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under consideration. If more information or explanation is required, it should be collected through telephone /fax/ e-mail (if numbers are given).

If not available, it should be gathered through urgent letter. In all cases, the final decision must be given within a month.

If there is an exception, permission must be obtained from the minister in charge and head of the department.

In all cases, the causes and justifiability of the decisions must be communicated to the author of the letter.

These recommendations should be made effective from February 1, 1998. All pending decisions before that must be finalised and communicated to the person concerned.

On other recommendations to provide services to the people and save them from harassment, the Commission recommended further that all service oriented departments and organisations should publicly display signs or boards saying what kind of services are available, where those are available, where necessary forms for applications are available, where money should be deposited, where to make a complaint etc.

Those departments and organisations receiving money for services should make available booklets either free of cost or at a small fee.

All offices providing services should have an information booth headed by an official with his name and designation placed in front of him.

There should be a system at the PMO to receive letters/prayers/complaints and advice from people, acknowledging those. Specific measures should be taken to communicate those to the persons concerned. An official of the rank of deputy director should be at the reception of PMO during office hours, the recommendations said.

To help reduce sufferings of people coming to seek redress to

their problems, the Commission recommended that there should be a mail receiving centre at the entrance of the Secretariat which will remain open during office hours and provide primary acknowledgment of receipt on behalf of all ministries/departments. There should be box to receive letters from the people. The Cabinet Division will be in-charge of this centre on behalf of all ministries. A deputy secretary/senior assistant secretary, with an adequate number of assistants, would discharge duties at this centre, forward twice in a working day all the letters to ministries/ departments and the ministries/ departments would send an acknowledgment letter to the person who sent those.

**Loadshedding**

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barge-mounted power plants. Besides, the land-based plants and rehabilitation of old power plants would also supply some extra megawatts, the minister said.

Khan told Alhaj Mokbul Hossain (Awami League-Dhaka) that the loadshedding situation would improve within next two weeks as some plants, now under overhauling, would be made operative by then.

The minister further said that the country is expected to generate about 2069 MW of new electricity in next three years with the installation of new power plants in the public and private sectors.

Replying to a written question of Mohammad Fazul Azim (BNP-Noakhali), Khan told Parliament that a number of new power plants would be set up in phases in both the public and private sectors by the year 2000.

The energy minister said 589 MW of electricity in the public sector and 1470 MW in the private sector would be produced during this time.

**UNICEF official due tomorrow**

Carol Bellamy, Executive Director of UNICEF, arrives in the city tomorrow on a five-day visit to Bangladesh, reports UNB.

Bellamy, the fourth Executive Director of UNICEF, assumed the office on May 1, 1995. She joined UNICEF as Director of the US Peace Corps and was the first returned volunteer to serve as head of the Peace Corps.

During her stay, Bellamy is expected to call on the Prime Minister, the Finance Minister, the Law Minister, the Secretary for ERD and other high government officials.

**26 shops gutted in Chittagong**

CHITTAGONG, Nov 10: At least 26 shops were gutted in two separate fire incidents here in the early hours of today, reports BSS.

Fire service and police sources said some 18 shops were gutted in Bibirhat Bazar under Fatikchhari thana in a fire that broke out at around 2 am.

In the other fire incident, seven shops were gutted at North Kattali. One shop was damaged partially.

**Activists of BCL, Shibir clash in Sylhet: 20 hurt**

From Staff Correspondent  
SYLHET, Nov 10: At least 20 people were injured in a clash between the activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League (S-P) and Chhatra Shibir on the Kanaighat College campus today.

Of the injured, eight including five Shibir activists were admitted into the Thana Health Complex while the rest were given first aid.

Both the groups used lethal weapons and several crackers were blasted during the clash which originated following an exchange of hot words between activists of the two groups.

The local office of thana unit of Jamaat-e-Islami was also ransacked. The thana unit of BCL later brought out a procession to protest against the 'attack' by the Shibir activists.

**List of cases**

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with BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan yesterday informing the latter about the progress in this regard.

A fresh list of 'political cases' was earlier sent to Nasim by BNP on Sunday. The list included cases against 19 BNP legislators. 52 other cases and 20 general diaries lodged with 13 thanas in the city against the party leaders and workers in recent past.

The Home Minister told newsmen at the parliament lobby yesterday that he received the list from Nasim and expected a report on the merit of the cases mentioned in the list within the next two or three days.

"I am expecting the report by November 12. After judging the merit of the cases, if any case is found worthy of withdrawal, definitely we will consider," said Nasim, while talking to this correspondent last night.

According to sources, the Home Secretary and the Inspector General of Police were also present when Nasim handed over the list to the Home Minister.

