Only ballot can change a govt, says Rafiq

Minister for Housing and Public Works Rafigul Islam Mia vesterday said 'vote' and 'ballot' constituted the only means for changing a government under the democratic system, reports BSS.

"There is no other way except these two", he said and added: "A democratically elected government shall remain in power as long as the people's mandate remains in its favour. No threat can move it out of its position.

The minister was address ing as chief guest a seminar on the "Transition to Democracy and the Present Context' organised by the 'Organisation for the 21st Century, Dhaka Southern Zone' at the National Sports Council auditorium in the city.

With Mohammad Akhtaruz zaman in the chair, the semi nar was also addressed by Dr M Shamsher Ali, Ehsanul Kabir and Dr Borhanuddin.

Rafigul Islam Mia referred to the Opposition's demand for a caretaker government and said in the event of dissolution of Parliament, the Constitution has no provision for an unelected government to run the country or administer polls.

He also said that the Awami League was now helping the Jatiya Party regain power and implement the Jamaat's caretaker government bill, which would bring no positive result for the people.

"This manifests the Awami League's threat to the BNP that they won't allow the BNP to remain in peace when in power", he said, adding that the Awami League ought to have helped the BNP through a constructive role for the overall betterment of the country.

The minister also said his party still recognises the Awami League's role in the restoration of democracy ex-

An inter-ministerial meet

ing yesterday decided to tele-

cast BTV programmes on a

second channel through satel-

lite to reduce project cost and

make its functions easily ac-

cessible to lakhs of expatriate

Minister Nazmul Huda, the

meeting discussed progress of

the project and the technical

knowhow necessary for speedy

opening of a second channel. A

committee to plan pro-

grammes for the channel will

will be able to enjoy the sec-

ond channel programmes si-

Secretary Dr Ekram Hossain,

senior officials of the Informa-

tion Ministry, representatives

of the Post and Telecommu-

nication Ministry and senior

From Page 1 Col 5

tary Mufazzal Hussain

Chowdhury Maya, party public-

ity secretary Muzaffar Hussain

Paltu and the new entrant to

Awami League Nurul Islam

that the proposed hartal of

June 30, called by the funda-

mentalists, was "a conspiracy"

of the anti-liberation forces. He

said the workers of his party

would resist them in the

streets during the day. Razzaque, who criticised

"rehabilitation of the anti-

Bangladesh forces", said that

the restoration of the citizen-

Tin Bigha handover

From Our Correspondent

second anniversary of the

handing over of Tin Bigha cor-

ridor will be observed tomor-

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pices of Tin Bigha Sangram

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RANGPUR, June 25: The

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Abdur Razzaque, MP said

Local and foreign viewers

Attended by Information

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Chaired by Information

Bangladeshis, reports UNB.

cept that the party had betrayed the people through participation in the controver

sial 1986 elections. Referring to the Awami League's allegation that no election under the BNP rule was free and fair. Rafiq said the Awami League had won eight by-elections out of the total 16 held with the present government in office.

"How was Mohammad Hanif elected mayor of the Dhaka City Corporation if elections held under the present government were not free and fair?" he posed.

Speaking about the Opposi on boycott of Parliament, the minister said they were in fact making Parliament ineffective by their continuous absence.

CU BCL enforces indefinite strike

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, June 25: Classes were not held at the Chittagong University as the Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) enforced an indefinite strike there from today protesting Thursday's attack on its activists by Shibir supporters.

The BCL activists put up barricades at the approach road to the university to prevent vehicles either carrying students or teachers from entering the campus.

A tense situation prevailed inside the campus. At least ten persons were

injured in clash between BCL and Shibir supporters on Thursday.

UNB quotes witnesses as saying, Mozammel Huq. teacher of the Department of Philosophy, was assaulted a the main gate of the university. He was given first aid at the university medical centre.

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rised that neighbouring coun-

tries are already televising

programmes through satellite.

Bangladesh TV programmes by

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keeping with the emerging

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to take immediate measures to

produce quality programmes

catering to the tastes of BTV

viewers so as to free them

from the aggression of world-

wide satellite TV programmes.

