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Europe Day celebrated

By Staff Correspondent
 Ambassador Michael Drury, Head of the European Commission held a Vin d'Honneur to celebrate Europe Day at the Sheraton Hotel yesterday afternoon. Heads of different missions, officials of the Foreign Ministry, and distinguished guests were present on the occasion.

Thai envoy hosts reception

By Staff Correspondent
 The Ambassador of Thailand in Bangladesh, Sunthorn Vidhyameth, hosted a reception on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of King Bhumibol Adulyadej's accession to the throne of Thailand at the Hotel Sonargaon in the city yesterday. Traditional Thai dances and songs were performed by Thai artists at the function, which was attended by diplomats, high government officials and elite of the city.

SAARC countries' envoys meet Khaleda

The ambassadors and high commissioners of SAARC member countries yesterday called on BNP chairperson and former prime minister Begum Khaleda Zia at her residence. Begum Zia exchanged with them pleasantries and discussed some of the SAARC related matters, reports BSS.

Armed Forces will be deployed during polls

Armed Forces will be deployed in aid of the civil administration to maintain law and order in next month's parliamentary election, reports UNB.

This was decided at a high-level meeting to review the law and order situation, held yesterday at the International Conference Centre here with Chief Adviser Muhammad Habibur Rahman in the chair.

The Chief Adviser told the meeting that the Armed Forces would stand by the side of their civilian brethren, as they do to protect the independence of the motherland, for holding the election in a peaceful atmosphere.

The very presence of the Armed Forces will create healthy and relieve atmosphere," he said and asked the civil and military officials to work out their strategies for the next election through mutual discussions.

The meeting discussed the law and order aspects of the coming election and the pattern of deployment of the Armed Forces and law enforcing agencies as well as other necessary measures for holding a free and fair election.

Progress in recovery of illegal arms and arrest of arms holders also came up for discussion. The Chief Adviser asked the authorities concerned to intensify their drive to make the country arms-free ahead of the election.

He said the Home Ministry would take adequate measures in light of the needs of the Election Commission so that the law and order situation remain under full control on the election day and the elections are held in a free, fair and neutral manner.

Referring to a "visible improvement" in the law and order situation in 40 days of the caretaker government, Rahman thanked all concerned for their cooperation in achieving this arduous task.

"We will continue our all-out efforts to hold the election maintaining the law and order," the Chief Adviser said.

Rahman said law enforcing agencies should take steps as per guidelines to keep the law and order situation under full control for accomplishing the task bestowed on the caretaker government.

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Jatiya Party leader Barrister Abul Hasnat joined the BNP in presence of party chief Begum Khaleda Zia at the BNP central office (L) and Maj Gen (retd) Abdus Salam joined the Awami League at the residence of party chief Sheikh Hasina (R) yesterday.

BNP, AL, JP lists of nominees today

By Staff Correspondent

The three major parties — Awami League, BNP and Jatiya Party — will announce their lists of party nominees for the June 12 parliamentary elections today, sources in the parties said.

The Awami League, which finalized the list of its candidates for all 300 parliamentary seats last night, is scheduled to announce the names of the party nominees at 10 this morning from its central office at Bangabandhu Avenue, said AL Joint Secretary Abdul Jalil.

The 11-member Awami League Parliamentary Board (ALPB) headed by party chief Sheikh Hasina finalized the list of party candidates at 9:15 last night. The ALPB sat for the fourth consecutive day yesterday at 4 pm to finalize the party's selection of candidates for the June 12 elections.

The Bangladesh Nationalist Party would announce the names of party nominees at 7 pm today from its election office at Kakrail. BNP Secretary General Barrister Abdus Salam Talukder told newsmen last night.

The BNP was scheduled to announce the party's nominations yesterday but could not

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BAF jet crashes in Gazipur: Pilot killed

By Staff Correspondent

A Flight Lieutenant of the Bangladesh Air Force was killed when a BAF jet aircraft crashed near Kaliganj under Gazipur district late Wednesday.

The deceased pilot, Syed Masud Hossain, was on a routine training mission at the time of flying, said ISPR. His namaz-e-janaza was held at the Dhaka Cantonment yesterday.

