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**Presidential polls  
CEC-Speaker  
meet sought**

**By Staff Correspondent**  
The Election Commission (EC) has requested the Parliament Secretariat to arrange a courtesy meeting between the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) and the Speaker on July 15, EC sources said.

The CEC, as required by law would discuss matters relating to the presidential election before announcing its schedule the sources said.

"We think that a new Speaker would be in the office on the day and in addition to the serious discussions on the election the CEC would also exchange views on other matters", an EC source said.

As per law, the CEC would consult the Speaker before announcing the schedule of the presidential election.

Earlier, the EC sources indicated that the presidential election may be held in the first week of August just before the cut-off date of August 9.

President Abdur Rahman Biswas took oath of office on October 9, 1991, so his five-year tenure expires on August 8 this year and the election must be held, under the existing law, sometime between July 10 and August 9, the sources said.

**Looting of shops in  
Ctg: Arrested JCD  
activists remanded**

**From Staff Correspondent**  
CHITTAGONG, July 7: The four JCD activists who were arrested in connection with the looting of four shops at the Apollo Shopping Centre on Friday, were brought under three days' remand today for interrogation, police said.

Meanwhile, police recovered one LG and some ammunition from the residence of one of the arrested person, Nurul Alam, as per his confession today.

**Burglary**  
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About three burglars cut down the kitchen window grill of the house at Jigatola, at around 2:30 am and entered the house, they said.

Before entering they had locked up all the exit doors of other apartments in the five storied building, they added.

"About three men entered the house and opened up the steel almirah and took ornaments worth about Tk one lakh and Tk 20,000 in cash," said a family member of the house.

When contacted, the duty officer of Dhanmondi thana said that a case had been filed in this connection. He said no arrests were made in this connection.

**Snatched**  
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and Sabujbagh areas within an hour after the robbery, says a police press release.

The police recovered Tk 4,58,000 from the arrested persons identified as Shahana Kabir, Motaleb, Mohammad Jumman, Arfan and Babul.

One foreign made gun, 3 bullets, 5 knives two briefcases and some documents were also recovered from their possession.

The arrested persons were being interrogated last night.

Meanwhile, Uttara thana police last night arrested another person in connection with the robbery from Mirpur area and recovered Tk 60 thousand from him. The arrested was identified as Javed.

**Razzak**  
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hold seminars and symposia to seek experts opinion to find out ways of a permanent solution to the problem."

The minister, however, told this correspondent it is true that a devastating flood severely affects the lives of the people. But flood could also appear to be a blessing especially for the peasants if it remained within a certain limit, he observed. "We should not forget the positive aspects of the flood while finding out measures to control it."

Turning to the politics of the country, the minister, who is also a presidium member of the ruling Awami League, said that his party really wanted to run the government on the basis of a national consensus.

When asked whether the Prime Minister's call to the largest opposition party in the Jatiya Sangsad (JS) to join the government was contradictory to the concept of parliamentary democracy, Razzak said the BNP was free to take part in running the affairs of the state while also preserving its right to play the conventional role of a parliamentary opposition.

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina exchanging views with editors, publishers and owners of the newspapers and the news agencies at her office in the city yesterday. —PID photo

**PM: Editors**

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month and provide opportunities to all reporters to have access to the Prime Minister's news coverage.

The editors brought to the notice of the Prime Minister that various terrorist activities including dacoity and killing that had taken place over the last few days in various parts of the country and urged her to take due measures to stop them and arrest those immediately who were responsible for those heinous acts.

The Prime Minister told the editors that her government was well-aware of those incidents. "There is a conspiracy to prevent her government from attaining success in its efforts to establish a society free from terrorism," she said and urged the editors to expose those forces which were behind all these anti-people activities in the country.

Sheikh Hasina said the suggestions and proposals from the newspaper editors and publishers would help her government take objective measures for the national benefit.

On a query, the Prime Minister said that about 15,000 crore taka were borrowed from banks which were not paid back before the taking over of her government.

"So, you can easily realise what is the situation we are facing now," she said.

An editor of a daily suggested the Prime Minister to implement what she pledged earlier for the national welfare on priority basis. "It will help uphold the credibility of the government," he said.

Another editor suggested holding press conference with question and answer through live broadcast from television and that would help government's transparency and accountability to the people.

The editor of another daily suggested assessment of the property of ministers and MPs every years in a specific time which would be immensely helpful for the government to have transparency and accountability in every sphere of the administration.

The editors urged the Prime Minister to take the press into her confidence.

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**Flood**  
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In Jamalpur, about 100-metre portion of a diversion road at Mahmudpur bridge was washed away, snapping road communication between Jamalpur district headquarters and Madaraganj thana.

Fresh areas of seven unions in three thanas of the district were inundated. With this, the total affected unions stood at 28 and about two lakh people of 150 villages in these unions have been marooned. Standing crops on 15,000 acres of land have been damaged in the flooding.

