Mirza Abbas (BNP)

Democracy reduced to

3 Cs, says Indian CEC

people.

Latest results of 4 city polls

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AL, BNP share posts

From Page 1 Col 7 Announcement of the results of three centres on the Dhaka University campus have been withheld by the EC authorities, while the commission failed to give the results of the rest four centres as both ballots and officials concerned remained 'untraced' until 3 pm vesterday.

Md Siddigur Rahman (Ind)

According to the counting of ballots of 704 Dhaka centres, the AL nominee Mohammad Hanif is now leading his nearest rival Mirza Abbas of the BNP by a margin of 75,200

Hanif had secured 4,15,036 votes while Abbas bagged 3,39,836.

The polling agents of Mirza Abbas had left the Election Commission office a few minutes before the unofficial results of the 704 centres were announced by the commission officials at 3 pm yesterday.

The BNP representatives left the EC office in protest against, what they said, the commission's failure to trace the results of the four centres.

According to the unofficial results, Col (Retd) MA Malek of the Jatiya Party (JP) bagged 59,589 votes while the Jamaat candidate ATM Azharul Islam polled 34, 430 votes in the

capital. The mayor elect of the Rajshahi City Corporation Mizanur Rahman Minu polled 58,532 votes while his nearest rival Abdul Matin Khan of the

Malek greets Hanif By Staff Correspondent

Jatiya Party leader and mayoral candidate Col (Retd) Abdul Malek yesterday congratulated Mohammad Hanif, Awami League's nominee, for his massive success in the Dhaka City Corporation polls. He also greeted Awami

League chief Sheikh Hasina. In a statement, Col Malek said the success achieved by Hanif was the victory of the common people.

He also hoped that Hanif would bring about qualitative changes in the civic amenities and the city would grow more beautiful.

48-hr hartal called in Sylhet today

From Our Correspondent SYLHET, Jan 31: The Greater Sylhet Division Implementation Council has called a 48hour hartal throughout the four districts of the region from tomorrow.

A fortnight long agitation programme of the council ended here today.

'The council has been demanding immediate formation of a new administrative deci-

sion in the region. Earlier, the hartal call was given at a rally in the Aliya Madrassah maidan here on December 1.

Ashrafuddin Chowdhury of the Jamaat and Mahmudul Islam Chowdhury of the JP secured the third and fourth positions by polling 28,888 and 23,008 votes respectively. In Khulna, mayor-elect

AL bagged 23,001 votes.

Jamaat candidate Md

Siddigur Rahman and inde-

pendent Md Siddigur Rahman,

who secured third and fourth

positions got 17,692 and

ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury

won the elections by securing

180,468 votes while his near-

est rival. Mir Md Nasiruddin of

In Chittagong, AL nominee

10,501 votes respectively.

the BNP, polled 1,63,713.

Shaikh Tayebur Rahman of the BNP polled 77,487 votes while his nearest contestant Mahbubul Alam Hiron of the AL got 63,645 votes.

SMA Rab and Md Golam Parwar, of the JP and Jamaat respectively, bagged 41,250 and 24,703 votes.

JP demands BNP's resignation

By Staff Correspondent

Jatiya Party leader Barrister Moudud Ahmed yesterday demanded resignation of the BNP government accusing it of rigging the just-held city corporation election and unleashing terrorism during the polling.

Addressing a press conference at the party's Elephant Road office in the city, Moudud said the rigging and violence in the polls had justified his party's demand for holding the next general elections under a care-taker government.

Moudud said the Election Commission's steps for ensuring fair polling were not effective due to lack of sincerity of the government in holding the polls in a free, fair and peaceful manner. Similar measures worked better during the 1991 general elections as those took place under a caretaker government, he said.

The JP presidium member claimed that his party's popularity had increased and this had been reflected in Sunday's

polls.
Meanwhile our Khulna correspondent adds : Former prime minister and JP leader Kazi Zafar Ahmed also demanded the resignation of the

government. He was speaking at a press conference at the Khulna Press Club yesterday.

Kazi Zafar accused Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia of violating the election rules in her recent speech at a public meeting in Khulna.

He alleged that the Prime Minister declared the opening of the Afil Jute Mills and reversing the government policy of selling off the Khulna Hardboard Mills to benefit her party candidate in the KCC

Kazi Zafar demanded that the parliament elections. scheduled for 1996, be held under a caretaker government.

