The Midnight Sile

Zhirinovsky presidential

candidate

Zhirinovsky. 49. became the third official candidate for the

June 16 poll after President Boris Yeltsin and communist

Iraqi Opposition meet in Damascus

party boss Gennady Zyuganov, reports AFP.

DAMASCUS. Apr 5: Iraqi

opposition groups have de-cided to intensify joint efforts

to overthrow President Sad-

dam Hussein and enlist the

military a statement said to-

in Damascus, the 10 groups

stressed the need for a

national fraqi project' uniting

the opposition in a joint effort to end Saddam's rule.

past have failed to form a

united alliance against Saddam

because of their traditional ri-

who participated in the meet-

ing "thoroughly discussed the

Next PM should

act as chief

executive: Hanif

By Staff Correspondent

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rather than of a particular po-

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City Corporation (DCC) Mo-

for the journalists hosted by

him at his official residence in

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the next government ... the of-

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kept above any party affiliation

tions of 12-crore people of the

cooperation for the arms re-

covery drive the Mayor said "As

long as the armed hoodlums

free no one can ensure free

The Mayor Last to be ched

non-violent sit-in programme

from Janatar Mancha on March

23 which continued till the

One barred from

end of BNP rule on March 30.

would be allowed to go scot-

and fair polls in the country

Extending whole-hearted

and it must reflect the aspira-

development in the city.

country," Hanif said.

He was speaking at a dinner

The Mayor thanked the

Whoever is elected to form

hammad Hamif said yesterday.

tive of the whole

the city.

The next Prime Minister

Opposition factions in the

The statement said those

day reports AP.

pivotal involvement of the fragi-

Ending a two-day meeting

MOSCOW, Apr 5. Extreme-right nationalist leader Vladimi Zhirinovsky registered today as a candidate in June presidential elections, the interfax news agency reported.

DOWN TO EARTH

Plight of City Commuters

In the rapidly expanding Dhaka city, the urban population find it exasperating every-day to go to their places of work or attend to their other business. In keeping with the high tempo of growth in the whele gamut of activities in the spheres of trade business, industries, public services, etc. the housing, communication and other ancillary facilities have not kept pace. As a result, a sizeable part of the urban dwellers has to live in places beyond the limits of the metropolis. In the cities of the developed countries also, a large number of people commute to the city centres from far-flung areas. Their commuting has, however, been made easy on account of the developed states of their communication and transport systems. These facilities are lacking in our country.

The number of suburbs from which commuters come has steadily increased. Among the more important of such suburbs, we may mention Tongi, Azampur, Gazipur. Kaliakoir, Kapasia in the horth: Savar, Nayarhat, Dhamrai, Singra in the northwest: Narayangani, Narsingdi in the east and north east; Keraniganj, Zinzira, Kamrangir Char across the Buriganga river and Sonargaon, Rupgani. Demra etc in the south east.

The brunt of transportation from these places is borne by private or public buses. The bus system on the whole is not very regular and efficient. Unfortunately, as pointed out by some observers, as far as suburban transport and overall transport system is concerned. we have taken a giant step backwards during the last decade. As examples, it has been cited that suburban trains have almost ceased to run and the wide-bodied buses have become fewer in number.

From Page 1

ence of money and muscle

power," said the former prime

political parties and groups

would contest the coming

general elections under the

non-party caretaker govern-

statement, the former prime

minister also described the

recent political developments

leading to the transfer of

power to the caretaker gov-

ernment, criticised her polit-

ical opponents for their re-

cent non-cooperation pro-

gramme, listed the achieve-

ments of her party while in

power and expressed her

party's confidence in the care-

taker government in holding a

free and fair polls. Later, she

replied to various questions

ence was her first since the

BNP quit state power on

March 30. She, however, in-

formally appeared before the

press twice and addressed two

public meetings in the city

since she quit power. Begum

Zia said: "It is of great pleasure.

People now joining our rallies.

meetings and processions in

larger number than they did

while we were in the govern-

party's confidence in and sup-

port to the caretaker govern-

ment and hoped it would be

able to ensure neutrality and

impartiality in all spheres of

the administration while dis-

the people for, what she said,

their continued support to the

BNP but alleged that many of

its leaders and workers and

their houses or business estab-

lishments were being attacked

by those 'jealous' of the popu-

larity of her party. "We could

retaliate in a similar way but

we want a peaceful atmosphere

and election at the earliest,"

they depended on the care-

taker government for rapidly

improving the law and order in

the country and hoped there

would be an immediate end to

the 'harassment' of the lead-

her political opponents of de-

ments year after year, taking

up farcical programmes and

destroying property of the

people and the state. They

even spoke or acted in a way

which amounted to treason,

she said adding. "We overlook

all those things for the sake of

peace, consensus and democ-

the journalists of their sacred

responsibilities and urged

them to refrain from writing in

a motivated way and partial

Begum Zia said her party was

always for unity of all national-

ist forces and added they were

working for such unity ahead

of the coming general elec-

Replying to a question.

