Three killed, 20 hurt in city incidents

By DMCH Correspondent

thana early yesterday

Liton, a trader at the

Bangabazar Hawkers' Market

received fatal bullet injuries in

his head and chest and died on

· A case has been filed with

Demra thana in this connec-

killed when a speeding truck

overturned at the College Gate

in the city early yesterday. The victim. Sayed Ali. 65.

coming from Rajbari, was seri-

ously injured and rushed to the

DMCH where doctors declared

The body was sent to the

An unidentified gang fired

on a Chhatra League activist,

Humayun Kabir, 28, at

Dhanmondi Road-19 yesterday

afternoon. Humayun, who re-

ceived injuries in his leg. was

the Shajahanpur railway colony

area, one Babul, 19, sustained

bullet wounds in his hand. At

least four others were injured.

stabbed during a clash between

two groups of Golapbagh and

Gopibagh localities in the old

part of the city yesterday.

In another armed clash in

One Mehdi Hasan, 28, was

admitted to the DMCH

DMCH morgue for autopsy.

him dead.

A vegetables vendor was

the spot, police sources said

Three persons were killed and at least 20 others injured in separate incidents in the city yesterday.

One Belayet Hossain, 30, was gunned down and 15 others were injured during a clash between two rival groups of workers at the Sayedabad Bus Terminal early yesterday.

The clash that began at around 2 am lasted about five hours. It was a secretel to a conflict between the two groups who were fighting for control of the terminal for a long time. locals alleged.

Belayet, a bus helper, who received bullet injuries in his head, died on way to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) at about 7:15 am. Of the injured Rustom Ali, 25, and Bakul, 20, were admitted to the DMCH with bullet wounds.

Witnesses said the two groups which reportedly belong to BNP and Jatiya Party chased each other and fired more than 100 rounds of gun shots in the terminal and adjoining areas. He was admitted to the DMCH.

Meanwhile, an unidentified gang gunned down one Liton. 23. at Khondawker road in West Jurain under Demra

Chief Adviser

immediately, he assured.

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Special Powers Act would not

be applied if work of the gov-

ernment was not rendered dif-

ficult beyond any tolerance. We

would have to build homes of

peace in the country with the

cooperation of parents and

elders in the families," he said.

He hoped that our boys would

return home and devote them-

selves to their respective

was victory and defeat in elec-

tion. Whoever emerged victo-

rious would be remembered

more by the people for his

margues than his victory, he

lessing was prevailing in the

country for various reasons, we

need not worry much about it.

We would soon get opportunity

to do our respective work

and assurance of cooperation

by the political leaders. Rah-

man hoped that the workers of

different political parties

would respond to the call of

peace made by their leaders. If

they work with devotion and

discipline to achieve their goal

it will augur well not only for

their parties but also for the

whole nation, he said

Referring to the goodwill

without any hurdle, he added.

the said though some rest-

Habibur Rahman said there

He categorically said the

Free country of illegal arms for fair polls: Jamaat

Jamaat-e-Islami Ameer Prof Ghulam Azam yesterday emphasised the recovery of illegal arms for holding free and fair election under the non-party caretaker government, reports

"Only a caretaker administration is not enough for hold ing a fair election. For this, the first condition is to free the country of illegal arms and their holders," he told a party rally at the "Caretaker Mancha near the Dainik Bangla cross-

City Jamaat organised the rally in the afternoon, marking the party's Shukria Dibash' (Day of Gratitude) to celebrate the formation of caretaker

Assuring their full cooperation, the Jamaat chief urged the Chief Advisor of the nonparty caretaker government to deploy the army alongside police, BDR and Ansars in the arms recovery operation.

He said that prohibiting the use of black money in election campaign and abiding by the election rules by all political parties are also pre-conditions for free and fair polling like the one in 1991.

Khaleda: Sack officials From Page 1

buildings along the road. Begum Zia also called upon her party workers to organise rallies in every wards in the city and at each thana and district across the country today.

Referring to those who supported the agitation from the Janata Mancha (people's podium) set up in front of the Jatiya Press Club, the BNP chief told the gathering, "You must identify who joined the Janatar Mancha. They are betrayers and enemies of the country."

Begum Zia termed the Janatar Mancha a 'slavery dais' and said it was set up to renew the 25-year slavery treaty which was signed at a similar dais at the Suhrawardy Uddvan in 1972.

