Military takeover

principles, secularism and socialism had been replaced with "absolute trust and faith in the Almighty Allah and social-

ism meaning economic and

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social justice". Though Zia kept the other two principles--"democracy" and "nationalism"--he omitted article 9 which defined nationalism as "Bangalee Nationalism.

Then in article 6, he had included the line "The citizens of Bangladesh shall be known as Bangladeshis" in place of "The citizens of Bangladesh shall be known as Bangalee".

About nationalism, the top court said since it is a political issue, "parliament is to take decision in this regard".

It however retained article 6, citing wider public interest.

Attorney General Mahbubey Alam told The Daily Star the SC verdict means now there is no legal bar to getting back to the fundamental principles of the original constitution except nationalism. He said the words Bismillah-

Ar-Rahman-Ar-Rahim will continue to be in the preamble to the constitution, as the court did not say anything in that

Besides, he reasoned, the words are in the preamble, not in the main part of the constitu-

Replying to a query, he said there's no way the fourth amendment, which had introduced one-party system BAKSAL, will return as the 12th amendment has already dispensed with that amendment. Asked if the words "Islam as

state religion" contradict secuarism, Law Minister Shafique Ahmed yesterday said those too might be struck out if anybody challenges the eighth amendment in the HC. Former military strongman

HM Ershad added the eighth amendment to the constitution

Queried if parliament can get rid of that, he said parliament can do it, but it better be done through the apex court.

The Supreme Court judgment came on February 2 this year in response to two petitions for permission to contest the HCverdict.

Of the petitions, one was filed by BNP Secretary General Khandaker Delwar Hossain and the other by three SC lawyers--Tajul Islam, Kamruzzaman Bhuiyan and Munshi Ahsan Kabir--on May 25 last year. The HC delivered its water-

shed verdict on August 29, 2005, following a writ petition. Masudul Alam on behalf of

Bangladesh Italian Marble Works Company (BIMWC) filed the petition to reclaim a cinema hall the company lost during the military rule. The SC has made a number

of observations and a few modifications to the HC judgment. Regarding nationalism, it

said, "...though we expressed the view that [it] being political issue, parliament is to take decision in this regard, but if in place of 'Bangladeshi' the word Bangalee' is substituted in terms of the judgment and order of the High Court Division, then all passports, identity cards, nationality certificates issued by the Government and other pre-

UK, India

FROM PAGE 16 Sources in Cameron's entouage also said London had decided to start granting licences to its civil nuclear firms to export to India, opening up prospects of deals potentially worth billions. The move follows in Washington's lead and is intended to build trust with India to help business ties.

"I want this to be a relationship which drives economic growth upwards and drives our unemployment figures downwards," Cameron said in a speech to young Indian business leaders at the hightech Infosys campus in

Bangalore. VAT on tuition

ROM PAGE 1 Nahid also said there will be no VAT on tuition fees of the students of private universities as the finance minister

announced to withdraw it within a week. He also urged the students

to concentrate on their stud-

The government imposed 4.5 percent VAT on tuition fees

at the private universities in the current fiscal year. Protesting this, students of private universities took to the

streets on Monday and Tuesday in the city demanding withdrawal of the VAT. They demonstrated at Banani and Mohakhali in the

city putting barricades on the Airport Road at Kakoli causing sufferings to the city dwellers. Police picked up seven students in this connection

from the spot on Tuesday but freed them on undertakings yesterday, Deputy Commissioner (Gulshan Circle) AKM Hafiz Akhter told The Daily Star.

scribed authorities, certificates issued by educational institutions, visa forms and other related documents of the government will have to be

changed, reprinted or reissued. "Moreover, the Bangladeshi nationals who will return to Bangladesh as well as those travelling abroad will also face serious complications with the immigration authorities abroad.

"Apart from the above and other hackles and harassments, this change of the nationality would also cost millions from the public exchequer. So for wider public interest the substituted Article 6 is to be retained."

The "substituted" article 6 states, "The citizens of Bangladesh shall be known as Bangladeshis".

The SC condoned some actions of the martial law administrations saying that "all executive acts, things and deeds done and actions taken during the period from 15th August 1975 to 9th April, 1979 which are past and closed; the actions not derogatory to the rights of the citizens; all acts during that period which tend to advance or promote the welfare of the people; all routine works done during the above period which even the lawful government could have done.

