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Pedro Passos Coelho named the new prime minister

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Tamim Iqbal to play for English county cricket team Nottinghamshire

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PM interpreted verdict wrongly

Khaleda says caretaker system exists; talks only on who to head interim govt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia said yesterday the constitutional provision of installing a non-partisan caretaker government to oversee general elections remains legal in spite of the recent Supreme Court verdict.

Addressing a crowded press conference at her Gulshan office in the capital, the leader of the opposition in parliament accused Prime Minister

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Caretaker illegal right after verdict

Some top jurists explain meaning of 'prospectively' in SC judgment

ASHUTOSH SARKAR

The caretaker government system became illegal the day the Supreme Court declared the thirteenth amendment to the constitution "prospectively" void and unconstitutional, said several top jurists.

The apex court in a brief verdict on May 10 said, "The Constitution (thirteenth amendment) Act 1996 (Act 1

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JUSTICE MUSTAFA KAMAL

Former Chief Justice Mustafa Kamal said parliament has to amend the constitution in order to exclude former judges from the caretaker system for the next two elections.

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MAHMUDUL ISLAM

Constitution expert Mahmudul Islam said since the SC used the word "prospectively" in its verdict, it means the thirteenth amendment to the constitution became illegal from

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DR M ZAHIR

Eminent jurist Dr M Zahir said the word "prospectively" means the moment the SC delivered the verdict, the caretaker government system became illegal.

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SHAHDEEN MALIK

Renowned jurist Dr Shahdeen Malik said if the next two elections are to be held under the caretaker system, the constitution has to be amended specifying that the provisions for the

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This aerial shot shows the ruthless earth-filling of flood plains of the Buriganga near Fatullah changing the character of the wetland. Foreshore of the Balu, inset, at Tinmukh near Kuril-Kaliganj Bridge is being filled up too by a private land claimant. DAP prohibits such destruction of rivers and wetlands in 1528-square km area in and around the capital.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN



JS body swings to save capital

Recommends 9 actions

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A parliamentary body yesterday placed nine recommendations including zoning of land usage and setting up of an authority to manage and preserve the water bodies of the capital.

The parliamentary standing committee on forest and environment ministry also called upon the government to declare 40 percent of the total 166 square kilometre land of the city's eastern zone as drainage catchment area.

The proposals came at a public dialogue on sustainable rivers

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Plan for a livable city gathers dust

DAP gazetted last year, not implemented yet

TAWFIQUE ALI

A livable Dhaka city seems a far cry as the government considers a compromise on the long-delayed implementation of the Detailed Area Plan (DAP).

The DAP was published in a gazette in June last year but its execution was soon made sub-

ject to a "final review" of a cabinet committee in the face of fierce opposition of real estate companies, two of them owned by lawmakers.

According to The Economist Intelligence Unit's global livability ranking, Dhaka stands second from bottom (139th), just

ahead of Harare in Zimbabwe.

Sources said the seven-member committee received around 60 applications from influential land developers and real estate companies to allow their projects on wetlands and agricultural lands in violation of the plan.

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77 ILLEGAL HOUSING PROJECTS

HC blocks way to realtors' fair

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday directed Rajuk to make sure that illegal housing projects cannot take part in the ongoing Rehab fair or display their ads.

Real Estate and Housing Association of Bangladesh (Rehab) is holding a four-day fair at the city's Bangabandhu International Conference Centre with a good number of housing projects earlier declared illegal by the court.

Moreover, some of the housing compa-

nies that are sponsoring the fair have illegal projects.

Abdul Mannan Khan, state minister for Housing and Public Works, inaugurated the fair as chief guest yesterday while Md Nurul Huda, chairman of Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha (Rajuk), attended as special guest.

The court also ordered the authorities to stop any advertisement of the illegal housing projects on the electronic media, said Syeda Rizwana Hasan, chief

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One eye blinded, other in danger

Reports Indian medical board after checking Rumana; torturer husband remanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The retina of one eye of Rumana Manzur, who was brutally assaulted by her husband, is not responding to her brain, and she has gone permanently blind in the other eye, said her family sources quoting a medical report.

A medical board formed for Rumana in



Rumana Manzur

Sankara Nethralaya in Chennai of India, where she is undergoing treatment met Wednesday night and later disclosed the information, the family sources said yesterday.

Meanwhile, a Dhaka court yesterday placed the assaulter husband Hasan Sayeed Sumon, on a two-day

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