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NEWS BRIEFS

FBCCI rally at 2 pm tomorrow
 The planned rally of the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) will be held at 2 pm instead of 11 am tomorrow at Shapla Chattar in the city. The FBCCI has rescheduled the meeting in view of the request by the leaders of various Chamber and business organisations. Salmán F Rahman, the President of FBCCI, called upon the business community and conscious people to make the rally and the sit-in programme in front of the Bangabhaban a success, reports UNB.

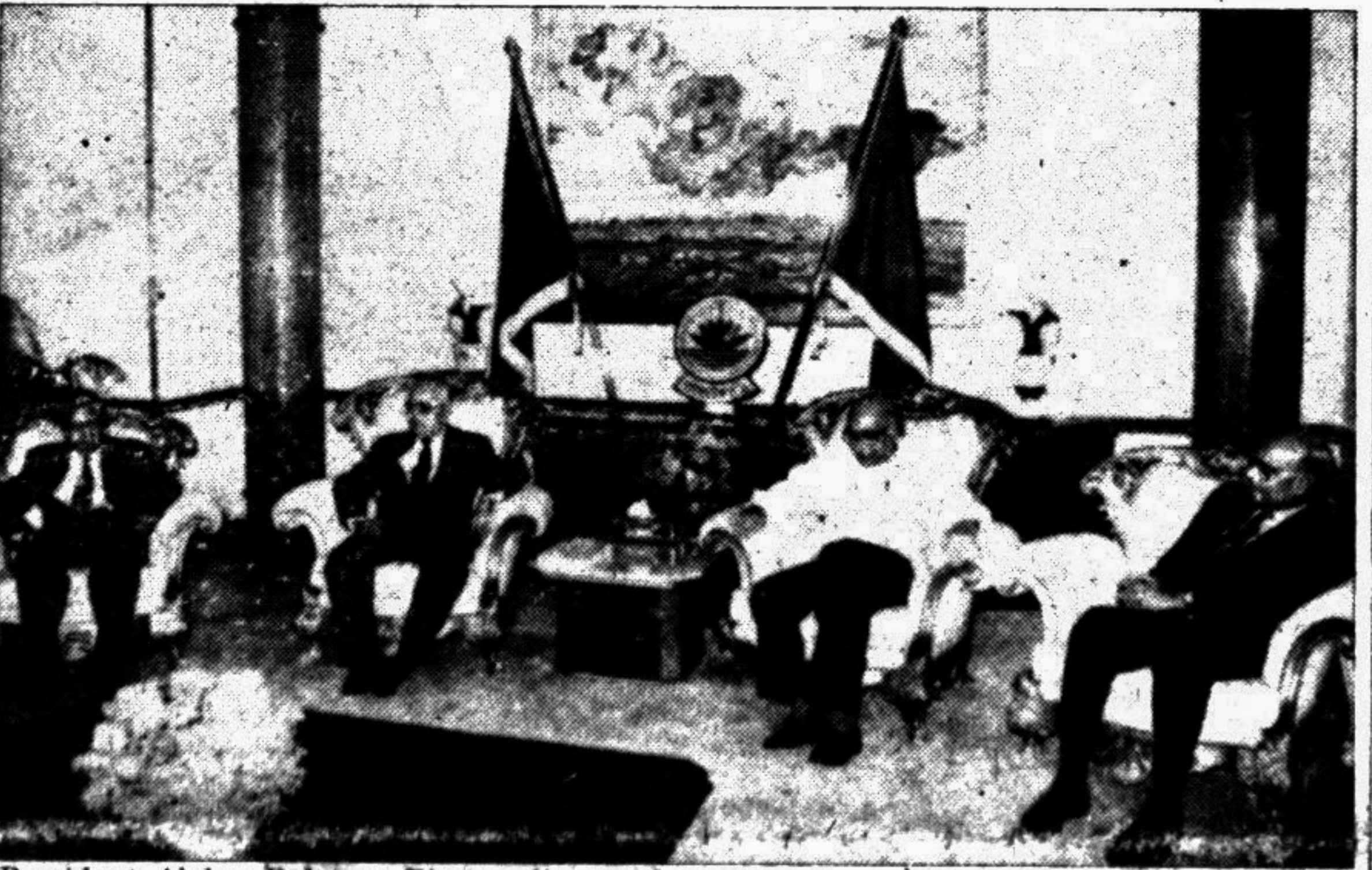
College teacher chopped to death
From Our Correspondent
SIRAJGANJ, Mar 14: A college teacher was killed during a robbery at village Baghaty in Sadar thana last night. A group of 10 to 15 dacoits attacked the house of Ajit Kumar Das, chopped him to death on the spot and decamped with valuables worth Tk 1.53,000. A case was lodged with Sirajganj Sadar thana.

