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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina addressing the members of the Institute of Diploma Engineers at her office yesterday.

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Ed Minister tells JS Emajuddin's tenure a black chapter

Education Minister ASHK Sadek yesterday flayed the outgoing Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University, saying Prof Emajuddin Ahmed's tenure was a black chapter in the university history, reports UNB.

"His resignation will bring good for the university and the country," the minister said making a statement in the House on the resignation of the VC amidst a spate of violence on the DU campus.

Giving details of killings and various terrorist acts on the university campus during the tenure of Prof Ahmed, he questioned the veracity of the statement made by the VC on resignation.

The VC told newsmen that he resigned because he did not want to see any more bloodshed on the campus in his old age, but his tenure was marked by lot of terrorist activities and a number of killings, the minister told the House.

Sadek read out various news reports on the killings and terrorist acts in the university after Prof Ahmed was given the charge of Vice-Chancellor at the end of 1991.

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According to their proposals, the companies will invest 110 million US dollar within 18 months after the agreement and create capacity to install more than 59,000 lines during the period.

This will create employment opportunities creating dynamism in the country's overall economy, the handout said.

In the agreement to be signed between the companies and the government, the target of investment and capacity will be mentioned. The agreement will include conditions for reviewing the proposed targets by the government.

The government has undertaken a project for identifying some other points for development of the telecommunication services and encouraging private investment in the sector, the handout added.

Khaleda at Bogra rally

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he will chair and join only those to be chaired by his deputy"

Without elaborating, Begum Zia alleged that the Home Minister had given a "false statement" in the JS on the Bogra incidents and that the Speaker did not entertain notices by BNP MPs for holding discussions on the incidents.

Coming down heavily on the present government, BNP chief told the gathering, "You will see many more Bogra-like situations throughout the country in the coming days. The AL is establishing a fascist regime and people have become scared."

"I ruled the country for five years. I did not do anything illegal. But, to err is human. Some newspapers run malicious stories against me and my family. I don't care as I had never taken even a one Tk worth of favour from any business or business house," said a confident Begum Zia.

Recalling her earlier remark that none other than a mad or a child could be neutral she said the role of the caretaker government in the last elections had proved that she was right. "The poll results were manipulated and her party, despite being the actual winner, has been forced to sit in the Opposition," she said.

Criticising the AL government, the BNP chief said that AL had sought votes telling people that they beg pardon for

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AL has failed to run country: BNP

The Opposition BNP yesterday said the Awami League regime totally failed to maintain law and order as the government itself "let loose a reign of terror" across the country, reported UNB.

The 62-day-old government proved to be a failed one in running the country, Deputy Leader of the Opposition Prof AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury told a street rally in the city yesterday.

He posed a question: If during its two-month rule 100 people are killed, then how many people will have to die in next five years.

Addressing the rally in front of the Jatiya Press Club protesting Bogra and Dhaka University incidents, the BNP leader said the real face of the Awami League was now unveiled, which people also witnessed immediately after independence.

Referring to Bogra incident, B Chowdhury claimed seven people were killed there and held the government responsible for the killings.

He demanded immediate resignation of the Home Minister, saying he will have to apologise to the nation for terrorist acts in the northern Bogra town.

The BNP lawmaker, who led the street protest while Parliament was in session, said the Prime Minister could not enter Bogra town which proved that people had no more confidence in the Awami League government.

He also alleged that ruling party's student wing had started

the politics of capturing halls in the Dhaka University perpetrating repression on general students.

Chowdhury, the senior vice-president of the former ruling party, asked the government to stop "terrorism" immediately by reigning in its "own terrorists".

"If you are sincere in curbing terrorism, you have to arrest your own people first," he said.

Addressing the meeting BNP Secretary General Abdul Manan Bhuiyan, MP, said his party had no plans to come down on streets. "But this is the government which compelled us to do so."

