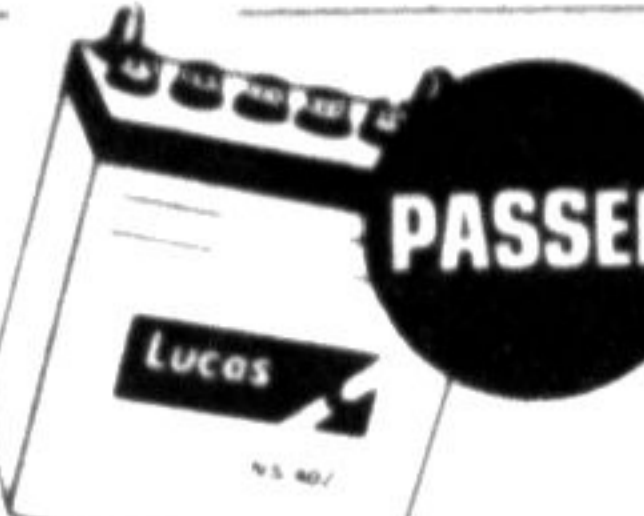


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## AL, JP, Jamaat out to discredit BNP: Huda

KERANIGANJ, July 22: Information Minister Barrister Nazmul Huda today said that the Awami League, the Jatiya Party and the Jamaat were now out in an unholy alliance to discredit the democratically elected popular BNP government and disrupt the institutionalisation of the hard-earned parliamentary democracy in the country, reports BSS.

Barrister Huda was addressing the installation ceremony of the newly elected office-bearers of BNP Keraniganj thana unit here as chief guest this afternoon at the Zinjira Community Centre auditorium.

DUCSU Vice-President Amanullah Aman, MP, BNP Dhaka district general secretary Professor Mohtuddin and organising secretary Advocate Abdus Samad also spoke. Keraniganj thana unit BNP president Najmuddin presided.

Huda told the Keraniganj thana BNP leaders and workers that the Prime Minister would very soon inaugurate the construction work of Buriganga bridge, a dream of the local people.

He said people of the country had rejected and condemned the Jamaat for its heinous role in 1971.

Similarly, he said people had also rejected and condemned the Awami League for its nightmarish misrule from 1972 to 1975 marked by widespread corruption, relief bungling, killings, atrocities of the Rakkhi Bahini, snatching away of the freedom of the press and speeches, introduction of one-party regimented Baksal system sending democracy into the wilderness.

Barrister Huda said BNP had helped rehabilitate these two rejected and condemned political parties as BNP truly believes in the democracy and freedom of the press and speeches.

Barrister Huda criticised the three opposition political parties saying that the people of the country are completely aware of these rejected forces who were not friends of the people. He said the citizens of Bangladesh could not forget the nightmarish misrule of these three autocratic anti-people forces.