The BNP chief reminded

livering provocative state-

Begum Zia accused some of

ers and workers of her party.

The BNP Chairperson said

She expressed gratitude to

charging its duties.

she added

racy.

truth.

Begum Zia reiterated her

As regards her experience

Yesterday's press confer-

from the journalists.

during this period.

ment.

In her six-page written

Begum Zia hoped that all

minister.

By AS M Nurunnabi

which means, in other words while no new amenities have been added, some old amenities have been allowed to dis-

It is, however, true that the number of commuters who depend on trains, launches and boats is comparatively limited. But during the monsoons when certain places in the suburbs are not negotiable by bus, launches and boats become the only alternative. The construction of the China Friendship Bridge over Buriganga has considerably helped easy movement of the people from areas such as Keraniganj and Zinzira. Even now, quite a good number of traffic is carried by small ferry boats across the river.

The lot of the local commuters is not also a happy one. It is common experience that as soon as one steps out and boards a public transport in the city - be it a rickshaw or an autorickshaw or a tempo or a bus or a minibus -one falls at the mercy of its driver. You-can' avoid this hazard if only you take to walking, but there is a in covering long distances.

On board a rickshaw, you have got to be very alert about the conduct of the rickshawpuller while he is driving his fragile vehicle. He seems to feel ashamed if he can't overtake other rickshaws in front of him. The passenger becomes helpless as his word of caution goes unheeded. The passenger at the same time feels apprehensive that if he is too persistent in his cries of caution, it might distract the rickshawpuller which might prove more hazardous.

A passenger of autorickshaw may feel a little safer. But he may also become a victim of the craze for speed activating its driver, particularly if the driver is new and young.

Asked if BNP would forge

electoral alliance with the

Jatiya Party, which also claims

to be a nationalist one, she said

that BNP was the nationalist

force, not the Jatiya Party. BNP

came into being much earlier

than JP. She, however, added

"In politics nobody is a perma-

nent friend or foe. Time will

would take an anti-Indian

stance in the campaign for the

next elections, she said it was

not opposing India and wanted

next step of her party, Begum

Zia said, "Preparation for the

question on allegations of cor-

ruption against her and other

BNP leaders, she said, 'These

are simply to confuse the peo-

ple. They failed to produce any

document in the fifth parlia-

ment to substantiate their

questioner that if her party has

to sit in the Opposition after

the coming polls, it would not

take up destructive pro-

grammes like non-cooperation.

You saw we did not take up

any such destructive pro-

grammes in our nine-year agi-

tation against autocracy. In fu-

ture too, we'll do everything

considering the prevailing sit-

ference, among others, were

Abdus Salam Talukder, Saifur

Rahman, Khandaker Delwar

Hossain, Jamiruddin Sircar.

Majedul Haq, Abdul Matin

Chowdhury, Chowdhury Kamal

Ibne Yusuf, Nazrul Islam Khan

Recover arms from

Jamaat-Shibir

activists: Menon

retary Rashed Khan Menon

yesterday (Friday) said the

people would spontaneously

come forward to aid the care-

taker government if they were

ensured food and security, re-

meeting at the party's central

office here, Menon said pri-

mary responsibilities of the

caretaker government in-

cluded keeping the prices of

essentials within the people's

purchasing capacity, uninter-

rupted production in mills and

factories, ensure workers

salaries and bonuses and fertil-

izer for the farmers along side

wonder that when the Jamaat-

Shibirites were openly show-

ing their arms strength at var-

ious places in the country,

there was no report of arms

recovery from their possession

government to seize arms from

dressed by Haider Akbar Khan

Rano, Kamrul Ahsan, Abul Hos-

sain. Ragib Ahsan Munna and

Jamaat-Shibir activists.

Akhter Sobhan Masrur.

Menon urged the caretaker

The meeting was also ad-

He said it was a matter of

the arms recovery.

till to date.

