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DSE price index	817.13 (+0.45%)
Market capital Tk	5546.75 cr
Transactions in volume	162851
Transactions in value	Tk 4.02 cr

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SAARC secy gen leaves Dhaka

SAARC Secretary General, Naem U Hasan, left Dhaka yesterday for Kathmandu ending his familiarisation visit to Bangladesh. Director General, SAARC Desk, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Humayun A Kamal, and Mrs Kamal saw the secretary general and his wife Mrs Raana Hasan off at the Zia International Airport, reports BSS.

2 killed, 6 hurt in road accident

CHITTAGONG, Apr 15: Two persons were killed and six others injured when a truck and a passenger coaster collided head on at Sebhakhola under Chandanash thana on the Chittagong-Cox's Bazar road some 30 km off here today. According to Chandanash police, the accident occurred when the Chittagong-bound truck suddenly collided head on with a Banskhali bound passenger coaster, reports BSS.

Body recovered

From Our Correspondent
NARAYANGANJ, Apr 5: Fatullah police recovered the body of a local Juba Union leader from Munshibagh area today.
The victim, Nirob, 26, son of Abdul Mannan, was the joint secretary of the Kutubpur Union branch of Juba Union.

Losses during political unrest

Govt plans relief for hard-hit sectors

By Inam Ahmed and R M Titumir

As demands for fiscal benefits mount from different trade bodies and associations to salvage them from the adverse effects of the political unrest, the government is seriously contemplating giving some relief to the hard-hit sectors through administrative measures, according to well-placed sources in the Finance Ministry.

"We may not be able to give any cash incentive to any sector, but we will try to see that measures are taken to give breather to the country's pro-

ductive sectors," said a high official of the ministry.

Any measures to mitigate the losses suffered by the country's industrial and export sectors will be determined by the reality of revenue crunch and the need to maintain financial discipline, sources concerned hinted.

As a starter to this process of giving relief, the government yesterday announced that payment of advance income tax (AIT) on export earnings could be deferred till June 30, sources concerned

said. A high level meeting will also be convened soon to discuss possible further relief to the trade and industries sectors affected during the political unrest.

The sources also mentioned that in taking the measures, priority will be given to sectors which are very sensitive and involves the image of the country.

A high official in the Finance Ministry mentioned that decision has also been

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Pahela Baishakh celebrated amid fanfare

By Staff Correspondent

Pahela Baishakh, marking the beginning of the Bangla New Year 1403, was celebrated on Sunday amid traditional festivities and fanfare throughout the country.

The day was a public holiday.

The first day of the solar Bangla calendar, introduced by Mughal Emperor Akbar in Hijri 963 to correlate with the crop cycle and harvesting period of this region, is celebrated by people from all walks of life, irrespective of religion and ethnic background.

From this year (1996) onwards, Pahela Baishakh will fall on April 14 of the Gregorian calendar each year. The decision to synchronise the two dates was taken by the Bangla Academy Calendar Reform

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Election manifesto soon

AL may opt for policies thru' nat'l consensus

By Reaz Ahmad

Awami League is preparing its manifesto for the next parliamentary election on the basis of the policy guideline adopted in the party's last special council session held in September last year, according to sources in the party.

The manifesto may opt for formation of policies on various sectors and issues on the basis of a 'national consensus', a top leader of the party told this correspondent yesterday. The concept of 'national consensus' was adopted in the special council session, he said.

In a recent joint meeting of the advisory committee and the presidium of the party, only the economic part of the

polls manifesto was discussed and it would take 'few more days' to come up with the final manifesto, said another senior party leader.

The AL leader, who is also a presidium member, denied reports in a section of the press that the party's manifesto for the forthcoming seventh parliamentary elections has been finalised. The manifesto is likely to be finalised after the extended meeting of the party's policy planning Thursday next, he said. The meeting is expected to be attended by a large number of district level leaders, he added.

Mentionably, Awami League

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BNP against major changes in admn

By Staff Correspondent

BNP secretary general Abdu Salam Talukdar yesterday said that major changes in the administration ahead of the general elections would make things difficult, even impossible for the civil servants to perform their new jobs properly during election.

Expressing surprise at what he called the massive transfer of officials and employees, Salam Talukdar in a statement last night said, "We want reconsideration of the decision, if at all taken in this regard."

We think it would be difficult, even impossible for any official or employee to perform his duty properly because the date for elections would arrive before one would get acquainted with his new office," he said.