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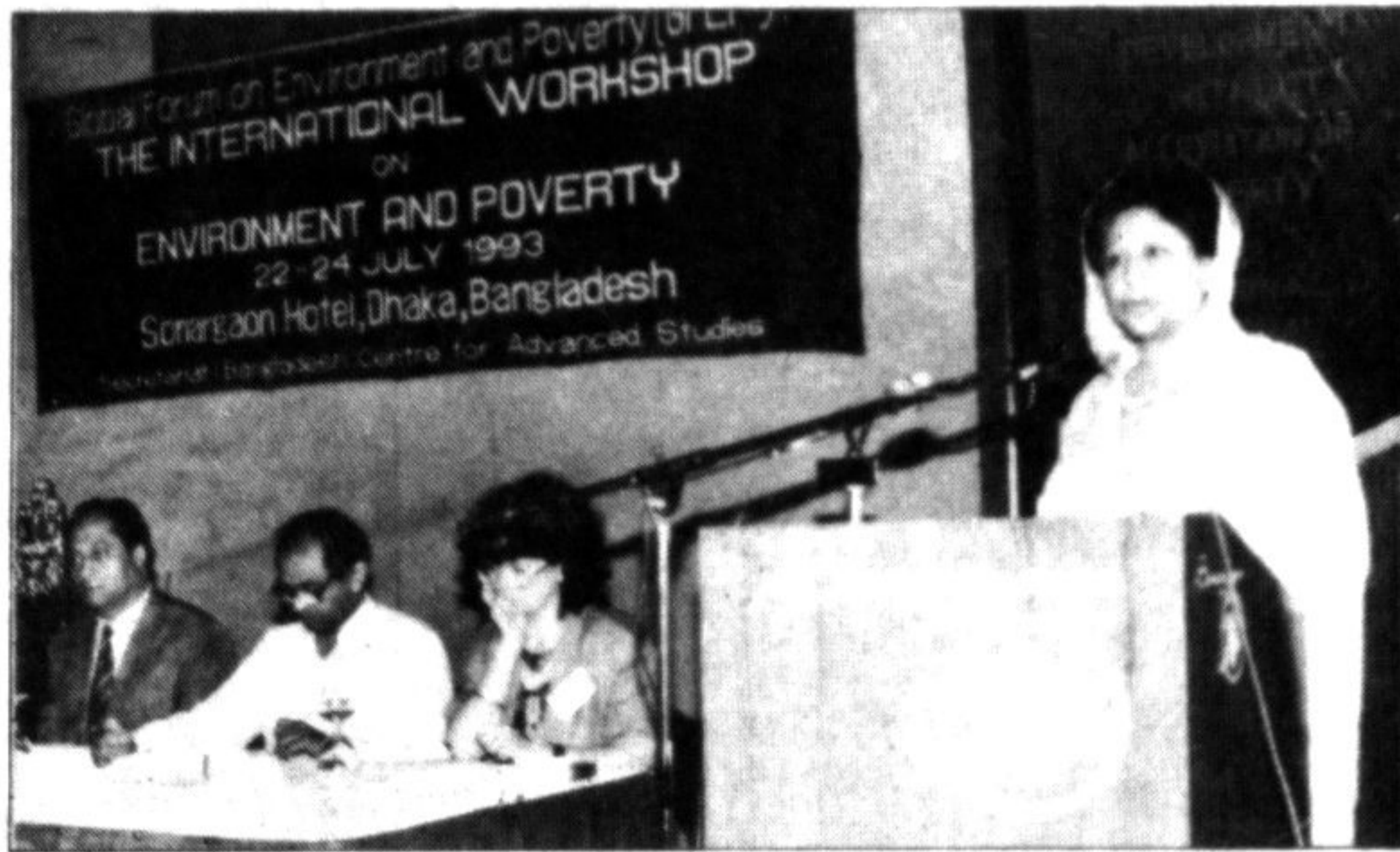
The people of Bangladesh have reposed their trust in BNP and have voted the party to power three times which is unprecedented in the third world," he said adding that BNP was dedicated to the cause of the people and development of the country. Barrister Huda said BNP was the most transparent, accountable, democratic and corruption-free government and had created a wave of development activities throughout the country under the dynamic leadership of uncompromising Begum Khaleida Zia in order to materialise the dream of Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman to turn

### Antique smuggling: Kuwaiti national on police remand

A Kuwaiti national and two Bangladeshis, arrested with an antique smuggling bid, were taken on police remand yesterday for further interrogation, reports UNB.

Kuwaiti national Tareque Md. Saleh and his two Bangladeshis associates Sumon Ruber Sunil and Benjamin Fuera were produced before the CMM court yesterday. The court sent them on police remand for two days and rejected a bail petition of Sumon.

Customs officials at Zia International Airport recovered precious antiques worth about Taka one crore from the baggage of Saleh while he was leaving for Hong Kong on July 20. They were handed over to Cantonment police.



Prime Minister Begum Khaleida Zia addressing the opening ceremony yesterday of an international workshop on environment and poverty at a local hotel organised by the Global Forum. Minister for Environment and Forests Abdullah Al-Noman is also seen. — PID photo

### JS probe

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 The Daily Star, on condition of anonymity, that the June 26 allegations were only a few examples of the ministry's voluminous irregularities and they would fight for a chance to look into all irregularities.

