## Libya vows to unveil 'new proposals' to avoid sanctionss

NICOSIA, Apr 12: Libya promised to unveil new proposals to avoid UN sanctions due to take effect Wednesday as Arab leaders and officials renewed their efforts to find a way out of the crisis, reports

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak discussed the Libya crisis in Tunis and arrived in Tripoli later today for talks with Libyan leader Moammer Gadhafi, officials travelling with Mubarak said

Mubarak, while in Algiers Saturday, said the "ball is in the Libyan camp" after other efforts failed to end the showdown between Libya and the West which has demanded that Tripoli hand over airline bombing suspects.

Arab League mediators were also to gather late Sunday in Rabat, Morocco.

"I expect a lot from these discussions in Rabat," Arab League Secretary General Esmat Abdel Meguid said in the Morcan capital. "We are here to find a solution." Libyan Foreign Minister

The meeting in Rabat 'will allow us to see more clearly." Bishari said.

Libya hoped "to reach something in order to avoid all instability in the region, especially because the world is moving increasingly toward peaceful solutions and the rejection of confrontation.

Bishari, who met twice in Geneva with UN Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali, said Saturday that new proposals to resolve the crisis would be sent to the United

Boutros-Ghali had seen the offer, he added

Washington, London and Paris, the United Nations Security Council agreed on March 30 to impose sanctions on Libya, starting Wednesday, for Tripoli's failure to hand over suspects in airline bombings.

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have deliberations on these is-

take law in his hand and,

therefore, both the contending

parties should wait for the

verdict to be delivered by the

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Bangladesh by birth and it was

illegal to deprive him of his

fundamental right by snatching

am surprised that Golam Azam

was deprived of his citizenship

united Pakistan in 1971 while

the Pakistani military generals

who committed a genocide in

the country were honourably

sent home without having to

Colonel (Retd) Akbar Hos-

sain of the ruling BNP was very

critical about the role of Ja-

maat during the country's War

of Independence. Referring to

Jamaat's claim that Golam

Azam is a very pious Muslim

and an uncompromising war-

rior of Islam in the country.

Akbar, pointing his forefinger

to the Jamaat MPs in the

House, said, "Don't teach us

Islam." According to the

Quran, Akbar said, "God is al

ways with the people and Ja-

maat should be condemned to

hell for its anti-people role in

had no right to demand re-

lease of Golam Azam adding,

what Jamaat could do was to

beg pardon to the nation, for

pressed his gratitude to the

organisers of the people's

court for "at least making the

post-liberation war generation

of the country know about Ja-

maat's crime against human-

ence to those ruling party

leaders favouring legal actions

against public trial body on

tion he said people's court was

in no way parallel to the

ple's tribunals in the interna-

tional arena, specially to the

people's tribunal of Rome, Ak-

bar said forming of people's

court was a means of mobilis-

ing public opinion in favour of

certain issues and the people's

court which tried Golam Azam

did the same thing on March

chief Sheikh Hasina who ear-

lier asked the government to

simply execute the 'verdict' of

the public court and said the

Constitution of the country had

not given the government the

right to act in the way AL

and the laws of the land," Ak-

bar said adding, the BNP gov-

to implement the verdict of

lam Azam punished for his

crime against humanity, we

should go to the court with ad-

equate evidences of his

crimes," Akbar told the oppo-

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leader suggested

the court.

sition members.

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and compact speeches which might help the House taking a decision on the issue.

Taking the floor, Tofael Ahmed of the Awami League demanded that the Jatiya Sangsad, formed through a mass upsurge, must enact law to execute people's verdict on Golam Azam to turn the Sangsad more effective, and to establish rule of law and democracy in the country.

Responding to a comment of the Information Minister Tofael justified the holding of Golam Azam's public trial citing reference of such acts in different countries around the world. Speaker Shaikh Razzak Ali differed with Tofael when he cited a Japanese example.