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Prof Golam Azam was a severe

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that if the government fails to

concede to the demand of

caretaker government within

the June 26 deadline, Awami

League, along with other oppo-

sition parties, would launch a

over restoration of citizenship

to Prof Golam Azam, Amir

Hussain Amu said that his

party would foil "all conspira-

cies" against independence of

the country. Terming Golam

Azam as a war criminal, Amu

demanded his trial in a special

He also urged his partymen

City unit general secretary

Mufazzal Hussain Chowdhury

Maya expressed his determina-

tion to "counter" the hartal. He

also criticised the government

for "rehabilitating" the extrem-

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The decision to telecast

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Resist hartal: City AL

Saudis win

From Page 1 Col 7 But they could not turn pressure into goals and were stunned by Amin's strike. The Saudi midfielder celebrated his second goal of the finals by kissing the turf.

Saudi goalkeeper Mohamad al-Deayea performed heroics in the second half to preserve the historic win, which gives his team a fair chance of reaching the last 16.

Saudi Arabia, with three points from two games, end their Group F campaign against Belgium on Wednesday while the Moroccans, still without a point, play the Netherlands the same day.

Belgians beat Dutch

Defender Phlippe Albert. who missed Belgium's opening 1-0 win over Morocco in the sweltering Orlando Citrus Bowl last Sunday, pounced in the 66th minute to give his side a six-point tally from two games in Group F.

Marc Degryse, scorer of the winner against Morocco, took a corner on the left which was headed on for Albert to hook home from inside the penalty

The match could have gone either way, with goal chances galore and no quarter given far from the stalemate some had feared for a result damaging neither side's further ambitions.

The Dutch, who survived the scare of going a goal down before beating Saudia Arabia in Washington last Monday, meet Morocco next to determine their fate.

Belgium might have had a goal inside 40 seconds when Croatian-born striker Josip Weber planted a header from a pinpoint Enzo Scifo cross just over the bar.

That set the tone for a dramatic "Derby of the Low Countries," packed with action in both goal mouths.

Bogra by-election From Page 1 Col 5

stituency March 20.

The opposition boycott of the Bogra polls is also in keeping with its stand not to contest any elections under the present government and its demand for a caretaker government to conduct future

This correspondent, during a visit to the Election Commission office at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar in the city yesterday, also failed to notice any urgency among the officials regarding the election, due on July 7.

 The by-election is being contested by Dr. Ziaul Haq Mollah of the BNP and independent candidates Azimushshan and Rafigul Islam

The seat fell vacant following the death of Azizul Haq Mollah of the BNP. His son was nominated to contest the seat by the ruling party.

Until yesterday, no central leader of the ruling party had visited the constituency to campaign for its candidate. party sources said. Also, there is no plan yet for either the Prime Minister or her cabinet colleagues to visit the area.

The Election Commission is not very optimistic about the turnout of voters either. In the 1991 general elections, 70.23 per cent votes were cast in the constituency.

There are 1,72,934 enlisted voters in the constituency.

In 1991, Azizul Haq Mollah was elected with 43,247 votes while his nearest rival Abdur Rahman Fakir of the Jamaat-e-Islami secured 34,372 votes. He was followed by Shahidul Alam of the Awami League with 31,192 votes.

Hasina addresses Tongi rally today

Leader of the Opposition and Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina will address a workers' rally in Tongi at 3 pm today. Meanwhile, an emergency meeting of the Awami League Presidium and Advisory Council will be held at 29 Minto road at 10 am today. Hasina will preside over the meeting, reports UNB.



Saeed Owairan at East Rutherford's Giants Stadium during last night's World Cup Group F clash. The Saudis — AFP photo won 2-1.

Steps recommended for streamlining brothels

The Social Services Department has drawn up a 30-point set of recommendations to resolve the problems of country's different brothels and their inmates, reports UNB.

The recommendations came following a seven-month survey last year by the Dhaka office of the department in three red-light areas in and around the capital.

A ten-member team worked informally in Kandupatti of Dhaka and Tan Bazar and Tanti Bazar areas of Narayangani and identified as many as 21 serious problems forcing the inmates to live in sub-human conditions.

A total of 425 prostitutes in Kandupatti, 673 in Tan Bazar and 161 in the Tanti Bazar brothels were surveyed by the Social Services Department team who depicted the miserable livelihood of the community and their families or dependents.

