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Adviser's antics

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The AL policymaker also observed that recruitment only on political considerations would hamper the government's development activities.

Speaking in return for anonymity, a veteran parliamentarian who is also a legal expert told The Daily Star the government is bound to give information to the people as per the RTI act. "If the adviser gives any statement contradicting that law, it would go against the government," he observed.

Chief Information Commissioner Muhammad Zamir said, "Right to information is a fundamental right and we all should defend it."

He noted that the right to information is meant to facilitate free flow of information, a must for good governance. At the same time, no controversy should be raised by publishing "information inconsistent with facts".

About the adviser's statement, Zamir, a former ambassador and secretary, said, "If the health ministry feels the officer should be responsible for providing information in bidding ends.

writing, if necessary. This will help avoid controversy."

Information Commissioner Sadeka Halim said the adviser's statements conflict with the RTI act. She said such statements are not expected from anyone.

About Modasser's recruitment remarks, she said this cannot be a healthy practice for a political party.

Meanwhile, Muradul Islam, Bangla national daily Amader Shomoy's Gopalganj correspondent whose request for information started it all, said he told the adviser they were not getting information on "corruption and irregularities at the Sadar hospital including the latest procurement of medical equipment worth Tk 16 lakh".

Talking to The Daily Star over the phone yesterday, he said, "I told him [Modasser] we were not getting information about tenders at the civil surgeon's office. He replied the government would investigate corruption, but the journalists won't be given any information in this regard."

Sadeka Halim said it is not process of imparting neces- mandatory for the adminissary information should be tration to give information facilitated, it should appoint a on a tender especially the designated officer for that. The number of bidders and amount of money before the

attack of some MPs in the

said no such incident took

place during parliament

proceedings Monday. He

suggested that journalists

covering the House avoid

writing about things that are

Monday drew the speaker's

attention to a Prothom Alo

news item on MPs' role in

making laws but the speaker

did not allow prolonging the

Yesterday was different.

Party lawmaker Mujib-ul-

Haque took the floor on a

point of order and talked

about Prothom Alo's recent

reports on MPs. He said it was

the execution of a plan to

against such journalism to

protect the integrity of the

House. He demanded the

conspiracy that ushered in

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Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim

took the floor and joined in the

changeover].'

media bashing.

"Such reports contain the

Awami League lawmaker

speaker's ruling on the issue.

He demanded action

undermine the House.

After Maghrib break, Jatiya

discussion.

Lawmaker Fazle Rabbi on

not part of the proceedings.

In response, the speaker

Media bashed

presidium member, said, adding, "We will be harsh

against them. He questioned many newspapers' and satellite television

channels' role during the state of emergency. Latif said, "They did not set up those organisations only for doing business. They

misguided the nation several times." He said they are telling lies and being dishonest, and their role has ill motives. Before Latif, Shipping Minister Shahjahan Khan said recently a human chain was

formed demanding arrest of Prothom Alo's editor Matiur Rahman in connection with his alleged involvement in the August 21 grenade attack on Shahjahan said the paper

has now launched propaganda to undermine the national assembly.

The shipping minister demanded legal action against the editor of Prothom Alo following an enquiry into his involvement in the August 21 grenade attack and maligning the House and its mem-

Speaker Abdul Hamid, presiding over the sitting at the time, cited a news item recently run by daily Samakal

sending MPs to join confer-

write about any wrongdoings

they may find in this regard.

and sought their cooperation.

transparently the House is

being run and how account-

able it is. He went on to say

news headline of daily Amader

Shomoy on his inaugural

speech delivered Monday. In

the report, the Bangla daily

gave the headline "Speaker

gave sermon (Chhobok) to

MPs". He termed the word

Referring to the word used

by daily Amader Shomoy, Latif

had earlier alleged that the

report on MPs' poor interest in

the law-making process, the

speaker said he had asked

journalists of the daily to be

the Prothom Alo journalists,"

more careful.

he said.

The speaker also cited a

how he is cutting cost.

Chhobok "insulting".

special agency.

ment on Monday.

ences abroad.

During the state of emeron legislators' tours abroad. gency, they "killed" the char-He said lawmakers going acter of politicians by publishabroad and taking part in ing imaginary news and now international conferences they are on to lawmakers, he cannot be considered "trips of luxury". He also said there is no lack of transparency in

He said the speaker has the authority to summon the Prothom Alo's editor.

