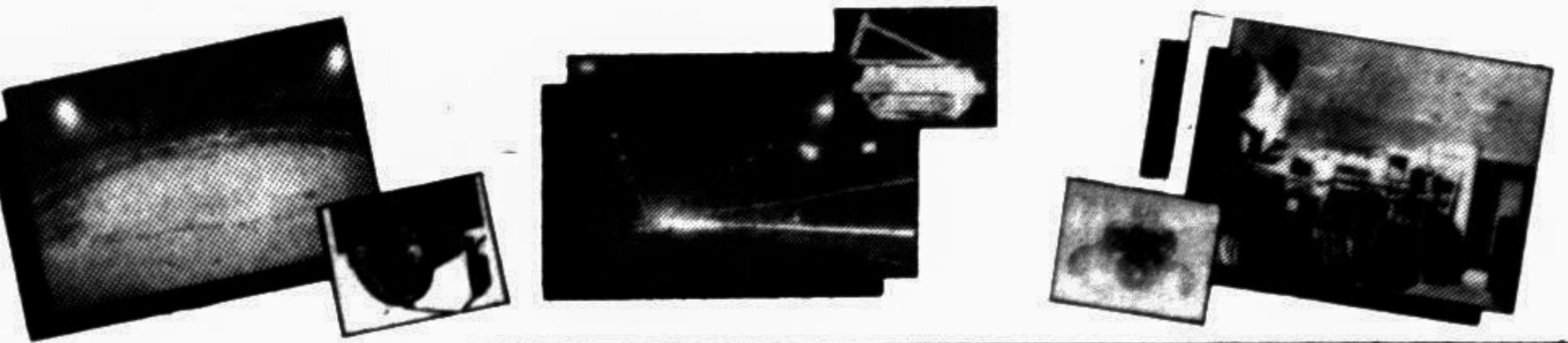




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## World Cup soccer

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Although South Korea, one of the two Asian teams in this meet is on a hattrick of participation having participated in the previous two World Cups in 1986 and 1990, chances of its footballers creating shock waves are as remote as they were before.

That leaves Saudi Arabia, the oil rich kingdom of the Middle East Asia. Imbued with deep rooted religious faith Saudis have already sounded off warning to others but their Argentine coach's prediction about his side's possible place in the semifinals along side Brazil, Argentina and Germany appears more like a morale boosting rhetoric than any worthwhile optimism based on relative strength.

Irrespective of the heady punch of forecasts about the probable winners the real greatest show on earth is certain to open up a numinous nebula of superstars before our eyes.

Brazil's striking duo of Romario and Bebeto are the hotshots to start with.

Germans have their quota of stars in captain Matthaus, midfielder Thomas Hassler.

Although beset with personal problems in the recent times, Diego Maradona, the legendary Argentine can inspire his young and talented teammates like Capriglia, Battistuta to relive the sensation of the '86 World Cup which Argentina won due to the sheer genius of this eccentric maestro.

Faustino Asprilla's marksmanship and Valderrama's artistic scheming are the main reasons behind Colombia's being a reckoned with astute potential champions.

Not far behind will be Belgium's effervescent Enzo Scifo who is going to make his third consecutive World Cup appearance at the age of 28. The Balkans will provide the its share of luminary in the form Gheorghe Hagi of Romania, known as the Maradona of the Carpathians.

For many reasons this World Cup will go down in the history as some sort of a watershed. For the first time World Cup matches will be played indoors with the Sil-

## NCBs

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Janata Bank — 11.60 crore, Agrani Bank — 9.17 crore and Rupali Bank — 1.69 crore.

State Minister for Finance informed the House that 9,373 certificate cases were filed by the nationalised banks and development financial institutions against defaulters of industrial loans.

Mujibur Rahman told another questioner that government earning from VAT stood at about Tk 14.76 crore from November 1 to May 15 this year. The amount included Tk 9.55 crore from imported goods and Tk 5.21 from other Ks.

Replies to another question he said remittance from the wage earners abroad estimated at Tk 2,763 crore during the first 8 months of current fiscal year to February.

