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No politics over judgment

Urges chief justice, says judges won't walk into any trap laid by government or opposition

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha yesterday said the Supreme Court welcomes constructive criticisms of judgments and its judges will not fall into any trap laid by the government or the opposition.
Requesting all to refrain from playing politics with SC verdicts, he said everybody should exercise restraint and it will be good for all.
Justice Sinha made the remarks when a section of pro-BNP lawyers placed before the apex court some newspaper reports containing the comments of Law Commission Chairman Justice ABM Khairul Haque on the 16th constitutional amendment verdict.
The chief justice was presiding over a three-member bench for dealing with the day's cases.
"We will not fall into any trap by the government or the opposition. We are cautious. We the seven judges, delivered the verdict after thinking a lot. Don't do politics over SC verdicts."
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"When a judgment is delivered, it can be criticised in a constructive way, and we accept constructive criticisms."

SCRAPPING OF 16TH AMENDMENT Govt finds reasons unacceptable

Law minister says CJ made irrelevant statements in judgment, derogatory remarks on JS

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STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The grounds on which the Supreme Court scrapped the 16th amendment to the constitution are unacceptable to the government, Law Minister Anisul Haq said yesterday.
He also claimed that the chief justice made derogatory comments on parliament and undermined it in the SC judgment in the 16th amendment case.
"I want to say very humbly that the grounds on which the honourable Appellate Division [of the SC] cancelled the 16th amendment are not acceptable to us," he told a press conference at the Secretariat.
The law minister came up with the government's formal reaction to the cancel-

lation of the 16th amendment 10 days after the release of the full verdict.
"We have decided to make a move to get expunged the objectionable and irrelevant statements made by the chief justice in the judgment."
In reply to a query, the minister, however, said the government was yet to decide whether it would seek review of the SC verdict as it was still examining all the issues mentioned in the judgment.
Earlier on Monday, more than a dozen senior ministers criticised the SC judgment at the weekly cabinet meeting with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the chair. The PM directed them to build public opinion.
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Observations in SC verdict contain 'wrong information'

Claim AL leaders
STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Leaders of the ruling Awami League yesterday said some observations of the Supreme Court verdict in the 16th amendment case contain "incorrect information" and "wrong interpretation".
They also termed "unexpected" and "unacceptable" the apex court judgment that scrapped parliament's power to remove SC judges for misconduct or incapacity, said party sources.
Some of them were opposed to complying with the judgment.
The ruling party leaders expressed their views at a joint meeting of the AL presidium members and secretaries of the central committee at the Gono Bhaban last night.
They also decided to bring up the issue before the nation, according to meeting sources.
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STUDY IN AUSTRALIA
MEET REPRESENTATIVES FROM 18 AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITIES AND INSTITUTIONS
FREE ENTRY
12th & 13th August 2017
11am - 1pm
(pre-registered students)
2pm - 5pm
(walk in students)

SCBA divided over Khairul's comments

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The Supreme Court Bar Association has become divided over Law Commission Chairman Justice ABM Khairul Haque's comments on the SC verdict in the 16th amendment case.
While SCBA President Zainul Abedin and Secretary AM Mahubb Uddin Khokhon protest Justice Khairul's remarks, its Vice President Ozi Ullah support them.
Justice Khairul has indirectly taken a stance against the independence of judiciary and the democratic system, SCBA President Zainul Abedin said at a press conference at its auditorium yesterday.
SCBA Secretary AM Mahubb Uddin Khokhon also spoke there.
Pro-Awami League lawyers present at the press conference protested, saying Zainul Abedin and Mahubb Uddin Khokhon made the statements for political purpose as they

