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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina offering munajat at the monument to the unknown martyrs of the Liberation War at the East Bengal Regimental Centre in Chittagong Cantonment yesterday.

Sheikh Hasina assured that

the reconstruction work of the

court building situated at Parir

Pahar in the city would start

soon. She informed that the

proved a Tk 2 crore plan for its

ment would take initiatives to

complete the construction of

the multistoreyed district court

building to the north of the

Court Hill. The construction

started 10 years ago, but re-

The Prime Minister inaugu

rated the centenary celebration

of the bar association by un-

veiling a plaque in the court

building premises. Munajat and

offering fateha marked the

Walkout

From Page 1

the Leader of the House and

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina

that Dr Moyeen Khan, a BNP

law-maker, was the victim of

internal BNP party feud as

"ridiculous and completely un-

Briefing newsmen at the op-

position conference room in the

Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban after

his party's walk-out. Prof

Chowdhury said it was expected

that the Prime Minister would

express deep concern for the at-

tack and convey her sincere

sympathy. Instead, the Leader

of the House, speaking on the

incident, made provocative

statement, which he appre-

hended would encourage the

Leader of the House was not

only the Prime Minister of the

Awami League but also of the

whole country and she should

have made a responsible state-

ment befitting her position as

why the BNP had staged the

walk-out when the Home Min-

ister had assured of investiga-

tion into the incident, Prof

Chowdhury said we must record

our protest and condemnation

against such incident of attack

on a Member of Parliament

along with the members of his

Moreover, the perfunctory

statement of the Home Minister

was not enough. He (Home Min-

ister) could have said: "Let us go

and see the condition of the

damaged car of Dr Khan and

take immediate steps and form

a high-powered judicial enquiry

committee to probe the inci-

Prof Chowdhury alleged that

the government was trying to

kill democracy and foil the Par-

liament and such incidents

were the evidence of their de-

tion, he said that there was no

internal conflict in the BNP.

particularly in the constituency

Trespass

From Page 1

Bahar, 25, and Akhtaruzzaman

alias Shaju, 27, - were produced

before the Chief Metropolitan

Magistrate (CMM) court at noon

yesterday. Police prayed for ten

find out the reason behind their

attempt to enter the PM's resi-

dence and Sangsad Bhaban of-

gating them till last night.

Earlier, in the morning, the

Special Branch interrogated

Tejgaon police were interro-

Police say, they were yet to

Replying to another ques-

sign in this connection.

of Dr Moyeen Khan.

days remand.

dent," Prof Chowdhury said.

family through walk-out.

Replying to a question as to

the Prime Minister.

Prof Chowdhury said the

terrorists.

opening of the celebration.

She also said the govern-

government had already ap-

reconstruction.

mained incomplete.

PM seeks all help to establish rule of law

CHITTAGONG, Nov 5: Prime in the port city. Minister Sheikh Hasina yes terday made a fervent call for all to extend cooperation to her government in flourishing democratic culture and establishing the rule of law in the country, reports UNB.

She sought allout help from the people irrespective of party and opinion in ensuring welfare of the country and in its journey towards development

Progress is our target, consensus is our ideal, public support is our strength and people's love is our capital. From this standpoint, we want to work unitemy and place mutual un derstanding and harmony above all," Hasina said while addressing the inaugural function of the centenary of the Chittagong Ainjibee Samity.

Hasina paid rich tributes to 24 people who were killed in police firing on January 24. 1988 in the port city's Laldighi and Bangladesh Bank area.

The Prime Minister sanctioned Tk 20 lakh for completing the construction of Chittagong Ainjibee Samity Bhaban and Tk 5 lakh for the Lawyers' Welfare Fund. She also urged Chittagong Development Authority to help in undertaking a housing project for the lawyers

Tidbits

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In reply to the AL legislator's remark. BNP lawmaker Joynul Abedin Faruk said, "We've not taken lease of Bismillahir Rahmanir Rahim. We start work with this."

Deputy Speaker Abdul Hamid shared a humourous moment with BNP deputy Abdul Mannan. Alleging that Gopalganj had been turned into a route for smuggling of phensidyl. Mannan smilingly said, "Perhaps, the phensidyl-addict Gopals of Gopalganj are enjoying a good gossip." A smiling Deputy Speaker added, "Not only youths. Same thing will happen to the elderly too if phensidyl is taken."

