

Salary in cheque

FROM PAGE 1 industries instead of allowing 100 percent depreciation in the very first year of installation.

The annual tax exemption limit on conveyance allowance paid in cash has been proposed to be raised to Tk 18,000 from Tk 12,000 for computing incomes of salaried persons.

Income tax practitioners have to be members of registered tax bar associations for working as authorised persons. The amount of investment eligible for tax rebate has been raised to Tk 2.5 lakh from Tk 2 lakh. Tax exemption benefit on remittance from abroad by people who are not citizens of Bangladesh has been withdrawn.

Tax rates on purchase or construction of buildings and apartments in Gulshan, Banani, Baridhara, Dhanmondi, DOHS of Dhaka, and Panchlaish and Khulshi of Chittagong have been re-fixed at Tk 300 per square metres for a plinth area up to 200 square metres and Tk 500 for a plinth area over 200 square metres. For other areas the tax rates will remain unchanged.

The tax rate for purchase of land has been increased to 7.50 percent from 5 percent all over the country. The budget proposed to introduce a provision of minimum income tax of Tk 5,000 or 0.50 percent of turnover, whichever is higher, for companies irrespective of profit or loss.

An advance income tax on the bills paid by the user of credit cards has been fixed at 3 percent.

The tax rates for purchasing motorcars have been increased to 10 percent and 15 percent from 5 and 7.5 percent respectively.

NON-TAXABLE INDIVIDUAL INCOME LIMIT REMAINS SAME
Limit on non-taxable individual income remains at the same level of Tk 120,000 in the proposed budget for the 2006-07 financial year although essential prices continued to rise and living cost increased substantially in the last year.

Those who would earn more than Tk 120,000 will have to pay 10 percent tax of the total income up to Tk 250,000, 15 percent of the total earning up to Tk 300,000, 20 percent of the total income up to Tk 350,000 and 25 percent of the total income above Tk 350,000.

However, the minimum tax payable would be Tk 1,800.

The assesses who would pay

tax at the highest rate of 25 percent in the assessment year 2006-07, will enjoy a 10 percent tax rebate on the additional tax paid if they disclose more than 10 percent higher income in assessment year 2007-08.

FOUR-TIER CUSTOMS DUTY STRUCTURE REMAINS INTACT
The four-tier customs duty structure remains intact in the proposed budget but there have been changes in rates. The finance minister proposed to reduce the customs duty on basic raw materials to 5 per cent from 6 per cent and 12 per cent on intermediate goods from 13 per cent.

The budget also proposed to cut the supplementary duty to 20 per cent and 15 per cent from 35 per cent and 25 per cent. The finance minister hoped the changes in the duty structure will help the domestic industries grow, resulting in positive impact on the economy.

The proposed budget also exempted fertilizer, seeds, capital machinery, drum-seeder and other agricultural inputs from duties and taxes at the import level.

The infrastructure development surcharge (IDS) has been withdrawn from import of all kinds of hybrid rice seeds.

The poultry and livestock industry gets a boost. The government has proposed to withdraw all duties and taxes on import of capital machinery and accessories and other inputs of the industry.

The import duties on raw materials of plastic and melamine products have been proposed at 5 per cent from 13 per cent for making this industry more competitive in the domestic and international markets. The duties on some raw materials for local electronic industry have also been reduced to 5 per cent from 13 per cent.

The finance minister proposed to withdraw all duties and taxes on certain spare parts of garment, textiles, hosiery, label and Terry towel industries and affluent treatment plants.

Besides, the duty on synthetic filament tow, one of the basic raw materials for hosiery industry, has also been withdrawn.

In a bid to make local paper and printing industry more competitive the budget proposed 15 per cent supplementary duty on advertising materials and commercial catalogues. The duty on cellular mobile phone set has been reduced to Tk 200 from Tk 300 per set.

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3 houses looted, housewife raped

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Netrakona

Miscreants looted three houses and raped a housewife at Gavina village under Durgapur upazila of the district on Wednesday night.

Police and inmates of the houses said a gang of 12 attacked the houses of Akhil Chandra Pal, Sushil Chandra Das and Rabindra Chandra Das and looted valuables and gold ornaments worth about Tk 2 lakh.

