

MARBLE MARBLE MARBLE
 WE HAVE HUGE READY STOCK OF
 ITALIAN CARRARA, PERLATO SICILIA,
 BOTTICINO, INDIAN KESHWARI GREEN,
 MALAYSIAN AND PAKISTANI MARBLE
 OF DIFFERENT TYPES.
NIRMAN INTERNATIONAL LTD.
 199, TEJGAON 1/A, DHAKA.
 TEL: 605957, 607363 SHOW ROOM: 861985

The Daily Star

Moneylink
ATM's
 Standard Chartered
 12 PAGES: PRICE TAKA 5.00

Inside Today

Article
If You Chew it, Then Why Not Swallow?
 Column: Beneath the Surface by Abdul Bayes Page 4

Focus
 Lies, damn lies and statistics—The (Mis) use of opinion polls; and An interview with Henry Kissinger Page 5

International
 Lankan troops tighten siege on Tamil bastion of Jaffna
 Crackdown of asylum seekers may harm race relations in UK Page 8

Business
 Tk 350cr to be spent under Food for Education Programme
 Barings collapse: Singapore formally charges Leeson with \$1.4b fraud Pages 6, 7

Metropolitan
 Dhaka Day by Day
 Romantic Rendezvous Page 3

NEWS BRIEFS
PM's mass contact tour postponed
 The two-day mass contact programme of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia scheduled for tomorrow was postponed due to inclement weather. Prime Minister's office sources said the mass contact tour from Dhaka by a special train to Chittagong was postponed following a meteorological report that severe cyclonic storm with a core of hurricane wind over west central Bay and adjoining northwest Bay moved north northeastward and intensified further. Fresh programme will be announced later, officials said, reports UNB.

Rail-road barricade in Comilla today
 COMILLA, Nov 24: Students of the Victoria Government College as part of their week-long programme will enforce a rail-road barricade here tomorrow. The students will enforce the four-hour barricade from 8 am to realise their demand for upgrading the college into a university, reports UNB.

Idol worth Tk 2.5 cr recovered
 FENI, Nov 24: BDR personnel recovered an idol made of touchstone worth about Tk 2.5 crore from Geetabaria frontier in Sadar thana recently. Acting on a tip-off, the BDR men challenged a group of smugglers in the area and recovered the 12.5 kg idol. The smugglers, however, fled the scene. The idol was handed over to the local Customs department, reports UNB.

Schoolgirl kidnapped
 From Staff Correspondent
 BARISAL, Nov 24: A schoolgirl was kidnapped this morning from Charadi village under Bakerganj thana of the district. A group of unidentified miscreants abducted Shilpi, 12, when she was going to school. Police arrested one Yunus Khan but, the whereabouts of Shilpi is yet unknown.

Khaleda to continue as PM: Political parties invited for talks on polls

Jatiya Sangsad dissolved



Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia addressing the nation over Radio and Television yesterday. — PID photo

President Abdur Rahman Biswas last night dissolved the fifth Jatiya Sangsad in exercise of the power conferred on him under the Constitution. President Biswas requested Begum Khaleda Zia to continue as the Prime Minister. Prime Minister and Leader of the House Begum Khaleda Zia yesterday called on President Biswas at Bangabhaban and advised him to dissolve the Jatiya Sangsad, reports BSS.

Earlier, in an address to the nation over radio and television yesterday evening she said: "As per my earlier announcement, I have advised the President to dissolve the fifth Jatiya Sangsad. After the dissolution of Parliament, the Election Commission will take necessary steps to hold general elections to the sixth Jatiya Sangsad."

The Prime Minister reiterated her call to all political parties and leaders to sit across the table with an open mind to discuss holding free, fair and neutral elections in order to maintain the democratic process as initiated by all of them.

"Let us all make the coming elections a success and strengthen democracy for the interests of the country,

the nation and the people," she said.

Begum Zia said as the elected Prime Minister of the country she had taken oath to protect and support the country's Constitution.

"And I have been trying my level best to solve the existing political problems within the constitutional framework by honouring my oaths," Begum Zia added.

As part of her efforts, the Prime Minister said, she had requested the opposition parties before the announcement of the by-elections schedule to participate in an interim national government for holding the general elections to the Jatiya Sangsad.

