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three alltances, Mr. Khan said.

for a country like ours we must

have a government accountable to the people. He hoped Prime

Minister Begum Khaleda Zia

would also opt for a system

which would be accountable to

the people. If we fail to estab-

lish an accountable govern

ment, there will be bad times

Redwan Ahmed

for us before long, he added.

While votcing his support to

#### The Jatiya Sangsad resumed it sitting at 11.13 am Monday with Speaker Abdur Rahman Biswas in the chair.

After tilawat-e-Quran, the Speaker moved condolence references for Abdur Aziz Khondkar, ex-MP, noted lyricist, composer and Music Director Lokman Hossain Faktr. and noted relief worker Kazi Abu Sayeed Pintu. Pintu was killed in a road accident while on his way to cyclone affected areas on May 9.

The Speaker also moved an obituary reference for those who were killed in tornadoes and floods on May 9 at Tangail. Sylhet, Sunamganj. Maulvibazar, and Habiganj districts.

The House approved the condolence references and observed one-minute silence.lt also offered a munajat for the peace of the departed souls. Maulana Ataur Rahman Khan(BNP-Kishoreganj) led the munajat.

The Speaker, then taking up the order of the day said the questions and answers would be deemed to have been tabled in the House.

He said he had received three notices on special privileges of the members from Moudud Ahmed, Advocate Fazle Rabbi and Manirul Hug Chowdhuri regarding the question of arrest of Mr. Anwar Hossain Manju (MP-Pirojpur).

The Speaker said the issue was discussed in the House Sunday on a point of order raised by Surajit Sengupta. The Speaker regretted that he could not accept the notices.

## **Abdus Samad Azad**

The Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Abdus Samad Azad took the floor on a point of order and referred to rule 219 of the rules of procedure regarding the business Advisory Committee. Azad said the **Business Advisory Committee** headed by the Speaker had so far held three meetings and decided to continue the present session till May 15. But in the meantime, the session of the House had a four-day recess due to the cyclone and tidal surge, he pointed out. He said. "we have requested the Treasury Bench to continue the session till May 19.

He also referred to the private members notices seeking constitutional amendments pending with the Sangsad Secretariat and requested the chair to continue the session at least till May 16 which is the scheduled private members' day so that the private members' Constitutional Amendment Bills could be disposed of in the House.

Azad said they had requested the Deputy Leader of the House, Prof. Badruddoja Chowdhury, to continue the session till May 19. But he added, the Treasury Bench was disregarding the understanding reached between us repeatedly and was showing utter negligence to the norms of

He referred to the joint declaration of the three political alliances which called for making the Sangsad sovereign and said there was no initiative from the Treasury Bench in this regard. Rather, he said the Treasury Bench was trying to bypass the issue.

The Deputy Leader of the House, Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury said he had returned to Dhaka late Sunday night and he would give reply to the questions raised by Azad later Monday.

The Speaker then took up the next business of the daythe discussion on the vote of thanks to the Acting President Justice Shahbuddin Ahmed for his speech to the Jatya Sangsad on April 5.

# Dipankar Talukdar

initiating the discussion. Dipankar Talukdar (AL-Rangaexpressed his regrets say-

ing that the Acting President in his speech did not mention anything regarding the solution to the problems being faced by the people in greater Chittagong Hill Tract District. He said that the people of

the Hill districts had suffered seriously during the last autocratic regime and still they were passing their days in a suffocating atmosphere. The national leaders were not seriously thinking anything about them, he regretted.

Pointing out that in 1986, about 50,000 Tribal people from the Hill Districts took refuge across the border. Talukdar said it was the responsibility of the Jatya Sangsad to arrange repatriation of the refugees and to take steps for their rehabilitation.

In this context, he thanked the Acting President Justice Shahbuddin Ahmed for his steps for bringing the refugees back home.

The Awami League member said, in 1975, when the father of the national Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman gave his call for the second revolution, the leaders of the tribal people including Manabendra Larma had joined the BAKSAL.

But after the tragic changeover of 1975, those who came to power through the back-door tried to hid the main problems of the tribal

people. Talukdar demanded the

# 'Constitutional Amendment Bills could be disposed of on May 16'

formation of a parliamentary sub-committee for finding solutions to the problems of the greater Chittagong Hill Tract

He said the people of Chittagong Hill districts wanted peace and end of all terrorist and separatist activities.

