# Final poll results published

The names of 294 MPselect of the 5th Jattya Sangsad (Parliament) were published in an official gazette Thursday. reports UNB.

They are now likely to be sworn-in on Sunday, official sources said.

Results of 4 seats will be announced after repolling in 21 centres taking place on March 9, while elections in the remaining two constituencies in Munshiganj and Kushtia will be held on March 14 and March 28 respectively to complete elections to the 300member House.

Party positions in the elections held on February 27 as stated by the Election Commission are as follows:

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# NAP (M) wants transfer of power to parliament

By Staff Correspondent

Leaders of the three political alliances, particularly majority party leader Begum Khaleda Zia, have been urged by National Awami Party (Mozaffar) to take effective steps to restore parliamentary democracy.

In a joint statement on Wednesday Prof. Mozaffar Ahmed and Pankaj Bhattacharya, President and General Secretary of NAP, said the joint declaration of 7-Party, 8-Party and 5-Party alliances called for holding of free and fair elections under a caretaker government and transfer of power to a Sovereign parliament.

It was on the basis of the declaration that people joined movement and overthrew the autocratic government of Ershad.

They said the Acting President held the February 27 elections in a free and fair manner in accordance with the joint declaration of the three alliances.

Expressing their concern over the post-election political situation the NAP leaders said implementation of the joint declaration would be complete only after transfer of power to a sovereign parliament.

# **Exodus from Albania** Tirana declares

main port

military zone VIENNA. Mar 7: Albania declared its main port a military zone today and banned mass gatherings in Tirana and three other towns following the exodus of thousands of

people to Italy, reports Reuter. In what amounted to a partial state of emergency. a government communique carried by the official ATA news agency said Durres, where most refugees embarked after storming aboard ships, was now a military zone.

It said the army would control access to the port and ensure that shipping operated normally.

Report from Brindisi, Italy says: Italy said it would send back most of the 12,000 Albanian refugees who commandeered a fleet of rushing ships to flee their impoverished country.

The decision followed a near-riot as thousands of starving Albanians fought for food after landing in Brindisi today after days at sea.

# Tribunals

From Page 1 Col 7 ever, the District Judge and Sessions Judge of Chittagong district will discharge the responsibility of election tribunals of hill Khagrachhari and hill Rangamati districts besides constituencies under Chittagong district.

Likewise, the District and Sessions Judge of Cox's Bazar will act as election tribunal of hill Bandarban, besides Cox's Bazar district.

Two election tribunals have been constituted for constituencies of 132 Bakerganj-Pirojpur and 160 Mymensingh-Netrokona with the District and Sessions Judges of Barisal and Mymensingh re\* spectively.

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A soldier from the 24th Infantry Division waves as he boards a C-141 transport plane to deport for Port Stewart in US on -AFP photo

# Arab-Israeli feud

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"The time has come to put an end to the Arab-Israeli conflict," Bush declared during the speech to lawmakers who chanted his name and waved small American flags as he entered the usually formal House

Throughout the Gulf crisis Bush repeatedly rejected Iraqi President Saddam Ilussein's demand that the Palestinian issue be addressed before he withdrew from Kuwait.

Now that "Saddam walks amidst ruin" Bush said he would not turn his back on a region that has dominated his thinking since the August 2 in-

"We must work together to create shared security arrangements in the region. Bush said, nothing that the heaviest burden would fall on "our friends and allies in the Middle East\*.

"But we want them to know that just as we stood with them to repel aggression so now America stands ready to work with them to secure the peace" he said.

Bush, who relied on the United Nations in the showdown with Baghdad, said already-adopted UN Scrurity Council Resolutions 242 and 338 should serve as the basis

A large number of lawyers

Thursday called upon the Act-

ing President to hand over

power to the BNP showing full

respect to the hopes and aspi-

rations of the people, reports

mous resolution adopted after

a discussion said there was no

constitutional and legal bar in

AL workers

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city leaders and later referred

the matter to the Acting Pres-

ident. But no decision was

communicated although the

demonstrators were deter-

mined not to leave the spot

unless the speech was telecast.

outcome of a call by the Awami

League chief Sheikh Hasina to

seize the BTV Bhaban to force

the authorities to telecast the

call at a big public meeting at

Panthapath in the city to mark

the historic occasion when

Bangabandhu called upon the

nation to prepare for the liber-

pied the DIT road beside the

BTV Bhaban and blocked traf-

fic. They raised slogans de-

manding telecast of the

unruly demonstrators pelted

stones inside the TV building

damaging two vehicles. They

also pelted stones at the riot

police on duty. The policemen

did not resort to action as the

city AL leaders including Mo-

fazzal Hossain Maya, Abdul Aziz

and Mostafa Sarwar were try-

ing to tame the unruly work-

p.m., the TV authorities in-

formed that the demonstrators

had left the spot.