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EC proposes Tk 19.5 cr budget for polls

The Election Commission (EC) yesterday placed to the government a Tk 19.50 crore budget for holding the coming parliament election, reports UNB.

A source at the Election Commission said the budget, approved by the Chief Election Commissioner, was sent to the Finance Ministry for approval.

Allowance for the polling officers has been fixed at Tk 6 crore, while Tk 2 crore earmarked as expenses for printing ballot papers and other forms.

Taka 40 lakh has been kept in the budget for preparing and making new ballot boxes, Tk 10 lakh for refreshments and Tk 84 lakh for transportation of election materials.

Polling centre expenses have been fixed at Tk 90 lakh while Taka one crore has been kept for importing indelible ink and other materials.

The budget for the February 15 polls, boycotted by the opposition parties, was Tk 10.50 crore.

Shamsul Huda, Secretary of the Banking Division, along

2 new election commissioners

By Staff Correspondent

President Abdur Rahman Biswas yesterday appointed a former secretary and a retired district judge as the Election Commissioners.

According to an Election Commission announcement, the new Election Commissioners are: Abdur Rahman, a former secretary and Mostaque Ahmed Chowdhury, a retired district judge.

Abdur Rahman was from the Accounts and Audit cadre, and Mostaque Ahmed Chowdhury, immediately before his retirement as a judge, was DG, Bureau of Anti-Corruption.

The two Election Commissioners are likely to take oath of office today (Tuesday). EC sources said.

Besides, Abdul Mannan, DG of the Chief Advisor's office, has replaced Syed Abdur Rashid as the Joint Secretary (Admin) at the EC Secretariat, official sources said.

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Khaleda addresses public meeting in city today

By Staff Correspondent

Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) will hold a public meeting at the Manik Mia Avenue in the capital at 3 pm today to celebrate the 'victory of democracy and the Constitution.'

BNP secretary general Abdu Salam Talukdar, in a statement issued last night, urged the workers of the party and its front organisations and

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Students of the Fine Arts Institute, Dhaka University, organised a colourful rally in the city marking the Pahela Baishakh Sunday.

— Star photo

First day of NIDs today

2 crore children to be given polio vaccine

By Staff Correspondent

About two crore children under five years of age will be given polio vaccine today and on May 16, under the two-day government programme for eradicating the disease from the country by the year 2000.

In addition, about one crore 30 lakh children aged between 1 and 5 years will be given Vitamin-A supplements, for prevention of blindness and reduction of mortality caused

by diarrhoea and pneumonia, during the two-day 'National Immunization Days' (NIDs).

Jointly organised by the government, the World Health Organisation (WHO) and UNICEF, the immunization programme will involve some 6 lakh volunteers working in 1.2 lakh centres around the country.

The Extended Programme on Immunization (EPI) authorities urged all parents having children aged under five years to take them to the nearest immunization centre on both days. Even if these children were previously immunized, they must be vaccinated again, the EPI emphasised.

In a message on the occasion, President Abdur Rahman Biswas urged the educated and conscious people to play their due role and volunteer spontaneously to make the NIDs a success.

Meanwhile, Chief Adviser Muhammad Habibur Rahman yesterday opened the country-wide vaccination drive by giving drops of oral polio vaccine (OPV) to five children at the EPI Bhaban at Mohakhali in the capital.

The Chief Adviser, while in-

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Boat purchase case

HC appealed to raise Ershad's prison term

The State yesterday filed an appeal to the High Court division of the Supreme Court demanding enhancement of the punishment to former President Hussain Muhammad Ershad in a corruption case relating to the purchase of relief boats from Japan, reports BSS.

A special judge's court after a lengthy hearing in the Japanese boat purchase case of 1993 convicted and sentenced

Ershad last year to three years' simple imprisonment.

An appeal was filed on behalf of Ershad in the High Court last year seeking quashment of his punishment.

In its criminal appeal filed before the two-member bench of the court comprising Justice Badrul Islam Chowdhury and Justice Md Asaduzzaman, the State described the Special Court's judgement as "inadequate". It demanded that the period of sentence be raised.

Opposing the admission, Yusuf Hossain Humayun, the defence counsel of Ershad, during the hearing mentioned that an appeal against the Special Court's judgement and the bail of his client were pending before High Court, a press release said. Humayun questioned whether the appeal for enhancement of punishment of Ershad was filed at the directive of the caretaker government or it was the own motion of the law officer.

Deputy Attorney General Amirul Kabir Chowdhury denied of self-initiative and stated that he got directive from appropriate quarter.

