Two nurses at BIRDEM attending a patient yesterday after

Parliament tidbits

Star photo

bly irritated Speaker gave the

floor to Huda, who said. "I've

been attempting very

systematically to speak since

the very first day since this

one point of her speech re-

ferred to an argument by a

Barrister MP of the BNP but

did not name him. "I won't

mention his name because he

might rise to give interpreta-

Begum Khaleda Zia, who was

castigated by the treasury

benchers for her Wednesday's

comments to the Chair, did

not even look at the Speaker

when he wanted to know if she

would like to speak on yester-

day's debate on vote of thanks

She communicated her unwill-

ingness through the Deputy

Quadar Choudhury seemed to

have enjoyed AL MP Latif

Siddigi's speech made with a

hury family's role in 1971. The

clear reference to the Choud

BNP legislator was seen smil-

ing and requesting his angry

party colleagues to remain si-

BNP in his bid to get favour

from the Speaker reminded

A visibly annoyed Speaker

stopped Rahman's microphone

immediately as the time allo-

cated for the BNP MP was

18 HSC examinees

held in city

By Staff Correspondent

aminees when they went on

the rampage at Bakshi Bazar in

the city yesterday protesting

what they said 'hard' questions

out on the streets after the ex-

amination at about 1:15 pm

damaged at least 15 motor ve-

hicles and ransacked some

shops, police and witnesses

A case has been filed with

The angry students came

in Accounting.

Lalbagh thana.

Police arrested 18 HSC ex-

the Chair. "Once we had the

opportunity to share the same

Mahbubur Rahman of the

BNP lawmaker Salahuddin

Leader of the Opposition.

Leader of the Opposition

tion", a smiling Hasina said.

The Leader of the House at

session began

their strike was called off.

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MPs were seen rushing to

their respective seats. Maj.

(retd) Akhteruzzaman, who

was talking to Home Minister

Maj. (retd) Rafiqul Islam, was

yet to leave the Treasury bench

Speaker Humayun Rashid

While guiding a debate on

area when the Speaker en-

Choudhury yesterday appar

the Opposition.

ently earned the confidence of

whether or not a Motion of

Thanks on the President's ad

dress to the House be moved.

Choudhury promised to allo-

sides and acted accordingly.

cate equal time for both the

both sides by turn", the

Speaker while responding to

questions on allocation of time

from BNP lawmakers. As a re-

sult, the debate went on in a

disciplined manner and with-

Khandakar Mosharraf Hossain

of BNP on allocation of time.

the Speaker said he was

puter on the distribution of

time between the Treasury and

Opposition bench members

and he would tell the House in

Post and Telecommunica

tions Minister Mohammad

Nasim rediculed the BNP law-

makers, who were insisting

the ruling party move a motion

of thanks on the President's

speech, by saying, 'Thanks are

usually given out of happiness.

force us to thank their Presi-

are compelled to thank the

President for his speech, we'll

also 'thank' him for his role in

1971 and that during the pro-

caretaker government agita-

attempted to interrupt Nasim.

the minister who made a ref-

erence to the BNP leader said.

speak. It's me who remem-

You will definitely be able to

As Nazmul Huda of the BNP

tion and other issues.

But the Opposition is trying to

Nasim went on to add "if we

a few days on the time alloca-

keeping records in the com

Responding to a remark by

out any interruption.

"I'll be fair in giving floor to

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Allocation for places of worship to be raised

By Staff Correspondent

The Jativa Sangsad vester day witnessed a lively discussion on government's fund allocation for places of worship during the question hour.

In the absence of State Minister for Religious Affairs Moulana Md Nurul Islam. State Minister for LGRD and Cooper atives Syed Abul Hussain replied to the written questions and the supplementaries.

The state minister assured the House that the present government would sanction money for mosques, temples and all other places of worship without any discrimination and would consider raising the al location from Tk. 50,000 now to Tk. one lakh to each member of parliament for development of religious places in their constituencies.

Replying to a supplemen tary question from Shamsul Haq, a ruling Awami League member, Abul Hossain informed the House that during the BNP rule, two ministers concerned sanctioned maximum funds for religious places in Gazipur and Patuakhali, the two districts they hailed from

He also informed the House that two hill tracts districts -Khagrachhari and Rangamati were at bottom of the list during the last five years as regards getting the grant.

