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A glimpse into Tareque Masud's other identity on his fourth death anniversary

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2 formulas for next 2 polls

HC suggests in full verdict on Jan 5 elections

SHAKHAWAT LITON and ASHUTOSH SARKAR

With the political crisis over the mode of a polls-time cabinet still unresolved, the High Court has come up with two formulas for the interim government to assist the Election Commission in holding the next two parliamentary elections.

The first formula allows the incumbent prime minister to lead an election-time cabinet consisting of 50 new ministers from all parties; the second provides the main opposition party with the opportunity to govern the country for the last one year of the five-year tenure of a parliament.

The HC, however, has stressed the need for building up different constitutional and statutory bodies for resolving the dispute over handing over power to the interim government.

"No formula can help the nation in resolving the eternal dispute regarding peaceful handover of power following the completion of the term of an elected government until or unless the political parties are

FORMULA 1
Incumbent PM-led election-time cabinet with 50 fresh ministers from all parties
FORMULA 2
Main opposition party to govern the country for the last one year of 5-year tenure of JS

sincere and serious in building up different constitutional and statutory bodies," it observed.

The HC has provided the formulas and observations in its full judgment on uncontented election of 153 MPs in the 10th parliamentary election held on January 5 last year. The full verdict was released at the end of last month. The Daily Star obtained a copy yesterday.

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The authorities of a building in Tejgaon installed metal poles in the pavement to protect the wall from trucks that are usually parked there. The bent poles tell how overzealous the truckers are in making the pavement unusable for pedestrians.

PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

TOP QUOTE

"There is no political reason for having suspended GSP"

MARCIA BERNICAT
US AMBASSADOR IN BANGLADESH SAID AFTER VISITING TWO GARMENT FACTORIES IN GAZIPOUR YESTERDAY

Lawmaker snatches 'criminal' from Rab

M ABUL KALAM AZAD

Awami League lawmaker from Natore-2 Shafiqul Islam Shimul snatched away "a criminal" from Rab custody immediately after his arrest in Natore town on Tuesday night.

A number of local AL leaders and journalists witnessed the incident.

They yesterday said Shimul, also general secretary of Natore district AL, and his men got into an altercation with Rab personnel, shouted at them and then took away Redwan Sabbir in handcuffs.

Sabbir, who gained notoriety for his



Redwan Sabbir

criminal activities in Natore, is wanted in at least a dozen cases, according to local police and AL activists.

Around 8:00pm, a Rab team led by its Baghmara Camp Commander - Assistant Superintendent of Police Atiqul Islam -- went to Kanaikhali Old Bus Stand by a pick-up van and a microbus.

Wearing jackets inscribed with the word "Rab", they arrested Sabbir while he along with some of his associates was loitering in front of a building at Kanaikhali.

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PM lambasts those seeking charter reform

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday slammed those seeking fresh constitutional changes, saying that they were either advisers to military dictators or worked under dictators in various capacities.

"While discussing issues, some people don't see any democracy [in the country]."

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A regret for life

Mother still laments for trusting a medicine; verdict on toxic syrup today, 27 yrs after death of her 2 kids

EMRAN HOSSAIN and CHAITANYA CHANDRA HALDER

Mukuly Begum literally struggled to take her thirteen-month-old daughter on her lap.

"She was so heavy... She was just a toddler, and yet I failed to lift her up for the last hug," Mukuly said as she recalled the last moments of her daughter 27 years ago.

Jasmine, they had named her after the flower and beautiful she was like the flower, until she became rather grotesque shaped after taking a medicine in 1988.

Her abdomen was swollen awkwardly for she had been unable to urinate for about a week due to renal failure. A few days later, she died at the PG hospital, now known as Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical

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