While contacted at 11-30

At one stage, some of the

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Sheikh Hasina made the

March 7 speech.

ation struggle.

The agitation was an instant

The lawyers, in an unani-

for seeking peace.

The resolutions say Israel should withdraw from occupied territories and be allowed by its Arab neighbours to live in peace -- positions that have been impossible to reach in the past.

"There is no single solution. no solely American answer", Bush said, "But we can make a difference. America will work tirelessly as a catalyst for positive change" Bush said that "our vital na-

tional interests depend on a stable and secure Gulf," but told lawmakers he did not envision stationing US ground troops permanently in the region. A "capable naval presence." will be maintained, he said,

and air and ground forces will participate in joint exercises with countries in the region. Bush also vowed to stop the spread of weapons of mass

destruction in the Middle East, but did not go into specific detail on how to accomplish such a mission. "We must act to control the

proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and the missiles used to deliver them".

One of Bush's primary goals in the war with Iraq was to destroy its chemical weapon

handing over power to the

BNP which had obtained the

single party majority in the

February 27 elections, a press

Held at Dhaka Bar Associa-

tion auditorium, the discussion

was attended by about 200.

lawyers from Supreme Court

Bar Association, Dhaka Bar As-

sociation and Bangladesh

Abdul Mutallib, the discussion

was participated by 35 lawyers.

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unreasonable, motivated, mis-

leading and an attempt to

create political crisis and hin-

drances in the process to

democracy, the press release

Presided over by Barrister

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release said.

No legal bar in handing

over power to BNP

arsenal and prevent it from developing a nuclear arms ca-

American and Allied intelligence experts said massive round-the-clock air sorties against Iraqi targets accomplished the objectives.

He spent little time talking about Saddam, the Iraqi leader who was dominated his thoughts since the August invasion, but served notice -'Saddam and those around him are accountable," for alleged atrocities in Kuwait.

"We grieve for the people of Iraq -- a people who have never been our enemy." Bush said in voicing the hope Americans will "welcome them as friends" once a new leadership runs Baghdad.

### Israel's reaction

AFP adds : As the Allied forces' interest turned to ways to achieve a more settled future in the region, Israel Thursday poured cold water on US President Bush's call for an exchange of "territory for peace" in an attempt to establish a lasting peace in the Middle East.

"We have differences with the United States over the principle of exchanging territory for peace," Israeli Foreign Minister David Levy said.

# BNP pledge-bound

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BNP rival Sultan Mahmud Babu. There are about 24,000 votes in these centres.

velopment programmes. She said her party would

revive the programmes of canal digging, gram sarkar, palli chikitsak and mass-literacy, besides taking steps to set up new industries in private sectors and small-scale industries in rural areas.

An additional 12 lakh tons of foodgrains were produced during the BNP rule by means of canal digging, the BNP leader said, adding her party would resume canal digging programme to boost food production as well as save the country from the curse of

Begum Zia said the politics of BNP would be vested toward improving the lot of rural masses by taking up village de-

# Dissension rife in CPB

By Staff Correspondent

Post-poll blues have heightened the intra-party conflict in the Communist Party of Bangladesh(CPB)

A group of distillusioned party workers led by Majurul Ahsan Khan, Ratan Sen, Jashim Mondal have demanded resignation of the party general secretary Saifuddin Ahmed Manik and all other members of the party secretariat.

The CPB has called a meeting of the secretariat on March 10 to discuss the issue. The secretariat has also taken a decision to hold the meeting of the Executive Committee on March 20.

