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'Conspirators active as we are going to form govt'

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



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

By Staff Correspondent

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 districts 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, pali 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 secretary 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



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

By Staff Correspondent

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 elected from Friday. See Page 10 Col 7

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.

Awami League needs democracy : Kamal

By Staff Correspondent

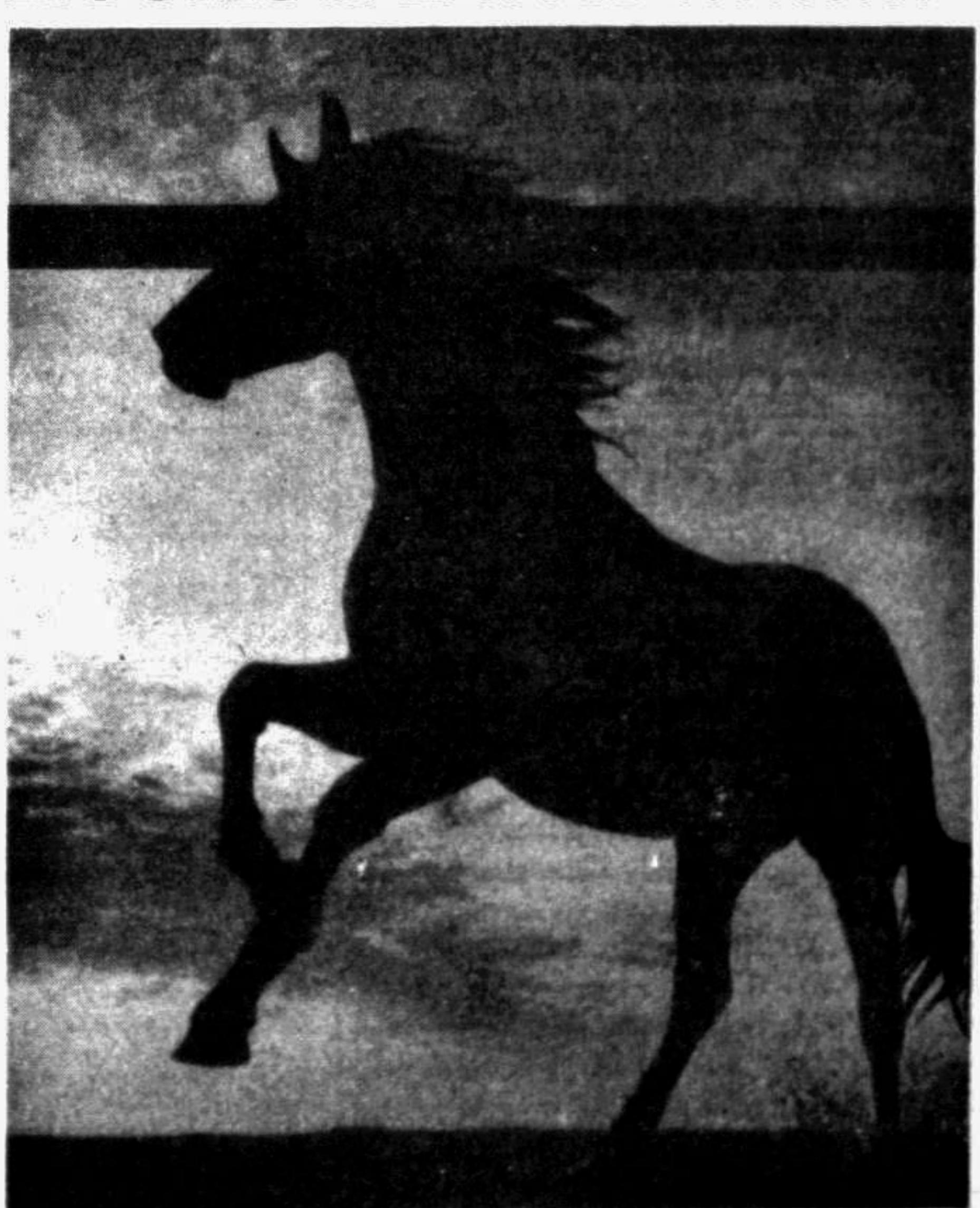
Dr. Kamal Hossain, a central leader of Awami League has said the party is lacking in a chain of command and democracy and this is giving rise to an unwieldy group. There has been no evaluation of the leaders and the workers and if this is allowed to continue the Awami League may meet the fate of the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

Dr. Hossain said this in a letter to the extended meeting of the Executive Committee of the party.

In the letter Dr. Hossain said Bangabandhu had followed this system throughout his life and there was no reason as to why this could not be enforced now. Dr. Hossain could not attend the meeting due to his illness.

Dr. Hossain in his letter said party leadership and leadership of the parliamentary party should be run separately. See Page 10 Col 5

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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, Henricke Holsman Forc 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 Forc, Adelman' also proposed a programme for Pakistan and

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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

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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 parliament session.

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

Menon said any hesitation

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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 Advisors with effect from Friday, but it remained unclear when a council of ministers will be formed.

US troops reoccupy abandoned posts in Iraq



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 MARTINI-GUE, 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 Reuter.

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 cause 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

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