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Addressing officials of law-enforcement agencies and magistrates, who will perform duties during the June 17 elections, Sakhawat said: "Ministers, state ministers and high government officials have now enhanced their routine works in Chittagong. The Election Commission is embarrassed at their visits."

He said: "There will be no problem if they stop wheat distribution and visit to development works. If they don't pay heed to the request of the commission, law-enforcers won't allow them to enter the city."

Naming Jubo League, Chhatra League and Jubo Dal, he said no outsiders would be allowed to enter the city during the elections "because their entry can cause deterioration in law and order."

The commissioner came down heavily on the political parties for demanding resignation of commissioners in case of their defeat in polls.

He said coordination forces, comprised of army, police, Bangladesh Rifles, Rapid Action Battalion and Ansars, and led by magistrates would be deployed on June 14. "No law breaker will be spared."

Chittagong Metropolitan Police commissioner Moohammed Moniruzzman told the meeting that there were 222 vulnerable voting centers among the total 674 centres. The figure was 577 in the last polls.

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