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Ad-hoc body of govt teachers formed

An ad-hoc executive committee of Bangladesh Sarkari College Shikha Oikya Parishad (BSCSOP) was formed Monday (July 27) with Dr Habibur Rahman, Principal of Jagannath College, as president and Nazrin Begum of Jagannath College as general secretary, says a BSCSOP press release, reports BSS.

Buses, trucks robbed

SAVAR, July 29: Armed robbers ambushed vehicles on the Dhaka-Aricha Highway near Kalampur yesterday and looted goods and cash worth Tk 10 lakh, police said. The gang of about 40 dacoits, barricaded the roads from both sides putting up trees and swooped on about 40 passenger buses and trucks, reports UNB.

BAUCSU election code announced

AGRI-VARSITY (Mymensingh), July 29: A 19-point code of conduct for election of BAUCSU and hall-unions of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU) for the session of 1990-91 had been announced by the Election Commissioner and Students' Affairs Advisor Prof M. Monsurul Amin on July 25, reports BSS.

Sirajul Alam's condition worsens

Sirajul Alam Khan has been shifted to P G Hospital from a city clinic today following the deterioration of his health according to a press release of the society for professionals issued here yesterday. Khan will have to undergo operation. He is under the treatment of neuro-surgeon Prof Rashiduddin, reports BSS.

Debate over law and order situation in JS

AL-led Opposition walks out as Matin compares '72 with '91

By Staff Correspondent

The Awami League (AL)-led Opposition in Parliament yesterday staged a walkout as Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury began to reply to allegations that the law and order situation had deteriorated in the country.

The Home Minister's comparison of the situation prevailing in the country in 1972 with that in 1991 prompted the Opposition action.

The much awaited general discussions on law and order began at 6.35 pm with Matin Chowdhury making the statement that there was no scope to judge the law and order situation independent of the overall socio-political situation of the country.

He made an appeal to the members that they discuss the situation in view of the reality that law and order was pre-condition to development.

A total of 27 members representing the Treasury bench and the Opposition took part in the discussions extending over a five-hour period.

Quoting newspaper reports, narrating incidents and urging the necessity of rule of law, the Opposition members said that the government was politicising the administration, and failing in its responsibility to protect the lives and property of innocent people.

They also demanded formation of a Special Parliamentary Committee to suggest how to combat terrorism and restore law and order in the country.

The Treasury benchers, while not totally ignoring the necessity of administrative measures to restore law and order, observed that without identifying the main reasons the situation could not be im-

proved. They also added that an organized campaign was going on to tarnish the image of a democratically-elected government.

Before the Treasury bench could decide on the Opposition proposal for a parliamentary committee, the Opposition, barring the Jatiya Party and the Jamaat-e-Islami walked out. Abdus Samad Azad, Deputy Leader of the Opposition, however, had earlier threatened to walk out if their proposal was not accepted.

The walkout also hardened the attitude of the Treasury bench and winding up the discussion, Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury, Deputy Leader of the House, said that the outcome of the discussions could very well be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Ministry of Home Affairs, having repre-

sentatives of all parties.

He also reminded the Opposition that the government was a party government and not a national one and that there were reasons to argue that it was not obligatory on the part of the government to accept whatever the Opposition demanded.

Prof Chowdhury further added that if the bodies of those killed since 1972 could be brought to this House we would have learned to tell the truth.

Earlier while the AL-led Opposition rose to protest the deliberations of the Home Minister, the Speaker Sheikh Razzaque Ali tried to soothe them by saying that it was not the practice in parliamentary democracy and added that they should allow others to speak. But his attempts were

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Mostafiz, Dumas hold talks

France for UN role in Rohingya repatriation

PARIS, July 29: France Foreign Minister Roland Dumas has suggested the involvement of United Nations for confidence building among the Rohingya refugees and at the same time putting international pressure on the Myanmar authorities for taking back the refugees, reports BSS.

He was talking to Bangladesh Foreign Minister ASM

Mustafizur Rahman who is on a three-day official visit here.

Dumas appreciated the efforts taken by Bangladesh for repatriation of Myanmar refugees and reiterated French support in this regard.

