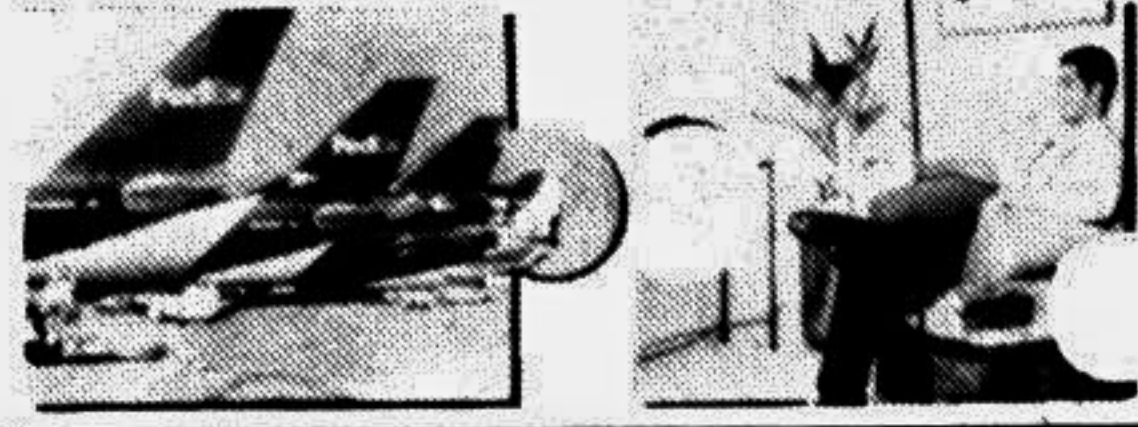
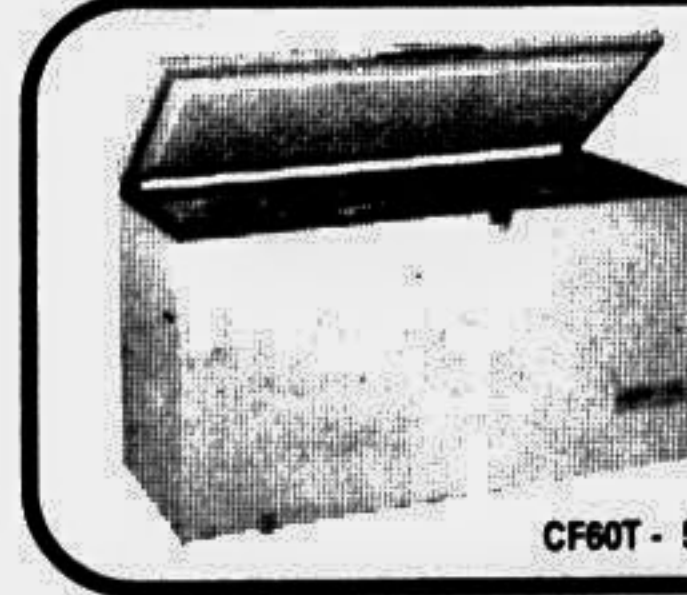


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Hasina tells partymen Remain prepared for highest sacrifice

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday called upon her partymen to remain prepared for making highest sacrifices as they did in the past for the development of the country and ameliorating the sufferings of the common people, reports BSS.

Addressing Natore district and different thana level leaders of Awami League and its front organisations at her Ganabhaban official residence, the Prime Minister said since formation of the government efforts are being made to change the fate of the people and develop the country.

The Prime Minister, earlier, heard with patience the opinion of the district and thana level leaders and thanked them for making sacrifices to establish the rights of the people.

The Prime Minister said because of the installation of the pro-people government the people could exercise their right of franchise freely and in fair SAARC information ministers call on PM

Leaders of delegations, attending SAARC Information Ministers Meeting, made a courtesy call on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at her office in the city yesterday, reports BSS.

9 Rangpur Motor Sramik Union leaders held with arms

RANGPUR, Apr 25: Nine leaders of the Rangpur Motor Sramik Union including its secretary Abul Kalam Azad and Truck and Tank-lorry Union secretary Rahmat Ali Sukra were arrested last night at Mahendra Nagar on charge of possessing arms.

The arrested leaders of motor sramik union belong to ruling Awami League.

Election to graduates' seats of JU Senate today

By JU Correspondent

Election of the registered graduates' representatives to the Jahangirnagar University Senate will be held today.

Party general secretary Zillur Rahman and central office secretary Advocate Abdul Mannan Khan were present on the occasion.

Jayalalitha calmed down by Vajpayee's envoy

NEW DELHI, Apr 25: A trusted envoy of Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, sent to southern India to talk to an angry ally who could topple the government, appeared to have soothed her. AP quoting domestic news agencies reported.

The envoy, senior Bharatiya Janata Party leader Jagan Singh, met with Jayaram Jayalalitha for two and a half hours today in Madras, 1,750 kilometres south of New Delhi, the United News of India reported.

Friday, BJP vice president Krishan Lal Sharma appealed to parties to resolve their difference in private.

Talking to reporters after the meeting, Singh said Jayalalitha had not raised the issue of the dismissal of the two ministers. She had also agreed to attend a meeting of coalition partners in New Delhi, an indication that she had calmed down for now. UNI said.

Singh made a similar trip last month when Jayalalitha threatened to topple Vajpayee's government even before he could take the oath of office.