"I will not take home all your points". Deputy Speaker Abdul Hamid said to calm down a good number of MPs from both the benches who were making desperate attempts to speak on Point of Order. Please, let me finish the scheduled business of the day. I'll allow you all to speak on Point of Order," the Deputy Speaker

Agriculture Minister Begum Matia Choudhury offered BNP lawmaker AYM Khalilur Rahman the opportunity to import fertiliser to meet its deficit in the country while replying to Rahman's question on the is-

"She knows it very well that I don't import fertiliser. I'm a practising lawyer", was Rahman's reply.

The Deputy Speaker who was in the Chair added some lighter

moments saying. "There is no bar for a member of Parliament to become a businessman".

Deputy Speaker Abdul

Hamid advised Mir Shakhawat Ali Daru of the AL not to address him as Deputy Speaker. "I'm the Speaker while sitting in the Chair", he said.

Later, another AL deputy Prof. Ali Ashraf, addressed Abdul Hamid as Deputy Speaker and attempted to justify his saying so by quoting from the Rules of Procedure.

A visibly dissatisfied Hamid then told the ruling party member, "Thanks for not addressing me as under-Speaker."

'We are proud of our army'

CHITTAGONG, Nov 5. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina today refuted the allegation against her Awami League government of reducing facilities for the Armed Forces and reiterated the determination to build up a modern and disciplined Army. reports UNB.

"Killers of August 15 created controversy among the members of the Armed Forces and rooted suspicion in the Army in a planned manner. They launched a propaganda that if Awami League comes to power. it would curtail facilities for the Army," she said.

The Prime Minister was addressing officers and troops of the Bangladesh Army at a ceremonial parade at Shaheed M R Chowdhury Drill Square of the East Bengal Regiment at Chittagong Cantonment in the morning.

The Prime Minister lauded the glorious role of the East Bengal Regiment in the War of Liberation and during emergency situations, including natural disasters

The Prime Minister handed over national standards to the Roaring Nineteen and the Jagrata Bish as a mark of their laudable services to the nation.

Hasina also distributed gallantry awards - Bir Bikram and Bir Protik - among six officers of East Bengal Regiment for their outstanding performances during professional duty in combating terrorist activities of outlawed Shantibahini in Chittagong Hill Tracts, and in anti-smuggling and anti-terrorism drives. Nayek (rtd) Shahjahan Sharif of East Bengal received Bir Bikram award. Those who received Bir Protik are: Lt Col Mohammad Saidur Rahman. Major Mirza Harunor Rashid. Major S M Sahahuddin Islam, Nayek Subedar (Rtd) Abdul Wahab and Habildar (Rtd)

Zahirul Hoq Bhuiyan. Earlier, the Prime Minister reviewed the parade and took salute at the impressive march

past. The Prime Minister then visited the EBRC commandant's office and addressed a regimental commanding officers conference.

JP: Nov 7

From Page 1 cluding HM Ershad, who formed the party in 1986. JP secretary general Anwar Hossain is a cabinet minister in the Awami League government,

which was formed following the June 12 elections. After the formation of the AL government, Ershad was allowed to attend the sessions of the Seventh Jatiya Sangsad.

Meanwhile, the Jamaat-e-Islami in a press release last night urged the people to observe the 'National Revolution and Solidarity Day' on November 7.

BNP programme

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Farty Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan will inaugurate a blood donation programme at the BNP central office at 11 am on the day. Lions and Leo Club of Dhaka Paradise will organise the programme. said a press release.

Pandemonium

From Page 1 House is not being allowed to

function. "Everyone should abide by the rule of the game. This House is not a place to enter with

arms", said Azad. Suranjit was given the floor once again. Referring to the incident of firearm he said "it was a ploy to kill the Prime Minister".

Refuting BNP's allegations of rigging in the by-polls in Habiganj, Suranjit referred to the alleged vote rigging by BNP in the February 15 polls and said, "It is surprising that those Jatiyatabadi vote thieves are now accusing others of rigging.

The House returned to order when the Chair took up call attention notices.

