BGMEA leaders blame unrest

## 'Garments sector has incurred Tk 7111 cr loss in 2 years'

By Staff Correspondent

The country's garments sector incurred a loss of Tk 4978 crore in 37 days, from February 23 to March 30, due to non-stop hartal programmes and non-cooperation movement of the political parties. BGMEA leaders said.

"In the last two years, the garments sector incurred a total loss of Tk 7111 crore because of political unrest, President of the Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) Redwan Ahmed told a press conference in the city vesterday.

He said that currently the garments sector was sustaining huge production loss due to loadshedding. At places. Redwan pointed out, electric supply remained suspended for 12 hours.

Clarifying his claim on the loss incurred during February-March. Redwan said, "our statistics were gathered from

all the factories Giving a break down of the losses he said, in those 37 days, the factories suffered production loss of Tk 194.25 crore, bore extra air freight cost of Tk 44 crores, sustained stock lots worth Tk 90 crore and had to cancel export orders worth Tk 4650 crore.

He elaborated by saying that in the last two years this sector lost 170 working days due to hartal, non-cooperation, at tacks, rail and road barricade. work abstention at the port, strike of dock workers, C & F agents, stevedors and workers and congestion at the port.

The garments sector fetched home US 2.4 billion dollars in 1995 and has employed some 12 lakh workers The growth rate of this sector was over 20 per cent during the last fiscal year, according to sources concerned. "On an average, each of the

2000 factories are sustaining liabilities worth Tk 42.5 lakh" Redwan pointed out.

According to a BGMEA sur-

### LDF firm to make country secular, says Menon

Workers Party general secretary Rashed Khan Menon said yesterday that the political parties who talked about protection of minorities should have clear stand about banning the use of religion in election campaign in their election manifesto, reports BSS.

Addressing a public meeting at Narail Dakbanglo ground Menon said the banning of election campaign in masjids, mandirs and churches was not sufficient enough, the propaganda of religious communalism had to be stopped, he said adding the source of such propaganda could be stopped by abolishing the Fifth and Eighth amendments to the Constitution.

The meeting was also addressed by the front leaders Bimal Biswas, CPB leader Advocate Firoz Ahmed Workers Party central leader Advocate Nazrul Islam.

had distributed illegal arms to

its party cadre. Without nam-

ing the minister, he also urged

the caretaker government to

probe who had been given the

demanded that the caretaker

government take steps to en-

sure the independence of the

judiciary for proper enquiry

into the corruptions of the

ministers, MPs and party lead-

election would not be fair and

free from the influence of

. Begum Roushan Ershad in her

speech said that she expected

justice from the caretaker gov-

ernment and added, "there

shall be no election confining

ium member of the party, also

urged upon the caretaker gov-

ernment to "prove its neutral-

minister in Ershad govern-

ment said, if elected, the JP

will re-introduce the Upazila

System and further decen-

tralise the administration by

involving the people's repre-

ment officials who were given

forced retirement by the BNP

government would be given

"due consideration" by the JP

once it was voted to power,

Moudud said. "The JP would

follow the policy of co-opera-

tion and co-existence rather

than confrontation," he as-

by Mizanur Rahman Chow-

dhury. Thousands of slogan-

chanting party worker and

supporters from districts

joined the rally, held to press

for release of Ershad. They

carried banners, fastoons and

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The rally was presided over

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Moudud Ahmed, a presid-

black money, he said.

Otherwise, he said, the

JP presidium member

ers of BNP.

Ershad in jail.

The Jatiya Party leader also

vey, most of the factories are currently unable to pay their overhead cost while they lost export orders.

Redwan and his colleagues Shahabuddin Ahmed and Sirajul Haq at the press conference expressed their grievance that even after repeated call to the caretaker government, the garments sector was not getting proper

They also requested the banks to extend financial support to the sector.

"I am sure, if the banks extend their support, we will be able to recover our losses. Banks have previously bailed out the sector from a deep financial orisis in 1985-87. This time they can play a similar role. the BGMEA president

Redwan Ahmed reiterated his demand for bank loans on simple terms for the affected

He also demanded introduction of back-to-back LC against contract instead of export LC, increasing funds in this sector by simplifying the opening of LC

He observed that devaluation of taka by at least 25 per cent was necessary to keep alive the country's export trade. Such a devaluation would help increase export and reduce the level of import, he added.

