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CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT

Nation exposed to confrontation

Noted citizens say as caretaker system scrapped:

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Eminent citizens yesterday questioned the government motive for scrapping the provision of caretaker government through a hasty amendment to the constitution.

They also said the abolition of 15-yearold system has once again exposed the nation to political confrontation.

"I believe nowhere in the world constitution was amended at such a pace," said former caretaker government adviser M

Hafizuddin Khan. "It makes us suspicious, indicating an ill-motive on the part of the government."

"We are very much anxious that it [conflict following removal of CG system] : would cause public sufferings and in turn hamper economic development," he

Hafizuddin Khan observed the situa- : tion, which led to the introduction of the system, has not improved yet; rather it has deteriorated.

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Restriction

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Parliament yesterday

· restrictions on the use of

religion in politics to make

way for Islamist parties to

stitution on the use of

After cancellation of the

eased constitutional



PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

A housing company occupies the Balu river in Ichhapura of Narayanganj for an illegal project. A team of the Department of Environment yesterday fined the company Tk 18 lakh for causing damage to the environment.

Developer fined for filling up Balu river

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Department of Environment (DoE) yesterday fined a housing company Tk 18 lakh for filling up the Balu river with sand and to initiate a housing project illegally at Ichhapura area under Rupganj upazila in Narayanganj.

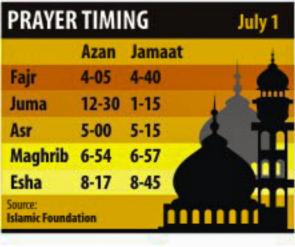
The DoE officials in a drive also seized 3 lakh cubic feet of sand and 6 metric tonnes of corrugated tin sheets, iron,

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opposer in JS RASHIDUL HASAN

Against the "yes" votes of

291 ruling alliance lawmakers favouring a new bill yesterday, only independent lawmaker Fazlul Azim voiced a loud "no". After Law Minister **SEE PAGE 19 COL 8**



Azim: the lone Indigenous groups reject amendment eased

Say their identity lost, basic rights denied

· STAFF CORRESPONDENT

· Parbatya Chattagram Jana Sanghati Samity (PCJSS) yes- : continue functioning. terday rejected the Constitution (15th Amendment) Bill, 2011 and said the government should be responsible for : 5th amendment last year, any unpleasant situation due to the undemocratic, com- · the stringent restrictions munal and oppressive steps towards the indigenous - imposed by the 1972 con-· people.

In a press release, PCJSS said that through the passage: religion for political pur-

RELIGION IN POLITICS TEESTA WATER SHARING

Manmohan for practical solution

Says 25pc Bangladeshis anti-Indian, in ISI grip

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh has said his country is looking for a solution to the issue of Teesta water share.

During an interaction with editors of five newspapers on Wednesday, he mentioned his plan to visit Dhaka, without announcing any timeframe.

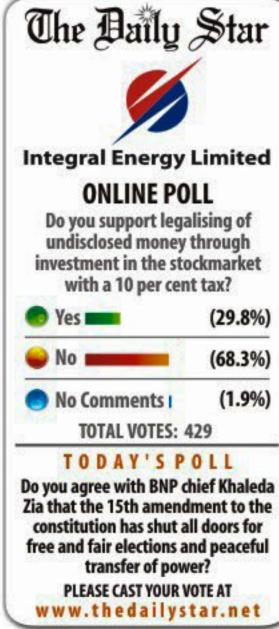
9 arrested, looted gold seized

JEWELLERY ROBBERY

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Law enforcers arrested nine alleged robbers from different parts of the country yesterday and recovered 341 tolas of gold looted from New Heera Jewellers in the city's Banani area on June 24.

They also seized a pistol, two machetes and two used in the robbery.







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