Disposal

FROM PAGE 16 Another setback for the anti-graft body is that not all 32 special judges' courts, including 13 in Dhaka, are fully functional.

of 10 special courts created during the army-backed caretaker government have been suffering for not having stenographers, court sources said. These courts hire stenographers from others to function.

The trial proceedings at seven out

There are instances that some of these tribunals didn't dispose a single case in a year, said the ACC director general.

Against these backdrops, those accused of corruption go about their lives as usual without worrying about punishment, which raises questions about the effectiveness of the ACC. For example, a Tk-7.37 crore misap-

propriation case was filed against high-ups of the coastguard in 1998. Eighteen years have gone, but the

case filed by the defunct bureau is yet to see trial because of a writ filed that

In August this year, the HC vacated the writ, which was followed by the arrest of the then director general and a director of the coastguard. Now the ACC has to complete a probe and then file a charge-sheet for the trial to begin.

The ACC's activities got momentum in 2007-08 during the caretaker government when a total of 1,680 FIR (first information report) was filed with different police stations and charge sheets were submitted in 567 At the end of the caretaker govern-

ment's rule in 2009, the number of pending cases stood at 780. Between 2009 and 2015, the ACC

got verdicts in 2,025 cases.

"On many occasions, we've seen that both the High Court and special courts delayed judgments. They fix a date for judgment and defer it on the day of delivering the verdict," Moyeedul said.

A high official of the law ministry admitted it.

The ACC has asked the authorities concerned to relieve the special courts of additional duties, Moyeedul said, meaning that they would only hold the proceedings of graft cases.

The ACC requested the law ministry to direct the session judges' courts of the districts to transfer graft cases directly to the special courts.

"We have also asked for keeping a record of the special judges' courts quarterly, half-yearly or yearly to check how many cases they have disposed of," said the ACC official.

Meanwhile, the law ministry official preferring not to be named said the ministry took the legal barriers seriously and so was working on to amend the 2003 act.

"Once it is amended, the special courts will only conduct [trial of] graft cases," he said.

Iftekharuzzaman of the TIB said all stakeholders should work together to fight corruption effectively and suggested that the ACC create a priority list of cases to work on.

10-yr-old

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they went to the fair where he bought her some dry food.

While returning, Ratan, however, took the girl to a nursery near Savar Bus Stop and raped her throughout the night, said the mother, adding, the girl was released in the morning.

Later, the victim's family members took her to Savar Upazila Health Complex. She was shifted to DMCH for better treatment.

Contacted, SM Kamruzzaman, officer-in-charge of Savar Police Station, said they heard about the incident. Police were trying to arrest the suspect, he said.

DMCH sources said the victim would be admitted to the One-stop Crisis Center at the hospital, once her

condition improved. ALLEGATION AGAINST AL MAN A union level Awami League leader "repeatedly raped" four girls aged

between nine and 15, and filmed the incidents with his cell phone's camera in July and September, said police, quoting families of two of the

The 45-year-old leader of the AL Dumni union unit also allegedly threatened to circulate the footage over the Internet if the victims did not keep the matter a secret.

Yesterday, the two families filed two written complaints against the alleged rapist with Khilkhet Police Station, said Hanif Uddin, a sub-

inspector at the police station. The mother of one of the girl said the four victims are cousins and the incident of the first rape happened in

July and it continued in September. The AL leader was blackmailing the girls and raping them repeatedly

at a house in the area. The parents came to know about the matter recently, said the police official, quoting the families.

Police were investigating the mat-

ter, he added.

Law minister

FROM PAGE 1 Anisul was addressing a press conference at his secretariat office.

In a message on Monday, the chief justice blamed the "dual rule" for hampering the judicial work and increased sufferings of litigants, and sought restoration of the Supreme Court's full control over lower courts to bring an end to the prevailing situation. Article 116 of the 1972 constitution

also discipline judicial service employees, and control the magistrates exercise of judicial power. The law minister said article 96 of the 1972 constitution that empowered parliament to remove SC judges for incapacity or misbehavior had been

had given the SC power to control

postings, promotions and grant of

leave of lower court judges. It could

restored through the 16th constitutional amendment, but the HC scrapped it. The HC in its judgment observed

that the amendment was a historical mistake and yet the chief justice seeks

restoration of article 116 of the 1972 constitution, he said.

Article 116 of the present constitution says, "The control (including the power of posting, promotion and grant of leave) and discipline of persons employed in the judicial service and magistrates exercising judicial functions shall vest in the President and shall be exercised by him in consultation with the Supreme Court."

