Hasina pledges to work for establishing accountable govt

Awami League chief and Eight-Party Alliance leader Sheikh Hastna on Friday gave a clarion call to the people to seck blessings of the Almighty Allah at the holy night of Shabe-Barat to give the nation courage and strength to fight against hunger, poverty and injustice, reports BSS.

In a message on the eve of the holy Shab-e-Barat Sheikh Hastna said, the holy occasion came before us opening an opportunity to seek unitedly the blessings of Allah for peace. progress and prosperity of the nation. She also prayed for the unity and integrity of the Islamic Ummah and prosperity of the Muslim world.

She said, on this holy occasion we would take renewed pledge to fight against oppres-

British poll observers meet DU VC

The British Parliamentary **Election Observation Team led** by Sir Peter Shore met the Vice-Chancellor, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Treasurer, Members of the Syndicate and the Senior Officers of the Dhaka University on Thursday. They discussed with the recent political movement in the country, particularly the role played by the students and problems and prospects of transition to democracy in this country, says a press release.

During the discussion. others present were, Mr Colin H Imray, High Commissioner of Great Britain, Mr K Srinivasan, High Commissioner of India and Mr Serge Degallaix. Ambassador of France along with their wives and also some journalists of the city.

The Vice-Chancellor thanked the British Team for their keen interest in the welfare of the people of this country.

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sion and exploitation and solicit strength and confidence from Allah to be guided to the path of "Scratul Mustakeem".

She observed, Shab-c-Barat. the night of fortune and selfpurification, had again come before us and let us seek blessings for the future.

She said, the holy occasion not only helps one to attain self-perfection but also prepares one for self-restraint by heralding the arrival of the holy month of Ramadan. This hely night is an occasion for directing our lives towards the path of justice and truth being imbibed with the spirit of relf-

Soliciting lasting peace and progress of the country Sheikh liasina pledged to continue her thrust for building a 'free and bright future' for the posterity through fighting against

Liberation of Kuwait hailed

By Staff Correspondent

NAP (Bhasani) has expressed hope that after the Gulf war no big nation will dare to swallow its smaller neigh-

The party expressed the hope as it observed Thanksgiving day' Friday to mark the liberation of Kuwait.

Noor Mohammad Kazi. chairman of the party. presided over a meeting in observance of the day. Mujibur Rahman, Joynal Abedin, Abdul Jalil and Nurul Islam also spoke.

It appreciated the United Nations, US President George Bush. Saudi King Fahad. Kuwaiti Amir Sheik Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah and the Arab people for their heroic role against the aggression.

UNB add: Jamaat-e-Islami. Bangladesh, Friday felicitate Ameer Sheikh Jaber Muhammad Al-Sabah and the people of Kuwait for liberation of the tiny Sheikbdom.

In a joint statement the Acting Ameer of the party Abbas Alt Khan and Nacbe-Ameer Maulana A K M Yusuf described the liberation of Kuwait as a victory of truth and justice.

They hoped that the Sheikhdom under the leadership of the Ameer will be able to overcome the losses it suffered due to Iraqi occupation and will raise a powerful armed forces for its defence.

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all kinds of ills, corruption and mismanagement of social and national life. She also expressed her pledge for establishing an accountable gov ernment overcoming all sorts of conspiracies.

Expressing her satisfaction at the end of Gulf war she conveyed good wishes to the Kuwaiti people. She demanded withdrawal of zionist forces from Arab soil and establish ment of the homeland of the Palestinian people.

Samajbadi Dal congratulates Shahabuddin

The central committee of Sramik Krishak Samajbadi Dal (SKSD) Friday congratulated the caretaker government of Justice Shahabuddin Ahmad and the Election Commission for holding the Fébruary 27 parliamentary polls in a free and fair atmosphere, reports

In a statement, the committee said that they had fulfilled the hopes, and aspirations of the people by holding the elections as per the framework fixed by the three main political alliances.

For the first time in independent Bangladesh, it said, an election was held in a free. peaceful and impartial manner for which the caretaker government, Election Commission and the struggling nation deserve thanks. "The good beginning set by the elections in the hour of transition to democracy will also continue in future," it hoped.

The SKSD statement also termed as worrisome the use of "black money" during the election campaign and said it had obstructed the innocent people in taking right decisions as to whom they should vote for.

