

## Education Day observed

By DU Correspondent

The historic Education Day was observed Tuesday by various organisations with due solemnity to mark the sacrifice of three students protesting Hamudur Rahman Education Commission during the regime of autocrat Ayub Khan.

On this day in 1962, three students, Mostafa, Wajfulah and Babul were killed when police opened fire on a protest procession in the city.

Various student organisations brought out processions and held rallies on the Dhaka University campus to observe the day.

They paid tributes to the martyrs and called upon all to make their sacrifice meaningful.

CPB-backed Chhatra Union rally held at the foot of 'Aparajee Bangla' demanded uniform, pragmatic and science-based education system to remove disparity in this sector.

The rally was addressed by Nasruddoza and Ruhin Hossain Prince.

Samajtantrik Chhatra Front (SCF), the student wing of BSD (Khalq), held a rally on the campus and submitted a memorandum to the Ministry of Education.

The SCF in its memorandum demanded preparation of a universal, secular and science-based education system and allocation of eight per cent of the national income for construction of new schools, colleges and universities.

The SCF rally was addressed by Belal Chowdhury and Rajkuzzaman Ratan.

## AL candidate of Bhola-2 accuses BNP of rigging

By Staff Correspondent

Anwar Hossain Bhuiyan, Awami League candidate of Bhola-2 constituency, on Tuesday accused the ruling party of violence and rigging during the by-election on September 11.

In a press conference at the National Press Club he said it was not possible for BNP to win without rigging the seat was vacated by AL leader Tofael Ahmed.

He mentioned that in February election in Bhola-2 constituency Tofael Ahmed got 38,626 votes which was 2,000 above the other candidates combined. The security money of the BNP candidate who got only 6,670 votes, was lost in that election.

He alleged that the ruling party used government machinery in the election besides rigging and violence. One of the AL polling agents Shashi Doctor was killed and many were forced to leave the centres by BNP supporters.

Several high officials of the district were transferred immediately before the election.

He asked the government to give up autocratic attitude, and show respect of the will of the voters.

AL leaders Abdus Samad Azad, Sajeda Chowdhury, Tofael Ahmed, Matiya Chowdhury and Pulin Dey were present at the press conference.

## JP thinking about demanding mid-term polls

Jatiya Party leader Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury MP

Tuesday said his party's victory in the September 11 by-election will step-up the movement for the release of former President Ershad, reports UNB.

'Our victory in the by-election demonstrate the popularity of Ershad... this victory will strengthen the movement for his release,' he told newsmen, after taking oath as an MP at the Sangsad Bhavan Tuesday afternoon.

Chowdhury won the by-election from Rangpur-5 constituency vacated by Ershad who was convicted for 10 years by a special tribunal.

In reply to a question he said the prime task of Jatiya Party is to mobilise mass movement to ensure the release of their party Chairman Ershad.

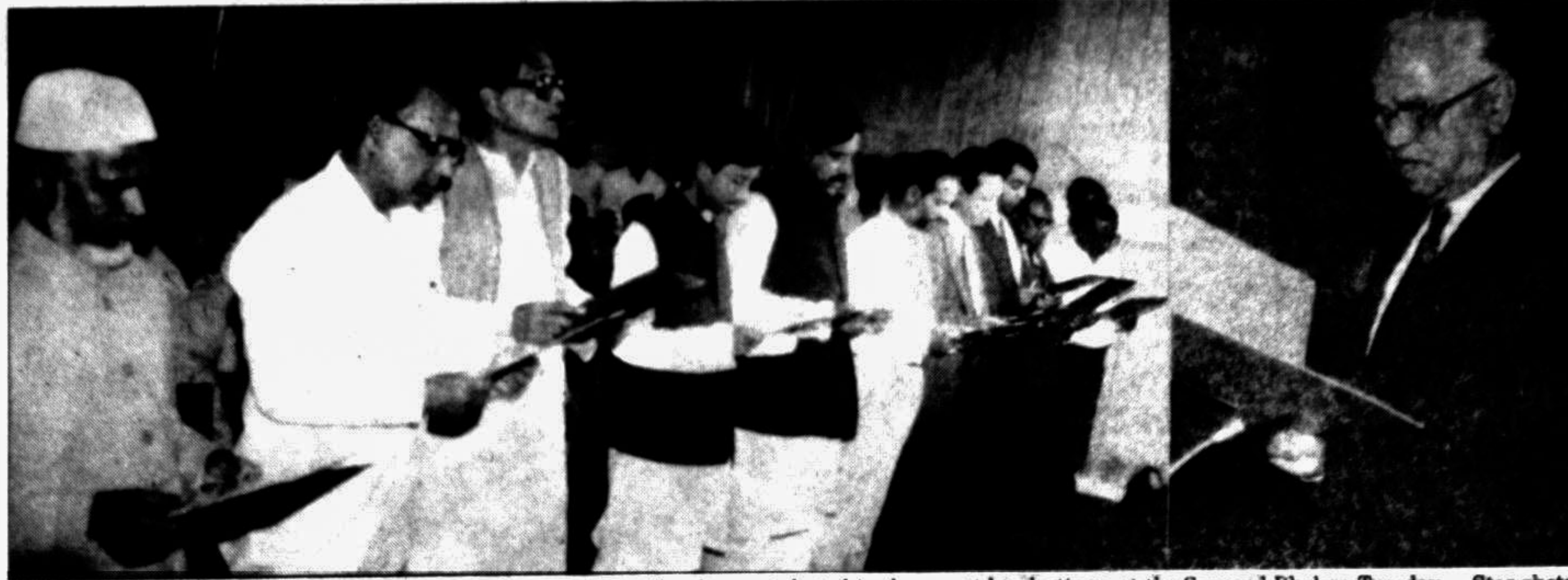
Another Jatiya Party leader Shah Moazzem Hossain MP

