

Kohl re-elected for another term

BOON. 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 in the Bundestag 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 Scharping, 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 could 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

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

The transport owners withdrew their vehicles from the Khulna-Dhaka route on Thursday enforcing the indefinite-period strike demanding steps to check road piracy, illegal toll collection and frequent strikes by the transport workers.

The tripartite meeting was held in the Deputy Commissioner's conference room here in the evening.

DC Bhuyyan Rafiuddin constituted a 25-member committee headed by Jessore Pourashava Chairman Ali Reza Raju to resolve the dispute.

Alli Akbar, Ramesh Mandal and Mukul Siddiki represented the owners in the meeting while Shahjahan Gama, Shukur Ali and Wahiduzzaman were on the transport workers' side.

APEC

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cally powerful nations, and China, the most populous.

Its roster comprises: Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand and the United States.

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 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.

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.

BSKOJ, an organisation of third and fourth class government employees, will also enforce four-hour work abstention for three days from November 26. Its leaders announced at a press conference at the National Press Club yesterday afternoon.

It will hold a grand rally of government employees in front of the Press Club in the city December 13.

The organisation demands, among other things, full trade union rights, constitution of pay and service commission, provision of selection grade and preservation of 25 per cent government jobs for dependents of the employees.

'Jago Sylhet' organises train march

From Staff Correspondent

SYLHET, Nov 15: A train march was organised today to press the demand for improving the services of local and inter city trains.

The leaders and workers of an organisation called 'Jago Sylhet' began the programme through the 'Jayantika Express' early today.

They hoisted black flags atop the engine and the compartments of the Dhaka-bound inter city train. They also held rallies at different stations and called upon the railway authorities to improve the train services in Dhaka-Sylhet, Sylhet-Chittagong and other local lines immediately.

3 Shibir activists held in Khulna

From Our Correspondent

KHULNA, Nov 15: Kotwali police arrested three activists of the Islami Chhatra Shibir today from Haji Malek Dakhila Madrassah at Labanchora area of the city.

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

British trade team

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desh is on the move and the United Kingdom would like to be part of its development," he pointed out, adding that this mission would act as a foundation towards that effort.

Saying that the mission's four-day visit was essentially a fact-finding one, he, however, noted that a number of deals were signed. "This has been a very successful mission. It has been a substantial mission in terms of long-term prospects," Dale, also the Chairman of the Southern Asia Advisory Group (SAAG) of the Department of Trade and Industry in London, summed up the visit.

Of the contracts signed by British companies during the visit, Cairn Energy plc, a leading British firm in the oil and gas sector, signed a second production sharing contract with the Bangladesh Oil, Gas and Mineral Corporation on Monday, in partnership with Holland Sea Search, a Dutch company. The first contract was signed in May last and covered block 16 in the Bay of Bengal while the second contract is for block 15, which includes the Feni and Semutang gas fields.

Interpower International Ltd UK, a generator manufacturing company, also signed a contract worth 70,000 pound sterling to supply seven generators. Its market development manager, Shaheen R Minhas, signed the deal and also appointed an exclusive distributor in Bangladesh, Energypac Power Generation Co Ltd.

The famous Bedford Trucks, which has been absent from the local market due to changes in ownership, is back in Bangladesh as a contract for distributing the vehicle was signed yesterday.

A successful British defence contractor, Marshall SVP Ltd which owns Bedford has appointed Fintech the Bedford distributor for Bangladesh to provide after-sale support to its customers.

Rod Hamilton McLeod, Military Sales Manager of Bedford Trucks and a member of the mission, signed the agreement at a local hotel with Fintech's owner K Zaman.

Another member of the team, Roger Gregory, Managing Director of RG Foster Textile Machinery Ltd, said that he concluded two deals: one for dyeing, finishing and printing machinery worth 216,000 pound sterling and another for ancillary equipment for the weaving industry worth 100,000 US dollars.

He said that he also signed a letter of intent for supplying machinery for a export-oriented weaving mill at a cost of 1.2 million dollars.

Another member of the team, Dr John Bryant, Managing Director of Midland Electricity plc, talked positively about recent changes in government policy allowing private sector investment in the country's power sector and said that he was here to look

Teesta

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Union Parishad Abul Hossain. "Our long demand for constructing an embankment to save the four unions is yet to be met," he said.

Several hundred villagers who gathered on the river bank when we reached there, said in a chorus "We don't need relief items to live on but want construction of an embankment without further delay."

The UP chairman further said they informed the local MP about this and the authorities assured them of building the long cherished embankment. But no steps were taken as yet, he added.

Drought has claimed aman paddy in most of the areas in the district this year.

In Kaliganj, Hatibandha and Patgram thanas, the impact of the drought is less than in other areas.

The government's relief operation was mainly concentrated in the river erosion-hit areas. The other areas were also covered by the programme.

Waive duty on newsprint import: BSP

By Staff Correspondent

The Bangladesh Sangbad-patra 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.

Atiqullah Khan Masud of the Janakantha, Mizanur Rahman Mizan of the Khabar, Tariq Amin of The Morning Sun, Sarder Mosharraf Hossain of the weekly Manorama, S A Khaled of the Chitrabangla, Ashraf Chowdhury of the Bartaman Dinkal and Mesbahul Islam of the weekly Chhayachhanda 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 peace keepers 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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separate government department responsible to the president of the Board of Trade. It promotes UK capital goods and project exports by providing guarantees and insurances to banks and exporters against political and commercial risks.

Short term export credit cover, for consumer goods from the UK, is now provided by the private sector, the High Commission statement added.