It said, "We emphasise each of our generation must be taught, educated and informed about those dark days: the easiest way of doing this is to recognise our errors of the past and reflect this sentiments in our judgment. This will ensure that the sovereignty of 'we, the people of Bangladesh' is preserved forever as a 'pole star'.

"We are of the view that in the spirit of the Preamble and also Article 7 of the Constitution the Military Rule, direct or indirect, is to be shunned once

"Let it be made clear that Military Rule was wrongly justified in the past and it ought not to be justified in future on any ground, principle, doctrine or theory whatsoever as the same is against the dignity, honour and glory of the nation that it achieved after great sacrifice."

The judgment continued, "It is against the dignity and honour of the people of Bangladesh who are committed to uphold the sovereignty and integrity of the nation by all means.

"It is also against the honour of each and every soldier of the Armed Forces who are oath bound to bear true faith and allegiance to Bangladesh and uphold the Constitution which embodies the will of the people, honestly and faithfully to serve Bangladesh in their respective services and also see that the Constitution is upheld, it is not kept in suspension, abrogated, it is not subverted, it is not mutilated, and to say the least it is not held in abeyance and it is not amended by any authority not competent to do so under the Constitution.

Boy killed tor ransom

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Gaibandha

Kidnappers killed a six-year old boy for ransom in Khamar Pitgacha village under Gaibandha Sadar upazila of the district Tuesday.

Police recovered the body of Tasin buried under water hyacinth in a marshy land yesterday morning.

After Tasin's kidnapping, his grandfather Nazrul Islam filed a general diary with Gaibandha sadar police station and made

wide publicity in the area. Local people along with Shahpara union Chairman Mahabubur Rahman Tulu caught three suspects Jahid, Pavel and Rubel in the area and handed them over to police.

According to their confessional statement, police recovered the body.

They abducted Tasin from his grandfather's house in the village on Tuesday at around 11:00am and demanded Tk 10 lakh as ransom, police said.

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Officials said rescuers searching for survivors were digging through the rubble with their bare hands. The crash site, on a steep hill, has no roads.

"The plane is totally destroyed, the pieces and parts scattered over a large distance. Some parts of the plane are still burning. Some bushes have been burnt," said Express 24/7 television journalist Sabur Ali Sayed at the scene.

Aamir Ali Ahmed, a senior city government official, told Reuters news agency: "It's a very difficult operation because of the rain. Most of the bodies are charred. We're sending body-bags via helicop-

Airblue spokesman Raheel Ahmed told reporters that the crash was "an extremely tragic incident", adding that an investigation was being launched.

Shab-e-Barat as one of the three most sacred nights and believe that on this night Almighty Allah writes the fate of all human beings fixing their 'rizq' (livelihood) for the coming year. The Muslims on this night

fateha for peace of the departed souls of their near and dear ones. They also visited the mazars of saints in Dhaka and elsewhere in the country and

distributed food and sweets

visited the graveyards to offer

among the neighbours and the poor. Islamic Foundation Bangladesh and other socioreligious organisations arranged Quran khwani, waz mahfils, milad and zikr, to

observe the day. Bangladesh Television, Bangladesh Betar, private television channels and radio stations aired special programmes, while newspapers published special articles highlighting the significance of Shab-e-Barat.

Meanwhile, President Zillur Rahman and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina greeted all Muslims in the country and elsewhere in the world on the occasion of the holy Shab-e-Barat. Opposition Leader and

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia also greeted all Muslims in the country and elsewhere in the world on the occasion. In separate messages on the eve of the holy occasion

they prayed for peace, prog-

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ress and prosperity of all.

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to why the seventh amendment to the constitution should not be adjudged ille-

It had come up with the rule after hearing the writ petition filed by Siddique Ahmed, convicted of murder and sentenced to life imprisonment by a martial law court in Chittagong in 1986. While talking to The Daily

Star, Law Minister Shafique Ahmed said the seventh amendment of the constitution could have the same fate as the fifth amendment.

The seventh amendment ratified the proclamation of martial law and other regulations, orders and instructions by Ershad between March 24 1982, and November 10, 1986. Ershad, then chief of army

staff, declared himself chie martial law administrator and imposed martial law on March 24, 1982.

Siddique, in his petition, said martial law and the rules and orders under it are illegal in view of the basic framework of Bangladesh's consti-He prayed for a direction

upon the government to arrange retrial of the case in which he was convicted and sentenced.

In response, the HO granted him a six-month bai and had issued the rule upon the government.