"You [the speaker] sum-He urged newspapers to mon him," he said Selim, also presidium member of ruling Awami League, He asked them to tell the truth strongly defended tax-free vehicles and remunerations He described in details how for lawmakers.

Condemning MPs is tantamount to condemning the parliament and the speaker,

Awami League lawmaker Suranjit Sengupta said only a section of papers are questioning the behaviours of the MPs in an absurd way.

He, however, said time has come to enact privilege act for the parliament and its members. He said it is possible to take legal action against anybody in connection with contempt of parliament based newspaper is run in favour of a on constitutional provisions even though there is no privi-

The speaker cited another report of the daily Inqilab and "But we don't want to take accused it of distorting his action against anybody. We comments made in parliawant a friendly relation with all, not enmity," said Suranjit, also chief of the parliamentary These news items undermine public representatives, standing committee on law, justice and parliamentary which is tantamount to undermining the people, he affairs ministry.

said, adding, "Who are being He said newspapers are encouraged [through the considered the fourth estate so "We should all act responsi-On Monday, in response to bly". He said there may be a lawmaker's comment in the criticism but there should not House on Prothom Alo's be any hostility.

Mentioning the word "Chhobok" used by daily Amader Shomoy, Suranjit said had the paper used the word in a news item concerning the "But the daily Inqilab today High Court, it would have faced contempt of court wrote that the speaker warned

> charges. "The parliament is sovereign," he said, adding that this parliament has to protect its

Before the Maghrib prayer break, Awami League lawmaker Nurul Islam Sujan dignity. triggered the discussion when He said contempt of parliahe talked about a news pubment is tantamount to contempt of the speaker, and lished in different dailies yesterday that said the pridemocracy cannot be promary and mass education tected with contemptuous minister came under verbal attitude toward parliament.

Jamaat leaders

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required for effective and proper investigation into allegations under Article-3 (2) of International Crimes

Tribunal Act, 1973. This section deals with offences like war crimes, genocide, murder, abduction, confinement, torture and rape. The court observed that

there are no proceedings other

than the petitions pending with the tribunal against them and there is no need to issue any stay order. It said the suspects would get all certified copies when

the tribunal delivers judgements after formal charges are submitted. The court also rejected two

petitions, which sought direction to the authorities to provide them letter of authority (power to move cases) and to send records of two cases back to Chief Metropolitan Court in Dhaka, considering that the two petitions were submitted for hearing. The court also said the tribunal has not received any record of the two cases.

The counsels for the Jamaat leaders also prayed to the court to allow them to withdraw the two petitions.

Two cases were filed against them at Keraniganj Police Station on December 17, 2007, and Pallabi Police Station on February 26, 2008, in Dhaka in connection with committing crimes against humanity during the Liberation War.

The three-judge tribunal is headed by its chairman Justice Nizamul Huq. The two other judges of the tribunal are Justice ATM Fazle Kabir and Justice AKM Zaheer Ahmed.

Ghulam Arieff Tipoo, Syed Haider Ali and Zead Al Malulm placed arguments for the prosecution while Tajul Islam, Golam Mohammad Chowdhury Alam, Fakhrul Islam and Masud Ahmed Sayeed appeared for the Jamaat leaders.

SAYEDEE'S ARREST

The tribunal yesterday also adjourned the hearing till this morning on a petition submitted by the prosecution for issuing arrest warrant against detained Jamaat Nayeb-e-Ameer Delwar Hossain Sayedee in connection with crimes against humanity and peace in 1971.

The court fixed today for hearing on two petitions, one filed for issuing warrant o arrest against Sayedee and the other for directing the authorities to provide letter o authority to Sayedee.

The tribunal also asked prison authorities to produce Sayedee before it this morning during the hearing.

However, Savedee will not be produced before the tribunal today due to his illness sources in Dhaka Central Jail told The Daily Star yesterday. The jail doctors yesterday certified that Sayedee is not physically fit to be produced before the tribunal today.

The authorities produced Sayedee before the tribunal yesterday morning in connection with prosecution's allegations of offences committed under International Crimes

Tribunal Act, 1973. They brought him to the tribunal amid tight security around 9:00am and kept him detained in its prison until the tribunal started its day's pro-

ceedings around 10:30am. A team from the investigation agency yesterday continued probing the allegations of

war crimes against Sayedee in Pirojpur for the second time. During hearing yesterday, the tribunal reprimanded the prosecution since they could

not properly prepare the

petition against Sayedee. The prosecution did not mention in the petition the grounds on which the tribunal could issue order of detention against Sayedee. The tribunal told prosecutor Syed Haider Ali that he is a senior lawyer of the Supreme Court but his petition could not satisfy the

The tribunal ordered the prosecution to place a corrected petition before it this morning.