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Awami League chief and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina addressing a press conference at her Minto Road residence in the city yesterday. DCC mayor-elect Md Hanif (extreme left) is also seen with other senior AL leaders. - Star photo

NEW DELHI, Jan 31: India's

outspoken Election Commis-

stoner, TN Seshan, blasted

politicians and the bureaucracy

today for reducing democracy

to 'three Cs' - cash.

criminality and corruption.

In a lecture here entitled

None Above the Law' Seshan

said everything had gone

tem in the country which

proudly labels itself the world's

elected since independence in

1947, and "you may ask me

what is wrong in Indian elec-

tions." the Chief Election

"I will ask you what is right

in Indian elections? Cash.

criminality and corruption are

the three pillars on which

Indian democracy stands to-

Politicians spent 'absurd'

amounts of money - tens of

millions of rupees - on con-

testing elections, and polling

booths and electoral rolls

had become 'corrupt, collusive

and committed' to service the

interests of those in power.

likening the bureaucracy to a

"bamboo frame' eaten up by

The civil service, he said,

were imperfect, said Seshan.

day," he told the audience.

Ten parliaments have been

largest democracy.

Commissioner said

wrong with the election sys-

reports AFP.

Hasina

From Page 1 Col 7 Commission was planning to recount the ballot papers in a bid to decrease the number of votes polled by Hanif. She warned against any attempt to snatch the victory of the Al candidate. The AL nominee was also leading in 21 centres where polling was postponed because of violences, she

claimed Opposition leader deplored that Radio and Television announced the results of Khulna and Rajshahi where the ruling party candidates had won but the statecontrolled media seemed hesi tant in declaring the results of Dhaka and Chittagong

Earlier, Hasina told the journalists that she had postponed her departure for the USA vesterday due to the killings in the city. She said she visited the Dhaka Medical College Hospital to see the bodies of the victims and also their houses to console their family members.

"I have no words to express my condemnation of the heinous acts committed by the government," she said.

She also called on the democracy-loving people - to protest and resist such incidents by holding demonstrations across the country.

Hasina also congratulated the people in the four cities for voting for the AL nominees in Sunday's city corporation elections.

Srinivasan new

Indian Foreign

Secretary

NEW DELHI, Jan 31: Sri-

nivasan today took over as

India's new Foreign Secretary.

succeeding J N Dixit who re-

tired after 36 years of service,

next month, will have a 13-

with a sense of fulfillment,

said Dixit who served as for-

Srinivasan, who turns 57

"I am relinquishing office

reports PTI.

month-long tenure.

Auspicious symbols!

By Staff Correspondent

The "Fish" and the "Lantern" proved to be the lucky symbols in Sunday's polls in the four city corporations.

The mayoral candidates in Dhaka and Raishahi won the elections with the symbol Fish. while the Lantern lit the way of the mayoral candidate in Chittagong and Khulna.

Bicycle-riders were the closest contestants in Dhaka eign secretary for 26 months | and Chittagong

of Indian democracy, blowing the whistle on corrupt politi-DUTA resents

Early, US President

Abraham Lincoln's famous def-

inition of democracy had been

twisted in India to mean 'A

government of some people.

for some people and by some

ploying the best of legal lumi-

naries and other instruments

of justice. I am not saying any

thing further for fear of con-

"There is a big pall of

gloom around for the common-

man as the country is poised to

move into the next century.

Social, political and economic

justice has been hogged by a

have to pull ourselves back in

the next five years," he said.

India is at the crossroad. We

Seshan, 61, a former bu-

reaucrat who has frequently

come into conflict with politi-

cal parties has been dubbed

dirty harry by the press after

the tough, unconventional po-

liceman played by clint east-

wood in a Hollywood movie of

eree in the rough-and-tumble

He styles himself as a ref-

tempt," Seshan said.

privileged few.

the same name.

"You can buy justice by em-

By Staff Correspondent

poll violence

The Dhaka University Teac hers' Association (DUTA) yesterday protested violence and rigging in the University Laboratory School and the Udayan School polling centres yester-

The meeting, presided over by its president Prof Md Shahadat Ali, demanded trial and punishment of the persons responsible for the violence and rigging, both in the uni-

A group of unruly people jeering at Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury (not in picture) when he went to visit the victims of the Nawabganj shootout at the Dhaka Medical College - Star photo Hospital yesterday.