Special body

released Tuesday evening.

"We will examine all consequences of both the verdicts. A study group might be formed to this end," Suranjit told The Daily Star.

Suranjit, also chief of the parliamentary standing committee on the law justice and parliamentary affairs ministry, said the Supreme Court in its verdict also recommended taking punitive actions against those responsible for declaring martial law and

suspending the constitution. "A law should be enacted to ensure punishment. The committee will be considering recommending that the House introduce a law to this

effect," he said. He said at the first meeting the committee would also decide its code of procedure

for functioning. Formed on July 21 without representation of opposition parties like BNP and Jamaat-e-Islami, the 15 member special committee led by Deputy Leader of the House Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury has already declared its six aims and objectives.

The aims and objectives of the review and amendment committee are: restoration of the people's sovereign power; upholding and preservation of the spirit of the Liberation War; implementation of ruling Awami League-led grand alliance's electoral pledges; realisation of the people's mandate expressed in the last parliamentary election; implementation of the apex court's verdict that declared the fifth amendment illegal; and blocking the way for usurpation of state power.

Shab-e-Barat Parties using

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allows every citizen to form associations or unions subject to any reasonable restrictions imposed by law in the interest of morality or public order. But during the first martial

law regime began after brutal assassination of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the proviso of article 38 was omitted opening the door again for political parties based on religion.

The proviso said no person shall have the right to form, or be a member or otherwise take part in the activities of, any communal or other association or union which in the name or on the basis of any religion has for its object, or pursues, a political purpose.

The law minister said this proviso was restored in the constitution following the Appellate Division's decision. He said article 12 of the original constitution of 1972, which was omitted during the first martial law, was also restored. Article 12 deals with the

principle of secularism. It says the principle of secularism shall be realised by examination of -- (a) communalism in all its forms (b) the granting by the state of political status in favour of any religion (c) the abuse of religion for political purpose; any discrimination against, or persecution of, persons practising a particular religion.

Referring to the ban, Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Shafique Ahmed said all political parties and organisations would have to carry out their activities following the constitutional provisions.

"Carrying out activities of any political party based on religion is now punishable offence under the special powers act," the law minister told The Daily Star over phone. According to the Special

Powers Act, 1974, the government may ban any political party or organisation if it contravenes the provision of the law. The government can also forfeit its property and

Any person who, after the dissolution of an association or union under the special powers act, holds himself out as a member or office bearer of that association or union, or acts for, or otherwise takes

Joynul files

the notice to Joynul Abedin, asking him to submit wealth statements within a week.

He filed the writ petition with the HC on July 25.

Advocate Ahsanul Karim, a lawyer for Joynul, on Tuesday told The Daily Star that the ACC has issued the notice to his client without conducting any inquiry into his wealth, which is mandatory as per the rules of ACC law.

Former justice Joynul Abedin was chief of the onemember judicial enquiry committee formed by the BNP-Jamaat alliance government in 2004 to conduct probe into the August 21 grenade attack on the then opposition leader Sheikh Hasina.

DMP bans rallies

FROM PAGE 16 Road at Kakali and Banani intersections for over four hours at noon, causing severe sufferings to the passengers and city dwellers

At least 30 persons, including 12 policemen, were injured when the students clashed with police turning the area into a

battlefield. Hundreds of vehicles remained stranded triggering heavy tailbacks on the roads. Panic gripped the passengers when the protesting students

went berserk. Earlier on Monday students staged violent demonstrations at Mohakhali intersection demanding cancellation of VAT and damaged some vehicles. Police dispersed them charging batons.

Witnesses said students of East West University, Prime Asia University, North South University, American International University of Bangladesh, Dhaka International University and some other universities took part in the demonstration protesting the government decision imposing 4.5 percent VAT on admission, tuition and otherfees.

Deputy Commissioner (Gulshan) of police AKM Hafiz Akhter said, "We tried our best to settle the issue through discussions, but we failed as the students were unruly," adding that they were forced to charge baton and lob teargas canisters to free the road. Police picked up seven

theVAT.