In this connection, Rahman expressed thanks to Dumas on behalf of Bangladesh government for the leading role taken by France at the UN Human Rights Commission.

In his meeting with the French counterpart last night Mustafizur Rahman said that the democratic government of Bangladesh under Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia had taken steps to give democracy an institutional shape.

Rahman said the democratic government had provided a new orientation in the

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Rajshahi, Khulna, Ctg Mayors not entitled to fly flag on car

Mayors of Rajshahi, Chittagong and Khulna City Corporations are not entitled to fly national flag on car or vessel, a report of the parliamentary privileges committee said yesterday, reports UNB.

Chief Whip Khandker Delwar Hossain presented the report in the House yesterday afternoon on behalf of the Speaker who is the Chairman of the 10-member parliamentary standing committee on privileges.

The report said although the Mayors of these three cor-

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Corruption case against 7 BPC, Jamuna Oil officials

From Staff Correspondent
 CHITTAGONG, July 29: Chittagong Anti-Corruption Bureau today lodged a case with Port PS against seven officials of Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation and Jamuna Oil Company Ltd. on charge of misappropriation of imported diesel oil worth taka 91 lakh.

According to Anti-Corruption office, the seven officials included Mominul Hoque Chowdhury, Director (Operation and Planning) of BPC, Sanwar Hossain, General Manager (Commercial and Operation), Satipati Mitra, General Manager (Finance) of BPC, Nazimuddin Ahmed, Terminal Manager, Jamuna Oil Co. Ltd., Nurul Amin, Operation Engi-

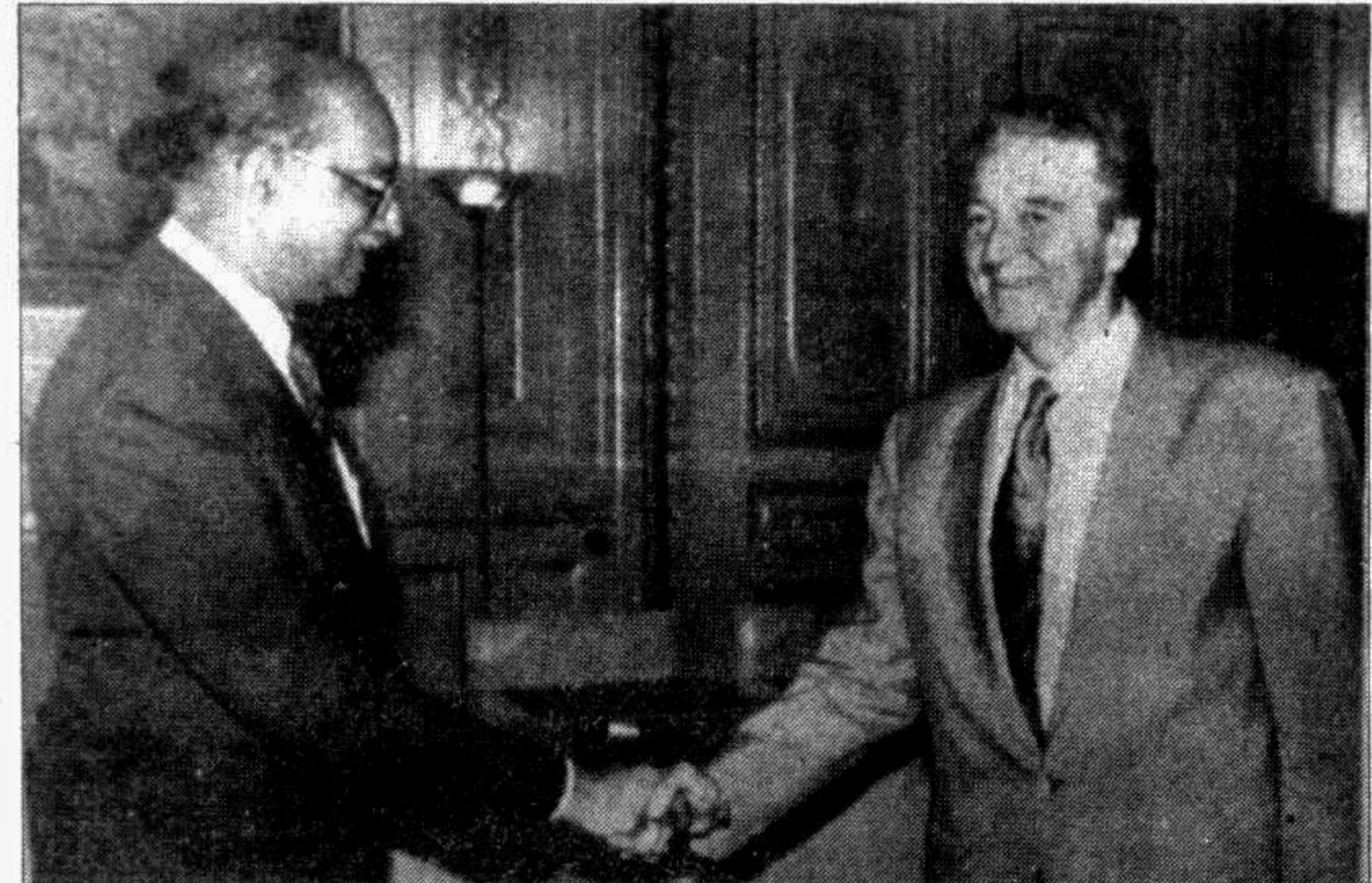
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JCD rival groups trade gunshots on DU campus