who returned from Rangpur-5 said Ershad's popularity increased tremendously.

'Wait and see', he replied to a question whether JP will demand mid-term elections.

To a question on Indemnity Ordinance (Repeal) Bill, Shah Moazzem said the party would take the decision.

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Speaker Abdur Rahman Biswas administering oath to members of parliament elected in the recent by-elections, at the Sangsad Bhavan Tuesday. —Star photo

## Flood situation deteriorates in Narail, Naogoan

The country's overall flood situation, excepting Narail and Naogoan district, improved further on Tuesday with the fall of water level in all the major rivers and recession of rain water, district flood control room sources told BSS.

When contacted, the district control room of Naogoan said the situation had further aggravated and all the 11 upazilas of the district had gone under flood water.

The people of the low-lying areas of 71 unions and three pourashaba wards have been rendered homeless. The district administration has set up 82 flood shelters where 14,281 people have taken shelter. Besides, many marooned people also took shelter on embankments and other high-places.

The sources said, about 40,000 people of the district had become affected by the floods which destroyed over 22,000 dwelling houses, completely or partially.

The floods damaged 79 km of road completely and 387 km partially. Besides, crops on over 33,000 acres were destroyed while 77 educational institutions were affected.

Rajshahi District Control Room said, although the Ganges had registered further fall at all points, it is still flowing above the danger level by one metre at Pankha, 20 cm at Rajshahi, 7 cm at Ilardinge Bridge, 21 cm at Goalundo and 41 cm at Dhagayakul.

The sources said, some flood-hit people have been

suffering from diarrhoea and other water-borne diseases. One person died at Bagha upazila of diarrhoea while 98 persons were attacked in Godagari, five in Mohandpur, eight in Putia and seven in Charghat of district.

The district administration has set up 20 flood centres where more than 2000 affected people have taken shelter. The authorities have so far distributed 180,000 as cash grant, 16 cases of garments, 810 pieces of saree, 810 pieces of lungie, 30 tonnes of rice, 50 tonnes of wheat and 507 kg of powdered milk among the flood victims.

District administration of Narail told BSS that hundreds of people have become homeless in the erosion of Madhumati river which turned devastating following the deterioration of the flood situation.

The sources said, Patna and Mohajan union of Kalia upazila had become the victims of Madhumati erosion.

Meanwhile, Chandpur Deputy Commissioner said, although the flood situation was improving, the erosion by the river Meghna had posed threat to various river belt areas of the district.

Pabna Control Room said, water level of Padma and Jamuna fell slightly but the water level in Chalan Bill areas increased because of torrential rains in the last few days.

The low-lying areas of Chatmohar, Faridpur, Baghura, Sujanagar, Sathia and Pabna

Sadar upazilas were submerged under rain water.

The Deputy Commissioner, who returned from the affected areas Tuesday evening, told BSS that 3,507 families of Bera upazila have been rendered homeless because of erosion of the River Padma.

