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Parliamentary form chosen

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Corazon Aquino will harness millions of votes to overturn Senate ruling on US bases in the Philippines

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The front-runner in regional groupings, the European Community, came into being in the Fifties. An all-Africa common market is planned, but five North African countries, disturbed by the economic power of the European

Community, have formed a union the Arab Maghreb Union Page 4

Metropolitan



As you drift off to sleep with visions of floating mucous, toilets that are literally public and tooth-picking beauties will it be too much to ask for civic sense from the people?

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Tk 21,486 crore outstanding bank credits Page 10

NEWS BRIEFS

Tk 1 cr given from PM's Relief Fund

Taka one erore has been given to the Relief Ministry from Prime Minister's Relief Fund for taking up emergency relief measure in the flood affected areas of the country, reports BSS.

MPs to take oath today

The oath taking ceremony of the MPs, elected to the Jatiya Sangsad in the September 11 by-election, will be held today (Tucsday) at the chamber of the Speaker in Sangsad Bhaban at 10 am, reports UNB. *

ODA fund for flood victims

Britain's Overseas Development Administration (ODA) has made funds available to alleviate the distressed conditions of Bangladesh's flood victims, reports BSS.

Mustafiz to attend UNGA session

Foreign Minister A S M Mustafizur Rahman leaves Thursday for New York to lead Bangladesh delegation to the 46th session of United Nations General Assembly beginning today (Tuesday), reports UNB.

The people have given a massive mandate in favour of parliamentary democracy by casting 'yes' votes in Sunday's referendum on the Constitution 12th Amendment Bill, unofficial results announced by the Election Commission on Monday show.

Out of every ten votes cast in the referendum more than eight were 'yes' votes and less than two 'no' votes. The total turn out of voters in the referendum was 35.23 per cent.

Election Commission sources say, out of a total of 6,22,042, 118 votes

2,19,19,003 were cast in the referendum. Out of the votes cast 1,90,408 votes were rejected.

"Yes" votes totalled 1,83,42,882 and 'no' votes 33,85,718. Out of the valid votes 'yes' votes comprised 84.41 per cent and 'no' votes 15.59 per cent.

Division-wise the highest number of 'yes' votes came from Chittagong where 55,88,141 'yes' votes and 7,35,561 'no' votes were cast, the percentages being 88.37 and 11.37 respectively.

The lowest percentage

By Staff Correspondent

(75.68) of 'yes' votes was from Rajshahi division where 'no' votes amounted to 24.32 per cent. A total of 38,63,197 'yes' votes and 12,41,484 'no' votes were cast in the division.

In Khulna division 'yes' votes were 88.25 per cent and 'no' votes 11.75 per cent. A total of 36,51,443 'yes' votes and 4,85,940 'no' votes were cast in Khulna.

The percentage of 'yes' votes was 85.03 in Dhaka division where 'no' votes amounted to 14.97 per cent close to the national average. In Dhaka division 'yes' votes

totalled 52,40,101, and 'no' votes 9,22,728.

The results show that the people of Rangpur as a whole rejected the Constitution 12th Amendment Bill by casting 63.96 per cent 'no' votes. In four other northern districts of 1,84,444 and 'no' votes Gaibandha, Nilphamari, Lalmonirhat and Kurigram 'yes' won the election by narrow

In the district of Rangpur a total of 2,97,541 'no' votes were cast as against 1,75,062 'yes' votes.

'Yes' votes totalled 171,060 and 'no' votes 1,54,213 in

By Staff Correspondent

School Certificate (SSC)

Examination held this year un-

der the Board of Intermediate

and Secondary Education,

Dhaka was announced Monday.

The percentage of the pass

dates appeared at the examina-

tion. Of them 1,00,027 came

out successful. Among them,

19,023 got first division,

45,456 second division and

Jalal Ahmed Mirza of

Mirzapur Cadet College,

Tangail secured the first po-

sition in the combined merit

list of the first 20 successful

candidates with general

science. He secured total 887

marks with letters in six sub-

combined list went to

Nazimuddin Md Wasiuddin of

the same college who scored

871 with six letters. Md Tanvir

Detailed results on Pages 6, 7,

The second position in the

35,548 third division.

A total of 1,48,003 candi-

was 67.58.

jects.

8 and 9

The results of Secondary

Gaibandha district, the respective percentages being 52.59 and 47.41.

In Nilphamari district the percentage of 'yes' votes was 62.93 and that of 'no' votes 37.07. 'Yes' votes totalled 1,08,640 in the district.