When contacted party gen-

eral secretary Saifuddin Ahmed Manik and spokesman Shekhar Datta told The Datly Star that dissatisfaction was prevailing among the party workers due to failure of the party in the elections. However, they said, everything would be all right in course of the party process. Other insiders said the disgruntled group

highly disapproved use of boat as election symbol and pictures of Sheikh Mujib and Shetkh Hasina in the posters of the party candidates. They said that these had tarnished the image of the party.

The CPB workers have now started criticising the party leaders openly at the party of face. The CPB might go far early congress to control the situation, some leaders said.

# Speaker

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And, if both the offices of the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker are vacant, they should take oath before a person designated by the President for administering oath to members and to preside over parliament until a Speaker is elected.

Most of the newly elected MPs, excepting those belonging to the Jatiya Party of ousted President Ershad, have expressed their unwillingness to take oath from the Speaker of the dissolved parliament.

# Mizan

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Constitution and would not choose ministers from a single party. "If a partisan Council of Ministers is formed the caretaker government will lose its neutrality." Mizan Chowdhury added.

UNB says the Acting JP Chairman threw a challenge asking the opponents of Ershad to prove his (Ershad's) corruption by disseminating true information.

The political leaders accus ing Ershad of corruption for accumulating wealth abroad by plundering national economy should substantiate it with evidence, Mizan said.

He demanded release of JF Chairman Ershad and other detained party leaders before March 12, otherwise JP will go for vigorous agitation across the country.

Referring to criticism of Jatiya Party by some political leaders, Mizan said "one day I will say how many soldiers were killed by a regime to consolidate power. A crippled freedom fighter was also killed by those who are now talking about democracy."

Activities of those who were dubbing Ershad as an autocrat. Mizan said, had failed to prove that they are democrats.

Other speakers criticise those leaders and workers of Jatiya Party who worked for other political parties during the Feb 27 polls and demanded their expulsion.

The JP leaders asserted they would not allow anyone to form government, if Ershad and other JP leaders are not released.

Reazuddin Ahmed Bhola Mia, elected MP, said "this election was illegal and undemocratic". He criticised those who demanded a total ban on JP politics.

# Remittances

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in the last fiscal year. In the eighties, overseas Bangladeshis sent home 5823.93 million dollars. Remittances were markedly higher, though at a lower growth rate, in the latter half of the eighties than in the first half. They totalled 3520.03 million dollars in 1985-90 compared with 2303.90 million dollars in 1980—85. Bulk of the remittances

from the UK, the Middle East and the USA were made by overseas Bangladeshis, the majority of whom are from the greater Sylhet area of the country.

In the latter half of the eighties, disbursements of external loans and grants to Bangladesh stood at 7937 million dollars in gross terms. Remittances of 3520.03 million dollars in the same period were about 44 per cent of total foreign aid disbursements.

Despite higher amount of remittances and external aid flows, total investments in the economy did not register any appreciable improvement. Investments, as a proportion of the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP), rather declined from about 13 per cent in 1985-86 to around 11 per cent in 1989-90.

### (A detailed report on remittances is on Business Page.) 5-party

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the election amounts to disregard for the hopes and aspirations of the democracy loving people.

The Five-party Alliance also called upon Awami League to accept the verdict of the majority people and urged BNP to come forward to implement the commitments of the three alliances made before the elections.

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The other alliance partners NAP, CPB, BAKSAL and Ganotantri Party - who got 12 seats together in the just concluded parliament elections are now considering to form a separate parliamentary group to consolidate their independent position inside parliament. In the elections CPB and BAKSAL bagged five seats each. while NAP and Ganotantri Party bagged one seat each.

NAP General Secretary Pankaj Bhattachariya, when contracted, said that the Eight-party components other than Awami League are considering to form a democratic parliamentary alliance to help the democratic process to continue. He said that there was no alternative to BNP to which the power could be transferred.

About the new AL condition the NAP leader said that there was no mention of it in the November 19 Joint Declaration.

Clause 3 of the joint declaration only mentioned about the accountable government, which Pankaj said could be achieved through parliamentary form of government.

The NAP leader said the Awami League wanted to reac tivate the alliance according to their own condition. But the four parties have decided to make an assessment of the pre-election move by the Awami League. He said that there was no coordination among the components before the election, there was no

election manifesto of Eightparty alliance and the seat offer by the Awami League was unilateral. He said that it would not be wise for AL to tag its condition of repealing the Fifth Amendment to the demand for transition to parliamentary form of government.