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cost of Tk 114 crore of which

Tk 19 crore will be provided by

said the buses would run in

the capital and steps would be

taken to maintain the buses

project, some 100 CNG buses

have already been procured

to the Ecnec meeting, the

BRTC chairman apprised the

PM that some 55 double-

decker buses have so far been

repaired and another 200

approved in the meeting

include Baniachang-Nabiganj

road construction project

under the Roads and Railways

Division at Tk 47 crore,

Ashashuni-Paikgachha road

development project including

construction of Manikkhali

Bridge under the Roads and

Railways Division at Tk 67 crore

and water supply development

project in Khulna Metropolis

under the Local Government

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Khandaker, Agriculture

Minister Matia Chowdhury,

Labour and Employment

Minister Engr Khandaker

Mosharraf Hossain, Water

Resources Minister Ramesh

Chandra Sen, Commerce

Minister Faruk Khan

Communications Minister

Syed Abul Hossain, Shipping

Minister Shahjahan Khan and

advisers to the PM were pres-

Jessore river

Earlier, the district adminis-

tration at the directive of the

ministry had prepared a

report on the condition of the

river, which had been on lease

Jessore Sadar upazila nirbahi

officer identified the

Mukteshwari as "ineffective

on the process of leasing the

river on June 20 when both

Land Secretary Atharul Islam

and Jessore Deputy

Commissioner Nurul Amin

assured that no river would be

not know anything about the

ministry's decision, while

Land Secretary Atharul Islam

could not be reached immedi-

Over the years, fish enclo-

During rainy season, sili

sures have contributed to a

huge buildup of silt on the

deposits cause the

Mukteshwari to flood, causing

sufferings to thousands of

people living in villages on the

affected villagers requested

the district administration not

to allow fish farming anymore

as it damages their crop and

found that the river at several

points shrunk to 10 metres

from once 50 metres due to

seen at no less than 20 points

blocking boat-plying an

locals' access to the river.

Bamboo-made fences were

The ministry, however, did

not take any decision over

leasing of 22.03 acres of river

between Dhakuria and

Brahmapur, which has been

The district administration

'No matter which party is

had the leasing authority

before the land ministry took

up the responsibility this year.

in power, the lease goes on,

and so does fish farming. The

lease has always benefited

individuals with ruling party

association," said Mazid

Hossain, a resident of Vekutia.

Dutch-Bangla Bank and

Pubali Bank, Tk 5.16 lakh was

And Tk 3.82 lakh was found

in two Islami Bank joint

BB detects

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turned into a fish enclosure.

earth-filling over the years.

During a field visit, it was

homesteads.

In November last year, the

DC Nurul Amin said he did

The report prepared by the

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leased out.

river.

Finance Minister AMA

Division at a cost of Tk 44 crore.

The three other projects

buses are under repair.

and are plying in the capital.

Of the 290 buses under the

According to sources close

Replying to a question, he

punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three years, or with fine, or with both, says the law. Islamic political parties and organisations have mush-

roomed in the country since the constitutional ban on them was repealed during the first martial law. The intelligence agencies'

records show existence and activities of about 100 Islamic political parties and organisations since repeal of the ban and many of them emerged as militant outfits. Only around 11 Islamic

political parties were active between 1964 and 1971. At least eight Islamic political parties including

Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami got registration with the Election Commission (EC) as parliamentary parties before the last general elections. When his attention was drawn to it, the law minister said these political parties

their action to this end. Contacted by The Daily Star yesterday over phone, Election Commissioner Muhammed Sohul Hussein said EC will decide about the matter after going through the verdict of the Appellate Division.

should be deregistered now.

He suggested communicating

with the EC to learn about

Chowdhury from leaving for New York last night.

Mobin, a former foreign secretary, told The Daily Star that immigration police prevented him from leaving the country for not having clearance from the authorities concerned.

Asked if they had any written order, police personnel said they received verbal instruction in this regard, Mobin said.

An immigration official preferring anonymity, confirmed the incident but declined to elaborate any fur-

Mobin said he was scheduled to fly by a Singapore Air Lines flight at 11:55pm to attend the second annual meeting of international civil service commission in New York.

He said he is one of the mem bers of the commission.

The BNP leader is now on ar interim bail for two months in a case filed in connection with torching vehicles on June 26, the day before the party's country-

wide hartal. Police arrested him from Mohakhali in the capital during the daylong hartal on June 27.

Sale of plots

Earlier, the petitioners had served legal notices with their copies to the presidents of Newspaper Owners Association of Bangladesh, Bangladesh Sangbadpatra Parishad and TV

Owners Association. Respondents to the writ petition include Rajuk, secretar ies to the ministries of land, environment and forest, and information, director general of the Department of Environment, presidents of Real Estate and Housing Association of Bangladesh and Bangladesh Land Developers

Association. Barrister Fida M Kamal, Iqbal Kabor and Razik-Al-Jalil appeared for the petitioners. The deputy attorney general

represented the government. Factory worker

Police have yet to arrest the accused killers but picked up Abdur Rahim, a worker of the factory in Ananda Bazar, where the killing took place.