Contradicting the view that holding of public trial was opposed to the country's estab lished judiciary. Tofael clarifled that the sponsors of the people's court did not sentence Azam but appealed to the government to execute people's judgement on him. Now it is the duty of the democratic government to implement the people's view, he commented

Tofael remarked amid thumbing by his party MPs that the whole nation was now united on the question of Golam Azam's trial and the situation arising out of the issue was due to inaction of the government. He said the government was compelled to arrest Azam when the people were united on Azam's public trial.

Taking part in the discussion, Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury, acting chief of Jativa Party, urged the government to take a clearcut decision on the Golam Azam issue within the shortest possible time for the sake of the

The decision must be taken considering the greater interest of the nation and upholding the spirit of the Liberation War," the JP leader said. We will abide by any decision that brings people's well-being. We all should give up suicidal political technic and keep people's supremacy above all," Chowdhury re-

marked. The Golam Azam issue had become complicated since no timely action against him was taken, he said and demanded a clear statement of the government on whether it would restore Azam's citizenship or not, whether it would deport him or not and whether it would try him for violation of the Constitution and not. Commenting on Golam Azam's becoming the Ameer of Jamaat-e-Islami, the senior parliamentarian said that he heard Azam became the Ameer following indication from the BNP after it formed government with Jamaat's support. On the holding of the people's court that tried Azam, the JP leader viewed that the situation would have been different if the Jamaat did not support the BNP.

Maolana Abdus Sobhan of Jamaat maintained that since his party had filed a writ petition challenging the legality of arrest of Golam Azam by the government and the government on the other hand had gone to the court against the

DHAKA.

Ibrahim Al-Bishari arrived in Rabat late Saturday after he announced earlier in Geneva that his country had new proposals to end the crisis.

States, Britain and France.

Under pressure from

### Robbers loot Tk 3 lakh ornaments from Uttara

Zia at her office yesterday.

By Staff Correspondent

A gang of armed robbers looted goods worth Taka 3,22,000 and cash from a house at Ainulbag, Uttara, in the city Monday morning.

The house owner, Aminul Islam Hannan, complained to Uttara police that a group of armed men stormed his residence at Ainulbag, Uttara and looted gold-ornaments and other goods worth about Taka 3,22,000 and Taka 10,000 in cash at about 7 am Monday,

Uttara police said, they were investigating the inci dent. No arrest was made till filing of this report last night.

### Job quota

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the age-limit for them has been set at 32. But the freedom fight was fought 20 years ago and candidates claiming to be freedom fighters were 8 to 12 years old when the country became independent.

PSC is of the opinion that the number of freedom fighters appearing at BCS examinations would reduce further in future bringing it to zero at one point Arguing in favour of increas-

ing the quota for women, the report says that women are more sincere in studies and they do well in examinations. The commission feels that

10 per cent of gazetted and non-gazetted jobs should be kept reserved for women. This can be done by reducing the quota of freedom fighters, the report says.

The report further says the present district-quota system is contrary to merit and without merit no nation can develop. So, the report says, the utility of such a system should be examined. This was suggested in the report of the commission for 1990.

# Credit scheme for **Kurigram farmers**

From Staff Correspondent

KURIGRAM, Apr 12: A credit programme for over 25,000 small farm households in the district under the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) credit and co-financed by the German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ) will be initiated soon.

Saudi Prince Khaled bin Sultan bin Abdul Aziz called on Prime Minister Begum Khaleda

This was decided at a multiparty meeting of officials from government agencies, donors. implementing agencies and the participating banks held at the conference room of the project support unit of GTZ here on Saturday

The marginal and small farm systems crop intensification programme (MSFSCIP) is a group-based supervised credit project in the district with a total fund of about Taka 50 crore. Of the total amount Taka 32 crore is for the credit programme, of which 55 per cent is for marginal farmers and the rest 45 per cent for small farmers.

The group-based credit programme for the marginal farmers has already been initiated since the end of last year and loans totalling about Taka 15 lakh has been disbursed among 67 groups of 10 to 20 persons each. The project is being admin-

istered under the supervision of the Ministry of Agriculture.