Nat'l Poetry Festival begins today

By DU Correspondent

A two-day National Poetry Festival '94 begins at the TSC road crossing on the Dhaka University campus this morn-

The programmes, arranged by the National Poetry Council. include discussion meetings, recitation, recitation of selfcomposed poems and prize distribution.

Poet Sufia Kamal will inaugurate the festival at 9 in the morning.

Syed Samsul Huq will preside over the inaugural function. A seminar will be held at llam at the same venue. In the afternoon, recitation of the self-composed poems will be

On the second day, tomorrow, a discussion meeting will be held at 10am.

Some 200 poets from Dhaka and more than 170 ppets from the different parts of the country will participate in the festival.

Home Minister, others ment in the hospital. From Page 1 Col 5

legedly by supporters of the BNP-backed defeated commissioner candidate of the area. The area was within the JS constituency of Food Minister Mir Shawkat Ali.

After seeing the bodies in the morgue, Chowdhury came out, but faced a similar attack. The DMCH premises resounded with slogans like "We will not let him see the dead, "Hang Mir Shawkat," and "Terrorist Matin: You have to

answer." Chowdhury, along with the BNP-backed Chhatra Dal leaders Fazlul Huq Milon, Asaduzzaman Ripon, Nazimuddin Alam, State Minister for Sports Sadeq Hossain Khoka and Telecommunications Minister Tariqui Islam, retreated through the same passage as volleys of brickbats and stones

started pouring in through the grilled fencing. Unable to enter the hospital building through the main gate, the minister then found a narrow gate in one of the side walls and took this passage to

see the injured under treat-

Coming out of the hospital, the minister then hurriedly entered his car and tried to drive away. But he could not go out of the premises as the mob blocked the approach roads.

The minister's car stayed put inside the DMCH for about 20 minutes as policemen and BDR personnel hopelessly tried to arrange his safe passage. At one point the agitators from inside the DMCH attacked the minister's car from behind.

As the situation started the minister, escorted by police vehicles, sped away toward the Doyel Square.

But at Doyel Square. in front of the Shishu Academy, the minister's convoy again came under attack from an Awami League-backed Chhatra League procession. The police again lobbed teargas shells and made way for the minister's car. The convoy then drove away through the High Court Road.

Yellow Panel sweeps RUTA polls

From Rajshahi Varsity Correspondent

RAJSHAHI, Jan 31: Prof M Anisur Rahman of the Applied Chemistry Deptt and Prof Azizul Islam of the Chemistry Deptt have been elected President and General Secretary respectively of the Rajshahi University Teachers Association (RUTA). The election to 15 posts of the RUTA was held today. Two panels -one backed by Awami League and the leftist front and the other supported by the BNP and Jamaat participated in the

The progressive group from Yellow Panel won 14 posts including the posts of the president and the GS. Their rival White Panel won only one post of member. Others office bearers of RUTA include Prof Abdul Khaleque VP, Dr Sultan Ahmed, Treasurer, and Associate Prof Abul Kashem, Joint Secretary. Four hundred fifty six voters out of 549 were cast in the election conducted by Prof Abul Bashar.

Noman's charge From Page 1 Col 8

lodged a protest with the Election Commission against the Awami League's irregulariies in the polling

"We strongly believe in democratic norms and as such we acted with patience inspite of many provocation by Awami League and Jamaat activists,

Abdullah Al-Noman said the BNP would stick to democratic principles, and called upon the people to identify those who were out to undo the nascent democracy in the country with the sole motive to capture

Noman expressed his deep gratitude to those who worked hard and voted in favour of the BNP candidate. He regretted that many genuine voters were deprived of their franchise because of terrorism and rigging by Awami League activists.

A new trend in electoral heritage_i: EC The Election Commission

Yesterday conveyed thanks and appreciations to various agencies and individuals for their role and contributions in holding the four city corporation elections, reports BSS.

In spite of sporadic violence in a few places and emergence of mastaans in the capital, polling stations, the election was on the whole free and fair, an Election Commission press release said.