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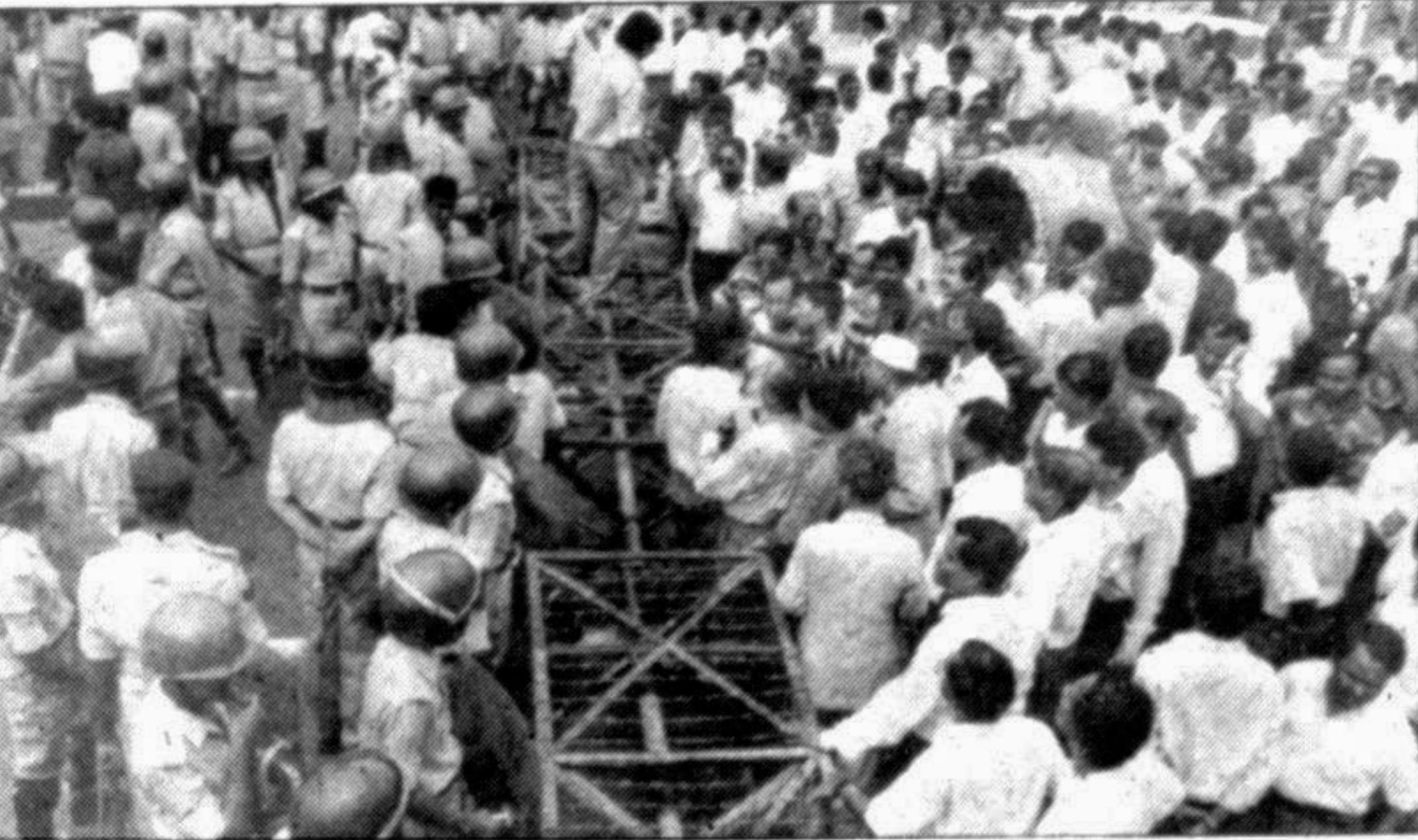
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The Prokrichi-BCS procession towards the Jatiya Sangsad for handing over a memorandum to the Speaker being intercepted by police at Bangla Motor Crossing in the city yesterday.

— Star photo

## MPs : T&amp;T

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gets and the bills of which are paid by the government." But the minister mentioned the outstanding bills of the MPs.

He regretted.

The minister apologised if any MP was hurt because of his comment. The authorities undertook a programme to make the telephones non-STD on request from the consumers, he said.

The maximum charge for a non-STD phone will be no more than Tk 750, Tariqul Islam said. The telephone department earned Tk 506 crore during the current fiscal, he added.

BTB's live telecast of the opening ceremony and the two matches will begin from Friday midnight today. 12:20 am (BST)

## BSP concerned over attack on newspapers

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rine resources in the Bay of Bengal and continued joint venture on fishing by their trawlers.

