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## BNP reformists for curbing party chief's power

15-pt proposal seeks no role of Khaleda

SHAKHAWAT LITON and RAKIB HASNET SUMAN

The pro-reform BNP leaders yesterday unveiled a 15-point reform proposal including ones designed to stop Khaleda Zia from continuing in the post of chairperson.

Addressing a press conference at his Gulshan residence,

existing two years.

No one will be allowed to hold the apex post for more than two terms. This particular provision will be applicable also to those who have already been party chief for two terms or more than six years.

Once the proposal is incorporated in the party constitution, Khaleda Zia will have to stand down

as the chairperson since she has been holding the post for 23 years on the trot.

Also a former prime minister, she however welcomed the plans yesterday evening and said the national council will take decision after examining those.

Bhuiyan avoided a question

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BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan reveals the party's reform proposals at a press briefing at his Gulshan residence yesterday.

## Council has final say

Reacts Khaleda

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia yesterday welcomed any reform proposals from her party men and the people but said only the party council will take the final decision in this regard.

"I welcome all reform proposals from the party leaders, workers and people from all strata of life as well as Bangladeshis living abroad," she said in a statement issued just an hour after BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan announced intra-party reform proposals.

Goyeswar Chandra Ray, joint

## 15-pt proposal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Pro-form BNP leaders led by party Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan yesterday announced their 15-point reform proposal for the party. Following is the full text of the proposal:

1. The changes that are to be brought in the existing party structure.

a. There are provisions for village councils and village executive committees in Article 1 of Section 6 (a). To be added here: Formation of 31-member ward executive committee.

b. Sub-section a (10) of Article 6 empowers the chairman to nominate 10 per cent of members in all eight stages of leadership, from thana executive committee to the National Standing Committee. This section will be abolished.

c. Section 10 (c) of Article 6 authorises the chairman to

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## 2 more forest bosses held, 8 suspended

### STAR REPORT

The joint forces arrested two more top level forest officials yesterday on charges of graft in Chittagong and Moulvibazar as crackdown on corrupt forest department high-ups continues.

Meanwhile, the government yesterday suspended eight top level forest officials after their names had appeared on the list of corrupt government officials prepared by the joint forces based on information divulged by detained Chief Conservator of Forests (CCF) Osman Gani.

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Four of the suspended officials had been arrested on Sunday. They are Conservator of Forests (CF) of Central Circle Ali Kabir Haider, Divisional Forest Officer (DFO) Shamsul Azam, CF of Khulna Sheikh Mizanur Rahman, and DFO of Rangamati Asit Ranjan Pal.

The four others are Salahuddin Ahmed, CF of Barisal Circle, Kartik Chandra Sarkar, DFO of Social Forestry Division, Abdul Latif Mian, DFO of Dhaka, and Abu Hanif Pathway, DFO of Tangail.

The forest officials detained yesterday are DFO Jarful Hasan of Chittagong, and DFO Lashkar

Maksudur Rahman of Sylhet. On the same day the forces also searched the office of Dr Tapan Kumar Dey, a DFO also the chief of Wildlife Management And Nature Conservation Department at Sholoshahar of Chittagong.

During the raid the joint-forces seized over Tk 12.96 lakh kept in a cupboard and a bag in the chamber of Abul Al Amin Mohammad Malekuzzaman, a deputy ranger of the Sadar Range in Chittagong. The chamber is located in the same office. The raid was going on till 5:45pm.

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The ACC finalised the recommendations regarding this yesterday and it would soon be submitted to the cabinet division for the government's approval.

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