Besides, 150 families of Pabna Sadar and 300 families of Ishwardi have been rendered homeless following erosion during the last few days.

Flood Control Room of Gaibandha said, the flood situation in Gobindaganj upazila of the district had worsened further as the entire upazila, including its headquarters, went under water.

The sources said, all the offices at the upazila headquarters were still under two to two and a half feet of flood water while the crop lands were under six to seven feet of water.

Two unions of Plash and 12 union of Sadullapur upazila were affected by the floods. About 50,000 acres of crop land were damaged in the district, sources said.

Our Barisal correspondent reported that the water level of Kirtankhola river has gone up during the last few days and was flowing above two cm the danger level. The low lying areas of the town and its vicinity have been submerged.

Some villages of Gournadi upazila have gone under water causing damage to standing crops as the water level of the River Arniakhan has increased considerably.

## Textile quota

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US officials, representing the departments of Commerce and Labour, and two local US embassy officials.

Sources close to the bilateral negotiations told this correspondent that the US side explained the 'disruptions' caused by Bangladesh's exports of three categories, under new quota calls, in the USA.

The textile quota negotiations are being held under Section 204 of the US Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended, and Article 3 of the Multi-Fibre Arrangement (MFA).

With three new categories now under quota negotiations, a total of 26 apparel and garment categories of exports by Bangladesh are under quotas in the US market.

The US market accounts for about 50 per cent of Bangladesh's total garment or apparel exports. The European markets absorb about 45 per cent of aggregate exports with the rest five per cent going to Canada and other markets.

Besides the quota limits on specific categories of exports to the USA, there are similar quota restrictions on exports to Canada.

The garments industry sources said, the aggregate volume of garments exports by Bangladesh is about 20 million dozen of various categories with 10 million dozen alone going to the USA. There are about 850 garments manufacturing units in the country with total private sector investments in the country at over Taka 200 crore and employed workforce, mostly women, at over 500,000.

The USA, the sources said, earlier served quota notices on three new categories because of a 'phenomenal growth' of their exports by Bangladesh over the last one year or more to the US market. The industry sources, however, contested 'this logic', saying that Bangladesh's exports of 'the particular categories' grew on

## MPs

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seats in the by-election held on September 11. The 11 seats in the 330-member Sangsad fell vacant following resignation of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia from four of the five seats she won on February 27 election, four vacated by former President H M Ershad, one each by Awami League leaders Abdur Razzak and Tofael Ahmed and one on the death of Ilias Ahmed Chowdhury.

BNP won five seats, JP four seats and Awami League two seats in the by-election.

The Jatiya Sangsad members who took oath today are: Mohammad Helaluzzaman Talukdar (BNP-Bogra), Mosharraf Hossain Shahjahan (BNP-Bhola), Major Mohammad Kamrul Islam (BNP-Dhaka), Barrister Zamir Uddin Sircar (BNP-Dhaka), Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury (BNP-Chittagong), Nur-e-Alam Chowdhury (AL-Madaripur), Shajahan Khan (AL-Madaripur), Alhaj Karimuddin Bharsa (JP-Rangpur), Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury (JP-Rangpur), and Shah Moazzem Hossain (JP-Rangpur).

Chief whip Delwar Hossain, Deputy Leader of the Opposition Abdus Samad Azad, whip Mahbubul Alam and some members of the Jatiya Sangsad were present.

## Live burials : Iraq seeks probe

LONDON, Sept 17: Iraq has asked the United Nations to set up a commission to investigate reports that many, and perhaps thousands, of its troops were knowingly buried alive by US forces using tanks and earthmovers during the Gulf war, Iraqi National Radio said, reports AFP.

## Deposit pension

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minimum, Taka 100. Banks in rural areas are reluctant to open the DPS accounts on the plea of non-availability of forms. Only in urban areas the banks provide the facilities to the intending customers for the fear of complaints by the 'influential' individuals. But the ordinary rural people do not stand any chance for the DPS facilities, several people complained.

## Keraniganj

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formers in the area. Eyewitness said that during the siege some people turned violent and started pelting stones at the office damaging several window panes.

The employees of the office reportedly got agitated and also pulled stones at the people from the roof of the office, eyewitness said, adding that at least four persons including a pedestrian were injured.

Executive Engineer Nurul Islam and other engineers were not present at the office during the incident.