There are no cases filed against Sayedee in connection with crimes against humanity but the prosecution has brought several allegations against him.

2 factories

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Chowdhury, director of enforcement and monitoring unit led the unannounced drive during the 'Operation Prevent Environment Crime'.

Four factories have been fined Tk 68 lakh in the last two days under this drive.

ETPs are used to treat water that has been contaminated by either industrial or commercial activities prior to its release into the environment or its re-use.

Speaker, Ashraf

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about the functions of lawmakers and parliament.

"They used to speak in such a way which is tantamount to contempt of parliament. It seems criticising the lawmakers and parliament has become a fashion," the LGRD minister said.

Ashraf, also general secretary of ruling Awami League, said they should think carefully before talking about MPs and parliament so that the parliament is not undermined.

Echoing the same view, Speaker Abdul Hamid, who was presiding over the sitting at that time, said all should speak carefully. Referring to the block allo-

opment activities in all constituencies, the speaker said some people talk in such way as if MPs will pocket the whole amount of money. The money was allocated for development activities in the constituencies of respective lawmakers. MPs will only

give proposals for develop-

ment works with the allocated

money and the concerned

government agencies will

implement the projects,

submit proposals to the government for construction of bridge, culvert etc," the

LGRD minister said MPs' proposals for development works with the allocated money are being scrutinised and works will begin soon.

increasing the amount of block allocation if the finance minister agrees in the next budget.

Sagufta Yasmin Emily said "a section of civil society leaders' and people, who take part in activities.

tries are actively engaged in cation of Tk15 crore for develdevelopment works in their constituencies," the whip said.

urged the government to make it clear that the block allocation

Many civil society personalities and local government experts have long been demanding that MPs' interference in local development works should be stopped and local government bodies should be empowered to carry "It is very usual that MPs will out all development activities.

metre rise in the sea level

would submerge a quarter of

Bangladesh, displacing 30

million people and making it

difficult to sustain a poverty-

in Bangladesh would become a

climate migrant due to exces-

sive green house gas emissions

by industrialised countries,"

munity to be sensitive to this

emerging challenge and find

innovative ways for their reha-

Bangladesh's resolve and

commitment towards achiev-

ing a set of development goals,

which included self-

sufficiency in food by 2021, 100

percent net enrolment at

primary level by 2015, elimi-

nating gender disparity in

education by 2015, and

enhancing economic partici-

pation of women to 40 percent

ment plans to reduce maternal

mortality even further, to 15

percent, and infant mortality to

15 deaths per 1000 live births by

2021; increase life expectancy

to 70 years by 2021; provide safe

drinking water for all by 2011

and hygienic sanitation by

2013; and last but not least,

"achieve a Digital Bangladesh

for global connectivity by

implementing our national

Muhith, Planning Minister AK

Khandaker, Health Minister

AFM Ruhal Haq, Foreign

Minister Dipu Moni, among

MK Alamgir

Muhammed Sohul Hussein

told newsmen at his office

declare the seat vacant and

hold fresh election within next

90 days, added the commis-

ber of AL, was elected MP from

the Chandpur-1 constituency

in December 29 parliamentary

nomination papers, the return-

ing officer disqualified him for

contesting the poll as a special

court convicted him in a cor-

Court (HC) in December 2009,

but the court rejected his peti-

tion upholding the returning

Alamgir however contested

Later he filed a prayer with

the Appellate Division seeking

to file appeal against the HC

verdict. But the court last July

corruption case quashed his

conviction and scrapped the

13-year jail term awarded to

AL submits financial report

A delegation of ruling AL

A registered audit farm

prepared the report by auditing

Submitting the report

Deputy Publicity Secretary of

AL, Mrinal Kanti Das, however,

declined to disclose the

amount of the party's annual

income and expenditure to the

its income and expenditure.

submitted the party's financial

transaction report for the year

2009 to the EC.

him by the special court. Later

the SC upheld the HC verdict.