The meeting was attended by officials of the Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE), Bangladesh Bank, IFAD, GTZ, Rangpur-Dinajpur Rural Service (RDRS), agriculture officers from the upazilas and officials of the four participating banks namely Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Bank (RAKUB), Sonali Bank, Janata Bank and Agrani Bank.

At the start of the meeting. the Acting Field Coordinator of the MSFSCIP project, Lutful Kabir, said that this meeting would help provide a 'true' guideline for the programme, while providing an introduc-

tion and background informa tion on the project.

Director of DAE field service wing and the National Project Director of MSFSCIP. M R Sharif, said that he held high expectations for the success of the project and added that if it was successful it could be duplicated in other dis-

Speaking at the meeting. the director of RDRS, Torben Petersen, pledged support for the programme in helping the formation and training of the groups. "I am proud that RDRS will be part of this new programme," he added

The General Manager of the Agricultural Credit Department of Bangladesh Bank, SA Salam, assured all possible help from the banking sector to the project and urged the participating banks to pay attention to the needs of the marginal and small farmers.

Phrang Roy, the Senior Project Management Officer of the United Nations Development Programme in Bangkok and an IFAD appointed supervisor of the MSFSCIP project pointed out at the meeting that the objective of the project was to stop the process of marginalisation through planned crop diversification.

He pointed out that marrying all of these organisa tions was initially 'almost impossible'

He urged all the officials of the participating organisations to let their "commitment to the poor be the driving force" in successfully implementing

In his concluding remarks the head of GTZ. Martin Muller, also urged all concerned to make the project a success and said that if the programme was a success then GTZ could help to extend it to other districts.

The meeting was followed by an open discussion among the participants.

#### submitted to other members of parliament including 20 of the Jamaat -e-Islami. The Prime Minister who was accompanied by the Home Minister in talks with trial

PID photo

committee members in her parliament room was 'critical' about the public trial activities while Sheikh Hasina wholeheartedly supported the programme.

Public trial

From Page 1 Col 5 The 10 representatives were Jahanara Imam, Dr Kabir

Chowdhury, Hasan Imam, Kazi

Aref Ahmed, Dr Ahmed Shartf, Gaziul Huq, Col (Retd) Kazi

Nuruzzaman, Col (Retd) Abu Osman Chowdhury, Moiazzel

Hossain Chowdhury Maya and

of the House Begum Khaleda

Zia, opposition leader Sheikh

Hasina and Speaker Shaikh

Razzak Ali met the committee

members separately and re-

Memoranda were also

ceived the memorandum.

Prime Minister and leader

Ashraf Kaiser.

The Speaker told the committee representatives that three hours were granted to discuss the issue.

Earlier, the trial committee supporters started gathering in front of the National Museum from 4 pm and the march began at around 5-15

Jahanara Imam and the trial committee members riding on a truck led the procession which was blocked by a barbed wire barricade placed a few yards from the Bangla Motor

Some supporters locked in a brief scuffle with police but calmed down after repeated appeals of the committee lead

Deputy Commissioner (North) of Police received the representatives at the barri cade at around 5-45 pm and sent them to parliament in a requisitioned microbus.

At around 8 pm the com mittee members returned from parliament and explained how they had handed over the memo and what they told the PM and the opposition leader.

Jahanara Imam in a brief concluding speech said: "We have gone another step forward in our democratic movement against a Pakistani citizen and war criminal Golam Azam but the movement is not yet complete. She urged the people to get

until the demand was met. A number of cultural groups

ready for a greater movement

held a two-hour function while the leaders were in parlia

## Pedestrian robbed

By Staff Correspondent A pedestrian was robbed of Tk 8,500 at Jasimuddin Road, Uttara, in the city on Sunday

The victim identified as Sanaullah was stopped by two miscreants while he was pass ing through the road.

The miscreants searched him and snatched the money at dagger point and managed a good escape.