Tension mounted on the Dhaka University campus as two rival factions of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) exchanged several rounds of gunshots following an internal feud yesterday, reports UNB.

Campus sources said that Mohsin Hall Union GS Syeed Sohrab group opened fire from the hall towards rival Elias group in Surja Sen Hall at about 12.45 am.

Residents said both the groups fired with automatic weapons and a number of armed hoodlums were seen guarding the hall gates.



Foreign Minister Mostafizur Rahman (left) shakes hands with his French counterpart Roland Dumas at the Quai d'Orsay in Paris yesterday. — AFP/UNB photo

Hearing of writ continues

'Azam was always a Pak citizen'

Attorney General Aminul Haq yesterday held that Jamaat chief Golam Azam was never a citizen of Bangladesh, rather he was always a citizen of Pakistan, reports UNB.

Opening his argument on the 9th day of the hearing on Golam Azam's writ petition challenging disqualification of his citizenship, the Attorney General said the citizenship act of Bangladesh confers citizenship while the law in India is a law of acquisition.

He said citizenship in Bangladesh and Pakistan is guided by law while citizenship in India is more or less guided

by the constitution. The Attorney General contended that the citizenship law is both retrospective and ex-post facto and, therefore, the law may be oppressive and harsh but there is no illegality in the law itself. It is in conformity with the constitution.

Defining retrospective law, he said "A law is deemed to be retrospective which takes away or impairs any vested right under existing law or creates a new obligation or imposes a new duty or attaches a new disability in respect to transaction or consideration already passed."

He said citizenship in Bangladesh and Pakistan is guided by law while citizenship in India is more or less guided

Ex-post facto law is one which nullifies the rigour of criminal law or burdens the past criminal act, he added.

The Attorney General argued that the citizenship law under which Golam Azam was disqualified as citizen of Bangladesh is a pre-constitutional legislation.

"Whatever action the government had taken against Golam Azam is already passed and closed."

Haq further said constitution is always prospective and whatever action has been taken against Golam Azam un-

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VAT collection hit snags, yet exceeds target

By S Y Bakht

Realisation of the Value Added Tax (VAT) hit some snags during implementation yet collection in the first year (1991-92) exceeded the target, according to Finance Ministry sources.

The National Board of Revenue (NBR) collected a total of Taka 3192 crore as VAT, excise and supplementary duties during the last fiscal year, exceeding the budgetary target by about Taka 143 crore. According to the official fig-

ures, revenue collection from these categories showed an upward trend during the period compared to a collection of Taka 2545 crore from the same items in 1990-91 and in some cases even surpassed the targets.

However, a Finance Ministry source pointed out that internal VAT collection was "not upto the mark due to non-compliance by the service and some manufacturing sectors and also because of adminis-

trative lapses." VAT was imposed at a flat rate of 15 per cent on manufactured and imported items and on a selected number of service sectors from July 1 last year.

