



"There is no scope for such an amendment during the tenure of this government... However, we will keep watch so that the law is not misused."
ROAD TRANSPORT AND BRIDGES MINISTER OBAIDUL QUADER ABOUT THE DIGITAL SECURITY ACT. (PAGE 3)



"First of all, the camera. When a player knows that he is on TV, he feels a pressure. There is also the pressure of playing in front of a home crowd."
BANGLADESH ODI CAPTAIN MASHRAFE BIN MORTAZA AHEAD OF TODAY'S SECOND ODI AGAINST ZIMBABWE. (PAGE 14)



"Until people come to their senses, we will build it up."
DONALD TRUMP VOWS TO BOLSTER NUCLEAR ARSENAL AFTER RUSSIA TREATY PULLOUT. (PAGE 8)

Magic lamp in Sylhet

Party that won Sylhet-1 formed govt; both AL and BNP give extra focus on it

STAR REPORT

Among the 19 constituencies in Sylhet division, Sylhet-1 has always been the general election bellwether for parties. Every party that had won this constituency since the restoration of democracy in 1991, went on to form the government.

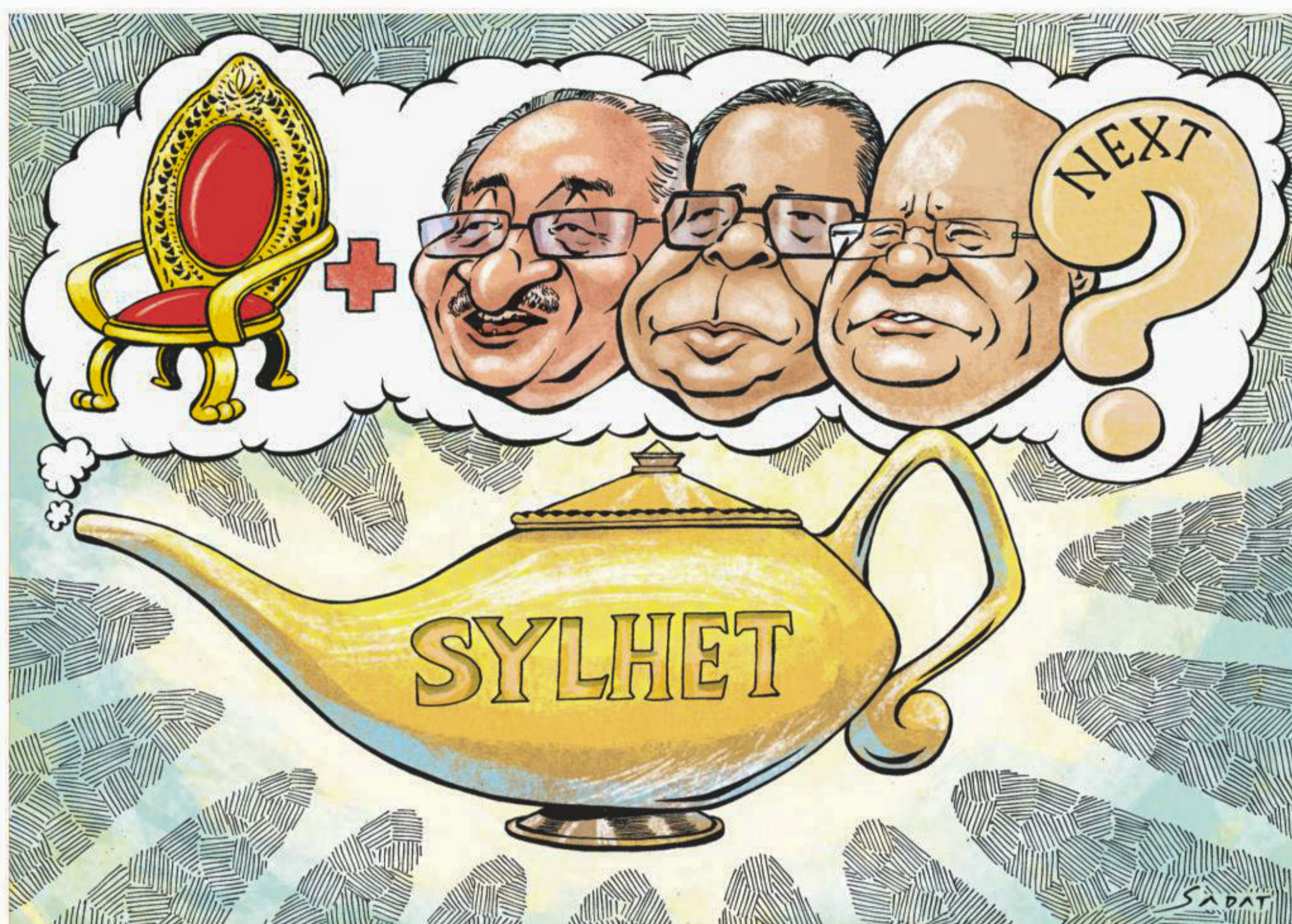
In the February 1991 election, the BNP won Sylhet-1 and formed the government. Five years later, an Awami League candidate was victorious there, paving the way for the party to return to power 21 years after the violent overthrow of the Bangabandhu government in 1975.