The BGMEA demanded extension of last date for pay ment of gas, electricity, water and telephone bills of the garments factories by at least three months.

### Fake currency notes recovered

By Staff Correspondent

Detective Branch police recovered forged Bangladesh currency of Taka 50,000 during a raid on a hotel at Fakirerpool in the city Monday. Two persons, identified as

Md Alauddin, 52, and Abdul Wahab, 30, were arrested in this connection, police sources A special team of detective

branch raided Hotel Sonet at Fakirerpool under Motijheel thana and recovered the fake currency included 100 notes of Tk 500. A case has been filed with

Motifheel Thana in this connection, police sources said.

### 2 Shantibahini men surrender with arms

From Staff Correspondent CHITTAGONG, Apr 23: Two Shantibahini men today surand some ammunition, security sources said.

Anspru Marma with an SMG and Pye Mang Marma with an M-16 rifle and some ammunition arrived at a security outpost in Ramu area in Bandarban and surrendered.

With this, so far 189 tribal rebels surrendered with arms since 1985, the sources added.

Kazi Zafar Ahmed, another

presidium member, in his

speech claimed that JP would

bag at least 250 seats in the

parliament if Ershad was re-

leased from jail before the

Hossain Manju asserted that

there was no alternative to the

leadership of Ershad for the

wellbeing of people and devel-

dressed, by central leaders Col

(Retd) Abdul Malek, Serajul

Hossain Khan, Sardar Amjad

Hossain, Barrister Abul Hasnat,

Razia Faiz, Tajul Islam Chow-

dhury, Yusuf Hossain Humayun,

Mahmudul Islam Chowdhury,

Shah Mohammad Abu Zafar

Ruhul Amin Hawladar and

some district level leaders of

the party and its front

JP programme

organisation.

The rally was also ad-

opment of the country.

JP secretary general Anwar

ests and backs.

### gested the Chief Adviser to rendered to the security forces hold election in more than one with two automatic weapons days for the sake of ensuring full security in the vote cen-

siding officers so that they could face any untoward incident during vote, and could arrest and punish instantly the armsholders or trespassers during the balloting. The delegation also sug-

gested that the Election Mass hunger strike Commission arrange a joint meeting of political parties, administration and authorities maintaining law and order, and symbol. Some people were seen with the slogan, "Free representatives of teachers' Ershad," written on their ch-

organisations which could help holding of a free and fair elec-

leaving for Hajj yesterday.

BCS coordination

body leader

contradicts

statement

secretary general BCS Coordi-

nation Committee, yesterday

described the joint statement

of acting honorary general sec-

retary of Engineers' Institu-

tion. Bangladesh and secretary

general of the Bangladesh

Medical Association and Kr-

ishibid Institution as unfortu-

nate and undesirable, reports

they issued the joint statement

without verifying the truth of

what appeared in newspapers.

He particularly accused the

acting honorary general secre-

tary of Engineers Institution of

signing the "misleading" joint

statement unilaterally without

the approval of the president

of the institution and the vice-

president (SSW). This type of

unauthorised statement was

repugnant to the constitution

and tradition of the Engineers

ment of Dr MA Majed, chair-

man Prokrichi-BCS Central

Action Council which appeared

in yesterday's newspapers

cleared the controversy cen-

tering his meeting with BNP

Chairperson Begum Khaleda

over the 'machination' of some

persons in dividing the move-

ment of the professionals and

Magisterial power

From Page 1

election in the country, sug-

They proposed magisterial

power to be given to the pre-

creating a rift among them.

He expressed his concern

Hussain said that the state-

Institution, he added.

ln a statement Hussain said

BSS.

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They also told the Chief Adviser that some people, who are not teachers at all, play role in protecting the interest of political parties by dominattng over the teaching community in disguise of teachers' leaders.

The National Federation of Teachers' Associations comprises Bangladesh College Teachers Association, Bangladesh Teachers Association. Bangladesh Government College Teachers Association. Bangladesh Government Secondary Teachers Association and Bangladesh Government Primary Teachers Association.

Other members of the delegation were: Nazrul Islam, Chowdhury Shahadat Hossain, Siddiqur Rahman, Rahima Khandaker, Nazrul Islam Abdur Razzak, Abdul Awal Talukdar and Suruzzaman.