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Speaking at a workers'

Workers Party general sec-

Present at the press con-

uation."

among others.

ports UNB,

Begum Zia told another

Asked what would be the

Responding to another

good relations with all coun-

To a question if her party

say everything.

upcoming polls."

No more disunity

A bus or minibus journey is perhaps the safest of all. But there are snags in it. Once you get into a bus or minibus, you seem to lose your identity as a human being. If you fail to get a seat, your situation as a standing passenger is constantly subjected to continuous pres sure from the conductor who is very particular about his mission for inducting more passengers. Perhaps, in a way. the passengers standing on the footboards get more fresh air as compared with the stuffy interior of the bus, but they run the risk of being dashed by other vehicles or slipping into

It is thus clear that the misery of the city dwellers and also those from the suburbs commuting on public transports knows no bounds. There was a feeling of some relief among the commuters when the BRTC recently announced that they were soon to procure a good number of public buses to ease the present unhappy transport situation. At the same time, it seems urgent the authorities concerned give inlimit to one's physical power centives to the private operators in the transport sector so that we may expect some improvement in the lot of the

commuters.

At this stage, it's idle dream to expect that to cope with the rising volume to commuters in the Dhaka city, it would be possible for the government to follow examples set in cities like Calcutta, Tokyo, Hong Kong and also in Philippines and Indonesia, to go for mass transit system by pushing upwards from street level or downwards below ground to set up light railway systems But there is no doubt that since a similar situation is last developing in our city, it is just a question of time when solutions will have to be found in similar mass transit facilities.

BBC to look into allegations against its

Bangla service The BBC has directed its head of South Asia region to look into the allegations of partisan role and biased commentaries by the BBC Bengali

Service over the on-going mass

movement in Bangladesh, reports BSS. BBC authorities have taken the measure following a letter of allegations forwarded to its controller of world service by the combined co-ordinator council of professional bodies. trade organisations and NGOs. a council press release said in

Dhaka yesterday. Council convenor Advocate Shamsul Haq Chowdhury has send the allegation letter to BBC authorities on behalf of the Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA). Ainiibi Samannay Parishad. Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ). Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ). Association of Development Agencies in Bangladesh (ADAB), Dhaka University Teachers' Association (DUTA) Bangladesh Tax Lawyers' Association, Dhaka Lawyers' Association, Diploma Engineers Association, Bangladesh Primary Teachers Association Jatiya Kabita Parishad, Dhaka Taxes Bar Association, Bangladesh University College Teachers Association, Muktijodda Sangshad, Engineers Coordination Committee, Bangladesh Krishibid Parishad, Swadhinata Chikitshak Parishad, Beter Television Shilpi Sangstha, Bangladesh Private Medical Practitioners Association, Sammilita Sangskritik Jote, Group Theater Federation, Bikhulda Nagorik Samaj, Bangladesh School-College Teachers Association, Supreme Court Bar Association, Bangladesh Bar Council, National Primary Teachers Association, Grassroot People's Organisation, Bangladesh Government Secondary School Teachers Association and Bangladesh

'We have genuine reasons to believe that the BBC programme of last few days in Bengali is designed to confuse the Bengali listeners and malign the popular non-violent movement for democracy," the council alleged.

Freedom Fighter .Teachers

Commando.

While appreciating the past role of BBC, specially in 1971 during the War of Liberation and the anti-autocracy movement in 1990, the council in its letter to BBC said that unless it takes appropriate and adequate measures to ensure its non-partisan objective reporting, the civil society of Bangladesh may think of talking a public position to expose the partisan role and motive of BBC reporting in Bangladesh.

DSE trading

From Page 1.

Current account deficit. declining foreign exchange reserve, rising interest rates, reducing GDP growth and increasing food import in our country are creating fear among the foreign investors. Imtiaz observed. Further foreign investment will depend on the next government's financial policy, he said.



Taiwan Prime Minister Lien Chan met 50 representatives of 30 Taiwanese business associations in China at the parliament in Taipei yesterday. The representatives held a public hearing in which they asked the government to sign a peace agreement with China in a bid to ease tensions across the Taiwan Strait. - AFP/UNB photo

today," he said in a reversal of

his previous statements that

expulsions were "automatic"

for those who filed papers

against official Congress candi-

they are expelled by specific

order," Gadgil told reporters a

day after he asserted that Nath

had been booted out of the

party for filing nominations

U-turn was a desperate move

by the now-shaky Congress to

woo back the five leaders into

the party fold ahead of the

elections, which is widely ex-

pected to produce a hung par

versing Thursday's retaliations

against the former textile

minister said the Congress

constitution did not provide

for automatic expulsions of

the provisions of the party

constitution. The true position

is that such persons cannot be

Musclemen being

hired to capture

polling booths

NEW DELHI. Apr 5: Various

political parties have report

edly started booking trained

wrestlers with the announce-

ment of Lok Sabha election

which are popularly known as

"Akhras" in adjoining areas of

Indian capital. The unem-

ployed young boys are im-

parted training in such camps.

