

**Metropolitan**

**Opinion poll**

**Oust-govt movement: Majority say 'no'**

Nearly two-thirds people voiced clear no to the 'oust government movement' by the BNP-led opposition political parties, an opinion poll has said, reports BSS.

The poll, run by premier vernacular daily the 'Prothom Alo', showed 63.28 per cent of the respondents do not support the Opposition move to dislodge the government by enforcing hartals and other means of violence.

The publication of the report coincides with the formal launching of "one-point oust government movement" announced by BNP chairperson and Leader of the Opposition Begum Khaleda Zia from a public rally here yesterday.

While announcing the action programmes, Begum Zia called upon people from all strata of line to join the one-point struggle to save the country.

The opinion poll, conducted over four days ending yesterday, covered 7,370 people from

different walks of life. The survey sample included people from various districts of the country including Chittagong, Dhaka, Sylhet, Rajshahi, Moulvibazar, Cox's Bazar, Bhola, Brahmanbaria, Khulna, Sunamganj, Jessore, Netrokona, Lakshimpur, Rangpur, Mymensingh, Noakhali, Magura, Chapainawabganj, Sherpur, Trishal, Rajnagar, Manikganj, Munshiganj and Kushtia.

Most of the respondents gave their opinion by phone or fax, the Prothom Alo said.

On the question of ouster of the government by more hartals by the Opposition, 4,664 persons or 63.28 per cent responded negatively against 1,892 persons or 25.67 per cent who favoured the opposition movement, while 814 people or 11.05 per cent of the respondents refrained from commenting.

**Campaign against 3 killer diseases**

A 12-day campaign against three vaccine-preventable diseases — polio, neonatal tetanus and measles — ended yesterday, reports UNB.

The campaign by government and non-government organisation was carried out in four city corporations and municipalities of the country, including 500 unions and 26 slum areas.

In Bangladesh, some 23,000 neonates (babies from birth to 28 days old) die each year due to tetanus and one million under-five, ca. old are affected with measles, out of which 20,000 die every year, according to a UNICEF press release.

**Prokrichi-BCS leaders demand cancellation of promotions**

By Staff Correspondent

Leaders of the Prokrichi-BCS Central Coordination Council yesterday demanded cancellation of the promotion of 321 BCS administration posts and repeal of the prevailing "discriminatory policies" regarding the appointment of Deputy Secretary and above posts in the secretariat.

The demands were made when leaders of Prokrichi-BCS called on Finance Minister SAMS Kibria at the latter's office yesterday. The leaders urged the Finance Minister to take effective measures to eliminate disparities prevailing in the various public administrative cadre posts.

"The promotion of 321 posts will create new discrimination among various BCS cadres," a press release of the council said.

They also drew the attention of the minister on discrepancies of salary structure in various cadre posts and illegal promotion in different government and autonomous bodies.

The minister assured them of his impartial attention to resolve the problems.

Dr. Rashid-e-Mahbub, Chairman, A.N.H Akhtar Hossain, Secretary General and Dr. Mostofa Jalal Mohiuddin, Secretary among others were present on the occasion.

The Prokrichi leaders also met Dr. S. A. Malek, Political Advisor to the Prime Minister on Wednesday night and discussed the same demands.

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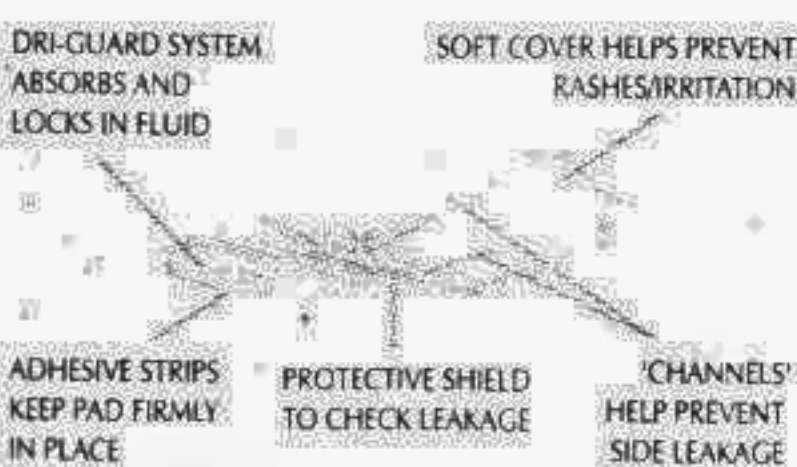
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