JCD-BCL clash on JU campus: 20 hurt

By JU Correspondent

At least 20 people were in-jured in clashes between the activists of the Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) and the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) on the Jahangirnagar University

When contacted, the Savar police refused to give any details but said, tension was prevailing on the campus for the last two

The Vice Chancellor of the university talking to The Daily Star said. "We will try to settle the matter through talks with the rival groups." He, however, added that the classes would

The clashes between the two

of Economics and the JCD activist received bullet injuries during the chase and counter chase between the two rival or ganisations. He was admitted to the Dhaka Medical College while the other injured were given first aid at the university hospital

At least ten rounds of gun shot were fired and several cocktails exploded.

Council sessions

of city AL units

counter chase the BCL activists took position at the gates of the Salam Barkat Hall, Kamaluddin Hall, Bhashani Hall and MH Hall

They locked the gates of all these halls and the inmates were not allowed to go out or get inside the halls.

According to witnesses, about 40 rooms belonging to the JCD activists were ransacked while 50 JCD activists were also ousted from the halls. BCL activists were seen

guarding the halls when this correspondent visited the area. In retaliation, JCD workers later, locked the gates of all academic buildings and went on the rampage in the arts faculty building at around 10 yesterday morning.

They also snatched the keys to the university buses disrupting the transport service. They later brought out processions. No classes or examinations

were held. A good number of students left the campus fearing fresh violence.

The Bangladesh Chhatra Union and the Samajtantrik Chhatra Front brought out separate processions on the campus protesting terrorists activities on the campus.

DSE building unsafe, says RAJUK

The Raidhani Unnayan Kartripakkha (RAJUK) has urged the people not to crowd the Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) building in the Motifheel Commercial Area which is said to have become "unsafe" because of unprecedented rush of in vestors, reports BSS.

RAJUK authorities in a press release yesterday said that it had already asked the Stock Exchange authorities to take preventive measures to control the rush of people in the build ing for safety It said an inspection team of

the RAJUK visited the building and inspected the reported

RAJUK alleged that DSE au-thorities could not show the plan of the building when the inspection team visited it re cently

But the DSE chairman, when contacted, ruled out the RAJUK allegations

Americans vote to elect President

Republican challenger Bob Dole pressed his attacks on Clinton's character up to the last minute, insisting he could still win in an upset.

me since Calvin Coolidge occupied the White House six

Ershad gets bail in Janata **Tower Case** Former president Hussain Muhamniad Ershad has been

granted bail by a High Court division bench of the Supreme Court in the Janata Tower Case. reports BSS.

A press release issued by Advocate Yusuf Hussain Humayun yesterday said that the "High Court division of the Supreme Court consisting of Justice B I Chowdhury and Justice Hasan Amin granted bail to former president H M Ershad in the Janata Tower appeal case.

There is no reason to refuse bail to Ershad since all other appellant accused in the case are on bail, the court observed

during allowing bail to Ershad. Khondaker Mahabub Hos sain and Yusuf Hussain Hu mayun conducted the case.

Dredger purchase Ershad acquitted of charge

CHITTAGONG: Nov 5 District and Sessions Judge. Chittagong, Muhammad Sahul Hossain today acquitted five accused persons including for mer president Hussain Muha mmad Ershad of the charge of reaping financial benefit from the purchase of a dredger for Chittagong Port in 1982 reports BSS The judge delivered the

judgement on receipt of final report of the investigating officer where it was stated that the anti-corruption department filed the case on the report of gross mistake of facts.

Others acquitted of the charge were former shipping minister A K M Moyeedu Islam, chief of the infrastruc tural division of Planning Commission Omar Hadi, for mer Chittagong Port Authority (CAP) Chairman S Y Kamal and tormer NPA chairman Shahad Hossain.

ICB MD Huda made OSD

By Staff Correspondent The Managing Director of

the Investment Corporation of Bangladesh (ICB) Khairul Huda has been made an Officer on Special Duty in the Ministry of Establishment with immediate effect, sources at the Finance Ministry said He has been replaced by

Sirajuddin Ahmed Chowdhury who was holding charge of Managing Director of Bangladesh Shilpa Rin Sangstha (BSRS) and Deputy Managing Director of Agrani Bank.

Aminur Rahman, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Finance has been appointed Acting

PHILIPS Dhaka: 815306-9, 819625-9, 889993 Ctg.: 501082, 503578, Khuina: 20304, Bogra: 6215 5 killed, 25 hurt in

By Staff Correspondent

Five people were killed and 25 others injured in separate road accidents in Jessore. Barisal and Dhaka districts vesterday.

