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Hasina for protecting presidential institution

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Strongly criticising the presence of "two presidents" in the country, leader of the Opposition Sheikh Hasina yesterday urged lawyers to take legal action to protect the presidential institution and the constitution.

"I am asking you [lawyers] to take legal action to save the institution and the constitution," said Hasina, also president of the main opposition Awami League (AL).

The AL chief was speaking at a meeting titled 'Crime against humanity and victims of Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB)' at the auditorium of Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh (IEB) in the

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EC now decides to send staff to villages

Still people need to come to them for revision of voter list

SHAKHAWAT LITON

The Election Commission (EC) yesterday decided to send its officials even to villages now to revise the voter list, but people will still have to come to them to get enlisted, instead of them going to the people.

Election officials at district and upazila headquarters were already posted in accordance with the commission's earlier decision and they will continue discharging their duties there.

A total of 83 registration officers (RO) and 6273 assistant registration officers (ARO) will now be posted at suitable places at the wards of Union Parishads (UP), municipalities and city corporations, the new EC decision said.

"All necessary forms will be available from them (ROs and AROs). On the prescribed forms, any eligible person can apply for inclusion, correction and amendment of his or her name on the voter list," the EC Secretariat said yesterday in a news release.

Facing severe criticism and demands from a cross section of the people, the EC seemingly retracted from its earlier decision of letting its officials revise the voter list sitting in their offices at district and upazila headquarters only.

But the commission however remain rigid in its position of not visiting the prospective voters from door to door to revise the voter list. Rather people will have to come to the officials to get enlisted by

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Reports on 'confinement' of president 'baseless'

Says Bangabhaban spokesman

UNB, Dhaka

A spokesman for the Bangabhaban yesterday dismissed reports and remarks about "confinement of the president" or "two presidents" in one country as baseless and a figment of imagination.

President Iajuddin Ahmed is now in complete rest as per advice of the doctors after his bypass surgery in Singapore and treatment at Dhaka CMH, Mokhlesur Rahman Chowdhury told the news agency, as speculations are rife over the president's status.

He said the president will

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Swiss goalkeeper Pascal Zuberbuehler thwarts an attempt by Ukrainian captain Andriy Shevchenko during their World Cup match at Cologne stadium. A controversial penalty against Australia in the dying minutes saw Italy through to the final eight in the other match yesterday.



PHOTO: AFP

'Spies' posted in jails to watch corruption

Officials upset, fear special authority to encourage 'spy guards' to defy superiors

SHAMIM ASHRAF

The Prisons Directorate introduced 'spies' in prisons across the country to monitor 'corrupt' jail staff and unlawful activities in 66 jails. The move already managed to give rise to strong resentment among the jail staff.

Senior jail officials said the introduction of 'spy jail guards' is in breach of the country's jail code

and 'unprecedented' in the country's history.

"This is a clear violation of the jail code and a design to create a dual administration in the prisons," a senior jail superintendent said, on condition of anonymity, adding that these 'spy jail guards' are not only defying orders of their superiors but also humiliating them by issuing orders of their own.

But the Prisons Directorate said the move was necessary for developing the prison system's own reporting mechanism to watch 'what is actually happening in the prisons'.

Noting that corruption permeates every nook and cranny of the department, Inspector General (Prisons) Brigadier General Zakir Hossain said, "I've initiated a

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Graft thrives on poor governance

Seminar also laments lack of punishment to culprits

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An environment of impunity created by lack of governance and accountability of the government coupled with an environment of resignation by the people, has encouraged corruption hampering the development process and undermining justice and the value system in the country, civil society members and business leaders said at a seminar yesterday.

Everybody talks about corrup-

tion, but they themselves do not undertake initiatives to curb it while the state machinery remains dysfunctional in most cases and operate on political considerations creating an atmosphere of impunity, they observed.

They suggested widespread media campaign for creating awareness among the people, formation of anti-corruption citizens' committees across the country, creation of demand for

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Switzerland shot out

AFP, Cologne

Man-of-the-match Oleg Gusiev slotted home the decisive penalty early today to book debutants Ukraine a place in the World Cup quarter-finals as they beat Switzerland 3-0 in a penalty shootout after a dull match had finished 0-0 after extra-time.