In 2001, the BNP defeated its archrival in this seat and swept back to power.

The 2008 parliamentary election was no exception. The AL candidate won the seat and the party formed the government. The AL retained the seat in the January 5, 2014, parliamentary polls.

Local leaders and activists of the AL and the BNP believe that the decades-old tradition of Sylhet-1 picking the party to form the next government would continue. Therefore, both sides have been giving special attention to this constituency made up of areas of the Sylhet City Corporation and Sylhet Sadar.

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Oikyafront to hold its first rally today

Leaders allege police obstruction in Sylhet

DWOHA CHOWDHURY, Sylhet

Jatiya Oikyafront, the newly-floated alliance of the BNP and several other parties, holds its first-ever rally today in Sylhet amid hurdles and uncertainty over its next programmes.

All preparations for the rally, to be held at Registrar's Office field in Bandarbarazar, were completed. However, panic gripped the platform's leaders and activists after police raided the houses of many of them on Monday night.

Amid such a situation, Dr Kamal Hossain, president of the Gonoforum, a component in the alliance, expressed concern over the way things have unfolded.

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PROPOSED RECEPTION TO PM

Rift in Hefajat

M NURUL HAYAT CHOWDHURY, Ctg

Cracks have surfaced within the Hefajate-Islam over a proposed public reception to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, prompting the Islamist group's senior nayeb-e-ameer Mohibullah Babunagari to resign.

The proposal that threw Hefajat into the crisis came from none other than its undisputed supremo, Shah Ahmad Shafi.

On October 1, he announced the plan to accord a reception to Hasina as a gesture of gratitude for the passage of a bill recognising top Qawmi degree Dawra-e-Hadith as equivalent to master's in Islamic studies and Arabic.

A 15-member committee was also



Shah Ahmad Shafi

formed to organise the programme.

But, insiders say, several leaders are not supporting this because of the "government's role" on May 5, 2013, when Hefajat activists got involved in deadly clashes with law enforcers and ruling party men, turning Motijheel and Paltan areas into a battlefield.

On that day, Hefajat had organised a huge gathering at Motijheel Shapla Chattar to press home its 13-point demand, including a law ensuring capital punishment for "maligning Islam".

Its activists went on the rampage setting fire to hundreds of shops, vehicles and

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Off the hook

Judicial enquiry found Salim Osman's involvement in assault on teacher but court finds no ground to frame charges

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Nearly 21 months ago, a judicial enquiry conducted by the then chief metropolitan magistrate of Dhaka found Jatiya Party lawmaker Salim Osman's involvement in the assault on Shyamal Kanti Bhakta, headmaster of a school in Narayanganj.

In the enquiry report submitted to the High Court on January 19 last year, the then CMM Sheikh Hafizur Rahman said Shyamal was forced to squat holding his ears on Salim's instructions, an incident that triggered a widespread public outrage.

The CMM also recommended sending the matter to the court concerned for taking the next step.

Yesterday, Chief Judicial Magistrate of Dhaka AKM Emdadul Haque found no involvement of the JP lawmaker



Salim Osman

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Congratulations



Heartiest congratulations to Mr. Faruque Hassan, Managing Director of Giant Group who has been appointed as the Honorary Consul General of Greece to Bangladesh. Mr. Hassan is a man who wears many hats, having greatly contributed to the RMG sector. He is the President of Dutch Bangla Chamber of Commerce & Industry (DBCCI), the first bi-lateral chamber in Bangladesh. He is also the Senior Vice President of BGMEA and the founder Member-Board of Trustees of BGMEA University of Fashion & Technology (BUFT). Mr. Hassan is also the Board Director of International Apparel Federation (IAF) based in the Netherlands.

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