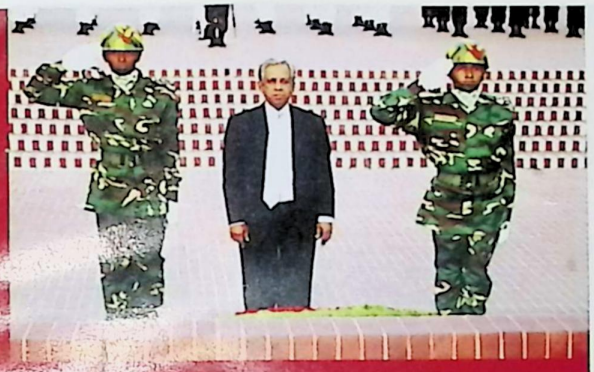
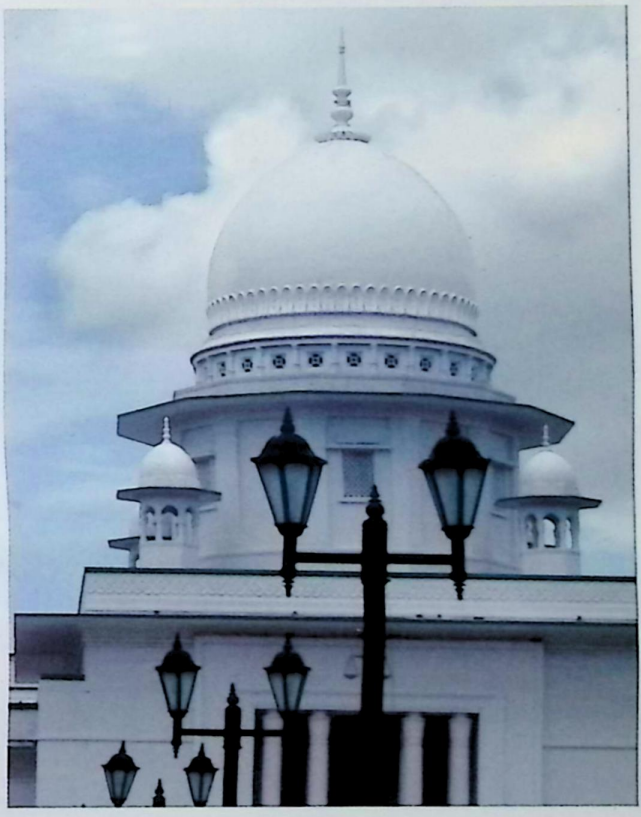


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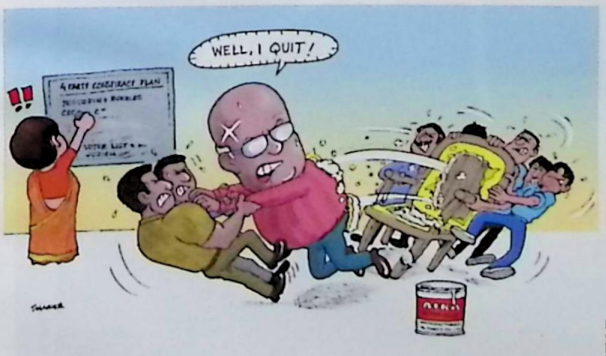
On January [illegible] Fakhruddin Ahmed, a former [illegible]adesh Bank, assumes the [illegible]er to the non-party caretaker [illegible] based on a consensus between the two major political alliances, marking the beginning of the reconstitution of the interim government. President Iajuddin Ahmed, who had declared a state of emergency across the country and resigned from the post of CA amid a growing political crisis over the parliamentary election, administers the oath of his successor at a ceremony in Bangabhaban Darbar Hall.

On January 16, the newly appointed caretaker government, in a landmark move publishes the gazette notifications of four rules relevant to separating the judiciary from the executive, after President Iajuddin Ahmed signs the documents of the four rules. The much-expected separation of the judiciary now requires only an amendment to the Code of Criminal Procedure as per the 12-point directive of the Supreme Court in 1999.



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On January 21, Justice MA Aziz resigns from the post of chief election commissioner to avert further political unrest in the country, citing a major political alliance's lack of confidence in him. Meanwhile, the Election Commission secretariat issues a notification officially cancelling holding of the ninth parliamentary election for the scheduled January 22.



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Police on launch a special drive to track down outlaws and other criminals and recover illegal arms in six districts in three divisions. Security is stepped up in the border areas to prevent the criminals and their godfathers from fleeing the country during the ongoing operation by the joint forces. This is part of a larger nation-wide crack down against corruption and designed to clean up Bangladesh.



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