait Saturday for talks with Kuwaiti officials about setting up for forces in a demilitarised buffer zone after which they will go to Baghdad for similar discus-

-AP photo

Only after the talks are completed will it be possible to establish a timetable for the 1.440 man peacekeeping force, to be known as the U.N. Iraq-Kuwait observation mission or UNIKOM, U.N. sources But the first batch of peace-

keepers may be deployed sometime next week and U.N. officials hope the majority can be in place within two weeks. The task of UNIKOM is to deter violations and observe

any potentially hostile actions

along the border violated by

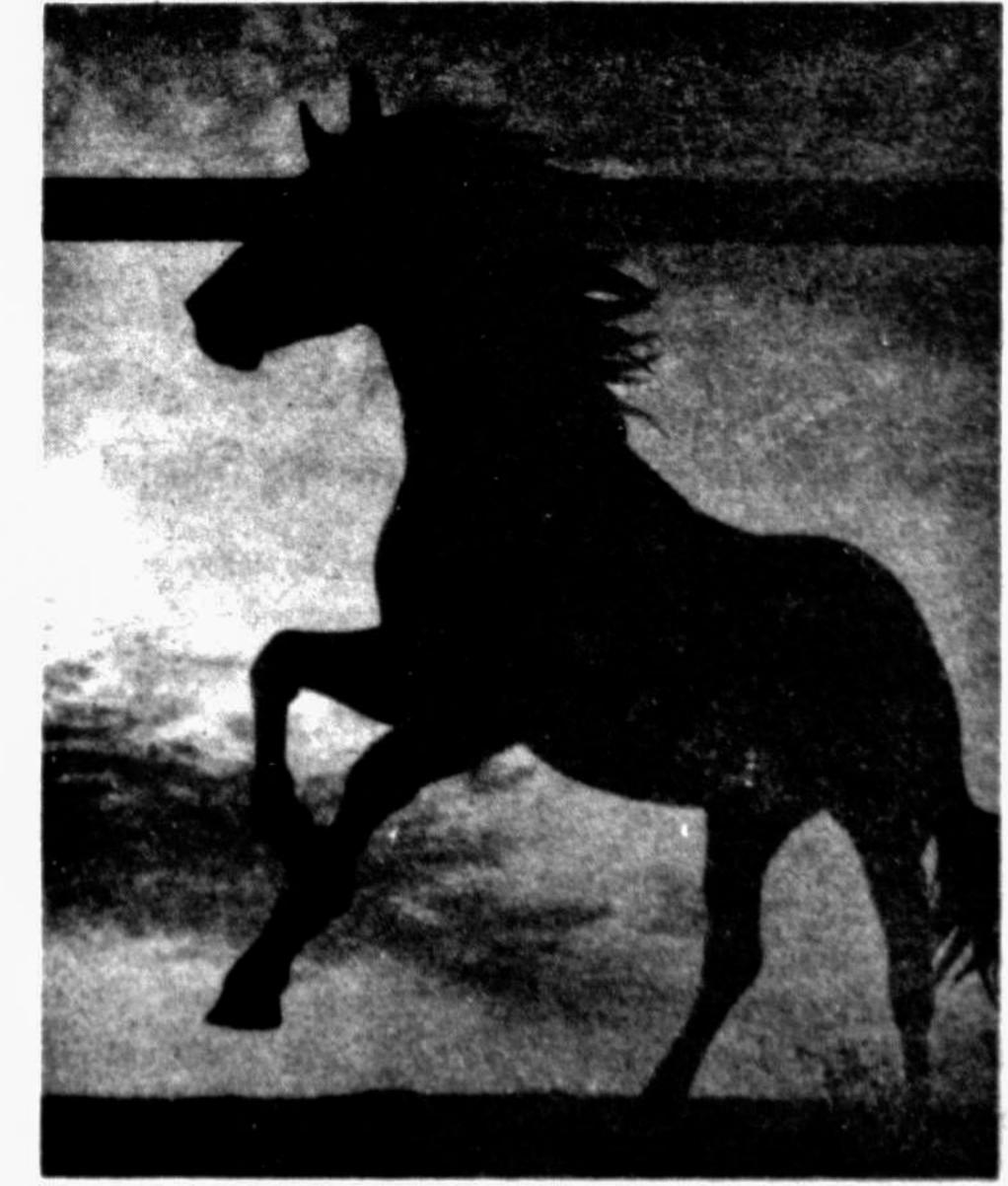
Iraqi forces last August.

The mission is to comprise 300 unarmed military observers, protected initially by five infantry companies to talling 680 men to provide security, as well as a field engineering unit to help clear mines, a logistics unit and an air unit with planes and heli-AP from Riyadh says : The

United States completed the withdrawal of an entire division of 17,000 Army troops from southern Iraq as American strength dropped to 300,000 Saturday, military of-

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