The BAF aircraft was missing after it took off at around 9:51 pm and was supposed to land at 10:30 pm Wednesday. The Dhaka Metropolitan Police, on hearing the information, instructed the adjoining Gazipur and Narayanganj district police to carry a search and rescue operation, official sources said.

Later, the Gazipur police alongwith Air Force officials recovered the body of the deceased early yesterday morning, police sources said.

Meanwhile, relatives of the pilot are waiting for the body.

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JP manifesto says Feb 15 polls will be cancelled, if elected

By Staff Correspondent

The Jatiya Party, if elected, would amend the Constitution in the next parliament to cancel the February 15 polls and to repeal the 13th amendment.

The pledge was made in the party's 32-page election manifesto announced yesterday at a press conference at its Banani office.

The JP would also set up an inquiry committee to probe alleged irregularities during the rule of the immediate past BNP government.

The JP manifesto said, The farcical February 15 polls were rejected by the people. Therefore the 6th Parliament was illegal and the 13th amendment to the constitution is also illegal.

The JP would thus cancel the February 15 polls, repeal the 13th amendment and go for fresh arrangements for holding of polls under caretaker government.

The 13th amendment to the Constitution, allowing for holding general elections under a caretaker government, was passed by the sixth Parliament.

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C'wealth pre-polls observation team due today

By Staff Correspondent

A three-member Commonwealth pre-polls observation team is due to arrive in Dhaka tonight.

The team led by Prof. Reg Austin, director of Constitutional Affairs Division, Commonwealth secretariat will include Mrs. Missouri, Sherman-Peter assistant, Political Affairs Division and Christopher Child, chief programme officer of the Commonwealth Secretariat.

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Rao quits today

NEW DELHI, May 9: Indian Prime Minister P V Narasimha Rao will resign tomorrow after meeting his cabinet in the wake of massive electoral losses for his Congress (I) party, state-run television said, reports AFP.

The 74-year-old Rao decided to quit after President Shankar Dayal Sharma asked him to resign in line with a high 'democratic traditions,' the television and domestic news agencies reported.

Rao called a meeting of his cabinet tomorrow and will resign thereafter, the television said.

The premier, who is also president of the ruling Congress (I) party, called on Sharma at the Presidential Palace and apprised him of the results of the staggered general elections.

Rao drove to the meeting after talks with his party and cabinet colleagues on the elections set to produce India's third successive hung parliament since 1989.

Vote-counting trends show the Congress set to win about 140 seats in the 545-member Lok Sabha, lower house of parliament, behind the Hindu-nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

Meanwhile, BJP, sensing major electoral gains, said to

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EC bans vehicles, torch processions

The Election Commission has banned vote campaign through vehicle and torch processions for any candidates in the forthcoming parliamentary poll, reports UNB.

An EC press release yesterday clarified that "vehicle" connotes all modes of vehicular transport, be it mechanised or non-mechanised.

The press release cited sub-clause 15 under the clause "Election Campaign" of the electoral code of conduct which barred all types of vehicle processions, including bus and truck processions, and torch procession in electioneering.

EC in a fix over fresh promulgation of ordn

The Election Commission (EC) is in a fix over fresh promulgation of an ordinance which would give the local government representatives various responsibilities during the coming parliamentary polls, EC sources said.

The Union Parishad and Poursabha Special Responsibilities Ordinance, if promulgated again, would also make the representatives accountable to the government and the government could dissolve the parishads and pourashabs in case of their failure to perform the duties, they said.

The Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development (LGRD) is not in favour of the EC move to seek fresh promulgation of the ordinance on the grounds that the next union parishad elections in the country would be held in January 1997, the sources noted.

This would make the existing parishads automatically dissolved. Therefore, not only the lawful threat of dissolution of the parishads would stand 'weak' but also the time needed to take action regarding any irregularity may be more than the time left in hand, an EC source quoted.

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Hasnat joins BNP

Khaleda calls for unity of nationalist forces

By Staff Correspondent

BNP chairperson Khaleda Zia said yesterday that the nationalist forces, especially her party, would have to win the coming general election for the sake of protecting democracy, independence and sovereignty of the country.

Addressing partymen at BNP's Kakrail election office in the city yesterday evening on the occasion of Barrister Abul Hasnat's joining her party, Khaleda Zia said the leaders of other parties were gathering under the flag of BNP following her call for unity of all nationalist forces.

