Taxes on fertilisers, insecticides to impede agricultural output'

The Jatiya Sangsad resumed its sitting at 4-10 pm Monday with the Speaker. Abdur Rahman Biswas, in the chair, reports BSS.

After tilawat-e-Quran the chair disposed of the notices submitted by the members on privileges and other matters.

Rising on a point of order. **Abu Yusuf Mohammad Khalilur** Rahman (BNP-Joypurhat), said that in the ferry ghat at Nagarbari, the ghat authority did not take care to take his transport to the ferry.

The Speaker drew the attention of the Shipping Minister in this regard.

The Bksal Leader, Abdur Razzak, took the floor and wanted to know from the chair when the discussion on terrorism would be held in the House. He said it was agreed in the House that a discussion would be held on terrorism.

Replying to the member, Deputy Leader of the House Prof AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury urged the chair to fix a date for such discussion and said "will want to discuss the situation."

The chair told the members that it would be included in the order of the day today.

Akhtaruzzaman

Taking the floor Akhtaruzzaman Chowdhury (Al Chittagong) drew the attention of the chair to his notice on a privilege motion which the chair earlier referred to the concerned standing committee of the Sangsad.

Chowdhury wanted to know whether the issue that involved his "honour and dignity' would come before the House during the current ses-

He said a statement made by the Finance Minister in the House earlier had breached his privilege. His honour and dignity as a businessman had been

affected, he added. Chowdhury strongly refuted the contention of the Finance Minister that he had taken a loan of Taka six crore thirty lakh from a bank. He said if it was proved that he had taken such loan he would distribute the same amount (Taka six crore thirty lakh) to all the 330 members in the House.

Replying to the member with humour, the Speaker said the members of Parliament were non-purchasable.

Dabirul Islam

Taking the floor Dabirul Islam (CPB - Dinajpur) brought an allegation against the Superintendent of Police (SP) of Thakurgaon that the police officer had ordered not (not) to arrest a person who allegedly was involved in the murder of a local CPB leader.

Islam said his party colleague was killed the day he was taking oath as a member of Parliament

He said the family members of the deceased had identified the killer but the SP asked his police not to arrest the ac-

The CPB member said he had brought the matter to the notice of the Acting President and also to the Prime Minister who is in charge of the Home Ministry.

The Speaker said the matter was subjudice but it would get due attention of the Home

Fazle Rabbi

Advocate Fazle Rabbi (JP Gaibandha) said the Parliament members faced a good deal of problem in Aricha and Nagarbari ferry ghats as no priority was given to the MPs transports to board the ferry.

The speaker again said that the matter was referred to the Shipping Minister.

Niamatullah Sabu (BNP -Dhaka) said a football final match was being held in the city Monday. If the House was adjourned before 7 pm, the members could witness the game, he added.

Enamul Hug Moving his call attention on urgent public importance. Enamul Huq (Jamaat-Cox's Bazar) said there existed a disparity in the imposition of taxes on the land for shrimp culture in the Chakaria Upazila of Cox's Bazar district.

He said Chakaria had about 20,000 acres of land for shrimp cultivation with the tax per acre of land fixed at a Taka 1,500 in 1986. But after 1986 he said, the Land Ministry allocated 7,000 acres of land for shrimp cultivation with the tax per acre of land fixed at Taka 1500 plus 15 per cent (annual compound rate). He said, this did of disparity was unjustified both legally and on humanitarian consideration.

He called for exemption of the tax for the current year as Chakaria was a cyclone affected area and demanded cancellation of two kinds of tax rates immediately.

Jamiruddin Sircar

In reply to the call attention notice, the State Minister for Land, Barrister Jamiruddin Sircar, said it was not true that two rates of taxes existed for shrimp cultivation lands. He said no tax system was in exis-

tence for shrimp cultivation what was realised from the shrimp cultivators was the 'salamt' and not tax.

He said the rate of salami was raised by 15 per cent in 1988. He said it was not based on the compound rate.

He said reports on damage caused to shrimp cultivation had been received from Noakhali and Bhola districts. He said the government would take its decision after reports the districts of Chittagong and Cox's Bazar were received more.

Mosharraf Hossain

Speaker Abdur Rahman Biswas then asked Mosharraf Hossain (AL-Mymensingh with Netrakona) to resume his unfinished speech on the budget which he was started Sunday

Hossain said the proposed budget was not for the commonman as there had been proposals for the enhancement of taxes which would be burdensome for the poor.