Without naming Awami League, she alleged that they were conspiring from the 'slavery dais' to turn Bangladesh into Sikkim or Bhutan. "We won't allow them to do

The former prime minister called upon the 'conspirators' to engage themselves in nation-building activities by shunning the 'path of conspiracy.' Otherwise, she said, the people would punish them. She urged all 'nationalist

forces' to unite to protect independence and sovereignty of the country.

Begum Zia said: "We came to power through the front gate and also had an exit through the front gate." As regards the constitu-

tional provisions for caretaker government, the former PM said the credit for this goes to the sixth Parliament and the people. In this context, she condemned the parties that, she alleged, tried to resist the polls for the sixth Parliament

and passage of the caretaker The BNP leader termed her transfer of power to a caretaker government as a victory of democracy and of the people and claimed it was for the first time in the national history that power had been transferred systematically and constitutionally. "It has created

a new chapter in the history of the country." She said the agitation by a political party was designed to destroy the national economy. protect the economy of a

neighbouring country and sell out the country's independence. Without naming Awami

League, the BNP chairperson

alleged that this party, despite people's support to it, failed to fulfil their hopes and aspirations after the country's inde-

Begum Zia urged her party workers to remain calm and have patience under the changed political situation but cautioned that every attack on the partymen would be retali-

She thanked the members of the armed forces, the BDR, police and 'most of the employees of the republic' for the 'cooperation' they extended to her government during its

Chaired by BNP secretary general Abdus Salam Talukdar. the public meeting was also addressed by, among others, party leaders Prof. Badruddoza Choudhury, Saifur Rahman, Rafiqul Islam Mia, Tariqul Islam, Oli Ahmed, Mirza Abbas, Dr. Khandakar Mosharraf Hossain, Goyeshwar Roy, Amanullah Aman, Nazrul Islam Khan and Shamsuzzaman Dudu.

The meeting concluded with a cultural function.

Cabinet secy

From Page Sources in the President's office said President Abdur Rahman Biswas had asked Cabinet Secretary Ayubur Rahman to invite leaders of all parties having representation in the fifth Parliament. The President even mentioned the names of the leaders of these parties to be invited to the ceremony, they pointed out.

But no leader of Gano Forum, Workers Party, Islami Oikkya Jote or National Democratic Party were present at the oath-taking ceremony. because they were not invited. When contacted, Rashed

Khan Menon, General Secretary of the Workers Party told The Daily Star last night: "It is not that I am personally | Samajwadi Party of Mulayam aggrieved for not being invited to the function. But I am worried that the bureaucracy has already started dishonouring the directives of the political

authorities." He also said that by ignoring the President's instruction, "the bureaucracy has visibly shown their inclination to a certain political quarter which would eventually be an obstacle

for an impartial polling". Cabinet Secretary Ayubur Rahman could not be reached immediately for comment yesterday.

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Chinese Foreign Minister Quan Qichen (L) is welcomed by his Japanese counterpart Yukihiko Ikeda (R) prior to their meeting at the Likura guest house in Tokyo yesterday. The meeting is expected to focus on the recent tension in the Taiwan Strait. -AFP/UNB photo

Begum Zia's first day after leaving office

By Staff Correspondent Former Prime Minister and BNP chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia, on the first day after relinquishing power, passed most of the time yesterday at her Cantonment residence sources close to her said.

She stayed at her house till she left for attending a public meeting of her party at Nava Paltan at 5:45 in the after

On conclusion of her 25 minute speech at 6.10 pm. Be gum Zia entered the party central office. She had about an hour's discussion with her party colleagues and then returned to her Cantonment

Begum Zia used the national flag and her party flag on her private car as she travelled vesterday. She was also seen having government security forces

The BNP chief is scheduled to attend her party office this evening, the sources said.

15 hurt as train derails

SIRAJGANJ, Mar 31: A Chapainawabganj-bound train deratled one mile off Muladuli station here today leaving 15 people injured, reports UNB.

Railway sources said five bogies of the 5-Down Mail Train from Sirajganj Ghat derailed at about 12.45 pm as it was running at a high speed on sun-drenched expanded rail tracks

pendence as "it gave a bond to Discolary to Phoolan to run for Lok Sabha seat



NEW DELHI, Mar 31: Indian 'bandit queen' Phoolan Devi. who spent a dozen years behind bars for allegedly gunning down 22 men to avenge her gang rape, announced plans to run for parliament today, reports AFP.