"Joining of such leaders will strengthen the BNP, help resolve the problems of the people and bring about smiles on their faces", she told the cheering crowd.

The BNP chief also reiterated her call to all the nationalist forces to rally round the BNP.

Welcoming Hasnat back to her party, Khaleda Zia said,

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Gen Salam, 4 others join AL

By Staff Correspondent

A number of retired army personnel, former government officers including a secretary and political leaders joined the Awami League yesterday. They said imbued they joined the party being with the ideals of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and inspired by the leadership of Sheikh Hasina.

They are — Major General (retd), Abdus Salam, Lt.

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Acting chairman of the Jatiya Party Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury, flanked by senior party leaders, announcing the party manifesto for the coming parliament elections at the party's Banani office in the city yesterday.

3-party alliance in certain areas against BNP likely

By Mizan Ali

Although the Awami League, Jatiya Party and Jamaat-e-Islami are separately fielding candidates in all the 300 constituencies in the coming parliamentary elections, they might go for last-minute electoral alliance in certain areas to beat their common opponent—the BNP, well placed sources in these parties hinted.

The three parties would watch the campaign of the most prospective ones among their nominees and might back them unitedly against BNP candidates in certain areas, the sources added.

The Awami League (AL), Jatiya Party (JP) and Jamaat-e-Islami unitedly agitated for caretaker government for holding general elections.

The BNP, AL, JP and Jamaat have already announced they would field candidates for all the 300 parliamentary seats.

Meanwhile, JP has taken a move for electoral alliance with some smaller parties and groups.

During the general elections in 1991, when the country first witnessed polls under a non-party government, BNP had fielded candidates for all the 300 seats. It would do the same this time also, according to party sources.

The AL had then fielded candidates in 264 constituencies and shared its election symbol boat with the component parties of the eight-party alliance in 36 constituencies.

The then Baksal had fought in 13 constituencies with AL election symbol boat, Communist Party of Bangladesh in eight and other parties in 15 constituencies, according to the Centre for Analysis and Choice (CAC), a local think-tank.

JP contested in 272 constituencies while Jamaat fielded candidates for 221 seats. The parties, however, did not go for any formal electoral alliance in that elections.

BNP won 140 seats while

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Sonargaon Hotel GM transferred, 4 officials resign

By Staff Correspondent

The General Manager of Sonargaon Pan Pacific Hotel, Yoji Hamano, was transferred to Singapore while four other top officials of the hotel resigned on Wednesday in connection with the January 30 violent incidents in the hotel, according to official sources.

Those who resigned included Assistant General Manager Shahid Hamid, Finance Controller Sadiq Ahsan, Director (Food and Beverage) Ekramul Haq and Room Service Division Manager Ali Eskander Ahmed.

According to the sources, the hotel officials were asked to resign by a visiting four member delegation of the

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Man allegedly beaten up at ZIA, dies

A young man was allegedly assaulted after an altercation with a female staff at the Zia International Airport yesterday morning, reports UNB.

Hospital sources said Siraj Mian, 35, was beaten up by the airport staff when he had tussle with the woman on return home from London by a KLM flight at 5:45 am.

He was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital with fatal injuries, where he expired.

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ঢাকা হকার্স সমিতিদ্বয়ের মিথ্যা প্রতিবাদ প্রসঙ্গে দৈনিক জনকণ্ঠের লিগ্যাল নোটিস

কর্তৃপক্ষের অনুরোধক্রমে মোঃ ইসহাক, সভাপতি, সংবাদপত্র হকার্স কল্যাণ বহুমুখী সমবায় সমিতি লিঃ (নেতৃন সমিতি), ১৬৭, ইডেন কমপ্লেক্স, মতিঝিল, ঢাকা এবং মোঃ আবু সিদ্দিক, সভাপতি, ঢাকা সংবাদপত্র হকার্স বহুমুখী সমবায় সমিতি লিঃ (পুরাতন সমিতি), ১০, রাজউক এডিনিউ, মতিঝিল, ঢাকা উভয়কে জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, আগস্টের কর্তৃত্ব ৯-৫-৯৬ইং তারিখে দৈনিক ইনকিলাবের প্রথম পৃষ্ঠায় প্রদত্ত বিজ্ঞপ্তি দৈনিক জনকণ্ঠের সম্বন্ধিত পাঠক/পাঠিকা বিশেষ করে ঢাকা শহরের নিম্নোক্ত হকার্সদেরকে বিব্রান্ত ও ভীতি প্রদর্শন করার নিমিত্তে প্রকাশ করা হয়েছে।

