



CANDIDATE'S INFO DISCLOSURE

SC dumps its own surprise order after courtroom chaos

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The Supreme Court (SC) in an unprecedented move yesterday recalled within three hours its verdict against collecting eight-point personal details of a parliamentary candidate amidst stubborn opposition from lawyers.

A four-member SC Bench headed by Chief Justice Syed JR

Mudassir Husain gave the verdict, overruling a High Court judgement to allow candidates not to submit personal and wealth statements to the Election Commission (EC).

The SC had earlier fixed yesterday for its judgement on the appeal of one Abu Safa who had filed it to overturn the HC verdict given on May 24 in 2005.

Disposing of a writ petition filed

by three lawyers, the HC had asked the EC to gather personal details like academic qualification, profession, source of income, criminal records and some other information about aspirants for contesting parliamentary polls and publish those to help voters choose their representatives properly.

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SHARIER KHAN

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President Iajuddin Ahmed, left, and Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed stand in silence after laying floral wreaths on the altar of the Central Shaheed Minar in the capital today.

Nation salutes
heroes of
Amar Ekushey

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

With the clock striking a minute past midnight, thousands of people barefoot and singing paid homage to supreme sacrifice of the Language Movement martyrs on this very day of 1952 in Dhaka.

President Iajuddin Ahmed led the nation in paying tributes by placing a wreath at the Central Shaheed Minar, the venue for centrepiece February 21 observance, at 12:01am today, followed by Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed, who paused in solemn silence.

Next came Speaker Jamir Uddin Sircar, Deputy Speaker Akther Hamid Siddique, Dhaka City Corporation Mayor Sadeque

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Only two submit
wealth statement
as deadline nears

*Mamun's brother claims to ACC
he has only Tk 10,000 furniture,
his gold costs Tk 1,000 a bhori*

JULFIKAR ALI MANIK

Since the Anti-corruption
Commission (ACC) had published
the list of 50 corruption suspects on
Sunday, giving them 72 hours for
submitting their wealth state-
ments, only two former lawmakers of
Jamaat and BNP made their

However, after submitting his
statement, former Jamaat law-
maker Shahjahan Chowdhury
literally fled from the ACC premises
when he came across journalists.

Fearing arrest, another corruption
suspect Hafiz Ibrahim, former
BNP parliamentarian and brother
of Giasuddin Al Mamun sent his

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People won't accept
extra-constitutional
government: Hasina

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Awami League (AL) President
Sheikh Hasina yesterday said
people would not accept any extra-
constitutional government and it
would not be logical to delay the
holding of the next elections in the
name of preparing national ID

cards.

"People want elections as early
as possible. They want a constitu-
tional government in the country.
They do not want extra-
constitutional government and they
will not allow it," she said, adding
that people want to practise their
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sion organised by the AL at the
Institution of Engineers
Bangladesh auditorium in the city
marking the Amar Ekushey today.

"We want the voter list prepared
with photographs. It will take a lot
of time to make voter or national ID
cards. The ID cards can be prepared
later. We wanted the ID cards and
we still want it," she said, adding
that people want to practise their
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Rejoinder

BNP Secretary General Abdul
Mannan Bhuiyan yesterday sent a
rejoinder to a story headlined "Ex-
private secretary spills graft beans
about Khaleda". The Daily Star
translated the interview of AHM
Nurul Islam that was published in
the daily Prothom Alo on Monday.

Mannan Bhuiyan in his rejoinder
said:

The daily Prothom Alo in its

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NOTICE

The Daily Star observes holiday
today on account of the Shaheed
Day and International Mother
Language Day. However, the
newspaper will come out tomorrow
(February 22) under special
arrangements. Today's issue
includes a 12-page supplement
to mark the observance of
February 21.