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products, radio and TV sets

Our Correspondent from Jessore says: Three persons died and 20 were injured in a road accident on the Jessore-Sathkhira highway near Ulashi Bazar yesterday morn-

According to police and witnesses, the accident occurred when the driver of a bus lost control of his vehicle while giving side to an autorickshaw.

The three deceased identified as tempoo driver Abdus Samad (30). Abu Bakkar Siddique (22)

Obituary ref on Serniabat

The Jatiya Sangsad yesterday unanimously adopted an obituary reference condoling the death of former minister Abdur Rab Serniabat who was killed on August 15, 1975, reports BSS. The House stood in silence

for a minute as a mark of respect to the late leader and prayed for the peace of the departed soul. Moving the obituary refer-

ence. Speaker Humayun Rashid Chowdhury said, "Mr Abdur Rab Serniabat was killed brutally on the same night when father of the nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was killed by some misguided conspirator and assas-

Gunfight over harvesting paddy in Cox's Bazar: 35 injured From Our Correspondent

COX'S BAZAR, Nov 5: A gunbattle between two groups of villagers over harvesting paddy at Uttar Mehernaman under Chokoria thana today left 35 people injured, said police and witnesses.

Some of the injured were rushed to the Chittagong Medical College Hospital while others admitted to the thana sadar hospital, according to hospital sources.

The clash started when one group came to harvest the standing crops in a disputed area of 100 acres of land at around 10:30 am.

During the clash that lasted over two hours, the rival groups used guns and lethal weapons. said police and witnesses.

BNP: Bloodbath From Page 1

and culprits punished. "But why did they leave the House? What do they want? Do

they want to jeopardise Parliament and push the country towards chaos and bloodbath?" she asked. Citing recent public warning by BNP leaders "to kill" the Prime Minister. Hasina said:

"I'm not afraid of death or killing. I've faced death warrant several times. I know my death lies in the hands of Allah. But none will be able to thwart my service to the people by issuing death threats. The Prime Minister also mentioned the BNP's fresh call

for sepoy-people uprising and said they (BNP) now were out to stage another massacre of army officers and jawans for an orgy of bloodbath. She alleged that late President Gen Ziaur Rahman

killed hundreds of army officers and sepoys on November 7. 1975 to consolidate his power. Families of the victims are still mourning the loss of their kith and kin in the "so-called revolution" The Prime Minister also

mentioned Begum Zia's call for sepoy-people upsurge while in the Opposition but, she said. none had responded to her call. "People who have restored democracy by shedding their blood will protect it foiling all

conspiracies," Hasina said. She urged the opposition to return to the House and help smooth functioning of Parliament and democracy for the betterment of the people.

BSS adds: The Prime Minister said the private secretary of Leader of the Opposition entered the Parliament building defying bans and endangering the security of the Jaitya Sangsad.

But they would not allow us to talk about the security of the House and they would walkout". she said.

She said the BNP has resorted to a resign of terror across the country. Recent incidents, including the setting on fire the Comilla Ajit Guha College, proves that BNP wants to destabilise democracy. That is why they are saying that there is no necessity of Parlia-

ment," she said. Sheikh Hasina said whenever any corruption case is filed by the Anti-corruption Bureau against BNP leaders, they threat to shut down everything.

road accidents

and Maroof Hossain (25). Six of the injured - Mamunoor Rashid (40). Abdul Zabbar (35). Safura Khatoon (30), Manik Mia (50), Chand

> were admitted to the Jessore general hospital and Burai Bagan health complex. According to our staff correspondent in Barisal: A minor boy was crushed under the wheels of a speeding truck in Barisal at about 3 yesterday af-

Mia (25) and Masuduzzaman

Let's make

things better

ternoon. Kotwali police and witnesses said. Rubel, a seven year old boy was killed on the spot when he was hit from behind by a truck

that was onway to Faridpur from Barisal BSS adds: An unidentified person was killed and five others were injured in an accident on the Rajendrapur bridge under Keraniganj police station

sources said. The victims were travelling in an auto-rickshaw which was hit by a truck.

yesterday morning, hospital

DU warning to latecomers

Star Report

The authorities of Dhaka University at last had to issue a circular to stop a usual practice by most of the administrative officials: Late coming to office and early going.

