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Today's issue of The Daily Star contains an 8-page supplement on the 10th anniversary of Bangladesh Resident Office of the Asian Development Bank.

Clinton US President

WASHINGTON, Nov 4: Democrat Bill Clinton was elected 42nd President of the United States Tuesday as fed-up voters rang in change all across the land and buried George Bush under an avalanche of economic no-confidence votes, reports Reuters.

Arkansas Gov. Clinton, 46, who campaigned as a vigorous young leader for the 21st century and was nearly ruined by attacks on his character, sex life and draft record, nailed down victory about 10:48 pm when the US television networks projected him the winner in Ohio.

AP adds: Clinton on Wednesday promised "the new



BILL CLINTON: The 42nd US President-elect

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Poll returns at a glance

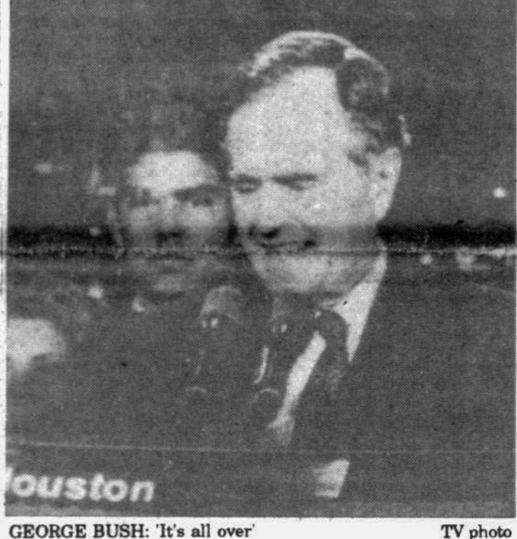
UNDATED, Nov 4: Here are the latest nationwide election returns in the race for president with 99 per cent of the nation's precincts reporting, reports AP.

CLINTON: 43,427,558 — 43 per cent. Has won 32 states and the District of Columbia with 370 ev. Leads in 0 state with 0 ev.

BUSH: 37,884,942 — 38 per cent. Has won 18 states with 168 ev. Leads in 0 state with 0 ev.

PEROT: 19,111,069-19 per cent. Has won 0 state with 0 ev. Leads in 0 state with 0 ev.

Needed to win: 270 of the 538 electoral votes (ev) from the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Percentages may not total 100 per cent because of additional candidates on the ballot in some states.



GEORGE BUSH: 'It's all over'

TV photo

'People have spoken'

HOUSTON, Texas, Nov 4: President George Bush conceded defeat Tuesday to Democrat Bill Clinton, saying "the people have spoken", reports AFP.

Bush said he had called Clinton in Little Rock to "offer my congratulations."

Addressing a crowd of cheering supporters in Houston, Bush, 68, said: "We will get behind this new President and wish him well."

In Dallas, Independent presidential candidate Ross Perot late Tuesday conceded defeat to Democrat Bill Clinton.

"The American people have spoken. They have chosen governor Clinton," Perot told a crowd of supporters.

"Congratulations," the Texas billionaire said. "Let's give governor Clinton a big round of applause."

Saddam's way of celebration

BAGHDAD, Nov 4: President Saddam Hussein fired his gun into the air today in defiant celebration of the defeat of George Bush in the US Presidential election and warned others to learn from his Gulf War foe's mistake, reports Reuters.

"Bush fell a long time ago, when he decided to bomb Baghdad," the Iraqi leader said during a tour of the Iraqi city

Bangladesh leaders greet Clinton

President Abdur Rahman Biswas yesterday felicitated William J Clinton on his election to the office of the President of the United States of America, reports BSS.

In a message to Clinton, President Biswas reiterated his belief that the US and Bangladesh would continue to grow from strength to strength.

The President, in his message, said: It is my firm conviction that this will mean a new era of greater prosperity and happiness for the people of the United States and that your great country will continue to make a significant contribution towards the promotion of world peace, stability and the cause of economic and social development.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia in a similar message yesterday felicitated Clinton on his election.

Begum Zia expressed the hope that under the leadership of Clinton, the United States would continue to play a dynamic role in the promotion of world peace, stability, justice and economic and social progress in larger freedom.

The Prime Minister said: We in Bangladesh have followed with keen interest the closely fought electoral campaign and the manifold issues that are not only of interest to the United States but to the world at large. I congratulate you on your well-deserved success.

