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Budget for 1991-92 passed

Parliament passed the Tk 16,000 crore national budget for fiscal 1991-92 Tuesday night, reports UNB.
 The House passed the budget at 1.40 am after a marathon late night sitting.
 The budget provides for development expenditure of Tk 7,500 crore. The revenue earnings is estimated at Tk 8,503 crore.
 The House also passed the Appropriations (Vote on Account) Bill, 1991, moved by Finance Minister M. Saifur Rahman.
 The budgetary amount comes under the head of 126 demands passed in voice vote.
 Earlier, the House rejected by voice vote more than a thousand cut motions that stood in the name of opposition members after Deputy

Speaker Sheikh Razzak Ali, who was in the chair, applied guillotine.
 Leader of the Opposition Sheikh Hasina could not deliver her speech on the budget as she was away from the House before the Finance Minister began his winding up speech on schedule at 8.10 pm.
 BSS adds: The Appropriation (Vote on Accounts) Bill, 1991 granted additional Taka 20459 crore 39 lakh 70 thousand, out of the consolidated fund for 1991-92 financial year to meet the expenditures of various ministers.
 Before the beginning of the current financial year the House on June 29 had granted in advance Taka 4091,87,94,000 out of the

consolidated fund for the current fiscal year to meet certain part of the expenditure of the ministries.
 Piloted by Finance Minister Saifur Rahman, the House passed by voice vote allocation of Taka 16544,24,49,000, out of the consolidated fund for fiscal 1991-92 to meet expenditure of various ministries. The Appropriation Bill incorporates Taka 3915,15,21,000 on non-votable accounts.
 A total of 4132 cut motions were, however, rejected by the House.
 Presided over by Deputy Speaker Sheikh Razzak Ali, the House passed 45 demands for grants by midnight. There were a total of 126 demands for grants.
 The chair applied guillotine
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More items go out of VAT net

Finance Minister Saifur Rahman in parliament last night announced withdrawal of VAT on certain items and reduced power rate in response to the opposition demand, reports UNB.
 The items on which VAT was withdrawn include bread, hand driven machine spare used in agriculture, hurricane, fodder, warenaill, domestic made spade, tubewell, irrigation pump, wood pencil, utensils made of plastics, slipper and shoes made of plastic and rubber, packet-liquid milk and mustard oil.

Death letter to Attorney General

The Chief Prosecutor in Ershad's wealth amassing case Attorney General Aminul Haque yesterday received a death threat in the Special Judge Court.
 The threat in the form of a letter from an "Attorney General Assassination Committee" was found in the Court while the hearing in deposed President Ershad case was in progress.
 The letter found on the floor of the Court room warned the Attorney General for what it called his 'unbecoming and obstinate remarks against Ershad'.
 The Court, housed at the Jail Warden's Barracks next to the Central Jail, yesterday had the money recovered from the Sena Bhavan brought from the Treasury.
 Special Judge Mohammad Ali Khan then opened the trunk carrying the money and counted the money kept in bundles.
 After the counting was done one key out of the six keys of the two locks of the trunk was lost in the court.
 When all the lawyers began searching for the key Attorney General Aminul Haque picked up a piece of paper written in a clear hand.
 The letter quoted a report in a section of the Bengali dailies that the Attorney General had passed a remark at Ershad saying 'you bloody shut up'.
 The letter written by anonymous quarters said that the Attorney General would have to get the necessary punishment.
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PM stresses need for ecological balance

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia Tuesday underlined the need for maintaining ecological balance for continuous development spree, reports BSS.
 She said tree plantation programme had to be turned into a social movement for making the country habitable for the posterity.
 The Prime Minister was addressing the inaugural function of the National Tree Plantation Drive 1991 in Dhaka.
 State Minister for Forest and Environment Abdullah Al Noman, State Minister for Religious Affairs Prof Abdul Mannan, Additional Secretary of Environment and Forest Ministry Dr Mohammad Abdur
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BNP's student front Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal brought out a procession in the city Tuesday to celebrate the passage of the Constitution 12th Amendment Bill in Parliament. —Star photo

