The Midnight File

US to deploy missiles in ROK

he has agreed to deploy Patriot anti-missile missiles to South

Korea as a 'purely defensive' move in light of rising tensions

NATO asks Serbs to hand

over heavy weapons soon

immediate handover to UN forces of Serb heavy weapons

found near Sarajevo and warned that they were otherwise

liable to air strikes. "We expect these weapons to be put

under UNPROFOR (UN Protection Force) control

immediately," a NATO spokesman said when asked about the

discovery of a big Serb arms cache within a heavy weapons

43 die in Zairian train mishap

dozens injured when a train derailed in Zaire, the state news

agency Azap reported here today. The accident occurred in

Shába province between its capital Lubumbashi and Lubudi

250 kilometres (155 miles) away. A government spokesman

announced an inquiry, but did not say when the derailment

MINSHASA, Mar 21: Forty-three people were killed and

exclusion zone around the Bosnian capital, reports Reuter.

BRUSSELS, Mar 21: NATO on Tuesday demanded the

with North Korea, reports Reuter.

DEEFRIELD, Fla. Mar 21: President Clinton said Monday

# **DUCSU election: Campus** reverberates with slogans.

The Dhaka University campus yesterday reverberated with slogans from rallies and processions by different student organisations as the elections to the Dhaka Central Students Union (DUCSU) and hall unions is coming near, reports UNB.

A huge procession was brought out in the morning by the Jativatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), the student wing of ruling BNP.

The processionists paraded the Arts Building area on the campus chanting slogans. "We have won the by-election in Magura, we will also win the DUCSU election.

Later, at a rally in front of the DUCSU Bhaban, the JCD leaders urged the students to vote for their nominees.

The rally was addressed by Moniruzzaman Monir. Shahiduddin Chowdhury Anny and Shahjahan Howlader Sujon.

Pro-Awami League Chhatra League also brought out a procession in the campus in the morning and later held a rally in front of the "Aparajeyo Bangla." Addressing the rally, Chha-

tra League President Mainuddin Hassan reiterated their demand for shifting the DUCSU polls scheduled for

The campus situation has deteriorated further, he alleged, as the Chhatra Dal was

allowing armed outsiders in

Mohsin and Surya Sen halls. The Chhatra League leader demanded immediate arrest of the terrorists from the campus and said that the campus situation could not be made congenial for the DUCSU election, only 20 days away.

The rally was also addressed by Igbalur Rahim and Shafiqul Islam Shafiq.

Ganotantrik Chhatra Oikya. at a rally in front of the Modhu's canteen in the morning, urged the students to vote for its candidates and against terrorism.

Earlier, the GCO brought out a procession on the cam-

Meanwhile, the University authorities had a meeting with the student leaders in the afternoon to discuss the situation in the DU dormitories. particularly in the Zahurul Haq and Salimullah halls.

The meeting at the Zahurul Huq Hall, chaired by Provost Dr Jamaluddin Ahmed, was attended by the Proctor. Salimullah Hall provosts, JCD leader Shahjahan Howlader Sujan, Chhatra League leader K H M Lizu and GCO leader Obaidur Rahman Chunnu

.The hall provosts assured the student leaders that the residential students, who have been ousted from their dormitories, would be rehabilitated very soon.

# Dhaka ranked 147th

From Page 1 Col 5 public enterprises, the report said even after divesting its shares, the government still owns 70 per cent of fixed manufacturing assets of such enterprises.

The public sector loss is equivalent to 30 per cent of the annual aid disbursement, it maintained.

The progress of privatisation is very slow as the government could sell out only four public sector industries by the end of 1992 against 40 units it identified in 1991 for disinvestment.

Suggesting that the country's long-term economic future will depend on the dynamism of the private sector. the report pointed out poor banking and legal systems as major obstacles for the development of private sector.

Referring to banking system, it said four 'inefficient' nationalised commercial banks hold 60 per cent of deposits. The banking sector as a whole is undercapitalised and has a high level of bad debts.