The president determines the

postings and promotions of lower court judges and grants them leave in consultation with the SC and the law ministry plays a role of a bridge between the president and the SC in this regard, added Anisul. He, however, said the government would bring changes to article 116 for

the sake of independence of the judiciary and democracy if deemed necessary. The government has already taken

steps to appoint judges to fill vacant posts in lower courts, the minister told reporters.

Land grabbers

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union land office under Kalapara the deputy commissioner of upazila, said Kuddus is not employed by the land office or any other government office. He is a nonpaid worker who only looks after the coconut orchard on the beach.

solicits tips from tourists and collects money in exchange for allowing the tourists to park their cars illegally in and around the orchard. The additional deputy commis-

sioner (revenue) of the district as well as the upazila nirbahi officer of Kalapara have been informed of this encroachment incident, seeking their directives, said union land officer Selim.

ABM Sadiqur Rahman, UNO of Kalapara, said, "We'll take steps to remove these structures very soon." "We will remove these illegal struc-

tures from the beach within a week," said Delwar Hossain Matubbar, ADCrevenue of Patuakhali. "We will not allow anyone to build structures [on the beach], ignoring the HC directives."

Several illegal structures had been removed from the beach before, as directed by the HC, he added.

Abul Hossain, a tourist from Khulna, said the natural beauty of this beach would not be enjoyable if random structures occupy the beach. The authorities concerned should

take stern measures to save the Kuakata beach from land grabbers in the interest of our tourism, he added.

In the 2011 directive the HC bench of Justice AHM Shamsuddin

Choudhury Manik and Justice Selim Khan, tahshildar at Mohipur Gobinda Chandra Tagore also ordered Patuakhali to have the Kuakata sea beach demarcated immediately by a special committee.

The bench issued a rule upon

the government officials con-However, locals alleged that Kuddus cerned to explain within three weeks why they should not be directed to protect the sea beach from encroachment, and to take steps to prevent any further construction in the beach area. Finally, on January 18, 2012, a

High Court bench comprising Justice AHM Shamsuddin Choudhury Manik and Justice Jahangir Hossain Selim declared the construction of private structures on sea beaches and shores illegal and directed the government to draw up a master plan to turn Kuakata sea beach into an ideal tourist destination. In its verdict on the writ petition

filed by HRPB on June 2 in 2011, the court ordered the government to immediately remove all the structures built by any individual or company within the demarcated area of Kuakata beach in Patuakhali. It also asked the authorities con-

cerned to take necessary steps to protect and preserve the beach and to remain alert so that no private citizen or organisation can destroy its environment by building structures.

The republic owns all the sea beaches and shores, and as per the constitution, it is an obligation of the government to protect and preserve those, the court observed.

This cool cat

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minutes, Goetz says, and he'd warm up to the visitor. He runs around the house, plays

hide-and-seek, and often pretends to play like he has a playmate.

"In fact, each time we come home he'd be waiting by the door like a dog," Goetz says, laughing. Even more remarkable is that Panther also knows a few dog tricks -- he responds to "sit," "come here," "high five" and "Panther."

Indeed, this two-and-a-half-yearold amber-eyed cat lives an extraordinary life. He's an Instagram superstar, a kitty litter brand ambassador, a model, gets a ton of freebies, and is just an allaround great cat.

Goetz, with Filipino hubby Jon Blaylock, first saw Panther on the online shopping site Sulit.ph. They had no plans of getting a cat, but Goetz said it was love at first sight.

"We'd spend a lot of time watching cat videos and when we saw Panther, we just fell in love with him. We named him Panther after my favorite childhood stuffed toy," she said.

ATTENTION-SEEKING

Every morning the cat wakes up the couple by kneading wherever he feels like it, or by using his paws to touch the face, or meowing as a last resort, Goetz says. She finds him affectionate and

attention-seeking, likes to sleep in their bed at night and follows them around the house. Panther's rise to fame in Instagram

began last year when Goetz decided to create him an account. He gained about 600 followers, she says, but it was not until Panther was featured on Cats of Instagram, a popular feed with more than 7 million followers, that he gained thousands upon thousands of followers.

Since then, this fluffy little kitty has been featured in magazines like Metro Pets and Animal Scene, and even got an entire page in the Paris-based cultural and trendy mag 90BIS. He is

now also the Top Cat (ambassador) of

Meow House and Feline Fresh.

Last August Panther was featured in the book, "Cats of Instagram," and in the Instagram account of Cosmopolitan Russia.

Come November, Panther will be featured in a book titled "Insta Grammar Cats." He also models for Petstages, a US brand of cat toys, Fit Cat Toy and Casetify (phone case). He has even successfully rolled out his own limited-edition socks.