### Mahbubul Haq

Mahabubul Haq Tara (BNP-Fentl thanked the Acting President for holding a free and fair election under his caretaker government. He said the whole nation shared the name and fame of the Acting President earned for holding neutral polls. But, he said, some irrelevant elements were noticeable in his speech at the Jattya Sangsad.

He said that the President no doubt, had tremendous regards for the national leaders but that was not reflected in his speech. He said paying respect lakhs of shaheeds of the Liberation War was also miss-

He said the Acting President's speech also did not contain anything on the social instabilities. He said the Acting President's guidelines towards removing the maladies could greatly benefit the country.

Mahbubul Hag then drew the attention of the House to the various problems being faced by the people of his home district Feni.

#### Abdur Razzak

Abdur Razzak (BKSAL-Shariatpur) said innumerable lives were lost in the movement against autocracy and the present Parliament, he added. was an outcome of that blood drenched movement in which the people from all walks of life built a rock-solid unity.

He said some national demands were raised during the movement and it was agreed that the power would be transferred to a sovereign Parliament under the framework of the joint declaration of the three alliances.

He said the people of the country were looking at the Sangsad with great expectations. He said "we must honour our commitment" otherwise, he said it would be a betrayal to the nation.

He said the people were eager to have a sovereign Parliament and not a rubber-stamp Parliament. He said the people did not want the one-man presidential form of government. He said "we want a sovereign Parliament which can do everything but turning a man into woman and woman

He said the hopes and aspirations of the people could only be reflected through the establishment of a sovereign Parliament.

Razzak said the Acting President, in his speech, painted a clear picture of the country's economy. He said the country was totally dependent on foreign aid for its development. He said the volume of exports was not substantial in the country's import-oriented economy.

He said subsidy had been withdrawn from the agricultural sector and the country's industries and factories had been transferred to the private ownership at give-away prices.

But he said the demand for writing off the interests of agricultural loans upto Taka ten thousand had not been paid any heed.

He said there had been no attempt to settle the issue of the assets and liabilities with Pakistan. He said about five lakh Pakistanis were still stranded in Bangladesh.

He said no initiative was taken to settle the Tinbigha issue with neighbouring India on a bilateral basis.

lle said Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman along with the members of his family, the four national leaders and President Ziaur Rahman were killed by the members of the armed forces.

### Harun-Al-Rashid

Speaking of next, Harun-Al-Rashid (BNP-B'Baria) said "we could not have been in the present Parliament if Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman would not have established multiparty democracy in the coun-

He said it was an established fact that two forms of government were in vogue in the countries of the world. He said Bangladesh Parliament was sovereign as it could even impeach the President. He said the American President had veto power but the Bangladesh President did not possess such power.

He said the Bangladesh Nationalist Party formed the government after having won the mandate from the people through a free and fair election. But he regretted that the Opposition Leader Sheikh Hasina alleged that the rigging was done in a very subtle way in the polls. He, appreciated Awami League leaders Dr Kamal Hossain and Tofael Ahmed for describing the polls as free

#### Moulana Abdus Sobhan

Speaking next, Maulana Abdus Sobhan (Jamaat) thanked the Acting President for conducting the parliamentary elections in such a free and fair manner that earned appreciation for him at home and abroad.

This country never witnessed such a fair poll, he said and suggested that all elections here in the future be held under a caretaker government so that the party in power could not influence the polling in any way.

Maulana Sobhan said the Acting President was really "acting" and as such he could not speak on all the issues facing the nation.

This country has been experiencing the presidential form of government for a long time but such a system tended to give rise to autocratic rule. he said.

"We want the parliamentary form of government" the Jamaat member said and urged all the political parties to cooperate for switching over to that system.

Maulana Sobhan said even the BNP was pledge-bound to work for the parliamentary form of government. The opposition should bring a bill in the House for the necessary constitutional amendments in this regard, he said.

He referred to various problems of his constituency and called for their solutions.

#### **Rezaul Karim**

Participating in the discussion, Prof. Rezaul Karim (BNP-Narayanganj) thanked the Act ing President for holding "free and fair" parliamentary elections in the country.