Begum Zia referred to her previous announcement that she would request the President to dissolve Parliament if the opposition parties did not avail the opportunity to solve the problem through constitutional means in order to avoid the holding of expensive by-election only for a few days.

"I sincerely thought that the opposition parties would avail this constitutional scope

Begum Zia said that democracy is the safeguard of the people's rights and interests while the Constitution is the safeguard of democracy. "Since we are a pro-people force, we are uncompromising on the question of democracy and determined to protect the Constitution", the Prime Minister said.

She said that the confidence, support and love of the people were more valuable to her than state power.

"And for that reason I did not compromise with any one in the past for the last power and even now I can not yield to any undue and unconstitutional demand," she added.

The Prime Minister said history had proved time and again that the people of

Text of PM's speech on page 9

Editorial on page 4

British team sees wide scope for investment

By Staff Correspondent
 A 40 member high-powered British trade delegation arrived here yesterday on a week-long visit to explore possibilities of investment in infrastructure development including power and construction.

The delegation, representing 30 British companies, is being led by Peter Lee, managing director, Mott MacDonald International Ltd UK.

Member of the delegation will meet ministers, officials, leaders of chamber and trade bodies and financial institutions in Dhaka and Chittagong. The team is scheduled to call on Information and Commerce Minister M Shamsul Islam at his office today.

They will participate in a seminar on "Infrastructure and technology" on Sunday at Hotel Sonargaon, jointly arranged.

See Page 12 Col 4

It's a people's victory, says Opposition

By Staff Correspondent

The opposition political parties, in their instant reaction, expressed their happiness over the dissolution of Parliament terming it a "victory of people's agitation."

But they reiterated their demand for holding the next general elections under a neutral caretaker government.

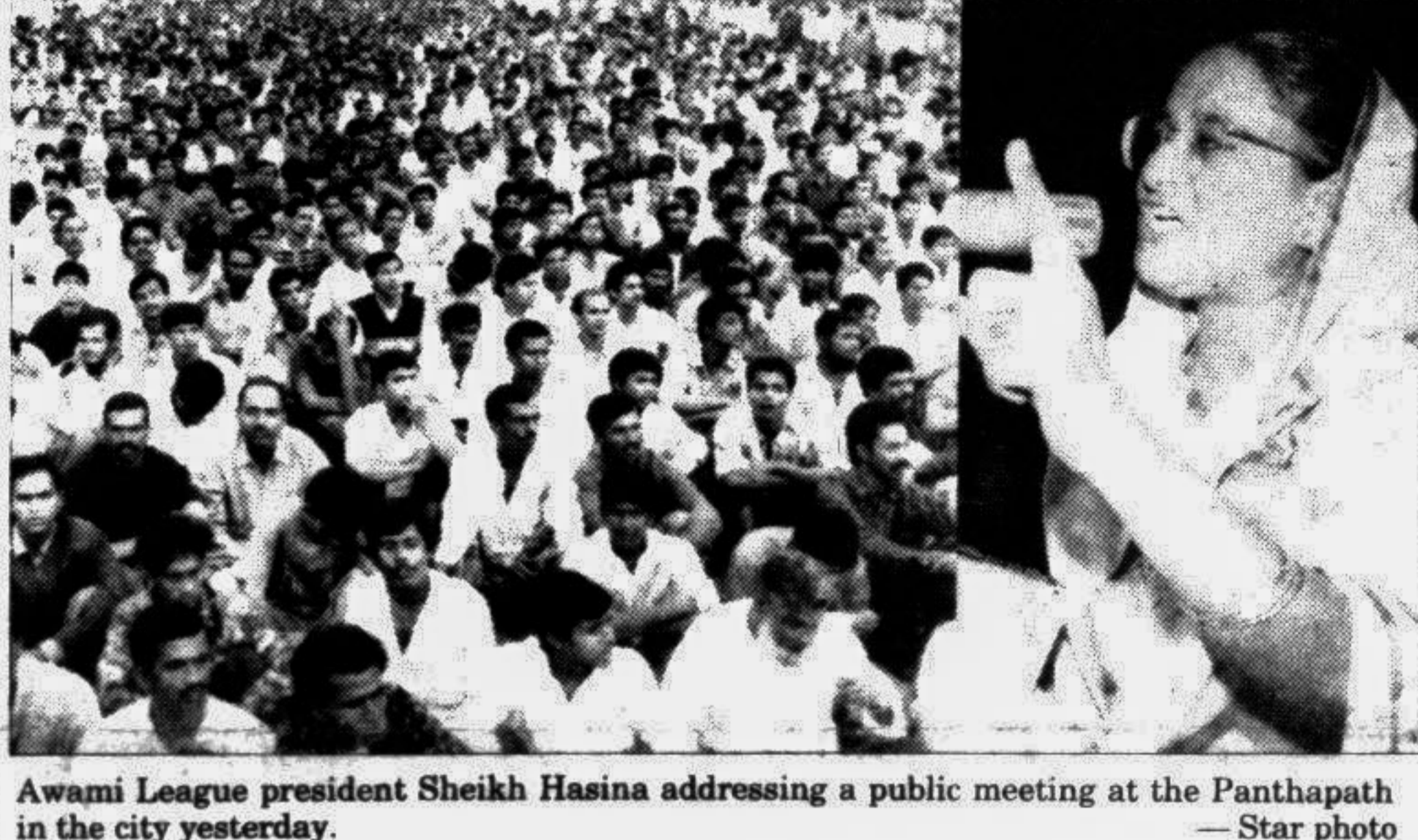
Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina said "the people have compelled the government to dissolve the illegal parliament by rejecting the by-elections."

