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Equal coverage on TV, radio demanded

By Staff Correspondent
The Acting Secretary General of Jatiya Party A.B.M. Shahjahan called upon the government to ensure coverage of electioneering by all the parties on Radio and Television for the February 27 polls.
In a statement issued to the press Monday, he said that the parties should get priority in coverage in accordance to the number of candidates nominated by them. He mentioned that Jatiya Party could nominate over 280 candidates and proved that it is one of the major political parties.
He alleged that the electioneering coverage by Radio and TV remains confined within some of the parties only, which is against present government's policy of neutrality.

Snatcher with Tk 3,000 held

A young man Kamal was arrested with Taka 3,000 and a wrist watch on Monday at Siddik Bazar crossing under Kotoali Thana, police said.
While Kamal were trying to flee after snatching the amount from a businessman Abdus Sattar. The patrol police arrested red-handed.
A case was registered with Kotoali Thana.

Election Commission directive

BSS adds : The Election Commission will not consider any application for inclusion of names in the electoral rolls after January 31, an Election Commission Press release said on Monday night.
There will not be enough time to verify and print the new names, the Press release mentioned.

Maghi Purnima Wednesday

The Buddhist community in the country will observe Maghi Purnima on Wednesday, reports UNB.
Bangladesh Buddhists Federation has chalked out elaborate programmes to mark the occasion, says a press release.
The day's programme include mass prayers at dawn.

Attack on workers protested

By A Correspondent
NARAYANGANJ, Jan 29: The workers of Ibrahim Textile Mills at Siddirganj here on Monday demonstrated in front of the Deputy Commissioner's office and handed over him a memorandum protesting attack on the mills' workers by the armed miscreants on Sunday.
At least 50 persons were wounded in an attack.
Later, the workers brought out a procession followed by a rally near the office of the Deputy Commissioner.
Meanwhile, a three-member committee led by the DC was formed on Monday to probe into the incident at the mills compound.
Two groups of workers clashed four times during the current month over realising of their 17-point demands.

One nabbed in Rajshahi

RAJSHAH, Jan 29 : Police Monday arrested one of the 15 people accused of killing a student leader in, firing on a victory procession celebrating fall of Ershad, reports UNB.
Matkur Rahman Lal, a contractor and President of the local branch of Bangladesh Land Mortgage Bank, was picked up from the district court premises, police said.
Rafiqul Islam Dulal, Chhatra League (H-A) leader and ex-Cultural Secretary of Rajshahi College Students Union, died in shooting on December 5 near the house of former State Minister for Food Nurunnabi Chand.
Shikha Nabi, the wife of the former State Minister and Jatiya Party leader, is also among the accused.

Jalalabad Jubo Association

A meeting of a cross section of the youths hailing from Sylhet and residents in Dhaka Monday formed a 13-member convening committee to float an organisation entitled 'Jalalabad Jubo Association,' a press release said, reports BSS.
The committee formed with Mr. Fazlur Rahman and Mr. Ayub Ali Ayub as convenor and joint convenor respectively will arrange a conference of the association within 60 days to form a full committee.

Plea to find out clue to rheumatic heart disease

Health and Family Welfare Adviser Prof. M. A. Majed Tuesday urged medical scientists to find out the cause of rheumatic fever and heart disease and the ways to control and prevent them, reports BSS.
Inaugurating the pilot project centre for control and prevention of rheumatic fever and rheumatic heart disease at the Suhrawardhy Hospital premises in Dhaka, Dr. Majed said, 'We must share the benefits of scientific and technological developments all over the world and relieve the people from the curse of these diseases.'
He said the government was thinking of ensuring health for all by providing primary health care services.
Presided over by Additional Health Secretary, Dr. K. M. Fariduddin, the function was also addressed by Health Secretary Khandakar Asaduzzaman, Japanese Ambassador in Bangladesh, Takeo Iguchi, Project Director, Dr. Strajul Haque and team leader of Japanese experts, Dr. K. Yoshitake.
Referring to the Japanese assistance for socio-economic development of Bangladesh, Mr. Takeo Iguchi said, 'we have particular programme for humanitarian assistance especially in health and agriculture sectors.'
He said Japan had provided considerable assistance for the development of the Cardiovascular Disease Institute at the Suhrawardhy Hospital. The present project was a symbol of friendship between Japan and Bangladesh, he added.
The objective of the project is to establish national strategy for control and prevention of rheumatic fever and rheumatic heart disease (RF/RHD), to reduce incidence of the disease, to conduct research and provide health education in this field.
Dr. Strajul Haque said seven persons in every one thousand people in the country suffer from rheumatic heart disease and one-third of the heart disease patients admitted in the hospitals were suffering from rheumatic heart disease.
Khandaker Asaduzzaman said during the 4th five year plan, the government planned to strengthen the preventive measures of diseases and the RF/RHD pilot project was a part of that measure for a particular disease.
Later, the Adviser distributed certificates to 20 trainee Doctors and 14 trainee Medical Assistants of the project.