During the discussions, the home side expressed views that due to fast depletion of marine resources in the Bay, Bangladesh had already had the optimum number of trawlers.

Bangladesh welcomed Thai cooperation in the form of training, study tour of fishery officials in areas of shrimp culture and shrimp hatchery.

The local side proposed that the growing trade imbalance against Dhaka be narrowed through diversification of trade and increase in imports from Bangladesh. Thailand's import from Bangladesh includes fertiliser, jute and jute goods, crushed and finished leather.

The Thai side emphasised the need for exchanging trade information and cooperation between the respective chambers of the two countries.

The meeting also covered drug trafficking and drug addiction, avoidance of double taxation, amendment to maritime agreement and cultural exchanges.

Bangladesh requested for Thai scholarships for higher education in different fields, including engineering, medicine and management.

On civil aviation, both sides agreed to examine ways of removing obstacles faced by both Bangladesh Biman and Thai Airways.

## Prokrichi programmes

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17-point charter of demands.

Chaired by the action council convenor Dr M A Majed, the rally was also attended by Dr Ayubur Rahman, A N H Akhter Hossain, M A Hena, M Ruhul Matin, Jaber Iqbal, M Ibrahim Mia, and Prof Abu Yusuf.

A 24-point resolution of the action council resented the government's apparent apathy in accepting the 'rightful' demands by the professionals.

It also accused the government of its 'biased policy' aimed

at pleasing the members of the BCS (Administration) cadre.

The professionals demanded that the government immediately separate the judiciary from the executive, formulate the Rules of Business, and scrap the Clause 9 (2) of the 1974 Government Employees Retirement Act.

The grand rally of the professionals demanded trial of

## Salam's call to Hasina

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tory politics of a particular political party, he said while in power this very party had behaved like a master, but now in the name of opposition politics it has resorted to gimmicks at its convenience.

Talukder said the cooperation of the Opposition to make the present system permanent is a must. He said the BNP had played the role of the deciding force for the transition of a multi-party system from a single party system and later establishing parliamentary democracy in the country.

He said it was unfortunate that the Awami League was disrupting the advancement of democracy as it had repeatedly failed to get the people's verdict to go to power.

Referring to the Awami League chief's allegation of harassing the journalists, putting them behind the bar and nepotism in the distribution of advertisements, the BNP Secretary General said when the government had ensured 50 per cent press freedom these untrue statement is not only irrelevant but also unfortunate.

He called upon Sheikh Hasina to place the failure of the BNP before the people in a constitutional way.

He said it was the Awami League which had arrested journalist under the anti-smuggling law.

Talukder said Sheikh Hasina was annoyed with the statement of the BNP regarding country's development saying that 'We (BNP) are afraid of the people.' Talukder said, 'We firmly want to say that the people are the source of all power. BNP is respectable to the verdict of the people and we want the people to judge our success and failures.'

Talukder said we would accept the verdict of the people, bowing our heads for upholding the democratic values and giving democracy an institutional shape. It is up to the people of the country to consider whether they are still afraid of the Awami League by taking into stock the acts of loot, dacoity, murder, starvation and plunder that the country had witnessed during the three and a half years rule of the Awami government, he said.

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up all its courage and move ahead to utilise the business and investment opportunities.

Willoughby noted that still many businessmen were thinking of investment in protected markets. He urged the FBCCI to do more to highlight 'successes' as there were too many complaints about failures and other problems.

Regarding the WB-aided projects, the WB representative said they lag behind in implementation mostly because of delay in procurement. He pointed out that procurement was being delayed because the private sector representatives had the habit of alleging foul play whenever they lose in biddings.

"But there is no evidence that those allegations have any validity," he said, pointing out that this is not a good practice for the business community.

FBCCI President Mahbubur Rahman said that the elements of economic reforms should be considered in a package rather than in isolation.

He said now was the time for the private sector to pick

on the growth process. A strong political commitment, not necessarily on the part of the government alone, is to be considered important and vital for creation of a socio-political environment for sustained growth," he said.

He pointed out that administrative implementation capacity was another hindrance to investment and added that specific reform actions and pronouncements of the government must be credible to the private sector.

He suggested immediate reforms of laws allowing expansion of private investment and called for accelerated trade liberalisation to facilitate outward oriented economic growth.

WB programme officer Owaise Saadat said the government should ensure that its policy signals were perceived by the business community to be consistent and transparent.