From Page 1

contention that the 25-year

treaty was a treaty of friend-

ship, Begum Zia mentioned

Clauses 8 and 10 of the Treaty

Bangladesh was barred from

entering into agreement with

any country without the con-

tion's 'negative politics' Begum

Zia said being perturbed by

decreasing public support for

their past misdeeds and suc-

cesses of BNP government on

all fronts of national and socio-

economic life, the Opposition

parties forced upon the nation

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## Trade information centre opens

## Dhaka regaining image, says British envoy

By Staff Correspondent

The United Kingdom be lieves in the great potential of Bangladesh's economy and will continue as its important trad ing partner, said Peter J Fowler, the British High Commissioner in Dhaka

Awami League chief Sheikh Hasina along with her sister Sheikh Rehana and some

relatives offering Fateha at the graves of her family members at Banani graveyard before

"We believe that there is a great potential in Bangladesh's economy and we will continue as an important trade partner of the country," he said while inaugurating the British Commercial Information Centre at the Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry premises yesterday.

"Bangladesh is overcoming its difficulties which was created for last couple of months resulting in an image problem of the country abroad," he added.

The opening ceremony was also addressed, among others by DCCI President Ali Hossain Director of British Council Keith Burd and representative United Kingdom Department of Trade and Industry, John Lownds.

"Last year the export growth (to Britain) was 49 per cent," the British envoy said Bangladesh could sustain its growth trend which has been achieved steadily, he added and suggested making services at the Chittagong Port prompt The British High Commission and the British

Council, in collaboration with

the DCCl would jointly operate the Centre. The Southern Asia Advisory Group (SAAG) of the UK Department of Trade and Industry has provided the equipment

Star photo

Services to be provided will include a business enquiry service, business and trade jour . nals, newspapers, directories and computer CD-ROM facili-

Ali Hossain said Bangladesh has emerged as fast developing country in this region through its liberalised and market ori ented economy

He said, bilateral trade be tween Bangladesh and Britain was growing rapidly Bangladesh's export to Britain increased to 284 30 million US dollars in 1994-95 from 138.00 million dollars in 1991-92

Bangladesh's imports from Britain have also increased from 106.18 million dollars in 1991-92 to 170.10 million dollars in 1994-95. Hossain also pointed out.

John Lownds said that the UK Department of Trade and Industry would continue its efforts to help build economic ties between the two coun-

He told the gathering that a British investment team was scheduled to visit Bangladesh between October 26-30.

# Troops attack LTTE bases, kill 100

COLOMBO, Apr 23: Govern- allowing about one thousand Tamil rebel targets in northern Sri Lanka today as troops continued an offensive that has killed more than 100 rebels in five days, the military said. reports AP. The rebel bases attacked

were in the coastal town of Point Pedro in the northern Jaffna Peninsula, and in Mullaittivu on the mainland. said Major Tilak Dunuwille, a military spokesman. Rebel casualties in the air

strikes were not immediately known, but he said over one hundred guerillas and two soldiers have been killed in fighting on the ground

A rebel base in Mullaittivu and eight boats ferrying guerillas across the Jaffna lagoon were completely destroyed in the air attacks Dunuwille said. An exodus of over two hun-

dred thousand Tamil civilians from the war zone had slowed down the military's drive into rebel-held areas. Many refugees wanted to

return to homes in areas under military control and soldiers were screening them to uncover guerillas, he said The rebels accused the mil-

itary of killing many civilians. "Large number of body parts are lying along the roads," said a statement by the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam.

The military had arrested several rebels in civilian clothes while screening and

the welfare of the nation.

where in the country.

abroad.

In his connection, Begum

Zia detailed the development

work during the tenure of her

government in every sector of

national life, and said devel-

opment project of her gov-

ernment was visible every-

Begum Zia said pragmatic

and progressive economic

policy of her government was

appreciated at home and

Turning to local develop-

ment in Khulna, she said what

was achieved during the

tenure of her government

could not accomplished ear-

her. She said the problem of

Beel Dakatia was solved and a

medical college was estab-

lished. Inshaallah, the Rupsha

bridge will be constructed, she

said adding her government

allocated Taka 303 crore and

On the occasion of Begum

acquired land for the purpose.

Zia's visit, the city wore a fes-

tive look, decorated with

colourful banners and festoons

ment warplanes hammered families to return to their homes in military controlled regions, said Dunuwille.

