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Zia pioneered state terrorism, Nasim tell JS

By Staff Correspondent

Home Minister Mohammad Nasim has branded late President Ziaur Rahman as the pioneer of state terrorism in the country.

Speaking in the Jatiya Sangsad yesterday, the home minister also accused Zia and deposed President H. M. Ershad of grabbing power through terrorism.

The country's youth community started plunging into the abyss of terrorism and drug addiction since the early '80s following capture of state power at gunpoint by Zia and Ershad, he claimed.

Linking Zia's ascend to power to the killing of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the minister viewed that Zia, as beneficiary of the killing, should also be tried along with the self-confessed killers who he had rewarded.

Nasim's comments came hot on the heels of comments made by BNP's expelled lawmaker Major (retd) Akhtaruzzaman who

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3 bills passed

Parliament yesterday passed three Bills, including one providing for welfare trust for non-government primary school teachers, reports UNB.

The Bills are Non-government Primary School Welfare Trust Bill, Securities and Exchange Commission (Amendment) Bill, 2000 and the Drugs Control (Amendment) Bill, 2000.

Education Minister ASHK Sadeq who initiated the Non-Government Primary School Welfare Trust Bill hoped that it would give financial benefit to about 75,000 non-government primary teachers of the country.

A Board will administer the proposed Trust. The Secretary of the Mass and Primary Education will be its chairman.

The Securities and Exchange Commission Bill, piloted by Finance Minister SAMS Kibria, provides measures to make the Commission stronger and more disciplined.

The Drugs Control Bill moved by Home Minister Mohammad Nasim, will make the existing law update to keep pace with various

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18 audit reports placed in JS

Finance Minister Shah A M S Kibria yesterday placed 18 audit reports in Jatiya Sangsad, conducted by the Comptroller of Audit and Accounts on different government departments and public sector organisations, reports BSS.

The performance audit reports, special audit reports and annual audit reports of those organisations and departments have been placed in line with clause 132 of the Constitution.

The departments and organisations on which the audit reports were placed in the House included National Book Centre (1993-97), Agriculture Rehabilitation Project (1995-96), BKSP (1983-84), 17 offices under the Forest Department (1990-96), Land Revenue Collection (1994-96), Bangladesh Cable Shilpa Ltd (1994-95) default loans in Bangladesh Shilpa Rin Sangstha (1997-98), Essential Drugs Co (1997-98), Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (1997-98), Land Management and License Fee Realisation of Bangladesh Railway (1997-98), Islami University (1997-98), Titas Gas Transmission and Distribution (1997-98), Water Resources Ministry (1997-98), Power, Energy and Mineral Resources Ministry

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Magrib	5-18	5-23
Esha	7-15	7-45

Source: Islamic Foundation

Papers on share scam cases yet to reach lower court

Hearing for charge-framing now on November 29

By M Shamsur Rahman

Although six months have elapsed since the Appellate Division passed its judgement, the documents on the three 1996 share scam cases did not reach the lower court till yesterday, resulting in further delay in hearing for charge-framing.

The three cases involving Beximco Pharmaceuticals, Shunepukur Holdings and Doha Securities came up for hearing at the Third Additional Metropolitan Sessions Court yesterday but Judge Mollah Mustafa Kamal had to reschedule the hearing as case documents did not reach the court.

The judge fixed November 29 for the next hearing on the cases, which were filed in 1997.

Prosecution lawyer Dr Mohammad Ali persuaded the judge to allow hearing, saying that he obtained certified copy of the Appellate Division judgement.

But the judge refused, saying he can not allow hearing without case documents in his court. "Besides, it will raise new controversy," he said.

He also advised the prosecution to pursue the relevant authorities so that the case documents reach the court.

The judge said his court does not have the jurisdiction to pursue it. "We can only hear the case when we receive the documents but can not help in transfer of case documents," he said.

The Appellate Division of the Supreme Court had passed the judgement on May 15 this year rejecting a High Court judgement and ruled that hearing of the three cases would be held at the Third Additional Metropolitan Sessions Court.

The accused in the cases are Sohel F Rahman, Salman F Rahman and DH Khan of Beximco Pharmaceuticals; Sohel F Rahman, Salman F Rahman and ABM Siddiquar Rahman of Shunepukur and AKM Shamsuddoha of Doha Securities.

The three companies along with 12 others were accused of manipulating stock prices in 1996 when the stock market nose-dived to an unexpected low after reaching unreasonable heights. As a result, thousands of investors lost all their savings.

The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) later formed an expert committee to probe the matter. Fifteen complaint cases were filed against the accused directors of listed companies and brokerage

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