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Khaleda shocked

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday expressed heartfelt condolence at the loss of many lives in the air crash of a Chinese airliner near the tourist centre of Xian, reports BSS.

AL public meet today

Bangladesh Awami League will hold a public meeting on the historic 7th June today to press for resignation of the BNP government and holding of elections under a caretaker government, reports UNB.

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার
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ঢাকা।

একটি বিশেষ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

“কর পরিশোধ করে জাতীয় অর্থনৈতিক উন্নয়নে অবদান রাখুন”

আপনি কি একজন আয়কর দাতা? আপনি আপনার প্রদেয় কর পরিশোধ করেছেন কি? না করে থাকলে অনুগ্রহপূর্বক আগামী ৩০শে জুন ১৯৯৪ এর মধ্যে সমুদয় প্রদেয় কর পরিশোধ করে সংশ্লিষ্ট আয়কর অফিস হতে কর পরিশোধের সনদপত্র সংগ্রহ করুন। কর পরিশোধে ব্যর্থ হলে আয়কর আইনানুসারে আপনার বিরুদ্ধে শাস্তিমূলক ব্যবস্থা প্রযোজ্য হবে।

সঠিক সময়ে কর পরিশোধ করা একজন সুনামের প্রথম ও প্রধান দায়িত্ব ও কর্তব্য।

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জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ড, ঢাকা

Budget session begins sans Opposition

By Staff Correspondent

The budget session of Parliament began yesterday with the Opposition boycotting it to press home its demand for constitutional provisions for holding general elections under a caretaker government.

The political impasse created due to the Opposition demand and the ruling party's refusal to entertain the idea persisted despite hectic parleys to end the crisis.

Speaker Shaikh Razzak Ali, who took an initiative to bring the opposing sides closer for resolving the impasse, continued his efforts yesterday.

The Speaker held an hour-long exclusive meeting with the Leader of the Opposition Sheikh Hasina at her chamber.

"If the Leader of the House and Prime Minister announced that the ruling party will table a bill providing for a caretaker government, only then the Opposition parties will sit with it across the table or join the session," sources quoted Hasina as telling the Speaker.

On the other hand, the ruling party still stuck to its proposal for strengthening the Election Commission for holding free and fair elections.

After the meeting with the Speaker, Sheikh Hasina told a crowded press conference that there is nothing new to announce.

"The Speaker came to me with a message that the Prime

Minister would like to discuss the caretaker issue with me," Hasina said. "I have informed him of our stand."

"Before an announcement about placing of a caretaker government bill, we will not attend the session," she said. "We would not like to mislead the people by starting a dialogue without a specific decision from the government."

"Why is the BNP afraid of elections under a caretaker government," she asked.

Shaikh Razzak Ali, however, expressed optimism and said, "Things are moving."

"I had a telephonic conversation with the Leader of the Opposition yesterday and I

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Speaker shuttles to end crisis

By Nurul Kabir

Speaker Shaikh Razzak Ali, in a bid to help resolve the present political impasse using his good offices, has been shuttling between the high commands of the opposing political camps.

The Speaker met the ruling Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) chief and Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia Sunday night. He had a closed-door meeting with the chief of the largest Opposition party Awami League and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina yesterday.

Apart from communicating the view of the two leaders on the ways of resolving the present political impasse to each other, the Speaker is learnt to have told them that if they failed to overcome the impasse, the people would eventually lose confidence in the

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The budget session of the Jatiya Sangsad began yesterday with the Opposition boycotting the House while the treasury bench attendance was also thin. This picture was taken at 3:45 pm yesterday. —Star photo

Aid to Bangladesh declines despite return to democracy

Star Report

World Bank loans to Bangladesh declined considerably following the country's return to democracy despite repeated sermons made by Western donors that the aid recipient countries respect human rights and observe democratic processes, observed the recently published Human Development Report.

Bangladesh received an average of 397 million US dollars annually during the 1988-90 period as soft-term loan from the World Bank (WB) while that amount declined sharply to an annual average of 213 million dollars during 1992-93. What's more, Bangladesh's share in total International Development Agency (IDA) — the

soft-term lending arm of the WB — declined from eight per cent to 3.2 per cent during the same period.

The rhetoric of Western

economic management.

World Bank loans to both Bangladesh and the Philippines declined following their return to democracy.

ODA to the poorest					
Ten developing countries with highest number of poor people		Percentage of population in poverty 1980-90	Number of poor (millions) 1992	Poor as % of total world 1992	ODA as % of total per poor person (US\$) 1992
India	40	35.0	26.9	7	5.2
China	9	105.0	8.1	28	6.5
Bangladesh	78	93.2	7.2	19	3.8
Brazil	47	72.4	5.6	3	0.5
Indonesia	25	47.8	3.7	44	4.6
Nigeria	40	46.4	3.6	7	0.5
Viet Nam	54	37.6	2.9	16	1.3
Philippines	54	35.2	2.7	49	3.8
Pakistan	24	35.0	2.7	33	2.6
Ethiopia	60	31.9	2.5	41	2.9
Total	29	854.5	65.9	17	31.7

donors is "running far ahead of reality, as a comparison of the per capita ODA received by democratic and authoritarian regimes shows," the report said.

