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NEWS BRIEFS

CEC calls on Chief Adviser

Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Muhammad Abu Hena called on Chief Adviser Habibur Rahman at his office yesterday. The CEC spent sometime with the Chief Adviser. Election Commission Secretary Fayezur Razzak was present, reports UNB.

Ctg Jubo League leader held

From Staff Correspondent
CHITTAGONG, Apr 10: Police this evening arrested Jubo League leader Khorsheed Alam from the Holy Crescent Hospital here, where he was under treatment after having been injured during Tuesday's violence. According to police, Khorsheed was arrested in connection with Tuesday's violence.

JCD-BCL clash at BAU: 8 injured

MYMENSINGH, Apr 10: A clash between Jatityatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) and Awami League-backed Chhatra League (BCL) activists on the Bangladesh Agricultural University campus today left at least eight students injured. Witnesses said the clash erupted when a JCD procession was passing by a Chhatra League rally at Amtala this morning, reports UNB.

32 firearms seized, 16 arrested

Police as part of their illegal arms recovery drive seized 32 firearms and a huge quantity of ammunition and arrested 16 persons from different parts of the country yesterday. The recovered arms and ammunition include 19 pipeguns, three single-barrel guns, two pistols, one revolver, one rifle, one cut-rifle, 86 bullets and cartridges, and 88 home-made bombs, reports UNB.

7 arrested with forged US dollar

By Staff Correspondent
A special squad of Detective Branch police arrested seven persons with forged US dollars during a raid at Kakrai in the city Tuesday.
Police suspect that the arrested were the members of an organised gang engaged in forging currency notes.
The arrested were identified as Hanif Sikder, 40, Siraj, 30, Mollah Sharfuddin, 50, Alam, 30, Sarwar Sikder, 35, Hossain Ali, 28, and Hannan, 42.

Idol worth Tk 2.5cr recovered

From Our Correspondent
RAJSHAHI, Apr 10: A patrol team of BDR today recovered a rare touchstone idol of goddess 'Laxmi' from Shukashigram of Singara thana in Natore district.
According to a press release of BDR, the statue, worth about Taka 2.5 crore was deposited with the Rajshahi Custom Department.

Macroeconomic stability unlikely, fears ADB

A major donor fears that Bangladesh's macroeconomic stability, shattered by political turmoil and grain shortfall, may not see progress, rather the imbalances could widen in the days ahead, reports UNB.
While government is taking steps to maintain macroeconomic stability, there are signs of widening of the macroeconomic imbalances. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) said in a report on Bangladesh.
The report Country Performance Assessment — has been prepared by the ADB Dhaka Resident Office and will be placed at the annual meeting of the Board of Governors of the donor agency in Manila today.
The Bank, one of the largest donors that bankroll development of infrastructure and social sectors in Bangladesh, also criticised government's regulatory constraints and infrastructural policy which appear to be the major blocks to private investment.
Although the government

has introduced new incentives for increased private sector investment, including significant rationalization of the trade regime, the infrastructure policy and regulatory constraints have affected investments, the ADB said.
Also, it said, implementation of privatization has been slow. Creating a suitable environment for increased private-sector investment will be contingent on improved physical infrastructure and other related services.
Under-investment and constraints on implementation capacity have held back growth in physical investment, the Bank said, identifying deficiencies in power generation and supply, roads, railways and telecom networks, and port facilities which would impede the growth prospects.
While appreciating "some improvements" in the supply of natural gas, flood control, irrigation, water and sanitation, the ADB report, however, observed "several weaknesses"

still in financing and management of these activities.
The scope for private-sector involvement in many areas is large, and more beneficiary participation in operation and maintenance is needed," said the report.
Noting a steady but slow rise in gross domestic investment, the Bank said the revival in private investment was encouraging and reflected the impact of liberalization of industry, trade and exchange controls.
The report, however, put the rate of inflation at 8.9 per cent in 1994-95, and blamed mainly a "growth in money supply and the rise in food-grain prices" for the inflationary pressure.
On future agenda, the ADB said the country's major development challenge would be progressive reduction of poverty incidence and improvement of the standard of living, with poverty expected to remain a pervasive problem.
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AL struggling for right to vote & food, says Hasina

TUNGIPARA, Apr 10: Awami League President Sheikh Hasina today alleged that corruption and lust for power of the former BNP gov were responsible for the present crippled state of economy.
Addressing a workers' rally at the mazar premises of Bangabandhu, she said BNP government had failed to bring wellbeing for the poor farmers in last five years. If voted to power, she said, Awami League would give priority to 'the agriculture sector'.
Hasina blamed BNP, which lost power on March 30 for supplying unlicensed arms to its workers and patronising armed terrorism for creating an anarchy situation in the country.
She said effective steps would have to be taken to recover unauthorised arms immediately for making coming election free and fair.
The Awami League President said her party had been
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Admission tests begin May 9 59000 to vie for 3880 DU seats