Some ruling party MPs alleged that the previous BNP government had politicised allocation of funds for places of

Flood

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level in Brahmaputra and

Jamuna rivers fell by 9 cm and

were flowing 6 cm below their

people in five thanas of the

district were rendered home-

less due to erosion by the river

Kazipur, Sadar, Belkuchi,

situation of the district re-

mained unchanged although

the Jamuna was flowing below

ganj, Kamarkhand, Tarash and

Ullapara thanas were submer-

ged as water levels of the tri-

butaries of Jamuna -- Karatoa

Boral, Phooljor and Gumari --

continued to swell. Standing

corps on about 300 acres of

land went under water in the

Management officials said 22

people lost their lives as the

flood hit 144 thanas of the

country's 37 districts. They

said 51,74,375 people o

9,72,819 families were af-

fected by the flood while food-

grains were completely dam-

aged on 1.43,509 acres and

partially damaged on 3,41,494

lost in the flood was 15,433.

The officials figure of com-

pletely damaged households is

1,07,716 and partially dam-

Burundi

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ister Venerand Bakevyamusaya,

parliament Speaker Leonce

Nyendakumana, and Frederic

Bamvuginyumvera, parliamen-

tary leader of the president's

Frodebu party, were among

eight refugees at the German

Africa on an official visit, said

he asked South African Presi-

dent Nelson Mandela to medi-

ate an end to the violence in

the tiny central African coun-

and Hutus has ripped Burundi

apart for the past three years,

killing more than 150,000

people. Hutus make up 85 per

cent of the population of 6

million and Tutsis make up 14

Shibir activists

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yesterday's clash between the

supporters of Chhatra Shibir

and Chhatra League that took

place around Sitakunda College

and Sitakundu Alia Madrassah

leaving at least 15 people in-

initially had begun at Sitakunda

College which later spread

around the Alia Madrassah lo-

College unit, filed two separate

cases with the local thana ac-

cusing 20 Shibir activists in

connection with yesterday's

Police said yesterday's clash

Chhatra League, Sitakunda

The crackdown followed

session of those activists dur-

Civil war between Tutsis

Kinkel, who is in South

aged 2.96,182.

embassy.

per cent.

ing the raid.

jured.

cated nearby.

The number of livestocks

Meanwhile, the Disaster

Nine more villages in Rai-

The erosion hit thanas are

Meanwhile, the overall flood

Jamuna in last 24 hours.

Chouhali and Shajadopur.

its danger mark.

In Sirajganj, some 1,500

danger levels.

worship Some of them gave figures to substantiate their points that how mosques situated in the constituencies of the then Opposition MPs were

deprived of government grant Opposition lawmakers protested the allegations and former BNP minister Abdul Moveen Khan said that his constituency Palash thana was also deprived of such grant.

Replying to a question raised by AL MP Mirza Azam. the state minister told the House that Tk 2.90 19,500 and Tk 2.74.98.500 were granted for mosques in the country during 1994-95 and 1995-96 respectively.

Answering another question raised by Jamaat e Islami law maker Moulana Delwar Hussain Saidee, the State Minister Abul Hussain said that during the last five financial years the mosques received Tk 14.50,95,200 as grant while 3.525 the Hindu temples got Tk. 1,07,17,800, 450 Buddhist temples Tk. 37,22,000 and various Islamic organisations got 1.19.84,000. He, however, could not give the total number of mosques in the country.

BNP MP Khurshid Jahan Haq raised a supplementary question and said that in Dinaipur district Saontal commu nity has its own places of worship but those did not get any government grant. The state minister assured her of taking the matter into consideration.

Myanmar envoy meets FM

Early repatriation of Rohingyas stressed

Foreign Minister Abdus Samad Azad has laid emphasis on early repatriation of Rohingya refugees from Bangladesh, reports UNB.

He expressed the sentiment when Myanmar Ambassador to Bangladesh U Tint Lwin called on him at his office here vesterday.

The Foreign Minister also emphasised the need for establishing firm economic cooperation, frequent exchange of trade delegations and implementation of Barter Trade Agreement between the two countries

ALCWC meets today

A meeting of the Awami League Central Working Committee will be held at its central office at 10 am (ALCWC) today. Awami League President Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will preside over the meeting said a party press release yesterday, reports UNB,

Chief Whip

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while we have to wait for some more. But, as far as the inclusion of the Leader of the Opposition in the Privilege Committee is concerned, we have done it as per the convention."