Multilateral donors are also least bothered by such considerations of human rights and democracy, it added. "They seem to prefer martial law regimes, quietly assuming the such regimes will promote political stability and improve

Published by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the report also observed that aid is rarely focused on the priority areas of human development and it has often gone more to strategic allies than to poor nations. Aid is not targeted at the poor as the donors send less than one-third of development assistance to the ten most populous countries (including

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Share market plunges

By Rafiq Hasan

The Dhaka share market, which is now passing through a prolonged depression, witnessed a sudden plunge in turnovers Monday. The turnover in values dropped to Tk 2586235 Monday from the previous day's Tk 4053619.

This was the lowest turnover witnessed by the market this year.

The market was going through a bull run since early this year and on March 31, the turnover in value rose to as high as Tk 117881283.

Since the Eid holidays, the trading was on a lower volume and culminated into yesterday.

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Quiz-5 top prizes go to journalist, student

By Staff Correspondent

A journalist and a student won the first prizes in the lucky draw of The Daily Star World Cup Quiz No-5 held at the Jatiya Press Club auditorium yesterday.

Fatima Quader Samrat, a sub-editor of the Daily Khabar, and Firuz-Al-Mamun (Titu) of U/46, Noorjahan Road,

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Fatima Razaque, a 13-year-old student from village Sattish in Sylhet district, receiving a Philips Powervision colour TV from chief guest Industries Minister A M Zahiruddin Khan at yesterday's lucky draw of the fifth Daily Star World Cup Quiz Competition held at the Jatiya Press Club auditorium. Fatima won the top prize in the fourth quiz, the draw for which was held last month. —Star photo

Lara rewrites cricketing theme

BIRMINGHAM, England, June 6: West Indian batsman Brian Lara's majestic reign took cricket to new heights Monday when he became the first player to make 500 runs in a first-class innings, reports AP.

Lara's assault on record books and history continued when he hit 501 not out for Warwickshire in its county championship match against Durham at Edgbaston.

He broke Hanif Mohammad's record of 499, set while playing for Karachi against Bahawalpur at Karachi, Pakistan, in 1958-59, and along the way broke 13 other records in the innings.

The milestone came 50 days after Lara set a record Test score of 375 against England in Antigua.

Since then, he has joined Warwickshire and has become the first player to score seven centuries in eight first class innings with scores of 147 against Glamorgan, 106 and 120 not out against Leicestershire, 136 against Somerset, 26 against Middlesex and now his latest milestone.

He also broke the record for the most runs scored in a day with 390, to surpass Charlie Macartney's effort for Australia of 345 against Nottinghamshire at Trent Bridge in 1921.



Brian Lara...501

JMB tender for MC

3 foreign missions see irregularities

By Inam Ahmed

A number of Western embassies and high commissions has raised questions about some irregularities by the Jamuna Multipurpose Bridge Authority (JMB) in dealing with the tender for management consultancy (MC) for the massive project, according to highly placed sources.

Evaluation of the contesting consultants has been finalised and is now awaiting a JMB board decision.

But different diplomatic missions have alleged that the JMB is trying to award the MC, a Taka 22 crore work, to a certain company which might not have qualified if all agreed procedures were strictly followed.

When contacted, the JMB, however, brushed aside the charges and claimed that no irregularities have taken place

in the tender procedures. But JMB officials admitted receiving allegations of irregularities from three missions — the US and French embassies and the Australian High Commission. Consultants from five countries participated in the tender.

Meanwhile, the JMB has extended the validity of the proposals of the intending consultant firms by two months. The original validity date was May 27 and now it has been extended to July 27 because of the delay in appointing the consultant. It is feared that this delay will also adversely affect the implementation of the Tk 3000 crore Jamuna Bridge Project.

The embassies, in strongly worded letters to the JMB, brought charges of irregularities immediately after the

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Chinese plane

crash kills 160

BEIJING, June 6: A Chinese airliner on a domestic flight from the tourist centre of Xian crashed today, killing all 160 people on board, officials coordinating the search said, reports Reuters.

The Russian-built Tupolev-154 with 146 passengers and 14 crew crashed eight minutes after take-off on a flight to the southern city of Guangzhou.

Officials at Xian's emergency rescue centre said all on board were dead. They said nine passengers on China Northwest Airlines Flight 2303 were foreigners, but had no details.

Government workers in Changan county, where the plane went down, said the aircraft appeared to have been hit by a mid-air explosion.

Meanwhile, in another blow to Chinese aviation, a jetliner belonging to China Southern Airlines was hijacked to Taiwan, a military statement in Taipei said. It said the plane, with 131 people aboard, landed safely in Taiwan.