He paid tributes to late President Ziaur Rahman for his role in the Liberation War and said the nation was in confusion in the absence of any direction when the Pakistani rulers launched a crackdown on Bangladesh people on the night of March 25, 1971, and Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was taken into custody.

The nation that time expected direction from the Awami League leaders but they failed, he said adding that a son of this soil - a military officer Ziaur Rahman then gave the clarion call to fight for independence against the Pak istani army.

The country also witnessed all round development and earned international laurels when President Zia was in power, Prof. Karim said.

The Treasury Bench member said the BNP government in the past was deprived of the power through unconstitutional means and urged all to consolidate the edifice of democracy as an elected government had now taken over after long autocratic rule.

Prof. Karim listed a number of problems in his con stituency and urged the government to take effective steps

## Dhirendranath Shambu

Dhirendranath Shah Sham bhu (AL-Narail), taking the floor next, thanked the Acting President for the speech he made in the House.

But he deplored that the speech did not touch such important subjects like the law and order situation in the country. There has been a break down in the law and order situation and steps must follow to ensure the safety of the people, he said. Shambhu alleged that the

der harassment in the postelections period and there had to be an end to this. Turning to the controversy over the system of govern

minority community came un-

ment, the opposition member said political parties took to streets in 1990 against an au tocratic regime to establish parliamentary form of government. We must honour that sentiment, he said. Shambhu referred to the problems in his area and said

he represented Kalia of Narail district which is the home of world famous Sarod Master Pundit Ravi Shanker. Communication in the area is very bad and this condition must improve, he said.

# Shahjahan Omar

In his speech Shahjahan Omar (BNP-Jhalokati) criticised the upazila system, he was also critical of the Rin Sal ishi Board and Palli Rationing saying that these had become the dens of corruption.

# Asaduzzaman

Rising on a point of order Awami League member Asaduzzaman said State Minis

ter for Food Barrister Naimul Huda crossed the floor time and again when Omar was in the midst of his speech. This was against the rule of the

rules of procedures, he said. The Speaker said Barrister Huda might have done it inadvertently. Barrister Huda immediately stood up and expressed his regret. Resuming his speech Omar said men of integrity, and erudition were needed to run any system effectively. He severely criticised those who collaborated with the autocratic regime in the past throwing democratic norms and values to the wind. In this connection, he particularly mentioned the name of Jatiya Party leader Barrister Moudud Ahmed and described how he (Moudud) undermined democratic principles while serving under ex-president

#### Mirza Hafiz

Ershad.

When Omar was dwelling on the damage suffered by our Navy and Air Force in the recent cyclonic storm. Law Minister Mirza Golam Haftz pointed out that this matter was now being probed by a court of enquiry. It would not be proper to discuss the matter in the House until the enquiry report was made public. he added

Omar suggested that service conditions and conduct of the government officials should be brought under the discipline of the Sangsad.

#### Major (rtd) Hafiz

Major (rtd) Haftzuddin Ahmed (Ind-1 Bhola) described the address of the Act ing President as a milestone for correctly projecting the problems of the country. He particularly thanked the Acting President for holding a free and fair election in the coun-

But, he said he was pained for not finding any mention of the Freedom Fighters in the address of the Acting President. Paying tributes to the Freedom Fighters, he said their supreme sacrifices brought Bangladesh on the world map.

He said the President in his address reposed high confidence in the values of our people. He praised the President for this saying that the people of this ill-fated country had been looking for a long time for a worthy leader to give them a sense of direction and taking this country on the road to progress and prosperity. They found hope personified in Bangabandhu Sheikh Mufibur Rahman under whose leadership, the country had achieved independence, he

Major (Rtd) Hafiz said, with the emergence of independent Bangladesh, the people of the country had expected that a society free from exploitation would be established and they would enjoy their democratic rights. Without questioning the patriotism and sincerity of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib, he said unfortunately, democratic values were also trampled during Mujib time for some of his wrong policies.