A 10-member Privilege Committee headed by Speaker Humayun Rashid Chowdhury was constituted and announced in the House on

Wednesday Suranjit Sengupta said, "from the very first day, we started trying to contact them (BNP). Even, the Speaker rang her up while Begum Zia was

touring Bogra. He said there was no

precedence of constituting any privilege committee without making Leader of the Opposition its member in Bangladesh, Pakistan, India and Sri Lanka.

Replying to a question the Chief Whip, however, said if Begum Zia felt like that, she could nominate any other MP belonging to her party to represent her in the Privilege Committee. "Begum Zia used to nominate the then law minister of her cabinet to represent her in the then privilege committee while BNP was in power," he added.

Sengupta told a questioner Awami League would welcome a shadow cabinet as being contemplated by BNP.

When asked would the BNP MPs be allowed to head some of the parliamentary standing committees, after necessary amendments to the JS Rules of Procedure, Sengupta said, "why not."

About constitution of the Special Committee on Tuesday to scrutinise bills for a period. the PM's advisor explained. "otherwise, the bills would have to be sent to select committee, which again is headed by a minister under the present system. As the cabinet opt for ministers not heading standing committees the Special Committee was consti-

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BNP boycotts JS special body meet

By Staff Correspondent

BNP yesterday boycotted the first meeting of the Jatiya Sangsad's special committee on scrutinising the bills moved in the House

However the committee members belonging to two other opposition parties -Jatiya Party and the Jamaat-e-Islami - attended the meeting held at the Sangsad Bhaban. meeting sources said

When asked Chief Whip of the Opposition in parliament Khandakar Delwar Hossain told newsmen at the parliament lobby yesterday evening that they did not attend the meet ing as the BNP rejected the committee.

Well also decide on other JS committees in the BNP Parliamentary Party (BNPPP) meeting to be held in a couple of days," he said

Visitors pass

Speaker urges MPs, ministers not to recommend more than one application

Speaker Humayun Rashid Chowdhury yesterday requested the parliament mem bers, whips, ministers and state ministers to refrain from recommending more than one application for issuing tempo rary visitors' pass of the VIP as well as general visitors gal leries, reports BSS.

Chowdhury said rush of visi tors in the visitors galleries were creating problems in maintaining discipline in the proceedings of the House.

The Speaker said from now on visitors pass for the VIP galleries would be issued by him. The VIP gallery one has 13 seats, the VIP gallery wo 47 seats and the general galleries have 273 seats for the visitors, he said.

Retd govt official arrested for slapping constable

By Staff Correspondent

A retired Joint Secretary of the Ministry of Industries. Miah Md Yunus, was arrested from the Airport Road near Kashai Bari on charges of slapping an on-duty police constable early hours yester-

Cantonment police arrested the ex-government official under Section 353 of the penal code at about 1:45 am, police

The official had an altercation with the constable. Manjurul Huq, when the latter stopped his rickshaw on the Airport Road. The constable intercepted the rickshaw as the road was prohibited for such manually driven vehicle. police said adding that Md Yunus at one stage slapped, the constable.

Later, a traffic sergeant and some police forces from the police box near the Zia International Airport rushed to the spot and picked up Md Yunus,

They are: Abul Kalam Azad

Chowdhury (Dean, Pharmacy).

Khandakar Bazlul Haq (Provost.

Zahurul Haq Hall), A T M Za-

hurul Haq (Professor, Eco-

nomics), M Abdul Aziz

(Associate Professor, Chem-

istry), Sahid Aktar Hussain

(Assistant Professor, Soil

Science) and A K M Golam

Rabbani (Lecturer, Islamic

Muhammad Shajahan Mia of

Five other members elected

Bangla Department was the

only White panel candidate

elected for Academic Council.

from Blue panel to represent

the council are: Associate Pro-

fessors Rafikullah Khan

(Bangla) and Sonia Nishat

Amin (History), and Assistant

Professors/Lecturers Ms Zinat

Huda (Sociology) and M Nuruz-

zaman (International Rela-

Iftekher Gani Chowdhury of

Institute of Business Adminis-

tration was elected represen-

tatives to the Finance Commit-

Biman crew

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ficer and the luggage was re-

examined. Later, the notes

were recovered in presence of

the shift officers of different

agencies working in the air-

notes were handed over to the

Customs authority at the ZIA.

