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Bangladesh opens account against SA in the battle of A's

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# Politics denied any change

Ruling AL fails to live up to its poll pledge for change in political culture; BNP sticks to traditional negative opposition politics

SHAKHAWAT LITON

The Awami League-led government has yet to move to formulate a code of conduct for political parties and take consensual steps against the culture of boycotting parliament.

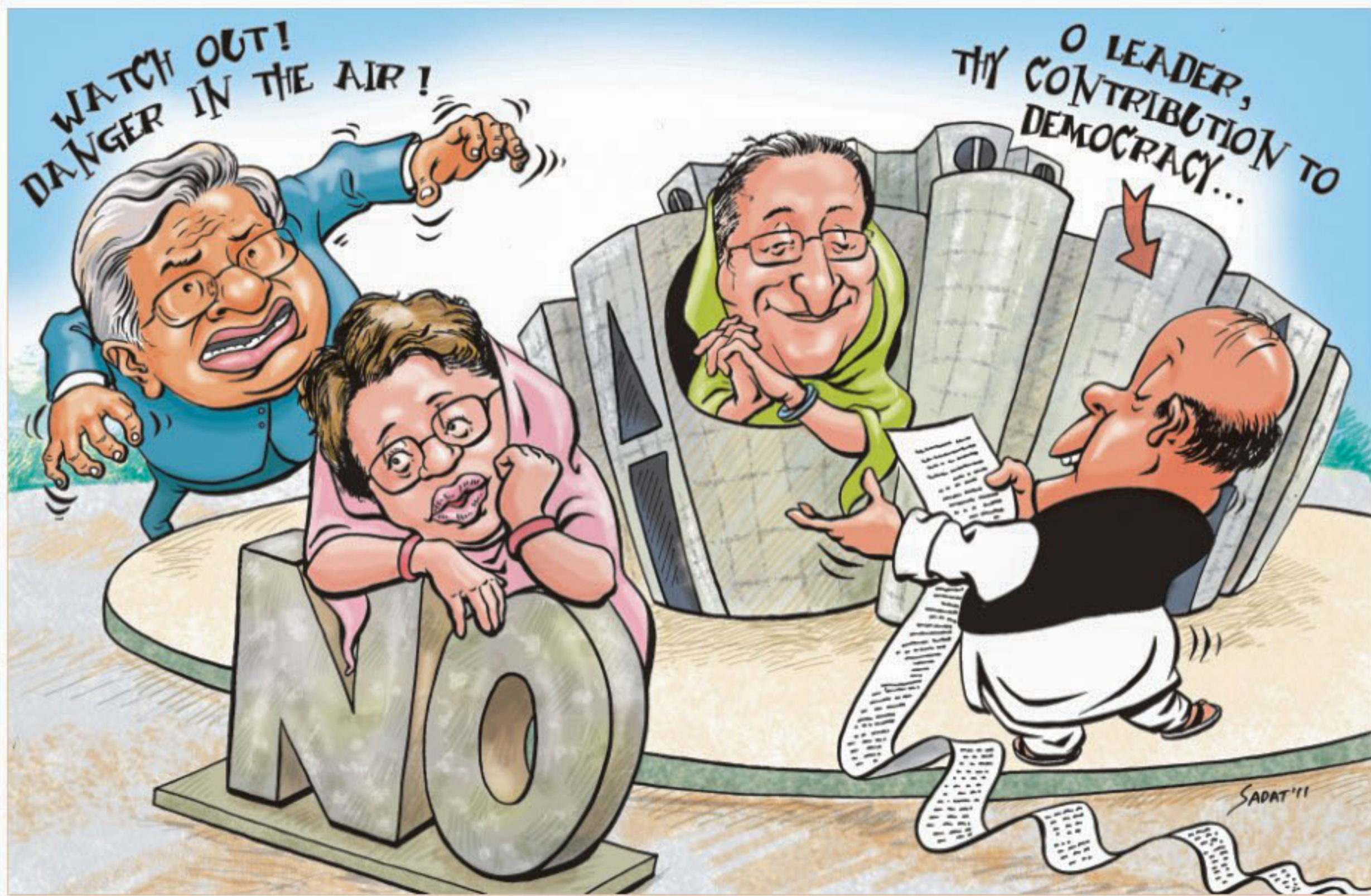
It also has yet to make it mandatory to hold discussions on important national issues in the House.

AL in its electoral manifesto in 2008 and in its party manifesto, amended in 2009,

promised to do so, to bring changes to the country's pervasive culture of confrontation in politics, and to establish good governance.

But frequent boycott of parliament by BNP-led opposition parties despite BNP's strong position against such practices in its last electoral manifesto, treasury bench's refusal to hold discussions on important national issues in the House, and strong animosity between

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## CONSTITUTION TALKS Hasina, Khaleda get letter

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The parliamentary special committee on constitution amendment yesterday sent invitations to the chiefs of the ruling Awami League and Jatiya Party, and the main opposition BNP to join talks on potential changes to the republic's charter.

A delegation of parliament secretariat officials led by Joint Secretary Mohammad Hossain handed over the invitation letters to the office bearers

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## WAR CRIMES No bail for Sayedee

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal yesterday rejected a bail petition filed by Jamaat leader Delwar Hossain Sayedee in connection with war crimes.

The tribunal also fixed today for the hearing on

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## Kaler Kantho resorted to yellow journalism

Press Council declares its news items linking Prothom Alo editor with Aug 21 grenade attack false, fabricated, motivated

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Press Council has declared false and fabricated the daily Kaler Kantho reports about Prothom Alo Editor Matiur Rahman being involved in the August 21,

2004 grenade attack.

It issued a warning against Kaler Kantho.

After hearing lengthy deliberations of

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## ANTI-GOVT AGITATION BNP's crucial talks Saturday

RAKIB HASNET SUMAN

BNP's National Executive Committee (NEC) sits on Saturday to discuss upcoming anti-government programmes and organisational matters while most decisions of the previous NEC meet remain unimplemented.

Presidents and general

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## Draw up plan, save workers

PM's call at opening of Colombo Process consultation

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said the prevailing Libyan crisis has called for formulating effective contingency planning and mechanism to deal with migrant workers in

emergency situation.

"In Libya, migrant workers were the first victims of the unrest as employers evacuated or shut down factories due to rising violence," she said.

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## CHEMICAL STORES IN OLD DHAKA

# Govt to move those across Buriganga

M RAHMAN

The government yesterday decided to relocate all warehouses and factories of inflammable chemicals in the capital to either Keraniganj or Kamrangirchar.

The decision came at an inter-ministerial meeting held at the home ministry where a taskforce, which was formed following the June 3 Nimtoli inferno, submitted its report with 19-point recommendation.

Home Minister Sahara Khatun revealed the information after the meeting at her office.

Following the devastating Nimtoli fire that killed 123 people, the government on July 29 last year formed the taskforce headed by Joint Secretary Iqbal Khan



Containers of flammable chemicals being sold in Old Dhaka.

PHOTO: FILE

Chowdhury of the home ministry to find out means to stop recurrence of such accidents.

Sahara said, "We formed two separate committees -- one headed by a joint secretary of the industries ministry and the other headed by the chairman of Bangladesh Institute of Small Industry and Cottage [BSCIC] -- to relocate the chemicals warehouses and factories.

"We have already removed factories and warehouses of most of 20 types of inflammable chemicals from the capital," she added.

Industries Minister Dilip Barua said the taskforce made 14 long-term and five short-term recommendations.

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