

If you miss your copy of The Daily Star today, please call Tel: 863035 or 246023-4. The Daily Star is at your service round-the-clock.

The Daily Star

Be cautious while you drive your car. The man you are likely to kill by rash driving may be you!

VOL. 1 NO. 59 REGD. NO. DA 781

CHAITRA 1, 1397 BS,

DHAKA SATURDAY MARCH 16, 1991

SHABAN 28, 1411 HIJRI

10 PAGES: PRICE TAKA 3.00

Inside today

International

Maneka's love for circus animals



VHP is whipping up Hindu passions in India. Page 5

Feature

Education

Planning investment in Education: Problems and strategies. Page 6

Business

Planning confined to paper exercises. Page 8

Metropolitan

Dhaka Day by Day



No jokes about 'voulz-vous'—Fayza Haq writes about a magazine in French published from Dhaka.

Yahya-Mujib-Bhutto drama being reenacted. Page 3

NEWS BRIEFS

BNP women candidates

The Parliamentary Board of Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) will interview the party nomination seekers for the reserved women seats of Parliament on March 20 and 21 at the central election office of the party (house no-5, road no-10, Dhanmondi R/A), a BNP press release said Friday night.

Soviet fighters in China

BEIJING, Mar 15: Soviet combat fighters and transport planes will arrive Monday for an unprecedented demonstration for the Chinese military, an official report said today, reports AFP.

Kurdish rebels capture Habur

DIYARBAKIR (Turkey), Mar 15: Iraqi Kurdish rebels fighting troops loyal to President Saddam Hussein captured the Habur border crossing with Turkey today, witnesses said, reports Reuters.

Honecker won't return

MOSCOW, Mar 15: The Soviet Union today said Erich Honecker, the longtime East German Communist leader, was flown to Moscow for humanitarian reasons and will not return to Germany "under the present circumstances", reports AFP.

Lukoji new Zairean PM

KINSHASA, Mar 15: Zaire's President Mobutu Sese Seko named university professor Mulumba Lukoji as the country's new Prime Minister, state radio said. He replaces Lunda Bululu who resigned with his entire cabinet on Thursday, reports Reuters.

499 Iraqi POWs released

DHAHRAN, Mar 15: The Red Cross handed over 499 prisoners of war to Iraqi officials Friday after a four-day delay. A Western source attributed to chaos in Iraq. A 500th POW at the last minute refused repatriation, reports AP.

'Conspirators active as we are going to form govt'

Maintain unity, don't indulge in corruption: Khaleda Zia

By Staff Correspondent



BNP chief Begum Khaleda Zia addressing an extended meeting of the party in the capital Friday. —Star photo

Begum Khaleda Zia, chairperson of BNP, on Friday asked her party MPs-elect to maintain unity and remain alert against attempts of 'conspirators' to create division, and not to indulge in corruption.

Addressing the day-long extended meeting of the National Executive Committee of her party at the Engineers Institute she cautioned against attempts to seek individual gains by moving from office to office. Disciplinary action will be taken against those indulging in such matters, she warned.

Begum Zia presided over the meeting which was attended by several thousand delegation from different district and thana units of the party.

She said power was snatched from BNP in 1982 by creating division within BNP and taking advantage of the old age of late President Justice Sattar.

Begum Zia urged BNP leaders and workers to prove equal to the people's trust reposed on them. Respectability is more important than money, she

said advising them to uphold the honour that the people have given them.

The BNP chief reminded her party workers that bribery and corruption were the main factors that contributed to the downfall of the Ershad regime. Another party was rejected because the people did not, forget their misrule. The people have given BNP another opportunity because power was snatched from it unjustly.

Begum Zia called upon her party MPs-elect to remain in their constituencies and work to fulfil their pledges. She also called for infusing fresh blood in the party by reorganising committees at different levels.

She said BNP leaders and workers should work with honesty to implement gram sarkar, palli chikitsak, and reintroduce the canal digging and the mass education programmes which were shelved by the Ershad regime.