In Sirajganj, the river Jamuna and its tributaries continued to swell yesterday worsening the flood situation in the six thanas of the district.

The affected thanas are Sadar, Kazipur, Belkuchi, Chowhall, Shahjadpur and Tarash.

About 200 families of 15 villages of Majbari, Fuljore, Chagram unions of Kazipur thana and Kawakola union of Sadar thana have been rendered homeless due to erosion by the river Jamuna. Most of them have taken shelter on the flood-control embankments and flood centres.

More areas in Sherpur went under water due to rain and swelling of river Brahmaputra, our correspondent said.

**Some changes  
in admin**  
By Staff Correspondent

Director General of Anti-Corruption Bureau, Mafiz Uddin Shikder, and Director General of Immigration and Passport Directorate, Md Mokbul Hussain, have been transferred to each others post and their services were set on deputation till further order, says a PID handout yesterday.

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**Khaleda**  
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"BNP will give a befitting reply with the help of the people if the government is engaged in any anti-people activities," the BNP chairperson added.

She expressed concern over deterioration of the law and order within 15 days of the new government's takeover. "A reign of terror has gripped the country with killings, hijackings, lootings and dacoities taking place everyday."

Begum Zia said, there is nothing called 'government of national consensus' in the democratic world or in the country's constitution. "They just want to revive BKSAL in the name of national consensus," she added.

The opposition leader said the BNP had introduced multi-party democracy through the 12th amendment to the Constitution and accordingly there must be an opposition in the parliament. "Having no opposition in parliamentary democracy is absurd," she said.

The BNP chief criticised the renaming of Radio Bangladesh as 'Bangladesh Betar' and said that "they (ruling party) are creating a hotchpotch after assuming power."

She alleged that the people in the present government were not uttering Bismillah, the name of Allah, before starting any work, which was given constitutional recognition during the regime of Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman.

The Leader of the Opposition said her party would play an appropriate role in parliament with the aim to carry on the development programmes and fulfill its pledges to the people, made in its election manifesto.

Begum Zia said BNP's victory in last month's parliamentary election was snatched away, but its popularity could not be taken away.

Barrister Moudud Ahmed, who recently joined the BNP, Khairul Anam MP, Poura Chairman of Laxmipur Hasanuzzaman Chowdhury Mintu, Chhatra Dal Leader Abdul Khair Bhuiyan, Krishak Dal leader Khorshed Alam and district BNP president Shamsul Alam also addressed the meetings.

**DSE price index  
crosses 1000-mark**

The key indicator of Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE), the All Share Price Index, crossed the 1000-mark yesterday, reflecting the buoyant market trend following the last month's parliamentary elections.

The index rose to an all-time high of 1016.35 from Saturday's 998.81, setting a new record in the country's main bourse that witnessed brisk trading for last few days.

The DSE All Share Price Index gained 43 points to reach 999.40 on Thursday, ending a five-day week of bullish trading when most of the issues traded saw increasing prices.

DSE chairman Intiyaz Hossain told UNB last night that he considered the rise in price index as the reflection of confidence of the general investors on the market, the economy of the country and the new government.

He hoped that the index would stabilise around the 1000-mark at the end of the year while the market capitalisation, now at 1.78 billion US dollar, would reach nearly 2 billion US dollar by December.

"But the real test will be the next budget. The whole economy will depend on it," Hossain said of the budget for 1996-97 fiscal, which is expected in the first session of the 7th parliament that begins July 14.

The DSE chairman suggested curbing inflation, reducing public expenditure and budget deficit, and lowering taxes, particularly corporate and individual income taxes, to increase the rate of savings.

"The increased savings will help in capital formation and will ultimately generate investment," he said.

**Transit**  
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nal Affairs minister in V P Singh's cabinet, said in the interview, "What is the harm if you allow the use of Chittagong port for transit of goods to eastern India? You will definitely be benefited by the revenue earnings, if you extend this facility."

Mentioning that transit facilities, if given, "would help us get closer to you," Gujral added. "Let Bangladesh calculate how much it can augment its income through giving port and transit facilities. You definitely can demand from us the rates you want. However, you have every right to deny us the facilities, which you have done till now."

Diplomatic observers, however, feel that the present Indian Prime minister, Deve Gowda, may be genuinely responsive to Bangladesh's need for water. As former chief minister of the Indian state of Karnataka, he had ordered the release of 6000 million cubic metres of water to Tamil Nadu. The decision created controversy in his home state but it was brushed aside with empathy by Gowda in a display of political adroitness.

Both I K Gujral and Deve Gowda may decide in their political wisdom to opt to settle the issue of water sharing with Bangladesh with fairness in the interest of good neighbourliness pending a decision on the transit question, at least upto a desirable point, commented an observer of Indo-Bangladesh relations.

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