HC in its verdict in the

turned down his prayer.

the election on an order of the

Chamber Judge of the Supreme

He then moved to the High

During the scrutiny of the

Alamgir, presidium mem-

There is now no bar to

Finance Minister AMA

ICT Policy by 2021.

others, were present.

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election.

ruption case.

officer's decision.

Court (SC).

She also said her govern

Hasina reiterated

She urged the global com-

"One in every seven persons

free era beyond 2015.

she warned.

bilitation.

by 2021.

\$22b needed

gross national income (GNI) annually to developing counassistance.

Sweden, Denmark, reach that target.

While reiterating Bangladesh's commitment to the MDGs, Hasina blamed a lack of funds for opening up an 'implementation gap', which could 'clearly' be overcome if the donor countries fulfil their official development assis-

The prime minister urged all UN member states to come together in the spirit of "one community in a globalised world" to achieve all internationally agreed development goals, including the MDGs, to serve "ourselves, our progeny and posterity."

Quoting former New Zealand Prime Minister Helen Clark, who now chairs the UN Development Group, Hasina agreed that after a period spent slowing down in the face of multiple challenges such as the global recession, climate change, and food and fuel crises, the world must now come up with five years of "accelerated progress" if the

MDG targets are to be met. She, however, expressed her confidence that the MDGs do remain attainable, as long as countries retain their collective determination and partner each other to achieve the tar-

The PM presented the results of the report on "MDG Needs, Assessment and Costing for Bangladesh," prepared with UN assistance that indicates an amount of \$22.1 billion needed by 2015 for Bangladesh to reach its MDG

Terming the MDGs "the Magna Carta" for a poverty-free world, the premier highlighted Bangladesh's achievements so far in MDG-1 (poverty alleviation), MDG-2 (universal primary education), MDG-3 (gender equality and women empowerment), and especially MDG-4 (reduction of child mortality) in which Bangladesh was well on course to achieving the target of

She, however, admitted the country was having difficulty in progress towards other MDG targets to do with reducing hunger, maternal mortality, income inequality, dropout rates from primary education and vulnerabilities of women, as well as ensuring "health for all", well-planned urbanisation and improving the stock of creativity and human capital,

the more "erratic and fre-The deadline for filing the quently occurring natural disasters" Bangladesh has to put up with due to global warming, leading to the creation of a months. large number of "climate migrants" in its overburdened cities and threatening its prog-

speaker said. On block allocation, the He also assured the MPs of

Taking the floor, Whip

the TV talk shows, criticise MPs' role in local development "Lawmakers in many coun-

AL lawmaker Kabirul Haq of Tk15 crore was not given to

She referred to the more extreme estimations that a 1-

tries as official development Till 2009, just five countries-

Luxembourg, the Netherlands and Norway--had managed to

tance commitments.

Hasina asserted that a "substantial proportion" of that amount must come from its development partners, even though lack of aid "never halted" the country's own

development programmes. "We continue with our domestic efforts, as we did with sanitation and water supply, where external support fell short by \$560 million," Hasina

reducing the rate of under-5 deaths by two thirds from 1990

levels ahead of schedule. The PM also referred to Bangladesh's success stories in promoting minimum dietary energy consumption, enhancing gender parity in primary and secondary education and improvements in disease

and social justice. Hasina spoke at length on

ress towards MDG-1.

report was July 31 this year. The party applied to the EC for extending the time by two The EC extended the timeframe to September 30 for all the parties who failed to

come up with their report.

DU students clash with DMCH staff, hawkers

5 hurt STAFF CORRESPONDENT

At least five people were injured in a clash between students of Shahidullah Hall of Dhaka University and employees of Dhaka Medical College Hospital and hawkers in front of the DMCH last night.

The students set fire to around 25 shops and vandalised a number of makeshift shops on the footpath in front of the DMCH at around 10:30pm, police said. The incident occurred over a clash between the children

afternoon, officer-in-charge of Shahbagh Police Station Rezaul Karim told The Daily Star. At around 9:30pm, students and employees of Shahidullah Hall went to the hawkers in front of the emer-

soon engaged in a clash. Within half an hour, more students and employees of the hall joined the clash and vandalised the shops and set fire to those in police presence, witnesses said.

gency gate of DMCH, and

Fire service was called to douse the fire, and additional police were deployed to calm the situation.

Provost of Shahidullah Hall, Professor Azizur Rahman, told reporters that the hawkers in front of the DMCH and employees of the hospital attacked the students. The students and employees of the hall only defended themselves, he added.