A procession was brought out in the city on Tuesday in protest against killing of a social worker and businessman Zahid Hossain Dulal at Farmgate by a group of armed miscreants when he refused to pay subscriptions to them. —Star Photo

Dateline Chittagong

Ensure T & T service to subscribers

CHITTAGONG, Jan 29: Presidential Adviser in-Charge of the Ministry of Communications, Post and Tele-communication, Mr A B M G Kibria yesterday called upon T & T officials to make concerted efforts to ensure equitable service facilities to telephone subscribers of Chittagong city, reports BSS.
The General Manager of T & T Chittagong Circle, Mr S D Khan in his address of welcome apprised the Adviser of the performances of the department and said, due service facility to more telephone subscribers could be extended after introduction of digital system.
Earlier, the Adviser paid a visit to Karnafuli bridge and Shikhalbaha Bailey bridge at Patiya. The Adviser was apprised that Shikhalbaha Bailey bridge would be replaced by concrete construction at an estimated cost worth Tk 4.45 crore, the construction of the bridge will be completed by June, 1992.
Later, Mr Kibria held a meeting with officials of Swantivar Bangladesh. He also held a meeting with officials of different banks of Chittagong city at the DC's conference room here. The DC of Chittagong Mr A R Khan presided over the meeting.

Rally demands end to war

Our Staff Correspondent adds: Speakers in the war rally here warned the US Government not to push the Gulf issue towards the path of world war. They called for an immediate halt to the Gulf war through withdrawal of multinational forces from there in order to pave the way for solution of the crisis across the discussion table.
Organised by greater Chittagong Mass Action Development Committee, the rally was presided over by its President, Mr S M Jamaluddin. Held at Laldighi Matdan Monday afternoon, the rally was addressed among others by Messrs. Monowar Ahmed, Kalam Chowdhury, Solaiman Khan, Prof Shaful Bashir, and Monjur Mohd. Khan, Prof Shaful Bashir, Monjur Mohd. Khan, Md. Kamal Mojaffar Ahmed Chowdhury, Prof Abu Syed, Jafor Nizam, Swapan Sen and Md. Atik.
The speakers termed the US attacks on Iraq as an act of aggression. They also urged upon the Bangladesh Authority to bring back the Bangladesh contingent from Saudi Arabia and said adding, 'We want peace, not war.' At the rally, a large portrait of Saddam Hossain was placed on a chair over the makeshift platform while a big size banner was hanging containing the sayings, 'Withdraw the multinational forces from Arab land immediately.'

The rally brought at a procession and it paraded the main thoroughfares of the city demanding the restoration of peace in the Gulf.
10 students injured in clash
BSS adds: At least 10 persons were injured in a clash at Boalkhali Sir Ashutosh College Monday noon, police said.
The clash occurred when processions of two rival organisations came face to face at the college compound.
Bangladesh Chhatra League (H-A) alleged that some armed members of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal of the college unit attacked their procession with handbombs injuring ten participants including six students.

Hakim Ali made Hony Consul of Indonesia

Hakim Ali, a wellknown industrialist and a veteran social worker was made honorary Consul of the Republic of Indonesia in Chittagong on Tuesday, says a Press release.
All one of the owners of Hotel Agrabad, was installed as Consul at a simple ceremony in Dhaka by the Indonesian Ambassador Air Vice Marshal (retired) Soemakno Ishwadi in the presence of high officials from the Bangladesh Foreign Ministry. He was given a letter from President Soeharto.
While speaking on the occasion, Ambassador Soemakno hoped that with Ali's appointment, the relations between the two brotherly Muslim countries will continue to expand further, the Press release added.



Hakim Ali, new Honorary Consul of Indonesia in Chittagong shaking hands with Ambassador Air Vice-Marshal (ret'd) Soemakno Ishwadi after signing ceremony in Dhaka on Tuesday.

Election Manual SOON

The government will shortly publish an election manual, first of its kind in the country, to act as a guide for election officials and members of law enforcing agencies.
The manual prepared by the Home Ministry, has already been approved by the Chief Election Commissioner, a ministry source told UNB today.
The manual will be distributed among the election officials and members of law enforcing agencies to make the Feb 27 parliamentary polls free, fair and impartial.
Sri Lanka's election manual was followed in preparing the country's first election guide, the source added.

Removal of pro-autocracy officials demanded

Sammilita Sangkritik Jote has called upon the authorities concerned to immediately remove the 'pro-autocracy officials' from all the national institutions, reports BSS.
They issued a press release on Tuesday to the press, demanding immediate removal of Dr. Enamul Huq from National Museum, Mahubul Talukder from Shilpakala Academy and Dr. Mahmud Shah Kureshi from Bangla Academy within February 2. Otherwise, the Jote will gherao the offices of the 'pro-autocracy elements' on February 3, the release said.
The Jote, in a meeting held on Monday at TSC with its convener Fais Ahmed in the chair, chalked out a 12-day programme to observe the coming Ekushe February.

ML hails EC code of conduct

Leaders of Bangladesh Muslim League Otkya Prokria, Ataul Huq Khan and Advocate Nurul Huq Mejmumdar on Tuesday hailed the code of conduct formulated by the Election Commission, reports BSS.
In a statement, they said that it was the moral duty of the participating parties in the elections to abide by the code of conduct and make the coming elections peaceful.
The Muslim League leaders also called upon the parties participating in the elections to strictly follow the code of conduct.
It also called on the people to ensure safety and security of diplomats and foreigners working in international organisations in the country.

Mohshin made envoy to UN

The government has decided to concurrently accredit M. Mohshin, Bangladesh High Commissioner to Canada, as Permanent Representative to the United Nations, according to an official announcement in Dhaka Tuesday, reports UNB.
He is replacing A H G Mohtuddin who was recalled in mid-December after the fall of Ershad government.
The government is drawing official proceedings against the former Representative, as he didn't comply with the recall.
The proceeding file is learnt to be lying with higher authorities, officials said.

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