The committee demanded of the government to take action as per election rules against the black money holders who took part in this year's parliamentary elections.

Hasina

The Acting First Secretary of Sramik Krishak Samajbadi Dal (SKSD). Nirmal Sen. Friday congratulated the Awami League Chief. Sheikh Hasina, on her winning the Gopalganj-3 parliamentary seat in the recent election.

In a statement, Mr. Sen said Sheikh Hasina would do the necessary for the poor people of this underdeveloped area of the country.

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hotel in city on The Commonwealth poll monitors addressing a Press conference at a local -Star photo Friday.

'Ershad didn't follow rule to cast vote'

A news item has been published in a section of the press Friday that ex-President H M Ershad and his wife could not cast their votes because the Election Commission did not give them permission in time an official handout said: reports BSS.

For the purpose of clarification, it is stated that no permission of the Election Commission is necessary for a person under detention to cast his or her vote nor is he or she permitted by law to go to any polling station

to cast his or her vote, the

handout said. For a person under detention the specific provision of the law is that he may cast his vote by "postal ballot" only. For that purpose, he shall apply through proper channel to the Returning

Reception

Adviser for Foreign Affairs Fakhruddin Ahmed Friday held a reception in honour of the foreign observers and media members who came here to oversee and cover the parliamentary polls, reports UNB.

Advisers, heads of diplomatic missions and senior government officials were also present at the reception held at the state guest house Padma in the afternoon.

Body recovered from pond

Police Thursday recovered a body from a pond at Purba Maniknagar area under Sabujbagh police station, reports UNB.

The body was identified as Mohammad Hossain (35), a staff of Bangladesh Jute Research Institute. It had several stab marks. Relatives said Hossain was

murdered by rivals.

Shabujbagh police today arrested two people including a woman in connection with the murder.

The body was sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital for Officer of the appropriate constituency at least 15 days prior to the date of

On such application, the Returning Officer shall send a ballot paper to him and he then by indicating his

JP thanks Rangpur people

Jatiya Party and its front or ganisations have expressed their heartfelt congratulation to the nation for helping the peaceful holding of the election to the fifth Jatiya Sangsad. reports BSS.

In a statement in Dhaka Thursday, the party also congratulated the people of Rangpur for electing former President and Chairman of the Jatiya Party Hussain Mohammad Ershad in five parliamentary seats of the district.

The party leaders welcomed the newly-elected parliament members of other political parties and called for release of H. M. Ershad and other political detenus.

The leaders of JP and its fronts included Ismail Hossain Bengal, Advocate Shaffqul Kabir. Shamsuzzaman Mintu. Abdus Salam. M. A. Gafur. Azad Sultan. Begum Mariam Hashimuddin, Toufiqa Karim and Munshi Abdul Latif.

Post-election violence claims one in Khulna

KHULNA. Mar 1: One Mohammad Haftz (20) reportedly a worker of Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) was killed in an incident at Gagan Babu Road here Thursday while celebrating BNP victory in the parliamentary polls.

It was reported that while celebrating the victory trouble ensued between two groups of people resulting in the death of Mohammad Hafiz.

Details of the incident were not immediately available. No case was instituted in

this connection till writing this report.

All help for uplift of CHT sought

CHITTAGONG, Mar 1: Major General Mahmudul Hasan. Chairman of Chittagong Hill Tract Development Board has said that the government would continue its efforts for socio-economic development of Chittagong Hill Tract, reports BSS.

Addressing a public meeting at Bamen Longodhu under Longodhu Upazila Rangamati district recently he called upon the tribals to extend

their whole-hearted cooperation to local government parishad in implementing massive uplift programmes in the hill tract areas. He said. the government would also help tribal people to get improved education and develop qualities of life in keeping with

dressed the meeting.

choice of candidate in the ballot paper shall send it by registered post to the Returning Officer, the handout said, adding no such step was taken by the ex-President or his wife. Instead, on the day of polling he sent an application to the Election Commission for permission to cast his vote. The Election Commission

however, sent a letter to the ex-President through the Ministry of Home Affairs expressing their regrets. the handout added.

Release of Ershad demanded

Jatiya Sramik Party Friday demanded immediate and unconditional release of former President and Chairman of Jatiya Party Ershad and other JP leaders, reports UNB.

In a joint statement to the press. President and the General Secretary of the JP's labour front also called upon the interim government to lift warrant orders on JP leaders.