Launch dacoity at Cox's Bazar
COX'S BAZAR, Mar 14: Pirates looted valuables worth about Tk 2.50 lakh from a passenger launch at Maheshkhali Channel in the district on Wednesday. Some passengers of the launch said a gang of about 10 armed pirates in the guise of passengers swooped on them when the Cox's Bazar bound launch "Shahi Darbar" from Kutubdia island reached J M Ghat area here at about 12 noon. The pirates beat up the passengers and looted their belongings including cash Tk 2 lakh. Ten people were injured during the attack, reports UNB.

CU MA exam postponed
CHITTAGONG, Mar 14: M A final Bengali examination under University of Chittagong scheduled to be held on March 17 has been postponed on account of unavoidable circumstances, university source said today. Fresh date will be announced later for the examination in the coming days, reports BSS.

Top lawyers meet Biswas, discuss political crisis

By Staff Correspondent
 A group of leading lawyers of the country yesterday put forward to President Abdur Rahman Biswas differing views on his constitutional powers to make substantial efforts for resolving the persisting political crisis, sources close to the lawyers said.
 Some of the lawyers told the President that he had constitutional powers to promulgate an ordinance providing for the formation of a non-party caretaker government, while others said that the Constitution had not given the President powers to promulgate any ordinance which would alter any provision of the Constitution.
 Two legal experts, however, said that he could make substantial efforts provided the political parties concerned reached a consensus on the disputed issues.
 According to Bangabhaban sources, the President gave the lawyers a patient hearing, but did not make any comment.
 The President invited 10 legal experts to give their opinions on what role the presidential office could play to end the present political impasse.
 Barrister Istiaque Ahmed, Justice T H Khan, Barrister Rafiqul Haq, Barrister Amirul Islam, Advocate S R Pal, Barrister K S Nabi, Barrister A R Yousuf, Khandaker Mahubuddin Ahmed, Barrister Ashrarul Hossain, and Attorney General Nurullah attended the three-hour discussion with the President at the Bangabhaban last night.
 According to the sources, Amirul Islam, Rafiqul Haq and K S Nabi argued that the President constituted through the February 15 "rigged polls" would be illegal.
 Referring to the constitutional provision that sovereignty lies with the people, they said "an election rejected by almost all the voters could not be legitimate."
 They suggested that the President, as head of the state, could take steps to get the polls declared null and void. They also observed that it was within the President's power to promulgate an ordinance providing for the formation of a



President Abdur Rahman Biswas discussed matters for resolving the present political stalemate with the eminent lawyers of the country at Bangabhaban yesterday. — PID photo

Repolling postponed again Series of clashes in Sirajganj: 150 hurt

SIRAJGANJ, Mar 14: Repolling in Sirajganj-1 (Kazipur) constituency scheduled for March 17 was postponed today after a series of clashes in the town left more than 150 people injured, reports UNB.
 Some 50 people, five with bullet wounds, were admitted to the Sirajganj General Hospital and local clinics. The injured included a magistrate, four officials of the DC office and five policemen, hospital sources said.
 Witnesses said the clash ensued when BNP supporters confronted opposition activists who were trying to obstruct the appointment of presiding and polling officers for the repolling at the DC office at about 10 am.
 The clash later spread to different places of the town, including Sardarpara, Dargap-