'Yes' and 'no' votes totalled 1,26,365 and 74,060 in Lalmonirhat district. The respective percentages were 63.05 and 36.96.

Similarly in Kurigram district there were 1,94,540 'yes' votes and 1,10,559 'no' votes, the percentages being 63.76 and 36.24 respectively.

Following were the division wise final results of the referendum available from the Election Commission:

Division	Total Centres	YES	NO
*****	******	*******	*****
Dhaka	7.258	52,40,101	9,22,728
Chittagong	6,201	55,88,141	7,35,561
Rajehahi	6,202	38,63,197	12,41,484
Khuina	4,648	36,51,443	4,85,940
TOTAL:	24,309	1,83,42,882	33,85,713

as follows:

243 2,24,130 See Page 12 Col. 7

People thanked for endorsing parliamentary system

Different political parties Monday congratulated the people for giving their verdict in favour of parliamentary form of government in the referendum Sunday, reports BSS.

Secretary General and LGRD and Cooperatives See Page 12 Col. 2

Bangabandhu

Bhaban

security reduced

drawn the police camp outside

the Bangabandhu Bhaban and

slashed the number of house

security guards, reports UNB.

Bangabandhu Bhaban was

posted after Awami League

President and Leader of the

Opposition in Parliament

Sheikh Hasina returned to the

Awami League leader Amir

Hossain Amu said the house

security guards were reduced

to six from 11 Monday after-

noon and the 12 to 15-member camp of riot police was

He said the police adminis-

tration had been contacted for

explanation of the measure.

But the high officials at the

Home Ministry informed it was

done according to government

See Page 12 Col. 1

BNP candidate

alleges rigging

in by-election

By Staff Correspondent

candidate from Madaripur-2

constituency in the by-elec-

tion, on Monday alleged

widespread violence and rig-

ging of votes by Awami League.

National Press Club he said

that the Awami League candi-

date, former Ganabahini leader

Sahjahan Khan himself led the

terrorist group and forced the

BNP supporters to leave many

Some BNP agents were not

In a press conference at the

Atiqur Rahman Babul, BNP

The security reduction is

removed Sunday night.

decision.

country in 1979.

The security at the

The authorities have with-

SSC results announced

67.58 pc pass in Dhaka Board



Frenzied SSC examinees and also their guardians crowding at the gate of Dhaka Board as they came to know that results were announced yesterday afternoon. -Star photo



Jalal Ahmed Mirza, first in Science group Interview on Page 12

The overall flood situation

improved on Monday with rc-

cession of water in all the ma-

jor rivers of the country, ac-

cording to flood control cen-

While many people re-

turned to their homes, road

and train communications

were being restored after re-

pairs. In some areas, however,

road and rail communications

still remained disrupted due to

damaged bridges and culverts

and eroded roads and railway

with 11 more deaths, by

drowning and waterborne dis-

The death toll rose to 49

tres, reports BSS.



Monishita Ghosh, first in Social Science group Interview on Page 12

According to flood control

centres in district headquar

ters, flood situation in 19 dis-

tricts of the country was im-

proving fast as there was

scanty rains in the flood-hit

areas on the day. But rehabili-

tation was still a major prob-

lem as about ten thousand

people were still staying at re-

lief camps at Chapainawabganj

recorded a drop in the water

level, the Ganges at Pankha,

Rajshahi, Hardinge Bridge,

Goalundo and Bhagyakul, the

Mahananda at Chapainawa-

bganj, the Meghna at Bhai-

rabbazar and Chandpur were

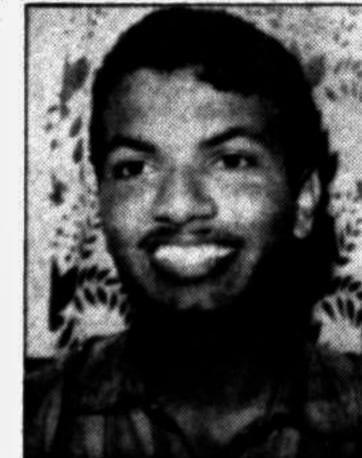
flowing above the danger level.

Bangladesh Railway has un-

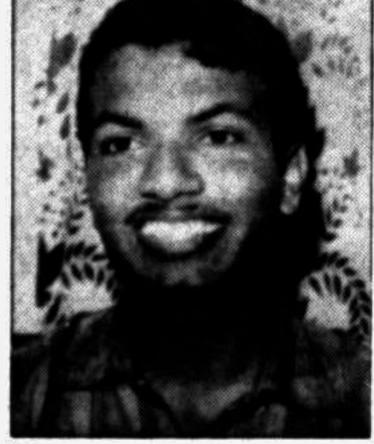
Though many rivers

one from Pabna.

and Thakurgaon.