Devi told reporters in the northern city of Lucknow she would seek a seat in the Lok Sabha, the lower house of parliament, from Uttar Pradesh state, where she' eluded the authorities for more than two years before surrendering in

Devi said she will contest the elections with ticket from Singh Yadav, who paved the way for her release from prison two years ago by dropping charges against her while serving as chief minister of Uttar Pradesh.

Announcing her candidacy in Lucknow, the Uttar Pradesh capital. Devi expressed her gratitude to Yadav, whose party draws much of its support from members of the lower Hindu castes.

"I languished in jail for many long years but nobody bothered about me," she said. "had (former chief minister Yadav) not taken an interest in my release I may have died in prison."

Devi, who is in her mid 30s, said she was joining Yadav's party because she supported its advocacy of social justice for India's "Untouchables" and other downtrodden groups

Clashes leave over 100 . 100 injured in dists

By Staff Correspondent

Over 100 people were injured in clashes between the supporters of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) and rival political parties in different parts of the country yesterday.

Our Staff Correspondent from Barisal reports: At least 45 people were injured in clashes between the supporters of BNP and rival political parties in Barisal and Patuakhali vesterday.

Clashes occurred at Muladi Daulat Khan, Bhola Sadar, Pat uakhali and Perojpur town when several victory proces sions were brought out by rival political parties. Twenty-five persons were

injured when the workers of the BNP-backed JCD and the Al-backed BCL activists clashed in New Mark : area in Patuakhali town Another 16 persons were injured in Perojpur town when

BNP supporters attacked a vic

tory procession brought out by Later, the AL workers ransacked the office of a local

weekly newspaper. Our Jhenidah Correspondent writes. At least 15 per sons were injured, one of

them seriously, in a clash be-

tween the activists of JCD and Chhatra League and Jatiya Chhatra Samai yesterday Activists of Chhatra Samai and Chhatra League brought out victory processions in the town. When they reached near the Government KC College hostel, a hand bomb was hurled at the procession. The

angry mob attacked the college

hostel and ransacked 20 rooms and set fire to goods and other articles Of the injured, Abdul Alim, Abdul Malek, Chamak, Ripon, Jafar, Mithun, Jahangir, Babul, Dalil, Mijanur and Safigul were rushed to the Jhenidah sadar

Alim was sent to Dhaka Medical College Hospital this

After the incident, JCD ac tivists brought out a proces sion and damaged some shops and business establishments o Awami League supporters.

Meanwhile, the angry people threw brick bats at the house of ex-MP Mashiur Rah-

UNB reports from Rajshahi The supporters of Awami League and BNP clashed in the city today leaving at least 25 people injured.

Police said the BNP activists clashed with the participants of a victory procession brought out by Awami League in Rajarhata area in the city at about 11 am. Several bombs were exploded during the Awami League activists

chased the BNP men who took shelter at Shaheed Bachchu Club in the area Police lobbed 10 tear gas

shells to disperse the feuding Of the injured, 8 were admitted to Rajshahi Medical

College Hospital Awami League, Jatiya Party and Jamaat-e-Islami postponed their planned procession in the afternoon at the recerest of

the city's Police Commis-In Sirajganj at least 25 people were injured in a clash between two rival groups in the town yesterday.

Police said the clash erupted when bombs were hurled allegedly from a BNP procession on a victory procession of Awami League near the Bhashani auditorium at about 10 am.

Both the sides pelted stones and used lethal weapons during the two-hour

Later, the Awami League activists ransacked a shop of BNP leader Akkas Ali at Mesua Bazar and beat him indiscriminately

Hasina: BNP inciting

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would be voted to power. "If we are voted to power, the state will be run according to clear and consistent policy guidelines. Policy guidelines will be formulated for each and every sector on the basis of national consensus," she de-"We shall ensure discipline

and political stability in the country and will not allow anybody to play 'power games' and ducks and drakes in the fate of the people," the Awami League President said. Sheikh Hasina urged the

Chief Advisor of the caretaker government to arrest and punish the corrupt former ministers and leaders of the BNP immediately.