In 1991, around 25 per cent of the loan portfolios of banks were non-performing. Many of these loans were made on political considerations rather than on commercial cri-

The report pointed out clumsiness of the legal system and long delays in adjudication

as an obstacle to business. It suggested that reduction' in rural poverty depends critically on the development of better infrastructure particularly irrigation, electrification and transport.

A survey also revealed that irrigation has tremendous impact on reducing rural poverty. In villages without irrigation, the extreme poor

From Page 1 Col 4

Surya Sen who through his re-

bellion in 1930 rocked the

then government, and inspired

the people of the Subcontinent

to liberate themselves from

individuals placed wreaths be-

fore the portrait of Surya Sen

before joining a huge rally that

placards and banners to high-

light the spirit of Surya Sen.

The procession was partici-

pated by members of the

Dhaka University Teachers'

Association, Ganoforum, the

Dhaka Journalists' Union, the

Bangladesh Federal Union of

Journalists, the Awami League

and its front organisations, the

Samajtantrik Chhatra Front,

BASAD, the Workers Party and

ers of Masterda flew from

Calcutta to Dhaka to take part

in the birth centenary celebra-

tions of the martyred revolu-

tionary who was born in

Chittagong on this day one

from Chittagong adds: The

three day long programmes to

mark the birth centenary of

the legendary anti-British

revolutionary Surva Sen.

popularly known as 'Masterda',

began in the port city yester-

India, including the surviving

comrades of Masterda, at-

A 32 member team from

Our Staff Correspondent

hundred years ago.

32 comrades and support-

others.

paraded the city streets.

Some 100 organisations and

The processionists carried

British colonialism.

were 32 per cent of the population compared to only 16 per cent where there are irrigation facilities.

Rural electrification had similar impact, reducing the proportion of the extreme poor from 31 to 14 per cent. Good transport reduced the proportion of extreme poor from 30 to 21 per cent.

The improvements in infrastructure bring proportionately greater benefits to nonfarm households because they encourage development of other activities, such as trends and services.

The report, however, mentioned that the poverty situation improved somewhat in the 1980s. Between 1983/84 and 1988/89, the proportion below the poverty line fell from 57 per cent to 48 per cent in rural areas and from 66 per cent to 44 per cent in the urban areas.

The present government has taken a number of measures to stimulate the economy and in macro-economic terms it has been very successful. "But there is still a long way to go," the report said.

### Students protest Balladur's job policies

PARIS, Mar 21: Thousands of students resumed protests Monday against the jobs policies of Premier Edouard Balladur, but his conservative coalition took heart from a strong showing in nationwide local elections, reports AP.

The conservatives received 44.7 per cent of the votes in Sunday's balloting for district councils, slightly better than in the first -round of parliamentary elections a year ago

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia is flanked by the recipients of the National Film Awards-'92 at the Osmany Memorial Star photo Hall in the city yesterday.

# Portray nationalism in movies: PM

From Page 1 Col 7 judged as the best actor and actress for their roles in 'Andha Biswas' and 'Dinkal' respectively

The other winners were : Kazi Havat for best screen play and dialogue both in (Danga). Kabir Anwar for best scenarios and lyrics both in Dinkal. Sadek Bacchu as best side actor (Sonia). Shabnam as best side actress (Beproa). Dildar as best comedian (Danga), Rajib as best villain (Danga). Mita and Mithun as the best child artistes (Uchit Shikha), Syed Abdul Hadi and Sabina Yasmeen as the best singers, in Sonia and Dinkal respectively. Zinnat Hossain for best editing (Utthan Patan). Baby Islam as best cameraman (Dinkal). Mafizul Hug best sound recordist (Dinkal). Alam Khan best music Director (Dinkal). Mohiuddin Farooq best art director (Mastan Raja), Amir

photography. Kazi Zahir and Mustafizur Rahman were given special awards (posthumous) for their contribution to the country's