Hartal, processions, gherao for fertiliser

By Staff Correspondent
 A dawn-to-dusk hartal was observed in Ghior thana of Manikganj yesterday demanding immediate supply of fertilizer and pesticide.
 Farmers also gheraoed the offices of the Deputy Commissioner, the TNO of Harirampur under the district.
 Our Manikganj Correspondent says: Hundreds of farmers earlier gathered at Ghior during hartal hours, held a rally and brought out a big procession.
 Speakers at the rally said, they would continue the hartal programme until their demand was met.
 Later, about two thousand farmers gheraoed the Deputy Commissioner's office.
 The agitating farmers staged a sit-on for over an hour and handed over a memorandum to the DC. They also paraded the streets raising slogans for farm materials at fair price.
 In Harirampur thana the farmers gheraoed the TNO office demanding fertilizer and pesticide.
 Our Sirajganj Correspondent reports: About five thousand farmers gheraoed the Thana Nirbahi Office of Chowhall in the district demanding fertilizer.
 The Palli Unnayan Sangstha, the Manob Unnayan Sangstha and the Public Welfare Foundation jointly organised a rally. Demanding adequate supply of fertilizer and pesticide immediately.
 Our Chenidaha Correspondent adds: The farmers from many villages of Salkupa thana brought out processions, snatched fertilizer from the dealers and ransacked 12 fertilizer shops and a number of govt. offices demanding smooth supply of fertilizer at fair price.
 According to eyewitnesses, See Page 12 Col 3

Legal experts tell The Daily Star

Presidential ordn can fill constitutional void Constitution needs to be amended

Interviewed by R M Titumir
 An amendment to the Constitution would be required to make provisions for holding general election under a non-party government, said Additional Attorney General Wadud Khandker.
 "To resolve the crisis, Parliament as provided in Article 142 of the Constitution," said Khandker while talking to The Daily Star yesterday.
 "Since the party in power has agreed to make provision for the caretaker government, I think the resolution of the crisis has become simple or near solution," he observed.
 Asked whether the presidential promulgation of an ordinance in this regard is tenable under the Constitution, the Additional Attorney General said: "Our Constitution does not contemplate any addition or alteration to any provision of the Constitution or incorporation of any new provision through an Ordinance."
 "To incorporate a provision for holding future elections under caretaker government will require amendment of Article 58 and such an amendment can only be made by Parliament," he pointed out.
 On the validity of the Sixth Parliament, Khandker said: "Members elected to the Sixth Parliament have been duly elected."
 Any question about election of a particular member has to See Page 12 col 7



Dr M Zahir
 The Ordinance might curtail the power of the Prime Minister provided in Article 55 (2) the legal expert said. It does not contradict the Constitution. The Ordinance See Page 12 col 8



Abdul Wadud Khandker
 amendment of the Constitution is necessary to make provision for holding future general elections under a caretaker government. Such an amendment has to be brought about by way of a Bill to be passed by the

President may go for consensus formula

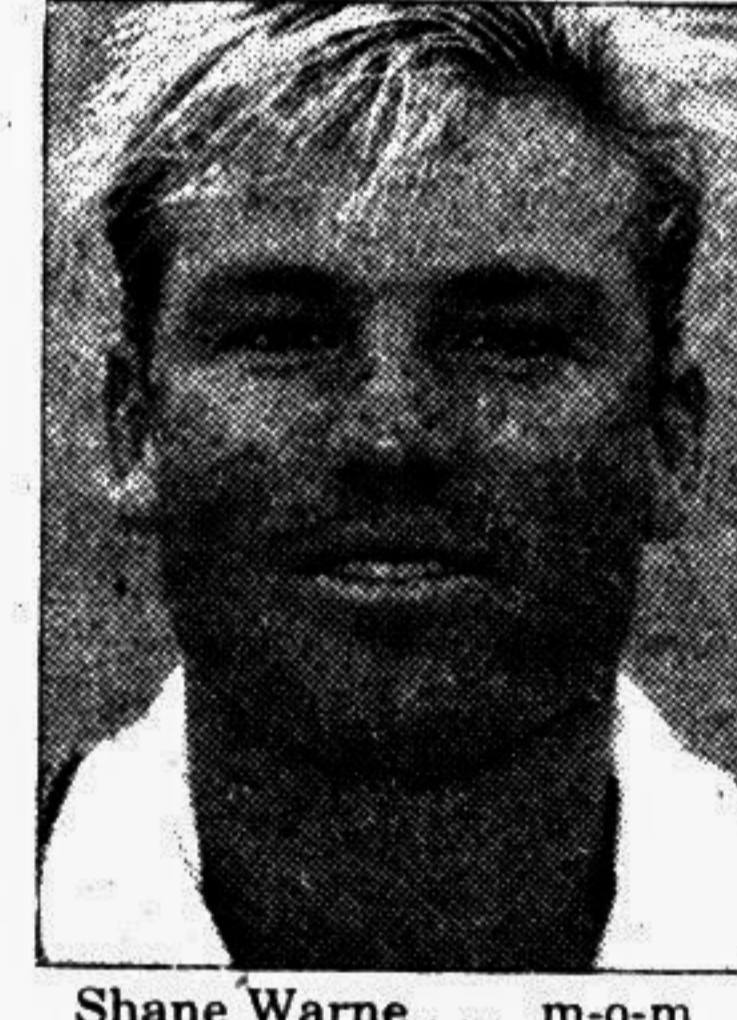
By Nazmul Ashraf
 President Abdur Rahman Biswas is expected to continue his efforts to find a consensus formula for a non-party caretaker government on the basis of modalities, suggested by the ruling BNP yesterday and the opposition parties' bills submitted in the fifth Parliament on the issue earlier, Bangabhaban sources said.
 The ruling BNP sent its suggestion for a non-party government to the President last night. The letters sent by the three major opposition parties to the President on Wednesday said: "Our formulae for caretaker government were already made available." This was a reference to the bills submitted separately by Awami League, Jatiya Party and Jamaat-e-Islami earlier in the fifth Parliament, a top BNP leader told The Daily Star last night.
 "You should understand that we've not sent our modalities to the President just for a futile exercise despite the fact that the Opposition expressed doubts about a positive out-

