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Khaleda shocked
Prime Minister Begum
Khaleda Zia yesterday ex-
pressed heartfelt condolence
at the loss of many lives in the
aircrash 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
জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ড
চাকা।

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 সুন্দর প্রদেয় কর পরিশোধ করে
সংশ্লিষ্ট আয়কর অফিস হতে কর পরিশোধের
সনদপত্র সংগ্রহ করুন। কর পরিশোধের ব্যর্থ হলে
আয়কর আইনানুসারে আপনার বিবরকে শাস্তিমূলক
ব্যবস্থা প্রযোজ্য হবে।

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

ফোন নং ১০৬২-১০১৫

জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ড, চাকা।

The Daily Star



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.

"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 8:45 pm yesterday.

—Star photo

Aid to Bangladesh declines despite return to democracy

Star Report

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.

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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 turnover 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 yester-

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day.

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