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VOTER LIST REVISION Door-to-door visit not possible: CEC

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Amid controversy over the preparation of the voter list, Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) MA Aziz yesterday said it would not be possible to visit door to door for the task as per court order.

"We will act in accordance with the court's verdict and directives... it is not possible to visit door to door following the court's directives," Aziz told journalists at the EC Secretariat premises defending the EC's June 12 decision that asked voters to come to election offices at district and upazila headquarters to enroll their names in the voter list.

A week into the EC's decision not to go door to door to list voters, Aziz talked to the press and blasted

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BB dissolves Oriental Bank board

MD removed; action aimed at salvaging the ailing bank

REJAUL KARIM BYRON

The Bangladesh Bank (BB) yesterday removed the managing director of Oriental Bank and dissolved the bank's board of directors to safeguard the interest of depositors.

The central bank also took over full control of the bank and appointed a BB executive director, Murshid Kuli Khan as the bank's administrator.

The BB for the first time took such a drastic action against a scheduled bank for poor financial situation that resulted from unbridled corruption and mismanagement.

Following the decision, BB Governor Salehuddin Ahmed told journalists yesterday afternoon, "The Bangladesh Bank is taking over Oriental Bank to safeguard the interest of depositors." The governor pointed out that the bank's management had failed. He hoped that the bank will go on well from now on since the BB has taken over the responsibility.

On the one hand the depositors' interest will be taken care of and on the other hand the borrowers will be able to take loans properly from the bank, he said.

Although the central bank made the decision independently, the finance minister had been

informed about the decision, the governor said.

Eminent economist Prof Wahiduddin Mahmud said it was only a matter of time before the central bank was forced to take over Oriental. He also said the details of repeated change in ownership of the bank's majority shares should be thoroughly investigated.

Sources said the BB took action against Oriental's MD and its board under section 46 and 47 of the Bank Company Act. It served show cause notices yesterday to the MD and the chairman of the bank asking them to reply within seven days and at the same time implemented

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BID MANIPULATION JS body to discuss patrol boat issue

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A parliamentary body yesterday decided to discuss in details the allegation of bid manipulation in purchasing six high-speed patrol boats for Bangladesh Navy.

"We will not allow any allegation of corruption and irregularities. Everything will be discussed," Chairman of the parliamentary standing committee on defence ministry Mahbubur Rahman told the reporters emerging from the committee meeting.

Member of the parliamentary body Awami League (AL) lawmaker Shawkat Ali, however, demanded re-tender for the purchase, alleging that the tender process of buying the patrol boats was not transparent.

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Tall order to be a voter

Applicants have to submit a raft of documents

SHAKHAWAT LITON

People applying for being registered as voters will have to submit receipts of municipal tax or house rent or payment to local guards, and affidavit on age or attested copy of SSC certificate with their applications in prescribed form.

"No one will get the prescribed Form No-2 to get his or her name on the voter list if he or she fails to submit the required documents with the application for this," a senior official at the EC Secretariat told The Daily Star yesterday.

Such strict provisions, in addition to the Election Commission's (EC) decision that there will be no door-to-door visit for preparing voter list for the next parliamentary election, will further discourage people to get listed as voters, election officials fear.

On the procedure the EC on June 12 decided to follow for amendment, correction and inclusion of names in the existing voter list, several district election officials said people eligible to be voters will now face tremendous difficulties to get listed.

"Will the villagers be able to meet the requirements to apply for being enrolled as voters?" one official questioned.

"For inclusion of one's name in the voter list, one will have to apply first to the registration officers or assistant registration officers with the required documents. One will then get Form No-2 to have his or her name listed as voter," he explained.

In the past, people registered as voters never submitted such documents for this.

The EC on June 12 decided that

people eligible to become voters would have to come to election offices at district and upazila levels to get listed, triggering a fresh spell of controversy over preparation of voter list.

Jurists and polls experts have termed the decision illegal, and said a large number of people will remain out of the voter list because of such a decision.

But the EC repeatedly claimed that it has initiated steps in accordance with the Supreme Court (SC) verdict in this regard. It will launch a massive campaign urging people to have their names on the voter list by visiting election offices at district and upazila headquarters.

The EC yesterday held a meeting with the Cabinet Division and ministries of establishment and information concerning the

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Pintu's obscene remarks on Hasina create chaos in JS

Remarks not expunged immediately despite ministers' request

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Jatiya Sangsad once again witnessed pandemonium over BNP lawmaker Nasiruddin Ahmed Pintu's obscene remarks about Leader of the Opposition Sheikh Hasina's 'private and family life.'