On the other hand, a BNP member told this correspondent it was not possible for a special probe body to investigate any general allegations.

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The committee members yesterday read out the texts of the relevant Parliament speeches of Tofael Ahmed, Majid-ul-Haq, Speaker Shaikh Razzak Ali and Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury who proposed the committee in the House. They also gave their respective interpretation of those speeches during yesterday's four-hour sitting.

The committee is supposed to finalise its report within 30 days of its formation. The rules of procedure of Jatiya Sangsad, however, permit the House to extend the deadline.

### PM: Creative jobs

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 The Prime Minister identified the existing global disparity as the root cause of the ecological imbalance and poverty.

Describing environmental degradation and poverty as global phenomena, Begum Zia said these have to be tackled globally as no individual country can solve them single-handedly.

The Prime Minister pointed out that 25 per cent of mankind living in the developed countries consume more than 80 per cent of the world resources.

The developed countries of the world are responsible for the 87 per cent of the ecological disaster while the share of the developing countries is only 13 per cent in this regard, she said, adding that the contribution of Bangladesh to this is negligible.

The Prime Minister said her government had kept up its efforts at both regional and international levels to face this challenge.

In this regard she referred to Bangladesh's leading role in the last year's Earth Summit and the consensus of the seven SAARC nation's on regional co-operation in poverty alleviation.

Begum Zia underlined the need for equitable development of all corners of the globe for a balanced world order. She said concerted efforts were needed to keep this planet habitable.

The Prime Minister said efforts had also been taken to come out of the vicious circle of poverty and population explosion — two of our basic national problems. She sought regional and international cooperation to her government's massive efforts in this regard.

Overpopulation is the root cause of our poverty which leads to environmental degradation, Begum Zia said.

Referring to the rising environmental disaster, drought, floods, desertification and salinity, she said the environmental degradation was having a far reaching impact on the socio-economic structure of the country.

To face this challenge, the Prime Minister said, her government had taken an integrated approach by bringing poverty alleviation, conservation of environment and population control within the ambit of the same policy framework. A new environment policy has been formulated, she added.

### 45 injured as trains collide

LALMONIRHAT, July 22: At least 45 passengers were injured, three seriously, when a goods train hit a passenger train from behind at Hatibandha railway station today, reports UNB.

Of the injured, Moniruddin, 75, Ladi Begum, 25, and Salma Begum, 11, were admitted to the Hatibandha Health Complex. The condition of Moniruddin was stated to be critical.

The accident took place at about 1 pm when a goods train entered into the station without any clearance signal and hit the Lalmonirhat-bound train from Burimari stood there, railway officials said.

Two compartments of the passenger train and three bogies of the goods train were derailed and the engine of the goods train was badly damaged.

### Munir's parents

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 view petition last month and subsequently the President also rejected the petitions for a commutation of the death sentence.

Munir, who killed his wife Sharmin Sultana Rima on April 8, 1989, was said to be sick and mentally disturbed in jail, according to family sources. He talked little with his parents and an uncle who met him early this week.

Jail source hinted that this was possibly the last visit permitted by the Home Ministry before the execution.

### Huda denies

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The rank-and-file anger erupted when Secretary-General Setroku Kajiyama proposed allowing an emergency ad hoc committee of party elders to select Miyazawa's successor instead of the full parliamentary membership.

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Shokei Arai castigated the embarrassed men on the platform for trying to settle the succession behind closed doors and deny the convention the right to choose the party president.

### Youth Cong

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 Deputy Commissioner Deben Biswas. He said 59 policemen were hurt.

The opposition group that held the rally, the West Bengal State Youth Congress, urged the federal government Thursday to dismiss the state government and take control of West Bengal.

The group, a branch of India's governing Congress Party, accuses West Bengal's rulers of rigging elections and preventing opponents who won village elections from taking office.

To continue its protests, the group has called for a state wide general strike on Friday, and plans to carry the bodies of the 12 protesters in a procession to a cremation site in Calcutta.

