

Kohl re-elected for another term

BONN, Nov 15: Chancellor Helmut Kohl won parliamentary approval today to govern Germany for four more years, but he did so with a tiny majority that could signal difficulties ahead, reports AP.

Kohl needed 337 votes to be confirmed for a fourth term. He got 338.

The vote in the Bundestag confirms the results of the October 16 federal election, in which the three-party coalition won its narrowest victory since Kohl took office in 1982.

The close Bundestag vote could signal that Kohl may have trouble keeping the coalition together for the full four years.

"This continues to be a shaky coalition," said Rudolf Schapring, leader of the opposition Social Democrats.

Three legislators from Kohl's coalition voted against him, but Kohl said the margin hadn't dimmed his determination to pursue his twin goals of strengthening German and European unity.

"I want to complete the material and spiritual unity of Germany ... a unity that is not a simple annexation of East Germany but the creation of something new, in the best

JMP stages token hunger strike

By Staff Correspondent

The members of the Jatiya Mohila Party (JMP) observed a token hunger strike in front of the Jatiya Press Club yesterday, demanding release of the deposed president H M Ershad immediately.

The party activists at a meeting also expressed their intention to continue their agitation for a neutral caretaker government.

Tourism Month

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ferred under the government's tourism policy.

State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism Abdul Mannan also addressed the function.

The programmes of the tourism month, which is being observed this year for the second time, include river cruise for tourists, package tours, food festivals, cultural functions, snake charming shows, film shows and exhibitions of flowers and orchids, paintings and display of handicraft.

Some 70 tour operators from the USA, Canada, Germany, Japan, Britain, India and some other countries have been invited to take part in the programmes.

Meanwhile, the country earned about Tk 60 crore in foreign exchange in 1993 from the tourism sector, which is almost double the amount earned in 1992, sources concerned said.

The earning from tourism in 1992 was Tk 32.91 crore while it was Tk 33.15 crore in 1991.

The reason for sudden rise in the earning from tourism sector, as stated by some officials of the Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation, is the National Tourism Policy, which was announced in 1992 recognising tourism as an industry and allowing private sector participation in this sector.

sense of the word," Kohl told reporters after the vote.

"I want to keep the German train on the track to Europe," he added, "so that no one in the future can derail the locomotive and return to the old nationalist thinking."

The 64-year-old Kohl and his aides looked nervous as 671 Bundestag delegates went to six white balloting boxes, emerged with their marked ballots and placed them in a plexiglass container. The 672nd member of the Bundestag, a Social Democrat, was absent because of a heart attack.

After pulling off the victory, Kohl said he hadn't counted on perfect loyalty from the 341 legislators from his coalition.

"When you've run for office as often as I have you get used to it," Kohl said. "I expected a result something like this."

Transport strike in south Bengal called off

ESSORE, Nov 15: South Bengal Transport Owners' Association decided to end its strike from tomorrow following a fruitful discussion with the administration today, reports UNB.

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Strike at DU today

By DU Correspondent

A group of Master's (preliminary) degree students of different universities has called a day-long strike in Dhaka University today to press home their four-point demand including equal opportunities in education and government service sectors.

The students under the banner of the Action Council to resist discrimination in education and service called the strike.

The arrested persons, allegedly wanted in connection with JCD activist Torum murder case are Belayet, 22, Kamal, 20, and Jehadi, 23.

ঢাকা ওয়াসা জরুরী বিজ্ঞপ্তি

পানির অপচয় বন্ধ করুন। ম্যানহোলের ঢাকনা ছুরি রোধ করুন।

সরকারী, আধা-সরকারী, স্বায়ত্ত্বসিত প্রতিষ্ঠানসমূহসহ ঢাকা ওয়াসার সুকল জোনের আওতাভুক্ত গ্রাহকবন্দেকে ১৫ই নভেম্বর' ৯৪ইঁ এর মধ্যে সারচার্জ ব্যতীত বকেয়া পরিশোধের সুযোগ প্রদান করা হয়েছিল। সম্মিলিত গ্রাহকবন্দের অনুরোধে উক্ত সময়সীমা ৩০শে নভেম্বর '৯৪ইঁ পর্যন্ত বর্ধিত করা হয়েছে। উল্লেখ্য, পানি ও প্রয়োগ অভিকরের বকেয়া আদায়ের লক্ষ্যে ঢাকা ওয়াসা ১লা অক্টোবর '৯৪ইঁ হতে এক বিশেষ কার্যক্রম শুরু করেছে।