The villagers alleged that one of them, Wahed, was taken by the electric supply workers and was beaten up brutally at the second floor of the office. He was later rescued by the police, they added.

They alleged that some engineers engaged a broker who demanded bribe of a big amount which the villagers declined to pay.

## Saudi envoy elected president UNGA session opens

NEW YORK (United Nations), Sept 17: Saudi Ambassador to the UN Samir Shihabi was elected president of the 46th session of the UN General Assembly, which opened today, reports AFP.

Shihabi succeeds the outgoing president, Maltese Foreign Minister Guido de Marco.

The Saudi envoy won 83 votes, ahead of Papua New Guinea Foreign Minister Michael Somare with 47 and Yemeni UN Ambassador Abdalla Saleh Al-Ashfal with 20.

Seven new members were to be admitted as UN members, raising the strength of the world body from 159 to 166 later in the day.

They are Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, whose independence was recently restored

after 51 years by the Soviet Union, North and South Korea, and two Pacific island nations previously administered by the United States as part of a UN trust territory — Micronesia and the Marshall Islands.

The session was gavelled to order by the outgoing president, Guido de Marco. Next followed a minute of silent prayer or meditation.

The assembly has an agenda of some 145 items, most of them debated year after year.

But among new items proposed this session is one sponsored by Cuba calling for an end to the long-standing United States economic embargo against that Caribbean nation, badly affected by the phasing out of Soviet assistance.

## Police raid JN hall

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Dr Mandal told the agency over telephone that several hundred police entered the hall premises and started beating the students in the compound and in their rooms.

Even teachers and student leaders were not spared, he said adding they were going to meet the Vice-Chancellor to convey their decision of resignation.

Around midnight, the Chhatra League (A-A) activists set ablaze a motor-cycle and ransacked the Provost's office at Jagannath Hall and S M Hall, apparently protesting the police raid.

Campus sources said that students of Zahurul Huq Hall, Jagannath Hall and S M Hall brought out separate processions to protest the police raid.

All points of entry to the university campus were closed to traffic. Police also put a cordon around the Jagannath Hall.

An earlier report said, processions, rallies, slogans and counter-slogans made by rival student organisations marked the first day of reopening the Dhaka University Tuesday.

The university reopened after 48 days' unscheduled closure following armed clashes between two student groups.

The student organisations accused each other of campus violence, held the university authorities and the law enforcing agencies responsible for a let in and demanded arrest and trial of the student activists involved.

They also demanded re-opening of all other educational institutions closed for campus violence.

Presence of general students on the campus and in the residential halls was thin in apprehension of violence.

Classes and other academic activities were far less than normal Tuesday.

Ruling BNP-backed Jatyatabadi Chhatra Dal rally addressed by Habibunnabi Sohel and Ali Akkas Nadim accused Awami League's student front of unleashing terrorism throughout the country. They were conspiring to malign the BNP government ever since its taking power.

## AL forms six monitoring cells

By Staff Correspondent

Awami League has decided to set up six cells to monitor situation and trends in different sectors and government activities.

According to party sources, the cells will be set up soon on Industry and Commerce; Agriculture and Land; Foreign Affairs; Law and Order; Press Information and Education. The number of cells might be increased in future.

The decision was taken at two-day meeting of the AL Central Working Committee which concluded Tuesday afternoon. Party Chief Sheikh Hasina presided over the meeting held at its Bangabandhu Avenue office.

## The Midnight File

### Czechoslovak vice premier steps down

PRAGUE, Sept 17: Vaclav Vales, a vice premier and chief coordinator of Czechoslovakia's economic reform, resigned Tuesday amid speculation linking him to the former Communist secret police. Vales, 69, served in the federal government as vice premier since April 1990. He was reappointed by President Vaclav Havel after parliamentary elections in June 1990, reports AP.

### BCCI scandal : assets of Saudi millionaire in US seized

WASHINGTON, Sept 17: The Federal Reserve announced here today it had ordered the seizure of the US assets of Saudi millionaire Ghalith Pharaon who is accused of acting as a front-man for the scandal-ridden Bank of Credit and Commerce International, reports AFP.

### Rao orders jute purchase

NEW DELHI, Sept 17: Prime Minister P V Narasimha Rao today directed the Jute Corporation of India (JCI) to enter the market and purchase jute from the farmers and prevent any distress sale, reports PTI.