After hearing both sides, their lordship ordered that hearing of both appeals will be done together, the press release added.

Nurullah resigns as Attorney-Gen

By Staff Correspondent

A new Attorney General is likely to be named by the President shortly following the resignation of Nurullah from the post.

Nurullah, in a letter to the President on Thursday last, mentioned 'personal grounds' as reason for his resignation.

According to a source in the Law Ministry, the appointment of the Attorney General is likely to be made after the return of the Law Advisor from abroad. Barrister Ishtiaq Ahmed, advisor for Law and Parliamentary Affairs Ministry, is scheduled to return to the capital today.

BA exam: Tk 4000 bribe for late registration?

By Staff Correspondent

A section of unscrupulous employees of different colleges in the city are arranging registrations, in exchange of bribes, for the intending BA examinees who are late in filing their application, investigations have revealed.

Although the last date for filing application for the BA examinations this year expired on February 27, forms and registration are still available from some colleges in exchange of Taka 2,000 to 4,000. The actual fee for the registration is Tk 200. The examinations will be held in November.

Officials at the National University, which approves the

registration and has the responsibility of conducting the examination, however, said that only intending private BA examinees 'probably fall victim to such 'unfair and criminal' acts.

"We have given responsibility to some selected colleges to accept applications from the intending private examinees and to refer those to us along with the prescribed fees. If anybody is involved in such activity, please let us know. We will not spare them," said Vice Chancellor (VC) of the National University, Dr M A Bari.

When asked how such malpractice could be done without

active support from his office, the VC said that he was sure that his office was not involved in any such activity.

"None with such attitude can serve in the National University," the VC asserted.

On an average 50,000 private candidates appear at the BA examinations in the country every year. In the capital, 12 colleges are entrusted with the responsibility of receiving applications and referring those to the registrar of the National University.

The registration process was carried out by the Dhaka University until 1993 when

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আসন্ন সংসদ নির্বাচন, ১৯৯৬

বিশেষ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

সংবিধানের ১২৩ অনুচ্ছেদের (৩) দফা অনুসারে সংসদ ভেঙ্গে দেওয়ার পরবর্তী ৯০ দিনের মধ্যে সংসদ সদস্যদের সাধারণ নির্বাচন সম্পন্ন করতে হবে। এ প্রেক্ষিতে ভোটার তালিকা বিধিমালা ১৯৮২-এর ২০ বিধি অনুযায়ী ভোটার তালিকায় নাম অন্তর্ভুক্তি, সংশোধন ও কর্তনের কাজ অব্যাহত রয়েছে। আসন্ন সংসদ নির্বাচন সুষ্ঠুভাবে পরিচালনার লক্ষ্যে নাম অন্তর্ভুক্তি, সংশোধন ও কর্তনের কাজ চলছে।

ভোটার বা ভোটার হওয়ার যোগ্য সংশ্লিষ্ট ব্যক্তিগণ ইতোমধ্যে ভোটার তালিকায় অন্তর্ভুক্ত না হয়ে থাকলে নির্ধারিত ফরমে আবেদনের ভিত্তিতে ভোটার তালিকায় নাম অন্তর্ভুক্তি ও সংশোধন বা কর্তনের জন্য নিজ নিজ এলাকার জেলা নির্বাচন অফিসার ও রেজিস্ট্রেশন অফিসার বা থানায় অবস্থিত সহকারী রেজিস্ট্রেশন অফিসারের নিকট অবিলম্বে আবেদন করার জন্য অনুরোধ করা যাচ্ছে।

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ঢাকা সিটি কর্পোরেশন

নগর ভবন, ঢাকা

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জাতীয় টিকা দিবস, ১৬ এপ্রিল ও ১৬ মে '৯৬

প্রিয় নগরবাসী,

আসসালামু আলাইকুম।

আপনারা জানেন যে, পোলিও একটি মারাত্মক সংক্রামক ব্যাধি। প্রতি বৎসর হাজার হাজার শিশু এ রোগে আক্রান্ত হয়ে পঙ্গু হয়ে যায়।

এই মারাত্মক ব্যাধির কারণে শিশুদের পঙ্গুত্বের অভিশাপ থেকে বাঁচতে ৫(পাঁচ) বৎসরের কম বয়সী সকল শিশুকে আগামী ১৬ এপ্রিল এবং ১৬ মে '৯৬ জাতীয় টিকা দিবসে 'পোলিও টিকা' বাওয়ানোর উদ্যোগ গ্রহণ করা হয়েছে।

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