Hossain Babu as the best dance

director (Danga), Delwar Jahan

Jhuntu as the best dress de-

signer (Rupasi Nagin). Abdul

Jabbar Talukder the best still

film industry. Information Minister Nazmul Huda, Information Secretary Nuruddin al Masud, president of the BFPA Azizur

Rahman Buli, secretary general of the association Nasiruddin Dilu and convenor of the award sub committee Ashraf Uddin Ahmed Ujjal also spoke on the

Depaty Speaker of the Jatiya Sangsad. ministers. MPs, film directors, producers, actors, actresses and cultural activists were present at

### BCS information officials to boycott PIO from Apr 6

BCS Information Cadre officials have decided not to cooperate with the Principal Information Officer (PIO), an outsider on contract, from April 6 until he is removed, reports UNB.

They will, however, continue to perform their other duties.

The decision was taken at an emergency general meeting of the BCS Information Association in Dhaka yesterday. Members of the Association have been agitating since

March 9 against the renewal of the appointment of Abdur Rahim as PIO. The Association also decided to continue its programme of wearing black badges by the information

cadre officials, in different of-

fices protesting the renewal of

the contract.

the function. The Prime Minister con-

gratulated the winners. Like food for living, she said, entertainment is also needed for developing the faculty of intellect and to cultivate

the sense of beauty. Begum Zia warned the people of the ill-effects of the vulgar video-films, books and magazines, which are eroding our social values.

The Prime Minister said the quality of our films were yet to attain the standards as attained elsewhere but hoped our film makers would come forward to making creative and quality films.

Referring to her government's sincere efforts in developing the country's film industry, the Prime Minister said she had reintroduced the grants system for film making and rescinded the proposals for importing sub-continental

She also urged the film artistes and others involved in this industry not to see the films as means of mere light entertainment but the make them message-oriented.

Begum Zia also asked them to portray the country's problems in their films and to direct the ways to solve those ... A colourful cultural function

followed the award-giving cer-

## Panels getting ready for JU Senate polls

By Staff Correspondent

The would-be senators of the Jahangirnagar University took the occasion of the Eid reunion to introduce themselves to their voters.

Ahead of the registered graduate senators polls scheduled for March 28, the two contesting panels have planned reunion programmes for the former students and enlisted registered graduates in the city as part of their campaigning.

On Sunday, at a community centre in the city, the presi dent of the Federation of Bangladesh University Teachers' Association Prof Mustahiduf Rahman introduced a 25-member panel for the forthcoming polls.

The panel includes Prof Zillur Rahman Siddigui, Prof Kabir Chowdhury, Prof Maniruzzaman, and Prof A K M Azizul

Introducing the panel. Prof Mustahidur Rahman said the member of the panel have wide experience which could be utilised for maintaining congenial academic atmosphere in the trouble-torn uni-

Chaired by Prof Zillur Rahman Siddiqui, the meeting was addressed by Prof Nurul Islam, Dr Mirza Aminul Hug, Khondaker Mozammil Haq Prof Inamul Haq and others.

The speakers expressed their determination to foil any attempt to repeal the University Ordinance of 1973. The other panel will be introduced at the Jatiya Press Club auditorium on March 24 at 5 pm. Prof Mesbauddin Ahmed, Prof Amirul Islam Chowdhury, Prof Mafizuddin Ahmed, Prof Md Kabir, Dr Khaliquzzaman llias, Prof Abdul Bayes, Prof Khandaker Moudud Ilahi, Prof Alauddin Ahmed will attend the programme, according to a press release.

#### Inflation From Page 1 Col 4

Exchange Commission (SEC) has also started to have a positive impact on the country's capital market by increasing investments. According to sources, about

30 million dollars were invested in the stock market during January and February through some leading industrial units. Foreign investors have already started buying local shares. Some 50 foreign investors have been showing their interest in the stock market.

