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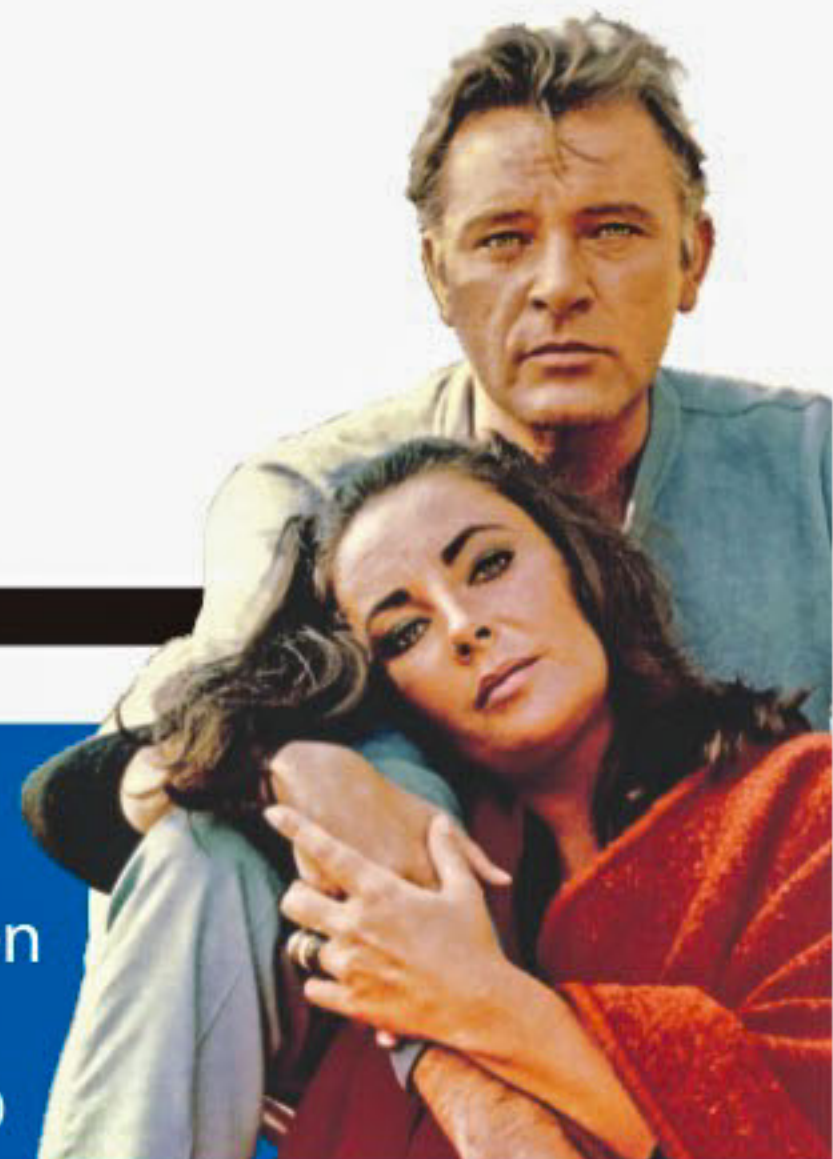
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## FILMING FURIOUS LOVE

A movie to be made about romance between Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton

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# Random parking goes unabated

DMP runs only 4 run-down tow trucks, 2 of them busy in VIP duty

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Random parking on roads has become a habit of city motorists as they very well know that nobody would tow away their wrongly parked vehicles. At worst, they will have to pay a nominal fine.

Also, traffic personnel remain busy mostly with maintaining signals at intersections, instead of preventing illegal park-

ing which worsens traffic jam. And lack of car parks has compounded the problem.

Mahbubur Rahman, joint commissioner of Dhaka Metropolitan Police, said for illegal parking the existing law allows officials only to impose a Tk 200 fine, which the vehicle owners care little.

The car owners are bothered only when their precious vehicles are towed away, he

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Lack of parking space leads to cars being parked at will on a Gulshan-2 street limiting space for vehicular movement. Authorities cannot tow them away since they have only four tow trucks and some are hardly usable, inset.

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# Govt not rigid on caretaker issue

Says PM, asks BNP to discuss it in JS, call off hartal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday urged the main opposition BNP to call off tomorrow's hartal and said there is still scope for discussion on the caretaker government system.

"We are not rigid on the issue. Come to parliament and if you have any formula, spell it out," she said in the emergency meeting of Awami League Central Working Committee, at her Gono Bhavan residence in the capital.

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# BNP pushes for hartal

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP leader Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir yesterday urged his party activists to make tomorrow's countrywide hartal a success.

While inaugurating a mourning procession organised to mark the death anniversary of late president Ziaur Rahman, the BNP acting secretary general said, "The government is hatching a conspiracy against the

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# EC proposes law on its formation

Search committee, scrutiny in JS to appoint CEC, commissioners

SHAKHAWAT LITON

The Election Commission has proposed to curtail the government's unilateral power to appoint people of its choice as chief election commissioner and election commissioners.

To make the EC widely acceptable, the EC drafted proposal for enacting a law

under article-118 of the constitution. It will also seek opinions of political parties, civil society, and different professional bodies during electoral reforms talks beginning on June 7, and the invitees to the talks are getting copies of the draft.

On the formation of the EC, the

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# CTG ARMS HAUL CHARGES READY Babar, Nizami named accused

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Further investigation in sensational 10-truck arms haul cases has apparently come to an end after three and a half years and 13 time extensions.

The Criminal Investigation Department (CID) showed 11 new accused including former state minister for home Lutfuzzaman Babar and former minister for commerce and industries Matiuur Rahman Nizami in the memorandum of evidence (ME) of the cases.

The other new accused are India's United Liberation

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