JCD celebrates passage of 12th Amendment Bill

The city unit of BNP-backed Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) on Tuesday organised a victory procession to celebrate the passage of the Constitution 12th Amendment Bill.
 Prior to the procession it held a brief rally in front of the National Press Club with Abul Khair Bhuiyan in the chair. The rally was addressed by, among others, DUCSU VP Amanullah Aman, MP, Kamruzzaman Ratan, Mohaimen Islam Kazal, Ali Akkas, Jahangir Alam, Kamrul Islam and Jakir Hossain. The city BNP president Lt Gen (ret'd) Mir Shawkat Ali also addressed the rally.
 The JCD and BNP leaders said President Ziaur Rahman presented the country a multi-party system of politics while Begum Khaleda Zia, parliamentary democracy.
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Unholy force waiting to strike: Hasina

Awami League chief and Leader of the Opposition Sheikh Hasina has stressed that the Indemnity Ordinance of 1975 be repealed and "Law be allowed to take its own course for establishing democracy."
 She warned that 'unholy forces' were waiting in the wing to control all power if the Indemnity (Repeal) Bill was not passed in the Jatiya Sangsad (parliament).
 Sheikh Hasina was addressing a discussion meeting Tuesday evening organised by Bangabandhu Parishad at the Institution of Engineers. The meeting, arranged to observe the National Mourning Day on August 15, was presided over by Parishad's chairperson Begum Sulha Kamil. The topic for discussion was 'democracy, rule of law and trial of...'
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Pay Commission Report will be implemented soon: Saifur

Finance and Planning Minister M Saifur Rahman said Tuesday night that the Pay Commission Report for the government employees would be implemented soon on the basis of the recommendations of the Review Committee, reports BSS.
 Delivering his winding up speech on the National Budget for 1991-92 in the Jatiya Sangsad, he said a committee constituted by the government to review the Pay Commission Report was now scrutinising it on the basis of reality. In this connection, he pointed out that no government in the past had implemented the Pay Commission Report in toto. It was always implemented on the basis of recommendations of the Review Committee, he added.
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Russia will be hostage to Kremlin without Union Treaty: Yeltsin

MOSCOW, Aug 13: Russia must sign a new Union Treaty reconstituting the Soviet Union or "remain a hostage to the central government," Russian President Boris N Yeltsin said Tuesday, reports AP.
 Until the treaty is signed, national government departments and agencies will refuse to share power with the 15 republics, Yeltsin said in a letter to Nezavisimaya Gazeta (the Independent Newspaper).
 "As long as the Union Treaty is not signed, Russia will continue to remain the hostage of central structures," Yeltsin wrote in response to a group of politicians who oppose the treaty because they fear it will jeopardise Russia's sovereignty.
 "Let's be realistic," Yeltsin said in defense of his agreement to sign the treaty. "Union agencies will not give up to us their functions voluntarily, without appropriate legal pressure. They will use every opportunity to retain control over Russia potential."
 Russia — the largest, most populous and richest Soviet republic — is scheduled to sign the Union Treaty in a Kremlin ceremony August 20, along with Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan. Other republics

will sign in September and October.
 The treaty gives the republics more control over their resources, but retains Kremlin control over defense, communications and transportation. It replaces a 1922 document that formed the foundation of the Soviet Union.
 Yeltsin said in his letter that Soviet President Mikhail S Gorbachev promised to sign a decree after the treaty was signed transferring "the whole economic potential of Russia" to the republic's jurisdiction.
 The two governments signed an agreement earlier this year turning over control of some of the country's richest coal mines to the Russian government. The deal helped end a crippling two-month strike by miners.
 "The longer we continue living without the treaty, the
Habib Bank denies financing Pak nuclear deal
 KARACHI, Aug 13: Pakistan's state-owned Habib Bank on Tuesday denied having helped finance the attempted export of restricted nuclear materials to Pakistan
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longer will union (central government) agencies continue to dictate," Yeltsin said. "With its signing we don't lose a shred of sovereignty. Just the other way around — we gain real rights to pursue independent policies at home and abroad."
 Five independence-minded republics have refused to sign the treaty — Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Moldavia and Georgia — and the Ukraine and Armenia have yet to make a final decision.
 Armenian Prime Minister Vazgen Manukyan was quoted Tuesday as saying his republic would sign the treaty if it spelled out procedures for seceding from the Soviet Union.
 Gorbachev has insisted that republics seeking independence must follow complicated procedures laid out in a law on secession. That process could take years, and it's unclear what status such republics would have in the meantime.
 Armenia plans to hold a public referendum on the treaty in September.
 In the Uzbek capital of Tashkent, meanwhile, the Presidents of the republics of Kazakhstan, Kirgizia, Tadzhikistan, Turkmenia and Uzbekistan gathered Tuesday to discuss the treaty and problems in Soviet Central Asia.

