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BNP chairperson and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Begum Khaleda Zia at the photo exhibition marking the death anniversary of president Ziaur Rahman organised by JASAS at the Shilpakala Academy in the city yesterday.

EC provided Tk 100cr to jute, tea sectors

Bangladesh has so far received about Tk 100 crore from the European Community for the jute and tea sectors under the community's programme for providing compensation for export (CompeX) earning reduction, reports BSS.

Briefing newsmen at a city hotel, the local European Commission (EC) delegation officials said Bangladesh was one of the few Asian and Latin American countries to receive such aid from the community for improving its export performance in potential goods.

The major project which was financed from the CompeX was an appraisal of the jute sector. The appraisal enabled International Development Agency (IDA) to extend to Bangladesh 200 million US dollars in the jute sector as adjustment credit.

In the tea sector, the CompeX-funded projects initially complemented the actions undertaken in "tea rehabilitation project" by the Community and United Kingdom.

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Bangladesh sets up internet home page

Bangladesh has stepped into the information superhighway by launching a web page on the internet earlier this month, reports UNB.

The permanent Mission of Bangladesh to the United Nations here has posted its home page, becoming Bangladesh government's first office to put up its presence on the internet, said a message received here yesterday.

Bangladesh's presence on the web will make information instantly accessible to more than 50 million internet users around the world. It will be helpful in projecting Bangladesh to a much larger audience worldwide, the message added.

The web site is designed to give an overview of Bangladesh's activity at the UN in the context of its national policies and priorities," said Ambassador Anwarul Karim Chowdhury in a message to the internet users.

The Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the UN further mentioned that Bangladesh had been a key player at the world body since it became a full member of the UN in September 1974.

The contents of the web site cover a media area of subjects of interest to the global community including the policy statements made at the last session of the UN General Assembly by the Prime Minister, Foreign Minister and others.

The web site is constructed and wholly maintained by the Bangladesh mission itself. The uniform resource locator (URL) of the site is [HTTP://WWW.UNDP.ORG/MISSIONS/BANGLADESH](http://WWW.UNDP.ORG/MISSIONS/BANGLADESH).

The delegation members, led by refugee leader Ranjit Narayan Tripura, include 11 refugee representatives and three officials — District Magistrate of South Tripura and Sub-Divisional Officers of Sabroom and Amarpur Sub-divisions.

After entering the Bangladesh territory through Ramgar thanaghat, crossing the river Feni, the delegation visited Sonaiasha, Buddhopara, Jalapara, Tabalchhari and Matiranga area to observe the Chakma refugee rehabilitation process.

The Indian team members talked to the Chakma returnees, enquired about their well-being and expressed satisfaction over the measures undertaken by the government to rehabilitate the refugees. Local officials were present.

Later in the evening at Ramgar Rest House, Deputy Commissioner of Khagrachhari Mohammad Ismail briefed the visiting Indian delegation on the entire process of tribal refugee rehabilitation.

Chairman of the task force on refugee Kalpanaraj Chakma MP, Chittagong Divisional Commissioner Sakawat Hossain Khan, Awami League leader Ataur Rahman Khan, Kaiser and Khagrachhari Local Government Council Chairman Samiran Dewan were present.

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GOPALGANJ, May 29: Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will pay a two-day visit to Tungipara from tomorrow. She will arrive at Tungipara tomorrow at 12:30 pm by helicopter. The Prime Minister and the newly elected executive committee members of Bangladesh Awami League will offer *fateha* and place wreaths at the major of the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Later, Sheikh Hasina will attend a *milad mahfil* at Bangabandhu's *majar* premises.

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Ruling party leading in Indonesian polls

JAKARTA, May 29: Early figures indicated the ruling party Golkar was on its way to an easy victory in a tightly controlled election held today after a violent monthlong campaign and deadly rebel attacks in the troubled territory of East Timor, reports AP.

Golkar had won 2,359,200 votes out of a total of 2,566,743 counted, about 3 per cent of the total possible vote of 124 million, said interior Minister Yogie Mement, the election's chief organiser.

The Muslim orientated United Development Party won 160,083 votes and the Indonesian Democratic Party 47,460.

The three parties are the only groups allowed by the government of President Suharto to contest the election for the largely ceremonial parliament.

Real power in Indonesia is vested in the president and his Cabinet.

Analysts said that even though only a small fraction of the vote had been counted, it was clear that Golkar's win would be overwhelming.

The final, official result is not expected until mid-June.

The announcement of Golkar's victory was marred by reports that between 14 and 22 people were killed in four separate rebel attacks on military installations and polling booths in the disputed territory of East Timor on Wednesday.

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by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina during her bilateral meetings with the Prime Ministers of India and Pakistan in the Maldives and both I G Jural and Nawaz Sharif responded positively.

The initiative is focussed entirely on promotion of trade and economic cooperation in South Asia and should not be misconstrued as Bangladesh's seeking to play any role in the bilateral relations between India and Pakistan, said the spokesman.

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for 30 projects suggested by the NWADS at the donors meeting in Dhaka in November this year.

The donors meeting (popularly known as Paris Consortium meeting) will take place in Dhaka this year for ascertaining Bangladesh's aid needs for fiscal 1997-98.

Urging for private entrepreneurs' participation in the development process, Cookson said Bangladesh needs some "corrections" in its present economic policy.

"Loss-incurring sugar mills should no longer be subsidised by the government," he said and added that the mills should be privatised.

Cookson, also a leader of the American Chamber of Commerce in Bangladesh, felt that India should minimise its tariff and non-tariff barriers to its neighbouring countries for reducing their trade imbalance with it.

Kaiser said the government had plans to include "worthwhile" projects in the Fifth Five Year Plan.

NWADS projects include construction of air ports, setting up of export processing zones, export oriented fruits and vegetable processing plants, North West Development Finance Corporation, development of tourism in the region and reconstruction of the Rajshahi Krishi Unnayan Bank.

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offices with the adoption of the two-day weekly holiday.

Expenditures on account of electricity, fuel, telephone and water will come down as a result of the two-day weekly closure.

With two-weekly closed days, transportation of mechanised vehicles will be reduced. It will save public expenditures.

The handout said this process will also check the environmental pollution and gradually increase the process of improvement for a pollution-free environment.

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In the administrative cadre, 56 were appointed on the basis of merit and 69 posts were reserved for appointment on the basis of district quota. The last position to qualify for the administrative posts on the basis of merit was 120th while that in the district quota was 3066th.

The PSC has also suggested introducing merit quota for appointments in the non-gazetted posts.

At present no appointments in non-gazetted posts are made on the basis of merit. Ten per cent of the vacancies are filled by the inmates of government and non-government orphanages and the disabled people. Ten per cent of the posts are distributed on regional basis. The rest are filled on the basis of quota for freedom fighters, women, tribals and Ansar and VDP, the PSC said.