The Ukrainians whose lack of ambition matched that of the Swiss will meet Italy - who beat Australia 1-0 earlier thanks to an injury-time penalty by Francesco Totti - in the last eight on Friday.

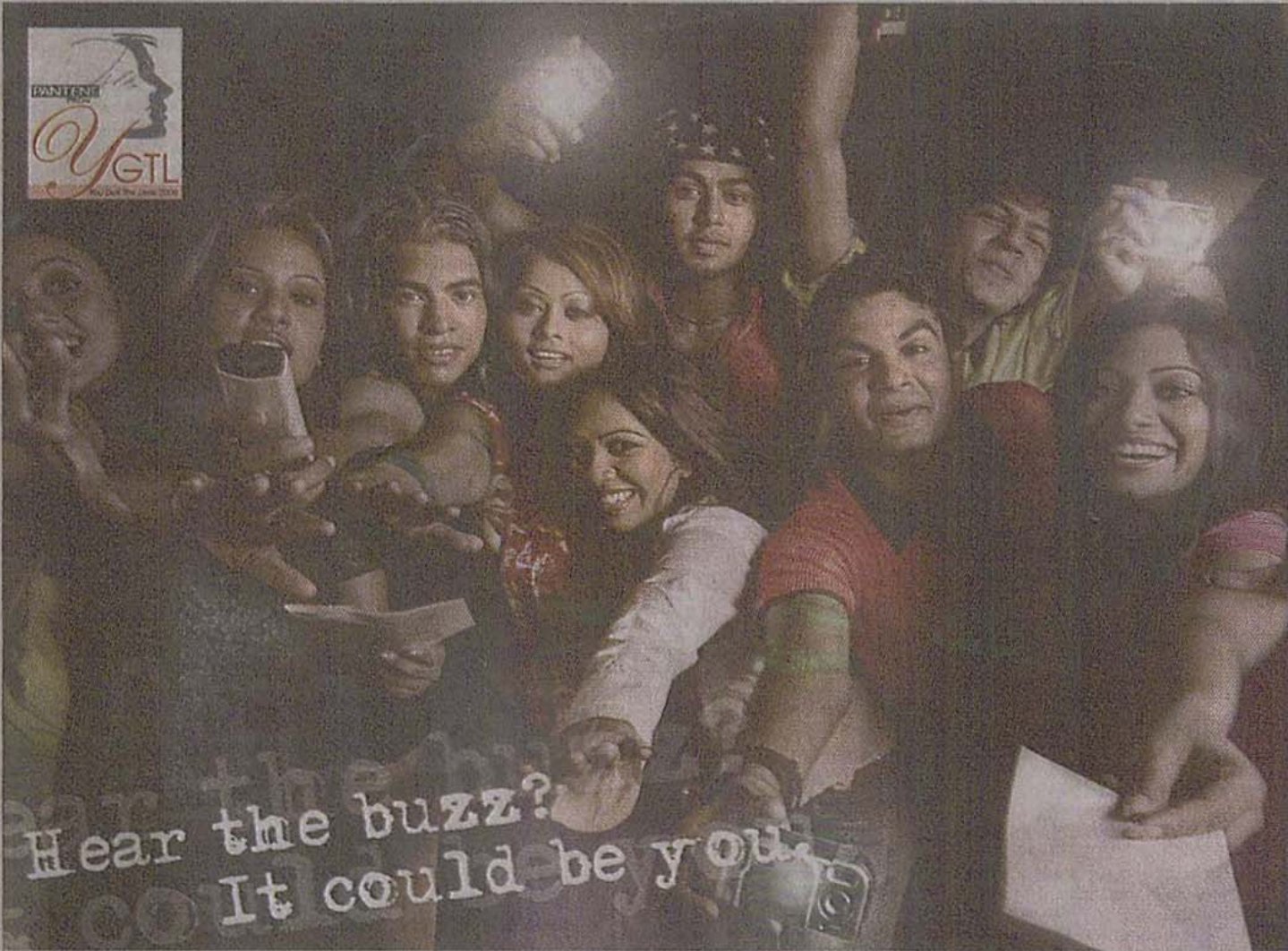
Ukraine and Switzerland's star strikers Andriy Shevchenko and Alexander Frei had come close to

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	Spain v France	12:50 am (Wednesday)	Hanover

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