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Shamsul Huda elected Speaker, Korban Ali Deputy Speaker

Acting Speaker Shamsul Huda Chowdhury was elected Speaker of parliament yesterday.

Leader of the House and Prime Minister Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury proposed Mr. Shamsul Huda Chowdhury's name to be Speaker and it was seconded by Deputy Prime Minister Maudud Ahmed.

Mr. Korban Ali, former manpower and labour minister, was elected Deputy Speaker when his name was proposed by Deputy Prime Minister Dr. M. A. Matin and seconded by the other Deputy Prime Minister Kazi Zafar Ahmed.

The Speaker announced a five-member panel of chairman.

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The third Parliament in its first session yesterday.

JS session begins without major opposition groups

President seeks cooperation for early end of martial law

Special Correspondent

The first session of the newly elected Jatiya Sangsad began yesterday without the main opposition groups in the house.

The inaugural session lasting about three and a half hours was addressed by President Lt. General H.M. Ershad outlining his government's policy.

The President expressed the hope that the elected representatives of the people would extend cooperation in bringing an end to martial law within the shortest possible time by not creating legal and constitutional problems or vacuum.

"With the opening Jatiya Sangsad session we have reached the last stage of ending martial law," the President told the House.

He did not specify the date for withdrawal of Martial Law which was at the centre of opposition demands.

As the house began its proceedings with election of Shamsul Huda Chowdhury and Korban Ali as Speaker and Deputy Speaker respectively, Awami League dominated 8-Party Alliance which has a strength of 100 in the 330-member house convened a parallel session at the south entrance of the magnificent parliament house.

Over 60 of the alliance MPs led by Awami League Chief Sheikh Hasina came in a procession chanting slogans of 'Joy Bangla'. They were closely followed by a host of intelligence men who were relaying their movements to the highest quarter over walkie-talkie.

They elected Abdul Malek Ukil as 'Speaker' and Sheikh Hasina as 'leader of the house'.

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President H.M. Ershad delivering his inaugural speech at the Parliament yesterday.

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CHT tribals urged to return to normal life

President Hussain Muhammad Ershad yesterday said that a comprehensive plan for the all-round and speedy development of the Chittagong Hill Tracts area was under execution, reports BSS.

He expressed his firm belief that the tribal people would fully identify themselves with the rest of the countrymen in the mainstream of the nation.

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'Spectacular success in foreign policy'

President Hussain Muhammad Ershad yesterday said the country's foreign policy achieved spectacular success in the last four years in promoting relations with the neighbouring countries particularly India, Pakistan and Burma, reports BSS.

He said the formation of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)

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