On top of that, he gets freebies from around the world, including UK's Catzebox, the US' TrackR (cat tracking device), and Australia's Boom Collective (mobile phone app with Panther emojis).

Not bad, considering Panther is the first pet Goetz has ever had.

What started out as simply sharing photos of her cat now feels like a parttime job.

"I never thought it would make a difference, that I could actually grow his Instagram. But it was worth the try... Today, I spend about five hours a day interacting with other cats and dropping comments on their posts," she says. But it's not all a bed of roses. There

are times, she admits, when she's tired from work. "But it's now a part of my life, that

once a day I upload a picture. It's constantly on my mind. I often think ahead, for Halloween and Christmas. It takes about 10 minutes per photo session. Sometimes I play with him while shooting," Goetz says. She also makes sure to post on three

cat websites to promote Panther's page.

She's planning to print some busi-

ness cards for Panther, for when the couple goes abroad. It might seem like it's all about

promotion and marketing now, but Panther is first and foremost a spoiled cat loved to bits by his human parents.

"He's nocturnal. He doesn't scratch so much or bites. He nibbles. Sometimes we bring him to work, at Jon's office in Marikina. We're thinking of bringing him to parks to get him used to the outdoors," says Goetz.

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US election because it was too close to Election Day. The FBI declined to comment on that report on Monday.

But just a week ahead of the election - a time when candidates typically feel that the hard work of the campaign is behind them - both Clinton and Trump have ratcheted up their attacks on the other's character and fitness for office. Clinton, who had been riding high

in opinion polls in recent weeks as Trump was hit by fallout from the release of a 2005 video in which he bragged in vulgar terms of groping women, now finds herself on the defensive. Trump is hoping to convince voters that electing Clinton would

prompt "a constitutional crisis that we cannot afford," as her emails would be subject to years of controversy, in the wake of the FBI's announcement on Friday that it continues to investigate material possibly related to her emails.

But Clinton, at her own rally in Kent, Ohio, said the FBI was welcome to check her aide's emails too.

"They should look at them and I'm sure they'll reach the same conclusion they did when they looked at my emails for the past year: there is no case here," she said.

She also continued to level attacks against Trump's ability to control nuclear weapons.

"I am running against someone who says he doesn't understand why we can't use nuclear weapons," she said in Cincinnati. "He wants more countries to have nuclear weapons.

"I wonder if he even knows that a single nuclear warhead can kill millions of people," she added. A Reuters survey conducted in the

midst of the FBI's announcement showed Clinton on 44 per cent of the vote to Trump's 39 per cent, already slipping slightly from a sixpoint lead. But that poll may not yet repre-

sent the full impact of the damage from Comey's letter to Congress, that his agency was looking into new emails uncovered during an unrelated investigation into Anthony Weiner, the estranged husband of top Clinton aide Huma Abedin.

Rep Weiner, the disgraced former New York congressman, is being investigated in connection with online communications with a teenage girl. The new emails were found on a computer he shared with Abedin, one of Clinton's closest advisors.

But with less than a week to go to election day, there is some doubt as to whether the FBI will be able to release the findings of its new probe before the nation goes to vote.

And Clinton said that timing raised "a few questions" for the FBI. "It is pretty strange to put something like that out with such little information right before an election," she said.

Ershad's old case

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single-judge HC bench that has jurisdiction to hear such an appeal relating to corruption.

Meanwhile, Ershad, whose party is a key ally in the Awami League-led alliance government, yesterday urged his party colleagues to strengthen the JP to achieve success in the next national elections.

"People want change and to see the Jatiya Party in power. There is a chance. As we are always in favour of polls, we will participate in the elections no matter who will take part or not," he said. Ershad, also a special envoy to the

prime minister, was speaking at a programme at the party's Kakrial office to mark the National Youth Day organised by its youth front Jatiya Jubo Sanghati. He, however, expressed doubt

about the fairness of the upcoming district council elections.

Clinton slams | A curious case of FB

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He is now in jail in a case filed over the post. However, before the attack and his arrest, he denied uploading the post and yet apologised for it.

Some locals said even if Rasraj had posted it, there were laws to try him.

"Police could have handled the issue carefully without letting the zealots fanning out the issue and attacking the people," said a Hindu man, asking not to be named.

Nur Khan, acting executive director of Ain o Salish Kendra, said, "There are laws against insulting religion. Legal actions could have been taken if anyone had actually insulted religion. But there is no scope of barbarity that just took place in Brahmanbaria." Meanwhile, the Facebook page of

Rasraj shows that the 27-year-old fisherman was not regular on the social networking site. His Facebook wall shows only five

on June 27, which said Rasraj updated his profile picture. Since then, only four photos were uploaded, the last one being on

October 29. One post shows a photo of a group of

Two posts, uploaded within minutes on October 22, have a photo of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and her son

In another post, a young Hasina is seen crushing something on a stone grinder.

level, has 366 Facebook friends.