He said taxes on fertilisers and insecticides would impede agricultural production in the country.

He said, the Finance Minister had proposed reduction of tax on white cement while he had increased taxes on tar which is used by the

Hossain also called for fixing the rate of interest for agricultural loan at five per cent. He also criticised the imposition of Value Added Tax which he said had already confused the people.

The Awami League member called upon the government to announce the Pay Commission report for the government employees and new pay scales for the journal-

The Speaker then adjourned the House for the Asr

As the House resumed its sitting after the 25 minute -Asr prayer break, the Speaker gave the floor to Salahuddin Ahmad (BNP-Dhaka) to take part in the discussion on bud-

Following is the remaining

Sunday's JS proceedings -

The House reassembled

after Maghreb prayer at 7.42

pm with the Deputy Speaker

Salahuddin Quader

Mr Salahuddin Quader

Chowdhury (NDP-Chittagong)

wanted to know from the chair

ments to Constitution Bills. He

said their amendments were

not accepted by the Select

The Deputy Speaker told

Mr Chowdhury that their doc-

uments were there and that

they would come up in due

Sengupta took the floor and

said there were seven bills

when they were sent to the

Select Committee, but now

they were placed today in the

form of only two bills. He said

there might be some valid

Constitution. If they at all

reached the committee or

otherwise not considered then

Shajahan Siraj

the floor to Mr Shajahan Siraj

(JSD-Tangail) who also wanted

to know from the chair

whether their amendments

had been considered by the

Deputy Speaker told the House

that the amendments in ques-

tion had been submitted before

the Select Committee tabled

its report in the House. All the

seven Amendment Bills to the

Constitution had now been

placed in the form of two bills.

the House found that any

amendment was necessary

then he could do so as per the

Rules of Procedure and it was

their right. He said the bills

might come up in the House

Monday and if any amendment

was received from the member

Sheikh Selim

then it could be discussed.

He said if any member of

Giving his ruling, the

Select Committee.

The Deputy Speaker gave

what had happened to them

amendments to

At this point, Mr Suranjit

about the fate of their amend

Rising on a point of order.

in the chair.

Committee.

Shamsul Hug

At this stage Md Shamsul Haq (AL-Mymensingh) stood on a point of order and drew the attention of the Speaker. what he said, a deadlock created in the ferry service at Shambhuganj. Mymensingh He said, as freight trucks cannot move, trade and business suffered great inconveniences He also sought to know as to when the bridge on the Brahmaputra at Shambhugani would opened to traffic.

Fazlul Haque

The Speaker told the member that he would convey the matter to the concerned minister. Instantaneously, AKM Faziul Haque (BNP-Mymensingh) rose from his scat and informed the House that August 18 had been fixed as the date for opening the bridge by the Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia.

Salauddin Ahmed

Then the Speaker asked Salahuddin Ahmad to deliver his speech on the budget. Taking the floor, the BNP member at the outset expressed his regards to those who had laid down their lives during the anti-autocratic movement. He said this Sangsad had been tinted by the blood of those martyrs. "So, we must be respectful to this Parliament," he said.

Speaking on the budget. Ahmad said the Finance Minister had offered a balanced, realistic and peopleoriented budget for the nation.

Singling out the VAT system as a new inclusion in the budget, he said that it would have been wise had the new system been imposed in some areas on experimental basis. But, he said, the Finance Minister had introduced it for wider application.

Salahuddin Ahmad said that the Finance Minister had withdrawn the VAT from some areas but, he added, "our VAT objectives would have been successful had it been with

drawn from the small indus-

In this respect, the BNP member asked those who were hatching conspiracy centering VAT system to refrain from that design.

Listing various problems in his constituency, Ahmad said that problems like water logging and inadequate drainage were creating utmost inconveniences in the area inhabited by about 12 lakh people. "The road communication is bad and minimum civic amenities are also absent in my area," he

Besides, the BNP member said some areas of his constituency were still out of the gas and electricity distribution networks. He appealed to the concerned ministers to take due steps on an urgent basis.

Referring to the closure of Dhaka Match Factory under his constituency for about two and a half year, the BNP member said that over 2,200 jobless labourers of that factory and their family members were suffering badly. He appealed to the Industries Minister and the State Minister for Labour and Manpower to take necessary measures for re-opening of the factory so that these labourers could get their job

The BNP member said that the Communications Minister who visited Demra area and saw the miserable condition of communication there had already assured him of taking due steps. He expected the steps would be taken soon.