After general elections in February and March, Vajpayee's Bharatiya Janata Party emerged as the largest party in Parliament, but without the majority needed to rule without allies.

Apr 21 hunger strike Permission for shifting 89 from Ctg jail sought

CHITTAGONG, Apr 25: The district administration has sought permission of IG, Police for immediate shifting of some 89 detainees from the Chittagong jail.

They were marked for involvement in creating troubles inside the jail, especially during hunger strike on April 21, informed sources told UNB today.

The Deputy Commissioner K M Habibullah has suggested transfer of 89 inmates of the jail on emergency basis.

Meanwhile, a three-member committee with Additional District Magistrate Delwar Hossain as its head was set up to probe the grievances of the prisoners, including supply of unwholesome food. The committee began its task today.

The prisoners went on a hunger strike April 21, but withdrew the strike the following day on assurance of redressing the grievances.

According to K M Habibullah set up the committee on April 23 to probe the grievances of the jail inmates.

Don't take wrong decision in future polls: Khaleda

KISHOREGANJ, Apr 25: BNP chairperson and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Begum Khaleda Zia has called upon the people not to take a 'wrong decision' in future elections as the government has failed to run the country on all accounts, reports UNB.

"The present government is not at all concerned about people's sufferings, they are busy making their own fortune... Country's development is being retarded during the Awami regime," she said.

Begum Zia was addressing a big public meeting at Shaheed Alauddin High School playground at Pakundia thana of the district after visiting some tornado-ravaged areas.

The opposition leader distributed relief materials among the tornado victims in four places of the thana. She also visited the house of Zahur Ali, who was killed in the April 21 tornado that swept over six unions of Pakundia.

She told the public meeting that the Awami League, which came to power requesting the people to give it one more chance to serve them has utterly failed to fulfill its election pledges.

The BNP chief alleged that Awami League is not a true friend of the people as they cannot stand beside them at the time of their misery and crisis.

Giving a grim picture of the 22-month rule of Awami League, she said, it could not ensure people's right to food, common people are virtually starving amid price spiral, mills and factories are being closed one after another, students' studies are being hampered due to frequent power failure.

She said farmers are not getting fair price of their products while workers are jobless due to closure of mills and factories. People have become frustrated with the misuse of the government.

The Speaker is reluctant to give floor to the BNP lawmakers to speak for the people.

Turning to the CHT accord, Begum Zia urged the people to prepare for a movement if it is implemented.

She also called upon all nationalist forces to build up a united movement to oust the 'anti-people' government.

Presided over by Pakundia thana BNP convenor Mohammed Idris Ali, the meeting was also addressed by Maj (Retd) Akhteruzzaman, MP, Habibul Islam Bhuiyan, Bazul Karim, Alamgir Shahjahan Reza, Advocate Fazelul Kabir and Jalaluddin Ahmed.

Earlier, Begum Zia visited the affected areas of Pakundia, Gurudia, Hushindhi, Charfaradi, Egaroshiddu and Pakuabhangra.

QULKHWANI

The Qulkhwani of Shazneen Tasnim Rahman, youngest daughter of Mr & Mrs Latifur Rahman, will be held today, 26th April, 1998 after Asr prayers at House No. NE(J)4, Road No. 83, Gulshan-2.

2 maids accuse Shahid

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Shahidul, for the murder, police said.

Youngest daughter of Transcom Ltd's Chairman Latifur Rahman, Shazneen, 15, was brutally stabbed to death allegedly after being sexually abused in her bedroom at about 10.15 pm.

The Dhaka Metropolitan Police yesterday released a photograph of the wanted man, Shahidul Islam alias Shahid, 22.

Obesity greatly increases risk of asthma

CHICAGO, Apr 25: Harvard researchers say a study of thousands of nurses has provided the first strong evidence that obesity greatly increases the risk of developing asthma, reports AP.

4 killed in Feni road accident

FENI, Apr 25: At least four people were killed and 30 injured when two night coaches collided at Devipur on the Dhaka-Chittagong highway early today, reports UNB.

Three of the dead were identified as Masud, 25, of Comilla, Masud, 32, of Faridpur and Siddiqur Rahman, 33, driver of one of the coaches.

Police said the Chittagong-bound coach from Dhaka slammed another coach coming from the opposite direction at about 5 am leaving one person dead on the spot.

The three others succumbed to their injuries at Feni hospital.

Work on 132-KV Bara Awlia-Comilla power distribution line going on

The Power Development Board (PDB) is implementing on an emergency basis the work of 132 KV power distribution line from Bara Awlia in Chittagong to Comilla to supply more power to the national grid, reports UNB.

Girl abducted on way to exam centre

JAMALPUR, Apr 25: An SSC examinee was kidnapped on her way to the examination centre in Melandah thana this morning, reports UNB.

Police said Parvin, 16, daughter of Abdus Samad of Teghria village was kidnapped allegedly by one Shahin of Chakla Charapur village in the same thana in front of Thana Health Complex at 9:30 am.

A case was filed with Melandah police.

Kashmir issue expunged from proceedings

State Minister for Information Prof. Abu Sayeed, while presiding over the working session of the first ever SAARC Information Ministers' Conference in Dhaka yesterday had settled an issue instantly.

Shazneen's Qul

All relatives, friends and well-wishers have been requested to attend the Qulkhwani and pray for the departed soul.

Gas pipeline

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