The participants in the seminar suggested privatising some of the NCBs, licensing of new private banks and strengthening of the banks supervision.

## Cocktails hurled at Ahmed Sharif's residence

Four cocktails were hurled at the Dhanmondi residence of educationist Dr Ahmed Sharif at about 10 last night.

A former teacher of the Dhaka University, Prof Sharif told UNB over telephone that four people came in a baby taxi and lobbed the cocktails into his residence.

The bombs exploded on the first floor, second floor and at the gate. A quarter is trying to terrorise me," Dr Sharif said.

Some fundamentalist groups are demanding death of Dr Sharif and Taslima Nasreen for their alleged blasphemy.

A maulana of Gopalganj Madrasah has filed a case against Dr Sharif for his alleged remarks against Islam. Hearing of the case is going on in the High Court.

— Star photo

## The Midnight File

## DPRK to allow UN inspectors at N-facilities: Carter

PYONGYANG, North Korea, June 16: Former US President Jimmy Carter today said North Korea had agreed to allow UN inspectors to remain at the country's nuclear facilities. Carter, who has been in North Korea for meeting with President Kim Il-Sung and other leaders, said in televised remarks "I see this commitment as a very important step in resolving the crisis," reports Reuter.

## Greek Parliament votes to try former PM

ATHENS, June 16: The Greek Parliament voted today to place former conservative Prime Minister Constantine Mitsotakis on trial for his alleged role in a major phone tapping scandal. The 300-seat body voted 163 to six to lift Mitsotakis' parliamentary immunity and ordered him to stand on charges of morally instigating a scheme to wiretap dozens of political opponents and journalists from 1988 to 1991, reports Reuter.

## Govt-teachers talks fail

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ers, accordingly Mannan Bhuiyan and other members of the team — Japiruddin Sircar, Eunus Khan and Tariqul Islam — invited the teachers' leaders for the meeting.

Twenty-four leaders of the teachers' liaison committee attended the meeting.

Meanwhile, political leaders including Abdur Razzak, Matiullah Chowdhury, Sudhangsu Shekhar Halder, Nazibul Bashir Maizbhandari, Rahmat Ali, and Dhirendra Devanathan Shambhu, of the Awami League, Moudud Ahmed and Kazi Zafar of the Jatiya Party, Sheikh Ansar Ali and Kader Mollah of Jamaat-e-Islami, and Shahjahan Siraj of Gana Forum visited the fasting teachers yesterday.

## Phensedyl

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try, an estimate said. Easy availability, easy marketing facility, good taste and comparatively lower health risk are the factors behind the rise in phensedyl addiction, sources concerned said.

Phensedyl contains codeine phosphate, a kind of opiate, and is capable of producing hallucinogenic effect. Heroin, on the other hand, is expensive and usually adulterated.

Produced in a neighbouring country, phensedyl is smuggled into the country.

Presently a 125m bottle of the contraband syrup is sold at Tk 80-100.

Kamlapur, Golapbagh, Sayedabad, Gopibagh, Mirpur and Mohammadpur and some of the city areas where phensedyl is sold almost openly.

## Janakantha editor granted bail

The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court yesterday granted *ad interim* bail to editor of the daily Janakantha Mohammad Atique Ullah Khan Masood, reports UNB.

## ঢাকা ওয়াসা জরুরী বিজ্ঞপ্তি

দ্বিদের ছুটি ও অন্যান্য সংগত কারণে সময়মত বিল পরিশোধ করতে না পারায় সম্মানিত গ্রাহকবৃন্দের অনুরোধে সাকল্য বকেয়া এককালীন পরিশোধ সাপেক্ষে সারাচার্জ ব্যতীত বিল পরিশোধের সময় ৩০শে জুন '৯৪ পর্যন্ত বর্ধিত করা হল।

বিশেষভাবে উল্লেখ্য যে, তাঁক্ষণ্যিকভাবে সংযোগ বিচ্ছিন্ন করাসহ ঢাকা ওয়াসার আমামান আদালত পি.ডি.আর, এ্যাটের অধীনে খেলাপী গ্রাহকদের বিরুদ্ধে যথাযথ ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণ করছে।

সংযোগ বিচুতি ও পি.ডি.আর, এ্যাটের অধীনে শাস্তিমূলক ব্যবস্থা এড়ানোর জন্যে নির্দিষ্ট সময়ের মধ্যে আপনার পানি/পয়ঃবিল পরিশোধ করুন।

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