Dulu surrenders,
sent to jail

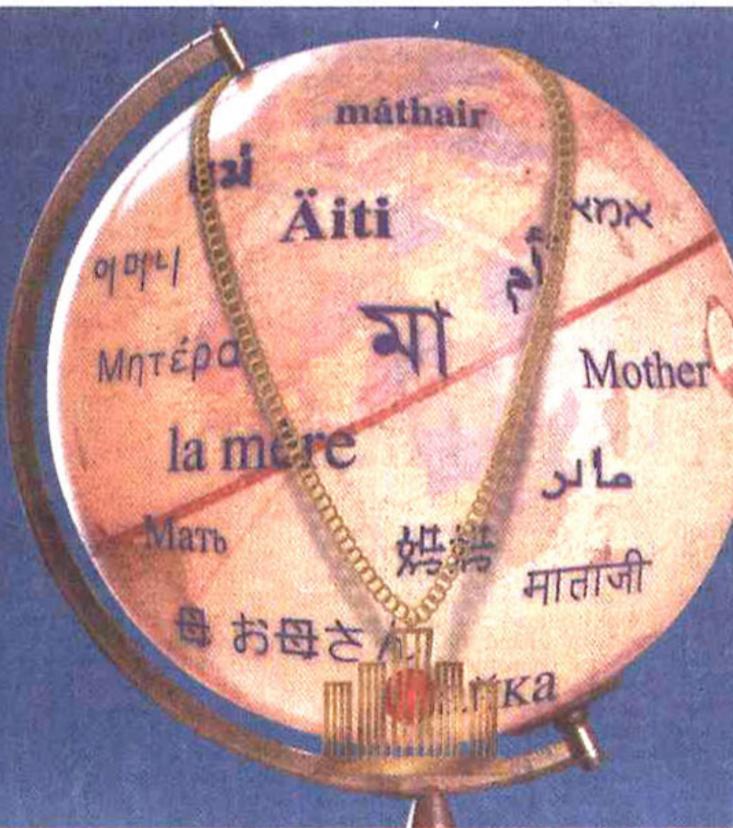
2,500 acres of illegally occupied land
recovered in Noakhali; relief goods
seized from Wadud Bhuiyan's house

STAR REPORT

BNP-led alliance rule and few other
businessmen.

Meanwhile, a special taskforce
seized about 3,000 jackets meant
for distributing as relief from the
house of former BNP lawmaker
Abdul Wadud Bhuiyan in
Khagrachhari yesterday, reports
our correspondent from there.

Besides, the joint forces arrested
1,621 people on various charges
and seized 13 firearms and 10
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সারা বিশ্বের অলংকার

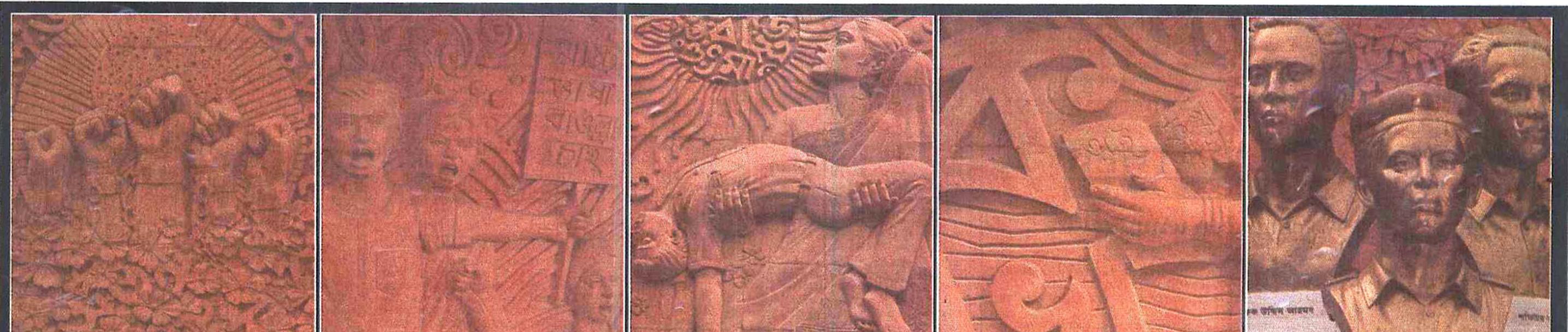
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