When contacted Five-party alliance leader Rashed Khan Menon said that the crisis of this moment was to restore parliamentary form of government but not repeal of the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution. He categorically said it was Sheikh Hasina, who was trying to block the process of going back to parliamentary form of government.

Workers Party leader Haider Akbar Khan Rono said if there was no consensus on the bill for transition to parliamentary form of government the BNP would have to go for presidential election.

The political circle of the country believe that the new AL condition would jeopardise the constitutional process to establish a democratic government. They said that they repeal of the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution in no way would come within the perview of the November 19 Declaration, which opted for a sovereign parliament to which the government would be accountable. They believe the new condition set by the Awami League would ultimately compel the BNP to stick to presidential form of govern

# Dr Kamal absent from AL meeting

By Staff Correspondent

Awami League presidium member Dr Kamal Hossain did not attend the public meeting of his party at Panthapath Thursday to observe historic March 7. His presence at the meeting was expected as his name was among the list of speakers announced during the publicity of the meeting.

When contacted Thursday night, a family source said Dr Hossain was sick and could not go to the meeting as he was advised rest.

Kamal Hossain was booed and hooted Monday evening in front of party's central office by some AL workers for his statement on the fairness of election which was contradictory to the statement of party chief Sheikh Hasina.

Meanwhile, Shamsul Haq Chowdhury, convener of the Coordination Council of Bar Association. Bangladesh and Barrister Ishtiaq Ahmed, former president of Supreme Court Bar Association in a statement on Thursday condemned the indecent behaviour with Kamal Hossain.

# One killed in road mishap

By DMCH Correspondent One person was killed and

26 others injured in an accident on Dhaka-Aricha road on Thursday at 7 a.m.

Monoranjan Shaha (60) died at Pangu Hospital at 8.30 a.m. His body was sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospi tal morgue. 26 other injured persons were also admitted to Pangu hospital.

A case has been registered with Tajgaon police.

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# **Bush selects Preston to** head World Bank

WASHINGTON, Mar 7: President George Bush has selected Lewis T. Preston, the former chairman of J.P. Morgan and Co., as his choice to succeed Barber Conable as President of the World Bank, administration sources said Thursday, Preston, 64, retired as chairman of the board of J.P. Morgan in 1989. Like Conable. Preston is a longtime associate of Bush, reports

## Cholera spreads across South America

LIMA, Mar 7: Latin America's worst choiera epidemic in a century has revived in Peru and threatened Colombia on Wednesday as it spread across South America, feeding on poverty. Peruvian Health Minister Carlos Vidal Layseca told reporters the disease, which health authorities thought had slowed, re-ignited last week because people began eating fish from shoals in coastal waters and drinking unboiled water. reports Reuter.

# JKSLF guerillas free hostage

NEW DELHI, Mar 7: Muslim guerillas in India's Kashmir state today freed the daughter of an MP they abducted a week ago to demand freedom for five jatled comrades. Nahtda Imtiaz, 28, was released by the outlawed Jammu and Kashmir Students Liberation Front (JKSLF) in Kashmir's summer capital Srinagar, PTI said, reports AFP.

## PPP leader held for murder

KARACHI, Mar 7: Police arrested Qaim Ali Shah a senior member of Benazir Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party today linking him to the killing of 29 people in Karachi in August. Benazir Bhutto's husband, Asif Ali Zardari and 13 other people including a senator, a former federal minister, a former Sind provincial minister were charged earlier in connection with the killings, reports Reuter.

## N Korea 'fabricated' incident

SEOUL, Mar 7: The US-led United Nations Command on Thursday filed a formal protest charging North Korea with fabricating a case in which South Korea allegedly firing rockets across the border. The Command, representing the United States and 15 other Western nations that fought off a North Korean invasion in the 1950-53 Korean War, sent the protest letter through the truce village of Panmunjom, reports AP.