Zahid upholds significance of Aug 15, Nov 7

Anwar Zahid, Chairman of the National Democratic Party (NDP), in a statement on Tuesday said that August 15 and November 7 are two most significant days in our national life.
 He said that on August 15 the existence of a sovereign state was declared by removing a puppet government and the path to multi-party democracy was opened by a section of the army with the consent of the people.
 But on November 3, 1975 conspiracy was hatched to snatch away this victory. The
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Rival groups of workers clash at Adamjee: 10 hurt

From Our Correspondent
 NARAYANGANJ, Aug 13: At least 10 workers were injured in a clash between two rival groups of workers at Adamjee Jute Mills area on Tuesday.
 The clash at around 1.30 p.m. occurred when some supporters of Siddique Sarder group reportedly attacked one
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Election of President Bill tabled in JS

The government on Tuesday tabled the Election of President Bill which provides for election of the President through open ballot. The bill, if passed by the House, will be effective immediately after the Constitution (Twelfth Amendment) Bill comes into force.
 The bill proposes that the election of the President by parliament will be conducted by the Chief Election Commissioner.
 If parliament is not in session the Chief Election Commissioner in consultation with the Speaker will call a meeting of the members of parliament through a notification seven days before the polls.
 If parliament is in session the Chief Election Commissioner will announce date of election through a notification at least seven days before the date of election. The Chief Election Commissioner will be the returning officer for the election, preside over the meeting of MPs to be organised to hold the election and conduct polling with the help of officials appointed by the commission.
 The counter foil of each ballot paper will carry the name, division number and a space for signature of each voter. The outer foil will carry the division number of the voter and the names of president candidates in an alphabetical order. A voter will cast his vote by putting his full name against the name of the candidate of his choice.
 The Chief Election Commissioner will start counting votes openly after polling is over. If there is a tie he will decide the result by lottery, the bill says.

Tk 75 thousand discretionary fund for each MP a year

The government has decided to introduce discretionary fund of Taka 75 thousand annually for each member of Jatiya Sangsad with effect from July 1 this year, the Finance Minister M. Saifur Rahman announce in the House Tuesday night, reports BSS.
 Winding up the debate on the national budget, the Finance Minister said the government of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia took the decision to enable the elected representatives of the people to participate in welfare work.
 He said at present the ministers enjoyed this facility. The Deputy Minister has a discretionary fund of Taka one lakh per annum.

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China favours controls on conventional arms sales

BEIJING, Aug 13: Chinese leader Jiang Zemin announced Monday that his country favoured some international controls on conventional weapons sales, taking a further step on joining non-proliferation efforts, reports AP.
 "China takes a very prudent and responsible attitude towards its arms sales," Jiang told Japanese Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu, Foreign Ministry spokesman Wu Jianmin said.
 "Therefore, China subscribes to some proper international control of the transfer of (conventional) weapons," the Communist Party General Secretary was quoted as saying.
 Jiang, who is also chairman of the powerful Party Central Military Commission, added that China endorsed a United Nations role in this endeavor, Wu said.
 He said Beijing would study a Japanese initiative, backed by the other leading Western democracies, to set up an arms sale reporting system within the United Nations.
 The announcements took China one step closer to joining international efforts to strengthen non-proliferation controls, which have accelerated since the Gulf war.
 Prime Minister Li Peng told Kaifu after his arrival here Saturday that China had agreed in principle to abide by the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT).
 Jiang implicitly criticized the West over its arms sale stance, citing the proverb "The King may light a thousand bonfires but the common man is not allowed to light even a lamp." Japanese Foreign Ministry spokesman Sadaaki Numata said.
 He said that Chinese arms exports were "very small" and could not be compared with Western weapons in "either quality or quantity," adding however that Beijing "will not engage in excessive actions in this regard," Numata said.
 During their 90-minute meeting in Zhongnanhai, the party headquarters, Kaifu also invited Jiang to visit Tokyo, spokesmen said, with one describing the atmosphere as "harmonious and cordial."
 "Sino-Japanese relations are now back to normal," Wu said after the meeting.
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