বাংলাদেশ হাউস বিল্ডিং ফাইন্যান্স কর্পোরেশন

এইচ বি এফ সি সরল হারে সুদ চার্জ করে

স্বাধীনতার পর হতে সরকার নির্ধারিত পদ্ধতিতে সুদ চার্জ করা হয়। মূল ঋণের উপর সুদ এবং মূল ঋণ (প্রিন্সিপাল) ব্যাংকের ন্যায় একত্রিত করা হয় না। এখনও পর্যন্ত এইচ বি এফ সি সরল হারে অর্থাৎ ১৩% সরল সুদে (চক্রবৃদ্ধির ৯.৮৭% সমতুল্য) সাধারণ গ্রাহীদের ঋণ প্রদান করেছে। কতিপয় গ্রাহীতার উদ্দেশ্যমূলক প্রচারণায় বিভ্রান্ত হবেন না।

ঢাকা জোন-এ' এবং 'বি' কে থানাভিত্তিক ৪টি জোনে বিভক্ত করা হয়েছে।

নবগঠিত জোন-১, ২, ৩ ও ৪-এর জন্য নির্ধারিত রঙের মেমো বইতে (ডিপোজিট স্লিপ) ১লা জুলাই '৯৪ হতে ঋণের কিস্তি জমা করতে হবে। ঋণ গ্রাহীদেরকে নির্ধারিত ছাপানো মেমো বই সংশ্লিষ্ট জোনাল অফিস হতে জুন '৯৪ মাসের ১৫ (পনের) তারিখ হতে সংগ্রহ করার অনুরোধ করা যাচ্ছে।

১৪ই এপ্রিল, ১৯৯৩ (১লা বৈশাখ, ১৪০০) হতে ২৬-৫-১৯৯৪ পর্যন্ত যারা ঋণের আবেদন করেছেন তাদের সকলের ঋণ কেইস নম্বর (০০০০১ হতে ০১৯২৫ পর্যন্ত এবং ২০০০১ হতে ২০০৪৫ পর্যন্ত) পরিবর্তিত হয়েছে। এ সকল আবেদনকারীদেরকে তাদের নতুন ঋণ কেইস নম্বর ও মেমো বই সংগ্রহ করার অনুরোধ করা যাচ্ছে।

ঋণ পরিশোধের বিশেষ সুবিধা

- আপনি ঋণের কিস্তি পরিশোধে নিয়মিত আছেন কি? যদি হাল নাগাদ কিস্তি পরিশোধ না করে থাকেন তাহলে ১৫ই জুন '৯৪-এর মধ্যে হাল নাগাদ কিস্তি পরিশোধ করে ৫% ইনসেনটিভের এর সুবিধা গ্রহণ করুন। যারা ইতিমধ্যে রিসিডিউলিং-এর সুবিধা গ্রহণ করেছেন তারাও হাল নাগাদ কিস্তি পরিশোধ করে ইনসেনটিভের সুবিধা গ্রহণ করুন।
- খেলাপী গ্রাহীতারা যারা এখনও ৪টি কিস্তি জমা করে রিসিডিউলিং-এর সুবিধা গ্রহণ করেননি, আইনগত ঝামেলা এড়াতে হলে এখনই রিসিডিউলিং-এর সুবিধা গ্রহণ করে হিসাব হাল নাগাদ করুন।
- জুলাই '৯৪ হতে খেলাপী গ্রাহীদের বিরুদ্ধে প্রতিকায় নাম প্রকাশসহ আইনানুগ ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণ করা হচ্ছে।
- মামলা সংক্রান্ত কেইসে যারা ৪টি কিস্তি জমা দিয়ে রিসিডিউলিং-এর সম্মতিপত্র দাখিল করেছেন অথচ মামলা খরচের টাকা জমা করে সোলেনামা করেননি, তাদেরকেও যথাশীঘ্র সোলেনামা করে কেইস নিষ্পত্তির জন্য পরামর্শ দেয়া হচ্ছে।
- মাসিক কিস্তি পরিশোধের সময়সীমা ৭ তারিখ হতে বাড়িয়ে ১৫ তারিখ করা হয়েছে। অর্থাৎ প্রতি মাসের ১৫ তারিখের মধ্যে কিস্তি পরিশোধ করলে মাসিক কিস্তির আসলের উপর এ ১৫ দিনের সুদ চার্জ করা হয় না। এই সুযোগ নিয়মিত গ্রহণ করুন।
- নতুন গ্রাহীদের জন্য এপার্টমেন্ট লোন স্কীম, গ্রুপ লোন স্কীম চালু রয়েছে। যৌথ ঋণ গ্রাহীতারা ঋণ বিভাজন করার সুবিধা পাবেন। প্রতি মাসে কিস্তি জমা দেয়ার ঝামেলা যারা এড়াতে চান, এখন থেকে তারা কিস্তি অগ্রিম পরিশোধ করতে পারবেন। এককালীন সম্পূর্ণ ঋণ পরিশোধ করে যারা হিসাব নিষ্পত্তি করতে চান, তাদের জন্যও ইনসেনটিভের সুযোগ অব্যাহত রয়েছে।

ঋণের কিস্তি সময়মত পরিশোধ করুন এবং অপরকে ঋণ গ্রহণের সুযোগ দিন