



Mohila Awami League held a rally in front of the Jatiya Press Club in the city yesterday. — Star photo



Awami League president Sheikh Hasina visited the secretary-general of Jatiya Party Anwar Hossain Manju at his Dhanmondi residence yesterday. — Star photo

Pak envoy visits Manju

Pakistan High Commissioner to Bangladesh Karam Elahi yesterday visited injured secretary general of the Jatiya Party and editor of the daily 'Ittefaq' Anwar Hossain Manju at his residence, reports BSS. Manju was recently injured in a bomb blast in the Chawk-bazar area.

Lost

I, Dilara Choudhury, Professor and Chairperson, Department of Government and Politics, Jahangirnagar University, Savar, Dhaka, Bangladesh, do hereby notify that I have lost my Bima Policy No. 1152776-9 of Jiban Bima Corporation. It is no longer in my possession. S-131

EXTENSION OF LAST DATE

With reference to our advertisement dated 8 March 1996 for the positions of (1) Agribusiness Consultant (Vegetables) — 9 months and (2) Peri-urban/Urban Vegetable Production Consultant—4 months. The last date for submission of application is hereby extended up to 15 April 1996.

Applications should be sent to Box No S-106, C/o. The Daily Star, Dhaka.

Wanted

Last date of receiving application for the following positions as appeared in "The Daily Star" on 8 March 1996 has been extended up to 12 April 1996:

- 1. Quality Control Officer -1
2. Hide Selector -1
3. Store Officer-1

Intending candidates are advised to apply to the Director-in-Charge, Impress Leather Process Limited, C/o. SABINCO, BSEC Bhaban (5th floor), 102 Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka-1215. D-324

Mohila AL for recovery of all illegal arms

Mohila Awami League yesterday demanded recovery of all illegal arms from the country and called upon the party activists to cooperate with the law-enforcing agencies in rounding up illegal arms and their holders, reports UNB. Addressing a rally in front of the Jatiya Press Club, the Mohila Awami League leaders said complete mopping up of all illegal arms is a must to ensure elections to be free and fair.

Power suspension

Power will remain suspended for essential maintenance works on Thursday, April 4, from 8 am to 4 pm at Central Road, North Road, Circular Road, Hatirpool Bazar, Eastern Tower and on Friday, April 5, at same hours at areas from Dhanmondi Road No 6/A to 12/A and on Saturday, reports BSS.

Power will also remain suspended on April 6 from 8 am to 4 pm at Noorjahan Road, Basbari, Mohammadi Housing Ltd, Mohammadi Housing Society, Ring Road, Pisciculture Housing and Naboday Housing area.

Is everyone getting salary this month?

by Gemini Wahhaj

It's that time of the month - but is anyone getting paid this month? Garments factory workers have already been told that they are not. One large private firm cut off pay to its senior employees from last month, causing several of them to think seriously about relocating. An NGO that sells fertilizer in different districts has also determined that it cannot pay any of its workers this month. With production at most organizations down to a nil, most employers are grappling with the same decision, to pay or not to pay?

Even though the ports have opened along with the transport facilities the long closure has, for example, meant that garments factories haven't been able to make any shipments, which means that they haven't been able to collect cutting and making charges from their banks. Therefore there is no money to pay the workers. And despite the end in the non-cooperation some factories have remained closed, because with all raw materials stopped at the port during the non-cooperation it will take some time for them to reach the cities. So there is not much work to be done. Other industries that depend on production, import of raw materials, national distribution or export, are in very similar positions.

But even if your work-place coughs up, there has not been much money in the banks. Most banks have been operating with minimum liquid cash. The transport strikes had made transfer of money from Bangladesh Bank or central bank offices impossible. The only cash that most banks carried was the money that people deposited daily. One bank ruled a maximum withdrawal of Tk 5000. The Sonali Bank

branch at BUET was giving out 'cash slips' which could be exchanged for money at the New Market branch (the New Market branch had a surplus of liquid cash because shopkeepers deposited money at this branch which could not be transferred to the central branch). Different banks gave different answers on the question of salary withdrawals on the 1st of the month. One possibility would be that no-one will get paid. Banks would only hand out cash slips which could be exchanged for money at a future (undetermined) date. But one bank said that armoured cars would be allowed to transport money from the Central bank to branch offices specially for the purpose of giving out salaries.