Fresh blow to Sundarbans

Govt to legalise more than 150 factories in ecologically critical area



STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The government has decided to approve all industries currently operating in the ecologically critical area (ECA) of the Sundarbans.
The decision was made by the National Environment Committee in a meeting last week week set up about 150 industries set up in 63 unions of 11 upazilas of five districts around the Sundarbans.
The meeting also decided to relax

and change some rules and policies to allow industries, potentially risky for the environment, to run in the ECA.
"Already there are some industries operating in the ECA. The meeting decided to regularise those industries so that they operate in an environment-friendly manner," said Environment Minister Anwar Hossain Manju.
Asked if the regularisation would encourage more industries in the area, he said the ministry would not

permit any industry without proper verification.
The move came at a time when the Unesco recommended the government to do a Strategic Environment Assessment (SEA) of the southwest region. The Unesco also recommended not to construct any big and large structure in the Sundarbans area until the SEA was complete.
The government agreed to do that in a meeting of World Heritage
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To BNP, it's Magna Carta

Fakhrul says on 16th amendment verdict, slams Justice Khairul
STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The BNP yesterday blasted former chief justice ABM Khairul Haque for his comments on the 16th constitutional amendment verdict and Chief Justice Surendra Kumar Sinha.
"Former chief justice and now Law Commission Chairman Justice Khairul Haque spat venom [at the verdict] even before the government or the Awami League gave any formal reaction.... The comments he made sitting in Law Commission on the verdict and the chief justice are not only indecent, but also tantamount to contempt of court," said BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir.
He was addressing a press conference at the party's Nayapalata central office in the capital.
Terming the verdict historic, Fakhrul said it seemed to be a "Magna Carta" given
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7-yr-old boy tied to tree, beaten up

All on suspicion he stole a mobile phone



AMANUR AMAN, Kishore
Seven-year-old Jewel was screaming for help, repeatedly saying he did not steal the phone.
But the more he cried the crueler the torturers became. The boy, who works at a tea stall, was tied to a tree as three grownups kept beating him up with sticks.
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4 'thieves' killed in mob beating

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Noakhali
Four suspected cattle thieves were beaten to death and two others injured in Subarnachar upazila of Noakhali early yesterday.
One of the deceased is Zakir Hossain, 28, of Katambunia village of the upazila. The identities of the three others could not be known immediately.
The injured are Helal Uddin, 22, and Jahangir Alam, 30, of Char Jubilee union of the same upazila.
AKM Zahirul Islam, additional superintendent of police in Noakhali, said some people in a pickup were moving suspiciously in Uttar Kachhaphia village around 3:00am. When locals asked them to stop, they abandoned the vehicle and jumped into a canal.
Locals caught and beat them up, leaving four dead on the spot and injuring two others. Angry locals also set fire to the pickup.
The injured were being interrogated at Char Jabbar Police Station.
Nizamuddin, officer-in-charge of the police station, said locals were enraged by frequent incidents of theft in the area. They beat up the six, suspecting them as robbers.
During interrogation of the injured "cattle thieves", police came to know that the six had entered the village to steal cattle.
Deceased's bodies were sent to Noakhali General Hospital morgue for autopsies.
A murder case was filed against 300-400 unknown people in this connection. On July 27, 2011, six alleged robbers were killed in another mob beating at Leker Bazar in Companiganj upazila of the district.
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MoU signed to import rice from Thailand

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Bangladesh yesterday signed a memorandum of understanding with Thailand to facilitate up to 10 lakh tonnes of rice import from the Southeast Asian country each year till 2021.
Food Minister Qamrul Islam and Thai Commerce Minister Apiradi Tantraporn inked the MoU at a city hotel pending a price negotiation.
The rice price will be fixed after negotiations between the two countries, considering the international market price, the minister said in reply to journalists' queries.
The deal signing was held just two weeks after a Thai official delegation left Dhaka with the latter's disagreeing to Thai rice price offer.
During the Thai team's Dhaka visit on July 23-24, they asked for \$500 per tonne of rice, but Dhaka did not agree to that high price as Bangladesh is getting rice at much cheaper than that rate from
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Pan Pacific Sonargaon Hotel
Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue Dhaka

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