

## Govt never indulges in state terrorism

Saifur tells dist level BNP leaders

BSS, Dhaka

Finance and Planning Minister M Saifur Rahman yesterday said the government never indulged in state terrorism as it believes in multi-party democracy.

He was speaking as chief guest at a pre-Eid reunion and Iftar party of district and thana level leaders of Sylhet, Kushtia and Chuadanga districts of BNP here.

BNP senior joint secretary general Tarique Rahman was present as special guest.

BNP Joint Secretary General and Political Secretary to the Prime Minister Harris Chowdhury and BNP Khulna divisional Organising Secretary Moshiur Rahman, MP also spoke.

Nearly 217 BNP leaders from three districts were present while 28 participated in the discussion on various aspects of organisational issues.

Referring to the various development and reform measures undertaken by the government in different fields, Saifur called upon the leaders, workers and the

activists to make them public.

He also stressed the need for further strengthening the party at district levels to ensure dynamic leadership before the next general election.

Tarique Rahman called for playing dynamic role of the district and thana level leaders to make the party stronger and more effective.

"The dynamic and efficient field level leaders could meet successfully the future challenges properly," he added.

Responding to different issues on price hike of essentials, law and order and criminal activities the BNP senior secretary general said, the government had inherited a fragile economy and poor law and order left by the previous Awami League government in 2001.

Tarique said the rising prices of the essentials due to the repeated devastating floods during the last few months would come under control within the next few days.

He said the wide spread crime could not be eliminated within only three years.



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Finance and Planning Minister M Saifur Rahman speaks at a pre-Eid reunion and Iftar party of BNP district and thana level leaders of Sylhet, Kushtia and Chuadanga yesterday. On his left is BNP Senior Joint Secretary General Tarique Rahman.

## PM suggests reforms in UN

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia has suggested necessary reforms in the United Nations suiting the needs of time.

In a message on the occasion of the United Nations Day today, the prime minister reaffirmed Bangladesh's commitment and unequivocal support, on behalf of the people and the government, to the United Nations charter in carrying forward its objectives of promoting peace and security, defending human rights and human values and fighting poverty.

She urged the entire United Nations family to remain pledge-bound to the shared goal of building an equitable world order founded on social justice, equality and tolerance.

"The United Nations has many

important accomplishments to its credit," the prime minister said.

She mentioned that this year, Bangladesh is celebrating the 30th anniversary of its admission to the world body as its 136th member.

Over the years, Bangladesh remained a major partner of the United Nations in its peace and security mission by participating in its peacekeeping operations across four continents.

UN Secretary General Kofi

Annan in his message has urged the world leaders to build a better United Nations in this era.

"...I will soon be putting before world leaders a package of measures to renew the Organisation... They must find common ground at a historic meeting this time next year," he said.

Annan recalled that the UN was founded 59 years ago as an instrument of peace, human rights and development.