The press release said: The party leaders, politicians, candidates and their supporters have set a new trend in our electoral heritage. Adherence to the electoral rules was by and large satisfactory and improvement over the past. The Election Commission

termed as highly commendable the valuable services rendered by the radio, television, news papers, mass media, law enforcing agencies, magistrates, election officials and many others. During the entire election

campaign, the morale of the voters and the people at large were very high and they did not suffer from any despon-

Political parties From Page 1 Col 5 Mukarram Mosque at 11 am today (Tuesday).

The standing committee of Ganoforum at a meeting yesterday condemned the killing of six persons in post-election violence and demanded exemplary punishment for the killers.
All the political organisa-

tions demanded trial and punishment of the killers.

Press Note From Page 1 Col 4:

making the best efforts to nab other assailants. A murder case has been instituted with the Lalbagh police station. The Press Note said "Home

Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury, Telecommunications Minister Tariqui Islam, State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadeq Hossain, member of Parliament Amanullah Aman and other leaders went to Dhaka Medical College Hospital to see those who were killed and injured. They enquired about the treatment and welfare of the injured.

The Home Minister consoled the kith and kin of the victims present there and expressed deep sympathy for politan Police was present.

government is determined to establish democratic values, tolerance to other's opinion and peace and discipline in all spheres of national life. The government hopes that all irrespective of party and opinion will perform appropriate roles towards transition to democracy and giving it an institutional shape.

The Midnight File

US, Pakistan start jt naval exercise

ISLAMABAD. Jan 31: The United States and Pakistani navies have started a joint exercise in the Indian Ocean, the official Associated Press of Pakistan said today. The four-day exercise, code-named Inspired Siren, will continue until Wednesday on completion of maneuvers, including airdefence and anti-submarine operations, the agency said, reports AFP

Adams granted visa to visit US

WASHINGTON. Jan 31: The Clinton administration has granted the President of Sinn Fein, Irish Republican Army's political wing. Gerry Adams, a visa to visit New York this week, reversing the US policy. The US had denied earlier a visa to Adams in deference to the British government, reports

Fire destroys Spain's landmark Liceu theatre

BARCELONA. Jan 31: Fire destroyed the 145-year-old Gran Theatre del Liceu on Monday, less than a year before Spain's leading musical landmark was to close for a major restoration, director Josep Caminal said. A fire department spokesman said the cause of the blaze was not known. It broke out shortly after 11 am in the area behind the opera theatre's stage. reports AP.

6 killed in city

From Page 1 Col 5

They said everything was Shawkat Alt - the Member of Parliament from constituency Dhaka-8 - left the area in the morning. Aziz had met Shawkat in the morning, they

Immediately after the incident, the whole area was gripped with grief. Hundreds of wailing people came out on the allevs in the densely populated area to protest the killings

The mother of Nazrul Islam could say nothing except, What a curse on me... my son was due to fly to Saudi Arabia on Thursday, Delwar's father — Anwar Hossain — became unconscious

after having the news of his son's death. Ramzan's mother Rabeva Khatun — wailing uncontrollably, was repeatedly cursing the killers. Meanwhile, large contingents of BDR and police were deployed in the area. Police

rushed to Aziz's house in the area and arrested his father and five others - M Tarik Alam, Abdur Rauf, Motaleb, Mominul Islam, and Joynal. Abdul Aziz, his wife and other members of the family left the house after the inci-

dent said police who cordoned off the empty house. Post-mortem examinations of the six bodies were done at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital and later the bodies were handed over to the rela-

Hundreds of people brought out a procession with the six

coffins in the evening. The namaz-e-janaza of the six will be held at the Baitul Mukarram Mosque at 11 this morning.

Meanwhile, the Jatiyatabadi Jubo Dal claimed that Hafizuddin was a Jubo Dal leader of Ward No 59. But Hafiz's family members said Haftz had worked for Humayun Kabir in

City BNP

From Page 1 Col 3

commissioner elect Ruhul Amin Bhuiyan Jahangir at Begunbari area in Tejgaon Sunday night. A gang of miscreants led by Alam, son of the Awami League's commissioner candidate in Meradia in Ward No 26, tried to attack the BNP's commissioner candidate Nazir Ahmed but retreated in the face of resistance of police and the people, they said.

The city BNP leaders said Awami terrorists, led by Alam, again launched a surprise attack on Nazir Ahmed and his supporters this morning with firearms and bombs, seriously injuring six persons.