She demanded immediate release of the political prisoners and withdrawal of cases against her party workers.

Hasina thanked the people from farmers to officials - for making the 'anti-autocracy' movement a success. "When BNP came to power

in 1991, we thought there would be good governance. But instead we saw BNP's autocracy and corruption for the last five years," she told the rally which was also addressed by. among others, AL central leaders Zillur Rahman, Tofael Ahmed, Amir Hossain Amu. Mohammad Nasim, Abdul Jalil Suranjit Sengupta, Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim and Mayor of Dhaka City Mohammad

"Khaleda Zia was compelled to resign. She had earlier said there was no neutral person excepting a mad man or a child. But now she has handed over power to a caretaker government. Now she is trying to project her defeat as victory? Why? Because, she is conspiring against the peoples' solidarity.

She also held responsible the activists of JCD, BNP's students wing for alleged attacks on bureaucrats including Mahiuddin Khan Alamgir. "Officers are paid by the people. They are civil servants, not servants of the BNP", Hasina added. Referring to BNP leader

Badruddoza Chowdhury's demand for punishment of the bureaucrats and officials who had demanded caretaker government, Hasina said, "instead, the BNP ministers should be tried for their misappropriation of crores of

"We want to know, from where the family members of the BNP chairperson acquired such wealth to buy more than one house. When Ziaur Rahman was killed, he left behind a broken suitcase and torn tee shirts among other things. Now we see her family owns industries, ships and assets worth crores of taka". Hasina alleged

Their corruption should be probed and they should be punished according to the laws of the land," Hasina added. She also alleged that Begum

Zia "helped the killer of Sheikh Mujib to be elected a member of parliament in the farcical election." "I want to know, why she has a soft corner for this killer".

Mayor Hanif demanded autonomy for the BTV and Radio Bangladesh and called upon the people to help maintain law and order and peace.

Some AL leaders including Sheikh Selim demanded resignation of the Chief Election Commissioner and restructuring of the Election Commission to ensure a sound electoral process.

Storm hits Sherpur

From Our Correspondent SHERPUR, Mar 31: At least 50 persons were injured and some 2000 houses damaged when a storm lashed the district last night. The areas most affected are Charmucharia, Charpukkhoma-

sey, Bolayer Char, Sherpurpute and Kamarerchar unions under sadar thana. Sadar thana Nirbahi Officer Md Asadul Islam told The Daily Star that the storm lasted about 25 minutes also caused heavy damages to standing

wheat and irri-Boro crops.

Chiefs of three Services call on Habibur Rahman

The Chiefs of three Services yesterday called on the Chief Adviser of the caretaker government Muhammad Habibur Rahman at his office at old

Sangad-Bhaban, reports BSS. The Chief of Army Staff Lieutenant General Nasim, the Chief of Naval Staff Rear Admiral Nurul Islam and the Chief of Air Staff Air Vice-Marshal Jamal Uddin Ahmed felicitated Rahman on his assumption of the office of the Chief Adviser

They assured him of their full support and cooperation in discharging his responsibilities in upholding the Constitution. maintenance of law and order and holding of free and fair parliamentary elections. Later the Director General

of Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) Major General Ejaz Ahmed Chowdhury and the Inspector General of Police Shahjahan called on the Chief Adviser separately.

They assured full cooperation to the caretaker govern-

Additional police force to be deployed in city

By Staff Correspondent

The Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) has decided to deploy additional force in vulnerable points of the city.

A meeting of the senior of ficials of the DMP yesterday identified those vulnerable points in the metropolis and directed the field officers to formulate and implement plans to maintain law and order

The meeting held at the DMP headquarters was presi ded over by the Commissioner A N Hussain. The police officials reviewed the prevailing situation in the city

Ajker Kagoj chief reporter granted bail By SC Correspondent

The High Court Division yesterday granted ad-interim bail to Sved Borhan Kabir, Chief Reporter of the Ajker

Kago A division bench of the HC comprising Justice Mohammad Mozammel Hoque and Justice Mahfuzur Rahman also directed the government to show cause as to why he should-not be granted regular

- Sued Dorhan Kalar was an rested in the night of February 29 from his office while he was on duty.

Earlier, the police lodged an FIR with the officer incharge of Dhanmondi thans against him and Kazi Shahid Ahmed, Editor of the daily.

