



REMOVAL OF SC JUDGES

Power not with JS

Apex court rejects govt appeal; restriction on MPs one of the main reasons for parliament to lose authority

AUTHORITY TO REMOVE SC JUDGES

- ① JS 1972-1975
- ② President 1975-1978
- ③ SJC 1978-2014
- ④ JS 2014-2016



The Supreme Court verdict proves that the country's judi-

THE PM TELLS HER CABINET COLLEAGUES YESTERDAY, ACCORDING TO MEETING SOURCES.

SHAKHAWAT LITON and ASHUTOSH SARKAR

The Jatiya Sangsad no longer has the power to remove Supreme Court judges for incapacity or misconduct as the government has finally lost the legal battle to defend the controversial 16th constitutional amendment that restored this authority of parliament.

The High Court in May last year ruled that the amendment was illegal

and unconstitutional as it found the changes went against the principles of the separation of powers and the independence of the judiciary.

In the legal battle with the HC, the government tried to defend the amendment which being passed in September 2014 abolished the chief justice-led Supreme Judicial Council to empower parliament.

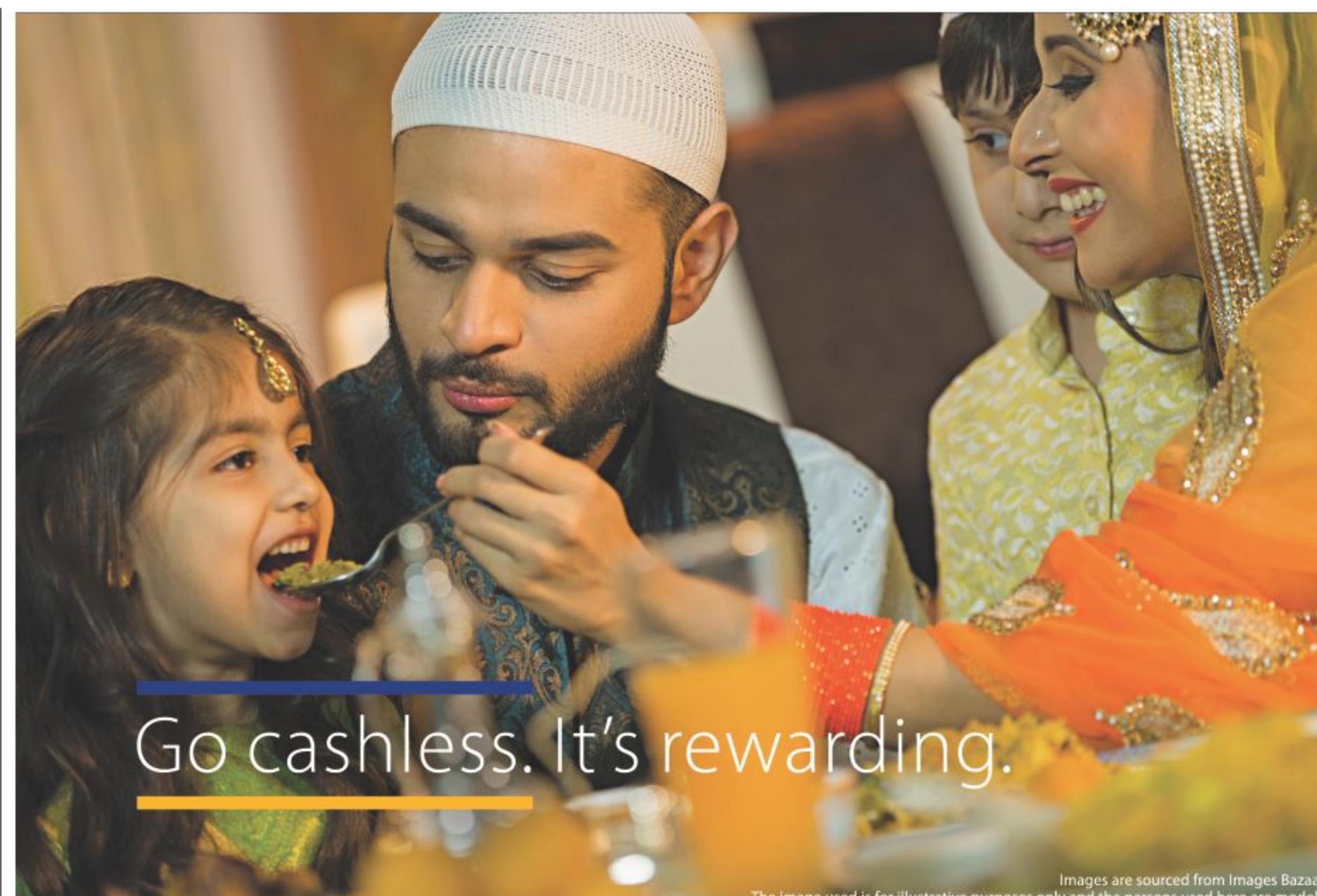
On January 4 this year, it filed an appeal with the Supreme Court against

the HC verdict.

After hearing the arguments for and against the appeal for over 11 days, a seven-member SC bench headed by Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha yesterday unanimously upheld the HC verdict by rejecting the appeal.

While announcing the short order, the chief justice said they dismissed the appeal unanimously with some

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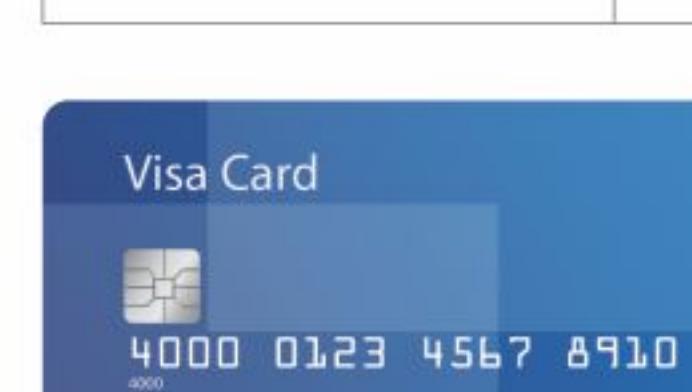
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Flood situation worsens further in Sylhet

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points, damaging dykes.

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Halla Government Primary School in Moulvibazar's Borolekha upazila remains inundated for over a week. A boat is kept outside the school building for loading some furniture onto it. Like this institution, around 200 primary and high schools in the district have been shut following floods triggered by downpours and onrush of water from the hills in the bordering areas. The photo was taken yesterday.

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