# Mig—21 engine explodes

NEW DELHI, Mar 7: A Mig-21 aircraft of the Indian Air Force crashed after its engine exploded in mid-air in the western state of Gujarat on Tuesday. The mishap occurred on the outskirts of Kanalus village near Jamnagar. The pilot who jumped out of the plane escaped unhurt and landed safely with the help of a parachute, reports Xinhua.

# Brazilian plane hijacked

RIO DE JANEIRO. Mar 7: Three gunmen hijacked a Brazilian commuter plane in the northwest Amazon on Wednesday, and flew it toward Colombia after releasing its four passengers and two crew members. Flight 835 of the local Taba Airlines was hijacked after it took off at 1 p.m. (1800 GMT) from Sao Gabriel de Cachoeira en route to the jungle city of Manaus, said Globo TV, Brazil's biggest television network, reports AP.

# Hasina's call

She said that the February

27 elections were free but not

fair. 'A stlent coup was staged'

by interfering with the voters'

list', she complained adding

that new names submitted by

AL candidates were not incor-

also an MP-elect complained

that the autocratic Ershad

regime had dropped many

Awami League supporters from

the voters' list prepared in

that the independence of

Bangladesh was declared by

late Ziaur Rahman, she wanted

to know who then had gone to

unload weapons from the

Syeda Zohra Tajuddin cau-

tioned against distorting his-

tory. She said that nine month

long War of Liberation, through

which Bangladesh became in-

dependent, had started follow-

ing the March 7 historic

speech of Bangabandhu Sheikh

elect and member of AL pre-

sidium criticised BNP leaders

without naming them for not

spelling but in clear terms

their plans to settle constitu-

have restored their voting

right through movement under

the leadership of AL chief

Sheikh Hasina and demanded

transfer of power to the par-

liament and the establishment

MP-elect Mohammad Nasim

said that the people of

Bangladesh will not forgive

those who plan to go to power

counting on the support of

'Razakars and Al-Badrs'. He

said that AL also can go to

power by obtaining support of

others but Sheikh Hasina will

not come to terms with

MP-elect and agricultural af-

fairs secretary of AL said the

people will keep an eye on

BNP as to whether it fulfils the

election pledges of waiving

land tax of upto 25 bighas,

writing off agricultural loans of

upto Taka 5000 and interests

First phase

on loans of upto Taka 10,000.

Begum Motia Chowdhury

AL publicity secretary and

of an accountable government.

He said that the people

Abdus Samad Azad, MP-

AL presidium member

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Criticising those who say

Sajeda Chowdhury who is

porated in the list.

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The whole Panthapath avenue remained packed with a large crowd during the meeting where Awami League workers and supporters came in processions carrying banners, flags and portraits of Bangabandhu and Hastna.

Sheikh Hasina said that after a relentless struggle for 15 years, people achieved their right to vote and gave their mandate for parliamentary democracy in the February 27 polls. But the aspiration of the people was not reflected in the election results, for which, according to Sheikh Hasina, a subtle rigging and conspiracies by a certain quarter were responsible.

She said that a group with vested interests which had been playing with people's rights since the killing of Bangabandhu in 1975, have earned a huge amount of black money through corruption. and are still conspiring to deprive the people of their

Sheikh Hasina said because of the conspiracy by that quarter ousted President Ershad could win five seats in the election.

She categorically said that Ershad and his associates, will have to face trial for plundering people's wealth.

"Through our 15-year movement, we have restored people's right to vote freely. But, for the future, we must ensure that there will be no manipulation of the results of elections", she said and urged the party leaders and workers to strive for making Awami League a well organised party.

"Our party was not born in the Cantonment, it is a party of the people, so we are committed to fulfil their hopes and aspirations', she said.

Sheikh Hasina criticised Acting President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed for not allowing a telecast of Bangabandhu's March 7 speech and asked party workers to demonstrate in front of the television centre at Rampura after the meeting.

She also alleged that BNP has started a reign of terror against Awami League workers in many parts of the country after the election.

She asked the police authorities to take appropriate action to stop this terror and said "otherwise, we will take our own course of action."

warned against any move to

undo their demand for restora-

tion of parliamentary democ-

From Page 1 Col 7 foreign news organizations still AL General Secretary country. Begum Sajeda Chowdhury

'Razakars'.

Iraqi officials had not set a time or location for the releases, the sources told CNN.

have Iragi employees who will continue to report from the