Speaking about the plan for the construction of a part of the capital's flood protection embankment in his area, the BNP member appealed to the concerned minister to take due step towards that end. He also urged for announcing the DND Project area as a residential area.

Abdur Rouf

Speaking next, Abdur Rouf Miah (AL- Faridpur) paid tributes to Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman as the "Greatest bangalee" of all times

and said the nation would aiways remember him for giving it a distinct identity.

The opposition member was critical of the budget and said the financial document presented by the Finance Minister sought to give an impression as if a dynamic step had been taken to give the much needed buoyancy to economy but reality it carried nothing substantial.

He particularly mentioned the education sector and said no clear direction was given about this vital sector although the highest allocation was made for education.

Incompatibility in the system, violence in the campuses and other factors marred a healthy educational atmosphere, he said and demanded that the recommendations of the Qudrat-e-Khuda Education Commission be implemented in the country.

"Bangabandhu initiated an ideal education system but it could not be implemented as he was killed midway while pushing ahead the system" the Awami League member said.

Rouf Miah referred to the different problems in his constituency and drew the atten tion of the relevant authorities to their solutions.

Zainal Abdin Farook

After he completed his speech, Zainul Abedin Farook (BNP -Noakhalt) drew the attention of the chair to the ongoing important final match between two foreign football teams in Dhaka stadium and requested the chair to adjourn the House to enable the members to watch the game on television.

Speaker Abdur Rahman Biswas in a lighter vein said a more important game was going inside this House and it was desirable that the members played an active role here. However, he said Farook

could certainly take leave from the House and watch the match if he so desired.

Mirza Muraduzzaman Speaking next, Mirza Muraduzzaman (BNP

Any further Amendments to be discussed

important document since it carried the direction for the nation in the vital economic sector.

Stratgant) said that the budget

of any country represented an

He referred to the economic system in the socialist countries and other nonsocialist nations and said it was expected that a country like Bangladesh would follow a system that would benefit it most. The Treasury Bench mem-

ber mentioned the beneficial aspects of the budget but added that the budget could contain a more clear-cut direction in the economic sphere. At this stage, the chair re-

minded the member that he had limitation in his observations about the budget since he belonged to the ruling party. Muraduzzaman said he was praising the budget but con-

structive criticisms could not be undestrable. The Treasury Bench member then referred to the different problems in his area

and demanded that the Sirajganj College be made a university. He mentioned the Jamuna Bridge and said the project

must be completed for the benefit of a large number of people of the country.

Abul Kalam Azad

Abul Kalam Azad (AL-Jamalpur) said the people of this country expected many things from the government which came to power through their votes. But the budget presented by Finance Minister M Satfur Rahman has failed to reflect their aspirations, he added. Azad said the budget pre-

pared at the behest of the World Bank and donor countries would make the country more dependent on foreign aid and keep our posterity overburdened with foreign loan. He was of the view that the introduction of VAT would hinder the process of industrialisation and cripple the small and medium industrial units. Because of VAT the prices

of essentials have started soaring up beyond the purchasing capacity of the people, he said.

He said duty on diesel, fertilizers, spares of agricultural equipment, gas and electricity would raise the cost of production of all essential goods accentuating the hardship of the common man. He made a strong plea on giving increased subsidy on all agricultural inputs in the interest of small and middle class farmers who make up the overwhelming majority of the country's total population. He demanded a still bigger allocation in the education sector to raise the literacy rate.

Suggestion audit arrangement on Tax assessment, he said that this would result in realising Tk 250 crore more in taxes than the amount proposed to be collected through VAT. There would be no need for VAT if audit system on tax assessment was introduced, he

Abul Kalam Azad urged the Finance Minister to review the budget afresh and withdraw tax proposals on those items which the people use in abun-

He regretted that an attempt was being made in some quarters to distort history on the issue of the declaration of the independence of Bangladesh. All should be given due place in history as they deserved without belittling the contribution of any one. In this connection he referred to former President Justice Abu Sadat Mohammed Saycem who in his book wrote that the liberation was launched in the name of Shetkh Muttbur Rahman.

Azad said the liberation of the country was the culmination of the struggles carried forward in phases since 1948 under the leadership of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. The people of this country had embarked on the liberation war at the call of the Bangabandhu, he said. Paying his respect to the

late President Ziaur Rahman as great freedom fighter he said he (Zia) had declared inde-

those who shed their blood for

said the fall of the autocratic

government should have

brought relief for the people

but no such benefit had

reached the people as they

continue to suffer due to the

democratic government must

act in a manner so that people

could distinguish between the

representative rule and the

dictatorial rule. Otherwise, he

cautioned, people very impres-

sion about democracy vis-s-vis

autocracy would not be

favourable.