Major (Retd) Hafiz praised late President Ziaur Rahman as a renowned freedom fighter

and honest and efficient administrator. During his rule too, values of Liberation War were r 1 upheld, he main

He said ex-president H M Ershad has now been lodged in jail. But he would be delighted to read a comment made by a Treasury Bench member on the floor of House on Sunday that the present Sangsad was fully sovereign, "How can the present Sangsad be sovereign when President's assent is necessary to table even a minor bill in the House?" he

Major(Retd) Hafiz said exercising all powers of the state is one thing and legislative sovereignty of the Sangsad is another. We have to see how far the government is account able to the Sangsad and how long it will exist, he added He said, the conduct of

those running the affairs of the state made one to believe as if all black laws of the past have now become white. The former Home Minister Major Gen (Retd) Mahmudul Hasan defended the Special Powers Act as being useful. He said. adding now we are realising fully the bite of his assertion.

The independent member from Bhola said many change their colour when they sit in the Treasury Bench still many MPs of the ruling party in their heart long for an cherish the Parliamentary System of goverr, ment, but they are unable to give vent to their cherished desire in this respect fearing the wrath of their leaders, he

He said the people of this country had established this Sangsad with the great expec tations that it would create a history in strengthening democratic process and fulfilling their aspirations. They no longer want to see the rule of "Uttar para" and they are looking forward for the establishment of Parliamentary system. It is a tragedy that the people are yet to see any sign of it, he added.

After the Jatiya Sangsad resumed its sitting at 3-10 pm with the Deputy Speaker Sheikh Razzak Ali in the chair.

## Monirul Haq

Jatiya Party member Monirul Haq Chowdhury was invited to take part in the discussion on the speech of he Acting President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed. But before Mr Chowdhury

could start, two members one from BNP and the other from Awami League rising on point of self-explanation made brief statement.

Mr. Monirul Haq Chowd hury thanked the Acting President for performing a mo mentous task of holding an election. But he alleged that the election was not fair as his Jativa Party was not given equal opportunity to cam-

Mr. Chowdhury said, bcsides turning ordinances promulgated by former President Ershad and the Acting Presi dent Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed, into laws the present parliament till now did noth-

the present parliament would fulfill the expectations of the people by taking definite steps on important question, especially that on the form of gov ernment. He urged upon the BNP to take lessons from the

Mr. Chowdhury demanded that the former president, elected in the last election from five constituencies, be allowed to attend the parlia ment sessions. He also asked the authorities to take urgent measures to send thousands of Bangladeshis back to Iraq and Kuwait, implement the rec ommendations of Pay Commis sion finalised by Ershad gov ernment and reexcavation of Dakatia river.

#### Mujibur Rahman

Taking the floor. State Minister for Finance Mujibur Rahman said the joint declara tion of the three alliances. which was often quoted by the opposition, did not specifically mention the Parliamentary sys tem of government. The joint declaration spoke of a sovereign parliament, which the present parliament could certainly claim, to be so, he

Referring to the changes in the constitution brought about during the Awami League period, the State Minister said the Multi-party parliamentary system was turned into oneparty presidential system by those who were now clamour ing for democracy. He said BNP Leader Ziaur Rahman did not introduce presidential sys tem, rather he inherited it. It was President Zia who had reintroduced multi-party democracy in the country, he

number of elections including the latest one, amply proved that the people were in favour of the presidential system of government. He said, "since people were not in favour of the parliamentary system, we do not want to change the present system. BNP government is averse to any pressure from outside to change the verdict of he people."

The State Minister said a

# Meshbauddin Khan

Alhai Meshbauddin Khan (AL-Chandpur) described the Acting President's speech as a "historic document" which gave a definite direction to solve a number of problems lacing the nation.

While emphasising on sepa ration of judiciary from the executive for the establishment of Rule of Law, the Awami League member said, because of repeated amendments, bureaucracy had become all powerful. He said, since bureaucracy became all powerful, the Rule of Law became weaker.