They are used to guard politi-

cians, to threaten people for

the crucial votes and if re-

quired to capture a polling

booth, said a story in The

Most of the musclemen do

Times of India on Wednesday.

not have any political loyalty

They are available on hire for

rupees 20 thousand to rupees

25 thousand per muscleman

for booth capturing while the

fee for land grabbing, the

amount varies between rupees

one lakh to five lakh for a

group of half a dozen of mus-

The training camps of mus-

clemen are matter of concern

for the police as such camps

are used as hideouts for the

goons during election, the

story said quoting police

Khaleda Zia to accept the de-

mand for caretaker govern-

ment after we resigned from

parliament, but she did not

clemen, the story said.

There are several camps

dates, reports BSS.

I have now gone through

members.

expelled.

The party spokesman re-

Political observers said the

against an official candidate.

They are Congressmen till

dates in the fray.

Cong reverses decision to expel 5 leaders

NEW DELHI, Apr 5, India's ruling Congress (I) today reversed its decision to expel five of its top leaders who have announced plans to run against official party candidates in upcoming general elections, reports AFP

Congress spokesman Vithal Gadgil said the expulsion orders issued earlier this week for the five leaders including former textile minister Kama Nath and former human resource development minister Madhavrao Scindia were in-

Mr Nath or anyone else does not stand expelled as of

Rajshahi BNP threatens

movement

RAJSHAHI. Ap leaders today threatened greater movement in the district if the arrested party lead ers were not freed and false cases against them withdrawn reports UNB.

In a joint press conference at the party's city office BNP district and city unit de manded the removal of Police Commissioner Aminul Islam for his alleged involvement of harassing the party leaders.

BNP city unit president Advocate Ekhlak Hossain read out the written statement in the press conference. BNP leaders Jane Alam, Rafiqui Islam Dulal and Salma Rahman were present.

They blamed organised groups for creating violence in the city, including Rajshahi University campus, but no action was taken yet.

2 JCD activists held in Sylhet

From Staff Correspondent SYLHET, Apr 5. Two JCD activists were arrested and another activist was stabbed reportedly by rival group in the town vesterday.

The arrested are Kayes Ahmed and Kayes, Kayes Ahmed was arrested in an arms case from the Sylhet air port in the afternoon. The other activist was arrested from a house.

Meanwhile, JCD activist Enamul Haque, 25, was stabbed in Subid Bazar area of the town. The JCD blamed the Islami Chhatra Shibir for the

Kamal calls for campus

Gano Forum president Dr Kamal Hossain yesterday said

He said everybody should discard the political parties

ent educational institutions including Dhaka University.

honest student leadership.

Jamaat to put candidates for all 300 seats

The Jamaat-e-Islami wil put candidates for all the 300 seats of Parliament in the coming election which the objeclive to transform the country into an Islamic welfare state reports UNB

This was announced by Jamaat Prof Ghulam Azam while winding up the emergency session of the party's central working committee in

press release yesterday. The Jamaat chief asked the party leaders and members to immediately begin a door-todoor campaign conveying invi tation to the masses for establishing divine laws and rule of the honest people.

2 JCD, Shibir leaders held with arms

COMILLA, Apr 5: Police rounded up 42 people, including two student leaders, and recovered two arms from various parts of the district today, reports UNB

a special hunt in suspected hideouts in 12 thanas to recover illegal arms and nab ter-

The arrest was made during

They caught Swapan Dey and Sanaullah from the town with two pipe guns. The arrested also included

JCD district unit president Amiruzzaman Amir and organising secretary of Chhatra Shibir Mosharraf Hossain. They were sent to jail.

violence-free

By Staff Correspondent

that terrorism should be wiped out from all educational institutions including universities for the greater interest of the

which shelter the terrorists. Dr Kamal was talking to a group of students from differ-

He recalled the glorious role of the students in 1952 1954, 1966, 1971 and 1990 and urged them to build up public opinion in favour of

the city on Thursday, said a

boarding flight at ZIA By Staff Correspondent

One person was prevented from boarding an international

flight at the Zia International Airport (ZIA) last night for allegedly carrying one lakh US dollar, according to airport The person who identified

himself as a businessman was reportedly stopped by the security personnel at the airport at around 9:30 pm. It was learnt that the cur

rency was found in his bag. However, customs officia could not give any details of the incident till late last night.