Science Group Interview P-12



Nazimuddin Muhammad

Flood situation improving

dertaken a crash programme

to restore railway communica-

tion in four sections of the

north-western region within

here, direct road communica

tions on Rangpur-Pirgani

Niphamari-Domar, Domar

Dimla, Rajshahi-Natore, Sayed-

pur, Dinajpur and Thakurgaon

Panchagarh sections have been

upazila went under water as af-

fected villagers broke open a

sluicegate of WDB embank-

people in four unions of

Kamarkhand - Jawail,

See Page 12 Col. 7

A vast area in Kamarkhand

Officials said about 5,000

Saycdpur-Nilphamari,

ment in Ullapara.

According to official sources

this month.

Islam of Mirzapur Cadet

Wasiuddin, Second in

College stood third in the combined list with 867 marks and five letters. A total of 14

students of the Mirzapur Cadet College came on the merit list. In the combined merit list with Social Science as the common subject, Monishita Ghosh of Udayan school in Dhaka secured the first position with 780 marks and three

letters. Mohammad Sabrin Munshi of Faridpur Zila School stood second securing 776 with four letters while the third position went to Md Moazzem Hussain of Delpara High School of Narayangani who got 775 marks and letters in four subjects. See Page 12 Col. 3

Govt fails to stand by flood victims, Hasina

Chief of Awami League and Leader of the Opposition in Parltament Skeikh Hasina Monday said the government had utterly failed to stand by the people affected by flood now engulfing various districts of the country, reports BSS.

In a statement Sheikh Hasina said the government was not playing its due role for alleviating the sufferings of the flood affected people while its relief work was being kept limited within the government controlled media. She said the people in the

flood-hit districts were facing acute crisis of food and emer-See Page 12 Col. 7

Presidential poll after official results By Moinuddin Naser

The gazette notification of the results of the referendum will be published after availability of the official results from every district of the

Talking to The Daily Star on Monday Chief Election Commissioner Justice Abdur Rouf said, "We have just received unofficial results, the official results will be announced through gazette notification after the result sheets are available from all the districts."

When his attention was drawn to low turnout of voters in the referendum Justice Rouf said that 30 per cent turnout was enough. He said that the day was a rainy day and low turnout was not unexpected. He asserted "If 10 per cent people of the country have firm conviction in democracy, that is enough to sustain democracy." He was confident that democracy would thrive in future in the country.

Replying to a question he said, "with the gazette notifi-

Riaz Rahman to replace Abul Ahsan shortly

Riaz Rahman is expected to take over as Foreign Secretary shortly. Rahman, who was carlier promoted to the rank of Secretary will succeed Abul Ahsan, reports UNB.

Ahsan is due to proceed to the United States on Friday to join his new assignment as the country's Ambassador there.

Faruq Sobhan who is at present Bangladesh Ambassador to Beijing will join the Ministry as the Additional Foreign Secretary. The post will fall vacant after Rahman enters the See Page 12 Col. 8

Violence and tension, not

ar away from the Dhaka

University campus, renewed

As the 14 hall gates were

with reopening of the residen-

reopened, two factions of

Awami League-backed Chhatra

League (BCL) chased each

other and scuffled at Modhu's

at the nearby Engineering

University (BUET), the

Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD)

also held a protest rally on the

campus and warned the rival

BCL saying "they are strong

In a spillover of an incident

canteen at around 11 am.

tial halls yesterday.

sults, the Constitution 12th Amendment Bill will be deemed to have been assented to by the President and the country will switch over to parliamentary form of government which will remain accountable to the parliament." The Chief Election Commissioner further said that

cation of the referendum re-

within five days of the gazette notification of the results he would announce the schedule of the presidential election. Meanwhile, questions have

been raised about formation of anew cabinet under the amended Constitution. The final decision on this issue is expected to be taken tomor-

Some constitutional experts say that the new cabinet should be formed immediately after the gazette notification of the referendum results, because the existing cabinet was constituted by the Acting President to advise him in discharging his duties and the cabinet was responsible to the President and not to the parliament.

With the change of the Constitution there has to be a new cabinet which will remain accountable to the parliament, they maintain.