Experts say, the launching of some new credit schemes in soft terms and some promotional activities initiated by the government have also contributed to increased investments in the country.

According to information available. Tk 628 erore was sanctioned by the banks in the current fiscal till February as project loan, whereas the amount of project loan disbursed in the last fiscal was Tk 711 crore. The project loans were distributed among 1310 industrial units this year. The total investment in the current fiscal is expected to cross Tk 1200 crore.

### Ground water

From Page 1 Col 4 round the clock to lift 71 supervised the snap general crore 81 lakh 48 thousand and election in October, along with 215 litres of water everyday.

Despite adverse effects due to indiscriminate pumping out of ground water, the WASA is planning to sink 40 more deep tubewells to meet the increasing demand ignoring experts' call for early implementation of the water treatment plant in

Syedabad. The use of surface water by water treatment plant is the only alternative to reduce dependency of ground water which may cause serious land subsidence.

Hydrologists also warned that excessive use of ground water in the coastal areas might increase salinity of the area and hamper agriculture to a large extent.

or US official Robin Raphel begins a damage- control visit to India tomorrow, hoping to patch up relations seen by a furious Indian press as strained by her comments on disputed Kashmir, reports Reu-

ble Jasimuddin, 22, guilty of attempt to rape a 7-year-old girl at stadium para in the town on February 2 in 1992. The judge also fined him Tk 3,000 or, in default, suffer six months more in prison.

According to the prosecution, the policeman, while on duty of looking after Prime Minister's helicopter when she visited the district on the day. seduced the little girl for rape when she came to see the he-

happened, reports AFP.

Bid to rape minor

girl: Constable

gets 7 yrs' RI

lice constable was today sen-

tenced to seven years rigorous

imprisonment for attempt to

rape a minor girl, reports

M A Fazle Kabir found consta-

District and Sessions Judge

SIRAJGANJ, Mar 21: A po-

Local people rushed to the spot hearing her cry and caught Jasimuddin red-handed and handed him to police.

licopter.

Her father filed a case with Siraigani thana the same day. \*

#### WP demands EC opinion on Magura polls By Staff Correspondent

The Bangladesh Workers' Party at a meeting yesterday urged the Election Commission to give its opinions on the allegations of rigging and violence during the by-election in Magura. The meeting observed that

if the allegations were true, then free, fair and impartial election was not possible under the present system. Chaired by Dhaka City unit

President of the Workers Party Kamrul Ahsan, the meeting was addressed by Amal Sen, Rashed Khan Menon, Haider Akbar Khan Rono and Fazle

#### AL rally From Page 1 Col 4

Mohammad Hanif, the rally was also addressed by Amir Hossain Amu, Mozaffar Hossain Paltu, Shawqat Ahmed Bar-atlaw. Dr Mostafa Jalal Mohiuddin, Shahara Khatun, Kamrul Islam, Akhterul Alam and Mofazzal Hossain Choudhury Maya. Addressing the rally, mayor

Hanif accused the BNP of avenging its defeats in the mayoral polls of Dhaka and Chittagong by winning the Magura by-election "through unprecedented rigging and acts of violence." "We protested the changes in the administration and the practice of announcing donations by the Prime Minister and her cabinet colleagues ahead of the election, but the Election Commission did not take any action in this regard," the mayor said.

The Chief Election Commi ssioner's sudden departure from Magura helped the BNP to rig the election, Hanif

Rejecting the by-polls results, he said, "The result is unbelievable because the AL had bagged the seat five times in the past." "No election could be held

under this government after it rigged the Magura polls," he said and demanded all future elections under a care-taker government.

Hanif called on the people to prepare for a massive agitation to force the ruling party to arrange the next general elecnons under a non-partisan government and also to observe tomorrow's nationwide half-day hartal.

Amir Hossain Amu, in his speech, said the Election Commission had lost its credibility which it earned by holding the general elections in 1991 while conducting the byelection in Mirpur.