The gang dragged Ratna Pal, 25, wife of Akhil Chandra Pal, out of their house and raped her. Seriously injured Ratna is now undergoing treatment at Netrakona Sadar Hospital.

The miscreants also tried to violate Basanti Rani Das, 18, daughter of Sushil Chandra Das. They tried for help. Hearing screams, the villagers rushed to the scene, but could not catch hold of any of the gang.

A case was filed with Durgapur Police Station. No one was arrested as of 6:00pm yesterday.

Outlaw killed in 'shootout'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

An underground operative was killed in an encounter between the law enforcers and his cohorts in Khulna early yesterday.

Police arrested Ashikur Rahman Rinku, 30, of Purbo Banglar Communist Party (PBCP-Janajuddha) at Sonadanga in the city on Wednesday night.

On his confidential statement, police launched a drive in Sonadanga area at around 4:00am yesterday to arrest Rinku's accomplices and hidden firearms, taking him with them.

Sensing the presence of the police near Basupara graveyard, Rinku's accomplices opened fire, forcing the law enforcers to retaliate.

Police said Rinku received bullets during the shootout and died instantly.

Son of Mohammad Aminul Islam Master of Sonadanga, Rinku was wanted in six criminal cases including two for murder, police said.

Two pipe guns and three bullets were recovered from the scene.

Budget designed

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Describing the proposed budget as 'deceptive', 'ambitious', and 'visionless', he said it does not have any holistic approach to tackling price hike of essentials and power, gas and fuel crises -- the major crises facing the country for the last couple of years.

On the other hand, Jatiya Party (JP) Chairman HM Ershad also termed the proposed budget unreal, meritless and imaginary.

The chief of the second largest opposition party in parliament said the common people of the country are least interested in the budget as prices of all essentials, including fuel and utilities, have already gone beyond their purchasing capacity. The budget does not show any solution to these problems, he added.

Muhith said the proposed budget lacks 'visions' and would not bring anything positive for the nation.

"Budget should be aimed at facilitating investment in the country but the proposed budget lacks such visions," he said. The budget would encourage black money holders to 'whiten their money' as it (budget) encourages buying of lands, houses and cars, which does not mean investment, he noted.

"We cannot accept this budget as there is no specific direction as to how we can go ahead overcoming the ongoing power, fuel and gas crises and putting an end to misrule," said Muhith, also member of the AL advisory council. All these problems have seriously hampered investment in the country, he mentioned.

The former finance minister said the proposed budget has set so many targets without specifying how those would be achieved. It would be the responsibility of three governments -- incumbent one, caretaker one and the next elected one -- to implement this budget and that less than 70 per cent of it would be implemented, he noted.

Muhith said taxes on different goods have been decreased in the proposed budget but it would not help the people in general, rather it would benefit those who stockpile imported goods, including plastic materials.

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His party would not accept any anti-people budget, he added.

Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim, Motia Chowdhury, Obaidul Quader, Syed Ashrafur Islam, Abdur Rahman, Akhtaruzzaman, Mostafa Jalal Mohiuddin, among others, were present at the press conference held at the party's Dhanmondi office in the capital.

Earlier, Deputy Leader of the Opposition Abdul Hamid said the proposed budget for FY 2006-07 aims to create opportunities for the ruling alliance loyalists to plunder public money ahead of the next polls.

"People are frustrated with the proposed budget as it lacks steps to resolve the crises they are now facing," he said at a press conference at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban. Quoting from the proposed budget, Hamid said that the finance minister has proposed to allot 12 per cent of the total allocation to the local government. "This amount will go to the pockets of ruling coalition activists," he added.

AL presidium member Abdur Razzak said the finance minister did not allocate any money for the construction of the proposed Padma Bridge, although it is the demand of the people of South and South-Western parts of the country for a long time.

Senior lawmaker Suranjit Sengupta described the budget as 'full of manipulated figures' and said the government has imposed uniform duty on canned water and liquor.

There is no indication as how to control the price hike of essentials and resist militancy.

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BNP cadres ransack Khoksa Press Club

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Ruling BNP cadres yesterday vandalised Khoksa Press Club and declared to oust journalists from the upazila.

According to sources, Ashrafur, Khoksa upazila correspondent of the daily Aker Kagoj and editor of local weekly 'Droho' took photographs of BNP men vandalising some establishments Muktijoddha Sangshad office in Khoksa at about 1:45pm.