The circular, issued recently, warned of stern disciplinary action for this, according to sources at DU. Office work is scheduled to

start at 8 am but very few ad-

ministrative officials and em-

ployees are found coming to of-

fice by 10 am, the sources alleged. Some high officials usually come between 10:30 and 11 am, they claimed. Some of these officials leave office much before the lunch break and return a short while

before the closing hour. Some even do not bother to return after the lunch break. The circular, issued on October 12 noted serious irregularities in discharge of duty by officials and specifically men-

tioned that attendance become thin after lunch break The circular was sent to every section of the Administrative Building where there are about 470 officers and emplo-

Civil courts

the night of August 15, 1975 in a military putsch.

Later, on the night of November 3 the same year, four Awami League stalwarts -Tajuddin Ahmed, Syed Nazrul Islam, Kamruzzaman and Mansur Ali - were killed inside the prison cell of the Dhaka Central Jail.

Cyclonic storm

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The cyclonic storm is likely to intensify further and move in a north-westerly direction. Maximum sustained wind within 50 kms of the storm centre is about 65 kph rising to 85

kph in gusts or squalls. The Sea

will remain rough. Maritime ports of Chittagong, Cox's Bazar and Mongla have been advised to keep hoist local Cautionary Signal Num-

ber Three. All the fishing boats and trawlers over the north Bay have been advised to come close to the coast for taking shelter at

short notice. Sharjah

From Page 1

according to informed sources. Syed Ashraful Hug, vicepresident of the Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) left for Sharjah yesterday evening to attend a meeting of the technical committee of the Cricketers' Benefit Fund Series (CBFS), the organisers of the championship. The meeting will be held today at 6 pm Sharjah time. The other members of the committee are Sunil Gavaskar, Imran Khan, Geoffrey Boycott and Asif Iqbal. who is an ex-officio member being the coordinator of the CBFS.

The meeting will be attended by the umpires, match referees. captains and managers of the participating teams.

Yeltsin From Page 1

the surgery was a complete success and Yeltsin should recover quickly and resume his full du-Yeltsin was confident and

advised on the operation, said

joked with doctors before the surgery, which was carried out by a team of 12 top Russian doctors, including four surgeons. under Dr Akchurin. Shortly before going under

the knife, Yeltsin transferred power temporarily to Cher-nomyrdin, including control of Russia's vast nuclear arsenal.

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campus yesterday.

continue.

groups started when the BCL chased a JCD procession near the Bhashani Hall. Biddut, a second year student

During the chase and

by this month By Staff Correspondent Ten teams have been formed for smooth holding of the coun-

cil sessions at the ward and

union level units of the Dhaka city Awami League. The teams were set up at a meeting of the working council of the city AL held last night at the party's central office at Bangabandhu Avenue. The city AL president, Mohammad

Talking to The Daily Star last night. Hanif said the council sessions at 90 wards and 19 unions would be held by this

BUET teachers'

memo to PM

Hanif, was in the chair

By Staff Correspondent Some 150 teachers of Bangadesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) were intercepted by police near Sonargaon Hotel when they were proceeding to the Prime Minister's office to hand over a memorandum vesterday

police vehicles. They handed over the memorandum to the DG (Administration) in the absence of the Prime Minister, who was in

