

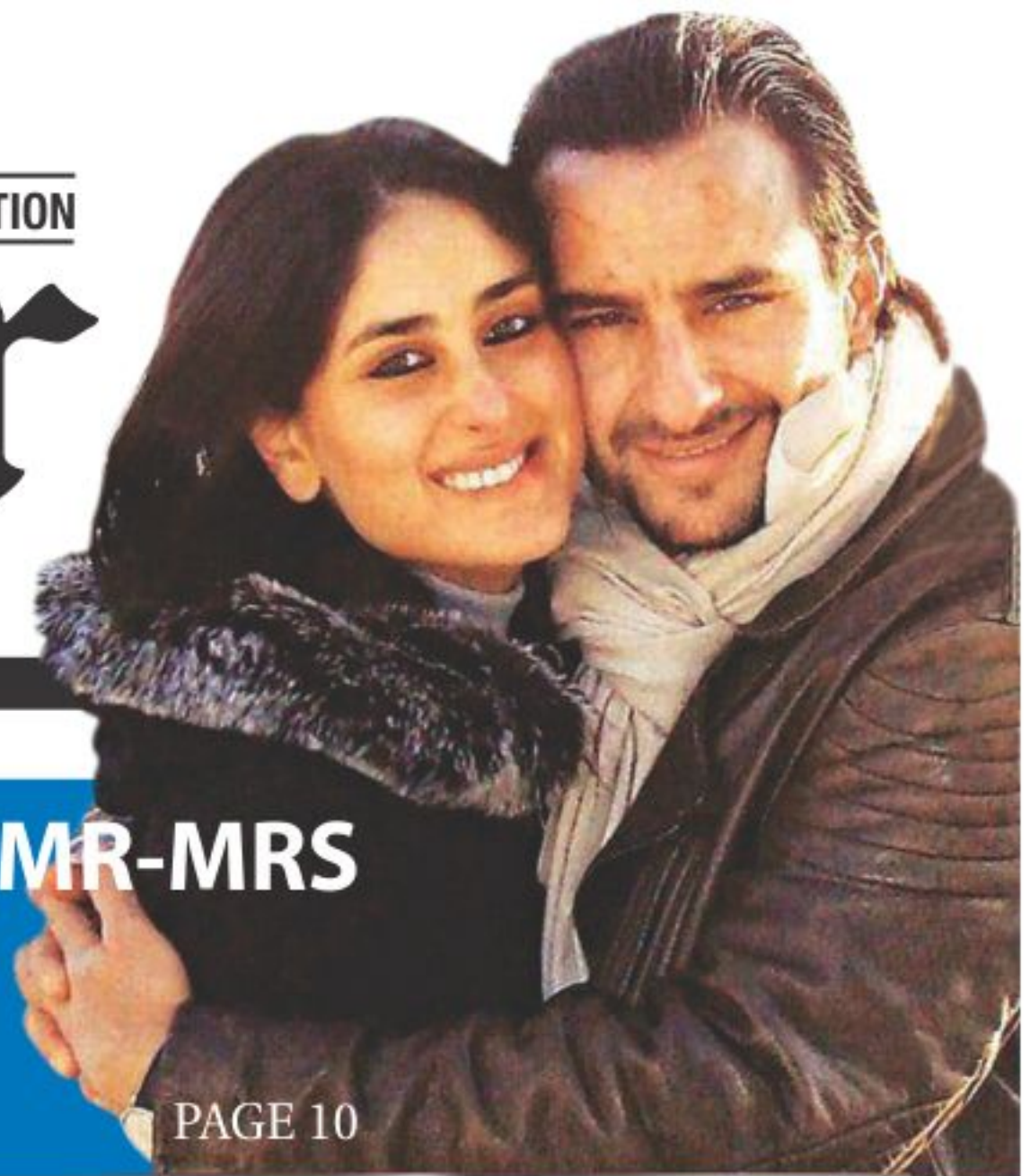
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Hillary takes responsibility for security failure at Libyan consulate

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TV channels have to ensure hosts do some homework

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SAIF-KAREENA NOW MR-MRS

The first of the two wedding ceremonies is over

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FIGHT AGAINST ADULTERATION

One unit's job

Feels food ministry, drafts proposal to end confusing role of 15 ministries

REAZ AHMAD

Alarmed by widespread food adulteration in the country, the food ministry has drafted a proposal to set up a single agency to fight the menace effectively from production to consumption.

