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House formed without voters' mandate: BNP

The party demands re-election

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The BNP yesterday alleged that the current parliament has not been formed with people's mandate and demanded re-election under a neutral administration.

"We turned down the election results just after the voting. Today, we reiterate our demand for re-election scrapping the election results so that a government and parliament can be formed based on the people's verdict," BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir said addressing a human chain in front of Jatiya Press Club.

The human chain was the first political programme of the BNP after the December 30 election. A huge number of law enforcers were deployed in and around the area to avert any possible trouble.

Fakhrul alleged that the parliament was formed through a "farcical" election, during which "law enforcers

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TK 919CR LAUNDERING

Crescent group boss arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Customs Intelligence and Investigation Directorate (CIID) yesterday arrested the chairman of Crescent Leather Products and Crescent Tanneries, MA Kader, in connection with three separate cases filed over laundering a total of Tk 919 crore in foreign currencies.

The move came after the CIID, a field office under the National Board of Revenue (NBR), found in its inquiry that Crescent Group colluded with officials of Janata Bank's Imamganj branch in Dhaka to launder a total of Tk 1,297.65 crore abroad against 657 fake export bills.

Legal action against other firms of the group was in the process, said a senior official of CIID, preferring anonymity.

"We will produce him [Kader] before court tomorrow [today]. We will seek remand and appeal to the court so that this becomes an example for those who are involved in money laundering," said NBR Chairman Md Mosharraf

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TI report motivated and faulty

Claims info minister

UNB, *Dhaka*

Rejecting the Transparency International report, Information Minister Hasan Mahmud yesterday claimed that the report was motivated and faulty.

He made the remarks while talking to reporters on the TI report at the secretariat.

According to the TI report unveiled on Tuesday, Bangladesh ranks the second most corrupt country in South Asia, only ahead of war-torn Afghanistan. Its global position is 149th out of 180 countries surveyed

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