Friends and relatives suspect the post, which shows the idol of the Hindu God Shiva on the photo of Kaba, considered the holiest place in Islam, was uploaded by someone else.

Rasraj has the skill to photoshop the

been hacked.

They said his account might have

His father and elder brother are also fishermen. His mother is a housewife and his only sister, aged around seven, stays home.

Jailer of Brahmanbaria Jail Abdul Bareq said Rasraj told them that he did not even know the password of his Facebook account and that some of his friends created the account for him after he bought a smartphone for Tk 5,000 four to five months ago.

scroll," the jailer quoted Rasraj as saying. Armed with sticks and sharp weapons, religious zealots went on the

temples over the Facebook post. In the attack, around 100 homes were vandalised and scores of people

istration did little to prevent the attack, though tensions had been high in the area since Friday. The National Human Rights

Commission yesterday formed a threemember fact-finding committee, which will visit Nasirnagar today, said Kazi Arfan Ashik, deputy director (admin and finance) of the NHRC.

Oikya Parishad will also visit the area today.

Led by Awami League Organising Secretary Enamul Haq Shamim, a fourmember team visited the area yesterday and assured the affected people that the culprits will face the music.

yesterday formed a four-member body to investigate the attack and report within seven days.

Hall-Mark chief

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from the city's Bangsal area yesterday, a day after the ACC filed the case with Motijheel Police Station, accusing 16 people.

The incident took place between June 2011 and June 2015.

According to the case statement, Tanvir and Jasmine introduced their employees Jahangir Alam and Mir Jakaria as owners of Anwara Spinning Mills and Max Spinning Mills and opened fake accounts with the corporate branch of the stateowned bank.

The ACC found only signboards of the two businesses on the compound of Hall-Mark Group. "No goods or machines were found. Actually, there is no existence of Anwara Spinning Mills and Max Spinning Mills," reads the

Although the then manager of Sonali Bank's Ruposhi Bangla hotel branch AKM Azizur Rahman, assistant general manager Saiful Hasan and executive officer Abdul Matin knew about the non-existence of the two firms, they verified a back-to-back LC and the Janata Bank's corporate branch issued the LC for the two firms to import threads.

Threads were not supplied against the LC, but the fake owners of the mills submitted documents signed by Tanvir to Janata Bank claiming that Hall-Mark Group had received threads, says the case statement.

The duo then submitted a forged acceptance certificate on supply of threads and other fake documents to Janata Bank and withdrew Tk 85,87,33,616. During the investigation, the ACC

also found involvement of the corporate branch's assistant general managers SM Abu Hena Mostafa Kamal and Fayezur Rahman Bhuiyan, Executive Officer Jinia Jesmin, senior executive officers Abdullah Al Mahmud and Shakhawat Hossain, first assistant general managers Abdullah Al Mamun and Jesmin Akhtar, and Deputy General Manager Azmul

Haque in the corruption. The graft watchdog also revealed

by liquidating some suspicious fixed deposit receipts (FDRs) although it was supposed to do this from foreign remittance. Later, Janata Bank received money

detected. The Bangladesh Bank in May 2012

The central bank later referred the 2013, the graft watchdog pressed charges against 25 people in 11 cases

of Sonali Bank. On February 17 this year, a Special Judge's Court in Dhaka indicted 19 people, including Jasmine and Tanvir,

The ACC yesterday interrogated Dhaka Wasa Managing Director Taqsem A Khan in connection with alleged irregularities and corruption in its

relations officer of ACC, said an ACC team led by its Director AKM Jayed Hossain grilled the Wasa MD for about two hours from 11:00am at Wasa Bhaban.

The graft watchdog also arrested Gazipur City Corporation Accountant Golam Kibria on charges of misappropriating about Tk 49 lakh against forged documents. He faked vouchers in the names of

people, Pranab added. The ACC had sued him in a case filed with Joydebpur Police Station on



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had unearthed the over Tk 3,500 crore loan scam in Sonali Bank's Ruposhi Bangla hotel branch. Of the amount, Hall-Mark alone took Tk 2,686 crore against forged documents in connivance with some bankers.

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"I just see photos of interesting and funny things as I only know how to rampage on the community on Sunday,

vandalising their households and injured.

Victims alleged that the local admin-

A team of Hindu-Buddha-Christian

Meanwhile, the police headquarters