Rahim told The Daily Star that Zakir called Sumon at the factory in Ananda Bazar around 2:30am yesterday and asked him to return the money. Soon, they locked into brawl as Sumon refused to pay back At one stage of the brawl,

Zakir asked Rahim to go for his fazr prayer to a nearby mosque. On his return, he found Sumon's body lying amid blood stream, and that Zakir and his aide were gone. On information, Shahbag police recovered the body at around 6:00am and sent it to

the Dhaka Medical College

College. Morgue for autopsy, Rezaul Moreover, Tk 10.34 lakh Karim, officer-in-charge of was found in two Prime Bank Shahbag Police Station said. and NCC Bank accounts of Sumon's father Zangu another accused, assistant Mian said his son came to teacher at Lalmonirhat Dhaka with Tk 9,000 on Governmet High school Tuesday with an intention to Matiar Rahman. sell shoes on footpath.

Central bank sources said He alleged that the killers the bank sent these information to investigating agencies concerned on Tuesday.

According to law, the BB can freeze the accounts for another 30 days. After that the government will have to take steps in this regard.

Mannan Bhuiyan

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and due respect. He left his wife Mariam Begum and two sons--Bhuiyan Anindya Mohaimen Rajon and Bhuiyan Nandito Nahiyan Swajon.

Thousand of people from a broad spectrum thronged Bhuiyan's burial spot to pay last tribute to the freedom fighter who declared this very district a free zone during the Liberation War. Leaders of different political

parties recalled Bhuiyan's contribution to the nation saying that he was a progressive politician with sagacity and principle who played vital roles in all democratic move-Bhuiyan's body was taken

to his village after two namaj-ejanazas in Dhaka. The first janaza was held at the south plaza of Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban at 11:20 am. Chief Whip Abdus Shahid, on behalf of Prime Minister

coffin covered with the national flag. BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia in a condolence message expressed deep shock over the demise of Bhuiyan, the longest serving secretary general of her party. However, no wreath was placed on the coffin on behalf of the opposition leader.

Khaleda Zia did not visit ailing former minister Bhuiyan during his last 21-day stay in the hospital.

Information minister Abul Kalam Azad, Labour and Employment Minister Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain, Shipping Minister Shahjahan Khan, and MPs Tofail Ahmed, Hasanul Huq Inu, Rashed Khan Menon, Moudud Ahmed, MK Anwar among others, attended the first janaza.

Chief Whip Abdus Shahid said Mannan Bhuiyan was not only a good human being but also a good politician and parliamentarian. BNP standing committee

member MK Anwar said

'Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan was

and stagnant except for the an honest and sincere politician and a man of principle." The ministry sought the Workers Party President report as the previous lease of Rashed Khan Menon said the river expired in April this Mannan Bhuiyan was a progressive and pro-democracy The Daily Star ran a report politician. The nation will

> bution. Bhuiyan's second namaj-ejanaza was held at Baitul Mukarram national mosque after Zohr prayer. Former presidents Abdur

remember him for his contri-

Rahman Biswas and Prof AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury, BNP Secretary General Khandaker Delwar Hossain, Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain, Salauddin Quader Chowdhury, Nazrul Islam Khan, DCC Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka, Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University AAMS Arefin Siddique, CPB president Manjurul Ahsan Khan and its General Secretary Mujahidul Islam Selim, former minister Abdul Matin Khashru and ZA Khan, among others, attended

the janaza at Baitul Mukarram. BNP Secretary General Khandaker Delwar Hossain said, "Mannan Bhuiyan is now above everything. The nation will always remember him for his contribution in the political

Later, an ambulance carried

Wrongdoers

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as senior leaders of Bangladesh Swechchhasebak League went to meet the PM on the occasion of the organisation's 16th founding anniversary.

Reacting to certain remarks BNP leader Salahuddin Qader Chowdhury MP made on Monday about amendments to the Constitution, she said, "Some people are trying to frighten me with the consequences similar to my father. I would like to ask these people who are speaking like this and trying to mislead the public to look back to their past."

this country did not forget the role they had played during 1971. "It's a futile exercise to try to scare me," she said, recalling the planting of 70-80 kgs of bombs at Kotalipara and subsequent grenade attacks to kill her.