Rahman said this

high prices of the essentials.

The opposition member

the creation of the country.

pendence at the behest of the Bangabandhu. He called for an

> end to the politics of conspiracy for the establishment of democracy in the country. Referring to the newspapers, he pleaded for uniformity in the advertisement policy of the government. He urged the government not to use advertisement as an instrument of

favouring only those newspapers which write favourably about its activities. Turning to local problems, he urged the concerned minister for the construction of

Jamalpur-Dewangant Jamalpur-Dhanuakamalpur roads. He demanded nationalisation of Dewangant College and supply of electricity to all areas of Dewanganj and

Bakshiganj upazila. He drew the attention of the Flood Control Minister to the havoc caused by the erosion of rivers in Dewanganj. Islampur and Madarganj upazi-

After Begum Khaleda

Rabbant finished her speech the Deputy Speaker, who had taken the chair after the Maghreb prayer, told the House that it was decided on Sunday that a two-hour discussion would be held on the country's law and order situation on Monday . But, he said, since . the Constitutional Amendment Bills would be placed at the House and discussion on the budget would also be held it was not possible to hold discussion on the matter on Monday.

He said two-hours time would not be sufficient even if it was allowed for discussion on Tuesday. He said if the House was ready, a full day could be allocated for the discussion on the matter after the deliberations on Constitutional Amendment Bills and the Budget were completed.

stood up to say that even the House could hold the discussion on the law and order situation on Friday.

The Chief Whip of the Sangsad Khandaker Delwar Hossain submitted to the chair whether it would be proper to select a day Monday for the discussion.

Rashed Khan Menon

Workers' Party member Rashed Khan Menon then stoodup and urged the Speaker to hold the discussion after the Constitutional Amendment Bills were passed by the House.

Abdur Razzak (BAKSAL-Shariatpur) said that the ac cepted the ruling of the chair. He said the discussion on campus violence and deterioration of law and order situation should not be dragged till the passage of the constitution amendment bills and the national budget. The issue should come up for discussion by the House after adopting the constitution amendment bills.

Matiur Rahman Nizami

Mr Mohammad Latifur said the discussion should be held after the passage of the

> Sheikh Selim Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim

on Saturday next. Mohammad Nasim Speaking on the issue, Chief Whip of the Opposition Mohammad Nasim (AL-

cussed.

Bitterly criticising the opponents of the Value Added Tax system.

Abu Abbas (BNP Netrakona) pleaded for involving the local MPs in the imspective areas.

Turning to local problems. he called for developing the communication system of Netrakona district.

Mosharraf Hossain (AL-Mymensingh with Netrakona) then took the floor. In the midst of his speech the chair adjourned the House due to lack of quorum at 10.10 pm till

problems and demanded early construction of the Jamuna Bridge.

He referred to the local

Latifur Rahman

Rahman (Jamaat-Nawabganj) said it was lamentable that dis cussion on the budget was being held when the campuses o the country's educational institution were under the grip of total dislocation and law and order situation deteriorate throughout the country.

Terming the present budget as one that followed the footsteps of the previous ones, the Jamaat member said the Finance Minister had failed to give any direction for future. He said the budget should be prepared keeping in mind the future of the posterity. The Finance Minister, he said. should try to exploit the domestic resources for making the country self-reliant in this connection he said the government should make endeavours for exploiting the coal deposits found in the northern region of the country.

Mosharraf Hossain Mr. Mosharraf Hossain

(BNP-Barisal) termed the budget as a balance one. He thanked the Finance Minister for presenting a budget aimed at building a better future.

He said the BNP government took power with the countries economy totally ruined by the autocratic Ershad regime.

plementation of the development programmes in their re-

4 pm Monday.

the issue. Giving his ruling. Deputy

Mirza Golam Hafiz

constitution (eleventh amendment) bill, 1991, and the constitution (twelfth amendment) bill, 1991, for the immediate consideration of the House. The House accepted the bills for consideration. Incomplete

At this point Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim wanted to know from the chair what would be the fate of his amendment for sending the bills to elicit public opinion.

The Deputy Speaker told the House that every member had his own right in the

Akbar Ali Participating in the discus-

sion on the national budget Akbar Ali (BNP-Sirajganj) thanked the Finance Minister for presenting the nation a realistic budget. He said it was the best of all budget for the last 16 years.