The extended meeting was also addressed by BNP Vice-Chairman Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury, joint secretaries general Abdul Matin Chowdhury, Barrister Rafiqul Islam. See Page 10 Col 3

Council of Advisers dissolved without consulting us: Hasina

Acting President will lose neutrality by forming cabinet

By Staff Correspondent



Awami League president Sheikh Hasina at a city committee meeting of the party Friday. —Star photo

Awami League President Sheikh Hasina on Friday deplored that the Acting President has created a vacuum in the administration by dissolving his Council of Advisers without prior discussion with the three mainstream political alliances.

The Acting President should have consulted the leaders of the alliances because, she said, the council was formed with suggestions from the alliances which toppled the autocratic regime of HM Ershad and unanimously made Chief Justice Shahabuddin the Acting President.

Sheikh Hasina was addressing the extended meeting of her party's city unit at the AL central office in the evening. The November 19 joint declaration of the three alliances clearly mentioned that the interim government would transfer power to the sovereign parliament, she reminded.

The Acting President on Thursday announced dissolution of his Council of Advisers which was effected from Friday. See Page 10 Col 7

USAID pledges fullest help to new Bangladesh government

By Moinuddin Naser

Bangladesh will be the largest recipient of USAID for the next calendar year. The USAID administrators for Asia and Europe told the US Congress on March 7 that fullscale cooperation would be extended to Bangladesh as soon as the elected government was installed there.

The USAID has proposed a package budget of 292 million US dollars for Bangladesh, India, Nepal and Sri Lanka for 1992. This amount includes 174 million US dollars under PL 480.

Explaining the budget pro-

posal of the US administration, assistant administrators of the USAID for Asia and Europe, Henrietta Holman Fore and Carol Adelman respectively, told the US Congress that the AID's strategy in South Asia is to foster broad-based growth through an increase in the per capita resources available in the country and distribution of these resources among the widest possible range of individuals and groups.

The USAID statement known as 'joint statement of Fore, Adelman' also proposed a programme for Pakistan and

Afghanistan separately.

The joint statement stated that the elections that have been viewed by international observers, students, the press and the diplomatic community as the freest and fairest and non-violent in Bangladesh's 20 years' history. It said that the USAID assisted in the conduct of the election through voters education programmes and training of Bangladesh poll watchers and election observers.

It said that the USAID would resume fullscale cooperation with Pakistan and

B Chowdhury asks party workers to prepare for presidential polls

By Staff Correspondent

BNP Vice-Chairman Dr Badruddoza Chowdhury on Friday called upon all party leaders and workers to prepare for next presidential election.

Addressing the extended meeting of the party last night Dr Chowdhury said, "we are expecting a presidential election in a very short time." He said, "the workers and leaders of the party should work keeping in mind the next election so that BNP can emerge victorious once again."

He however said the results See Page 10 Col 2

Partners of alliances should help BNP form govt: Menon

By Staff Correspondent

Workers Party General Secretary and Five-party Alliance leader Rashed Khan Menon, MP-elect, has called for necessary amendments to the Constitution at the beginning of the Jatiya Sangsad parliamentary session.

He was speaking at a post-election reunion of the Five-party Alliance at Barisal Bar Library on Friday.

Menon said any hesitation See Page 10 Col 8

An invitation card in the offing

By Staff Correspondent

An invitation card being prepared for a March 26 children's rally to be held at the National Stadium says, the prime minister will grace the occasion as chief guest.

Political pundits believe this is an indication that a council of ministers is likely to be formed any time before the Independence Day on March 26.

Acting President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed dissolved his council of Advisers with effect from Friday, but it remained unclear when a council of ministers will be formed.

Awami League needs democracy: Kamal

By Staff Correspondent

Dr. Kamal Hossain, a central leader of Awami League has said the party is lacking in a chain of command and democracy and this is giving rise to an unwieldy group. There has been no evaluation of the leaders and the workers and if this is allowed to continue the Awami League may meet the fate of the Muslim League in near future, he added.

Dr. Hossain listed, overconfidence, indifference to work and boastfulness as the main reasons for the debacle in recently-held parliamentary elections.

In his letter, Dr. Hossain said, we became confident about the victory in the elections before February 27. The leaders and workers did not work hard and did not make house-to-house campaigns for vote. The opponents did their best to make the election results in their favour, he said.