The rebels have stepped up attacks on military outposts in the east, the war's second front, killing 11 soldiers and eight policemen in the past three days

### Earlier story on Page 8

In the latest attack, three police commandos and five rebels were killed when guerillas attacked a patrol near Pannalgama village in the Ampara district early Tuesday. Three soldiers were killed when rebels attacked a military patrol at Meevankulam in Bartticaloa district.

On Monday night, the rebels overran a police station killing five policemen, at Serunuwara village in the Trincomalee district.

### 2 businessmen join JP

Hasan Jamil Sattar, an in dustrialist and Vice-Chairman of the Bangladesh Textile Mills Association, and Ohidunnabi, a leading businessman, today joined the Jatiya party, reports

Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury welcomed the new entrants in the Jatiya Party. MA Khaleda, a former JSD leader, also joined the Jatiya Party yesterday.

inscribed with different party

started pouring into the Cir-

cuit House Maidan from morn-

ing to listen to the BNP chair-

Razzak Ali said the BNP gov-

ernment had done a lot for the

development of Khulna. No

government in the past had

paid due attention to the uplift

Awami League, Jatiya Party and

Jamaat, B Chowdhury said

"pro-liberation, anti-liberation

and autocratic forces" had

banded to sabotage the coun-

voters not to vote for those

who resigned from parliament

before their term was com-

of the House observed that

they had breached the com-

mitment given to the people

Prof Chowdhury asked the

The former Deputy Leader

Ridiculing the alliance of

of this region, he added.

UNB adds: Speaker Shaikh

person.

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by doing so.

Tens of thousands of people

## at FBCCI A day-long workshop on Khaleda: Share of Ganges

"Income Generating Activities of Trade Promotion Organisa tions" was held at the FBCCI auditorium yesterday, reports

The Federation of Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FBCCI) and German Federation of Small Business (ZDH) and Technonet Asia, Singapore, jointly organised the workshop.

FBCCl Vice-President Alhai Rashiduzzaman Dudu inaugurated the workshop.

### Shot dead From Page 1

three other BNP supporters by armed miscreants. She was consoling the

mother and wife of Dulal when they came at the Circuit House in the evening and broke down into tears. Dulal, a former member of police, was the only earning member of the family. He left behind his mother. wife and two minor sons.

Begum Zia demanded immediate arrest of the miscreants responsible for the killing. She expressed her deep sympathy to the members of the bereaved family and prayed for the peace of the departed soul.

# The Midnight Life

Fire engulfs 5 villages around Chernobyl plant

TOVSTY LIS, Ukraine, Apr 23: Fire engulfed at least five villages inside the exclusion zone around the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Station today during an annual visit to their abandoned homes by evacuated residents, reports Reuter.

## Dev of Armed Forces to continue: Biswas

SYEDPUR. Apr 23: President Abdur Rahman Biswas today said the efforts of the government for the development of Armed Forces would con tinue in conformity with the econômic development of the country, reports BSS.

Remove BNP men

from Radio,

TV: AL

By Staff Correspondent

play an impartial role unless BNP people' were removed

from various posts in Radio

a meeting of the information

and Research Sub-committee

of Awami League held yester-

day at the Dhanmondi office of

the party with Prof. Abu

Sayeed, Information and

Research Secretary of AL. in

the chair, says a party press

and Television were still carry-

tronic media were "myste-

riously keeping mum on the

issue of corrupt practices by

urged the caretaker govern-

ment to take necessary mea-

Kibria, Advocate Gaziul Haq, Dr

Md Selim, Monayem Sarkar,

Dr Rajib Humayun, Dr Harun-ur-Rashid, Abdul Mannan

Khan, Nurul Fazal Bulbul,

Rasheda Mohiuddin, GM Gaus,

Sharier Rumi and Nakib

10 hurt in city

incidents

By DMCH Correspondent

jured in separate incidents of

violence in the city yesterday.

according to witnesses and

Dhaka Medical College

Tapash, 18, and Afsar, 25,

were injured in a bomb blast

during an armed clash be-

tween two local gangs of

Gopibagh and Maniknagar in

the old part of the city at

around noon yesterday, wit

The injured persons were

Meanwhile, three persons

admitted to the Dhaka Medical

identified as Siraj, 45, Abul

Kalam, 25, and Liton, 20, were

injured when an unidentified

gang hurled crackers at

Bangabandhu Avenue yesterday

evening. The injured were

admitted to the DMCH, hospi-

Besides, one Shahidullah

16, was also injured in a bomb

blast at Jurain in the city at

around 7pm yesterday, hospi-

British warship

due in Ctg today

Chittagong tomorrow for a

four-day goodwill visit to ce-

ment the ties with the

Bangladesh Navy, reports UNB.