Van carrying 30 kids plunges into Pak river

AP, Muzaffarabad

A van carrying at least 30 schoolchildren plunged into a river in Pakistan-held Kashmir yesterday, and most of the passengers were confirmed or feared dead. The driver lost control of the

vehicle and it plunged 50 feet

(15 meters) into the Jhelum

River from an elevated road in the regional capital Muzaffarabad, said local police chief Ghulam Akber. Authorities managed to save the driver and four children, he said. But school teacher Bashir Mughal said rescue workers took more than an hour to arrive

plucked the four children from Fifteen bodies have been recovered from various parts of the river, but the other children are still missing, Akber said. Some bodies may have been collected by local residents before authori

and it was local villagers who

Pabna admin

ties arrived, he said.

FROM PAGE 1 we've cancelled our strike, said AFM Monjur Kadir, deputy

commissioner (DC) of Pabna. Yesterday's meeting was convened to quell the growing anger among the officers and employees since more than 100 activists of Jubo League and Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) attacked two examination centres on Friday during a recruitment examination of third-class government

employees. The attackers also assaulted senior officers and ransacked their vehicles to foil the exami-

We informed the divisional commissioner that the police department in Pabna has sided with the attackers. We also told him that police could not find the attackers although they [the attackers] are moving freely in the city," a senior officer said after the meeting,

seeking anonymity. Sub-inspector Badruddoza said they are trying to arrest the attackers. "Our drives are on to nab them," he told The Daily Star yesterday.

Superintendent of Police (SP) of Pabna Jamil Ahmed could not be reached for comments despite repeated attempts last night.

The attackers are followers of local Awami League lawmaker Golam Faruk Khandaker Prince, who has been allegedly pressing the district administration to recruit his men. Prince, however, denied the allegation.

Two separate cases were

Jubo League and BCL activists in this connection. Police so far arrested Jubo League cultural affaires secretary Tariqul Islam Raihan on

Saturday. Meanwhile, an examination to recruit employees of Statistic Bureau is scheduled to be held in Pabna. Many teach-

ers and officials said the exami-

nations cannot be held in this situation. "The government high-ups have assured us of taking stern actions against the culprits. We hope that all the attackers will soon be booked," the DC told The Daily Star.

Poles urged to probe CIA prison acts

AP, Warsaw

A human rights organization and lawyers for a Saudi man accused in the 2000 bombing of the USS Cole demanded yesterday that Polish prosecutors investigate the terror suspect's detention and treatment at a CIA prison once housed in Poland. Abd al-Rahim al-Nashiri is

the first detainee subjected to the CIA's detention and interrogation program who has taken legal action in Poland, said Amrit Singh, a senior legal officer for the Open Society Justice Initiative. Mikolaj Pietrzak, an attor-

of employees of Shahidullah ney who represents al-Nashiri Hall and those of DMCH in the in Poland, told The Associated Press he filed the petition Tuesday with prosecutors in Warsaw.

The legal move in Poland could spawn similar efforts in Romania and Lithuania, which former U.S. intelligence officials and critics have identified as nations that hosted some of the CIA's so-called black sites. Public outcry against the abandoned CIA program remains strong in Europe while lawyers for detainees and civil liberties activists have had limited success in US courts in shed ding new light on the secret prisons.

"We hope that the prosecutor will heed this call for a serious investigation into al Nashiri's ill-treatment on Polish soil," Singh said. "The quest for accountability for the CIA's illegal rendition program must continue in Europe, especially as US. courts appear to be closing their doors to victims of this program."

Polish prosecutors have

UK detains

FROM PAGE 16 correct 'right to work checks',

the release said. The release quoted UK Immigration Minister Damian

Green as saying "We are deter-

mined to make it harder than

ever for illegal immigrants to work in the UK." Illegal immigration puts pressure on public services, local communities and legitimate businesses at a time when the country cannot

"That's why the UK Border Agency is working to cut illegal employment, sham marriages, bogus colleges and organised smugglers from being used by foreign nationals trying to stay in the UK illegally.'

afford it, he stressed.

Earlier, a similar statement was released last month regarding the arrest of 20 Bangladeshi expatriates during July and mid-August this Last month another

Bangladeshi man was sentenced to six months in prison after applying to stay in the UK using a false identity. He will be deported shortly after he has served his sentence.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh said there is an estimated 5 lakh British Bangladeshis in the UK. Besides, around 40,000 Bangladeshi students are currently studying in Britain.

