

BB asks banks to make financial statements transparent

BSS, Dhaka

The Bangladesh Bank (BB) has asked the commercial banks to make their financial statements more comprehensive and informative as per the international banking standard.

In a press release, BB yesterday justified the move by saying it is essential in order to provide depositors, investors and other stakeholders an exact, clear and transparent impression about the financial condition of a bank.

The central bank said each bank should hang a brief statement about the bank's position in a visible form in each of its branches. It should include the bank's total deposit, loans, advances, classified loans,

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Govt studies UN resolution on sending troops

FM says country has to go by global consensus

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh is studying a UN Security Council resolution on sending troops to war-torn Iraq and in touch with governments of other UN member states for the issue, said Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan yesterday.

"We're studying the chapter four

of the UNSC resolution 1483 to see how it covers sending troops as stabilisation force to Iraq," he told the news agency.

The chapter four of the UNSC resolution urges the member states to assist the Iraqis for stability in Iraq.

"We have to go by global consensus," Khan said. Bangladesh never

sent any combatant force to fight against any nation, he added.

About US Secretary of State Colin Powell's request, the minister said Powell has requested "us to see" in what way Bangladesh could send troops as stabilisation force.

Khan said Bangladesh has so far joined 28 peacekeeping missions

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Members of the Bangladesh Supreme Court Bar Association form a human chain on the court premises yesterday to press for its six-point demand.

Pubali Bank's looted booty found, army man arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The probe into the sensational theft at the Pubali Bank branch at Bangabandhu Avenue in the city made a headway yesterday with police recovering Tk 12.40 lakh and gold ornaments weighing half a kilogram.

Tk 12 lakh and gold ornaments were recovered in Khulna while Tk 40,000 was recovered from an army man in Dhaka and he was arrested.

A security guard at the bank, Abu Daud Sheikh, had allegedly stolen Tk 26.62 lakh in cash and prize bond and gold ornaments by breaking open the bank's strong room sometime

between June 13 and 14 nights (Thursday and Friday). The incident came to light on June 14 when the bank reopened after the weekend.

In Khulna, a team from the city's Motijheel Police Station yesterday raided the house of a close relative of Abu Daud at Gilatola and seized Tk 12 lakh along with the gold ornaments.

Police arrested Abu Daud's brother-in-law Abul Bashar, a corporal of the army intelligence, in this connection and recovered Tk 40,000 from his possession at Sector-8 of Uttara Model Town in the city.

The bank guard is still absconding.

3 ex-bankers, CIP jailed for fund embezzlement

BSS, Dhaka

Three former officials of the Janata Bank were sentenced to 15-year rigorous imprisonment yesterday for misappropriating funds.

The convicts in two separate cases are former manager Mohammad Saifullah Siddiqi, second officer Badaruddin Biswas and cashier Mujibur Rahman of the bank's Fakirerpool branch.

They were also fined Tk 15 lakh or to suffer two more years behind bars. Mohammad Tosaddek Hossain,

a commercially important person (CIP) and owner of the Meridian International (165, DIT Extension Road), was also sentenced to 8-year rigorous imprisonment in the same cases.

Divisional Special Judge Mohammad Azizul Haq read out the verdict in presence of businessman Tosaddek. The three bankers, who misappropriated Tk 16.90 lakh of two depositors, are absconding.

They provided Tosaddek Tk 8 lakh loan against FDR worth Tk 10

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Moudud asks MPs not to create controversy over CJ's appointment

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Law Minister Moudud Ahmed yesterday told the Jatiya Sangsad that the opposition should not make the appointment of the chief justice controversial.

Moudud's comment came after Deputy Leader of the Opposition in the House Abdul Hamid said the Awami League (AL) lawmakers never intended to say anything personal against the chief justice in Tuesday's session. Rather, they wanted to discuss his appointment,

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'Angry civilians killed six British troops'

80 Iraqis may also have died in firefight: The Independent

REUTERS, Majjar, Iraq

Six British soldiers killed on Tuesday were shot dead by Iraqi civilians angry at intrusive searches for weapons in a conservative Shi'ite Muslim town in southern Iraq, residents said yesterday.

The British government said six soldiers were killed and eight wounded in two separate incidents on Tuesday near the city of Amarah,

some 200 km north of Iraq's British-controlled second city, Basra.

Witnesses in the town of Majjar, 30 km south of Amarah, said the six were killed by residents after days of tension because of methods a British force used to search for heavy weapons.

At least two Iraqis died in Tuesday's clash at Majjar, residents said, adding that the British opened

fire with plastic bullets to control a crowd after days of tension.

There was no immediate comment from the British military on the report.

"These British soldiers came with their dogs and pointed weapons at women and children. As Muslims, we can't accept dogs at our homes,"

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Separated Siamese twins doing well

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Siamese twins -- Hasan and Hossain -- are progressing very well after their separation operation on Tuesday.

Doctors removed artificial ventilation system in the morning yesterday and kept them under supervision. Hossain is at the Salahuddin Hospital and Hasan at the Neonatal Hospital in Dhanmandi.

"We are very hopeful about the chances of their survival," Dr Ruhul Amin, the surgeon who led the seven-hour long very compli-

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PHOTO: STAR

Siamese twins -- Hasan and Hossain - are progressing very well after they were surgically separated on Tuesday at two city hospitals.

Hasina appeals to world humanity to save the 'tortured'

UNB, Dhaka

Awami League President Sheikh Hasina yesterday appealed to the world humanity to free the country from what she said torture and repression by the BNP-Jamaat ruling alliance.

"Don't you see their torture and repression? Come and save us from the suffocating situation created by the alliance government," she said, addressing the inaugural session of a two-day programme at the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh auditorium.

The Bangladesh Institute of Human Rights (BIHR) and Women's Voice jointly organised the programme titled "Together Against Torture" marking the UN-announced international day in support of the oppressed. BIHR Chairman Justice KM Subhan presided over the function.

The Awami League (AL) chief said the situation has slipped to such a level that people are "not allowed to express their opinion

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