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No polls without caretaker system

Khaleda declares 3 road marches to press for it; asks govt to quit right away for failures; urges foreign agencies not to train Rab, police or give them jobs in UN missions

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BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia yesterday warned the government that her party and allies will allow no general election without the caretaker government system reinstated.

Addressing a grand rally organised by the BNP-led four-party alliance, she said, "A caretaker government and a neutral election commission are a must for acceptable polls. In the absence of those,

we won't take part in the election."

The opposition will also foil attempts to hold parliamentary polls participated by only Awami League and Ershad's Jatiya Party, she added. "Such an election won't be accepted by anyone at home or abroad."

At the rally, the first by the four-party alliance since December 2008, Khaleda announced road marches towards three divisional headquarters and rallies in five

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PHOTO: AMRAN HOSSAIN

The road in front of BNP headquarters at the capital's Naya Paltan is filled to the brim with the opposition activists and supporters attending yesterday's rally of the BNP-led four-party alliance. The gathering stretched as far as Kakrail crossing at one end and Fakirapool crossing at the other. BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia, inset, addresses the rally.

Rally causes traffic woes

Commuters suffer

RASHIDUL HASAN

Thousands of city commuters suffered long delays to reach their destinations yesterday as the main opposition BNP staged a mammoth public meeting blocking traffic in front of its central office at Naya Paltan.

Passengers faced gridlocks crossing Kakrail, Shantinagar, Bijoy Nagar, Purana Paltan, Malibagh, Fakirapool and Arambagh areas as the preparations for the afternoon rally started around 9:30am blocking the Naya Paltan road.

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Same old Shamim Osman

They praise him in public, curse in private

HASAN JAHID TUSHER, back from Narayanganj

Shamim Osman, a ruling Awami League stalwart in Narayanganj city also a mayoral candidate in the maiden city corporation election there, is so feared by the local people that none dares to publicly speak against him.

Even his party leaders, high government officials, and other mayoral candi-

dates are afraid of his wrath, because according to them, he controls everything there wielding absolute power.

Many however speak highly about him, despite his notorious reputation, just to stay in his good graces, said a local businessman on condition of anonymity.

A former AL lawmaker, Shamim, used to be considered a godfather of local

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Victim of cheap politics

Ex-CJ Khairul did nothing wrong in receiving treatment cost from govt; all SC judges, family members entitled to medicare at govt's expense

ASHUTOSH SARKAR

The Supreme Court does not have any funds to meet treatment costs of its judges, who receive money for treatment from different government funds including the prime minister's relief and welfare fund.

The issue sparked off a debate

when former chief justice ABM Khairul Haque received money from the prime minister's fund for his wife's treatment.

The SC judges are entitled to receive treatment at any hospital in the country at the government's



ABM Khairul Haque

expense in line with the Supreme Court Judges (Remuneration and Privileges) Ordinance 1978.

"A judge and the members of his family shall be entitled to medical facilities admissible under the

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