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Not all media allowed to cover Hasina's fixtures

HASAN JAHIID TUSHER

In a sudden move, the majority of private media was yesterday restricted from covering a programme of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on the grounds that a section of the media does not broadcast and publish her news with due importance.

Journalists, as usual, SEE PAGE 19 COL 4

MPs' NEGATIVE ACTIVITIES

PM flays TIB

Terms its study ill-motivated; TIB says its motive is to strengthen democracy

HASAN JAHIID TUSHER and RASHIDUL HASAN

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday castigated the Transparency International Bangladesh for publishing a survey report on lawmakers, terming it "ill-motivated".

She also questioned the timing of the report, as her government has only one



year of its tenure left. The TIB had published a similar report ahead of the 2001 election, Hasina recalled.

The premier's comments came a day after the TIB report said 97 percent of the 149 sitting MPs surveyed were involved in "negative activities" while 70 percent of them were engaged in "criminal

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NEWS ANALYSIS

An eye-opener

SHAKHAWAT LITON

So it is now clear. Clear as to who are responsible for the damage done to the image of the current parliament. It was none but MPs who did the job by indulging in various criminal and unethical activities, as revealed in a TIB survey.

The shocking findings of the TIB, disclosed on Sunday, also raise a serious question: Haven't the surveyed lawmakers involved in criminal and negative activities violated the constitution by breaching their oath of office?

Before assuming office, each of these lawmakers took an oath of faithfully discharging their duties as a member of

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Japanese cos keen, wary of uncertainty

Envoy shares with The Daily Star his country's take on investment prospects, impediments in Bangladesh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Many Japanese companies are very serious about investing in Bangladesh, but they are scared of business impediments, including political uncertainty, Japanese Ambassador Shiro Sadoshima said yesterday. This perception about

Bangladesh, coupled with the country's inadequate energy supply and infrastructure constraints, hampers Japanese investment in Bangladesh, despite the country's huge potentials to grow, said Sadoshima at a discussion hosted by The Daily Star at its

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Shiro Sadoshima

Country halves hunger status

Growing population dwarfs the success yet

REAZ AHMAD

Bangladesh has halved the prevalence of hunger over the last two decades but because of a large population, the number of people living in hunger still remains high as the country joins other nations celebrating the World Food Day today.

In their joint flagship annual report -- State of Food Insecurity (SOFI) -- three UN bodies have presented statistics that show the percentage of hungry people in the total population of Bangladesh has reduced from 34.6 in 1990 to 16.8 this year.

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Twenty seven years after the Jagannath Hall disaster, students of the Dhaka University dorm still live in rundown buildings. The photo was taken yesterday. See story on page 5.



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