The Midnight File

Khmers admit killing western hostages

PHNOM PENH, Nov 15: The Khmer Rouge guerilla group confirmed today it had executed three Western hostages last month and accused them of being foreign spies. Australian David Wilson, Briton Mark Slater and Frenchman Jean Michel Braquet were killed by the Khmer Rouge in the southwestern province of Kampot. Their corpses were found in a grave with their hands tied. They had been held by the guerillas after being captured in a Khmer Rouge attack on a train they were riding in July, reports AP.

Gerry Adams to visit Britain tomorrow

BELFAST, Nov 15: Sinn Fein President Gerry Adams on Thursday will visit mainland Britain for the first time since the government lifted an order banning him for his support of the IRA. Prime Minister John Major lifted the exclusion order against Adams on October 21, weeks after the Irish Republican Army announced a ceasefire on September 1, reports AP.

Opposition scrutinises plan

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ments to certain provisions of the Constitution.

According to the ruling BNP formula, a 10-member cabinet, headed by incumbent Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, would be constituted 45 days ahead of the national elections.

The Leader of Parliament, Begum Zia, would select four MPs from the treasury bench and Leader of the Opposition Sheikh Hasina would choose five legislators from the opposition benches to form the interim-cabinet. This cabinet will ensure holding of general elections in a free and fair atmosphere, the BNP plan said, adding the Prime Minister will not exercise the highest executive authority. The plan also suggested that the interim government will take any decision on the basis of the opinion of majority of the cabinet members.

The Opposition meeting yesterday said that the Constitution did not allow the Leader of the Opposition to select cabinet members. Besides, the Constitution makes it binding on the outgoing government to hold elections within 90 days, not 45 days, of the expiry of term of the existing Parliament.

The Opposition leaders noted that the government, despite its repeated refusal to go beyond the ambit of the Constitution, was eventually ready to amend the Constitution for the sake of implementing its own formula.

The Opposition, following the scrutiny of the government formula, resolved that it should communicate the matter to Sir Ninian Stephen and request

50 hurt in Savar clash

SAVAR, Nov 15: About 50 people were injured, five seriously, in an armed clash between shopkeepers and local people at a shopping centre here today, reports UNB.

Witnesses said 35 shops were looted during the four-hour-long fighting from 1 pm. Five homemade bombs were blasted and several gunshots fired during the violence.

They said trouble erupted when a group of people, allegedly led by one of the claimants to the mansion, stormed the shopping centre adjacent to Savar Bus Stand.



Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers & Exporters Association

BTMC Bhaban, 7-9, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka-1215.

Attention : All Member units of BGMEA

BGMEA ELECTION '95

Notice

It is hereby notified for information of all member units of BGMEA that 9 (nine) Executive committee members of BGMEA have retired with effect from 06-11-94 through lottery as per provision of rule 21, Sub-Rule 4, (U) of the T.O. Ordinance 1994. Election for this 9 (nine) vacant posts of the Executive Committee members will be held on Thursday the 16th February, 1995 at the BGMEA Office.

The member units who have not yet paid their annual subscription up to 1994 are hereby requested to clear up the same along with all arrears dues, if any, as per election schedule to make themselves eligible for enrollment as voter for the said election. The Election Schedule prepared for the purpose of election is given below for perusal and necessary action.

By order of the Election Board

(Faruque Ahmed)
Secretary, BGMEA &
Secretary of the Election Board
BGMEA Election '95

BGMEA ELECTION SCHEDULE '95

1ST PHASE	
Approval of Election Rules and procedures	Saturday 5-11-94
BGMEA Election 1995 by the Executive Committee	Saturday 5-11-94
Constitution of Election Board and Election Appeal Board by the Executive committee	Saturday 12-11-94
Issue of Notification for clearing annual Subscription dues for the calendar year 1994	Saturday 10-12-94 (Within 5 P.M)
Last date for payment of Annual Subscription up to 1994	Saturday 10-12-94 (Within 5 P.M)
Last date for submission of nomination of the voter with resolution in support of the nomination	Saturday 17-12-94 (Within 5 P.M)
2ND PHASE	
Publication of preliminary Voters' List (in the Notice Board of the Association)	Thursday 22-12-94 (Within 3 P.M)
Filing of objection	Saturday 24-12-94 (from 3 P.M. till disposal)
Hearing of objection	Tuesday 27-12-94 (Within 3 P.M)
Filing of appeal	Tuesday 27-12-94 (From 3 P.M till disposal)
Hearing of appeal	Tuesday 27-12-94 (Within 5 P.M)
Publication of Final Voters' List	Thursday 29-12-94 (Within 5 P.M)
Submission of specimen signature of the voter along with 2 (two) stamp size Photographs of the voter signed by him on the back Both the specimen signature and the photographs to be attested as prescribed in the election rules	
3 RD PHASE	
Submission of Nomination for candidature	Wednesday 11-01-95 (Within 3 P.M)
Scrutiny of nomination and Publication of preliminary candidates List	Wednesday 11-01-95 (From 3 P.M. till disposal)
Filing of objections	Sunday 15-01-95 (Within 3 P.M)
Hearing of objection	Sunday 15-01-95 (from 3 P.M. till disposal)
Filing of appeal	Saturday 21-01-95 (Within 3 P.M)
Hearing of appeal	Saturday 21-01-95 (from 3 P.M. till disposal)
Publication of valid Candidates' List	Sunday 22-01-95 (Within 5 P.M)
4TH PHASE	
Date of Election	Thursday 16-02-95 (From 9 A.M. to 5 P.M)
Publication of result	After completion of counting of votes
Election of Office Bearers	Friday 17-02-95 (At 4 P.M)
Holding of AGM for 1993 (Tentative)	Sunday 19-02-95 (At 4 P.M)

ঢাকা ওয়াসা জরুরী বিজ্ঞপ্তি

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