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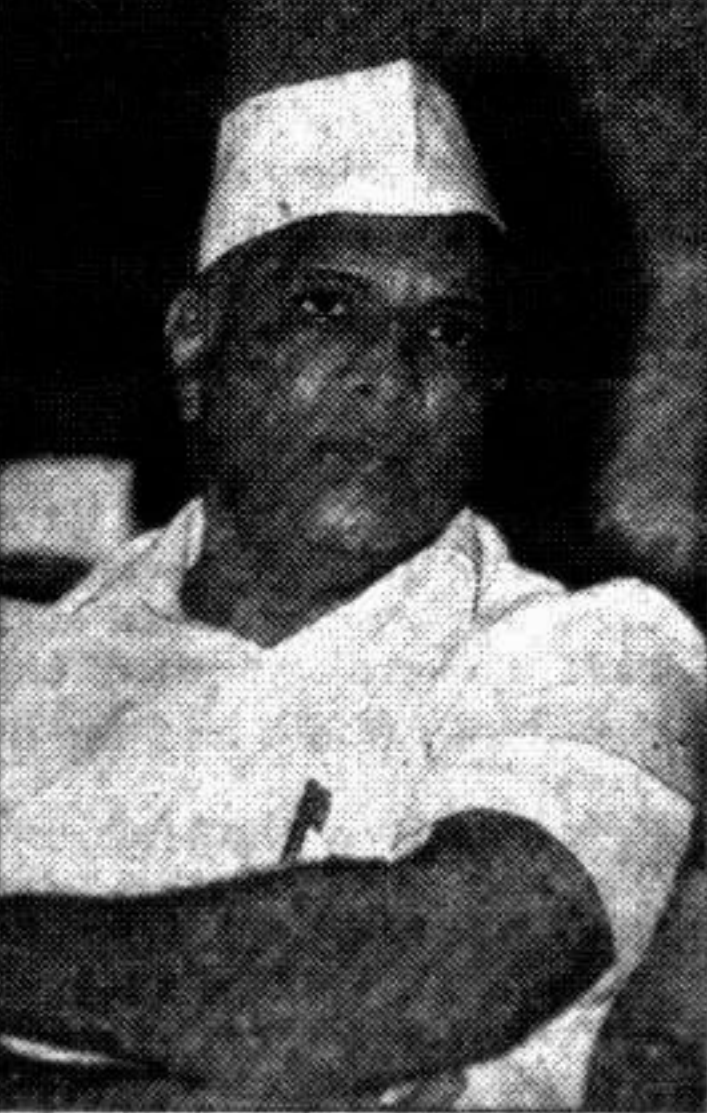
India poised for an unstable govt

NEW DELHI, June 18: As the last ballots were being counted Tuesday, India faced the prospect of another unstable government with a novice prime minister, reports AP.

Incomplete returns assured victory to the Congress Party but denied it a working majority to deal with an unparalleled economic crisis and with murderous factionalism in several of its provinces.

Congress itself was in disarray following the assassination in mid-campaign of its leader, Rajiv Gandhi. A backstage contest was shaping up between two men aspiring to become prime minister of the world's most populous democracy.

The struggle was between



Aspirants for the post India's Prime Minister: (left) Narasimha Rao and (right) Sharad Pawar.

Total seats	511
Seats declared	460
Congress	215
BJP	105
SJP	3
JD	42
CPI-M	33
CPI	11
Cong-S	1
DP	12
JMM	6
IUML	2
Shiv Sena	4
NPC	1
SSP	11
AIADMK	1
Others	13

The process of consultation is on, but we have nothing definite to offer," said spokesman Pranab Mukherjee. The key decisions must be

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Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia being received at Beijing International Airport on Tuesday by Chinese Minister for Family Planning Madame Peng Peiyun. —PID Radiophoto

Amendment Bill will be moved soon: B. Choudhury

By Staff Correspondent

Deputy Leader of the House Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury said in the Jatiya Sangsad Tuesday that a constitution amendment bill would be placed before the Sangsad by the Treasury Bench in a very short time.