বকেয়া পরিশোধে বৰ্যৰ গ্রাহকবন্দের বিরুদ্ধে মাজিস্ট্রেটের নেতৃত্বে সকল জোনের আওতাভুক্ত এলাকাসমূহে ৩০ শে নভেম্বর '৯৪ইঁ পর্যন্ত সংযোগ বিচ্যুতকারী দুল কর্তৃক প্রযোজনীয় সংরক্ষক পুলিশসহ আয়মাগ আদালত পরিচালনার মাধ্যমে আইমানুগ ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণ কার্যক্রম অব্যাহত থাকবে।

সংযোগ বিচ্যুতি ও আইনের কঠোর ব্যবস্থা এড়ানোর জন্য সারচার্জ ব্যতীত উল্লিখিত সময়সীমার মধ্যে বিল পরিশোধের সুযোগ গ্রহণ করতে আজই বকেয়াসহ হালনাগাদ পানি ও প্রয়োগ অভিকর পরিশোধ করুন।

বিল না পেয়ে থাকলে আজই রায়গণজ্ঞ অফিসসহ সংশ্লিষ্ট আঞ্চলিক অফিস অথবা ওয়াসা ভবনে প্রধান রাজ্য কর্মকর্তা (ফোনঃ ৩২৫২৪০), বাণিজ্যিক ব্যবস্থাপক (ফোনঃ ৩২৭২৪৫) এর সাথে যোগাযোগ করুন।

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The public suffer as postal department employees strike work. This picture was taken yesterday afternoon in front of the city's GPO, whose gates remained locked the whole day. — Star photo

Govt employees call strike on Dec 12-13

Bangladesh Sarkari Karmachari Oikya Jote (BSKOJ) has called strike on December 12 and 13 to press for realisation of its 15-point demand that includes 30 per cent dearness allowance, reports UNB.

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British trade team

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into the possibility of investing in the power sector.

Dr Peter F Jessen, head of international gas ventures of British Gas, said his company is in the process of negotiating for two production sharing contracts with Petrobangla. He also expressed interest to get involved in downstream operation in the gas sector — transmission and distribution. He said that the Energy Ministry has indicated that these operations would soon be privatised.

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Iain Dale noted that a number of other dialogues are ongoing between British businessmen and their Bangladeshi counterparts for setting up joint venture projects.

The Ministry of Industries is, he said, has also placed a substantial list of areas, including leather, electronics and paper manufacturing, with the mission seeking cooperation from British investors.

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Waive duty on newsprint import: BSP

By Staff Correspondent

The Bangladesh Sangbad Patrika Parishad at a meeting yesterday demanded exemption of duty on the import of newsprint for the sake of the newspaper industry of the country.

The meeting presided over by its President Kazi Shahed Ahmed said withdrawal of restriction on newsprint import would not help the newspapers, publication houses and the students unless the duty and the Value Added Tax on its import are exempted.

The meeting hoped the new Information Minister would formulate a fair policy regarding the distribution of government advertisements by removing the anomalies.

Speakers at the meeting condemned the harassment of the publishers of newspapers by filing false cases in various places and urged the government to enact necessary laws to check such practices.

Atiquillah Khan Masud of the Janakantha, Mizanur Rahman Mizan of the Khabar, Tariq Amin of The Morning Sun, Sarder Mosharrat Hossain of the weekly Manorama, S A Khaleq of the Chittabangla, Ashraf Chowdhury of the Bartaman Dinkal and Mesbahul Islam of the weekly Chhayantha attended the meeting.

Bihac

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fully aware of the situation and currently negotiating with the Serbs to resume food and medical supplies to besieged Bihac town.

There are sufficient food, fuel and medical supplies with the UN peacekeepers in Bihac at this moment and UN is hopeful that it will be possible to send fresh supply before the current stock runs out.

UN is also making all-out efforts to provide safety and security of all Bangladesh military personnel under UNPROFOR.

Credit cover

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