Dacoity in Cox's Bazar

From Our Correspondent COX'S BAZAR, Apr 5: Three dacoits looted gold ornaments. cash and valuables worth about Tk two lakh from a residence here this afternoon after stabbing a housewife.

Seriously injured Razia Begum, 35, wife of Advecate Kabir Ahmed of Telepara, was admitted to the district Sadar Hospital.

.The gang of three armed men entered the house near the Burmese Market at around 1 pm. They tied up two children and stabbed Razia while asking for the keys of the almirah, family sources said. The advocate was not in the house at the time.

The dacoits decamped with 20 tolas of gold ornaments. Tk 40 000 and other valuables.

Garments

From Page 1 before the export oriented garments industries emerged. ships of various Main Line Operators and Feeder Vessel Op erators voyaging to and from Chittagong port could utilize only 40 per cent of their ca pacity. After the development of garments sector, these shipping lines now utilize cent per cent of their capacity.

"In this perspective the imposition of surcharge at such excessive rates due to congestion for the time being is extremely undesirable," he

added. The President of the Bangladesh Garments Manufacturers and Exporters Association requested the steamer agents concerned to move to their respective principals for taking necessary effective measures for stopping realiza-

tion of the surcharge at the enhanced rates. The Steamer agents have agreed to recommend to their principals accordingly.

Plan to involve army for ousting Saddam

mechanism of introducing rad-

ical changes in Iraq by involv-ing the Iraqi army inside the country more effectively in the process of changing. The statement gave no details on how the groups planned to involve the armed

forces in efforts to topple Sad-dam, which opposition leaders in exile. Arab commentators and others outside Iraq believe can only be achieved with full military collaboration. Saddam controls the mili tary with an iron fist. During the 1980-88 war against Iran

summary executions awaited deserters and officers who failed to achieve results in the battlefield, and unrest has been tackled through ruthless and swift purges. Crack Republican Guard

units, on Saddam's orders, moved to crush simultaneous uprisings by Shi'ites in the south and Kurds in the north soon after Iraq's defeat in the 1991 Gulf War

Campus reporter receives threat to life

A campus reporter received life threat yesterday allegedly by Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal armed activists for reporting the incident of bomb blast in Survasen Hall of Dhaka University, reports UNB.

Two bombs went off in the office of Suryasen Hall Students Union on Thursday evening leaving at least two unidentified youths injured.

Sources said three JCD armed activists of Suryasen Hall forcibly driven out Anwar-Al-Din, a resident of the hall and DU correspondent of the Daily Ittefag.

Anwar received the threat at about 1 am when he returned to the dormitory from the newspaper office. However, he left the hall at dawn.

Meanwhile, in an emergency meeting, the Dhaka University Journalists' Association (DUJA) decided to issue a formal letter to the JCD leaders demanding expulsion of those responsible for the in-

cident They also decided to go into action if the terrorists were not brought to book within three days from today.

The university authorities will take disciplinary action against the terrorists." said Vice Chancellor Prof Emajuddin Ahmed when the DUJA members drew his attention in this regard.

Arms recovered From Page 1

seized from the arrested per-

sons, police sources said. Mohammadpur police in a raid at Jeneva Camp Thursday night recovered one sawed-off rille, cocktails, three machetes, eight daggers and huge raw materials used in manufacturing five arms and bombs. None was arrested.

Electoral alliance From Page 1

monitor the developments as

regards the three parties. The sources added that the issue of alliance with Dr Kamal Hossain's Gana Forum and some Islamic parties was also discussed. An influential BNP leader

when asked on electoral alliance, said they might even approach the left parties for the purpose. Another BNP leader said

they would soon contact the like-minded parties to discuss electoral alliance, formally or informally

It may be recalled that Jamaat had supported BNP in forming government after the 1991 general elections.

FCO report From Page 1

Dhaka-9 and Dhaka-11 constituencies. In their report. they pointed out that due to volatile security situation, their activities were largely restricted.