Many of the service sectors which came under VAT, including sweetmeat shops, indenting houses, video rental and video-audio recording shops, motor garages, auctioneers and film and photography studios, failed to enlist with

the authorities and did not pay any VAT during the period, the Ministry source added.

He said that the administrative lapse in the collection of VAT was primarily due to inadequate manpower and also because the VAT administration was not reorganised according to the requirements. "The administration has to be further strengthened in order to enhance VAT collection," he added.

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Unified Team's Svetlana Boguinskaya (L) hugs her teammate Tatiana Goutsou after winning the women's gymnastics team gold in Barcelona Tuesday. — AFP photo

First triple gold medalist

BARCELONA, July 29: Evgeni Sadoyvi swam a world record and became the first triple gold medalist at the Olympics on Wednesday while Mark Lenzi kept the men's springboard diving title in US hands, reports AP.

Sadoyvi, part of the former Soviet swimming phalanx, won the men's 400-metre freestyle in three minutes, 45.00 seconds, nearly 1 1/2 seconds faster than the world mark of 3:46.47 set by Kieren Perkins of Australia in April.

Perkins won the silver Wednesday in 3:45.16, Anders

Holmertz of Sweden took bronze in 3:46.77. Sadoyvi of the Unified Team of former

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Sensation
 MEDAL TABLE

BARCELONA, July 29: Following is a mid-day medal tally of the teams competing at the 25th Olympic Summer Games after five of Tuesday's 17 medal events were completed (tabulated Gold, Silver, Bronze and total medals). reports Xinhua.

	G	S	B	T
CIS	10	6	3	19
United States	7	5	8	20
China	5	8	2	15
Hungary	5	3	1	9
South Korea	4	0	1	5
Germany	2	1	5	8
Spain	2	0	0	2
Australia	1	2	3	6
Japan	1	2	1	4
Bulgaria	1	2	0	3
Cuba	1	1	0	2
Norway	1	1	0	2
Turkey	1	0	0	1
France	0	2	5	7
Sweden	0	2	2	4
Italy	0	1	3	4
Romania	0	1	2	3
Peru	0	1	0	1
Brazil	0	1	0	1
Britain	0	1	1	2
Poland	0	1	0	1
Netherlands	0	0	3	3
IOP	0	0	2	2
Finland	0	0	1	1
Mongolia	0	0	1	1
Suriname	0	0	1	1

Note 1: There are 4 bronze medals shared in judo contests.

Coup bid in Madagascar

ANTANANRIVO, July 29: A small group of soldiers tried to seize power in the Indian ocean state of Madagascar today but fled into hiding when they failed to win any popular support, reports Reuter.

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার
 জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ড
 ঢাকা।
বিজ্ঞপ্তি
 মূল্য সংযোজন কর আইনের আওতায় বিভিন্ন প্রকারের সেবা প্রদানকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানসমূহের জন্য নিবন্ধন সম্পর্কিত জরুরী বিজ্ঞপ্তি

১৯৯২-৯৩ ইং আর্থিক বৎসরের অনুমোদিত বাজেটে নিম্নলিখিত সেবা প্রদানকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানগুলিকে এইবার প্রথমবারের মত মূল্য সংযোজন করের আওতায় আনা হয়েছে। যথাঃ (ক) ওয়াসা (খ) স্বর্ণকার ও রৌপ্যকার এবং স্বর্ণ ও রৌপ্যের দোকানদার এবং স্বর্ণ পাকাকারী (গ) বাীমা কোম্পানী (ঘ) কুরিয়ার সার্ভিস (ঙ) চিকিৎসা প্রতিষ্ঠান (ক্লিনিক) ও (চ) বিডিটি পার্লার। উপরোক্ত সেবা প্রদানকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানসমূহের কর্তৃপক্ষকে অবিলম্বে মূল্য সংযোজন করের আওতায় নিবন্ধিত হওয়ার জন্য আহ্বান জানানো যাচ্ছে।