Destroyer of Britain's Royal

Navy, Commanded by Captain

Adrew Moll will visit the

Chittagong city en route for

will join a Bangladesh Navy ex-

ercise at sea and the crew of

the ship will visit the port city

and Kaptai Naval Base, said a

DU authorities

deny charges

against VC

vesterday termed the allega-

tions against the Vice

Chancellor and the university

administration by some univer-

sity senators as baseless, re-

in a statement, said many of

the senators who addressed

the press conference recently

are now departmental chair-

men, syndicate members,

deans while some others once

Chancellor of the university

had convened the adjourned

meeting of the senate on

March 30 but postponed the

same due to political situation.

The Vice Chancellor will con-

vene the senate meeting soon.

Workshop held

The statement said the Vice

held these positions.

The university authorities

Dhaka University authorities

press release today.

During the visit HMS York

the Gulf.

ports BSS.

HMS York, a Type 42

A British naval warship.

York, arrives in

Two youngmen identified as

Hospital sources.

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College Hospital

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ing one-sided news.

of Khaleda Zia's family

Television.

The meeting said that Radio

It alleged that the elec-

This view was expressed at

and Television.

The state-owned electronic media would not be able to

Within our limited rethe fallen BNP government's sources, the country has been ministers, MPs and members providing priority to meet the defence requirements." The AL sub-Committee said, adding I can firmly assure you the government's efforts for the promotion of army sures regarding the 'identified would continue in conformity BNP men' in Radio and with the country's economic development. The meeting was attended by, among others, SAMS

President Biswas said this while addressing the officers and soldiers of all ranks of electrical and mechanical engineering corps of army on the occasion of the corps' investiture ceremony at Syedpur cantonment here

Chief of Army Staff Lt Gen Abu Saleh Mohammad Nasim. Area Commander of 66th Division Major General Abdus Salam, GOC of 24th Division and newly appointed Col Commandant of EME Corps Major General Azizur Rahman. Director General of forces Intelligence Major General Abdul Matin, PSO of Armed Forces Division MSA Bhuiyan, Adjutant General of Army Major General AM Seraj and former Col Commandant of EME Major

## Muggers stab

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at Hazaribagh yesterday morning, the witnesses said The injured trader was admitted to the DMCH with serious stab injuries, hospital sources said

In another incident, one Sajal Karim, 32, was also stabbed by an unidentified gang and was robbed of Tk 18,000 in the Kamalapur area at around 8 ain. He was admitted to the DMCH.

A group of muggers seriously assaulted and stabbed a vendor Shahid. 25, at Hazaribagh in the afternoon. They took away the day's income of the vendor. He was later admitted to the DMCH.

### Shrimp From Page 1

with shrimp.

served an adviser to the DOF Local farmers in Khulna have named the major seller of imported shrimp fry as Niribili Hatchery, with main offices and holding ponds in Cox's

The cost of imported Bagda try was considerably lower than locally caught wild fry during 1994-95, at an average of Tk 3.300 per 1,000. However, currently wild caught Bagda fry is selling at around only Tk 400 per 1,000 after the outbreak of 'white spot', as farmers have now become reluctant to restock their ahers

Government and non-government experts agree that prevention is the only means to tackle the problem as there is no cure for the viral diseases such as 'white spot,' which scientists agree is probably caused by the China virus. Although the government is preparing to distribute information about the disease in the form of leaflets and posters for shrimp farmers, it is unclear at present as to what future action or strategy the government is considering to take to

After preliminary investigations in the Khulna area, officials have recommended either restocking ponds that are diseased or to stop stocking altogether until all diseased shrimp have died off; continued monitoring of outbreaks of 'white spot'; a ban on further imports of Bagda shrimp fry; prohibition of the sale of products claiming to cure white spot' disease: and improved shrimp farm management in an attempt to prevent future widespread outbreaks of dis-

tackle the disease.

