



VOL. X NO. 145 REGD. NO. DA 781

www.dailystarmnews.com

DHAKA WEDNESDAY JUNE 14, 2000

Wishing the
BEST for the
3rd Millennium

JAISTHA 31, 1407 BS

RABIUL AWAL 11, 1421 HIJRI

16 PAGES PRICE : TAKA 6.00

TOSHIBA AC

MADE IN JAPAN
The Perfect Combination of Style and Performance

RANGS GROUP

Historic summit of two Kims

Hearing on case of Ershad's JS membership begins today

By Staff Correspondent
The Election Commission begins hearing on the case of the parliamentary membership of Jatiya Party chief HM Ershad at 11:00 am today. The full bench of the three-member commission will hear the case.

The case was referred to the Commission after a JP faction led by Communications Minister Anwar Hossain Aanju contested Ershad's membership.

The faction demanded that Ershad's seat in parliament be vacated on the ground that he has violated the constitutional provision that bars a member to abstain from attending parliament proceedings against the decision of the political party he was nominated by in the elections.

The faction argued that it was the JP led by Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury and Anwar Hossain Monju that nominated Ershad as a candidate in the parliamentary election held in June 1996, while he had been abstaining from the parliament sessions against the decision of the party.

However, the full bench of the three-member EC would hear the opposing sides before passing the judgement on the contentious issue.

Earlier, Monju led JP made an appeal to the Chief Election Commissioner to exclude one of his colleagues in the Commission, Moshtaque Ahmed Chowdhury, from the bench, on apprehension that he was biased for Ershad.

But the CEC rejected the appeal as he found the apprehension baseless.

Kamal Majumder not cooperating, alleges DB

By Staff Correspondent

Ruling party MP Kamal Majumder was not cooperating with police in investigating the murder case in which his son is one of the accused, said Detective Branch of police yesterday.

The DB men went to the residence of the MP twice yesterday and did not find him or his wife, officials said.

Majumder, father of Jewel, was interrogated by the DB for four hours on Sunday regarding the whereabouts of his son. He is scheduled to be interrogated further today, police said.

Police interrogated the MP soon after Home Minister issued directives to put pressure on the guardians of the accused in Shipu murder case to secure arrest of the culprits.

Haji Ahmed, father of Shafiq, another accused in the same case, however, was interrogated yesterday, police added.

Father of another accused, an official of Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh, however, is yet to be interrogated, police said without giving any detail.

See page 11 col 4

Inside Today

Article

Death of Lion of Damascus: Its Possible Implications
by Harun ur Rasid
Page 4

Focus

China and WTO: The 'door-man' eases the passage
Page 5

Business

Amendment to Insurance ACT soon, says Jalil

Oil prices hit 3-month high

DSE, CSE price quotations
Pages 6, 7 & 8

June Sun Rises Sun Sets
14 5-11 am 6-47pm
15 5-11 am

Prayer Timings

June 14		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-15	4-45
Zohr	1-00	1-30
Asr	5-00	5-15
Maghrib	6-50	6-55
Esha	8-15	8-45

Source: Islamic Foundation

The Daily Star

Wishing the
BEST for the
3rd Millennium

JAISTHA 31, 1407 BS

RABIUL AWAL 11, 1421 HIJRI

16 PAGES PRICE : TAKA 6.00

www.dailystarmnews.com

DHAKA WEDNESDAY JUNE 14, 2000

Historic summit of two Kims

SEOUL, June 13: The leaders of South Korea and North Korea greeted each other for the first time today, clapping, chatting and holding hands during a limousine ride into the North's capital in a step toward ending the Cold War on the divided Korean Peninsula, reports AP.

Arriving for a historic three-day summit, South Korean President Kim Dae-jung's jet landed at an airport on the outskirts of Pyongyang. His counterpart, Kim Jong Il, greeted him along with a military brass band, goose-stepping soldiers with fixed bayonets and women dressed in traditional billowing Korean gowns.

The North Korean leader's appearance at the airport was

unexpected, and South Korean officials said they were delighted with the elaborate reception.

The two men rode together in a motorcade into Pyongyang, where at least 600,000 orderly North Koreans lined blocks after blocks of broad avenues, waving bouquets of pink paper flowers. The population of Pyongyang is two million people.