About 83 per cent of the respondents had obtained affidavits from Notary Public which were being wrongly termed as licences. The team suggested that the government should introduce proper licences for them.

The recommendations include formulation of a policy with rules and regulations for streamlining the country's brothels and introduction of health cards for the prostitutes.

The team suggested that posters, billboards and leaflets should be used in the red-light areas for creating awareness about AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases (STD).

Findings of the survey said 20 per cent of the prostitutes suffer from different diseases including 10 per cent from skin diseases and two per cent from STDs.

The team opined that selling and consumption of al-

Ishurdi BNP calls off strike

PABNA, June 25: The Ishurdi unit of Bangladesh Nationalist Party BNP today called off an indefinite shutdown on the thana headquarters following a fruitful discussion with high officials regarding release of its leaders, reports UNB.

The ruling party activists enforced the hartal on June 21 demanding release of their colleagues and transfer and punishment of the ASP and the OC of Ishurdi thana for their alleged atrocities on local BNP

cohol should be banned inside the brothels and strict laws should be enacted in this re-

Some 47 per cent of those surveyed protested harassment by local mastaans. The recommendations also included necessary steps to check all oppressions against the licensed prostitutes and customers inside the brothels

Pointing to the average in come of Tk 300 and a saving of only Tk 75 daily, a member of the team, talking to UNB, said the government should introduce a savings scheme for the prostitutes to enable them to lead a better life in future.

3 hurt as rival groups clash near Press Club

By DU Correspondent

At least three persons were injured when some unidentified youths attacked members of the Young Muslim Society when they were preparing to hold a rally in front of the Jatiya Press Club yesterday.

The rally was being organised to demand stern action against controversial writer Taslima Nasreen.

The clash allegedly started when a procession of the Sampradaikata Birodhi Chhatra Samaj was passing by the Press

The Chhatra Samaj, an alliance of pro-Liberation student bodies, brought out its procession from the Dhaka University campus in support of its dawn to dusk strike on June 30.

The alliance demanded trial of Jamaat chief Golam Azam and urged the people to resist the activities of the 'fatwabaz and razakars.

A section of the processionists allegedly assaulted the organisers of the anti-Taslima rally and damaged loudspeakers and some chairs.

Of the injured, one was admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital. Later the Chhatra Samaj

held its own rally in front of the Press Club. It was address by Iqbalur Rahim, Abdullahil Quyyum, Moshrefa Mishu and Ahad Ahmed.

They called upon the people and students to join the Sammilita Sangskritik Jote rally at the Central Shaheed Minar today and the Jatiya Samannaya Committee rally at Bangabandhu Avenue on June

Drug Abuse today By Staff Correspondent

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By Staff Correspondent

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The Election Commission

The International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking will be observed today in the country as elsewhere in the world.

Various non-government organisations have drawn up programmes in Dhaka to mark the day. The day's programmes include seminar, symposium, and rallies highlighting the day's theme. The United Nations Associ

ation of Bangladesh (UNAB) will hold a symposium at its of fice at 5 pm which will be chaired by eminent historian Prof Salahuddin Ahmed.

A number of drug experts will attend the imposium. President Abdur Rahman

Biswas and Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, in separate messages, have urged all concerned to help rid the society of drugs.

Tree tair From Page 1 Col 8

The programme will help minimise the intensity of natural calamities like cyclone and draught, the Prime Minister pointed out and called upon all to take part in the tree planting movement.

She was happy knowing that awareness for planting trees and demand for saplings have grown significantly since the movement was launched nearly three years ago. The Prime Minister assured

training and financial assistance for nursery to be set up by unemployed people to ensure maximum possible plantation in minimum possible

Begum Zia inaugurated the Brikkha Mela '94' at the Bijov Sarani by planting a 'Royal Palm'. On her arrival at the venue, she was received by Forest and Environment Minister Col (Rtd) Akbar Hossain, Jute Minister Brig (Rtd) Hannan Shah and senior government

A number of MPs and representatives of different donor agencies were present at the fair, arranged to create public awareness for conservation of tree resource and preservation

of environment. A total of 40 stalls have been set up by government. private and non-government organisations which are selling 18 varieties of fruit and 24 species of timber saplings at a very reasonable price.