"This is a victory of people's long drawn agitation. I sincerely congratulate the people for this victory," Hasina said in a written statement.

"The people, by boycotting the by-elections, have once again proved that they do not want any election under the present government," she said and demanded immediate announcement for holding elections under a non-party caretaker government.

AL general secretary Zillur Rahman told the Daily Star over telephone last night that it was a "partial victory" for the people. "The ruling party has conceded to the pressure of the people. The people will continue their struggle until the goal is achieved."

See Page 12 Col 1



Awami League president Sheikh Hasina addressing a public meeting at the Panthapath in the city yesterday. — Star photo

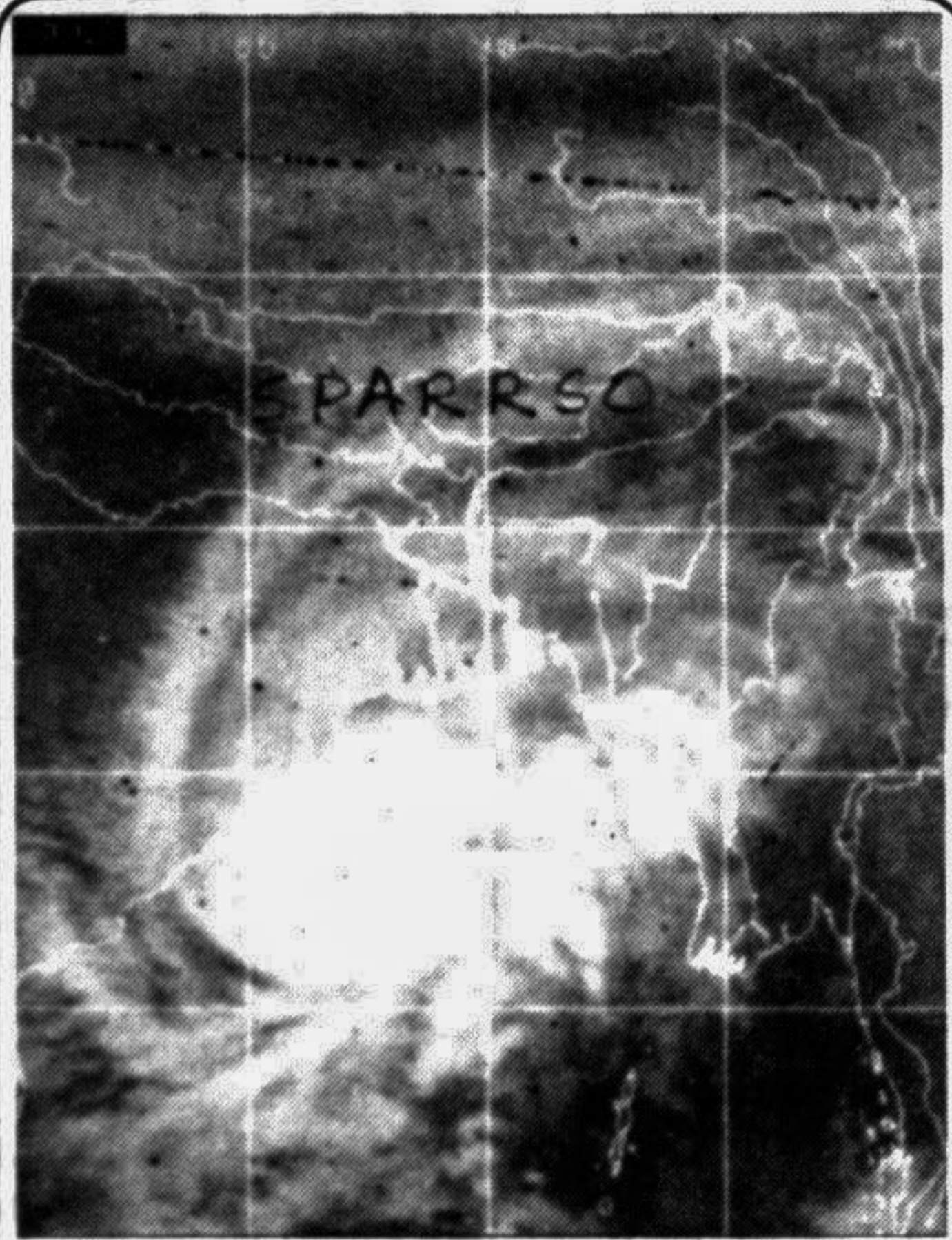
4 killed as boat collides with ferry in Jamuna

