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 We are happy to introduce a new column on current Pakistani affairs. Written by Ikram Sehgal, an eminent columnist with The Nation, published from Lahore, the column will appear every Thursday.

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STOCK MARKET
 DSE Index: 754.54 (+0.11%)
 Market Capitalisation Tk: 42,24 billion
 Turnover in volume: 70293
 Turnover in value Tk: 9.87 million

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NEWS BRIEFS
11 hurt as AL, BNP clash in Jamalpur
 JAMALPUR, Apr 12: Eleven people were injured in a clash between the activists of the Awami League and the ruling BNP in Sadar thana on Tuesday night, reports UNB.

Rajuk Commercial Plot Auction Notice
 Most ideally located Commercial-cum-Residential Plot No. 107 and 107/A having road facilities on two sides at Dhaka-Mymensingh main Road in Sector-7 of Uttara Model Town Dhaka measuring more or less 1012 Sqr. Metre (15 Katha 2 Chattak) and 961.89 Sqr. Metre (14 Katha 6 Chattak) respectively will be allotted for 99 years lease on open auction.
 Applications on prescribed form with terms and conditions to be obtained from Sonali Bank, Rajuk Bhaban Branch, Dhaka on payment of Tk 200/- (Taka two hundred) only in cash for each set (non-refundable) and will be received by the Deputy Director (Estates) from the intending bidders up to 2.00 PM on 23.4.95 for the Plot No. 107 and up to 2.00 PM on 25.4.95 for the Plot No. 107/A.
 The auction will be held on 24.4.95 for Plot No. 107 and on 26.4.95 for Plot No. 107/A in the conference room, 3rd floor of the Rajuk Bhaban, Dhaka at 10.00 AM.
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Crown Prince praises investment policy Bangladesh, Kuwait pledge to expand cooperation

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday said the political goodwill between Bangladesh and Kuwait should be translated into enhanced bilateral cooperation in all fields including trade, commerce, finance, manpower and investment, reports UNB.
 She hoped that the private-sector businessmen of Kuwait would acquaint themselves with the liberal policies of her government and come forward to participate more in trade and investment ventures in Bangladesh for mutual benefit of the two peoples.
 Begum Zia was speaking at a banquet she hosted in honour of the visiting Kuwait

Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al-Abdallah Al-Salem Al-Sabah at her Hare Road residence in the evening.
 The banquet was attended by ministers, leaders of different professional groups and senior civil and military officials.
Formal talks today
 By Staff Correspondent
 The visiting Crown Prince and Prime Minister of Kuwait, Sheikh Saad Al-Abdallah Al-Salem Al-Sabah, will hold formal talks with Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at the

Referring to identical views that guide the two nations in the international arena and converging position on many regional and international issues, the Bangladesh Prime Minister said it provided a solid foundation for building bilateral relations.
 She expressed her confidence that the visit of the Kuwaiti Prince would further strengthen the existing ties between the two fraternal nations.
 Mentioning that Bangladesh and Kuwait shared common heritage, culture and values of Islam, the religion of equality, she said.

Warm reception PM welcomes Sheikh Saad at ZIA

By Staff Correspondent
 Crown Prince and Prime Minister of Kuwait Sheikh Saad Al-Abdallah Al-Salem Al-Sabah was given a warm welcome when he arrived in Dhaka yesterday morning on a four-day official visit to Bangladesh.
 Four fighter planes of the Bangladesh Air Force escorted the VIP aircraft — 'Al Salmiya' — as it entered the Bangladesh airspace. A 19-gun salute boomed when the special aircraft carrying the Crown Prince and his 100-member entourage touched down at the Zia International Airport around 11 am.
 A red carpet was rolled out for the distinguished guest. Prime Minister Begum Khaleda

Review of 9 months' performance Political stalemate may mar good economic prospects

Star Report
 Economic trends of the last nine months indicate that the national economy is heading for another good year but the political situation and increasing government spending remain causes for concern, observes the MCCCI.
 In a review of the economic situation during July-March of 1994-95, the Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCCI) says the rate of inflation averaged 4.37 per cent during the period, pressured upwards because of a production shortfall in agriculture, while the average index of industrial production in-

creased by six per cent.
 The review released to The Daily Star yesterday, says data for the first nine months of the current year show "doing well" and it will be another good year reflecting robust export growth, comfortable balance of payment situation and better implementation of the public sector development programmes.
 Export earnings recorded a growth of 39 per cent during July-December 1994 while imports grew by 32 per cent in terms of dollar during the first seven months of the cur-

rent fiscal, it points out.
 Total foreign investment during January-March 1995 period stood at 118 million dollars and the foreign exchange reserves at the end of March was 3.4 billion dollars while the Taka stabilised against the dollar.
 The review brushed aside arguments that such limited data base may not reflect the real strength of the economy, saying that the difference appear to be that of perception rather than any substantial criticisms of the economic achievement. "In fact, the



Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia introducing her cabinet colleagues to Sheikh Saad Al-Abdallah Al-Salem Al-Sabah, the Crown Prince of the State of Kuwait at the state guest house Karotoa in the city yesterday. — Star photo

Delhi summit may give go-ahead to SAPTA

The 8th SAARC summit beginning in the Indian capital on May 1 will be of seminal significance for the fact that it is likely to mark the formal launching of the SAARC Preferential Trading Arrangement (SAPTA).
 A competent source told UNB that so long the SAPTA could not take off largely due to certain objections raised by Pakistan against this preferential trade arrangement.
 The inter-governmental meeting held in Islamabad last month discussed Pakistan's objections in details and dispelled her skepticism about the efficacy of the SAPTA.
 The go-ahead signal given by Pakistan has paved the way for the SAPTA to take off. The date of its take-off may be set by the summit in Delhi.
 The three-day summit is to deliberate on the question concerning the raising of South Asia Development Fund. A consultant, appointed by

the Inter-Governmental Group, has submitted a report on the ways and means of raising such a fund.
 The inter-governmental group later studied the report in all its ramifications and made a set of recommendations which are expected to come up before the summit for its consideration and final decision.
 The SAARC summit which will be preceded by a 2-day meeting of the Council of Ministers beginning on April 30 may discuss steps being taken by member states to alleviate poverty.
 The summiters may also suggest ways and means of harmonising their respective national programmes for poverty alleviation for integrated approach to combat poverty in South Asia.
 The Council of Ministers meeting will be preceded by a three-day meeting of the

Manju replaces Tito as JP Secy-gen

By Staff Correspondent
 Infiltrating in the Jatiya Party yesterday led to the replacement of secretary general Khaledur Rahman Tito by party presidium member Anwar Hussain Manju.
 According to a JP press release, the change was made by acting Chairman of the party Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury on the instructions of the jailed-JP chief, deposed president HM Ershad.
 Tito was given responsibility as acting secretary general of the party in 1993 when Shah Moazzem Hossain was relieved of the post.
 Tito was later confirmed in the post.
 Of late, some disagreements between Tito and other top leaders on some organisational matters surfaced, leading to open conflict among the leadership.
 Anwar Hossain Manju takes over as the eighth secretary general of the party.
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Fertiliser crisis Agri Ministry to blame, says Akhtaruzzaman

By Staff Correspondent
 Ruling party MP Maj (Retd) Akhtaruzzaman yesterday said that the Ministry of Agriculture was solely responsible for the present crises of fertiliser and rice.
 Contradicting the Ministry statement published in different dailies on Wednesday, Akhtaruzzaman said the facts given in the statement essentially proved that the officials present in the three meetings had failed to take the right decision, which caused the fertiliser crisis.
 Copies of a two-page letter written in the MP's official letter pad, which contained his views, were also sent to the

SKOP's two-day strike, barricade end

By Staff Correspondent
 A two-day strike and road-rail barricade programme of the SKOP, following the Opposition's two-day hartal, ended yesterday.
 Trade and commerce in the country were seriously affected by the strike and the barricade programme yesterday, enforced mainly at the industrial belts and ports and on major national highways.
 No violence was reported from anywhere in the country except some stray incidents of baton charge by police and throwing of brickbats by pickets that left at least 20 people injured, according to our correspondents.
 The Srantik Karmachari Oikya Parishad (SKOP), an umbrella of 18 trade unions, called the strike to press home a set of demands.
 The Jute-Yarn-Textile Mills Workers-Employees Action Council, Bangladesh Road Transport Association and the National Garment Workers Federation supported the SKOP strike call.
 The demands of the industrial workers include amend the government's privatisation of mills and factories, reopening of closed industrial units, and implementation of the wages commission award and earlier agreements with the government.
 Hundreds of industrial workers wearing red head gears took to the streets and highways at the industrial belts of Tongi, Gazipur, Demra and Kanchpur since morning.
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Manzur murder Fresh warrant for producing 3 in court

From Staff Correspondent
 CHITTAGONG, Apr 12: Fresh warrants were issued by the court of Chief Metropolitan Magistrate here for production in court of the three ex-army personnel arrested in connection with the Gen Abul Manzur murder case.
 Court officials said, the warrants were dispatched by special messenger to the respective jails where the three are being held. They must be produced in court on April 17, the date set for hearing of the case.
 The three retired army officers, namely, Maj Gen Abdul Latif, Col. Shamsur Rahman and Major Kazi Emdadul Haq, could not be produced in court on April 11, as scheduled, because of the country-wide