Meanwhile, the ZIA authorities

have decided to reward the

security operator on duty at

the post for his efficiency, the

CAAB press release added.

The seized foreign currency

Blue panel candidate Prof

tions).

tee.

port.

History and Culture).

by the Blue panel.

Huda also tried to intervene police added. when Leader of the House The constable filed a case Sheikh Hasina was speaking. with Cantonment thana in this However, Huda set down after connection, police said. the ruling party MPs shouted at him.

dent.'

bered you."

Blue Panel Motion of thanks From Page 1

From Page 1 said it was unfortunate that the ruling Awami League was yet to move a motion on vote of thanks on the presidential speech, although Article 73 (3) of the Constitution had obliged the parliament to discuss the

speech. Replying to the Opposition contention. Commerce and Industries Minister Tofael Ahmed, who spoke on the occasion three times, said that the ruling party had decided not to move a motion on vote of thanks.

"Since President Abdur Rahman Biswas refused to deliver the speech explaining the policies of the government of Sheikh Hasina, we cannot move the motion of thanks on his speech," Tofael said, adding that although the Constitution had asked for discussion on the presidential speech, "it did not oblige us" to move a motion of thanks. "It is the Rules of Procedure that has talked about moving a mo-

tion of thanks." Salauddin Quader Chowdhury of BNP, giving a comparative analysis of the oaths taken by the Speaker, the Prime Minister, ministers and the MPs, said that it was the obligation of the first three to preserve, defend and protect" the Constitution of the state. "Since Article 73 of the Constitution obliges the House to discuss the presidential speech, it is the responsibility of the Speaker, the Prime

meet the obligation." Referring to Tofael's contention that President Abdur

Minister and the ministers to

Rahman Biswas did not deliver the speech according to the advice of the Prime Minister. the BNP legislator said. "If it is true, it was the government's failure to make the President go by the Constitution." The government should, therefore, resign immediately, he added

Telecommunications Minister Mohammad Nasim said, it was funny that the Opposition in the name of upholding the Constitution was trying to force us to thank a president who, in violation of the Constitution, has made a speech of his own

Mosharraf Hossain of BNP said, "Once the speech is made by the President, we shall take it for granted that he, according to the Constitution, has acted as per the advice of the Prime Minister."

Explaining the importance of traditions and conventions in parliamentary democracy, Ziaur Rahman of BNP argued that it was the obligation of the ruling party to move the motion on the vote of thanks on the presidential speech.

State Minister for Law and Parliamentary Affairs Abdul Matin Khasru argued that the Constitution obliged the House to have a discussion on the speech, but neither the Constitution nor the rules obliged the ruling party to move the motion of thanks.

Mahbubur Rahman, Jamiruddin Sircar and Aminul Haque and M K Anwar of BNP and Sheikh Selim, Abdul Latif Siddigi, Abdul Kader Siddigi, Rafigul Islam and Akhtaruzzaman of the ruling party also spoke on the occasion.



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Cabinet body meet reviews law & order situation

The government is determined to take all necessary steps to stamp out terrorism from society and improve the city's notorious traffic jam, reports UNB.

This was informed at the first Cabinet Committee meeting on law and order situation held at the secretariat with committee Chairman Home Minister Rafigul Islam in the chair yesterday.

The meeting reviewed the country's present law and order situation and evaluated different measures undertaken to improve order.

Committee members Industries and Commerce Minister Tofael Ahmed. Post and Telecommunications Minister Mohammad Nasim. Education and Technology Minister AHSK Sadek, Power and Mineral Resources Minister Lt Gen (retd) Nooruddin Khan and the State Minister for Law. Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Abdul Motin Khashru attended the meeting.

Addressing the meeting the Home Minister said a Task Force has already been formed to collect suggestions from the people regarding law and

One to die for killing minor girl after rape

COMILLA, July 25: A man was awarded death penalty on Monday for strangulating a minor girl to death after rape. reports UNB

According to the prosecution story, convicted Mohammad Azad, 35, of village Syedpur in Laksam thana forcibly took away Jahura Begum, 11 of the same village to a solitary place and strangled her to death after violating her on August 31, 1995.