From Our Correspondent
 PABNA, Nov 24: Four persons were killed and three others rescued when a fishing boat collided with an Aricha-bound ferry near Dalar Pashar Char in the river Jamuna last night.

The dead were identified as Wahed Pramanik, 50, Sagor Mondol, 50, Ghar Mondol, 45, and Shamu Mia, 40. The rescued were Bakht Pramanik, Mahtabuddin and Jahangir Hossain.

They all have from West Kathalia under Bera Thana of the district.

The Bera thana confirmed two deaths in the incident. The boat has been totally damaged in the collision.



The picture of the cyclone taken at 7:30 pm yesterday by GMS-5 Satellite at SPARSSO station.

Cyclonic storm may cross coast today

A severe cyclonic storm with a core of hurricane wind that formed over west central Bay is likely to cross West Bengal and Bangladesh coast early this morning with wind speeds of 80 to 100 kilometers per hour or more. Met office sources said last night, reports BSS.

The maximum sustained wind within 74 kilometres of the hurricane centre is about 190 km per hour, the sources added.

Maritime port of Mongla has been advised to hoist great danger signal number 10.

Under the influence of the edge of the hurricane, the districts of Satkhira, Khulna, Bagherhat, Barguna, Pirojpur, Jhalakathi, Patuakhali, Barisal, Bhoala, Noakhali, Chandpur, Laxmipur, Feni, Chittagong and Cox's Bazar may experience squalls at a speed of 80 to 100 kph or more at the places with moderately heavy rain and thundershower today.

The river ports in these areas have been advised to hoist riverine danger signal number 4.

Low lying areas of these districts and their offshore islands and chars are likely to experience storm tides surging 1 to 1.5 metre above normal astronomical tide level due to the edge effect of the hurricane.

The height of normal astronomical tide in these areas is about 3 metre above the mean sea level.

All fishing boats and trawlers over the north Bay have been advised to remain in shelter till further notice.

The Met office sources said the cyclonic storm centred at 9 pm yesterday at about 660 km south-west of Chittagong and 570 km south-west of Khulna town near latitude 17 degree north and longitude 86 degree east. The storm is moving in a

See Page 12 Col 7

Processions, rallies in city

By Staff Correspondent
 The Prime Minister's address over radio and television advising the President to dissolve the Jatiya Sangsad sparked off instant reaction both from the ruling party and the Opposition.

BNP and its front organisations brought out processions in jubilation in various parts of the city, while the opposition parties organised

See Page 12 Col 3

JP calls 8-hr hartal in city today

By Staff Correspondent
 Jatiya Party yesterday warned of 'dire consequences' if 'anything unexpected' happens to ailing former President H M Ershad for what it said, denial of proper treatment.