Storm in Dhaka, Jamalpur Nor'wester hits Ctg

From Staff Correspondent
 CHITTAGONG, Apr 12: A severe nor-wester with a wind speed up to 160 km per hour lashed the port city tonight.
 Power connections were cut off and the whole Chittagong city plunged into darkness as the storm hit the port city at 11:15 pm.
 The extent of damages could not be ascertained immediately as the gale continued to sweep the city till filing of this report at midnight.
 Our DMCH Correspondent adds: At least five persons including a minor boy were injured in a storm in and around the Dhaka city this afternoon. They were injured in differ-

Zia murder case: Hearing begins today

From Staff Correspondent
 CHITTAGONG, Apr 12: The hearing of the president Ziaur Rahman murder case (Case No 2(6) 81) is scheduled to begin tomorrow in the court of the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate here.
 President Ziaur Rahman was assassinated in an abortive coup on the night of May 30, 1981 at the Chittagong Circuit House (Now Zia Museum) under Kotwali thana.
 However, police is yet to submit the enquiry report of the case despite 54 reminders from the court.

Two crore children to be given polio vaccine on Apr 16

By Staff Correspondent
 About two crore children under the age of five will be given polio vaccine on April 16 as part of the government programme for eradicating the disease from the country by the year 2000.
 The Tk 20-crore vaccination scheme will involve six lakh volunteers. Some 1.30 lakh centres will be opened on the day in the villages, market places, schools, clinics and other public places to provide the oral vaccine to the children.
 Polio is a viral disease which affects children under five and causes paralysis or even death.
 The government had declared March 16 and April 16 this year as National Immunization Day (NID) to eradicate

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Notice for Sale of Mortgaged Assets and Property of M/s Howlader PVC Pipe Industries Limited, Dhamrai, Dhaka
 The mortgaged assets and property of M/s Howlader PVC Pipe Industries Limited, Dhamrai, Dhaka which has been taken over by the BSRS and is in its possession will be sold in terms of Article 34 of Bangladesh Shilpa Rin Sangstha Order, 1972 read with the Bangladesh Shilpa Rin Sangstha (Direct Sale of Mortgaged Property) Rules, 1981 on "as it is where it is basis" and on the basis of "Cash payment" to realise the BSRS's outstanding loans and dues of Tk 76.461 million as on 01-01-1995 together with further interest and charges till realisation from the above named company and its directors listed at para-3 hereinafter.
 02. Bangladesh Shilpa Rin Sangstha will not assume any legal obligation whatsoever on behalf of the company and/or its directors in respect of any dues/claims of Government and/or autonomous bodies such as WASA, local municipality electric and gas supply authorities, land revenue and other creditors for which the company is liable.
 03. The following persons are the directors of the company:
 (1) Mr. Sekander Ali Howlader
 S/o Late Syedur Rahman Howlader;
 (2) Mrs. Shamsun Nahar
 W/o Mr Sekander Ali Howlader;
 (3) Mr. Siddiqur Rahman Howlader
 S/o Late Syedur Rahman Howlader; and
 (4) Mr Idris Ali Howlader
 S/o Late Syedur Rahman Howlader.
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 2.57 acres of land situated at Mouza-Badegauhil, P.S Dhamrai, Dist. Dhaka along with 22492 sft. factory building, 13188 sft. godown, store 3538 sft, workshop 1029 sft, pump house 2376 sft, staff quarter 6885 sft, porch 425 sft, guard room (4 nos) each 64 sft, and boundary wall 1500 Rft. and machinery of an industrial unit capable of producing 1848 mt PVC Pipe per year. The imported machinery of the project are of West Germany, France and Singapore.
 05. The details of the mortgaged assets and property and tender schedule containing the terms and conditions of sale may be obtained on payment of Tk. 250.00 (non-refundable) from the Assistant General Manager, Law Department, BSRS Head Office, Dhaka. The intending tenderers/buyers who are interested to inspect the project assets may contact the Assistant General Manager, Law Department, Bangladesh Shilpa Rin Sangstha, Head Office, Dhaka.
 06. The intending tenderers/buyers may submit their tenders/offers in sealed cover in the tender box kept at the BSRS's aforesaid Head Office, Dhaka by 12-00 Noon on the 3rd May, 1995 (Wednesday) accompanied with earnest money @ 5% of the tendered amount (refundable in case the offer is not accepted by the BSRS) in the form of scheduled bank's Draft/Pay Order drawn in favour of the Bangladesh Shilpa Rin Sangstha and payable at Dhaka.
 07. The tender will be opened on the 3rd May, 1995 at 12-30 PM at BSRS's above mentioned Head Office, Dhaka in presence of the tenderers, if any.
 08. The successful tenderers shall have to deposit 50% of the tendered amount within 7 (seven) days and the balance within 30 days from the date of acceptance of the tender in case of failure in making the payment of the tendered amount as aforesaid within the stipulated time the earnest money 50% of the tendered amount (including earnest money) or any amount of the tender money deposited shall be forfeited and the mortgaged assets and property will be eligible for resale.
 09. The BSRS reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders/offers without assigning any reason whatsoever.
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