The inner conflict in the party shattered the hope of sure victory in many constituencies. The victims of should be run separately. He

said the principles laid down in 1981 party constitution should be reinforced and leadership of the party and the parliamentary party be bifurcated in the greater interests of the Awami League.

Dr. Hossain listed, overconfidence, indifference to work and boastfulness as the main reasons for the debacle in recently-held parliamentary elections.

In his letter, Dr. Hossain said, we became confident about the victory in the elections before February 27. The leaders and workers did not work hard and did not make house-to-house campaigns for vote. The opponents did their best to make the election results in their favour, he said.

The inner conflict in the party shattered the hope of sure victory in many constituencies. The victims of should be run separately. He

Honecker flown to Moscow

Bonn, Mar 15: Germany's Justice Minister demanded Friday that Moscow immediately hand over Erich Honecker, but the former East German communist leader plans to remain in the Soviet Union, Honecker's lawyer reportedly said, reports AP.

Bonn on Thursday night summoned Soviet Ambassador Vladislav Terechov to demand the return of Honecker, who ran East Germany's harsh Communist system from 1971 until his ouster in 1989. He supervised the building of the Berlin Wall.

The ailing Honecker, 78, charged for his role in the deaths of East Germans trying to flee to the West during his rule, was taken from a Soviet military hospital in eastern Germany on Wednesday and flown to Moscow.

Honecker was suffering worsening heart and kidney problems.

US troops reoccupy abandoned posts in Iraq



WASHINGTON, Mar 15: The Pentagon's senior General said today that US troops were moving around in occupied southern Iraq to "demonstrate our presence" out cautioned against speculation on any pending military operations in that troubled country, reports Reuters.

"Don't read anything into it. The demarcation line that was agreed to Sunday before last is intact," Army General Colin Powell, chairman of the US Joint Chief of Staff, told a group of newspaper officials.

He was responding to questions about a Los Angeles Times report from Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, that US airborne troops had moved 30 miles (50 km) further north in southern Iraq, apparently to pressure President Saddam Hussein to sign a permanent ceasefire in the Gulf war.

"It is not any kind of a signal of change in our plans or pending future operations," Powell told the national newspaper association at a meeting. He did not confirm the 30-mile figure.

The Time reported today that Marine Brigadier General Richard Neal, Deputy Director of operations for the US Central Command, said See Page 10 Col 2

KUWAIT CITY: Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmed Al-Sabah, Amir of Kuwait raises his hands in prayer as he disembarks his plane upon his return to Kuwait. The Amir resided in Taif, Saudi Arabia during the Iraq's occupation of Kuwait. —AFP photo

Bush, Mitterrand urge Israelis, Palestinians for compromise

LE FRANCOIS MARTINUQUE, Mar 15: President George Bush and Francois Mitterrand urged Israelis and Palestinians to make compromises to achieve a broad Middle East peace in the wake of the Gulf war, reports Reuters.

The US and French leaders said the Allied victory in the Gulf offered the best chance in years to end the stubborn conflict over the Palestinian desire for a homeland and Israel's

refusal to give up the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

All we're saying is that everyone must accept to abandon some of his demands, Mitterrand told a news conference with Bush on Thursday at the end of their talks on this sun-washed French island in the Caribbean.

Bush added: "Let's hope that out of this conflict in the Gulf, countries will see that the answer is to cease having a

state of war. Let's hope that countries who have been unwilling to talk with Israel will be willing to talk with Israel. Let's hope Israel will be forthcoming."

