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## CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT

# 3 NOs on MPs

*JS body proposes to free lawmakers from party shackles partially*

SHAKHAWAT LITON

The parliamentary special committee yesterday decided to propose changes to the constitution for allowing lawmakers to express opinions in parliament different to their party stance.

It, however, says legislators will not be allowed to differ or cast votes against their party in the case of no-confidence motion against the government, state budget, and matters related to security of Bangladesh.

Members of the special committee on constitutional amendment said if the committee's proposal is accepted, massive changes to article-70 will be made to enable MPs play their due role in parliament.

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## BNP bubbles burst in US

*Leaders furious as tour advisers fail to fix high profile meetings*

RAKIB HASNET SUMAN

BNP leaders are faulting the advisers to party Chairperson Khaleda Zia on her entourage for their failure to organise any meeting between Khaleda and high profile US policymaker Hillary Clinton.

Party sources said that to cover up the failure, one of the advisers called up a senior BNP leader over the phone

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Pop Guru still in danger

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The condition of pop legend and freedom fighter Azam Khan, who is on life support in city's Square Hospital,

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## CONDOLENCE



Mr. Syed Abu Saad Sadrul Alam, son of late Moulana Abdul Hai of Kalipur, Banskhali, Chittagong, passed away at Apollo Hospital on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> May 2011 at 6:15 pm (Innalillah ..... Razeun). Mr. Alam, a former director of Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation (BCIC), has left behind his wife, one son and three daughters. All his relatives and friends are requested to attend his Namaze Janaza at Gulshan Azad Mosque after Zohar prayer on Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2011.

Doa Mahfil will be held on Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2011 at his Gulshan residence after Asar prayer. All are requested to attend the Janaza and Doa to pray for the salvation of the departed soul.

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## BNP readies budget proposal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The main opposition BNP is preparing a budget proposal which the party chairperson will reveal prior to the submission of the national budget in parliament on June 9.

The party also assigned a think-tank to analyse the national budget, said party insiders. Members of the think-tank may give some suggestions about the proposed budget later.

The opposition's budget proposal will also feature the government's failure in implementing last year's budget, party

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## Police chief killed in Afghan blast

BBC ONLINE

The police commander for northern Afghanistan was killed in a suicide bomb attack on Takhar province governor's office yesterday.

Gen Mohammad Daud Daud is one of at least seven people killed in the suicide bomb attack, police say.

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## Food subsidy to shoot up by 61pc

### 2011-12 BUDGET

REJAUL KARIM BYRON

The food budget will be increased by 15 percent to Tk 8,400 crore from current Tk 7,287 crore in the next fiscal year with a distribution plan to control food prices through market intervention.

Besides, food subsidy will see a rise by 61 percent in the next fiscal year compared to the current one to give the poor some relief from high prices, said a food ministry official wishing anonymity.

The ministry says the amount of food subsidy may be about Tk 1,753 crore, which is Tk 1,088 crore in the current fiscal year.

The official said rice and wheat prices soared on both local and international market in the current fiscal year pushing up the prices on the retail market. The

government distributed food on a large scale under safety net programmes to contain the soaring prices of the staple.

Such programmes will continue in the next fiscal year.

The ministry said the government had planned to procure 28 lakh tonnes of rice and wheat from local and international market in the current fiscal year. But the amount is likely to go up to 33 lakh tonnes, of which 23.53 lakh tonnes will be imported.

The government has opted for import rather than purchasing food grains from local market to keep market prices stable, said the official.

The government dropped the plan to procure food grains from local market

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**ONLINE POLL**

Do you think next general elections should be held under the existing caretaker government system?

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**TODAY'S POLL**

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