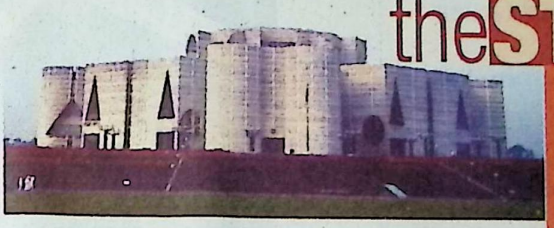
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What we want from the next government



As we ready ourselves for the next general elections what is on every voter's mind is: Will the next government live up to the expectations we have of it? It is an electorate eager to exercise their democratic right and thirsty for real change. Many of the seasoned political parties may find that such expectations to be a little overwhelming, considering their long track record of failing to deliver and getting away with it. But they should also feel a great deal humbled by the fact that people still prefer democracy to any other form of governance, that they still have faith in the very parties that have often let them down, enough faith to give them yet another chance.

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Getting the Impossible Done



In an exclusive interview with The Star, Major General Md Shafiqul Islam, ndc, psc, Military Secretary of the Bangladesh Army, which has co-managed the Bangladesh Voter Registration Project with the Election Commission, talks about how the dream of a flawless voter list has come true.

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