I take this opportunity to

China will ask Myanmar to take back refugees

Bangladesh and China yesterday held detailed talks on bilateral, regional and international issues and the two sides evolved a broad parameter of regular consultations between them, reports BSS.

Foreign Secretary Reaz Rahman led the Bangladesh side while his visiting Chinese counterpart Xu Dunxin headed his country's side.

A main point of discussions was Dhaka's drawing of attention of China to the presence of a big number of refugees from Myanmar in Bangladesh. Dhaka sought Chinese support

SAARC invitation Mostafiz goes to Lanka, Maldives today

Foreign Minister A S M Mostafizur Rahman leaves here today on a two-nation trip to hand over the letters of invitation from Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia to leaders of Sri Lanka and the Maldives for attending the next SAARC summit here from December 12, reports BSS.

He will visit Colombo and Male and is expected to be back here on November 8.

Mostafizur Rahman will visit three other SAARC countries — Pakistan, India and Nepal at a later stage to hand over the letters of invitations to heads of state or government of those countries.

WB, ADB, Japan to give \$360 m in road sector

The World Bank, the Asian Development Bank and the Japanese government have given assurance of providing financial assistance worth 360 million US dollars for the implementation of some new projects in the road sector in Bangladesh, reports BSS.

The World Bank in principle has agreed to provide 150 million US dollars for the repair of 204 kilometre road in the north-western region of the country and maintenance of 400 kilometre road. A World Bank mission will visit

Salt bill again deferred

By Staff Correspondent

The House Wednesday passed two bills while the Excises and Salt (amendment) Bill was again deferred till the next session due to the absence of the concerned minister.

The Court (interim injunction order) (amendment) Bill, 1992 was passed in an amended form while the Inland Water Transport Workers (appointment-control) Bill, 1992 was also passed in the Jatiya Sangsad by voice vote.

One call attention notice on matters of urgent public importance on confiscation of fake documents at the Savar Sub-Registrar's office was introduced by Treasury bench member Muhammad Niamatullah.

Chief Whip, Khandaker Delwar Hossain and fellow BNP member Ziaul Huq took the floor on separate points of order to attract attention on the deteriorating diarrhoea situation in their respective constituencies, Manikganj and Laxmipur, and the shortage in the supply of oral saline and drinking water.

Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB) member Nazir Hossain also took the floor on a point of order seeking an adjournment to discuss the worsening economic situation of the country and to find solutions to the problems.

Saying that as he was the only Opposition member present in the House, he appealed to the chair for special consideration.

Jamaat-e-Islami parliamentary leader Mattur Rahman Nizami immediately took the floor to protest the oversight of the CPB member. "He said that he was representing the Opposition all by himself which is not true and needs to be corrected," he said. "We have played the part of a responsible Opposition all along." Ruling party member Ziaur Rahman Khan also proposed to pass a resolution from the House congratulating Bill Clinton for winning the US presidential race.

Deputy Leader of the House Badruddoza Chowdhury turned down the proposal saying that it would not be proper to pass such a resolution until the official election results were announced. The day's proceedings began with Deputy Speaker Humayun Khan Panni in the chair.

The Court (interim injunction order) (amendment) Bill, 1992 was introduced by Food Minister Md Shamsul Islam.

Noting that food was a sensitive commodity, the minister said that injunctions or temporary restraining orders moved by transport contractors often hindered transportation and distribution of foodgrains around the country.

He added that the bill only sought that a notice be issued to the ministry before the injunction or temporary restraining order by the court.

Two amendments were

PM asks CHT rebels to return home

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday called upon the misguided tribal people who have gone across the border to return home and join the nation-building programme, reports BSS.

Addressing a gathering of more than 250 leading tribal people of Chittagong Hill Tracts at her Sugandha office yesterday evening, Begum Zia, said "as progress and peace."

"Those who joined her party from Chittagong Hill Tracts included local government council Chairman of Bandarban Saching Pure, local government council Chairman, Rangamati, Parjat Kusum Chakma and chief of Boman Circle, Bandarban Maung Sue Prue Chowdhury.

Earlier, Saching Prue, Union Parishad Chairman Lutfor Rahman and Tribal leader Lalnath Bom spoke pledging loyalty to the leadership of Prime Minister Begum Zia.

Govt-Shantibahini dialogue today

From Nurul Alam

CHITTAGONG, Nov 4: A nine-member parliamentary committee of the government headed by the Communications Minister Col (Rtd) Oli Ahmed will hold a dialogue with the Shantibahini tomorrow at Khagrachhari Circuit House.