But later some representa

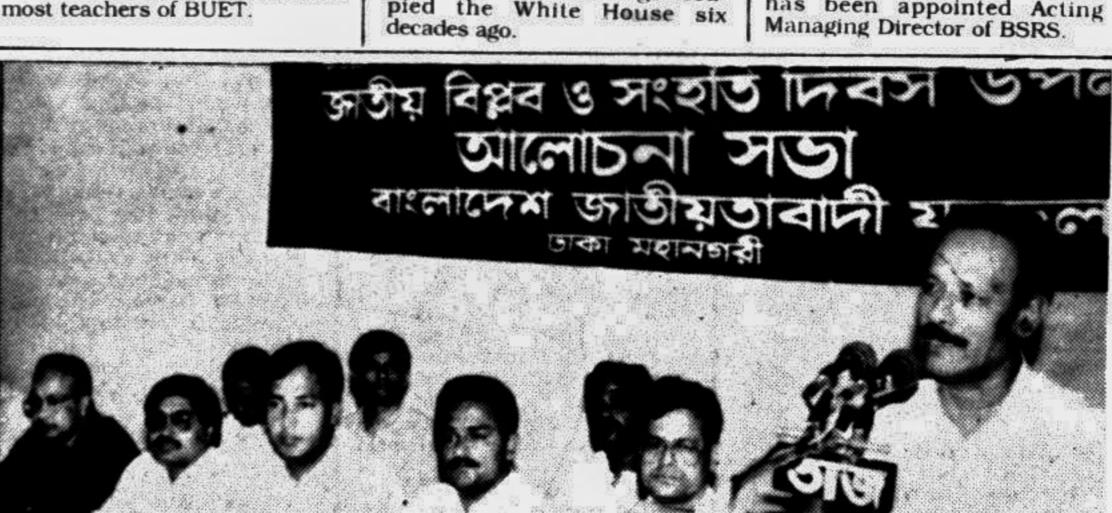
tives of the teachers were taken

to the Prime Minister's office in

Chittagong. The teachers in their memorandum urged the Prime Minister to remove the VC, Prof Shahjahan and appoint a new VC from among the three senior

WASHINGTON, Nov 5 Boosted by a robust economy Bill Clinton was the clear favourite to win a second term as Americans voted today, reports AP.

Whatever Dole's prospects. Republican leaders seemed cocky about retaining control of Congress for only the first to



BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan addressing a discussion on 'National Revolution and Solidarity Day' organised by the city unit of Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi

Benazir under house arrest

From Page 1 der included detailed allegations that could be used to bol-

Jubadal at the Jatiya Press Club yesterday.

ster such a move. The President accused Ms Bhutto's government of: (1) Sanctioning "extra judicial killings, which is an evil abhorrent to our Islamic faith and all canons of civilised government," in Karachi, where police have been accused of targeting Ms Bhutto's political opponents as well as criminals.

(2) Undermining the judicial system with her opposition to a Supreme Court ruling that gave the President the power to appoint judges rather than her and Parliament. (3) Allowing corruption and nepotism to "become so exten-

sive and widespread that the

orderly functioning of the government in accordance with the constitution and the law has become impossible. (4) Tapping the phones of judges, political leaders, military officers and senior civil servants.

(5) Implicating the President itself responsible for the situain the shooting death of her brother, and interfering with investigations into the killing. Leghari had earlier accused her of financial mismanagement. Only recently did she give

which she had held since her election in 1993. Ms Bhutto has denied the charges against her. She recently warned of "a conspiracy against democracy in

Pakistan," and had vowed to

up the post of finance minister.

complete her term due to end in Ms Bhutto's first term ended abruptly in 1990 after only 20 months in office - then, too. she was accused of runaway corruption and incompetence. She used mass demonstra-

tions to orchestrate the early

dismissal of her successor.

Nawaz Sharif, and regained office in 1993. Nawaz Sharif said today that the sacking of Bhutto government was 'deliverance for the people', and expressed confidence he would win general elections set for February. "This day today is a day of

tion which has arisen today". Sharif told Reuters. Sartaj Aziz, Secretary General of the Pakistan Muslim League (PML), also praised the President's action.

deliverance for the people of

Pakistan. The mismanagement

of this government, the mis-

handling of this government is

and welcome the appointment of Meeraj Khalid," Aziz told Reuters by telephone, describing Khalid as a "neutral, patriotic person." Karachi's powerful Mohajir Qaumi Movement (MQM) also welcomed the decision.

"We welcome the decision

- Star photo

Pakistanis. This is the day of deliverance for the whole country, but especially for Mohajirs who were murdered during the cruel government of Benazir Bhutto," MQM leader Shoaib

Bokhari told AFP.

"We are happy as all other

Imran Khan, Pakistan's

cricketer-turned politician.

also welcomed the sacking of

Bhutto. But Khan said his party would only fight parliamentary elections planned for February 3 if electoral reforms were implemented and a national census carried out.

Few believe Ms Bhutto can

stage another comeback. There

was certainly no outpouring of support for her Tuesday. Most Pakistanis simply went to work as normal. In her hometown of Karachi, a few people celebrated in the streets. marching, chanting and firing rifles into the air.

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