He alleged that the government had no headache over price-hike of daily necessities as well as law and order. "It is busy hanging portraits and politicising everything," said the former minister.

The rally was also addressed by Dr Khandakar Mosharrif Hossain, MP, Tarique Islam, Mirza Abbas Abdullah Al Noor, Gayswar Roy, Amanullah Aman and JCD leader Habibullah Sohel. Sadek Hossain Khoka, MP, presided over the protest rally.

Another report adds: Manan Bhuiyan yesterday demanded unconditional release of JCD leaders arrested from the Dhaka University campus on Sunday.

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Parliament tidbits

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when he was mentioning the incidents and criticising the outgoing VC. M Saffur Rahman and some other BNP MPs were seen raising their hands urging him to stop.

What's wrong in listening to the facts ... it's you who condemned me for not issuing a statement on the DU VC's resignation," the minister replied.

Deputy Speaker Abdul Hamid, while giving the floor to Harunur Rashid Khan Monno in the morning sitting yesterday, told the BNP legislators that the Election Commission had accepted his nick name (Monno) to be a part of his name. "From now on, you would be identified in the House and all over Bangladesh as Harunur Rashid Khan Monno. I've also instructed the parliament secretary to do the needful."

Thanking the Chair, Monno said, "On that day you did not allow me to complete my speech on the proposed budget as I failed to comply with your request to gift each of the MPs one tea-set from my company. As a result, the nation has been deprived of my valuable suggestions."

"If you give me only, it may be misinterpreted", replied Abdur Hamid. Monno reassured the Deputy Speaker a dinner-set gift from his personal fund.

The Deputy Speaker advised Dr Rustam Ali Farazi of the

Jatiya Party, "Please, don't go to your area before completing your speech in the House. Farazi had earlier drawn the Chair's attention, "How shall I go to my area now?"

BNP's Fazlur Rahman Patal, while speaking on the budget, castigated the AL for its "misrule" during the post-independence period. Angered by his remarks, some AL lawmakers shouted to remind Patal that he was in the AL at the time.

"Yes, yes, I was then a student of the AL Vocational Training Primary Institute. I could not understand anything then", Patal replied.

Criticising the BNP for its claim that there was a "wave of development" while it was in power, Treasury Bench member Shah Alam Advocate said, "There was a minister from my district (Brahmanbaria) who regularly carried (foundation) stones in his car and laid one wherever he visited. This is the example of their wave of development."

AL legislator Shamsul Haq, reading out his notice (not accepted by the Chair) for making Tarakandi as a thana, regretted, "While I was in the Opposition, no government implemented my proposal despite their assurances. I still feel being in the Opposition as I'm being deprived of the privileges as a ruling party MP."

When asked if there was any scheme to rehabilitate these people who are eventually put out of a job, the official replied that at present there was none.

With the introduction of the high-tech rickshaw documents the DCC has also increased the renewal fees for registration from Tk 140 to Tk 155 for each rickshaw.

Khorshed did not accuse anybody in the complaint lodged with the railway police, police said. None was arrested in this connection till last night.

Meanwhile, a young man, aged about 30, was shot dead at Shantinagar under Motijheel thana in the city yesterday.

Police said, the body was found lying near the Shantinagar crossing at about 7:30 pm.

According to local people, an unidentified gang fired on the young man and fled the scene immediately.

Police sent the body to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital Morgue for autopsy last night.

The reason behind the murder was not known nor could the victim be identified.

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3 children of a family burnt alive

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The dead are Ibrahim, 11; Pintoo, 9, and their 6-year-old sister Happy.

Piara Begum, the wife of a BDR jawan, who lost her all three children, was admitted to Bhandaria Hospital with severe burns.

Locals said father of the children Hemayetuddin, a BDR man stationed in Sathkhira, went to join his duty on the fateful night when the tragedy took place.

The fire originating from kitchen burnt the hut to ashes and destroyed the family of the border guard.

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