Knowing about the brutality the villagers caught Azad and handed him over to the police. A case was filed and police after investigation submitted

charge-sheet against him. The Additional District and Sessions Judge after examin ing evidences and records delivered the judgement.

JS adjourned till 3 pm July 28

Parliament was adjourned till 3 pm on July 28 after a lively business yesterday. Speaker Humayun Rashid Chowdhury announced the adjournment at 10:05 pm, reports

Algerian plane hijack drama ends

ALGIERS, July 25: A lone gunman commandeered an Algerian jetliner shortly before it was to take off with 232 people aboard Thursday, but authorities announced an end to the hijacking several hours later, state radio reported, reports AP.

The Air Algerie Boeing 767 was hijacked at Oran Airport in western Algeria at about 9 a.m. (0800 GMT) as it prepared to leave for Algiers, the radio said, citing an Interior Ministry statement.

Manipur govt against building of Barak Dam

NEW DELHI, July 25: Manipur government is opposed to the construction of rupees 2.898 crore multi-purpose Barak Dam in the river Barak at the Trijunction of Manipur, Assam and Mizoram at Tipaimukh, reports BSS.

Manipur government is against the implementation of the project as the commissioning of the dam would result in inundation of 311 square kms of land in Manipur and Mizoram, said a report in today's

If commissioned, more than 2300 people of 15 tribal families would be thrown out of their means of livelihood, the report said quoting Irrigation and Flood Control Minister Dr L Chandramani.

"The Hindu."

It said if the Barak Dam is commissioned, standing crops of 90 villages would be destroyed affecting nearly four thousand families. Chandramani is unhappy as nothing is mentioned in the rupees 200crore rehabilitation and reset tlement plan for the 90 vil lages. Besides, the report said, most of the national highway number 53, a lifeline of the state, would be submerged compelling the state government to construct diversion

road of 150-km along the national highway The report said Manipur was an earthquake prone zone and in the event of any major earthquake the people in the

state would be affected.

PM opens seminar tomorrow

Asian experts to focus on 3 key economic issues

By Staff Correspondent

A three-day international seminar on Learning from East Asia: Lessons for South Asia," organised by centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), will begin in the city from tomorrow. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will inaugurate the seminar. It will be participated by academics of international

repute who have written on East and South East Asian experience or have been policy makers or both. The seminar will also bring in senior development specialists from the World Bank and other multilateral agencies. The core participants from

Bangladesh include the present and former finance ministers or advisers along with the ministers, members of parlia ment senior bureaucrats. business leaders, heads of NGOs and top professionals The proposed dialogue is

designed to promote an inten sive discussion of the critical factors contributing to the positive outcomes from the development process in East Asia. said Prof Rehman Sobhan, executive chairman of the CPD while briefing the press at his city office vesterday.

The focus of the dialogue would be on three key themes the factors behind the high and sustained rates of economic growth, success in rapidly reducing poverty and governance in East Asia compared to South Asia, the former finance adviser added.

The dialogue, spread over five half-day sessions, would proceed posing a set of focused questions to the East Asian experts about their experience and to the South Asian experts about the transferability of this experience to the South Asian scene.

The themes of the four sessions are: sustained growth, poverty alleviation and issues of governance.

Beyond understanding the essence of the experience, the CPD chairman hoped that the dialogue would identify the relevance of those elements of the experience to the prevailing conditions of South Asia and would explore the practical problems of transferring these lessons into the development agenda of the coun-

tries of this region. It is expected, through exposure to this seminar, to sentisise key players in the country's policy debate to lessons from the Asian experience relevant to Bangladesh's devel-

opment, Sobhan added. Participants from East and South East Asia are: Prof Justin Yifu Lin of Peking University. Prof Dibyyo Prabowo of Indonesia Forum and Prof K S Jumo of University of Malaysia.

Hunger strike claims 4th inmate in Ankara

ANKARA, July 25: A fourth prisoner died Thursday in a nationwide hunger strike by nearly 2,000 jailed leftists, as the new Islamic-based government struggled to end the protest over prison conditions. reports AP.

The prisoner, Huseyin Demircioglu, had been arrested last March on charges of membership in an outlawed left-wing group and was being held in an Ankara prison, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported. The other three deaths had been in Istanbul prisons.