After sometime when Ashrafur was sitting at Khoksa Press Club, some 500 yards off the spot, the BNP men stormed into the press club and demanded he hand over his camera. As he refused, the BNP men launched an attack on the press club.

They broke furniture and signboard and also looted valuables.

At one stage, they assaulted Ashrafur and snatched his camera.

Khoksa upazila BNP vice-president, also Khoksa Municipality Chairman, Anwar Ahmed Tatari and his henchmen Abul and Diyanat led the attack.

Later, the BNP men declared to drive out all journalists from the upazila and warned them of the consequences the Kushtia journalists had faced earlier.

Four journalists of Kushtia are now in Dhaka due to a series of repression by ruling party lawmaker as well as Kushtia BNP president and local lawmaker Shahidul Islam.

Upazila units of Awami League (AL) and Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) protested the incident and demanded immediate arrest of the culprits.

High bank borrowing

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Tk 9,627 crore. In NBR tax portion, highest emphasis has been put on income tax, which has been raised by 22 per cent while VAT was proposed to be raised by 18.80 per cent.

Import tariff has been increased by 15 per cent while supplementary tariff by 20.44 per cent in the coming fiscal compared to the current budget.

The overall deficit except grants has been set at Tk 17,198 crore, which is 3.7 per cent of the GDP.

FY06 REVISED BUDGET
Total expenditure for the revised current budget has been fixed at Tk 61,058 crore, which is 5 per cent less than that of the original budget. Of it, the revenue expenditure has been reduced by 2.69 per cent to put it at Tk 37,057 crore.

Total development expenditure has been reduced by 11 per cent to put it at Tk 23,626 crore. Of it, ADP expenditure has been reduced by Tk 3,000 crore to make it Tk 21,500 crore.

Total revenue in the current revised budget has been reduced by 1.86 per cent from the original budget to make it Tk 44,868 crore. Of it, NBR portion has been reduced by Tk 1,196 crore to make it Tk 34,456 crore. Again non-tax revenue has been raised by Tk 203 crore to make it Tk 8,693 crore.

The overall deficit (except grants) in the original budget was set at Tk 18,661 crore, but because of failure to fully implement the ADP the deficit has come down to Tk 16,190 in the revised budget, which is 3.9 per cent of the GDP.

DEFICIT FINANCING
A change has been marked in the case of both foreign aid and internal borrowing.

In the revised budget, net foreign loan has been reduced by 21 per cent from the original budget to make it Tk 5,574 crore. In the new budget, net foreign loan has been raised by 5 per cent to put it at Tk 5,856 crore.

In the current revised budget,

foreign grant has been reduced by 25 per cent from the original to make it Tk 2,476 crore. In the new budget, it has been raised by 1.2 per cent to make it Tk 2,508 crore.

In the current revised budget, bank borrowing has been raised by 35 per cent from the original to make it Tk 4,911 crore. In the new budget, it has been raised by 11 per cent to make it Tk 5,434 crore.

Borrowing through saving instruments in the current revised budget has been reduced by 30 per cent from the original to make it Tk 2,600 crore. It has been kept the same in the new budget.

Home gets 13pc higher budget

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Home ministry's budget for the 2006-07 fiscal year is Tk 3,386.59 crore, which is 12.85 percent higher than previous FY.

Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman proposed Tk 157.78 crore for development and Tk 3228.81 crore for non-development sector of the ministry for the coming FY.

The allocation was 3001.04 crore in the proposed budget and 3194.60 crore in the revised budget of the 2005-06 FY.

"To improve the law and order, in last five years, we have increased allocation by an average of 14 percent," the finance minister said while placing his budget in parliament yesterday.

The government enacted nearly 150 laws reforming the existing criminal and civil justice system and reformed a large number of outdated laws in addition to introducing important amendments to Registration Act, Transfer of Property Act and Specific Relief Act and Limitation Act.