By DU Correspondent
Around 59,000 students have submitted admission forms against 3,880 seats in five faculties of Dhaka University for the first year Honours courses in the 1995-96 session, faculty sources said.
On an average, 15 students will contest for a seat this year.
Admission tests will begin on May 9. The tests of Ga unit (Commerce Faculty) will be held on May 9. Gha unit (Combined group) on May 10. Kha unit (Arts and Social Science faculties) on May 17 and the tests of Ka unit (Science, Biological Science and Pharmacy faculties) will be held on May 24.
Admission tests were planned this month. But the university authorities had to postpone the tests as students from different parts of the country could not collect and submit admission forms timely due to the political situation in the country.
Of the total forms, some 21,200 applications have been filed for "Ka" unit (Science, Biological Science and Pharmacy faculties) against 1,100 seats.
Under "Kha" unit (Arts and Social Science faculties), some 14,500 admission forms have been submitted against 1,600 seats while some 8,900 applications against 580 seats under the Commerce Faculty.
Under Gha unit (Combined group), a total of 14,500 applications have been received for 600 seats.
Students will face a tough competition under "Gha" unit. About 24 students will fight for a single seat under this unit. On the other hand, contest under Kha unit will be a bit easier. Nine students will
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Bangladesh in 13 out of 18 UN peacekeeping missions

Bangladesh, with 2,104 blue helmeted men, occupied the first position among 70 UN member-states contributing personnel, equipment and other supports to the peacekeeping operations, reports UNB.
An official handout said yesterday the participation of Bangladesh in the United Nations peacekeeping operations has reached its peak. Bangladeshi nationals are now serving in 13 of the 18 active UN peacekeeping missions.
At present Bangladesh has a battalion of 804 personnel and 10 military observers in UNIKOM stationed between Iraq and Kuwait and another battalion of 873 in UNMIH in Haiti.
There is also an engineering corps of 231 personnel along with 10 military and 21 police observers in UNAVEM-III in Angola.
Bangladesh is also participating in smaller scale in UN peace keeping operations in Western Sahara, Eastern Harzegovina, Georgia, Liberia, Rwanda and Tajikistan.

BNP discusses preparations for polls Apr 17

By Staff Correspondent
An extended meeting of the BNP national executive committee will be held at the Institution of Engineers here on April 17, according to sources in the party.
Presidents and general secretaries of the BNP district and thana units and former MPs of the party would be invited to attend the day-long meeting, scheduled to start at 9 am.
BNP chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia and other central leaders will also attend the meeting which will discuss and decide on organisational matters and preparation for the coming general elections.
Meanwhile, the BNP has decided to observe 'mourning day' throughout the country tomorrow in protest against the killings during Begum Zia's public meeting in Chittagong on Tuesday, said a party press release last night. Party units will hold condolence meetings, bring out mourning processions and offer special prayers after Juma prayers for salvation of the departed souls.
In the city, a condolence meeting will be held at the party's central office at Naya Palton at 4 pm. to be followed by a mourning procession.

Six killed, 20 hurt in Jhenidah road accidents

JHENIDAH, Apr 10: Six people including two children were killed and 20 injured in three road accidents in the district today, reports UNB.
Three unidentified passengers died on the spot when a Khulna-bound night coach tumbled into a roadside ditch at Kayargachhi, about 9 kilometres from here.
Witnesses said the coach skidded off the road as a speeding truck knocked it from behind at about 5:30 am.
Some 20 passengers of the coach were also injured in the accident. They were admitted to Jhenidah Sadar Hospital and Kalliganj Thana Health Complex.
In Moheshpur, two minor children — Monirul, 3, and Nimpa, 5, were run over by a
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IMF to help Dhaka in case of BOP deficit

By Gobinda Shil
The International Monetary Fund (IMF) is ready to assist Bangladesh if it faces a balance of payment (BOP) deficit, an IMF official said.
The Fund will consider the requests of its 180 members throughout the world regarding IMF's assistance to help them," said Jan Bove, Resident Representative of the IMF in Dhaka. "The Fund is always in touch with the authorities to take necessary initiatives."
"But the amount of borrowings will depend on the earlier debt of Bangladesh to the Fund, the repaying capacity and the position of old loans," noted Bove. He also said that Bangladesh had been repaying the IMF loans and did not take new loans for last two years.
According to Bangladesh

Ctg violence Injured JCD activist dies

From Staff Correspondent
CHITTAGONG, Apr 10: The death toll from Tuesday's violence in the port city centreing the BNP meeting has risen to five as another person succumbed to his injuries today at Chittagong Medical College Hospital.
According to hospital sources, he was identified as Md Ilias, 27, and known to be an activist of Chhatra Dal.
Ilias came under attack near New Market while coming to the meeting venue in a procession, party sources said.
Meanwhile, condition of 20 of the injured under treatment at CMCH was stated to be critical.
The BNP supporters today marched in the city streets protesting the attacks on their
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AL, BNP studying electoral alliance