### Anti-Ershad movement activists still being harassed

Political workers who actively took part in the anti-Ershad movement are still being harassed with cases lodged against them during that time, reports UNB.

A case against Nurul Islam Choton, a leader of Workers Party who was arrested and tortured by police on an opposition called hartal day in 1989 is currently in process.

The next hearing of the case is fixed for September 23.

The case in the court of Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Tuesday ended the examination of the witnesses.

We have successfully crossed the first stage of establishing democracy. We have much to do.

Referring to the violence and instability in the educational institutions, the Prime Minister said academic atmosphere has to be restored and youth forces be guided toward proper direction.

Begum Zia said her governments' foreign policy was to establish and develop friendly and mutually cooperative relations with every nation on the basis of sovereign equality. "With this objective," she said, "we intend to strengthen regional cooperation with our neighbouring countries."

The seminar is divided into five working sessions focusing on such sub-themes as Society, Polity, Foreign Policy and National Security, Economy and Technology and Environment. (More on Page 7)

### Board confuses candidate

From Our Correspondent

KISHOREGANJ, Sept 17: The Dhaka Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Board authorities confused female candidate of Gazipur Centre by printing her roll in both second division and third division in the SSC result published Monday.

Roll No M 26746 was printed in the result sheets in both second division and third division which was also published in different dailies.

A student of Joydebpur Government Girls' School is now wondering whether she got second division or third division.

## Rules of business

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Secretariat Kamal Siddique to frame temporary rules of business to deal with the day-to-day affairs of the government till the framing of a new set of rules.

Meanwhile, a conflict between two sections of bureaucrats has come up centering the formation of new rules of business.

The BCS Coordinating Committee comprising 23 cadre service associations has recently submitted a memorandum to the Prime Minister pleading for curtailing the power of the Secretaries as chief executives of the respective ministries.

They also suggested to empower the Ministers as official head of the respective ministries and divisions and vest in them the authority as the Principal Accounting Officer instead of the Secretaries.

Under the existing rules of business which were framed in November, 1975 the power of secretaries is more than that of ministers in certain

cases.

According to sources, the bureaucrats particularly who belong to administrative cadres did not like the proposal of the BCS Coordinating Committee. A controversy has surfaced about the rules of business. Some of the top bureaucrats proposed only to substitute the word 'president' by the words 'prime minister' and maintain a 'status quo' on other issues for 'effectiveness' of the government.

According to a member of the committee for framing rules of business, it is now studying the rules of business in different democratic countries including Australia, Canada and India.

The temporary rules of business will also have to be endorsed by the cabinet before governmental functions begin under the amended constitution.

The draft of the ad-hoc rules of business may be placed at the first meeting of the new cabinet under parliamentary system of government.

## Amended Constitution

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is going on in the ruling party for choosing a presidential candidate. Dr Badruddoza Choudhury has reportedly submitted his resignation as Education Minister to put up pressure on the BNP high command to make him presidential candidate. But the high command strongly feels that Dr Choudhury must be in the parliament. There are very few witty and efficient parliamentarians like Dr Choudhury in the ruling party and his election as President may put the party in difficulty in the House. But Dr Choudhury is unwilling to continue in his present position and submitted resignation to pressurise the Prime Minister.

BNP inner circles indicate that Dr Choudhury has adopted a wrong policy knowing well that Begum Zia does not give in to pressure. The senior party leaders were persuading Dr Choudhury on Tuesday to change his decision. His close aides hinted that his resignation might not turn into a crisis.

BNP top notchers are likely to take a decision about a presidential candidate early

next week. Speaker Abdur Rahman Biswas, Law and Justice Minister Mirza Golam Hafez and Dr Badruddoza Choudhury are the probable presidential candidates. Foreign Minister Mustafizur Rahman leaves for New York tomorrow, which indicates that he is not in the race.

Opposition Awami League may not put up any candidate in the presidential election. A senior Awami League leader told The Daily Star that the issue came up for discussion in Awami League Working Committee meeting on Tuesday. But the leadership declined to discuss it saying, "the process of election is farcical as the President will be elected in open ball. Another leader said final decision would be taken after the election date was announced.

Our Kishoreganj correspondent said diarrhoea claimed four persons in the flood hit district Tuesday. With this diarrhoeal death toll rose to 34 in 15 days. About 700 people have been attacked with the disease in Kishoreganj.

Scarcity of drugs is hampering the treatment of the affected people.