The frantic spectators appeared to direct their adulation at Kim Jong Il, whose name they chanted in unison as the motorcade passed a huge stone arch and other imposing monuments.

King Jong Il, who enjoys a personality cult in the closed-off, communist north, often re-

ceives such displays from his people.

The pudgy Kim Jong Il normally shuns publicity and rarely meets visiting dignitaries, but he appeared relaxed and was dressed in a khaki, open-necked shirt and trousers. He welcomed Kim Dae-jung, wearing a dark suit, at the foot of his plane.

They sometimes held hands in a show of personal intimacy and exchanged views in the limousine during a 40-minute ride into Pyongyang, said Park Joon-young, South Korea's presidential spokesman.

At a guesthouse, the two

Kims posed for photographs in front of a mural of crashing

See page 11 col 6



North Korean leader Kim Jong-II (L) shakes hands with South Korean President Kim Dae-Jung (R) at Sunan airport in Pyongyang, North Korea. South Korean President Kim Dae-Jung arrived in Pyongyang yesterday for the historic summit. — AFP photo

UNDP's Poverty Report 2000

Corruption, law & order major obstacles

By Staff Correspondent

The UN officials in Dhaka said yesterday Bangladesh would do better in its poverty reduction endeavour if it takes into account the corruption and law and order situation in future.

Formally launching the UNDP's annual Poverty Report 2000 at IDB Bhaban in the city, they also advocated for integration of poverty issue into all government programmes if the country wanted a faster pace in its fight against poverty.

André Klap, resident representative of UNDP in Dhaka, said corruption and deterioration in law and order are detrimental to the endeavour to con-

tain poverty.

"Without corruption the per capita income could have been double than what it is now," said Klap, while launching the report, second in the series. The report tried to assess progress and changes in poverty eradication approaches since the 1995 World Summit on Social Development.

Addressing the press on the same occasion, the UN resident coordinator and the WFP representative in Dhaka, Werner Kiene also pointed out that absence of corruption would see one percent rise in Bangladesh's annual growth.

If there has been no corruption, the pace of poverty reduction would have been double."

At the current rate, said Kiene, it would take a long time to get a "poverty-free" Bangladesh. "That's why we're saying that Bangladesh should have poverty policies integrated into all of its programmes and enhance safety-net."

Klap supplemented Kiene saying, "We're in touch with the Planning Commission to have more poverty integration into the overall policy and programme-formulation in the next five-year plan of the government."

Addressing the press on the same occasion, the UN resident coordinator and the WFP representative in Dhaka, Werner Kiene also pointed out that absence of corruption would see one percent rise in Bangladesh's annual growth.

If there has been no corruption, the pace of poverty reduction would have been double."

At the current rate, said Kiene, it would take a long time to get a "poverty-free" Bangladesh. "That's why we're saying that Bangladesh should have poverty policies integrated into all of its programmes and enhance safety-net."

Klap supplemented Kiene saying, "We're in touch with the Planning Commission to have more poverty integration into the overall policy and programme-formulation in the next five-year plan of the government."

Klap supplemented Kiene saying, "We're in touch with the Planning Commission to have more poverty integration into the overall policy and programme-formulation in the next five-year plan of the government."

If there has been no corruption, the pace of poverty reduction would have been double."

At the current rate, said Kiene, it would take a long time to get a "poverty-free" Bangladesh. "That's why we're saying that Bangladesh should have poverty policies integrated into all of its programmes and enhance safety-net."

Klap supplemented Kiene saying, "We're in touch with the Planning Commission to have more poverty integration into the overall policy and programme-formulation in the next five-year plan of the government."

If there has been no corruption, the pace of poverty reduction would have been double."

At the current rate, said Kiene, it would take a long time to get a "poverty-free" Bangladesh. "That's why we're saying that Bangladesh should have poverty policies integrated into all of its programmes and enhance safety-net."

Klap supplemented Kiene saying, "We're in touch with the Planning Commission to have more poverty integration into the overall policy and programme-formulation in the next five-year plan of the government."

If there has been no corruption, the pace of poverty reduction would have been double."

At the current rate, said Kiene, it would take a long time to get a "poverty-free" Bangladesh. "That's why we're saying that Bangladesh should have poverty policies integrated into all of its programmes and enhance safety-net."