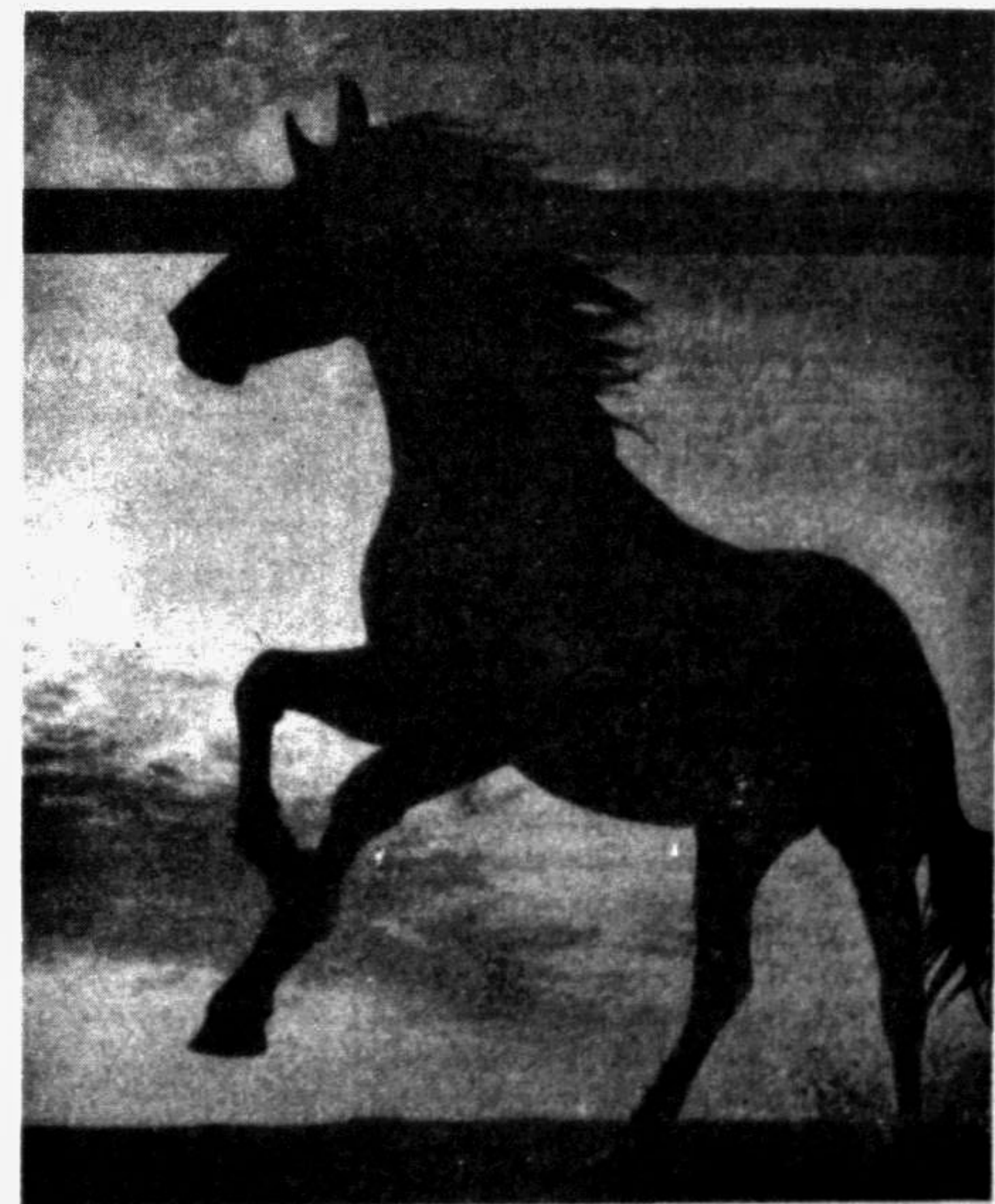
Bush and Mitterrand acknowledged differences on their approach to finding a way to bring Arabs and Israelis together to settle a problem that has existed since Israel was given independence by the United Nations in 1947.

Both indicated there was behind-the-scenes activity going on and they expected a long process.

Bush, angry at Jordan's King Hussein for supporting Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein in the Gulf war, nonetheless said Jordan had a key role to play in a settlement for the Palestinians.

"Though we've had strained relations with Jordan, I think See Page 10 Col 1

Green Delta Never Looked Back



Green Delta started its business in 1986 as a private sector insurance company, with a pledge to serve the national economy providing personalised service to suit individual need. There on Green Delta never looked back. Through relentless efforts and uncompromising strive for perfection, it has become the model insurance house with in a short span of time.

Green Delta marches with time
Green Delta Insurance Company Limited.

Hadi Mansion 2, Dikusha Commercial Area (4th Floor) Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh.
Phone: 233239 238660 239204 239205 239295 242049 238635. FAX: 240005-9