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Notice

The date for advance income tax payment for the 1st quarter of the current financial year is September 15, 1993.

The advance income tax payable by the concerned taxpayer is to be paid through I.T. Form No. I.T. 31(B) (amended) challan.

The taxpayers should pay the advance tax filling in the said challan form as usual by replacing the figure "74(1)" with the figure "64" in as many places as it occurs in the form.

It may be mentioned that the financial limit of total income for payment of advance income tax for all classes of assessees is now Taka 1,00,000/-.

All assessees concerned are requested to pay their advance income tax for the 1st quarter of the current financial year relevant to the assessment year 1994-95 under this system by September 15, 1993. Simple interest @ 12% per annum will be leviable if the advance income tax is not paid or paid at a lesser amount than due.

Israel-PLO accord Monday likely

Clinton offers to host signing ceremony

WASHINGTON, Sept 7: President Bill Clinton has offered to host a ceremony for the signing of an agreement between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation, a White House spokeswoman said today, report Reuter, AP.

The United States has offered next Monday as a possible date for signing the agreement between Israel and the Palestinians, the White House said.

"If they get the details

worked out, we've offered that date," spokeswoman Dee Dee Myers said.

September 13 is the last day Israeli officials could attend an event in Washington and still get home for Jewish new year celebrations beginning on Wednesday.

Myers said Clinton would host a ceremony at the White House if the two sides are ready to sign by then.

Meanwhile an Arab diplomat said today Israel and the PLO

will recognise each other within 24 hours.

The mutual recognition will be completed with an exchange of letters, said the diplomat in Tunis, where the PLO has its headquarters.

The recognition agreement would be completed "very probably within 24 hours," the diplomat said, declining to be named.

In Cairo, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak said after talks

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Arafat plans to
have homes in
Jericho, Gaza

CAIRO, Sept 7: PLO leader Yasser Arafat plans to have homes in Jericho and the Gaza Strip after the autonomy deal is signed with Israel, the Egyptian news agency reported today, says AFP.

Arafat told Egyptian newspaper editors Monday night that he would have a permanent residence in Jericho on the West Bank and a temporary one in Gaza city, the Middle East news agency said.

The Palestine Liberation Organisation Chairman said he had chosen Jericho because even though it was a small town, he would be "closer to all the Palestinians still living under Israeli occupation."

Opposition parties in the Jatiya Sangsad are likely to unite in the coming autumn session of Parliament for abrogation of the Anti-Terrorism Act, opposition sources said.

The opposition parties are expected to work out a common strategy to back up the Anti-Terrorism Act (Repeal) Bill, submitted to the Parliament secretariat by Awami League MP K M Jahangir last Saturday, soon after the session begins on September 12, sources added.

By Nazmul Ashraf

According to AL sources, the party would start a dialogue on the issue for a combined stand by the opposition parties in a bid to put fresh pressure on the government to scrap the more than one-year-old law. Other opposition parties said they would join the AL to renew their demand for repealing the law, which they alleged, was being abused to victimise opposition politicians.

AL General Secretary Zillur Rahman told The Daily Star his

party would decide its own steps on the matter in the AL Parliamentary Party (ALPP) meeting scheduled for September 11, a day before the autumn session starts. Then the party would open talks with other opposition parties to seek support on the private bill, he added.

The AL had been the worst victim of the Anti-Terrorism Act, he claimed, and added everyday his party workers were beaten.

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Sino-Indian pact to cut border troops

BEIJING, Sept 7: China and India on Tuesday signed an agreement to reduce troops along their disputed border, but the pact did not include numbers or a timetable, report AP, AFP.

Troop reduction was among "confidence-building measures" mentioned in the agreement, but "the extent, depth, timing and nature of the reductions will be worked out through mutual consultations," the Indian Embassy said in a joint statement.

The statement however, hailed the pact as a landmark in relations.

The agreement, signed after two days of talks between visiting Indian Prime Minister PV Narasimha Rao and Chinese Premier Li Peng, prepares the

ground for a final settlement of the border issue, the officials said.

Pending a boundary settlement, India and China have agreed to respect and observe the line of actual control (LAC).

The line has separated the troops of the two nations since the brief 1962 war.