The dialogue, first of its kind under a democratic government is scheduled to begin at 10 am tomorrow, officials said.

A five-member Shantibahini team to be led for the first time, by the president of Parbatyia Chattagram Jana Sanghati Samity (PCJSS), the mother organisation of Shantibahini, J B Larma alias Shanto Larma, will attend the tomorrow's dialogue, officials added.

The Shantibahini delegation will be received at Dudukchhari, a bordering village under Panchhari upazila of Khagrachhari hill district, by

the government committee members and then they will be flown by helicopter to Circuit House. The dialogue is expected to continue till 4 pm tomorrow, according to official sources.

Meanwhile, the authorities took all preparations to hold the dialogue with a hope for restoration of peace and tranquility in the CHT. The hill district was jolted by the acts of violence linked with an 18-year tribal insurgency that claimed several thousands lives. The armed Shantibahini have been fighting a bush-war to press home their demands that mainly included CHT autonomy and expulsion of the Bengali-speaking settlers.

Earlier to facilitate the arrival and departure of the Shantibahini team the authorities relaxed the security in Khagrachhari frontier areas. As

JS condemns Serbian atrocities in Bosnia

By Staff Correspondent

Parliament last night adopted a 9-point resolutions strongly condemning the Serbian atrocities on the Muslims of Bosnia-Herzegovina and urging different countries of the world for imposing economic sanctions against the Serbian government.

Moved by the Deputy Leader of the House Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury, the resolution was adopted unanimously. The Awami League, the Jatiya Party, the Ganotantri Party were on their boycott of the proceedings of parliament while the Communist Party of Bangladesh and National Awami Party were absent in the House at the time the issue came up for discussion.

The resolution urged all countries of the world to provide financial and humanitarian assistance and other relief aid to the Bosnian government.

It also appealed for all-out help for the repatriation of the displaced people of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

The resolution called for identifying the people responsible for violating human rights and their trial by the war crimes commission through the United Nations.

The parliament extended its support to all resolutions adopted by the United Nations, Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) and the OIC, and called for their immediate implementation to restore peace in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

The resolution also demanded a halt in the move to

1993 SSC exams will be like '92

The SSC examination for 1993 will be held in the same way as in 1992, reports BSS.

According to Education Ministry sources, the SSC examinees will be declared to have passed if they secure a total marks of 33 in any subject having objective questions. That means if a student secures a total marks of 33 either in objective or essay type questions, he will be considered pass in that particular subject. Moreover, objective type questions will be set from the 500-mark questions bank, the sources said.

The government expressed the hope that this decision would remove the concern of the SSC examinees and they would devote themselves to studies.

Foil conspiracy against democracy: PM

MULADI (Barisal), Nov 4: Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia today (Wednesday) called upon the people to unitedly foil a conspiracy against democracy being hatched by certain quarters in collaboration with the fallen autocracy, reports UNB.

Addressing a big public meeting at the local college premises, she also ridiculed those who are describing the anti-terrorism law as anti-people.

"Nothing could be anti-people other than association with the autocratic force, ousted by nine years of mass movement", Begum Zia remarked.

The Prime Minister urged the people to resist those "who

Implement accord with SKOP, Hasina asks govt

Sheikh Hasina yesterday rebuked the government for not fulfilling its pre-election commitment to implement the 5-point demand of the Sramik Karmachari Oikya Parishad (SKOP), reports UNB.

She called for immediate implementation of the agreement signed by the government and the SKOP in this regard.

The Awami League president and leader of the Opposition in parliament made her plea when a CBA delegation from Dhaka Beverage Ltd, Bangladesh Beverage Ltd, Dhaka Ice Cream Industries Ltd and Eastern Trading Corporation Ltd called on her at 29, Minto Road.

The CBA delegation was led by its president Dulal Hossain and general secretary Ramzan Ali. All office-bearers of the CBA along with more than 100

New complications over VAT on air tickets

By Staff Correspondent

The crisis over Value Added Tax (VAT) on air tickets reappeared again as the foreign airlines rejected the agents' proposal to deposit VAT through the airlines, airlines sources said Wednesday.

Chairman of the Foreign Airline Representative Committee (FAREPCO) Michael G. Obson sent a letter on Monday to the president of the Association of Travel Agents of Bangladesh (ATAB), rejecting the proposal of collecting VAT through airlines.

Some 550 travel agents started an indefinite strike on October 19 demanding withdrawal of VAT imposed on their nine per cent commis-