The EC had improved its image and credibility through the city corporation polls, but the people had once again lost their faith in the Election Commission after the Magura by-election.

The rally was followed by a procession.

## US official starts damage-control visit to India today

NEW DELHI, Mar 21: Seni-

Raphel caused an uproar after taking up the new post of Assistant Secretary of State for South Asia, saying Washington did not believe Kashmir's accession to India in 1947, when India and Pakistan won independence from Britain, was permanent.

Raphel will be followed early next month by Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott in a visit seen in Washington as a tacit admission that the United States has not paid enough attention to rapidly worsening Indo-Pakistan relations.

Raphel's visit could be the more important, western diplomats said.

"She is the one who is blamed for the sudden deterioration in relations and it's become very personalised in the Indian media," said one senior Publicly, India said little

when Raphel appeared to cast doubt on Kashmir being a permanent part of India, but privately officials were deeply angry. Newspapers were furi-

#### Afforestation From Page 1 Col 8

programmes on the government lands were done by the Forest Directorate.

Explaining the reasons for involving the private sector in the programme, an official of the ministry said the existing manpower of the Forest Directorate was not sufficient to achieve desired result.

The resources of the reserve forests have been depleting; so, a massive afforestation is essential," he added.

The authorities have a plan to initiate soon such afforestation programmes through the private sector on experimental basis at the government's forest land in Dhaka, Mymensingh, Tangail, Chittagong, Sylhet and Chittagong Hill Tracts.

When contacted, Akbar Hossain, Minister for Environment and Forests, said that tenders will be floated to implement the plan from this

"This plan to involve the private sector will not only ensure massive afforestation, but will also help alleviate poverty as this will generate more job. opportunities," he said.

#### Day for water From Page 1 Col 5 rium at Agargaon at 9 am.

Environment Minister Akbar Hossain will inaugurate the seminar as the chief guest. State Minister for Social Welfare Fazlur Rahman, UNICEF representative Rolf C Carriere, acting WHO representative Prof Myo Thew, and UNDP deputy resident representative Micheal Constable will be present

March 22 is observed as the World Day for Water in pursuance of a decision of the 47th session of the UN General Assembly.

### Hasina

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Addressing the rally Tofael Ahmed MP accused Agriculture Minister Majid-ul Haq and Telecommunications Minister Tarigul Islam of masterminding vote robbery in Shalikha thana.

"Begum Zia's government has sown the seeds of its fall by resorting to vote dacoity. Tofael said, adding the BNP surpassed the Ershad government in rigging election." The rally, held at the Dhaka

bus stand crossing, was also addressed by party central leaders Abdul Mannan, K M Jahangir, MP, Habibur Rahman and Shafiquzzaman Bachchu. Magura Awami League general secretary Altaf Hossain presided over the meeting.

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#### Surya Sen's centenary tended the inaugural function held yesterday afternoon at Laldighi maidan and recalled with deep gratitude the historical role played by Surya Sen, a valiant son from Chittagong, to

fight the British colonialists. The Indian team, headed by Binod Bihari Dutta, includes the mayor of Calcutta Prashanta Chatteriee.

The inaugural discussion meeting presided over by the Chittagong City Corporation Mayor A B M Mohiuddin Chowdhury was also addressed by Satish Chanda, Suranjita Chakraborty, Kamal Uddin Khan, Pulin Dey, Dinesh Dasgupta, Tarun Sannyal, Binod Bihari Chowdhury, president of Masterda Surya Sen Janma Shatabarshiki Udjapan Parishad, Chittagong and other comrades of Masterda both from India and Bangladesh. The speakers stressed for following the ideals of Masterda Surya Sen to fight against injustice

and imperialism. They said, Masterda, through his relentless fight, had glorified the position of Chittagong in the history of the world by occupying the Chittagong armoury and the police lines after defeating the British

regiments. The Calcutta mayor, Prashanta Chatterjee said Chittagong, through the sacrifices made by Masterda, had achieved a glorious place in the history of anti-imperialist movements.