If approved, the plan would replace the existing system of food

quality control that involves as many as 15 ministries with 10 ministries and their agencies directly taking part in inspection and law enforcement.

"When I approached the prime minister this week on this issue, she asked me to turn in a formal proposal," Food Minister

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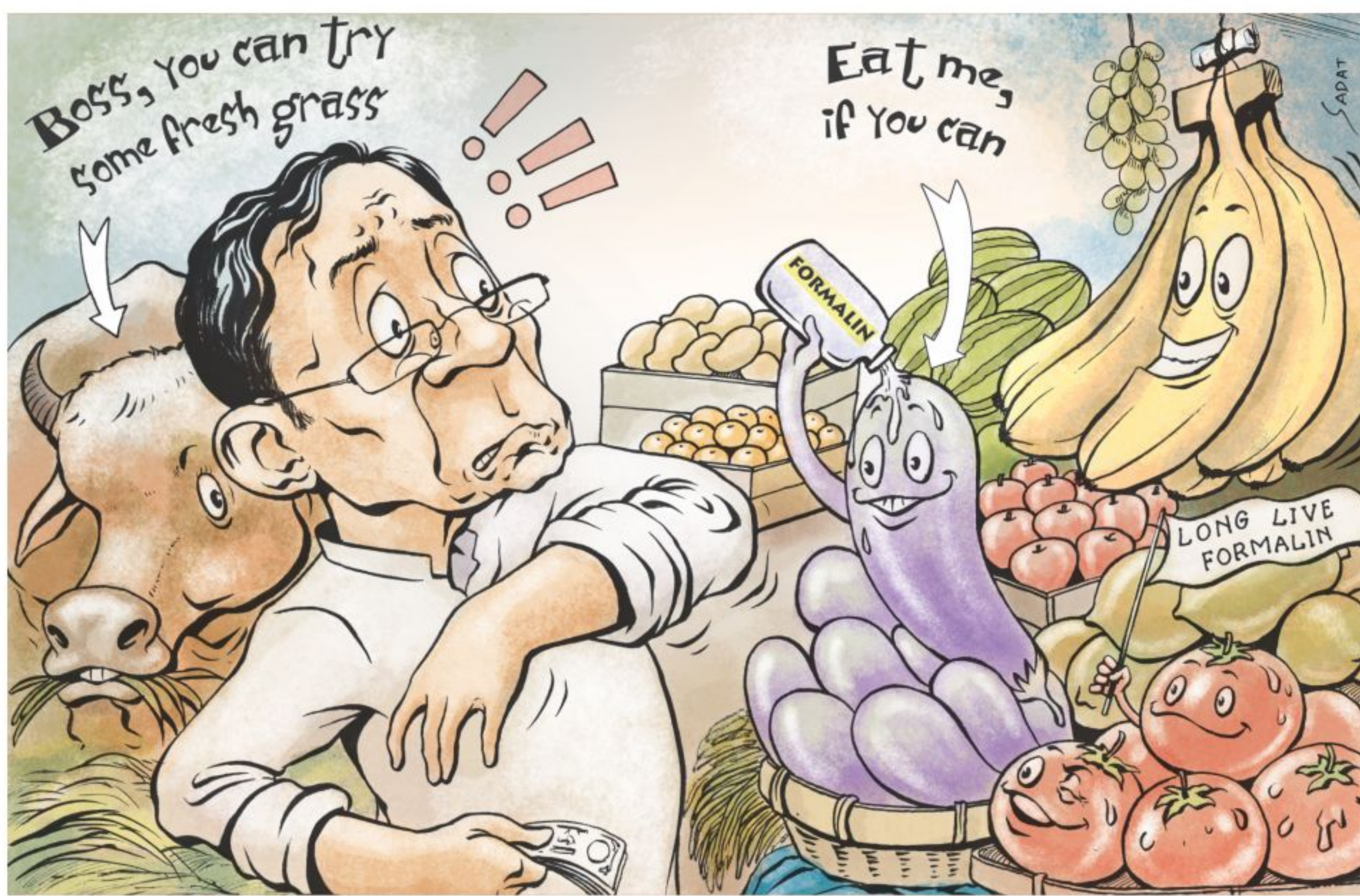
HC ORDER

