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SC reigns supreme

Acts commendably on all sorts of disputes, but many of its directives gather dust

ASHUTOSH SARKAR

In the last two years the Supreme Court drew much attention for its role in ensuring justice in larger public interest on a wide range of issues.

From correcting the wrongful distortion of the country's liberation war history to righting the wrongs done to the nation's constitution, it boldly stepped forward to the rescue.

The highest court intervened whenever the executive branch of the state failed to stop illegal grabbing of land and rivers, violation of human rights, sexual harassment of women, and pollution of the environment.

Experts however observed that intervention by the highest court on dozens of

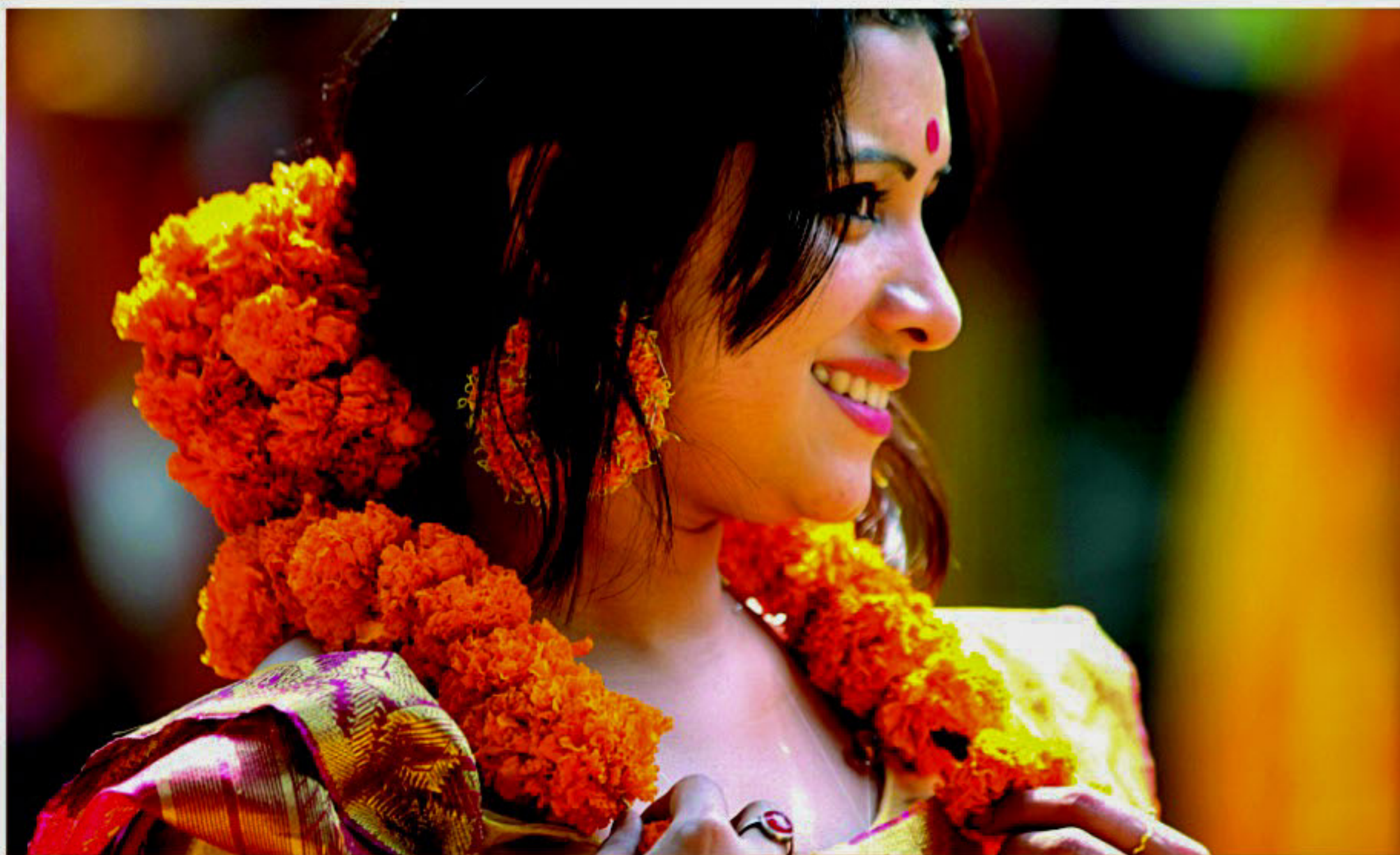
such issues might not have been required had the executive branch been capable enough to provide remedy to the victims.

And question still remains whether the executive is really delivering remedy to the people in compliance with the rulings of the court. In many cases a positive scenario is yet to be visible.

The apex court earned praise and respect for declaring the country's past military regimes illegal, and striking off the fifth and seventh amendments to the constitution.

The judges also asked the government to probe into the military takeovers by slain president Ziaur Rahman and the ousted military ruler HM Ershad. The court ruled that Ershad could be tried for

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SPRING IS HERE... A girl in traditional attire joins the Pahela Falgun celebrations at the Institute of Fine Arts of Dhaka University yesterday.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ



Language movement fund raised on Flag Day

SYED BADRUL AHSAN

The language movement gathered pace over the next few days.

On February 11 and 13, 1952, what was called a Flag Day was organised, with students selling flags and posters and so raising funds in favour of the movement. A panic-stricken government,

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Independence proclamation to be part of constitution

SHAKHAWAT LITON

The historic proclamation of the independence in 1971, considered as the interim constitution of Bangladesh, will finally be made part of the country's supreme charter after

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Tigers stuck, fans too kept waiting

SPORTS REPORTER

When thousands of fans queued up for opening ceremony tickets across Dhaka and while Shoaib Akhtar was speaking his heart out in Sheraton, the big news was of the national cricketers being stranded in Chittagong yesterday. That the

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Businesses offer help in price control

UNB, Dhaka

The business leaders have promised to provide all-out support to the government in keeping the prices of essentials within the commoners' reach.

The assurance came from

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Keep highways clear

HC asks cops to free roads of markets, shops up to 20km from Dhaka city, asks for compliance report in 2 weeks

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday ordered the police authorities to take immediate steps for removal of all shops, markets and bazars on the highways within 20 kilometres of the capital to ease traffic congestion and prevent road accidents.

It also ordered the authorities to ensure

that no animal stays on the highways.

An HC bench comprised of Justice Mohammad Momtazuddin Ahmed and Justice Gobinda Chandra Tagore issued a rule that also contained a set of other directives.

The superintendents of police of Dhaka, Naryanganj, Gazipur and

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Muggers shoot one dead

Tk 36 lakh looted

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Muggers shot dead one person and injured another at the capital's Badda and Gandaria yesterday. They took away about Tk 36 lakh in total.

The deceased, Shamsul Islam, 50, was an employee of Satarkul Rice

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