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Bangabandhu Avenue in the city yesterday, arranged to protest alleged irregularities in Sunday's Magura-2 by-polls and to support tomorrow's country-wide half-day hartal. - Star photo Jamaat demands nat'l polls under caretaker govt

The Jamaat-e-Islami yesterday reiterated its charge of massive rigging by the ruling party in the Sunday's parliamentary by-election in Magura-2 constituency and demanded immediate repolling, reports

At a protest rally at the Baitul Mukarram north gate in the afternoon, Jamaat leaders said the massive rigging by ruling BNP again proved that election could not be fair with-

out a caretaker government. They demanded that all national elections must be held under caretaker government to ensure impartiality.

Presided over by city Ameer ATM Azharul Islam, the rally was addressed by Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mujahid, Mohammad Kamaruzzaman, Sheikh Ansar Ali MP, and Advocate Jasimuddin Sarker.

In his presidential speech, Jamaat City Ameer Azharul Islam was highly critical of the massive rigging by ruling BNP and expressed the apprehension that this government is going to re-establish the autocracy with the help of some identified terrorists and Indian

He alleged that the BNP had deprived the people of their voting rights at gun point, bought ballots by black money and then announced their 'imaginary victory' without any qualms of conscience. To protest vote rigging in

agents.

Magura-2 by-election, the Jamaat will also hold rallies across the country tomorrow and a grand rally in front of the Baitul Mukarram mosque in the afternoon.

# JP accuses BNP of rigging in Magura polls

Awami League general secretary Zillur Rahman addressing a public meeting at

Jatiya Party acting chairman Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury yesterday rejected Sunday's Magura by-election results accusing the ruling party of massive rigging and demanded

fresh polls, reports UNB. Addressing a post-election press conference at the Jatiya Party central office, Mizan Chowdhury said they will announce a nationwide anti-government- programme after the party presidium meeting on

Jatiya Party candidate Nitay Roy Chowdhury came third polling 20,794 votes or 14.39 per cent of the votes cast.

The BNP set up a record of

vote dacoity, they have adopted

a new technique of staffing ballots," said Mizan Chowdhury. He said the ruling party also used musclemen and the administrative machinery in favour of its candidate. Prime Minister, ministers and other ruling party leaders who were enjoying the government facilities campaigned for their candidate in violation of the election rules.

Jatiya Party leaders Moudud Ahmed, Kazi Zafar Ahmed, Shah Moazzem Hossain and Abul Hasnat were present at the press conference. 4 die as supertanker

missing Monday, a day after an explosion rocked the supertanker Stolidi in the Arabian Sea, reports AP. Lloyd's identified the vessel as the 267,039-ton, Malteseflagged Stolidi

explodes

Four people were dead and 18

MUSCAT, Oman, Mar 21:,

# 21 die in SA prison fire

JOHANNESBURG, Mar 21: Prisoners barricaded themselves in and set a fire to protest their exclusion from South Africa's first all-race vote Monday, officials said. All 21 inmates in the communal cell were killed in the smoke and flames, reports AP.

Col Chris Olckers, a spokesman for the Department of Correctional Services, said the fire at Queenstown Prison. about 800 kilometres (500 miles) south of Johannesburg. was 'a form of protest'.

## Wasim Sajjad From Page 1 Col 7

Ghulam Ishaq Khan, resigned along with Sharif amid a political crisis. As Acting President, Sajjad

caretaker Prime Minister Moeen Qureshi. He reverted to Senate chairmanship after he was defeated in the presidential election by Leghari.

Sajjad's electoral triumph

comes at a time of growing political confrontation between the opposition and Bhutto's party, after the president sacked the PML-led coalition government in North-West Frontier Province (NWFP) last month. The opposition has chal-

lenged the dismissal and the suspension of the NWFP assembly in the provincial high court, and is threatening a mass mobilization campaign against the Bhutto government.