No action in 3 years

ASHUTOSH SARKAR

The government has failed to form a food court and appoint food analysts in every district in order to check adulteration as per a High Court order issued more than

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Sue food adulterators

Minister advises victim consumers

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Law Minister Shafiqul Ahmed yesterday asked the victims of adulterated foods to sue the adulterators to help the government enforce the existing laws and protect people from health hazards.

This was not the duty of the government alone, the citizens and victims also had the moral obligation to file cases against the adulterators, said the law minister, adding that nobody happened to come forward to do so.

He was addressing a seminar styled "The Way of Ensuring Safe Food Free from Chemical and Adulteration". Anti-Poverty Platform organised the

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TIB SURVEY

Speaker finds it erroneous

Sees it as a threat to democracy

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speaker Abdul Hamid has questioned the authenticity of Transparency International Bangladesh survey report on lawmakers and said such a report was a threat to the country's democracy.

"The survey report is erroneous. I think this kind of report is a threat to country's democracy," he told The Daily Star yesterday evening over the phone.

Talking to reporters on the parliament

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Don't blame the messenger, heed the message

Four-fifths majority has made ruling alliance reckless

MAHFUZ ANAM

COMMENTARY

The prime minister has said that the report of Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) about "negative and criminal activities" by MPs was a conspiracy to bring non-elected people to power by damaging the image of elected MPs. She did not say a word about looking into it, or running her own investigation to verify the authenticity of the report in question. Her views are clear and categorical --

there is no corruption in her government and any talk of it was a conspiracy to damage democracy. The Honourable Speaker also termed it a threat to democracy. The once fiery student leader and now a very powerful minister, and one who is known for her clean image, and someone that this writer holds in great esteem, Matia Chowdhury, has also termed the TIB report a conspiracy.

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Govt inaction responsible

BNP tells foreign diplomats on Ramu

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government's "deliberate inaction" was responsible for the recent attacks on Buddhist temples and houses in Ramu and Ukhiya in Cox's Bazar and Patiya in Chittagong,

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ATTACKS ON BUDDHISTS

Innocent kept in police custody

STAR REPORT

Separated for more than 15 days, two-year-old Anisha finally returned yesterday to her mother, now in police custody, with the permission of a court.

And the sole reason that kept the little girl away from her mother Adi Barua is -- she [Adi] is a distantly related aunt of Uttam Barua, whose faked facebook page was used to stir

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Anisha

Eid-ul-Azha on Oct 27

UNB, Dhaka

The holy Eid-ul-Azha will be observed across the country on October 27, as the new moon of the Arabic month of Jilhajj was not sighted yesterday. The National Moon

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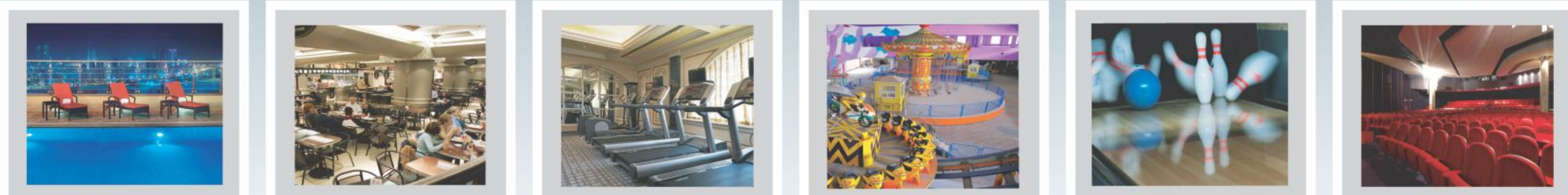


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