By Nurul Kabir
Two major political parties — BNP and Awami League — are examining prospects of possible electoral alliance or understanding "to face their rivals in the forthcoming general elections, according to sources in the parties.
No party has, however, finalised its strategy.
Leaders of the three major parties — Awami League (AL), Jatiya Party (JP) and Jamaat-e-Islami, who had launched common agitation programmes against the BNP government but decided to go their own way immediately after its resignation last month, are now thinking pros and cons of this election strategy.
Some leaders of the parties now feel that an electoral alliance could remove any chance for the BNP to win the polls. Some AL leaders, however, believe that such an alliance could also be counterproductive, sources in the AL said.
In line with the recent call of Khaleda Zia for a unity of the "nationalist forces," a section of the BNP leadership is in favour of an electoral understanding with all the parties with traditional animosity to-

Election campaign JP to focus on achievements of its past rule

Star Report
The Jatiya Party in its election campaign is to focus on the achievements of its nine and a half year rule.
According to JP leaders, the party now preparing to put up candidates for all 300 seats of the Jatiya Sangsad in the next elections, will pledge to work for decentralising the administration and improving the condition of the common man.
The party will also demand the release of its chairman, H M Ershad, besides raising the issue with the caretaker government.
Sec 144 imposed on meeting venue at Jessore
From Our Correspondent
JESSORE, Apr 10: Section 144 was imposed in and around the local Town Hall maidan today prohibiting any meeting, processions, or rally and carrying of arms and lethal weapons.
The prohibitory order will remain in force until further
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CEC to discuss election issues with political parties soon

By Staff Correspondent
Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Mohammad Abu Hena yesterday said that he would soon sit with the political parties to discuss matters related to the upcoming parliamentary elections.
The CEC was talking to a group of reporters at the Election Commission.
Replying to a question the CEC also said that the polls schedule would be announced soon.
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Leading parties have no common campaign issue

By Nazmul Ashraf
Country's leading political parties yet to have any major common campaign issue for the upcoming elections.
This became evident when this correspondent talked to the leaders at six political parties — the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), Awami League, Jatiya Party, Jamaat-e-Islami, Workers' Party and the Gano Forum — to learn about their respective party strategies for the upcoming election campaign.
BNP Secretary General Abdus Salam Talukdar said that his party's election campaign would mainly concentrate on the need for continuity of constitutional rule and the on-going democratic process to ensure national development.
"We'll also canvass for our party so that the development works, initiated by the former BNP government, could be continued," he told The Daily Star.
"Other dominant issues in our election campaign would include law and order, public welfare and development projects in the rural areas such as construction and repairing of roads, bridges, schools, madrasahs and power supply," the BNP leader pointed out.
Replying to a question, Salam Talukdar said that the 25-year Bangladesh-India Friendship Treaty, which expires next year, would also come up in the election campaign to reiterate the party's decision not to go for renewal of the pact.
The main thrust of Awami League's election campaign would be to ensure good governance in the country on the basis of a national consensus," said Begum Matia Choudhury, a leader of the AL central committee.
"We'll also promise to eradicate terrorism, patronise private entrepreneurs and foreign investors in the country, subsidise the agricultural sector and to make the Jatiya Sangsad effective," she told The Daily Star.
JP Secretary General Anwar Hossain Manju said: "Release of former President H M Ershad would definitely dominate the whole process of election campaign of the Jatiya Party".
Manju further told The Daily Star: "If and when the JP goes to polls, it would bring into its election campaign the inhumane treatment of Ershad by the former BNP government".
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Wealthy Bangladeshis in UK eager but hesitant to invest

Many of Britain's Non-Resident Bangladeshis (NRBs), who amass wealth over the years, would like to return home for investment, but they appeared shy or hesitant — due largely to the political uncertainty, reports UNB.
"But political unrest could be short-lived... there are other factors that deterred them from going back to Bangladesh with their money to invest," Dr. Kabir H Choudhury, Director General of Bangladesh-Britain Chamber of Commerce (BCCC) told this correspondent in London last week.
He cites the absence of investment-friendly environment as well as proper facility role on the part of the government to attract them. "Successive governments lacked the drive for wooing them."
It often requires minimum three days for an NRB to get a visa from the Bangladesh High Commission in London. Even when the Prime Minister was here last time, he failed to have an appointment with her to discuss the prospects of investment," lamented

DEOs assaulted at EC Sect

By Staff Correspondent
Some members of the Bangladesh District Election Officers Association were manhandled by a section of the third and fourth class employees at the Election Commission Secretariat here yesterday.
The third and fourth class employees turned on the representatives of the Association when they came to the EC Secretariat to meet the Chief Election Commissioner. The representatives took shelter inside the room of the private secretary of the CEC.
Some employees alleged that the District Election Officers Association, while demanding removal of an additional secretary in the EC
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