A case was filed with Uttara police.

# The Midnight File

### Yslav planes bomb Bosnia-Herzegovina

SARAJEVO, Apr 12: Yugoslav warplanes bombed southern Bosnia-Herzegovina today as thousands of refugees fled the strife-torn republic. Radio Sarajevo said the towns of Capitina and Neum, both mostly populated by Croats, were bombed and strafed around, dawn by warplanes belonging to the Serbian-dominated Yugoslav military, reports AFP.

### 33 killed in South African road mishap

JOHANNESBURG, Apr 12: At least 30 children and three teachers were killed when the bus in which they were travelling crashed into a bridge on Saturday night near Dundee, in South Africas Natal Province, local radio reports said, reports

### UN plan unacceptable, says Hekmatyar

PESHAWAR, Pakistan, Apr 12: The UN plan to set up a 15member transitional council in Kabul is unacceptable to the Mujahideen, radical Afghan Resistance leader Gulbuddin Hekmatyar said here today, the UN Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali announced the plan in Geneva Friday without "prior consultation with US and our approval," the Hezb-i-Islami chief told a press conference, reports AFP.

# From the gallery

wheat'

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the House was better in comparison to many occasions in

But to the surprise of many, the battle started elsewhere. As what happened during the Fourth Session it was again the issue of wheat.

Twenty-five years ago, some of these legislators fought against the introduction of wheat as one of the major food items. Today, they are fighting to gain a control over its distribution. (Thanks god, it is not for their benefit but for the under-privileged voters of their respective constituen-

The issue of wheat caught the attention of most of the opposition MPs immediately after the State Minister for Relief Lutfar Rahman disclosed the names of upazilas with the quantity of wheat allocated for

The Speaker, Shaikh Razza que Ali was also in a mood to allow the members to talk out the issue as he remarked Don't worry I will allow a

#### Diarrhoea From Page 1 Col 7

arrhoeal diseases.

Lack of oral and intra-venous salines, water purifying tablets and the persisting drought have aggravated the situation further, local people A total of 280 medical

teams are working in affected areas of the districts. A task force was also formed to com bat the situation. But lack of coordination

between district civil surgeon offices and upazila health centres and field workers is hampering the anti-diarrhoeal activities, local people complained

## Drought From Page 1 Col 7

The District Commissioner (DC) admitted that the drought was affecting the standing crops in the district. He, however, told this correspondent that data on the actual quantity of crop loss in the district was being compiled. Irrigation has been severely

affected throughout the district because of the fuel crisis. Thousands of farmers stand in line for hours together everyday in front of the petrol pumps in the town to procure diesel. Farmers even demonstrated and gheraoed the DC's office on Monday demanding adequate supply of fuel. The DC, when contacted,

said that an acute shortage of diesel oil began right after the Eid holidays. The dislocation was partly due to the shortage of transportation during the holidays and also because navigation in the river Brahmaputra has become difficult and barges cannot come to the Chilmari Depot.

Fuel supply from the Baghabari Depot has also reduced due to navigation problems in the river Jamuna. He pointed out that the

stock of diesel fell to as low as 13,000 litres during the period when the daily requirement in the district is between 25,000 to 30,000 litres. He said the crisis was compounded by panic-buying and stocking by a section of unscrupulous traders.

that Residents added kerosene and diesel fuel were being sold in the town for over Taka 18 per litre instead of the fixed retail price of a little over Taka 14. In other parts of the district, according to the local people, diesel was being sold at between Taka 25 and Taka 35 per litre.

However, on Saturday, the DC said that although the crisis still exists, it is not acute now as the stock situation improved to about 23,000 litres. Meanwhile, an outbreak of

cases of diarrhoea have also been reported.

chicken pox has been reported

in the district and a number of

who failed to secure enough wheat for their own constituencies. The members belonging to the Awami League even went to the extent of giving the Minister a bad name, which was expunged by the Speaker.

number of supplementaries on

Minister showed that his

upazila (Chatail of Tangail) was

the second highest recipient

of wheat under the Food for

Works Programme during the

current dry season. This infu-

riated many, specially those

The statement by the Relief

As the opposition MPs rose to their feet and started shouting the Speaker commented You have made me helpless. He even warned one of the MPs, but it seemed that they were in mood to listen to him.