Discussing possible systems of government, the Awami League member said if it was decided to hold a presidential election, the present cabinet had to be dissolved for he sake of Neutrality. He, however, opined that after the devastating cyclone, we should not go

ing noteworthy. He hoped that

Redwan Ahmed (Ind. Comtila) called for enacting a law in the House with a privi sion of holding the Jativa Sangsad election under a neu tral care-taker government. He said the last election was the most free and fair ever held in the country. He said the members of Parliament elected through such an election en-

> He said about 10 crore of the country's 11 and a half crore people were peasants Still he pointed out Hangladesh had to import about 12 lakh tons of foodgrains annually to meet the deficit

joyed full confidence of the

He stressed the need for cultivation of fish along with agriculture. He said large scale fish cultivation would create employment opportunities for lakhs of people. He said President Ziaur Rahman was con templating to start work on it but his tragic death put an end

He said the countries in the South East Asia and Even Pakistan and India had tremen dously flourished in Textiles and Garments. He said South Korea captured the world market with its textile prod-

Mr Redwan Ahmed said more attention was needed for the garments sector of the country although about five lakh people were working in different garments factory He said the country's na

tionalised Textile sector was incurring a loss of Taka fifty crore annually. But he said there were some Textile Industries in the private sector which were efficiently running on profit. He said the country could save Taka 17 hundred crore spent on import of textiles if the Textile industries could run efficiently. He said 'I can inform the

House from my experience that a Textile mill having max imum of 20 looms was of no use". He said a minimum of about 200 looms were necessary for a Textile mill to run smoothly and profitably.

Mr Redwan Ahmed said about ten thousand crore Taka was lying as arrear loans to a handful of the industrialists of the 200 persons of country as against Taka 5,500 crore Taka due to peasants who accounted for 85 per cent of the countries populations.

He said of the Taka ten thousand crore Taka eight thousand was due to only 200 a industrialists and the rest Taka two thousand crore was due to the innumerable small industrialists, traders and businessmen.

He said the people who were trying to misappropriate the Bank loans must be identified. He said these so-called industrialists also took crores of Taka as loans from the banks during the previous gov-

ernment. He advised the concerned authorities not to send police for realising Taka 5,500 crore from 10 crore people of the country adding efforts should be made to realise the eight thousand crore Taka from the so-called 200 industrialists.

#### Hymayun Khan Panni Humayun Khan Panni (BNP-

Tangail) said it was not logical to say that the Parliamentary form of government would definitely be good and that the presidential form would always be bad. He said if there were checks and balances in the Presidential form it could never turn into autocracy as was being feared.

He said "we all have to work hard. If the country survives we all stay, there will be problems but we have to face them". He said the garment indus-

try should be provided with all possible help since it was growing very efficiently. He said the garments sector became the major foreign exchange earner of the country after fute.

# M Assaduzzaman

M Assaduzaman (AL-Ma-

gura) said much water had flowed down the rivers of Padma, Meghna and Jamuna and several lakhs of people died in the unprecedented cycionic storm since the Acting President addressed the Parliament on April 5. He said it was a convention He thanking the President of the House that after the de-

> it seemed that he could not say something which pained him but he only gave hints. He said the anti-autocracy movement was carried out on

> for a lively speech. But he said

the basis of the framework of the joint declaration made by the three alliances. He said it was agreed that the care-taker government would hand over power to a sovereign parlia-Incomplete

The Speaker adjourned the House at 9-36 pm to resume at

# BNP govt hasn't done politics with corpses: Minister

The following is the remaining part of Sunday's JS pro-

# Sheikh Hasina

When the House re-assembled at 3-15 p.m. after Johr Prayer, Sheikh Hasina picked up her thread of discussion and underlined the need for united efforts of the people of the country to face the disaster wrought by the devastating cyclonic storms of April 29.

humanity in distress by providing timely help to the needy instead of engaging ourselves in a future wrangle" she said. She also called upon the international community to ex-

"Now is the time to save

tend its helping hand to mitigate the sufferings of the cyclone hit people. Participating in the discussions in the Jatiya Sangsad on

the post cyclone and tidal surge situation, she called for taking more extensive and practical measure to save the cyclone hit people from hunger, diseases and alleviate their hardship. The Leader of the Opposition urged the government to

write off agricultural and salt loans taken by the affected people in the cyclone battered coastal areas. Thousands and thousands of people are now living under the open sky there and they need shelter immediately, she added.