On the other hand, some other experts say, forming a new cabinet under the incumbent President is not necessary. They say, after the gazette notification of the referendum results the executive power of the republic will automatically go to the Prime Minister and the Acting President will continue in the office as titular head of the state till the election of a new President. And the existing cabinet will continue its work as the cabinet of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda

See Page 12 Col. 7

enough to oust them (BCL) in

five minutes if they continue

sharp reaction to alleged beat-

ing of five JCD activists by BCL

in the Engineering University

sume today after 48 days' un-

scheduled closure following

armed clashes between JCD

Classes of the university re-

The protest meeting was a

unholy activities."

DU reopens today

amidst tension

By DU Correspondent

even allowed to enter the polling centres during polling. he alleged. The BNP leader also said Zia, they opine. But the matter

polling centres.

that the terrorist group burnt down a BNP camp in Bazitpur union and forcibly took away mikes from a camp in Dudhkhali union. He mentioned similar other

incidents and alleged that the general voters were obstructed from going to the polling centres by the armed group of Awami League in Bahadurpur, Dudhkhali, Dhubail and Kunia

ALEC condemns attack on Hasina

The Executive Council of Bangladesh Awami League at a meeting in Dhaka Monday in a resolution strongly condemned the incident of gunfire and bomb blast at a polling centre on Green Road in the city on September 11 describing it as an attempt on the life of Shetkh Hasina, AL chief and the Leader of the Opposition in

Sheikh Hasina presided over the meeting which was adjourned till 10 am today .

The council in the resolutions also said that the BNP Secretary General had tried to conceal the facts by his 'motivated and imaginary" statement about the incident at a press conference. It also condemned the contention of BNP Secretary General and demanded exemplary punishment to those involved in this incident.

The council thanked the

It also expressed shock at See Page 12 Col. 2

Kabul agrees to dialogue without Najibullah damentalist guerilla groups ISLAMABAD, Sept 16: The ple to these five points and tion at the moment of opening and United States in halting the dialogue goes ahead,

Kabul government has agreed to participate in a dialogue with the Mujahideen resistance without President Najibullah, Pakistan's Foreign Secretary Shaharyar Mohammad Khan said here to-

day, report, AFP and Reuter. UN Secretary General Javier Perez De Cuellar is expected to consider the Kabul move and arrange the dialogue through his special envoy

Benon Sevan. Kabui has indicated that if

Natibullah will not be there, Khan said The Alghan Mujahideen

could agree to allow members of the Kabul regime or of the ruling Watan Party to play a part on an "individual basis" in finding a "global solution" to the Alghan conflict, a spokesman for the resistance movement said.

M N Lafraic, Information Minister for the Afghan government-in-exile added, however, that there was no ques-

such a dialogue. Mujahideen guerilla leaders rejected Najibullah's weekend

offer of a ceasefire and said they would continue to refuse any dialogue with the Alghan President. Burhanuddin Rabbani, head

of the Jamiat-i-Islami guerilla group, called Naifbullah's ceasefire offer a stunt, saying :"We cannot accept such an offer from an illegal govern-

But several of the more fun-

refuse to have anything to do with any of the ruling former Marxists in Kabul even without Najibullah's presence at talks.

"As long as the communists stay in power our fight will continue with them. If we accept a ceasefire with them that would mean we recognise them and this is impossible", said another guerilla leader, Younus Khalis. Pakistan today refused to

give an unconditional undertaking to join the Soviet Union arms supplies to warring forces in Afghanistan. Shaharyar said that in principle Pakistan welcomed a halt

to foreign arms supplies from January 1 but would have preferred it as part of an overall package leading to a settlement of the Afghan war. He said three months remained to agree an accord based on a five-point United Nations plan that includes a halt to weapons

"We have agreed in princi-

therefore we have agreed in principle to the idea of negative symmetry," Shaharyar said. But if no package deal is in place by January, he said

Pakistan would only then decide whether to halt its aid to Afghan Mujahideen fighters based on its territory. Jamiat chief Rabbani, who is also acting Foreign Minister of

the resistance government-inextle, said the entire Afghan nation wanted peace but not with Najibullah.

and BCL activists on July 30. The resident students entered their respective halls by enlisting their names at the hall gates. The arrival was Parliament, reports BSS. See Page 12 Col. 8

nation for their massive support towards the parliamentary system of government by casting "Yes" votes in the referen-

eases, reported Monday . Of these, four were reported from Thakurgaon, three each from Rajshahi and Panchagarh and