This landmark agreement lays down the framework for maintaining peace and tranquility along the LAC, the joint statement said.

Indian diplomats said the key questions of how many soldiers to remove and how far they should pull back would be decided by Defence officials from the two countries.

"We know that the armies do not compromise on matters of strategic importance," an Indian

official said. These issues have to be sorted out by the army of officers because they know what is best in their interest and what sort of compromises are acceptable to each side."

Indian opposition leaders have given a rare unanimous mandate to Rao to resolve the dispute along the 4,000-km borders.

Tuesday's agreement, one of four signed between the two nations, stressed the principle of mutual and equal security.

They also agreed to open a new border crossing between India and Tibet, cooperate on environmental protection and exchange television and radio programming.

Indian officials played down the possible compromises the border agreement could involve

for both countries.

China claims some 90,000 sq km in India's northeastern Arunachal Pradesh. It also regards India's northern Sikkim state as disputed.

India says Beijing occupies about 33,000 sq km in the Aksai Chin region.

Indian officials say privately that some of the territory claimed by India, and which has been under Chinese control for years, might be formally handed over to China in a final agreement.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Wu Jianmin cited a "very harmonious" atmosphere at the morning summit. He quoted Premier Li as saying "positive progress" was made in politics, economics and trade during talks.

Maneka Gandhi offers to lobby against Farakka

By Staff Correspondent

Maneka Gandhi, an Indian

politician and widow of Sanjay

Gandhi, yesterday said the

Third World countries should

adopt agro-based economic

models for the interest of the

environment and the people.

She said developing nations

should also be selective in

choosing modern technology

since indiscriminate adoption of

technology may aggravate the

unemployment problem and

create imbalances in the econ-

omy.

Maneka, who is more of an

environmentalist than a politi-

cian, was addressing a press

conference yesterday at the

Hotel Sonargaon after a day-

long workshop on "Women and

the Environment," which she

attended as chief guest.

Regarding the Farakka Barrage, she said she was against all barrages since these affected the ecological balances. She asked for adequate information about the impact of the dam from Bangladesh for her to lobby in this regard.

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Maneka Gandhi (L) at an exhibition of handicrafts at Hotel Sonargaon in the city yesterday. Hasna Moudud of NARI is seen on extreme right.

—Star photo

Int'l Literacy Day today

International Literacy Day will be observed today in the country as elsewhere round the globe highlighting the campaign for spread of education, reports UNB.

Different organisations, both at government and non-government levels, have chalked out elaborate programmes to mark the day.

President Abdur Rahman Biswas, Prime Minister Begum

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Khaleda Zia and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina have issued separate messages on the occasion, calling for sincere efforts by all to raise literacy rate in the country.

President Biswas termed illiteracy the main hurdle to national development and said without its eradication country's socio-economic development could not be ensured.

Begum Zia called for concerted efforts of all irrespective of their position, profession and party affiliation to ensure the spread of education in the country.

Sheikh Hasina made a call

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Thousands of fervent loyalists wearing "we love FM" T-shirts thronged Laoag airport in the Marcos heartland in the northern Philippines to welcome home the body of the man who died in exile in Hawaii in 1989.

Mrs Marcos, draped in a black veil and black native dress, kissed the bier and wept alongside her three children. Women in the crowd also wept.

After a colorful ceremony

featuring native death rituals, the black metal casket was loaded aboard a black, horse-drawn carriage and taken in a solemn procession to the city's cathedral and later a reviewing stand in front of the white provincial capital building.

Through the afternoon and evening, towns people and visitors filed by the coffin, flanked by a Philippine flag and the seal of the president.

The body was to remain at the capitol until Wednesday, when it was to be transported in a torchlight procession to Batac, 15 kilometers to the south, for burial Friday in a stone mausoleum in the yard of

his family home.

Marcos' mother, Josefa, is to be buried Thursday. She died in 1988 but her body was kept in a refrigerated container until her son returned to his home land.

In Manila, Mrs Aquino's spokeswoman, Lourdes Sytanggeo, said the former president would have no comment because "it doesn't deserve it." Mrs Aquino refused Marcos a Philippine burial, but her successor Fidel Ramos agreed to allow the funeral in Marcos' home province, Ilocos Norte.

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