Victory processions on DU campus

Different student organisations yesterday brought out "victory processions" and held rallies on the Dhaka University campus welcoming the formation of the neutral caretaker government, reports UNB. Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal

(JCD), the student wing of BNP, held its rally in front of DUCSU Bhaban. Addressing the rally, JCD president Fazlul Haque Milon

assured cooperation to the caretaker government. The rally of pro-Awami League Chhatra League was held in front of "Aparajeyo Bangla". It was addressed by among others, Enamul Haque Shamim, Ishaq Ali Khan Panna

and Bahdur Bepary. They termed the formation of caretaker government and resignation of Begum Khaleda Zia "victory" of Awami League and the people.

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BCL identified Shaha as its activist and blamed BNP activists for the killing. But sources said Shaha was killed following intra-party rivalry in

Another person, Md Masud, 23, who received bullet injuries during the non-cooperation movement at Halishahar five days ago, succumbed to his injuries today. BCL identified Masud as its activist.

At least nine people were injured this afternoon during a clash between two groups of supporters of BNP and Awami League at Chattashari road. witnesses said

The injured were rushed to hospitals and private clinics. The clash erupted when a procession of BNP supporters heading towards the "Ganatantra Moncha" at Kazir Dewri at 4 pm. came under bomb attacks, witnesses said.

The BNP supporters in re-taliation chased the attackers. witnesses added. During the clash series of bombs were blasted and gun-

shots were fired. Some vehicles were also damaged, the witnesses added. A BNP activist, Mahbubul Huq, was injured when he came under attack by his rivals

on its activist

the city.

at Boalkhali this morning, police said. He was admitted into the Chittagong Medical College Hospital. Shahidullah. BNP blamed the supporters of Awami League for the attack During the trial, the court

Meanwhile, Awami League, BNP, Jatiya Party and Jamaate-Islami separately brought out processions in the city from their respective podiums in

Strike paralyses Kashmir

SRINAGAR. Mar 31: Shops and businesses were shut in Jammu and Kashmir state's summer capital today in a strike called by separatist guerillas against the killing of 24 militants by police near Kashmir's holiest shrine. A four-day strike has been called by a faction of the Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF), reports Reuter.

Trading at DSE resumes

Trading at the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) resumed yesterday after a 23-day suspension due to political uncer-

tainty in the country. Trading at the DSE could not be held since March 9 as the three major political parties started a indefinite noncooperation programme demanding resignation of the BNP government.

The bourse opened and ex-

perienced brisk trading during

the day. We are happy that at least we could open the market after the long closure." Imtiaz Hossein. Chairman of the DSE He noted that the market

lost a total 18 days of trading excluding weekly and government holidays during this pe-

"It is a good news for the investors as well as people of the country that the political situation has turned towards a

BCL exchanges fire with JCD, captures DU hall

By DU Correspondent A group of armed men reportedly belonging to a faction of the Bangladesh Chhatra League attacked Shahidullah Hall of the Dhaka University and took position at the extension-2 building of the hall at about midnight Saturday night, according to witnesses.

During the attack they exchanged over 100 rounds of gunshots with the rival activists of BNP-backed Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD). The hall was a stronghold of the JCD, campus sources said.

A tense situation was prevailing on the campus till last night. Most of students of the extension building of Shahidullah Hall have left for security

Meanwhile, some unidentified people set fire to the office of Prof Irshadul Bari, dean of the Faculty of Law of the Dhaka University. Saturday evening. Some valuable documents were gutted in the fire.

Dr Kamal urges political parties to abolish arms cadres

By Staff Correspondent Gono Forum President Dr Kamal Hossain yesterday called upon the political parties to abolish arms cadres and stop terrorism for improving the law and order situation in the country.

"The Election Commission will have to be reformed and the election should be saved from arms and black money" he said speaking at a meeting of the Dhaka based central committee members of the

Dr Kamal said that national demand and consensus had been reflected in the formation of a caretaker government led by former Chief Justice Habibur Rahman. He also called upon all democratic forces to help the

party vesterday.

caretaker government to revive the democratic system in the country. Expressing concern over the repeated attempts for capturing different educational institutions by political arms

cadres, he said, such activities

should be stopped immedi-

Dr Kamal underscored the need for immediate restoration of discipline in the administration and national economy.

