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## Interested only in state resources

CPD study shows top parties move away from politics for people

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Mainstream political parties, especially the Awami League and BNP, are in a race to "grab state resources", resulting in criminalisation of politics, increased influence of black money and emergence of "godfathers", says a study of the Centre for Policy Dialogue.

The parties have also become less interested in ideological or policy debate, finds the study titled "Political parties and democracy in Bangladesh."

The study was unveiled at a programme at the capital's Brac Centre Inn yesterday.

The findings were acknowledged by top leaders of the AL, BNP and Jatiya Party, who were present at the programme, moderated by Prof Rehman Sobhan, chairman of the CPD.

### SUGGESTIONS

- Make JS effective
- Introduce state funds for parties
- Separate party from govt
- Don't use state resources to reward supporters
- Choose leaders thru' election

Tofail Ahmed, AL's advisory council member, said the malpractices in politics began during military rule after 1975. "Political culture is lost and it will take a long time to restore it."

BNP Standing Committee Member Moudud Ahmed said democracy is not practised within the parties. Politicians are now busy spreading falsehood.

He urged the ruling AL to take initiatives for a consensus among all political parties to consolidate democracy. Otherwise, he said, a confrontational situation would arise.

JP Presidium Member Anisul Islam Mahmud said the parties are run on the decisions of one or a few particular persons. "Democracy won't flourish if this practice continues."

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Students of Rajuk Uttara Model School and College celebrate their SSC results yesterday. The school topped the chart in Dhaka Board this year.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

## Startling results

92.67pc pass rate recorded in SSC

WASIM BIN HABIB

Secondary students have done better than ever in every way in this year's Secondary School Certificate examinations by making the best of extra classes held by better trained teachers.

The pass rate rose 2.95 percentage points over last year, the results published yesterday revealed. Nearly 45,000 more students got GPA-5 than last year as well.

The number of GPA-5 achievers has been increasing every year over the last five years along with the pass rate. This year's pass rate was 92.67

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SSC RESULTS		
BOARD	PASS RATE 2014	PASS RATE 2013
Dhaka	93.94	87.31
Rajshahi	96.34	94.03
Comilla	89.92	90.41
Jessore	92.19	92.62
Chittagong	91.40	88.04
Barisal	90.66	88.63
Sylhet	89.23	88.96
Dinajpur	93.26	90.60
<b>OVERALL</b>	<b>92.67</b>	<b>89.72</b>

## No rule of law

Ex-CEC says solution is free constitutional bodies

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

There is no rule of law in the country now, former chief election commissioner ATM Shamsul Huda said yesterday.

"All constitutional bodies, including the Election Commission and Public Service Commission, as well as the judiciary have been politicised, and incompetent people are getting important posts there," said Huda, who led the EC to hold a widely acceptable national election in December 2008.

He was speaking at a discussion on the findings of a study on political parties and democracy in Bangladesh at Brac Centre Inn.

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## Always tried to do right thing

Manmohan says in farewell address, submits resignation

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

Outgoing Prime Minister Manmohan Singh yesterday said serving India has been his privilege and he has always tried to do the "right thing" as he addressed the nation on his last day in office.

Singh, 81, later met President Pranab Mukherjee at Rashtrapati Bhavan and submitted his resignation and that of his council of ministers.

Earlier in the morning, he was addressing the nation before bowing out of office

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## With neighbours, more assertive?

Congress to leave 'cooperative' foreign policy note for Modi

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

The election manifesto of the Bharatiya Janata Party has given enough indications that its foreign policy is likely to be more assertive than its predecessor Congress-led UPA in dealing with India's immediate neighbours.

With the BJP having achieved a commanding electoral mandate, prime minister-elect Narendra Modi and his party are set to be free from pulls and pressures usually exerted by regional parties in framing the government's foreign policy.

Sources here have expressed satisfaction over Hasina's "warm" letter quickly reaching out to the new BJP-led government, in which she spoke about working closely with Modi to take the relations between Bangladesh

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Lt Col (retd) Tareque Sayeed Mohammad, ex-Rab official arrested over alleged involvement in the abduction and murder of seven people, being taken into police custody after he was produced before a court in Narayanganj yesterday.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

## Relief, but not much

2 ex-Rab officials remanded; another arrested early today; 6 accused in Narayanganj 7-murder case still at large

SHAHEEN MOLLAH, TUHIN SHUBHRA ADHIKARI and FAISAL PARAG

Two ex-Rab officials, allegedly involved in the Narayanganj seven-murder, were placed on a five-day remand yesterday, 10 hours after their arrest.

Lt Colonel Tareque Sayeed Mohammad and Major Arif Hossain were arrested under section 54 of the Code of Criminal Procedure at Dhaka cantonment around 4:15am.

In the early hours today, another former Rab man, Lt Commander SM Masud Rana, was arrested in the capital.

Superintendent of Police in Narayanganj Khandaker Mahid Uddin said a team of Narayanganj police picked up Rana from Dhaka cantonment area around 1:30am.

Earlier on May 11, the High Court ordered the police to arrest the three ex-Rab officials as suspects.

Around 2:00pm yesterday, police

produced Lt Col Tareque and Major Arif before the Court of Senior Judicial Magistrate Chadni Rupam in Narayanganj amid tight security and sought a 10-day remand for each.

On May 6, the three officials were forced into retirement over the allegation of involvement in the killings of seven people, including panel mayor Nazrul Islam and lawyer Chandan Sarker.

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Our deepest condolences and heartfelt prayers goes out to the family and friends of

**Abu Mohammad Fazlul Kabir (Shajahan)**

(Born November 02, 1952)

Sponsor Director of National Finance Limited  
Chairman & CEO of KABCO Pharmaceutical, Inc., USA

Who has left this world on May 16, 2014 at 6.40 P.M.  
Eastern Time, at North Shore University Hospital, New York.

Inna Lillahi Wa Inna Ilaihi Raji'un

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