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BACK TO SQUARE ONE

The photo on the left taken in 2005 shows piles of garbage in Suvadda canal, clogging the lifeline of Keraniganj. The middle photo was taken after a clean up and re-excavation operation led by the last caretaker government in 2008. A pro-environment organisation is even seen celebrating the efforts of the government. The photo on the right taken earlier this month shows that the canal is back to its 2005 state.

RIVER DIRECTIVES Taskforce wants time from HC

Bss, Dhaka

The National Taskforce on Rivers will submit a petition to the High Court for extending the time-limit of its directives for setting up boundary pillars on the river banks and freeing the rivers from encroachment.

Shipping Minister Shajahan Khan said this

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Legal block to power takeover by military

SC upholds HC verdict fully on govt appeal, wants parliament to plug the constitutional loopholes by next year

ASHUTOSH SARKAR

The Supreme Court in a verdict yesterday blocked the way for legitimising extra constitutional usurpation of state power such as military take-

It reinstated a part of a High Court

verdict, on the 5th amendment to the constitution, that had earlier been expunged by the SC itself.

The HC in 2005 cancelled the paragraphs 3A and 18 of the fourth schedule under article 150 of the constitution which had made ways to legitimise rules and regulations

and all acts under the first martial law regime between August 15, 1975 and April 9, 1979.

On February 2 last year, the SC in its judgment upheld the HC verdict that had declared the first martial law regime illegal, but expunged the SEE PAGE 19 COL 5

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B Protidin warned Press Council finds practice

of yellow journalism

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Press Council (BPC) has warned and reprimanded the editor and publisher of the Bangla daily Bangladesh Protidin for publishing false, fabricated and motivated reports against the editor of the daily Prothom Alo.

The council also directed Bangladesh Protidin Editor Shahjahan Sarder and its Publisher Mostafa Kamal Mohiuddin to refrain from publishing any such report, which the council termed "exposed the practice of yellow journalism".

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made chief justice

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Justice Md Muzamme Hossain, a senior judge of

Appellate Division of the Supreme Court (SC), has been appointed as the 20th chief justice of

Bangladesh. President Zillur

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This photo, taken from Purana Paltan intersection 25 minutes to yesterday noon as a nor'wester lashes the capital, could easily be mistaken for a photo taken in the evening with the dark sky, glowing horizon and vehicles travelling with their headlights on. PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

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Rahul Gandhi arrested in UP

YAHOO! INDIA NEWS

Congress General Secretary Rahul Gandhi was arrested by Uttar Pradesh police in Bhatta Parsaul village last night. He is scheduled to be presented before a subdivisional magistrate today.

Rahul was arrested after he joined farmers' agitation against land

acquisition. Earlier in the day, Rahul pledged full support to farmers fighting against

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SHOT INTO DISABILITY

No arms found, arms case filed

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

The firearm and machetes, shown recovered from Limon's possession by Rapid Action Battalion, were actually found near the spot of the 'shootout' incident in Chhaturia village of Rajapur upazila, said Lt Col Monirul Haque, Jhalakathi Rab's commanding officer.



There is a misunder-Limon standing about the recovery of the firearm and other weapons in that incident, stated Monirul adding, "Indeed, those were found in the area from where Limon was arrested."

Ariful Islam, investigation officer of Rajapur Police Station in two Rab cases, also admitted the weapons were not recovered from Limon's possession.

Though he did not possess any of the weapons, Rab sued him for possessing illegal firearm.

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He said the main opposition and the people will

the system.

BNP roots for

caretaker

Rejects SC verdict

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP yesterday outright

rejected the Supreme

declared the caretaker

and said the verdict is a

government system illegal

reflection of the speeches

by government high-ups

in different times against

deepen the country's polit-

Ahmed, a member of BNP

"Such verdict will

ical and constitutional

crises," said Moudud

Court verdict that

system

it illegal

that declared

standing committee, at a press conference at the party's Nayapaltan office in the capital.

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