ঢাকা সংবাদপত্র হকার্স বহুমুখী সমবায় সমিতি লিঃ, ১০, রাজউক এডিনিউ, ঢাকা-এর সাথে সম্পাদিত হুজি অনুযায়ী পত্রিকা সরবরাহের পরদিন সম্পূর্ণ বিল পরিশোধ করার শর্ত থাকা সত্ত্বেও গত নবেম্বর '৯৫-এর মাধ্যমেই থেকে ক্রমাগতভাবে নিয়ম তর করে গত ২৪-৪-৯৬ইং তারিখ থেকে ৭-৫-৯৬ইং তারিখ পর্যন্ত জনকণ্ঠের মোট বকেয়া পাওনা ১৮,৯৫,১২০.৯০ (আঠারো লক্ষ পঁচাত্তর হাজার একশত বিশ টাকা নব্বই পয়সা) টাকা রয়েছে। উক্ত পাওনা টাকা পরিশোধের লক্ষ্যে বহুবার মৌখিকভাবে বলা পরও গত ৩-৫-৯৬ইং, ৫-৫-৯৬ইং এবং ৭-৫-৯৬ইং তারিখে লিখিতভাবে দু'ডফর পর প্রদান করা হয়। তাতেও তারা বকেয়া পরিশোধ না করার দৈনিক জনকণ্ঠ পত্রিকা সরবরাহ বন্ধ রাখতে বাধ্য হয়। অন্ততপক্ষে জনকণ্ঠ সংবাদপত্র হকার্স কল্যাণ বহুমুখী সমবায় সমিতি'র নিকট ৩,৫৭,২১৮.৭৫ (তিন লক্ষ সাতাত্তর হাজার দুইশত আঠারো টাকা পঁচাত্তর পয়সা) টাকা বকেয়া থাকা সত্ত্বেও জনকণ্ঠ তাদের সরবরাহ বন্ধ করেনি। কিন্তু উক্ত সমিতি উপরোক্ত সমিতির সঙ্গে যোগসাজশে চক্রান্ত করে জনকণ্ঠ সরবরাহ নিতে বিরত থাকে। উক্ত বিষয়ে গত ৯-৫-৯৬ইং তারিখে জনকণ্ঠের পক্ষ থেকে ২ জন কর্মকর্তা তাদের সরবরাহ গ্রহণ না করার কারণ জানতে গেলে ঢাকা সংবাদপত্র হকার্স কল্যাণ বহুমুখী সমিতির অফিসের লোকজন উক্ত কর্মকর্তাদের পার্শ্বিকভাবে মারজামান করে। এ ব্যাপারে সংশ্লিষ্ট থানায় এজাহার করা হয়।

প্রকৃতপক্ষে জনকণ্ঠের পাওনা টাকা আদায় করার জন্যেই দৈনিক ইনকিলাবে ৯-৫-৯৬ইং তারিখে তথাকথিত প্রতিবাদ বিজ্ঞপ্তি মিথ্যা, বাতেনাট, উদ্দেশ্যবোধপূর্ণিত মানহানিকার এবং জনকণ্ঠকে আর্থিকভাবে ক্ষতিগ্রস্ত করার জন্য প্রকাশিত হয়েছে।

অতএব, এই বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রকাশের ৭ (সাত) দিনের মধ্যে একইভাবে একই স্থানে পার্শ্বহীন তুল দীকার ও ক্ষমা প্রার্থনা করে দৈনিক ইনকিলাব পত্রিকায় বিজ্ঞপ্তি প্রকাশ না করলে জনকণ্ঠ কর্তৃপক্ষ আপনাদের বিরুদ্ধে আইনদায় বাবদ গ্রহণ করতে বাধ্য হবেন।

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অতএব, উপরোক্ত উপায়ে অস্থায়ীভাবে দৈনিক জনকণ্ঠ পাঠক ও গ্রাহকদের নিকট সরবরাহ নিশ্চিত করার জন্য সকল মহলের বিশেষ সহযোগিতা কামনা করা হচ্ছে।