Begum Zia herself bought saplings of berry, neem and mahogany for her residence.

Sangskritik Jote From Page 1 Col 5

sored by the ruling party, have begun to attack the progressive people and their institu-

Democratic practice was absent in the national life despite the government's promise to establish democracy, they said. The Jote leaders demanded

scrapping of the Performing Arts Control Act, the Endorsement Act on Jatrapala, the Film Society Act, etc. They also demanded radio

and television be turned into independent and autonomous

Fresh demarcation of constituencies The Midnight Bile

Greece blames Britain for EU summit failure

CORFU. Greece. June 25: Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou blamed Britain today for the failure of the EU summit held here to find an agreed candidate for the European Commission president. "The United Kingdom refused to accept the position supported by the other 11 members." Papandreou told a press conference here, reports

N Yemen announces ceasefire

SANAA, June 25: Northern Yemen announced a new civil war ceasefire with the breakaway South starting at midnight (2100 GMT) Sanaa Television said tonight, reports Reuter.

Hata cabinet resigns

From Page 1 Col 7 mass resignation, saying, "Our urgent task is to create a new. stable government. I will leave it to the will of Parliament.



"Weighing the fact that we are a minority ruling force. is incumbent upon us to join hands with people who share policies in many aspects." Hata

The remarks reflected the coalition's professed wish to regroup with sympathetic elements within the two major opposition parties, the LDP and the Social Democratic Party (SDP) The right-wing faction in

the SDP, who call themselves the democrats, vowed today to seek a reunion with the coali-The ruling "camp" has re-

peatedly urged the SDP, which left the coalition just before Hata formed his cabinet on April 28, to return to the gov-The coalition renewed such

calls earlier this week, but talks became bogged over the

Audit officials warned of punitive actions The government warned

the non-cadre gazetted officers and non-gazetted employees of the Audit Department of puni tive action if they go on a planned three-day strike June 28-30, reports UNB. A handout yesterday said

the non-cadre officials and employees under the jurisdiction of Auditor and Compt roller General observed a strike on June 19.

"Such activities are in no way acceptable to the government and are punishable offence. So, all the officers and employees of the Audit Department are asked to refrain from such illegal activities," the handout said.

Lalbagh shooting From Page 1 Col 2 kh Hasina visited the resi-

dence of Yunus yesterday. Hasina said the killing ex-

posed the anti-people terrorist character of BNP. She expressed deep sympathy to the bereaved family and prayed for the departed soul. General Secretary of city AL

Mofazzel Hossain Chowdhury Maya and acting city Mayor Kamal Chowdhury accompanied the Awami League chief.

SDP's demand that Hata's cabinet resign en masse as well as other policy differences, legislators said. Following Hata's resigna-

tion, the LDP proposed talks on a new coalition government with the SDP. But there was no immediate agreement. SDP Chairman Tomiishi

Murayama told a news conference that his party welcomes the resignation and was ready to form a new cabinet with other groups. But he did not specify its possible partners. "A stable government must

be formed as soon as possible." the Socialist leader said. The SDP has repeatedly

criticised the Hata government for what it calls its 'highhanded and undemocratic' ways, and the behind-thescenes role played by Ichiro Ozawl, who is co-leader of Hata's Renewal Party. Analysts speculated that the SDP could align itself with the

LDP and the new party Sakigake, a small of the previous coalition which opted to stay out of the current cabinet. LDP president Yohjei Kono said today that his party would make further efforts to regain

"We will call on parties to end the political confusion promptly," he was quoted as telling a party meeting.

"The LDP lost its fourdecade grip on power in general elections in July last year following the passage of a noconfidence motion against Kiichi Miyazawa, supported by mass defections from the ruling party.

Modalities From Page 1 Col 4

ernment threat to enact blasphemy law, July 30 hartal called by the fundamentalists and backed by the government and the Supreme Court verdict relating to the citizenship of Golam Azam", Sengupta said and added that the Opposition would try its best to keep its unity intact by overcoming the

delicate situation. Replying to a question, the GP leader told this correspondent over telephone, "any party willing to distance itself from the present Opposition unity has to do it at the cost of its isolation from the masses"

Sengupta, however, ruled out any such division in the Opposition camp in near fu-

Meanwhile, sources hinted that the much talked about treasury bench bill seeking reforms of the electoral system might not be moved in

Parliament today.