Demircioglu was one of about 275 hunger strikers on a 'death fast," refusing even sugared water. The rest of the protesting prisoners are refusing only solid food.

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secretary, planning secretary, finance secretary, commerce secretary, executive chairman of the Board of Investment foreign secretary, shipping secretary, secretary of the power, energy and mineral re sources ministry and IRD secretary were present at the

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visit after the formation of the new government, except that to Saudi Arabia where she went to perform Umrah. The proposed date is likely to be in the middle of September. sometime after the conclusion of the state visit of Turkish President Suleyman Demirel. who would be in Dhaka in the first week of September, the sources added

An official of the Chinese Foreign Ministry said that Bei jing attaches high importance to strengthening of ties between the two countries.

"We have absolutely friendly relations. We believe the new government in Bangladesh would build further upon the already excellent relationship existing between our two nations," the official added.

Chang of Cambridge University. Prof G Ranis of Yale University. Prof Nurul Islam of UN Committee for Development Planning and Dr Robert Wade of University of Sussex. The South Asians experts are: Dr Arjun Sengupta of the Indian Planning Commission

Participants from Europe

and North America are: Dr H J

Ambassador Muchkunde Dubey of Jaharlal University, Dr S N H Nagvi of Pakistan Institute of Development Economics. Senator Sartaj Aziz, former Pakistan finance minister. Dr Lal Jaywardana, economic adviser to the Sri Lanka's President Prof W D Laksman of Univer sity of Colombo and former Nepalese finance minister Dr Devendra Raj Panday. Participants of multilateral

and bilateral organisation are: Mikeo Nishimizo, Jose Edgardo Campos. Shekhar Shah. Pirre Landell-Mills. Tercan Bayson of the World Bank M Azizul Islam of UNESCAP, B Horayangura of ADB and Dr Sabur Ghayur of

Seven core participants from the host country - the present and former finance ministers or advisers — are: S A M S Kibria, M Saifur Rahman MP, A M A Muhith, M Sayeduzzaman, Prof Wahidul Haque Prof Whiduddin Mahmud and Rehman Sobhan.

Atlanta From Page 1

"You have lifted our spirits and disrupted our sleeping pattern a reference to her compatriots staying up through the night to celebrate the swim-

mer's triumphs. A subway train ran off the end of the line in Atlanta, seriously injuring the driver and adding to the Olympic city's

transport woes. Atlanta's crowded and often delayed train system has been a major headache for Olympic organisers in their struggle to get fans, competitors and the media to events on time. The

loss of a train will not help. The dysfunctional computerised results service has also been a major problem for the international media.

Atlanta's Olympic supremo Billy Payne, apologising to the media for the glitches, admitted: "We let you down."

Olympic security officials, embarrassed to admit that an armed man got into the opening ceremony before being spotted, said Atlanta's notorious crime rate had fallen in nearly every major category during the first week of the games.

Two Spanish fencers were arrested at the Olympic Village for indecent exposure. "They exposed themselves and urinated in the presence of females. They were both intoxicated," a police spokeswoman

Five Armenian athletes were also arrested and accused of disorderly conduct after allegedly breaking into an apartment. They had paid a woman 100 dollars and were due to meet her there. The case was dismissed after she

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refused to press charges.

izer instead of urea. Use of these two kinds of fertilizer would help increase productivity of soil, they observed.

They informed the Prime Minister that no meetings of Board of Investment (BOI) and Export Council were held in last four and three years re-

spectively. The Prime Minister assured them of looking into the mat-

Responding to a suggestion. she said there would be no politicisation by her government. The past government had politicised everything hindering implementation of gov-

ernment decision, she said I want to share everything with everybody specially the opposition for building up the country," she said and recalled her open invitation to the opposition parties for taking part in the recently held law and order workshop and pre-bud-

get meeting. Referring to the June 12 general election, the business leaders said that the present government had been installed through a free and fair election and people had great expectation from this government.

"We will lend allout cooper ation, you will have to be more strict in governing the country", said the MCCI chief urg ing the Prime Minister to meet frequently with the business community like in Sri Lanka, Malaysia, South Korea and other upcoming industrial countries.

The MCCI delegation in cluded Manjoor Elahi, Laila Kabir, Anis Ud Dowla, Latifur Rahman and Abdul Awal Mintoo.