A month's salary is no small matter, and will hit most people hard. With the sky-rocketing prices of essentials and a general sense of financial insecurity, people have been anxiously looking forward to the end of the month. The end of the political crisis has been a great relief but getting enough cash to pay employees on time may be difficult. Failure to pay up may put some employers in a difficult position.

Garments workers have already staged an agitation programme in protest. There have been, perhaps more disgruntled employees by the end of March as more and more people have found that out they had not carried any money home on April 1. A good enough joke for April Fool's Day.

This month employers may have more cause for worry. There is an Eid ahead, with its attendant bonuses. Meanwhile the only people who have had a ready flow of cash may have been the rickshaw-wallahs.

Indian dailies hail installation of caretaker govt

Different Indian dailies yesterday editorially hailed the installation of Justice H. J. Rahman as head of the neutral caretaker government in Bangladesh. BSS reports from New Delhi.

While hailing the formation of a neutral government, The Pioneer praised the military for assuring the caretaker government of 'full assistance in holding free and fair elections.'

It described the passage of the constitution amendment bill (13th amendment) as an effective measure to prevent repetition of a similar political crisis in Bangladesh.

The other dailies which hailed the installation of the caretaker government are: The Times of India, The Hindustan Times and The Indian Express.



Death anniversary of justice Murshed today

The 17th anniversary of death of Chief Justice Syed Mahmud Murshed, will be observed today, reports BSS.

Quran khani and Fateha khani will be held in the morning at the Justice Murshed's mazar at Banani graveyard. A milad mahfil will also be held on the same day at the deceased's residence (NW-5, Road 68, Gulshan) after Asar prayers.

Various socio-cultural organisations have arranged discussions highlighting Justice Murshed's historical role and achievements.

Shahjalal varsity exams begin Apr 6

The unfinished examinations of all the departments of the Shahjalal University of Science and Technology will begin on April 6, reports UNB.

A press release of the university said the first year classes of all departments will begin on April 20 while classes of the other years and departments on May 22.

Attack condemned

By Staff Correspondent Bangladesh Private Medical Practitioners Association (BPMPA) has slated attack at the residence of Dr Mostafa Jalal Mohiuddin, a member of BPMPA and former secretary general of Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA).

BPMPA president Dr Mirza A. Sobhan, secretary general Dr C M Dewar Bana and treasurer Dr Moniruzzaman Bhuiyan in a joint statement yesterday demanded immediate arrest of those who made the attack, says a press release.

Bangladesh Economic Association (BEA) condemned the firing on Dr Muhiuddin Khan Alamgir, a former president of the Association and a member of its present executive committee, says a press release.

The Association demanded measures towards recovery of illegal arms as well as rooting out all terrorist activities, added the release.



WASA began digging roads in city's busy Shahbag crossing. This picture was taken yesterday. — Star photo

ICB trading at CSE begins

CHITTAGONG, Apr 2: Investment Corporation of Bangladesh (ICB) today started trading at the Chittagong Stock Exchange (CSE), reports UNB.

ICB became the 71st member of the CSE, country's second bourse.

The participation of ICB in the CSE is expected to boost up share investment of general public and ICB account holders in the port city.

Advertisement for Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology, Dhaka. Includes contact info NO-D-1588(2) WANTED dt-2-4-96 and details for an Administrative Officer position.

Advertisement for CU Economics exam on Apr 6. Details include exam location in Chittagong and the subject of the exam.

Advertisement for Duckweed Research Project by the Ministry of Fisheries & Livestock, assisted by the Netherlands Government. Includes a 'WANTED' notice for interested NGOs.

Advertisement for BEPZA (Bangladesh Export Processing Zone Authority) recruitment. Details include the location in Dhaka and various job positions available.

Advertisement for Dragonair flights to Hong Kong. Features an image of a Dragonair plane and promotional text about non-stop flights and special packages.

Advertisement for 3M International Office Equipment. Shows various office products like overhead projectors, LCD projection panels, and data cartridges.