Klap supplemented Kiene saying, "We're in touch with the Planning Commission to have more poverty integration into the overall policy and programme-formulation in the next five-year plan of the government."

If there has been no corruption, the pace of poverty reduction would have been double."

At the current rate, said Kiene, it would take a long time to get a "poverty-free" Bangladesh. "That's why we're saying that Bangladesh should have poverty policies integrated into all of its programmes and enhance safety-net."

Klap supplemented Kiene saying, "We're in touch with the Planning Commission to have more poverty integration into the overall policy and programme-formulation in the next five-year plan of the government."

If there has been no corruption, the pace of poverty reduction would have been double."

At the current rate, said Kiene, it would take a long time to get a "poverty-free" Bangladesh. "That's why we're saying that Bangladesh should have poverty policies integrated into all of its programmes and enhance safety-net."

Klap supplemented Kiene saying, "We're in touch with the Planning Commission to have more poverty integration into the overall policy and programme-formulation in the next five-year plan of the government."

If there has been no corruption, the pace of poverty reduction would have been double."

At the current rate, said Kiene, it would take a long time to get a "poverty-free" Bangladesh. "That's why we're saying that Bangladesh should have poverty policies integrated into all of its programmes and enhance safety-net."

Klap supplemented Kiene saying, "We're in touch with the Planning Commission to have more poverty integration into the overall policy and programme-formulation in the next five-year plan of the government."

If there has been no corruption, the pace of poverty reduction would have been double."

At the current rate, said Kiene, it would take a long time to get a "poverty-free" Bangladesh. "That's why we're saying that Bangladesh should have poverty policies integrated into all of its programmes and enhance safety-net."

Klap supplemented Kiene saying, "We're in touch with the Planning Commission to have more poverty integration into the overall policy and programme-formulation in the next five-year plan of the government."

If there has been no corruption, the pace of poverty reduction would have been double."

At the current rate, said Kiene, it would take a long time to get a "poverty-free" Bangladesh. "That's why we're saying that Bangladesh should have poverty policies integrated into all of its programmes and enhance safety-net."

Klap supplemented Kiene saying, "We're in touch with the Planning Commission to have more poverty integration into the overall policy and programme-formulation in the next five-year plan of the government."

If there has been no corruption, the pace of poverty reduction would have been double."

At the current rate, said Kiene, it would take a long time to get a "poverty-free" Bangladesh. "That's why we're saying that Bangladesh should have poverty policies integrated into all of its programmes and enhance safety-net."

Klap supplemented Kiene saying, "We're in touch with the Planning Commission to have more poverty integration into the overall policy and programme-formulation in the next five-year plan of the government."

If there has been no corruption, the pace of poverty reduction would have been double."

At the current rate, said Kiene, it would take a long time to get a "poverty-free" Bangladesh. "That's why we're saying that Bangladesh should have poverty policies integrated into all of its programmes and enhance safety-net."

Klap supplemented Kiene saying, "We're in touch with the Planning Commission to have more poverty integration into the overall policy and programme-formulation in the next five-year plan of the government."

If there has been no corruption, the pace of poverty reduction would have been double."

At the current rate, said Kiene, it would take a long time to get a "poverty-free" Bangladesh. "That's why we're saying that Bangladesh should have poverty policies integrated into all of its programmes and enhance safety-net."

Klap supplemented Kiene saying, "We're in touch with the Planning Commission to have more poverty integration into the overall policy and programme-formulation in the next five-year plan of the government."

If there has been no corruption, the pace of poverty reduction would have been double."

At the current rate, said Kiene, it would take a long time to get a "poverty-free" Bangladesh. "That's why we're saying that Bangladesh should have poverty policies integrated into all of its programmes and enhance safety-net."

Klap supplemented Kiene saying, "We're in touch with the Planning Commission to have more poverty integration into the overall policy and programme-formulation in the next five-year plan of the government."

If there has been no corruption, the pace of poverty reduction would have been double."

At the current rate, said Kiene, it would take a long time to get a "poverty-free" Bangladesh. "That's why we're saying that Bangladesh should have poverty policies integrated into all of its programmes and enhance safety-net."

Klap supplemented Kiene saying, "We're in touch with the Planning Commission to have more poverty integration into the overall policy and programme-formulation in the next five-year plan of the government."

If there has been no corruption, the pace of poverty reduction would have been double."

At the current