### Doctors

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 nised by the GMC". Dr Sayeed informed.

Commenting about the thana health complexes in the rural areas, Dr Sayeed said, "The thana health complexes need more equipment to serve the rural people. The World Health Organisation and the World Bank have suggested the government upgrade the complexes by turning them from 31-bed to 60-bed hospitals. But this suggestion has so far been ignored," he said.

The UK allocates six per cent of its total aid to Bangladesh for the health sector. The British government has also proposed to double this outlay if Bangladesh can absorb the money," he added.

Dr Sayeed said the government should now try to speed up its implementation process to absorb more aid in the health sector.

The other members of the visiting British Medical team are team leader Timothy Walsh, Prof Hamish Simpson, a paediatrician, Mohammad Anwar, a gynaecologist.

Dr Akram Sayeed is the co-ordinator. They are representing the General Medical Council (GMC) of the UK as academic referees.



Abdus Samad Azad, Deputy Leader of the Opposition in Parliament, addressing a public meeting at Bangabandhu Avenue in the city yesterday. — Star photo

### Kamal's party

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Indispensable — It is the crying need of the hour." Informed sources, however, said that the NAP chief Prof Muzaffar Ahmed, though not opposed to such unity, is still reluctant to involve himself with the move.

The Ganatantri Party (GP) leadership, which is yet to take a formal decision regarding the proposed party, has been deliberating on the issue.

Mohammad Afzal, general secretary of the GP, said his party is in favour of unity of all patriotic, democratic and secular forces. He admitted that the GP had already been discussing the unification issue with the CPB and NAP.

"However, if Dr Kamal proposes formation of a new party, I will certainly consider that," he said.

"Meanwhile," informed sources said that Kamal and leaders of the CPB, NAP and other organisations have been exchanging views for quite some time about the programmes to be adopted at the coming national convention, with the need for a new party dominating the discussion.

Some sources said the decision to float a new party may even precede the convention.

Kamal Hossain floated the Bangladesh Democratic Forum on June 19 last year and since then has been keeping himself away from the activities of the Awami League.

### Awami League observes

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Zillur Rahman, in his speech, said the deadly social malaise—corruption—had gripped the entire nation.

Tofael Ahmed, while narrating the background of the formation of the probe body against the Agriculture Minister on the basis of his allegations, quoted the minister as having "confessed" to the charges in his deliberations in Parliament.

He reiterated his challenge in the House that he would resign if the charges were not proved.

### 9 smugglers

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Shakur, Syed Alam, Munir Ahmed, Abdur Rahman, Salim Ullah, Mohammad Ibrahim, Zahed Alam and Mohammad Alam of Mowndow thana in the Myanmar province of Arakan and Mohammad Haroon, Mohammad Siddique and Ayub Ali of Teknaf.

A case was filed against them with Teknaf thana on charges of smuggling, intrusion and espionage.

Earlier on July 1, BDR men also arrested two alleged smugglers of an international ring Zahir Ahmad alias Bojee Zahir and Lal Mia. They were sent to Dhaka Central Jail.

## More areas flooded

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 on-rush of hilly waters from across the border.

Flash floods have been reported in Nepal and in the north-eastern parts of India. Eleven out of the 15 districts in the Chittagong region have gone under water.

Rangpur, Gaibandha, Nilphamari, Lalmonirhat, Panchagarh and Kurigram districts have also been gripped with flash floods, according to a bulletin of the government's disaster management bureau.

At least nine people died in mudslides in Rangamati district Thursday, the bodies of three boat capsized victims were recovered in Serajganj, one minor boy was washed away by flood waters in Patiya thana of Chittagong while a 70-year-old man drowned in Netrakona district, according to the reports filed by our correspondents and agencies.

At least 30 people were killed in mudslide in the three Chittagong hill districts Wednesday.

Four rivers in the Meghna basin have been flowing an average 1.5 metre higher their red marks. The Manu 1.71 metres at the Manu Railway Bridge, the Khowai 1.70 m at Habiganj, the Kushiyara 1.54 m at Amalashid and the Gumti 1.20 m at Comilla.

