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Welcome rain in city
 By Staff Correspondent

Intermittent drizzles in the late afternoon yesterday brought a welcome relief to the citizens of Dhaka by cooling the Chaitra heat.

The rain and gusty winds sent people hurrying to their homes, leaving the streets relatively empty.

The downpour came about an hour before the rise of the last full moon ringing out the Bengali fourteenth century.

HSC exams from Aug 1

The Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) examination of 1994 under all the four education boards — Dhaka, Comilla, Rajshahi and Jessor — will begin from August 1 instead of June 15. The schedule for the examinations will be announced later, a PID handout said here yesterday.

JU senate polls today

By JU Correspondent

The elections to the Jahangirnagar University registered graduate senate posts will be held today at the National Press Club. Two panels are contesting for the 25 posts of the 91-member JU Senate.

Lal Sabuj sued

Industries Minister A M Zahiruddin Khan has filed a case against the Bengali daily "Lal Sabuj" published from Dhaka with the Press Council, reports BSS.

BAU admission tests Apr 12

MYMENSINGH, Mar 27: The admission tests for the first year bachelor degree courses for the session 1993-94 under six faculties of the Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) will be held April 12 next, reports BSS.

AL, JP express dismay

EC declares Kazi Kamal elected

By Staff Correspondent

The Election Commission (EC) has announced the official results of the by-election in the Magura-2 JS constituency, declaring the ruling Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) candidate Kazi Salimul Huq Kamal elected.

The gazette notification in this regard was published yesterday.

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