### Tax payment From Page 1

expected to start its routine consultations with trade bodies on budget from next month in that direction, he said.

Senior officials of the NBR and representatives of different foreign and multinational companies attended the meet

### Voters' list From Page 1

list during their meetings with the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) on Sunday, according to an EC press release.

The EC started the present voters' list updating process on April 11 and on April 18 it announced that the updating would continue until April 23 As per law no registration. correction or omission can be

done to the voters' list at the

field level after the election schedule is announced. in that case, changes can only be made centrally by the Election Commission Secre-

tariat An EC official indicated that the current drive to update the voters list may continue until April 26.

General (retd) Golam Maula, among others, were present

on the occasion.

Earlier on arrival here, the President was received by the Chief of Army Staff and other senior army officials while a smart contingent of armed forces gave him a guard of honour. President Biswas inspected the guard and took the salute.

The President termed the army as the vigilant guard of the country's independence and sovereignty and observed that it had always stood by the people in time of their necessities including, natural calamities.

It is a matter of great satisfaction that Armed Forces is riogressing in the right direction and have accomplished all the tasks assigned to them by the government with excellent standards." President Biswas

He added: "You have earned appreciations for the professional discharge of your responsibilities in overseas missions while your dedicated service in flood relief operation in 1988, cyclone of 1991, election in 1991, fertilizer movement of 1995 are acknowledged by the people with appreciation.

President Biswas said, recently, during the Operation Treasure-hunting and Operation Life Line,' the Armed Forces have once again earned the confidence of the people by discharging their assigned responsibilities with

dedication and efficiency. Director of the EME Brig ATM Wahab presenting the President with a crest of the EME Corps, thanked him for his kind presence at the in-

### Nor'wester

vestiture ceremony.

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Our Kushtia correspondent adds: A severe nor wester swept over Kushtia and its adjoining areas this afternoon causing damage to kutcha houses and uprooting trees.

The storm which lasted for 15 minutes with moderate intensity accompanied with scattered rain damaged electric poles installed by the REB and disconnected electric connection.

in town areas many telephone lines have gone out of order. Electric wires were snapped in some places plunging the town in darkness.

The extent of damage caused by the storm in rural areas could not be known immediately. Banana trees and standing boro paddy were damaged in Kumarkhali and

### Khoksa thanas, according to reports. Dudayev killed?

From Page 1 night and that senior Chechen rebel spokesman Khodzhakhmed Yerikhanov had confirmed the death.

"Dudayev has been killed of that there is no doubt, Yerikhanov, who led a rebel delegation in negotiations with Moscow last year, told Tass. "Dzhokhar Dudayev was

killed on the night of April 21 to 22 near the village of Gekhi-Chu after a rocket strike," Tass quoted the statement as say-Tass later quoted Yerik-

hanov as saying Dudayev's body had been found near the village, 30 km (20 miles) south-west of the Chechen capital Grozny.

### Code of conduct From Page 1

government facilities, it said.

Candidates or their representatives will refrain from offering or promising money in public or secretly to any organisation in or outside their constituencies. The parties or candidates will not make any commitment about any development project after the election schedule is announced. All parties and candidates

will enjoy equal rights for campaigning. None will foil or obstruct the campaign of rivals, it further said No camps relating to election campaign should be set up

on the roads or places designated for public use. Election camps should not wear a too glittering look and food and drinks should not be served to the voters at the camp, A candidate must not use

more than three loud-speakers at a time in his constituency and the use of loud-speaker is restricted between 8 am and 2 Parties or candidates shall

not write any graffiti as a part of election campaign. Also, no damage should be caused to property, building, land or any moveable or immovable property of the public. Carrying of firearms and

explosives shall not be allowed. illegal interference in the election process by government officials is banned, the finalised code of conduct said.

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in city By Staff Correspondent

Jatiya Party (JP) leaders and workers will stage a token hunger strike in front of the Jatiya Press club in the city tomorrow from 10 am to pm, according to a party press release issued here last night.

This will be part of JP's programme of a "mass hunger strike" across the country on the day to press release of its leader H M Ershad, also reportedly on hunger strike in jail now. The programme was announced at JP's 'grand rally' at the Manik Mia Avenue in the city yesterday, held to press Ershad's release.

All the JP presidium members and workers in the city will participate in the "token hunger strike" in front of the Press Club, the press release

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