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directive from the prime minister is to ensure justice, we have to understand that the current system is not working."
SH KENDRA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHEEPA HAFIZA



"Let's listen to what the voters said in the elections and put our differences aside for a moment. Let's do a deal."
THERESA MAY URGES JEREMY CORBYN ON BREXIT



... in Chandpur's Rajrajeshwar union in the sadar upazila yesterday. When Cyclone Fani generated over 100 houses in the area and damaged many more. Around 14 people also died in the country during the cyclonic storm.

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BNP's decision not to join JS was wrong
Says Fakhru

UNB, Dhaka

BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir yesterday said the party's previous decision of not joining parliament soon after the December 30 election was wrong. "We should keep it in mind that nothing can be achieved by chanting cheap slogans. Our acting chairman [Tarique Rahman] has made the right decision as we have to fight both in and outside parliament," he said. Fakhru was addressing a discussion, organised by Sammilito Chhatra Forum at the Jatiya Press Club, marking the 4th death anniversary of BNP leader Nasiruddin Ahmed Pintu. The BNP secretary general said, "I don't

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Owners' greed key reason for road crashes

Say workers, defend drivers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Road Transport Workers' Federation yesterday cited an unhealthy competition among transport owners for profit as a major reason behind road accidents. Terming road transport the "most neglected" sector in the country, the federation said blaming only drivers for road accidents would not solve this problem. It also came up with a 16-point proposal, including state initiative to establish driving schools to produce skilled drivers and instructors, aiming at curbing crashes. The federation, an umbrella organisation for at least 235 transport worker unions across the country, placed the proposals at a view-exchange meeting it organised at the Jatiya Press Club in Dhaka. The country saw two major student agitations for safe road in the last nine months over death of students in road crashes in the capital. A rise in road accidents is often blamed on errant drivers and owners. In the key note speech, federation General Secretary Osman Ali said transport workers are the most neglected

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GOING CASHLESS

It is still quite unthinkable for most people to leave their homes without at least some cash in hand. However, that exposes oneself to the risks of theft or misplacement. Money lost or stolen is almost impossible to get back. Once it's gone, it's usually gone for good. While keeping cash in hand makes it easier to stick to a budget, depending solely on it means one can end up in dire straits in cases of emergencies that may require more cash than one has on them. But, undesirable scenarios as such can be avoided if one goes cashless i.e. use cards and mobile financial services and, if used wisely, they can simplify one's life and also yield savings. The Daily Star today has a four-page supplement on the virtues of going cashless.

INDIA ELECTIONS 5TH PHASE Seven states go to polls today

Suspected militants shot dead BJP leader in J&K

AGENCIES

Elaborate arrangements have been made for peaceful conduct of fifth phase of Lok Sabha elections today. Fifty one constituencies, spread over seven states, will go to polls in this phase. Voting will take place for 14 seats in Uttar Pradesh; 12 in Rajasthan; seven each in Madhya Pradesh and West Bengal; five in Bihar, four in Jharkhand and two in Jammu and Kashmir. Suspected militants shot dead a local leader of Modi's ruling party in Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday night. The militants opened fire on Gul Mohammad Mir, who belonged to a local unit of the Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), at his house in south Kashmir. Kashmir police called it a "terror crime" and Modi condemned Mir's killing in a Twitter post yesterday, saying "there is no place for such violence in our country." A polling station to be used in today's voting was set ablaze in the nearby Shopian area, reported AFP. In Uttar Pradesh, polling parties were sent to their respective booths under tight security. The constituencies which will go to polls include Lucknow, Raebareilly, Amethi, Banda, Fatehpur, Kaushambhi, Barabanki, Faizabad, Behraich, Kaisarganj, Dhau-rahra, Sitapur, Mohanlalganj and Gonda. There are more than three lakh thirty nine thousand new voters in this phase. The key contestants in the state are senior BJP leader and Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh, Congress