Badruddoza told the House that the proposed bill now at its final stage of preparation might not be much different from that of the opposition.

Redeeming the ruling party's pledged to the nation, Badruddoza said it will fulfil the joint declaration of the three major alliances during the anti-autocracy movement under the leadership of Begum Khaleda Zia.

Begum Zia, he said, has repeatedly stated that her party would go by the will of the people and accept the decision of this House on the issue of form of government.

The Deputy Leader of the House further stated that the form of government issue had long been discussed both at the party level and also at its parliamentary party meeting.

Earlier, Deputy Leader of the Opposition Abdus Samad Azad requested the Speaker to see whether the constitution amendment bill submitted by him more than a month ago

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Budget to tap local resources: Treasury It is dictated by donors: Opposition

Treasury bench member of the Parliament on Tuesday termed the 1991-92 budget proposals as an attempt at mobilising more local resources for self reliance within the shortest possible time.

Opposition bench members raised the question how there could be self reliance if 86 per cent of the development budget was foreign side.

BNP members Col (ret'd) Akbar Hossain, Sardar Shawkat Hossain Bakul, and Alamgir

By Staff Correspondent

Kabir. AL Members Col (ret'd) Shawkat Ali, Abdus Shahid, Prof Rafiqul Islam and Jamaat member Moulana Shahduzzaman took part in the general discussion on the budget in the afternoon session with Deputy Speaker Sheikh Razzak Ali in the chair.

Col (ret'd) Akbar Hossain urged the government to recast the fourth five year plan (FFYP) and prepare annual budgets accordingly. FFYP was an "indenters' plan" prepared by the autocratic regime and

would not suit BNP rule, he said.

He said that the proposed budget did not make allocations for establishment of four new medical colleges, a political commitment of BNP. Its aim was to fulfil the objectives of the FFYP, set by the Ershad government.

Lauding the highest allocations made for the education sector Col Akbar urged the government to decide "education for what goals."

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DU VC urges political parties to help restore campus peace

By Staff Correspondent

Prof Moniruzzaman Miah, Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University Tuesday made a fervent appeal to the political parties to control their Student Fronts to help maintain congenial atmosphere in country's academic institution.

"Otherwise, the future of the nation would face total uncertainty," he said while inaugurating the annual session

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Warm reception to Khaleda in Beijing

BEIJING, June 18: Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia was accorded a warm welcome when she arrived here this evening on a three-day official goodwill visit to China at the invitation of Chinese Premier Li Peng, reports BSS.

The Bangladesh Prime Minister was cordially received at the beautifully decorated Beijing international airport by Chinese Minister for Family Planning Madame Peng Peiyun who is also the Minister-in-Waiting and Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs Xu Dunxing.

The heads of missions of SAARC countries and their spouses were among others to receive the distinguished guests from Bangladesh. The officials of Bangladesh embassy in Beijing and their wives headed by Ambassador Faruque Sobhan were present at the airport to greet Begum Zia.

Under the Chinese protocol the foreign dignitaries visiting China are accorded ceremonial welcome at the Great Hall of the People. The Bangladesh Prime Minister will be given a warm reception by Premier Li Peng as soon as she arrives at the Great Hall of the People tomorrow morning.

The airport ceremony over Prime Minister Begum Zia accompanied by the Chinese Minister-in-Waiting drove in a ceremonial motorcade to the Diaoyutai, state guest house, where she will be staying during the visit.

The 40-kilometre road from airport to the state guest house was tastefully decorated at different points with coloured ribbons and flags of the two countries. Banners with welcome slogans were also put on the two sides of the road. Large crowds thronged the route and greeted the Bangladesh Prime Minister as the motorcade passed by Prime Minister Begum Zia acknowledged the greetings waving back to the crowds.