Acting Speaker Akhter Hamid Siddiqui refused to expunge those from the House proceedings immediately despite the opposition lawmakers' demand for this and repeated requests from LGRD and

Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan. This prompted the Awami League (AL) lawmakers to gather in front of the speaker's podium and shout for over an hour asking the chair to expunge the BNP legislator's remarks on Hasina.

The chair finally did so in the face of repeated demands both from the opposition and treasury benches. Law Minister Moudud Ahmed also locked horns with the acting speaker over Pintu's remarks.

"Well, I expunged all the unparliamentary words," the chair said ending the over one-hour chaos in the House before and after Maghrib prayers break.

Earlier, Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan referred to Section 307 of the Rules of Procedure and said those empower the speaker to expunge words of any member instantly.

Echoing his views, Moudud said, "You (chair) just say all unparliamentary and indecent words

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Cops ready to foil 14-party's EC siege

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Awami League (AL)-led 14-party opposition coalition is scheduled to lay siege to the Election Commission (EC) Secretariat in Dhaka and to district election offices across the country today demanding immediate removal of the chief election commissioner (CEC) and two election commissioners.

The opposition camp, which has made the issue of ousting the current CEC and the two election commissioners the centre of its ongoing movement, will besiege the EC secretariat for the second time in the last three months and eight days amid heavy police obstructions.

Leaders and activists of the opposition coalition will gather on Mirpur Road stretching from Russell Square to Dhanmondi road no 27, in front of the Met office at

Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, and at Mohakhali level crossing by 11:00am.

The siege of the EC Secretariat in Dhaka and of election offices in other districts will continue from 11:00am to 1:00pm.

Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) has already chalked out elaborate security measures for the EC Secretariat at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar and its neighbourhood.

Talking to The Daily Star a senior police official preferring not to be named said they will be alert to maintain law and order surrounding the EC Secretariat today and to prevent the opposition activists from damaging public property.

Another police source said three main barricades will be set up near the three spots where the opposition will gather. Moreover, at least six other barricades will be put up by the law enforcers on different

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PHOTO: AFP

Ukrainian forward Andriy Shevchenko (2nd left) jubilates after scoring a goal against Saudi Arabia during the World Cup Group H match at Hambourg Stadium yesterday. Ukraine won the match 4-0.

Spain ride on Torres

REUTERS, Stuttgart

Late strikes from Raul and a Fernando Torres double saw Spain come from behind to claim a dramatic 3-1 win over Tunisia that

clinched a place in the knockout stages of the World Cup.

Tunisia had looked on course for a shock Group H win over the much-fancied Spaniards when midfielder Joaquin Muriel steered

home at the second attempt after striker Ziad Jaziri had teased his way past three Spain defenders in the eighth minute.

The 2004 African champions

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Ukraine crush sloppy Saudis

REUTERS, Hamburg

Ukraine revived their hopes of advancing to the World Cup's second round with a crushing 4-0 victory over Saudi Arabia in World Cup Group H on Monday.

Goals from Andriy Rusol and Serhiy Rebrov had given a fired-up Ukrainian side a deserved 2-0 lead before Andriy Shevchenko headed home from an inswinging free-kick just a minute after halftime.

Shevchenko set up midfielder Maksim Kalinichenko for the fourth in the 84th minute.

The eastern Europeans dominated throughout, with coach Oleg Blokhin's change to a 3-5-2 formation after last week's 4-0 drubbing

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TEAM	TIME	VENUE
Ecuador v Germany	7:50 pm	Berlin
Costa Rica v Poland	7:50 pm	Hanover
Sweden v England	12:50 am (Wednesday)	Cologne
Paraguay v T & T	12:50 am (Wednesday)	Kaiserslautern

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PHOTO: STAR

People walk on narrow planks to get to and from the pontoon at Shoari Ghat on the Buriganga in the city yesterday as rising water of the river submerged access to the pontoon.

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Another DEPZ factory closed

JU CORRESPONDENT

A factory was closed in Dhaka Export Processing Zone (DEPZ) yesterday as workers refused to work until their demands were met. The closure of Paddocks Jeans Ltd came only a day after it resumed operations.

Meanwhile, police arrested a Sramik Dal leader in connection with the violence in the DEPZ on Sunday.

DEPZ General Manager AZM

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Primary teachers continue strike

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Government primary schools and community primary schools remained closed across the country for the third consecutive day yesterday as the teachers continue their indefinite strike.

Teachers of government primary schools went on an indefinite strike across the country from Saturday demanding elimination of wage discrimination and

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