Non-cooperation Clashes, blasts in city: 20 injured

By Staff Correspondent
 At least 20 people were injured, one with bullet, in sporadic incidents of clashes and bomb explosions in the city yesterday, the sixth day of the Opposition-called countrywide indefinite non-cooperation programme.
 Of the injured people, seven were admitted to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH). Police picked up one person from Mouljeeheel area in the city.
 Rail and road communication across the country remained virtually snapped but, operation of water transports to and from Sadarghat launch terminal was near normal.
 Activists of the ruling party and the Opposition clashed at See Page 12 col 7

Final with Sri Lanka Sunday Aussies beat Windies by 5 runs

CHANDIGARH, (India), Mar 14: Australia, inspired by leg-spinner Shane Warne, staged one of the greatest Houdini escapes in cricketing history here today to sneak past the West Indies and into the World Cup final by a wafer-thin five runs, reports AFP.
 Mark Taylor's hard-nosed side, looking dead and buried at 15 for four at the start of the semi-final, somehow turned 207 for eight into a winning score as they took eight wickets for 37 runs off 51 balls for victory.
 Pace bowler Damien Fleming bowled Courtney Walsh with three balls to go to spark mass celebrations.
 The Australians, the 1987 champions will now take on Sri Lanka in the March 17 final in Lahore.
 A stunned Richie Richardson said: "It's unbelievable. We had them at 15 for four but then they got a good total. We are so disappointed. We should have won this match."
 Taylor added: "They probably should have won. They were ahead for 95 per cent of the game and we won the last five per cent. It was very tense. We were behind all day. Glenn McGrath and then Shane Warne gave us a sniff."
 Man of the match Warne said: "I got lucky. For the first time in the tournament I got a few flippers on line. I can't remember what we discussed at the end, it was so tense."
 The West Indies, who won the trophy in 1975 and 1979, needed just 43 off 9.4 overs with eight wickets in hand when Australia engineered their spectacular turnaround.
 Warne took three late wickets and finished with four for 36 as the West Indies slumped from a safe 165 for two, sending the 40,000 crowd wild.
 In Sunday's title clash Mark Taylor face a grudge return against the unbeaten Sri Lanka, the team they refused to play in the preliminary league because of security fears in violence-hit Colombo.
 Richardson, who made a defiant 49 not out, watched happily as wickets tumbled at the other end in what was his final international appearance. See Page 12 Col 4