JP leader gave the warning while addressing a rally at the south gate of Baitul Mukarram mosque in support of an eight hour hartal today called by the JP to press for shifting the jailed former president to a hospital for treatment.

Presided over by Juba Sanghati President Saifur Rahman, the rally was also addressed by among others, acting party Chairman Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury, Moudud Ahmed, Zaki Zafar Ahmed, Shah Moazzem and Anwar Hossain Manju.

See Page 12 Col 6

People to reject polls under party govt, says Jamaat

The Jamaat-e-Islami yesterday urged the ruling BNP to resolve the present political crisis through negotiation by accepting the reality of the country's existing political scenario, reports UNB.

"The reality is that the demand for holding general election under a caretaker government is neither for an individual nor for a group. It's a demand of the people," said the party Secretary General at a rally in the city yesterday.

Maulana Matiuur Rahman Nizami said a vital aspect of

See Page 12 Col 6.

JP announces programme today

AL, Jamaat's indefinite barricade from Dec 7

By Staff Correspondent

Two major opposition parties — Awami League, and Jamaat-e-Islami — in separate rallies yesterday announced a fresh spell of identical agitation programmes including an indefinite countrywide barricade of rail-road-waterway and air traffic from December 7 to press their demand for holding the next general elections under a neutral caretaker government.

The programme includes demonstrations at thana level on November 28, at District level on November 29, in Dhaka city on December 2 and a march towards the Prime Minister's secretariat on December 9.

Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina declared her party's programmes from a mammoth rally at the Panthapath in the city hours before the Prime Minister's address to the nation over radio and television.

Jamaat secretary general Matiuur Rahman Nizami announced the party's programme from a meeting at Baitul Mukarram.

The Jatiya Party is also expected to announce an identical programme from their post-hartal public meeting in the city this afternoon.

"Only general elections under a caretaker government can solve the present political crisis," Hasina said rejecting the Prime Minister's proposal for formation of a national government through by-elections. "Election under national government would mean polls under BNP administration which will not be free and fair," she told the public meeting.

The Awami League chief questioned the constitutional validity of the national government.

See Page 12 Col 4

Bosnian troops loot Bangladesh camp

SARAJEVO, Nov 24: Bosnian soldiers looted a UN base in northwestern Bosnia in the early hours today "taking what they thought fit" despite the protests of Bangladeshi peacekeepers, a UN spokesman said, reports Reuter.

"We have initial reports... of the looting of the UN camp at Velika Kladusa by the Bosnian army," Lieutenant-Colonel Chris Vernon said in Sarajevo today.

"At around 100 hours (Friday) Bosnian army personnel entered the camp and effectively went through the camp taking what they thought fit against the protests of the Bangladeshis," Vernon reported.

About 80 Bangladeshi peacekeepers were spending their last night in the camp, which was scheduled to be handed over to the British.

UN peacekeepers are scheduled to withdraw from Bosnia within weeks to make way for NATO troops under an agreement ending 43 months of war.

Another report says, Croat forces are burning and looting homes in an area of northwest Bosnia schedule to revert to Serb control under the peace agreement struck earlier this week, the UN said today.

"UNPROFOR (UN Protection Force) has received reports of houses being burned down in Mrjonjic Grad and Sipovo," said Alexander Ivanko, a UN spokesman in Sarajevo, most houses in the area are empty after their residents fled fighting.

"Under the peace agreement these areas will go to the Bosnian Serbs. They currently are under HVO (Bosnian Croat militia) control. UNPROFOR is extremely concerned with these reports and hopes these cases of vandalism are ... isolated," Ivanko said.

An HVO spokesman contacted by telephone denied the reports. HVO forces and their Croatian army allies

See Page 12 Col 8

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার
কর মীমাংসা কমিশন
অভ্যন্তরীণ সম্পদ বিভাগ
 জীবন বীমা ভবন (৪র্থ তলা)
 ১০, দিলকুশা বাণিজ্যিক এলাকা
 ঢাকা-১০০০

কর মীমাংসা কমিশন সংক্রান্ত বিজ্ঞপ্তি
কর মীমাংসা কমিশন স্বন্ধে
আয়করদাতাগণ জানেন কি?