Sheikh Hasina called upon the government to take realistic steps so that the damaged mills, factories and industrial

units in Chittagong and other areas could resume production without further delay. The devastating cyclone had

not only taken at toll lakhs of

lives but also orphaned hundreds of thousand children Something positive should be done for their care and upbringing, she urged. Painting a grim picture of the struggle for survival of the people in the coastal belt of

the country. Sheikh Hasina

said the cyclonic storms had

destroyed almost everything in

its path. The calamity has also

caused irreparable damage to

our Navy and Air Force, she She regretted that high ups in the administration remained indifferent to the colossal damages in different sectors. When our Navy suffered such a terrible losses the Naval Chief was stated to be playing golf on April 30, she

In this connection, she pointed out that when a provincial government was functioning in the then East Pakistan, it had no navy or air force nor there was any central administration. In this part of the country after the independence of Bangladesh the Awami League Government under the leadership of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman had built its navy and air force with limited resources. If timely measures were taken before the storm our Navy and

Air Force could have evaded such a large scale damage, she thought. She said geographical situa-

tion of Bangladesh is such that it has encountered natura calamities like cyclones and tidal surges in the past, and in future too the country will have to live with these phenomenon.

Realising this truth Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman took several essential steps to save people from the brunt of cyclones. These measures included construction of an adequate number of cyclone shelters and embankments and coastal afforestation. She added that the government of late President Ziaur Rahman completely abandoned the programme for building cyclone shelters in the coastal

Sheikh Hasina said the Awami League Government at that time constructed 238 cyclone shelters in the cyclone prone coastal belt and offshore islands and work on additional shelters was progressing. She said, the people of the country heard many things

about development during the past fifteen years, but in reality nothing tangible was done for the welfare of the people. The economy of this country was completely paralyses by the 23 years of Pakistani rule and the nine month war of Liberation when Bangladesh got independence, many predicted that at least two crore people would

die of starvation in 1972. But timely steps taken by Bangabandhu and tireless efforts of the political leaders and workers of the pro-Liberation parties succeeded in averting the apprehended famine, she added Referring to the establish-

ment of the present Jatiya Sangsad, she said it came into existence through a long struggle of the people, the people of the country had pinned high hope and confidence in this Sangsad and expected that it would be able to give a sense of direction to our posterity. But it is a sad commentary that the behaviour of those now at the helm of affairs is no different than that of the past autocratic regime, she observed. She further said the nation

was looking forward to this Sangsad for strengthening the process of democracy and giving democracy an institutional shape. In this context, she said under the framework of the joint declaration of the three alliances. Parliament was to be sovereign and the government accountable to it. But we are finding no response from the concerned quarters entrusted with the responsibility of implementing the outline of the joint declaration and establishing parliamentary form of government.

The fate of the bill submitted by Awami League in this respect is also not known" she

Coming back to the devastation caused by the cyclone Sheikh Hasina said the whole cyclone battered area was in ruins. The Port City of Chittagong, once endowed withscenic beauty and surrounded by lush green trees and landscape, now presents a horrible picture of death and destruction all around. I have visited Chittagong many a time in the past. When I visited Chittagong after the cyclone I was shocked to see it standing in debris of death and devastation. It looked different from the past and 111 shudder to look at the Port City which loved so dearly, she said in a voice choked with emotion. Sheikh Hasina said the

Prime need of the hour was to stand by the distressed people and alleviate their sufferings. There was no point in raking up the past, she added. Referring to the perfor-

mances of the Awami League government immediately after the Independence of Bangladesh, she said the government at that period was solely engaged in building the war devastated country and reviving the shattered economy just from scratch. Awami League took up the reins of government at a time when the national coffer was empty. communications and all productive sectors lay in ruins. During the three years and a half the Awami League Gov ernment was busy in reconstructing the war ravaged economy, she said. She stressed the need for reaching the relief materials

coming from abroad and within to the needy. We must help those who have survived the fury of the cyclone. Some feel allergic when some speak in the Sangsad about misappropriation of relief materials and flaws in their distribution it is because democratic norms were not followed in the Sangsad during the fifteen vears, she felt.

# **Moudud Ahmed**

Moudud Ahmed (JP-Noakhali), said the reply of the Chair was not satisfactory. He said the House was conducted not only in accordance with the rules of procedure. Some conventions also are there which could be followed, as they were followed in other countries.

Opposition, the Leader of the House would speak. But this convention was beside rules of procedure, he pointed out. He said only the concerned minister could speak before the speech of the Leader of the

liberations of the Leader of the

11 am on Monday.

House.