One to die for double murder

A young man was sentenced to death yesterday for committing double murder in the city in 1994, reports UNB. According to the prosecu-

tion, accused Mainudin, 30, killed Shahidullah, a retired army subedar, on January 27, 1994. The victim was stabbed fatally in his sleep on the night of holy Shab-e-Barat. The accused also slaugh-

tered Murad, the 5-year-old son of Shahidullah, who was sleeping in the same room. Accused Mainuddin, owner of a video shop at Pallabi in the city, got enamoured of

Suborna, 12, daughter of Shahidullah, and proposed to marry her. But Suborna's parents declined the preposterous offer. At this, Mainuddin got very angry and committed the premeditated murder in cold

blood, the prosecution said. A case was registered with Pallabi police by the widow of

examined 13 witnesses and after hearing both the sides, District and Sessions Judge of Dhaka Mohammad Abdus Salam found the accused guilty of double murder and sentenced him to death.

The Midnight Elife

By Rafiq Hasan

specific direction," the DSE chairman told The Daily Star last night. He termed the market as

"hectic" and said that a positive attitude was observed among the investors. On the opening day, the DSE All Share Price Index rose by about eight percentage points and a selling pressure

was observed among the in-vestors and share holders. The All Share Price Index increased to 804.80 points from 796.80 points at the close of trading on March 7 The market capitalisation also rose to Tk 5244 crore from Tk

5192 crore. More than one lakh seventy-live thousand shares and debentures of 65 companies changed hands, of which shares of 39 companies gained and 21 issues incurred losses While shares of five companies remained unchanged on the opening day yesterday. The value of the traded issues was

over Tk 2.94 crore. The actual trend of the share market could only be understood after some more days of trading as most of the investors are still observing the situation, a member of the DSE said last night.

Gunmen fire on Mohiuddin Alamgir's car

By Staff Correspondent Unidentified gunmen yesterday fired on the car of Dr Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir member. Planning Commission and joint convenor of Officials Co-ordination Council of the

Bhavan near Secretariat at 1.20 pm, according to police. Two bullets hit the car one in the door and another in the back puncturing the petrol can - but Dr Alamgir escaped

Republic, opposite Shiksha

unhurt, police said. Dr Alamgir, who was the first among the high officials to demand of the President to form a caretaker government, was going to the secretariat from Planning Commission in an official Pajero car, his famili

sources said. The shots came from the

direction of Curzon Hall, they UNB adds: Dr Alamgir filed a general diary with the Ramna police station on the incident in which he complained the gunmen attempted on his life. He did not mention any suspects in the GD but said he

issued threats at their Saturday's rally against him and other officials. Special security was posted

was constantly receiving death

threats after the BNP leaders

at Dr Alamgir's residence.

JP: Ershad From Page 1 ment and installation of a caretaker government as demanded for the last two years is partial victory of our move-

ment. The final victory will come through unconditional release of Ershad," Mizan said. A JP programme for observance of Ershad Release Day on April 4 across the country through demonstrations and

rallies was also announced at the rally. Organised by the JP city unit, the rally was addressed by, among others, party presidium members Begum Roushan Ershad, Barrister Moudud Ahmed, Kazi Zafar Ahmed, Shah Moazzam Hossain, and leaders of its front organisation. Col (Rtd) M A Malek, president of the city

unit, presided. Congratulating those officials who had expressed solidarity with the opposition movement Mizan said, "None can touch them as they came out on the streets to express their solidarity with people. These officials will be rewarded in due course.

quiry commission to probe the "corruption by the immediate past government". "It has to be done to prove that nobody is above law," he said. Moudud Ahmed demanded resignation of the Chief

Election Commissioner within 24 hours. He also suggested reorganisation of the Election Commission in consultation with political parties. "The sixth parliament will be scrapped by the next elected parliament and the

13th amendment bill (which provided for caretaker government), will be declared nuil and void to bring about another amendment for a permanent structure of the caretaker government," Moudud said. UNB adds: "If you (Chief Adviser) want to create a democratic environment in the country, it can't be possi-

ble without releasing Ershad. Free Ershad immediately of we will free him by street movement, said Raushan Ershad, wife of former presi dent and a member of the JP presidium.

The JP leader also demanded formation of an in-