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## Donors demand faster reform, better implementation Paris Club pledges \$2.1b

By Staff Correspondent

Donors at the Paris Aid Club pledged yesterday 2.1 billion US dollars for Bangladesh for fiscal 1994-95, according to a message received in Dhaka. The amount was equal to what Bangladesh indicated as necessary for its development programmes.

The aid package constitutes 1550 million dollars as project aid, 360 million as commodity aid, and 190 million as food aid. According to agency reports, the World Bank Vice President for South Asia Joseph Wood chaired the Bangladesh Aid Group meeting.

The Bangladesh side, led by Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman, also included Finance Secretary Nasimuddin Ahmed, ERD Secretary Mohammad Lutfullah Majid and Planning Commission Member Moka-mel Haq.

The new pledge by the aid consortium is 130 million dollars less than what it had pledged for 1993-94. During the meeting, the Finance Minister mentioned the country's performance in reforming the economy and said there has been some significant improvement in poverty alleviation.

In the coming year, the focus of policy attention will be on equitable distribution of the benefits of high growth for faster reduction of poverty, continued improvement in business environment and improvement in public sector implementation capacity.

The Finance Minister said the government would continue its reform measures and would provide safety nets for adversely affected segments of the society. Saifur Rahman said that human development enjoyed the highest priority since poverty reduction is over-

whelmingly dependent on it.

UNB adds: This year, the Aid Group meeting discussed three themes: addressing poverty, improving public administration and energising the private sector.

The discussion on poverty was opened by Secretary of the Economic Relations Division Lutfullah Majid on behalf of the Bangladesh delegation.

Majid said although poverty had declined in the last three years, an unacceptably large proportion of the population in Bangladesh remained poor.

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The visiting Governor of Tripura Romesh Bhandari exchanging pleasantries with a group of rehabilitated Chakma returnees at the Dighinala Shishu Academy during his visit to the Khagrachhari hill district yesterday — Star photo

### Bhandari happy over Chakma rehabilitation

From Staff Correspondent

KHAGRACHHARI, Apr 20: The governor of India's Tripura state Romesh Bhandari said today that a positive atmosphere was prevailing in the hilly areas here for the return of the rest of the Chakma refugees.

Bhandari, who visited some areas here today to see the condition of Chakma refugees repatriated in February this year, told newsmen on arrival at Dighinala thana, "I met some returnee families here who had expressed their satisfaction at their rehabilitation."

The Tripura governor flew in here from Dhaka this morning and went to the Ramgarh, Dighinala, and Panchhan thana areas of Khagrachhari hill district. He was accompanied by Kalparanjan Chakma, MP and some high ranking officials.

When asked if the prevail- See Page 12 Col 1

## Resist autocratic forces, their allies: Khaleda

GOMNATI (Nilphamari), Apr 20: Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia today made a fervent call for all to work together in democratic spirit to make the country self-reliant through increased production, employment generation and poverty alleviation, reports UNB.

"We believe in multiparty democracy. There might be differences of opinion and ideologies in a multiparty democracy. But we should all unite in national interest and for development of the country," she said at a mammoth public meeting at the Gonnai football ground in Domar thana.

Begum Zia denounced a political party, without naming it, for joining hands with the autocratic force to destroy

democracy and urged the people to reject that combine and cooperate with the government to continue the forward march of development and democracy.

"The party that killed democracy and the one which snatched democracy are now united to jeopardise the hard-earned democracy," the Prime Minister said, making an apparent dig at the Awami League and Jatiya Party who have called a nationwide hartal on April 26 to press for fresh election under a caretaker government.

Begum Zia accused them of making attempts to push the country backward by creating indiscipline and obstructing development programmes taken up by the government.

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## Opposition undecided over joining JS session

By Staff Correspondent

The opposition parties in Parliament yesterday agreed to stick to their demand for the next general elections under a caretaker government but differed on the ways of achieving their goal.

The largest and the second largest opposition parties in the Jatiya Sangsad (JS) — the Awami League (AL) and the Jatiya Party (JP) — felt that a boycott of the next Parliament session would put effective pressure on the government to meet the Opposition demand.

But the Jamaat-e-Islami, Bangladesh, the Gano Forum (GF), and the Ganotantri Party (GP) observed that a boycott would only help the ruling party to launch a propaganda campaign against the Opposition that they were responsible for rendering Parliament ineffective. These parties pleaded for more time to

discuss the issue in their respective party forums.

National Democratic Party (NDP) leader Salahuddin Quader Chowdhury is learnt to have suggested that the major opposition parties first decide whether they wanted to overthrow the government in the near future or merely assert certain points to ensure an honourable settlement with the ruling party.

All these various positions of the different opposition parties were revealed at a three-hour long meeting held at the Jatiya Sangsad chamber of the Leader of the Opposition and AL chief Sheikh Hasina.

Opposition Chief Whip Mohammad Nasim, while briefing newsmen after the meeting, said the Opposition was unanimous on the demand for holding the next parliamentary

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## Pakistan in Australasia Cup final

By Sports Reporter

World Cup champions Pakistan set up a clash with arch-rivals India in Friday's final of the Australasia Cup cricket championship in Sharjah.

In the semifinal yesterday, they beat New Zealand by 62 runs in a big-scoring match.

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Put in to bat Pakistan, thanks to centuries by opener Aamir Sohail and Inzamam-ul-Haq and a record second wicket stand by the pair of 271 for all one-day internationals, made 328 for the loss of two wickets in the stipulated 50 overs.

In reply, New Zealand batted gamely but were restricted to 266 for seven at the end of the 50 overs.

On Tuesday, India outplayed Australia in the first semifinal by seven wickets.

