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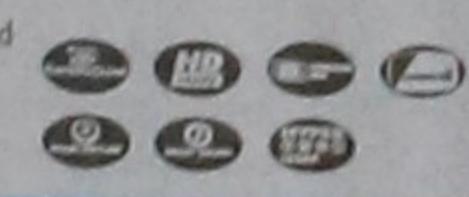
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Govt, parties must come to agreement

US envoy says about dialogue

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

US ambassador James Moriarty yesterday said the government and political parties must come to an agreement to hold talks to avoid disappointing the people of the country and the international community.

He said the political dialogues must also hammer out a plan to set a post-election agenda for new rules of the game in politics, which would help to sustain democracy in the country.

Moriarty was talking to reporters after he spoke at the national conference of the Bangladesh Political Science Association (BPSA) at Hotel Sheraton yesterday. "We will be disappointed and the people will also be disappointed," Moriarty said when

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Oli wants BNP, AL to join talks without Hasina, Khaleda

UNB, Dhaka

Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) President Col (retd) Oli Ahmed has urged the two detained former premiers to allow their parties to join the ongoing government-sponsored dialogue and the upcoming elections for the sake of democracy.

He also urged the caretaker government to declare specific date for the general election prior to local government elections to remove doubts from people's mind.

"I hope Khaleda Zia and Sheikh Hasina will allow their respective parties to participate in the dialogue with the caretaker government," Col Oli said while addressing a function organised to welcome some political activists who joined the LDP at the party office yesterday.

He said it will not be right for the politicians to create obstacle to the democratic process in the country as he said if the democracy is disrupted, they will have to pay dearly in the future.

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Bush renews support to Musharraf

INDO-ASIAN NEWS SERVICE, Washington

US President George Bush has offered renewed backing to Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf saying he looked forward to continuing to work with him along with leaders of the newly elected government who are seeking his ouster.

In a telephone call to Musharraf on Friday amid rumours that he plans to leave office, Bush reiterated the United States' strong support for Pakistan and he indicated he looked forward to President Musharraf's continuing role in further strengthening US-Pakistani relations, "White House spokesperson Dana Perino said.

Bush's call to Musharraf, who cast his lot with the US after the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, was described as a follow

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Asr	5-00	5-15
Maghrib	6-45	6-50
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