২। এছাড়া ১৯৯১-৯২ ইং আর্থিক বৎসরের বাজেটে নিম্নে উল্লিখিত সেবা প্রদানকারী প্রতিষ্ঠান যেমনঃ (ক) হোটেল-রেস্তোরা (খ) ডেকোরেশন ও ক্যাটারিং (গ) মটর গাড়ির গ্যারেজ, ওয়ার্কসপ এবং ডকইয়ার্ড (ঘ) নির্মাণ সংস্থা (ঙ) পণ্যগার (চ) বিজ্ঞাপনী সংস্থা (ছ) ছাপাখানা (জ) নিলামকারী সংস্থা (ঝ) জমি উন্নয়ন সংস্থা (ঞ) ডিডিও ক্যাস্টে সপ, ডিডিও গেমসপ, ডিডিও অডিও রেকর্ডিং সংস্থা (ট) টেলিফোন, টেলিপ্রিন্টার, টেলেক্স, ফ্যাক্স সংস্থা (ঠ) যান্ত্রিক লব্ধি (ড) ইনডেন্টিং সংস্থা (ঢ) ফ্রেইট ফরোয়ার্ডার (ণ) ট্রাভেল এজেন্সী (ত) কুমুনিটি সেন্টার (থ) চলচ্চিত্র স্টুডিও (দ) রঙিন ফটো নির্মাতা (ধ) জরীপ সংস্থা (ন) মিষ্টান্ন ডালার (প) চলচ্চিত্র প্রদর্শক ও (ফ) অর্ধের বিনিময়ে করযোগ্য পণ্য প্রস্তুতকরণ, উৎপাদন, প্রক্রিয়াজাতকরণ, মেসারামত বা সার্ভিসিং-এর কার্যে নিয়োজিত ব্যক্তি, প্রতিষ্ঠান ও সংস্থার উপর ১লা জুলাই '৯১ তারিখ হতে মূল্য সংযোজন কর আরোপিত হয়েছে। অভিযোগ পাওয়া গিয়াছে যে, নিবন্ধনে বাধাব্যাহকতা আছে এরকম অনেক সেবা প্রদানকারী সংস্থা নিবন্ধিত হননি এবং দাখিলপত্র পেশ করছেন না। উল্লেখ্য, মূল্য সংযোজন কর আইনের (১৫৪) ধারার ক্ষমতাবলে উপরি-উক্ত প্রতিষ্ঠানসমূহকে নিবন্ধিতকরণপূর্বক ১লা জুলাই '৯১ হতে কর প্রদানে বাধ্য করার বিধান রয়েছে। একই আইনের ৩৫ ধারা অনুযায়ী প্রতি কর মেয়াদের দাখিলপত্র পরবর্তী মাসের ২০ তারিখের মধ্যে স্থায়ী মূল্য সংযোজন কর কার্যালয়ে দাখিল করা বাধ্যতামূলক। বিশেষভাবে উল্লেখ্য, নিবন্ধন ছাড়া করযোগ্য কোন সেবা প্রদান মূল্য সংযোজন কর আইন, ১৯৯১ এর ৩৭ এর অধীন শাস্তিযোগ্য অপরাধ। উপরোক্ত সেবা প্রদানকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানসমূহের নিকট হতে যথাযথভাবে কর আদায়ের লক্ষ্যে আইনের ধারা কঠোরভাবে বাস্তবায়নের পদক্ষেপ গ্রহণ করা হয়েছে। যে সমস্ত প্রতিষ্ঠান অদ্যাবধি মূল্য সংযোজন কর আইনের আওতায় নিবন্ধন গ্রহণ করেন নাই বা দাখিলপত্র পেশ করেন নাই সে সমস্ত শিল্প প্রতিষ্ঠানকে আগামী ২৫ শে জুলাই '৯২-এর মধ্যে নিবন্ধিত হতে/দাখিলপত্র পেশ করতে অনুরোধ করা যাচ্ছে। উপরোক্ত সময়সীমার পরেও যে সমস্ত প্রতিষ্ঠান অনিবন্ধিত থাকবেন বা দাখিলপত্র পেশ করিবেন না সে সমস্ত প্রতিষ্ঠান-এর নিকট হতে ১লা জুলাই '৯২ তারিখ হতে মূল্য সংযোজন কর আদায়সহ তাদের বিরুদ্ধে কঠোর আইনানুগ ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণ করা হবে।

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