Shane Warne... m-o-m

Opposition parties allege BNP trying to foil Presidential move

By Staff Correspondent
 The mainstream Opposition has alleged that the ruling BNP is engaged in a "conspiracy" to foil the presidential initiative for resolving the political crisis.
 Leaders of the Awami League, Jatiya Party and Jamaat-e-Islami, at a joint meeting yesterday, said that BNP's continued efforts to complete the process of the parliamentary polls that started on February 15 and oath-taking of the MPs would foil President Abdur Rahman Biswas' efforts to end the impasse.
 The three parties decided to continue the non-cooperation campaign until realisation of their demands for resignation of the present government, cancellation of the elections and fresh polls by May.
 Held at the residence of AL leader Abdus Samad Azad, the meeting was attended by AL leaders Tofael Ahmed, Abdul Jalli, Mohammad Nasim, Mozaffar Hossain Paltu and Suranjit Sengupta. JP leaders Moudud Ahmed and Anwar Hossain Manju, Jamaat leaders Ali Ansan Md. Mujahid, M. Kamaruzzaman and Sheikh Ansar Ali.
 Later, briefing newsmen, AL Organising Secretary Mohammad Nasim said that like the previous initiatives, the latest move by the President would See Page 12 Col 3

5 trade bodies' call Exempt industries, shops from non-cooperation

By Staff Correspondent
 Five top trade bodies of the country in a joint statement have urged the opposition political parties to allow domestic market-oriented industries, shops and other establishments along with export-oriented units to start normal operations.
 The statement issued on Wednesday was signed by president of Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI) Samson H Chowdhury, President of Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DCCI) Ali Hossain, President of Foreign Investors Chamber of Commerce and Industry Mahubul Kabir, President of Bangladesh Employers' Association Laila Rahman Kabir and Chairman of Dhaka Stock Exchange Intmyaz Hossain.
 They thanked President Abdur Rahman Biswas for taking initiative for resolving the crisis through discussions. They also thanked the opposition parties for relaxing their non-cooperation programme in respect of export-oriented industries.
 They urged the government and the opposition parties to urgently resolve the political stalemate "in a spirit of statesmanship."

Election to 30 JS women's seats Mar 19

Election to the 30 seats reserved for women in the Jatiya Sangsad will be held on March 19 from 9 am to 5 pm, reports UNB.
 The Election Commission in a gazette notification yesterday announced a schedule for the election of woman members of Parliament.
 According to the notification, the date for submission of nomination papers to the returning officer is March 16 between 9 am and 4 pm. Scrutiny will be held on the same day.
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65 more MPs take oath
 Sixty-five newly elected members of the Jatiya Sangsad took oath at a simple ceremony held at the Sangsad Bhaban here yesterday, reports BSS.
 Speaker Shaikh Razzak Ali administered the oath to the new MPs.
 Earlier, 200 newly elected members had taken their oaths on March 4, and seven others on March 7.

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার
 জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ড
 ঢাকা
মূল্য সংযোজন কর (ভ্যাট) সম্পর্কে বিশেষ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

লক্ষ্য করা যাচ্ছে যে, ভ্যাটের আওতায় নিবন্ধিত কিছু কিছু মিস্ত্রি দোকান, হোটেল-রেস্তোরাঁ ডেকরেটর্স ও ক্যাটারার্স, যান্ত্রিক লব্ধী, কমিউনিটি সেন্টার, স্বর্ণের দোকান, বিডিটি পার্লার, ইত্যাদি তাদের সেবাস্বত্ব গ্রহণকালে ক্যাশ মেমো (চালানপত্র) ক্রেতাকে প্রদান করছে না। এর ফলে ক্রেতা কর্তৃক প্রদত্ত ভ্যাট সরকারী কোষাগারে জমা প্রদান নিশ্চিত হচ্ছে না।

বিক্রিত জিনিসের দাম সেবামূল্য ও ভ্যাটের পরিমাণ আলাদাভাবে বা মূল্যের মধ্যে অন্তর্ভুক্ত করে তা উল্লেখপূর্বক প্রতি ক্রেতাই ভ্যাটের নিবন্ধন সংখ্যাসহ নির্দিষ্ট ছকে ক্যাশ মেমো (চালানপত্র) প্রদান করা আইনানুগভাবে বাধ্যতামূলক। কোন সেবার ক্ষেত্রেই চালানপত্র প্রদান ব্যবস্থা শিথিল বা বাতিল করা হয়নি। কোন করদাতার ক্ষেত্রে ক্যাশপিসিটি ভিত্তিক ভ্যাটও আরোপ করা হয়নি। অতএব পণ্য কিনে কিংবা সেবা গ্রহণ করে অবশ্যই আপনার ক্যাশ মেমো চেয়ে নিন।

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