The statement noted that the sweeping success of the JP leaders, despite being interned, proved people's love to the Jatiya Party.

Repolling in Ctg 6 Constituency demanded -

CHITTAGONG, Marl: Former Minister Ziauddin Ahmed Bablu and Jatiya Party candidate for Chittagong six Rauzan constituency today demanded re-election in 30 out of 71 centres of the constituency as election at those centres were allegedly rigged. reports BSS.

The former minister who was still hiding made this dcmand through his chief election agent. Mr Rashedul Alam. at a press conference at Chittagong Press Club Thursday evening.

Mr Rashedul Alam in an oblique reference to National Democratic Party leader Salahuddin Kader Chowdhury alleged that his militant workers occupied the centres at gun point and forcibly stuffed the ballots into the boxes in presence of the polling officials who were inactive and indifferent to the complaints repeatedly lodged by the polling agents of Ziauddin Ahmed Bablu. The inadequate number of forces deployed at the centre failed to contain the terrorism and rigging by militant youths.

Mr. Rashedul Alam alleged that their rival violated the code of conduct by influencing voters through various means. A section of voters were given lift in vehicles from their homes to cast votes in favour of NDP.

Freedom of Kuwait a matter of joy'

Acting President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed Thursday felicitated the Amir of Kuwait Shetkh Jaber Al-Ahmed Al-Sabah, on resumption of the freedom and sovereignty of that country, reports BSS.

In a message of felicitation, the Acting President said, "lor Bangladesh which has steadfastly supported your just cause ft is a matter of particular joy that after six months of illegal occupation, untold sacrifice and suffering Kuwait has resumed its freedom and sovereignty in compliance with

EC, govt felicitated

By Staff Correspondent Advocate Ruhul Amin Pat wari. Chairman of Bangladesh Gono Adhikar Parishad has felicitated the interim government, and Election Commisston for holding a free, fair and peaceful election for the first time in the history of the country

Mr. Patwari in a statement on Friday said the people had given their verdict for establishing a sovereign parliament and an accountable govern ment. He urged all parties to give democracy an institutional

Post office holiday

All post offices of the country will remain closed tomor row (March 3) on the occasion of the holy Shab-e-Barat, an official hand out said in Dhaka reports BSS.

the United Nations Security Conneil resolutions.*

Justice Shahabuddin expressed the confidence that the spirit of determination patriotism and resilience that the people of Kuwait had demonstrated during the period of travatl would enable them to overcome the challenges that they faced in this

Acting President pledged continuing support and cooperation of Bangladesh

Zaker Party felicitates Khaleda

By Staff Correspondent Jaker Party presidium member Pirjada Mostafa Amir Faisal felicitated Begum Khaleda Zia and her party for achieving peoples' verdict on February 27 parliamentary election.

The people of the country used their political prudence and supported islamic and nationalist forces in this election. the presidium member said in a press release, on Friday. He hope that, respecting

this verdict, the nationalist iorics will engage themselves in building the economy and restoring peace and prosperity in the country.

He also said Zaker Party will always keep upheld the peoples cause and the flag of nationalists' politics.

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their culture and heritage. Local tribal leaders Milam Karbari, Jugendra Karbari and Ms. Onima Chakma also ad-

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Death of 4 in Raozan poll violence alleged

CHITTAGONG. Mar 1: Abdullah Al- Haroon, Awami League candidate for Chittagong-six (Raozan) constituency, today demanded reelection in his constituency where polling was suspended in seven centres during the election on February 27, reports BSS.

Addressing a press confer-

ence at Chittagong Press Club

here, he alleged that terrorism

intimidation of voters and rig-

ging were perpetrated in elec-

tion by the militant workers of his opponent at 50 per cent of the 71 centres of the constituency. Blaming local upazila

administration for siding with the National Democratic Party candidate, Salahuddin Quader Chowdhury, Haroon also alleged that respective Presiding Officers of seventeen centres declared suspension of polling. but again resumed the same hours later on the pressure of local upazila administration.

to cast their votes by that time left the centres and the militant workers of NDP occupied the booths when polling resumed and they resorted to massive rigging.

The voters, who were eager

Four persons were killed

and ten others injured in prepolls violence in Raozan con-

Unofficial results of the election of the constituency were yet to be declared.

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