In the south-eastern hill basin, the waters of the Muhuri were 1.40 m over the danger sign at Parshuram while the Sangu at Bandarban was flowing 1.20 meter above the danger level.

The mighty Ganges, which still remained below the red line, might soon begin to rise, officials feared.

District officials and our correspondents said that railway links between Chittagong-Nazirhat, Shahistaganj-Balla, Peni-Belonia, and Purbodhala-Jaria have been disrupted.

Our staff correspondent in Chittagong reports: Several lakh people have been affected by the flash floods and torrential rains in the district. Nine out of 14 thanas have been affected, forcing people to look for dry shelters.

More than 70 thousand people have been affected in the hill districts of Khagrachhari, Rangamati and Bandarban, officials said. Fifteen thousand flood victims have been sheltered in 32 camps in the districts, they said.

The latest mudslide victims in Rangamati included four people in Kaptai, four in Bilachhart and one at

Rajshahi. Officials feared that the missing people might have been trapped under mud but rescue operations could not be launched until Thursday evening because of continuous heavy rain.

Our Cox's Bazar correspondent says that the road link between the resort town and Chittagong was snapped at four places since Thursday morning. Nearly two kilometers of the highway were now under about four feet of water.

Continuous monsoon rain has caused waterlogging in Cox's Bazar town.

Our correspondent in Sylhet adds: The road link between Sylhet and Beanibazar, Gowainghat and Kanaighat thanas have also been snapped. Water continued to rush through the 33 breaches of the Surma flood control embankment at Kanaighat, inundating more villages.

Our Habiganj correspondent reports that 65 unions of the district have been seriously hit by the floods damaging some 15,000 kutcha huts in all eight thanas. Standing crop on 3.5 lakh acres have been destroyed, according to the local officials.

District administration officials at Sirajganj, reached over telephone, said the flood situation was worsening because of the continuous rise of the water level in the river Jamuna.

About 400 hundred feet of the embankment at Singra village of Kaptai thana have been washed away by the swelling river water.

District officials said that Netrakona town had become isolated from the rest of the country with water submerging the road links with all the 10 thanas.

The administration has closeddown all educational institutions while several thousand flood victims have been evacuated from Durgapur and Khaliajhuri thanas.

Our Bogra correspondent reports about 20 thousand people have been affected in Sariakandi, Dhunat and Sonatala thanas of the districts. Some 300 feet of the flood protection embankment has been washed away in the erosion-prone Sariakandi area Thursday.

The flood control room in Panchagarh district reported that the Karatoa continued to flow 0.185 metre above the danger level at the Deviganj point.

## The Midnight File

### West Bengal orders police to thwart today's strike

CALCUTTA, July 22: The Marxist state administration of West Bengal has ordered police to thwart a planned general strike here Friday by India's ruling Congress (I) to protest the shooting of 12 party activists today. The standoff triggered fears of renewed political violence in the Bengal capital of Calcutta where the police shot dead the activists to prevent them from storming the state's administrative headquarters, officials said today, reports AFP.

### Qureshi leaves for US Sunday

ISLAMABAD, July 22: Pakistan's acting Prime Minister Moeen Qureshi is to leave here for Washington on Sunday on a five-day private visit, it was officially announced here. During his stay in Washington, Qureshi will undergo a medical checkup which had been arranged prior to his assuming the premiership last Sunday after Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif resigned to end several months of political crisis in the country, the Thursday announcement said, reports AFP.

## Miyazawa resigns

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 democracy. LDP Young Turks strode one after another to the microphone to press the entire leadership to quit over Sunday's general election debacle.

The LDP, badly damaged by the leadership's retreat from Miyazawa's pledge to clean up dirty money politics, lost its majority and it is unclear whether the party can continue to rule.

"All of you sitting on the platform there," said Seiichi Ohta in an impassioned address carried on television. "You should all resign. You were the ones that pulled down President Miyazawa."

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The highest number of arms were recovered from Kushtia district. Police has set up 41 additional camps in the region.

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