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## President promulgates ordinance

# Formation of political parties banned

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President Khandaker Mohtaque Ahmed Saturday promulgated an Ordinance prohibiting the formation of political parties. The ordinance provides that no person shall form, organise, set up or convene, or be a member or otherwise take part in the activities of, or in any way be associated with, any political party.

The Ordinance known as the Political Parties (Prohibition) Ordinance, 1975 lays down that whoever contravenes any provision of the law shall be punishable with rigorous imprisonment for a term which may extend to seven years, or with fine, or with both.

The Ordinance provides that the Government may, by order in writing, declare to be forfeited to the Government all properties and funds of any political party formed, organised, set up or convened.

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President Khandaker Mohtaque Ahmed presiding over the first meeting of the reconstituted National Economic Council held at Bangobhavan Saturday.

Kaiser leaves

NEC okays

Curb on fertiliser