The question of wheat distribution, interestingly brought all the MPs together. Two of the Treasury benchers com plained against it but added We are not behaving like our friends on the other side'.

The Speaker, in a bid to keep the situation under control, did not allow the front benchers, the leading and ageing members of the house, to raise question on the subject.

He even reminded Suranjit Sengupta about this as the latter was seeking permission to speak on the subject.

The Speaker observed 'front benchers do not raise supplementaries during question-answer session.

### Govt jobs

From Page 1 Col 4 University have an edge over

the students of other universities in getting jobs under general cadre, the report said. During the period of 1989/90, 56 per cent of these jobs went to the students of Dhaka University while the students of Chittagong and Agricultural universities got 7 per cent and 6 per cent of the jobs respec-Referring to the perfor-

mances of the students in different subjects of examinations, the report said that most of the candidates on an average get 33 to 49 per cent marks in English. There were cases when students qualified by getting even lower than 25 per cent of marks, the report observed. Analysing the gender of

37593 candidates who sat for the 13th BCS examination, the report said that of the candidates 82.91 per cent were men and 17.09 per cent women. During the same examination 10613 extra candidates were able to appear because of a rise in the age-limit for entry into government jobs.

### Jamaat hands over memo to Speaker

By Staff Correspondent Jamaat-e-Islami Bangladesh brought out a Jatiya Sangsadbound protest procession from its Moghbazar central office Sunday evening demanding unconditional release of Golam

Police blocked the procession near Hotel Sonargaon rati gate. A delegation from the procession then went to the Jatiya Sangsad and handed over a memorandum to the

Jamaat leaders addressing the processionists said they would go for a greater movement if the government did not release Golam Azam. Jamaat Ameer of Dhaka A K

M Azharul Islam in his speech asked why Golam Azam was arrested after 20 years of independence and said the government took such a step because it was afraid of the popularity of Jamaat.



# Moderates win Iran's polls

TEHRAN, Apr 12: The moderates have wrested control of the Iranian parliament from hardliners, official election results showed today, reports

The moderates close to President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani and members of the Combatant Clergy Association have won at least 136 seats in the 270-member chamber, according to results released by Tehran radio.

Results from Friday's elections were available for 210

More than half of those elected are new candidates who replace the incumbents,

most considered close to the hardliners. Hardliners complained that a governmentcontrolled election screening process prevented them from running in the elections. On Saturday moderates were declared winners in the

old hardline bastions of QOM and Kerman, while Sunday's results showed hardliners lost in Shiraz and Rasht. In Mashhad, influential

hardliner Hadi Khamenei, brother of Iranian spiritual guide Ali Khamenei, did poorly in a race where there was nonetheless no clear victor. He will face a second election round in about a month.

### Koirala's resignation by April 27 KATHMANDU, Apr 12:

CP demands

More than 5,000 activists from the Nepal Communist Party (NCP) (Unity Centre) held an anti-government demonstration Sunday demanding the resignation of Prime Minister Girija Prasad Koirala, reports A Communist Party source

said they want the Prime

Minister to resign on or before

April 27, the deadline they set

for him to meet their de-

mands.

#### Alexander Shokhin told reporters that a 24-billion US dollar western aid package,

Russia over nuclear weapons and warships, predicted an early death for the 11-member Commonwealth of Indepen-

Interfax news agency.

### Russian govt From Page 1 Col 7

aimed at encouraging promarket reforms, "hung by a thread. Elsewhere in the former Soviet Union, Ukrainian President Leonid Kravchuk, locked in a bitter dispute with

dent States. "In its present form, the commonwealth will not live long. It will simply not be able to survive," Kravchuk told

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