Refuting the opposition criticism, Mr Ali said the budget had provided a sense of direction to improve the lot of the people and revitalise the national economy.

He said the aim of the budget was to build an economy, free from government control and establish market-oriented economy to bring dynamism in the economic scenario of the country. He said the Finance Minister had tried to put the economy on sound footing by eradicating indiscipline cre-

ated during nine years of autocratic rule. Mr Ali said tax structure had been reformed and com-

plexity removed. Referring to indirect tax. Mr Ali said tax rates had been reduced on 30 items of essentials so that people were bene-

Thanking the Finance Minister for presenting development budget which is 22.50 per cent higher than the previous one, the BNP member called for allocating more fund for small and cottage industry sector for creating jobs opportunity in the rural areas. He said industrial estates should be set up in all the upazilas of

the country. Mr Ali suggested with drawal of VAT from equip-

ments for medical education. Kazi Abdur Rashid

Participating in the budget discussion, Kazi Abdur Rashid (AL-Gopalganj) recalled the struggle for independence led by Bangabandhu Sheikh Mutibur Rahman whom he described as the true lover of the peasants. He reminded that it was none other than this great leader who had exempted land revenue upto the ceiling of 25 bighas. Agricultural inputs were made available in cheaper rates due to his attention and care for the peasants, Kazi Rashid said, making a comparison with what was happening

Price hike has engulfed all essential items including the agri-inputs, he said. The deterioration had been taking place following 1975 since when party-deserters took the reign of power, he said.

The opposition member also said that the budgetary proposals under discussion were nothing but the second edition of the last year's budgetary proposals made by the autocratic regime. Thirty per cent hike in the prices of essentials had already occurred following the presentation of the budget. He vehemently criticised the introduction of VAT proposal.

ernment to give attention to the most neglected state of condition prevailing in Gopalganj where Bangabandhu was born. The autocratic regime of Ershad never paid any attention to Gopalganj. The road communication is in bad shape which required immediate attention, the Awami League member said.

Kazi Rashid urged the gov-

Concluding his speech the opposition member urged all members belonging the Treasury as well as the Opposition Bench to unanimously pass the historic Constitution Amendment Bill

waiting before the House. Fazlur Rahman

As Kazi Rashid concluded. Treasury Bench member Fazlur Rahman from Natore stood up and objected to the remark of the AL member saying that it was unbecoming on his part to say that party-deserters and people having no integrity of character had joined the region of power following the

change in 1975.

Matia Chowdhury As he urged the chair to expunge that part from the AL members deliberation, Mrs Matia Chowdhury (AL-Sherpur) made an observation by reciting a couplet suggesting that since the observation made by Kazi Rashid effectively hit those party-deserters, the BNP member Fazlur Rahman could

not help retorting in this Mr Rahman quickly retorted to what Mrs Matia Chowdhury had said adding that she herself was non-Awami Leaguer few years ago. Mrs Matia Chowdhury replied that she did not join the Awami League during its hey-

day but only stood by the AL during its rainy days. Fazlur Rahman once again sought to take the floor which, however, was not conceded by

the Deputy Speaker. Mohammed Nasim

At this stage Awami League Parliamentary Party Chief Whip Mohammad Nasim (Seraigani) drew attention of the chair seeking to know when the proposed steering committees to help conduct the affairs of

the ministries would be set up. Stressing the importance of the committees comprising Sangsad members, Mr Nasim said it would be treated as curtailing of the rights of the Sangsad members if the committees were not formed. He wanted to know all about it from the Treasury Bench Chief Whip Khandaker Delwar

Hussain. Mr Hussain assured the chair that soon the process of setting up of the House steering committees would be completed soon, since the exercise on legislative matters. Obviously the Constitution

Amendment Bill, kept them

busy, the committee could not formed so long. Since the exercise is over, the Chief Whip said it would be easier to setup the House steering committees. He sought cooperation of all members in this regard.

Workers' Party member

Rashed Khan Menon (Barisal)

wanted to know whether the

House would take up the dis-

uation Monday. The Deputy Speaker replied in the negative. He then told the Sangsad that now Humayun

Khan Panni, a member of the

panel of chairmen for the

House would preside over the

sitting. Panni then took over

cussion on law and order sit-

the chair. Lutfuzzaman Babar Participating in the discussion Lutfuzzaman Babar (BNP-Netrakona) strongly defended

the national budget for the fiscal 1991-92. He said the budgetary measures would help improve the

He said certain quarters had been making misleading propaganda against the Value Added Tax which, he added was a modern method of direct taxation.