Hasina said the people of

"But, the Almighty Allah saved me. As long as Allah would keep me alive none will accounts of accused Mahfuzur Rahman, principal | be able to cause any harm to of Kishoreganj Women's me," she said. The premier said the evil

quarter is trying to frighten her to foil the government's move to try the war criminals and implement the Supreme Court verdict declaring illegal the fifth amendment of the constitution. "But no fear or threat would

deter me from performing the

sacred duty to try the war

criminals and implement the

apex court verdict."

spoke on the occasion.

ment. Swechchhasebak League leaders Mollah Abu Kawsar and Pankaj Devnath also

Bhuiyan's coffin to his village where his last janaza was held at Shibpur Shaheed Asad College, the institution founded by the late leader. Post a n d

Telecommunications Minister Rajiuddin Razu, former minister M Morshed Khan, DCC Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka, local Awami League MP Jahirul Huq Mohan, Narsinghdi Municipality Chairman Lokman Hosain and Sadar Upazila Chairman Manzur Chowdhury, among others, paid their last tribute to the veteran politician there.

A police team led by Assistant Police Superintendent Asaduddin Bhuiyan gave a guard of honour to the freedom fighter in presence of administration officials including deputy commissioner of Narsingdi.

Meanwhile, leaders of different political parties in separate statements conveyed their deep shock and condolences to the bereaved family. Sheikh Hasina and Speaker of Jamaat-e-Islami acting

the House Abdul Hamid, Ameer Makbul Ahmad and its placed wreath on Bhuiyan's acting secretary general ATM Azharul Islam, Jatiya Party (Manju) President Anwar Hossain Manju and its Secretary General Sheikh Shahidul Islam, Tarikat Federation Chairman Syed Najibul Bashar Maizvandari and its Secretary General Syed Rezaul Haque, Bangabandhu Sangskritik Jote General Secretary Tarana Halim MP, among others, expressed sympathy over Bhuiyan's

> BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia in her message said the demise of Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan created a vacuum in the country's political arena. Paying tribute to the late leader she said Bhuiyan was a

patriotic freedom fighter and

galant politician who achieved

KHALEDA'S CONDOLENCE

a place in the national politics overcoming many odds. Khaleda prayed for the eternal peace of the departed soul of Bhuiyan and conveyed deep sympathy to the bereaved

family. 2 HC judges'

Huq as chairman and Justice ATM Fazle Kabir as member of the Tribunal. Justice AKM Zaheer Ahmad is the third member of the tribunal.

Attorney General Mahbubey Alam said the chairman and members of the tribunal could perform their duties, as there remains no bar.

Barrister Abdur Razzaq, a

central leader of Jamaat-e-Islami and counsel for petitioners, told The Daily Star that they would file an appeal with the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court to overturn the HCorder.

Nawab Ali, a pro-Jamaat-e-Islami lawyer, and AFM Solaiman Chowdhury, a former secretary, jointly filed the writ petition with the HC on July 11 stating that as per the provision of the constitution, sitting HC judges cannot hold any other

Ban to face

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office of the republic.

country like Bangladesh,' Islami Oikyo Jote (IOJ) Chairman Fazlul Haq Amini told The Daily Star yesterday. Any conspiracy against

Islam will not be tolerated, he said. The High Court in 2005 declared the fifth amendment illegal and the Appellate

this year. Full text of the ruling was released on Tuesday. The political parties will sit together soon to discuss the

Division upheld the HC ruling

with some modifications early

issue and try to come up with a resolution, said the leaders. IOJ General Secretary Abdul Latif Nezami said the like-minded parties have already started communicating with each other to set a common strategy against such

Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami ATM Azharul Islam said the government is hatching a conspiracy to ban Islambased politics in the name of restoring the 1972 constitu-An ill effort is on to create

an extreme political crisis

programmes after discussing

with their legal experts, said

the constitutional amend-

Acting Secretary General of

through banning the parties, he said at a press briefing at the party central office in the capital yesterday. Islami Shashantantra Andolan is observing the situation and would set their

Monirul Islam, information and research secretary of the Shafiq Uddin, secretary general of Khelafat Majlish, said it is not clear yet whether the religion-based political parties would be banned by

"We will comply with the tence," he said.

constitution and rule of the country to keep our exis-