

# 411 more cases to be dropped

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The government yesterday recommended withdrawal of 411 more 'politically-motivated' cases, including five corruption-related, filed during the tenure of BNP-Jamaat alliance and the past caretaker government.

The national committee to review the politically motivated cases identified those as politically motivated and recommend for withdrawal, State Minister for Law Qamrul Islam told reporters after its 19th meeting.

A total of 761 cases, including 12 corruption-related, were placed before the meeting at the home ministry for withdrawal. After scrutiny, it recommended withdrawal of 411 cases and rejected 90 others.

With this, the committee has so far recommended withdrawal of 5,539 cases considering those as 'politically motivated'. Of them, 411 are graft related cases filed by the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC).

A total of 8,666 cases were submitted to the committee from different districts for withdrawal.

"About 3,000 more cases are now under scrutiny of the committee," said the state minister, adding that they would sit in another one or two meetings to complete the process.

State Minister for Home Shamsul Hoque Tuku and senior home ministry and police officials were present at the meeting.



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Little Reema looks at burnt money, which evokes memories of her father Abdur Rahim, a grocer, who died in the devastating blaze at Nimgoli on June 3. The photo was taken at her father's shop which was also gutted in the fire. (Story on Page 1)

Zulfiqur made envoy to Turkey

UNB, Dhaka

Md Zulfiqur Rahman, director general of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, has been appointed Bangladesh's Ambassador to Turkey.

A career diplomat Zulfiqur joined the Foreign Service in 1991. During his diplomatic career he has served in Bangladesh missions in New Delhi, New York (Permanent Mission), Manama and Los Angeles.

He has also represented Bangladesh at various international forums, including at the UN General Assembly.

# BNP sit-in today

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The main opposition BNP observes mass sit-in today in protest against 'the government interference in the judiciary and appointment of incompetent and controversial persons as justice'.

Like-minded parties including Jamaat-e-Islami and Bangladesh Jatiya Party (BJP) and leaders and workers of different professional bodies will join the programme aiming at staging an anti-government showdown.

Nazru Islam Khan, member of the BNP standing committee, yesterday said its Chairperson Khaleda Zia will present at the four-hour programme which is due to begin at 10:00am on the premises of the Engineers Institution, Bangladesh.

He said all preparations have been taken to make the programme successful with a massive participation of people.

The opposition leader announced the sit-in as part of her anti-government movement from her Dhaka grand rally on May 19. The party will also observe hartal on June 27.

The party has taken all-out efforts to make the programme successful. The former premier sat in a series of meetings with different political parties and professional organisations and urged them to join the programme.

BNP leaders said the sit-in will finally turned into a massive gathering as they expect people from all walks of life of the society to attend the programme to protest government's 'wrongdoings'.



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# Dy speaker rejects all opposition notices

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Deputy Speaker Col (retd) Shawkat Ali yesterday rejected all 11 notices submitted by the BNP-led opposition lawmakers for discussion on various issues in parliament.

In their notices submitted to the parliament secretariat, the opposition lawmakers demanded that the House adjourn the scheduled business of the day and hold discussions on building collapse at Begunbari, closure of the daily Amar Desh and the arrest of its acting editor, grabbing of canals, attack on the opposi-

tion by ruling party men and the issue of less water flow at Farakka point.

But the deputy speaker, who was presiding over the sitting at that time, disposed of the notices and said the authorities concerned will take necessary measures to this end.

He also said the contents of some notices are not clear and some others seemed to be based on assumption.

BNP lawmakers Mahbub Uddin Khokon and Zafrul Islam Chowdhury and Jamaat-e-Islami lawmaker Hamidur Rahman Azad submitted the notices.



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