"But I said Bangladesh army would neither follow our neighbours nor our predecessors. We won't declare martial law."

Gen MOEEN U AHMED
army chief
saying many people, foreign diplomats in particular, came to him in 2006 to know when he was going to declare martial law.

As the court thinks we are able to do it, we will do it. We are superhuman and have supernatural power.

ATM SHAMSUL HUDA
chief election commissioner.
Asked if it was possible to re-print the ballot papers in time in 17 constituencies after the High Court declared valid the candidacy of 17 candidates whose nomination the EC had cancelled.

"The caretaker government and the Election Commission both have lost their neutrality. Despite that, we are contesting the election as the government has fulfilled our demands."

KHALEDA ZIA
Bangladesh Nationalist Party chief.

Terrorists attacked me time and again and BNP-Jamaat alliance government patronised the attackers.

SHEIKH HASINA
Awami League chief
after newspaper reports were published about possible assassination attempt on her life. Hasina has escaped numerous attempts on her life, the most vicious of which happened on August 21, 2004, when grenades were lobbed at the podium while she was giving a speech in downtown Dhaka.

"I have always strived to work for the country. Along the way, I might have made mistakes with or without knowledge and hurt some people. I beg pardon for that..."

HM ERSHAD
former dictator and chairperson of Jatya Party
in a televised speech to the nation in the run-up to the elections. Ershad usurped power in a bloodless coup in 1982 and was deposed in 1990 in a mass upsurge that witnessed the restoration of democracy.

"We don't know if the pledges will be translated into reality, but if so, they will help us greatly in discharging our responsibilities in curbing corruption."

Colonel HANIF IQBAL
spokesperson
Anti-Corruption Commission.