Mir Shawkat and Salahuddin said Awami terrorists hurled bombs and created panic in different areas of Dhaka city on election day, which compelled hundreds of innocent voters to leave to polling booths and they obstructed an innumerable number of voters from going to polling centres.

Export barricades

sation. In the process many industries became sick and 'unworthy' of bail-out by financial institutions.

The private sector in Bangladesh is pulling up a good effort to redirect its energy to export-oriented activities. But this effort is being frustrated by bureaucratic bungling.

The most recent illustration of such bungling was reported in The Daily Star yesterday. Several hundred crore taka worth of governments for export faced the threat of being late for shipment within the deadline to qualify for US quota cover.

The deadline was January 31. Well before that it was clear that the US quota would not be fulfilled by exporters. This, too, was because of a weakness of the import policy whereby the governments industry's import of grey cloth was prohibited. This weakness was connected eventually, but only eight days before the deadline for shipment. It was too late to help the industry reach quota ceilings, which will surely have an effect on quota allocation for Bangladesh next year.

Even after breaking their through rapid import liberali- backs to reach as close to the quota ceilings as possible, the exporters found that they had lost their race against time because the Chittagong Port Authority expressed inability to load them. They could have asked the exporters to dump their shipments into the Bay instead!

> There is more! According to another report appearing in The Daily Star last Sunday, a Commerce Ministry Task Force has not been able to frame simplified rules and procedures for foreign trade. The Task Force, set up by the National Trade Facilitation Committee (NTFC), was given a time frame of four months.

> The result of bureaucratic inertia in translating policy changes to simple procedures and their implementation will not remain limited to lost garments exports. It will hit hard at private sector confidence on the commitment behind the policies. The consequence of this loss of confidence will be continued sluggishness in private activity. That would make all the pains and hardship associated with structural adjustment of the last three years meaningless.

কুলখানী ও মিলাদ মাহফিল

বিশিষ্ট শিল্পতি, সমাজসেবক, প্রাইম গ্রুপ অব ইভাস্ট্রীজের क्यात्रम्यान ও वावञ्चालना लित्रांलक अवर न्यालनाल उक्कि এভ কুমার্স ব্যাংক লিঃ-এর অন্যতম' উদ্যোক্তা পরিচালক জনাব মোঃ আবদুল আউয়াল সাহেবের মাতা, প্রাইম ঞপ অব ইভাষ্ট্রিজের প্রবীণতম পরিচালক আলহাজ্ঞ রাবেয়া খাতুন গত ২৯শে জাनুয়ারী, শনিবার ইত্তেকাল করেন (ইর্লাল্লাহৈ রাজেউন)। মৃত্যুকালে তাঁহার বয়স হইয়াছিল ৬৭

বংসর। মৃত্যুকালে তিনি ৫ ছেলে, ৬ মেয়ে, নাতি-নাতনীসহ अत्र वा उनवादी ताविया नियार्छन । जीदारक अकर निरन দোলেশ্বর পারিবারিক কবরস্থানে দাফন করাহয়। মর্ত্মার কুলখানী অদ্য ১-২-৯৪ইং তারিখে বাদ জোহর কেরানীগঞ্জ থানার কোন্ডা ইউনিয়নের দোলেশ্বর গ্রামের বাড়ীতে অনুষ্ঠিত হইবে। আগামী ৩রা ফেব্রুয়ারী, বৃহস্তিবার বাদ আছর বাড়ী নং-২৪, রোড নং-১০, রক-কে, বারিধারা মরন্থার জ্যেষ্ঠ পুত্র জনাব মোঃ আবদুল আউন্মাল সাহেবের বাসভবনে এক মিলাদ মাহকিলের আয়োজন করা হইয়াছে। উক্ত কুল্খানী ও মিলাদ মাহফিলে সকল আত্মীয়স্বজন এবং গুডাকাড্মীগনকে উপস্থিত হইয়া মরভ্যার ক্রহের মাগফেরাত কামনায় শরীক হওয়ার জন্য সনির্বন্ধ অনুরোধ করা যাইতেছে।

them and assured expeditious worsening police started lathimeasures to award exemplary charging and lobbing teargas punishment to the culprits. shells. The mob then retreated Commissioner of Dhaka Metroa little and, seizing the chance,

The present democratic

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