করদাতাগণের সুবিধার্থে আয়কর মামলা দ্রুত ও চূড়ান্ত নিষ্পত্তি লক্ষ্যে আয়কর অধ্যাদেশ সংশোধনপূর্বক গঠিত কর মীমাংসা কমিশন পেশকৃত আবেদনের ভিত্তিতে আয়কর মামলাসমূহ দ্রুত ও চূড়ান্ত নিষ্পত্তি করে চলেছে। কমিশনে সরকারী কর্মকর্তা ব্যতীত শিল্প ও বাণিজ্য বাস্তব দেশের বিভিন্ন পেশার বিভিন্ন ব্যক্তিবর্গ নিয়োজিত আছেন।

আয়কর প্রদানের ক্ষেত্রে ডেপুটি কমিশনার অব ট্যাকসেস অথবা ইন্সপেক্টর এডিশনাল/জয়েন্ট কমিশনার অব ট্যাকসেস এর আয়কর নির্ধারণ সংক্রান্ত আদেশ আয়করদাতাগণের মনঃপূত না হলে তারা অসুবিধা নিরসনের জন্য নির্ধারিত ফরমে আবেদন করতে পারেন।

উল্লেখ্য যে, কমিশনে আবেদন পেশ করার জন্য (নির্ধারিত) করা পরিশোধের পূর্ব শর্ত নেই। অধিকন্তু, আবেদনসমূহ ৬ (ছয়) মাস সময়সীমার মধ্যে নিষ্পত্তি করা হবে। কমিশনের সিদ্ধান্ত করদাতা ও কর বিভাগ উভয়ের জন্যই চূড়ান্ত বিবেচিত হবে।

নিম্নে বর্ণিত পদ্ধতিতে আবেদন পেশ করতে হবে:

- আদেশ প্রাপ্তির ৬০ (ষাট) দিনের মধ্যে আবেদন পেশ করতে হবে।
- নির্ধারিত ফরমে পত্রি করা বছরের জন্য চার প্রক্ষে ফরমের নমুনা কমিশন অফিসে পাওয়া যাবে।
- যে আদেশের বিরুদ্ধে আবেদন করা হবে তার একটি সার্টিফাইড কপি সহ চার কপি পত্রি করা বছরের জন্য পৃথক পৃথক ভাবে।
- সর্বশ্রেষ্ঠ দাবী নোটিশের মূল কপি সহ চার কপি পত্রি করা বছরের জন্য পৃথক পৃথক ভাবে।
- আই. টি-৩১ (বি) সংশোধিত ফরমে পত্রি করা বছরের জন্য ৬ ০০০.০০ (তিনশত) টাকা হারে "কর মীমাংসা কমিশন ফি" পরিশোধ-এর চালানের মূল কপি।
- কোম্পানীর ক্ষেত্রে আয় বছরের শেষ তারিখের ব্যালেন শীটের কপি।
- করদাতা নিজে, এজেন্ট বা ক্ষমতাপ্রাপ্ত প্রতিনিধির মাধ্যমে অথবা রেজিষ্টার্ড ডাকযোগে আবেদন করতে পারেন। ক্ষমতাপ্রাপ্ত প্রতিনিধির ক্ষেত্রে পত্রি করা বছরের জন্য পৃথক পৃথক ভাবে ৬ ১০.০০ (দশ) টাকা স্ট্যাম্প সহজিলাত ওকালতনামা/পাওয়ার অব এটর্নি দাখিল করতে হবে।
- বর্তমানে উপরোক্ত ঠিকানায় কমিশনের কাজ চলছে। তবে পরয়োজনবোধে ঢাকা বাইরে বিভিন্ন গুরুত্বপূর্ণ শহরেও আবেদনের সনদীয়ার ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণ করা যেতে পারে।
- এ ছাড়া অন্য যে কোন তথ্যের জন্য নিম্ন ঠিকানায় যোগাযোগ করার জন্য সর্বশ্রেষ্ঠ আয়করদাতাগণকে অনুরোধ করা যাচ্ছে।
- কর মামলা দ্রুত ও চূড়ান্ত নিষ্পত্তির লক্ষ্যে কমিশনের সুযোগ গ্রহণ করুন।

রেজিষ্টার
 কর মীমাংসা কমিশন
 ডিগ্রেশন-২২০৬ ২২/১১
 ফোন ১ ২৪০১০০, ৮৬৮৮০৮,
 ৮৬৮৮১৫, ২৪৬১৫৭