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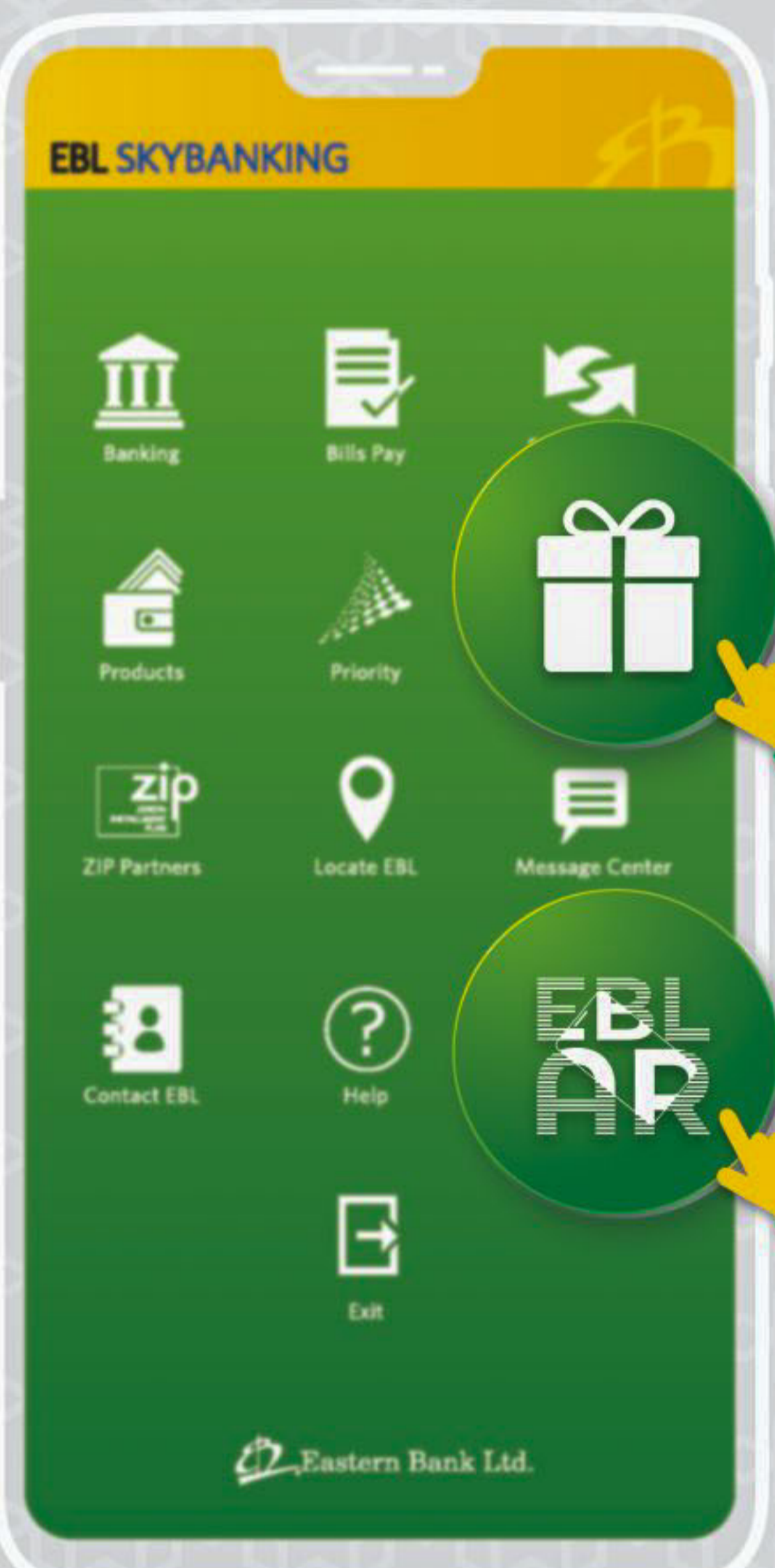
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