The BNP member said that it was a common practice to oppose a new system even if it was good for the country. Citing examples he added that the introduction of the family planning programme and metric system had also been opposed by certain quarters ig-

noring the benefit of the pro-He said the BNP believed in democracy and rule of law and that was why it had brought a bill to change the form of gov-

The BNP member referred to his constituency and said it

was neglected for a long time. He urged the government to take steps to develop the communication network in the area where, he said, producers had to sell eggs, milk and fish in the local markets at very low prices because the produces could not be sent to

larger markets outside for communication problem.

Sirajul Islam Speaking next Stratul Islam (BNP-Pabna) urged the opposition members to shun the path of criticism for the sake of criticism.

He said it was better to take

in efforts to uphold truth for the welfare of the nation. Islam said it was not true that the budget had been prepared in a traditional manner but the fact was that the criti-

cism of budget was traditional.

lessons from the past and put

The BNP member stressed the need for taking measures to generate employment opportunity for the unemployed manpower and he suggested strict measures to check wastage and misuse of wealth at all places.

The BNP member said an amount of Taka two crore was being spent annually for maintaining navigability in the rivers in northern region affected by the adverse effect of Farakka, which also affected

Mr Islam referred to cor-

ruption in the administration

and pleaded for stern remedial

measures.

He called for taking measures to store water in Chalan Beel areas so that it could meet the water requirement

agriculture in the region.

Mohammed Ishaque Speaking next, Mohammed Ishaque (Baksal-Cox's Bazar) said the proposed budget had disappointed the whole nation.

He said the budget which had

to depend on foreign loans and

for agriculture during the lean

assistance, had been formulated at the instance and ad vice of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund. He said the Finance Minister had overlooked the interests of the peasants in the

budget. The opposition mem ber demanded subsidy on agricultural implements in the greater interest of the nation. He said it was well-known to all that Cox's Bazar along with the rest of the coasta districts of the country had

been ravaged by the recent

devastating cyclone. He said the Cox's Bazar area produces the country's requirements of salt and save about Taka 200 crore in foreign exchange. But he said it was pity that the demand for the exemption of salt loans upto Taka five thousand along with agricultural loans of similar amount fell in the deaf ears of the authorities. He reiterated the demand for writing off salt loans upto Taka five

the salt producers. **Harun Rashid Mollah**

thousand to give incentive to

Taking the floor next Harun Rashid Mollah (BNP-Dhaka) termed the proposed budget as people-oriented. He said some dishonest businessmen were charging Value Added Tax on items for which no VAT had been proposed. Turning to the problems of

his area (Mirpur town) he said

although the area was very

much a part of the Dhaka

Municipal Corporation lacked many of its amenities. He said some officials of the housing settlement and touts of the area were trying to grab land in Mirpur area. He said some displaced persons were also trying to encroach upon land in Mirpur. But, he said the real displaced persons

should be rehabilitate after

discussion on the budget, Abu

Bakr (Jamaat-Natore) scoffed

Abu Bakr Taking part in the

making proper enquiry.

at those who called the budget a "pro-people" one and said the budget presented by the Finance Minister was "stereotyped" one and there was nothing new in it. Mustafizur Rahman Speaking next Advocate

Mustafizur Rahman (AL-Dinajpur) paid tribute to the memory of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and to

Tofael Ahmed At this stage Tofael Ahmed

Abdur Razzak Speaking on the issue.

Taking floor next, Matiur Rahman Nizami (Jamaat-Pabna) said the Speaker and the Deputy Leader of the House had given assurance to discuss campus violence. He

(AL-Madaripur) said the Deputy Leader of the House had assured that the discussion on campus violence and deterioration of law and order situation would be held on any day fixed by the chair. He said the discussion could be held

Sirajganjo said there was a business advisory committee

which could decide on which

day the issue would be dis-

Kh. Delwar Hossain Chief Whip Khandakar Delwar Hossain (BNP-Manikganj) said the proposal of the Chief Whip of the opposition was acceptable. He said the Speaker could call a meeting of the committee to fix the day for discussion on

Speaker Shetkh Razzak Ali said a meeting of the committee would be held to fix the date for discussion on the issue. Suspending the discussion, he thereafter gave the floor to the Law and Justice Minister to move the 11th and 12th constitution amendment bills for consideration by the House.

Law and Justice Minister Mirza Golam Hafiz moved the