'A fresh debate' in the ruling party high command, especially on the issue of the proposed resignation of cabinet minister before the filing of nomination papers for the general elections, might delay the placement of the bill in the House, the sources added.

বাংলাদেশ তার ও টেলিফোন বোর্ড একটি বিশেষ ঘোষণা

আগামী ১লা জুলাই '৯৪ থেকে নারায়ণগঞ্জ শহরকে ঢাকা মান্টি এক্সচেঞ্জের আওতায় আনা হচ্ছে। ফলে নারায়ণগঞ্জ ও ঢাকার সকল এক্সচেঞ্জের মধ্যে টেলিফোন কল স্থানীয় কল হিসেবে বিবেচিত হবে। এই ব্যবস্থায় ঢাকার গ্রাহকগণ নারায়ণগঞ্জকে পেতে হলে প্রথমে ২ ডায়াল করে নারায়ণগঞ্জের ফোন নম্বর ডায়াল করবেন এবং নারায়ণগঞ্জের গ্রাহকগণ ঢাকার যে কোন এক্সচেঞ্জের গ্রাহককে পেতে হলে প্রথমে ৭৭ ডায়াল করে ঢাকার গ্রাহকের ফোন নম্বর ডায়াল করবেন।

উল্লেখ্য যে, নারায়ণগঞ্জ থেকে ঢাকার বাহিরে সারা বাংলাদেশের জন্য এন, ডব্লিউ, ডি ব্যবস্থা যথারীতি চালু থাকবে।

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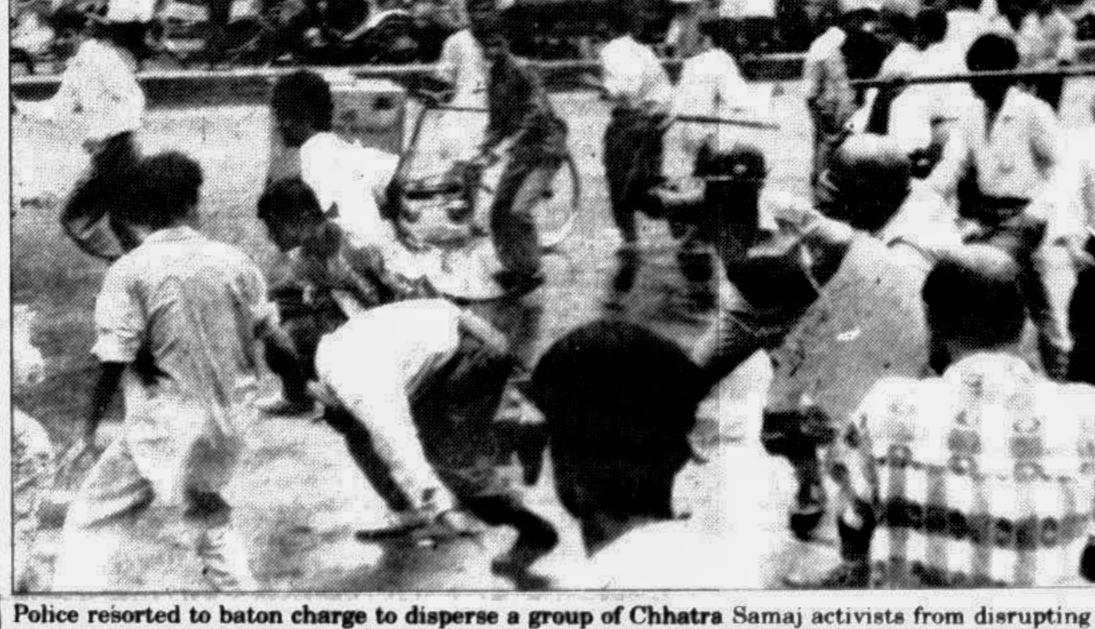
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amendment providing for a caretaker government to conduct general elections and the trial of - Star photo all 'war criminals'.



a rally organised by the Muslim Young Society in front of the National Press Club yesterday Star photo