Nasim told this correspondent that during his telephonic talks with Mannan Bhuiyan yesterday, "I gave assurance of cooperation, no matter what the issue is — parliamentary standing committees or the impartial BTV coverage of the parliamentary proceedings."

The BNP secretary general, however, could not be contacted over telephone till late last night.

**BNP condemns 'harassment' of Tareq**

By Staff Correspondent

BNP in a statement last night condemned the reported incident of harassment of Tareq Rahman, elder son of BNP chief Begum Khaleda Zia, at the Zia International Airport (ZIA) Sunday morning.

Two Bangla dailies reported yesterday that Tareq and his family were harassed while departing for Singapore for his daughter's treatment.

Meanwhile, a statement issued from the Police Headquarters here said the reports of two Bangla dailies were "imaginary, untrue, misleading and motivated".

The statement said Tareq and his family had a smooth departure from the ZIA.

When contacted, immigration and Biman official at the ZIA said they did not receive any information that Tareq and his family were harassed.

**'Implementation of Wage Board Award must for govt ad'**

State Minister for Information Abu Sayeed yesterday told the House that under a revised government advertisement policy, implementation of the Wage Board Award in newspapers is a precondition for getting government advertisements, reports BSS.

The government might cancel the fixed advertisement rate or even exclude a newspaper from the 'media list' unless the Wage Board Award is implemented in that paper, he said replying to a question by Treasury Bench member Hajj Mohammad Selim (Dhaka).

The state minister said the other preconditions for getting government advertisements are their circulation figures, objectivity and support for development programmes.

He further said that the government has finalised the process of disinvesting the trust-owned newspapers and weeklies to ensure free flow of information and stop wastage of public money, according to UNB.

The government believes in free press and has decided to privatise these papers to fulfil its election commitment, he said.

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**Typhoon Linda fizzles out**

By Special Correspondent

The remains of Typhoon Linda from the South China Sea that threatened Bangladesh for the past few days finally fizzled out in the Central Bay yesterday.

The Meteorological Department ordered withdrawal of distant cautionary signal number 1 from the ports of Mongla and Cox's Bazar after 2 pm yesterday.

The cyclonic storm weakened into a deep depression Sunday before retreating into a low yesterday, causing some rainfall in the Jessore, Khulna, Khepupara and Bogra regions on Monday night. There were slight drizzles in Dhaka city, Mymensingh, Madaripur and Sri Mangal yesterday evening.

Some rainfall is expected in Bogra, Pabna and Mymensingh today, the Met Office said while the day temperature will likely remain unchanged.

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The House also disposed of three call attention notices following the regular one-hour question-answer session.

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**JS passes 2 bills**

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the JS Special Committee. Before passage of the bills, the House rejected two Jatiya Party proposals, one for sending those for seeking public opinion and the other for sending those to a select committee.

As Abu Lais Md Mobin Choudhury of JP questioned the necessity of "extra" manpower at the offices of the Speaker and the Chief Whip, the Law Minister Abdul Matin Khasru said the present parliament in not like the "rubber stamp parliament" during the JP rule. "Now the parliament is much more important under a parliamentary democracy. The responsibilities of the Speaker and the Chief Whip have become manifold with flourishing democracy and increased population." Additional manpower are needed, he added.

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chief and Leader of the Opposition in the House Begum Khaleda Zia and the Deputy Leader of the Opposition Prof. Badruddoza Choudhury of acting against democracy by abstaining from attending the session and issuing "provocative and misleading" statement outside it.

He accused B Choudhury of trying to incite bloodshed in the army through his recent comment on November 7. "It's an act of treason and violation of the Constitution", the AL leader remarked.

Sengupta was very critical of Begum Zia for calling hartal coinciding with the recent Aid Group meeting in the capital and spreading "falsehood" against the planned peace treaty on the CHT.

He demanded a ruling from the Chair on the issue. However, no comment was passed from the Chair on the matter.

The House was adjourned at 8:25 pm till 4 pm today.

**Khaleda**

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Opposition parties in the port city of Chittagong have recently formed an alliance centring the proposed 'peace agreement on CHT'.

Parties which formed the alliance on the singular issue, are BNP, Jamaat-e-Islami, Democratic League (DL), Nationalist Democratic Alliance (NDA), Islami Oikyo Jote (IOJ), Jatiya Party (Z-M), Jatiya Ganotantrik Party (Jagpa) and Progressive Nationalist Party (PNP).

Besides Begum Zia, the meeting will also be addressed by Jamaat secretary general Mahtur Rahman Nizami, DL president Oli Ahad, NDA chairman A S M Solaiman, IOJ vice chairman Moulana Muhiuddin Khan, Jatiya Party co-chairman Kazi Zafar Ahmed, Jagpa president Shafiqul Alam Proshan and PNP president Shawkat Hossain Nilu.

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