During her visit here Begum Zia will exchange views with her Chinese counterpart covering bilateral ties and regional and international issues of common concern. She will also exchange views with other Chinese leaders and discuss cooperation between the two countries.

Earlier on her way to Beijing the Prime Minister had more than an hour-long stopover at Bangkok.

Begum Zia is accompanied by a 20-member entourage which include Foreign Minister ASM Mostafizur Rahaman, State Minister for Energy and Mineral Resources Dr Khondoker Mosharraf Hossain and members of parliament Jahannara Begum, Barkatullah Bhulu and Amanullah Aman.

Earlier, Begum Zia left Dhaka Tuesday morning for Beijing.

She was seen off at the Zia International Airport by members of the cabinet, envoys of Thailand and Saudi Arabia and Charge d'Affaires of China.

Jamaat's concern over downtrend in economy

By Staff Correspondent

The central working council of Jamaat-e-Islami expressed its concern at the down-trend in economy.

Reviewing the proposed budget in a meeting of the council with Acting Amir Abbas Ali Khan in the chair Jamaat said the allocation in development budget had been increased but utilisation of internal resources in this sector had decreased.

The government and autonomous organisations should be streamlined to avoid dependency on foreign aid it maintained.

The council noticed with surprise the contribution of

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NEWS BRIEFS

Dhaka-Ctg road link suspended
 Road Communication on the Chittagong-Dhaka highway from R R Textile Mill to Sitakunda Section will remain suspended from 7 am to 5 pm today for repair. The sources said repair work on Barabkunda section of the Chittagong-Dhaka highway was being made on an emergency basis, reports BSS.

Chinese missiles for Pakistan
 NEW DELHI, June 18: India today accused China of selling short-range missiles to Pakistan despite New Delhi's pleas to Beijing to limit arms supplies to its neighbour. Pakistani government officials have in the past described such reports as speculative, reports Reuter.

Japan's space shuttle
 TOKYO, June 18: Japan's space agency plans to start developing next year an unmanned shuttle craft that will ferry supplies to and from the US-led space station Freedom early next century, a National Space Development Agency of Japan (NASDA) spokesman said today, reports Reuter.

Gorbachev to meet Kohl
 MOSCOW, June 18: President Mikhail Gorbachev is to meet German Chancellor Helmut Kohl in the next few days in the Soviet Union, Gorbachev's Vitaly Ignatenko spokesman said, reports Reuter.

Rocket blows up
 CAPE CANAVERAL (Florida) June 18: A rocket was blown up and fell into the Atlantic Ocean today shortly after being launched with a payload of scientific experiments, NASA officials said, reports AFP.



Judge Nabi Sher Junejo who was trying Asif Zardari, husband of former Pakistan Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto and several top leaders of her party was shot dead in the court along with his security guard and driver. (Story on Page 5) —AFP photo

PPP blamed as judge shot dead

KARACHI, June 18: The Sindh Chief Minister Jam Sadiq Ali today blamed the Pakistan People's Party for murder of the judge of a Special Court, Nabi Sher Junejo, who was trying former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto's husband Asif Ali Zardari, reports AP.

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About five assailants in a car opened fire on Junejo's car with automatic weapons, AP quoted witnesses as saying.

They fired about five bursts, leaving all its occupants in a pool of blood.

The bullet-riddled bodies were later taken to a local hospital, it said.

The ambush was so professionally carried out that no one survived," local police chief G. Moenuddin told reporters.

Police had made no arrests so far, Moenuddin said, adding that "the level of infiltration of Foreign-trained terrorists has increased recently

and we cannot overlook this possibility."

The judge had received threatening calls, and intelligence agencies said police knew that saboteurs were contemplating attacks on special court judges.

The slain judge was named to head a special anti-terrorist court for heinous crimes such as murder and highway robbery shortly after Ms. Bhutto's government was dismissed last August for alleged graft and

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Strike observed at DU, different edn institutions

By DU Correspondent

A spontaneous students strike was observed at the Dhaka University and different educational institutions in the city Tuesday demanding arrest and trial of the persons involved in the killing of two students of Jagannath University College.

Jatyaatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), called for strike only at the Dhaka University while the Chhatra League (S-A) at all the educational institutions in the city.

Both student organisations held separate rallies and brought out processions of the Dhaka University campus protesting the incident.

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Dr Mahbub terms budget pragmatic

By Shahiduzzaman Khan

Noted economist Dr Mahbub Hossain has said that this year's budget proposals have brought some "good news" for the country's economy.

In an exclusive interview with The Daily Star, Dr Hossain said the Finance Minister has correctly identified country's development problems and suggested appropriate economic policies.

Dr Hossain heads Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS), country's biggest public sector research organisation.

Dr Hossain praised the Finance Minister for his strong plea to raise efficiency in economic activities, remove corruption.

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CU Senate meets today off campus

From Our Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, June 18: Chittagong University authorities will hold an emergency meeting and a general meeting of its Senate on Wednesday morning at the CU Club outside the campus.

The decision to hold meetings outside the campus was taken as an alternative measure because of a crisis prevailing in the campus.

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Triumphant Yeltsin rushes to Washington

MOSCOW, June 18: Russia's newly elected President Boris Yeltsin left here today for Washington to hold talks with President George Bush at the White House which will seal his arrival on the world stage, reports agencies.

Yeltsin, who until his election was often given cool treatment by Western leaders wishing to avoid undermining President Mikhail Gorbachev, is to meet Bush on Thursday.

The invitation followed his

first round victory last Wednesday as the first popularly elected president of the huge Russian federation, the largest Soviet republic.

But he will be formally received as president of the Russian federation parliament since his inauguration is not set until July 20.

Bush suggested yesterday that Yeltsin's trip could have an impact on the agenda of the planned superpower summit in Moscow, tentatively scheduled

for sometime in the next few weeks.

Without elaborating, the US president said there may be more issues to talk about after Yeltsin's visit.

The Kremlin has said it did not fear any interference from Yeltsin in Soviet foreign policy, with Soviet Foreign Ministry Spokesman Vitaly Churkin adding yesterday that "there is no competition" between Yeltsin and Gorbachev on this point.

The White House described Yeltsin's election last week as president of the huge Russian republic as "historic."

Bush wants to celebrate the spread of the democratic process that Yeltsin's victory in last week's balloting represents. But he will try to avoid any move that could be interpreted as an attempt to undermine the leadership of Gorbachev.

Meanwhile, President Gorbachev and the leaders of nine

Soviet republics Monday tentatively approved a draft treaty of the union and decided to send it for amendment to the parliaments of the republics and to the Supreme Soviets.

Reporting the agreement reached in a dacha at Novo-Ogarevo, near Moscow, Tass news agency noted that "certain points were left for agreement later."

Soviet lawmakers on Tuesday demanded that Gorbachev

explain criticism within his administration over a plan to integrate the nation into the world economy using aid from the West.

Gorbachev is to present the plan in London next month to leaders of the world's top seven industrialized nations, but sharp differences over the proposal are emerging in the Soviet leadership.

Communist hardliners have made clear to Gorbachev that

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Tk 748 cr IDA aid for four projects

WASHINGTON, June 18: Bangladesh will get Tk 748 crore (209.00 million US dollars) from the International Development Association (IDA) an affiliate of the World Bank, for implementation of four

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Adamjee Jute Mills CBA member killed

From Our Correspondent

NARAYANGANJ, June 18: Sona Mia Sardar (55), a worker of the Adamjee Jute Mills and a member of the Adamjee Jute Mills CBA was killed on Monday night at his residence by a group of unknown miscreants.

The miscreants reached the house of Sona Mia at Char Samir by a boat and broke into the bedroom. They stabbed him repeatedly. Sona Mia was taken to Narayanganj Hospital where he died.