## Task force to woo Japanese investment

Star Report

A task force to identify ways and means of attracting Japanese investment in the country has been formed recently with M Morshed Khan, Special Envoy of the Prime Minister, as convenor, according to sources.

The task force is a follow-up of the Prime Minister's Japan tour along with some of the country's top business leaders last month.

The task force will formulate a report on future actions, according to which the government will take steps to attract Japanese investment.

Other notable members of the team include Mahbubur Rahman, president of the Federation of Bangladesh Cham- See Page 12 Col 5

## Capital flight thru' stock market feared

By Sohail Manzur

An appropriate device needs to be formulated soon to check possible capital flight through the country's stock market, experts feel.

The capital flight may take place either through profiteering by the foreign equity investors through speculative deals or through local racketeers who have invested in the share market in the name of foreign investors.

According to experts, the government must strengthen the monitoring system of the share market to stop such

racketeering and specify the role of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) to ensure normal behaviour of the market.

In a share market, capital gain or price earning is considered to be the determining factor for share purchase rather than dividend, and there are certain rules for earning the prices of shares, the experts said. The foreign investors play the game well, they added.

In fact, the speculative deals in the country's capital market are in the main the outcome of the ignorance of the local investors about the rules of the game, the experts observed.

"Equities are a most risky type of investment. But the local investors do not even want to understand the nuances of See Page 12 Col 6

## Nor'wester kills 2 in capital

By Staff Correspondent

A severe Kalbaisakhi, or nor'wester, hit the capital and its adjoining areas late yesterday afternoon, killing at least two persons and injuring more than 100 others. Meteorological Office and hospital sources said.

Monir Hossain, a 20-year old restaurant boy and Anwar Hossain, 45, were killed when a tree uprooted and fell on a roadside hotel shack near the Dhaka - Medical College Hospital (DMCH), sources said.

DMCH sources also said that 25 injured persons had been admitted and scores of others who came from different parts of the city were given first aid.

The nor'wester, packing a wind speed of up to 103 km per hour, hit Dhaka's Uttara and Zia airport areas at around 4:40 pm, one Met official said. In other parts of the capital the wind speed was recorded at 77 km per hour. The fury of the storm reportedly lasted See Page 12 Col 2



WRATH OF NATURE: An uprooted tree crushed a number of rickshaws during yesterday afternoon's nor'wester at the city's Nilkhet area. — Star photo

## গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ড

ঢাকা।

### বিশেষ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

মাননীয় অর্থমন্ত্রী ১৯৯২ সালের বাজেট বক্তৃতায়  
 নিম্নরূপ নির্দেশ প্রদান করিয়াছিলেন:

'১লা জুলাই ১৯৯২ থেকে সাধারণত কোন কর কর্মকর্তা বা কর্মচারী  
 উর্ধ্বতন কর্তৃপক্ষের লিখিত নির্দেশ ব্যতিরেকে করদাতাদের বাড়িতে বা  
 ব্যবসায়িক প্রতিষ্ঠানে তথ্যাদানসহ যাবেন না।'

সকল করদাতাদের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাইতেছে যে, এখন  
 হইতে কর পরিশোধকরণ তদন্তকার্যে যাওয়ার সময় কর কমিশনার কর্তৃক  
 ইস্যুকৃত পরিচয়পত্র (চাকাস) কর অফিসসমূহের জন্য লেমিনেটেড  
 পরিচয়পত্র) ও তদন্তের জন্য নির্দেশ প্রদানকারী কর্তৃপক্ষের অনুমতিপত্র  
 সাথে বহন করিবেন। যদি কেহ পরিচয়পত্র ও অনুমতিপত্র সাথে বহন না  
 করেন তাহা হইলে কোন করদাতা আয়কর সংক্রান্ত ব্যাপারে কোন  
 আলোচনা করিবেন না।

আরো অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাইতেছে যে, কিছুদিন যাবৎ কোন  
 কোন প্রত্যেক যিনি উদ্দেশ্যে কর বিভাগের বিভিন্ন পর্যায়ের কর্মকর্তাদের  
 নামে মসজিদ, মাদ্রাসা, প্রতিমন্দির, গুরুদ্বার ইত্যাদির জন্য চাঁদা দাবী  
 করিয়া জনসাধারণকে প্রতারণা করিতেছে। ইহাতে কর বিভাগের সুনাম  
 ও ভাবমূর্তি বিনষ্ট হইতেছে। যদি কেহ যে কোন অজুহাতে কর  
 কর্মকর্তাদের নাম করিয়া চাঁদা চাহেন তাহা হইলে অনতিবিলম্বে নিকটস্থ  
 থানায় যোগাযোগ করিয়া এইরূপ চাঁদা আদায়কারীকে পুলিশের নিকট  
 সোপর্দ করুন। প্রয়োজনবোধে নিম্ন ঠিকানায় জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ডের  
 সাথে যোগাযোগ করুন।

## জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ড

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## WorldCupUSA94 Quiz Competition

### QUIZ 3 BEGINS TODAY

(You can still send entries for Quiz 2 up to April 23, 1994)

**Your chance to watch the World Cup '94 final live by winning our BUMPER PRIZE of an all-paid trip to Los Angeles and a super ticket to the July 17 final.**

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Quiz 3	21 April '94	30 April '94	3 May '94	4 May '94
Quiz 4	1 May '94	10 May '94	13 May '94	14 May '94
Quiz 5	11 May '94	20 May '94	23 May '94	24 May '94
Quiz 6	21 May '94	20 June '94	23 June '94	24 June '94

**YOU MAY SEND AS MANY ENTRIES AS YOU LIKE.**

Remember, envelopes must be marked "STAR QUIZ 3".

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