Bangladeshis

FROM PAGE 16 as Sajeda Begum, 30, wife of Kutub Uddin, their elder son Mizan Uddin, 16, and Sajeda's brother Nazimuddin Tawhid, 24. They were admitted to

local hospitals. They all hailed from Syedpur village in Boalkhali

upazila of Chittagong. Talking to The Daily Star, Mohammad Noimuddin, Kutub Uddin's brother-in-law, said the accident took place in Jilkholaifa area of Madinah as the driver lost control over his wheels around 10:00pm (Saudi local time).

The victims were returning to their residence in Madinah after performing Umrah, from Makkah.

Ban likely

FROM PAGE 16 to stop small public vehicles

like Nasimons and Karimons running on the highways. It also took decision on

turning the kitchen markets at New Market and Gulshan-1 and 2 in the capital into multistorey structures with car parks, removing all construcfiled accusing more than 100 tion materials piled up on roads and unwanted advertisements and posters from electric poles and reinstallation of traffic signals at different intersections.

The meeting has asked the authorities concerned to take necessary steps in this regard.

Shipping Minister Shahjahan Khan, secretaries of home and communications ministries, acting inspector general of police and his deputies, chairman of Bangladesh Road Transport Authority and transport workers attended the meeting.

already been examining the country's involvement in a now-shuttered US system of secret prisons around the globe. Inside the black sites, terror detainees were exposed to harsh interrogation meth-

ods such as the simulated

drowning technique of

waterboarding -- a practice that critics have called torture. Prosecutor Jerzy Mierzewski in Warsaw said Pietrzak's petition would likely be wrapped into his office's overall probe.

"It does not require the opening of a separate investigation," he said, adding that he still had to study the docu-

The prosecutors are investigating possible abuse of power by Polish public officials in connection with the closed CIA black site near the secluded Szymany airport in northeast Poland. Flight logs trace several landings of planes linked to the CIA there. Prosecutors have been looking into the site since 2008 but have not yet filed

that prosecutors are considering war crimes charges against former President Aleksander Kwasniewski and two other officials in connection with the CIA prison site. Kwasniewski Poland's president from 1995-2005, has said he was unaware of the CIA prison. Following the AP's report

Polish media have reported

earlier this month on al-Nashiri's treatment, Leszek Miller, Poland's prime minister at the time, flatly denied the existence of any such facility, saying there were "no secret CIA prisons in Poland."

BNP meet

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added the sources. Addressing the meeting, which began at 8:45pm and ended at 11:30pm at her Gulshan office, Khaleda said Dhaka city unit committee would not be formed as long

as Mirza Abbas is in jail.

Some standing committee members expressed resentment over party leader Nazmul Huda's recent proposal for a meeting between Khaleda Zia and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to resolve the crises facing the

They requested the chairperson warn him so that he refrains from making such

The meeting sources added that Salahuddin Quader Chowdhury, Jamiruddin Sircar and Lt Gen (retd) Mahbubur Rahman spoke in

favour of joining parliament. Though none of the participants opposed the three senior leaders' stance, the chairperson said there would be more discussion on the

Khandaker Delwar at the briefing said the standing committee thinks the government has failed to create an atmosphere for the opposition lawmakers to join the House

proceedings.

AL MPs

FROM PAGE 1 On Monday, a number of these legislators made a verbal attack on Afsarul Ameen during the break in parliament session. But they claimed

yesterday media reports on

the incident are not true. Meanwhile, the results of examinations for recruitment of assistant teachers and headmasters for government primary schools were published on September 8. Around 30,712 were selected for the posts of assistant teacher and 1,852 for those of

The selection list created resentment among many of the ruling party lawmakers as their preferred ones for such posts were not included in it.

And they wanted to know

from the minister why the lists given by them were ignored, said sources. Lawmaker Shamshul Haque, who was among those who entered the minister's office yesterday, told journal-

headmaster.

ists later that they did not misbehave with him. They just came to meet him following

Later, Motahar Hossain told journalists that they had ensured absolute transparency in the recruitment pro-

ency, he added.

the media reports on Monday's 'incident'. Asked about this, Afsarul Ameen declined to say anything.

"Lawmakers can send letters to us, and we can't dishonour them by throwing those away," he said. But there is no scope to proceed with the letters as everything has been done maintaining transpar-