The ticking off of names on the voter register was at times done carelessly, leaving potential for ambiguity about who had voted, the report said adding that inadequate provision was made for voting secrecy. Citing one instance, the report said that voters cast their votes in full view of officials and other voters.

About the claims that 20 per cent voters' ID cards had been issued mainly in the urban areas, the observers expressed their surprise and said that they did not see any voter presenting an ID card.

Access to stations for the elderly and infirm was difficult at some stations as the polling booths were on the second and third floor, the report added.

But given the circumstances under which this election was held the Election Commission and its staff are to be congratulated on holding an election at all, the observers said.

Hasina: Clean up admin

From Page 1 League president urged the caretaker government of Justice Habibur Rahman to constitute an enquiry committee to investigate "corruptions" by family members and relatives of former Prime Minister Begum Zia, BNP ministers and

MPs and to try them. Hasina also urged the caretaker government to see "how the former prime minister could use the national flag in her car, spend money from the public exchequer and enjoy protection of the Special Security Forces (SSF).

"If she (Khaleda) continues to do so, she must be tried after investigation into the matter," she told the sloganshouting crowd.

Hasina criticised BNF Chairperson, Begum Zia for "threatening the government officials and employees". for extending their support to the movement for caretaker government.

She said the employees of the Republic are supposed to uphold the causes of the people and they are not "servants of any political party." The officials and employees joined their hands with the people on the streets ignoring the order of the 'illegal' government of

Begum Zia, she added. Hasina alleged that the BNP during its rule had presented the nation only "dead-bodies. terrorism and corruptions and nothing else.

She briefly recalled the background of the caretaker government and said people earned it at the cost of blood. She urged the people to remain alert against any 'conspiracy' by the BNP to mar the hard-earned victory.

Hasina said, "I asked

cheers. "Go Ahead Hasina, Heroic Chattala With You," the crowd chanted in chorus. hands to the jubilant crowd in response.

crowd gave her a standing ova-

Shah Amanat (R) and offered fateha there. Presided over by Chittagong

city Awami League president M

care for it at all." A Mannan, the meeting was "Later she was forced to acaddressed, among others, by cept the demand after loss of valuable lives," said Hasina. The AL chief also demanded the withdrawal of all cases filed against the political activists during the non-coopera-

tion movement. Referring to Begum Zia's claim that the Chittagong port had remained open even during the Liberation War, Hasina reminded that the Pakistani occupation forces had kept it open for a while to unload

arms for killing the innocent Bangalees. UNB adds: The meeting was the biggest ever in recent times in the port city as people in thousands thronged the Laldighi Maidan and 'its surrounding areas from Andarkilla to Cinema Palace in the west and up to GPO crossing in the south, turning the entire area

into a human sea. Enthusiastic crowd were seen on trees, roofs and hilltops around the Laldighi Maidan. People came to the meeting

from different parts of the metropolitan city and districts of Chittagong. Cox's Bazar and the three hill districts. As Hasina, wearing an offwhite silk saree climbed the raised dais at 4.40 pm, the

tion with welcome slogans and A smiling Hasina waved her

Before her arrival at the venue. Hasina visited the mazar of famous saint Hazrat

Abdus Samad Azad, Abdul Mannan, Begum Sajeda Chowdhury, Amir Hossain Amu. Abdur Razzak, Tofael

Ahmed, Suranjit Sengupta, Prof Pulin Dey, Ataur Rahman Khan Kaiser, Mayor A B M Mohiuddin Chowdhury, Obaidul Kader, Dr Mostafa Jalal Mohiuddin. K M Jahangir, Abdul Mannan, Mosharraf Hossain, M Idris, Ishaq Mia, Moslemuddin Ahmed and M A Salam. Mayor Mohiuddin Chowd-

hury, in an emotion-charged speech, claimed that Begum Zia's government killed 22 workers of Awami League in the port city during the noncooperation movement. The mayor urged the gov-

ernment officials to remove the photo of Begum Zia from The mayor alleged that some BNP terrorists have

threatened government officials not to remove Begum Zia's photograph. However, he assured all cooperation against any threat and help to the administration to maintain neutrality. The mayor asked Begum Zia

ple in Chittagong. Otherwise, he warned, the people of Chittagong will not forgive her. Earlier, Abdus Samad Azad demanded, judicial enquiry against 'corrupt' ministers. MPs and some family members of Begum Zia.

to 'apologize for her misdeeds

and killings' of innocent peo-

He also demanded an nouncement of the election schedule to hold election within 90 days under a new Chief Election Commissioner.