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এতদ্বারা পরিচিত্য সম্পত্তি হিসাবে নাস্ত নির্মাণ প্রতিষ্ঠান "গ্যামান বাংলাদেশ লিঃ" কর্তৃক জনস্বার্থে বায়োহাই বাংলাদেশী ক্রেতা বা প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হতে নির্ধারিত ফরমে সীলমোহরিত দরপত্র আহ্বান করা হয়।

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	৪০০, তেজগাঁও শিল্প এলাকা, ঢাকার "গ্যামান-বাংলাদেশ লিঃ" এর অফিস ও ৩.০০ (তিন) বিঘা জমিসহ অন্যান্য ভবনসমূহ ইত্যাদি।	৩৭/৩৮, বেগুনবাড়ি, তেজগাঁও শিল্প এলাকা, ঢাকার ১.৫০ (সেড়) বিঘা জমি ও আশপাশকার ভবন ইত্যাদি এবং ৪০০, তেজগাঁও শিল্প এলাকা, ঢাকা, ৩৭/৩৮, বেগুনবাড়ি, শিল্প এলাকা, ঢাকার জায়গায় "গ্যামান বাংলাদেশ লিঃ" এর বস্তুপাতি, যানবাহন, আসবাবপত্র, সেটরস ইত্যাদিসহ এই ফার্মের সুনাং।
১। ক) সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের তারিখ ও সময়	ঃ	ঃ
	আজই বাজি বা প্রতিষ্ঠানসমূহ ০৮-০৬-০৬ই তারিখ হতে ০৯-০৭-০৬ই তারিখ পর্যন্ত অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে একা কবতে পারবেন।	
	বিভাগীয় কমিশনার, ঢাকা বিভাগ, ঢাকা এর অফিস।	
	নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, গণপূর্ত রক্ষণাবেক্ষণ বিভাগ, সেতনবাগিচা, ঢাকা/নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, গণপূর্ত বিভাগ নং ১/২/০৪/৮, ঢাকা/গণপূর্ত বিভাগ, ঢাকা/হিডেন গণপূর্ত বিভাগ, ঢাকা/মডিফেল কলেজ গণপূর্ত বিভাগ, ঢাকা/সম্পদ গণপূর্ত বিভাগ, ঢাকা/শেরেবাংলা নদীর গণপূর্ত বিভাগ-১/২/০৩, ঢাকা/মহাশালী গণপূর্ত বিভাগ, ঢাকা/মতিঙ্গল গণপূর্ত বিভাগ, ঢাকা/আজিমপুর গণপূর্ত বিভাগ, ঢাকা/সাভার গণপূর্ত বিভাগ, ঢাকা/মিরপুর গণপূর্ত বিভাগ, ঢাকা/নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, গণপূর্ত বিভাগ-৪, ঢাকা এর আওতাধীন উপ-বিভাগীয় প্রকৌশলী, গণপূর্ত উপ-বিভাগ-৫, পূর্ত ভবন, সেতনবাগিচা, ঢাকা/নির্বাহী প্রকৌশলী, গণপূর্ত ৩/এম বিভাগ-৫, ঢাকা।	
	প্রতি গ্রুপে প্রতি সেটের মূল্য ১০০০/- (এক হাজার) টাকা মাত্র। (অফেরতযোগ্য)।	
	৩) দরপত্র দাখিল সংক্রান্ত বিস্তারিত নিয়মাবলী ও শর্তাবলী ও শর্তাদি সিডিউলে সন্নিবেশিত রয়েছে।	
৪। ক) দরপত্র দাখিলের স্থান	ঃ ১।	ঃ ২।
	গুহায়ন ও গণপূর্ত মন্ত্রণালয়ের সঞ্চয়ন কর্ম (ভবন নং-৫, রুম নং-২০৪, বাংলাদেশ সচিবালয়, ঢাকা।	বিভাগীয় কমিশনার, ঢাকা বিভাগ, ১ম-১২ তলা সরকারি অফিস ভবন, সেতনবাগিচা, ঢাকা।
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		৪। প্রশাসনিক কর্মকর্তা, "গ্যামান বাংলাদেশ লিঃ" ৪০০, তেজগাঁও শিল্প এলাকা, ঢাকা।
খ) সময়	ঃ	তারিখঃ ১০/০৭/০৬ই, সময় বেলা-১২০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।
৫) দরপত্র খোলা স্থান ও সময়	ঃ	ঃ
	১০/০৭/০৬ই তারিখ, সময় বেলা ৩.০০ ঘটিকায় দরপত্র কমিটির সম্মুখে দরদাতাগণের উপস্থিতিতে (যদি কেহ উপস্থিত থাকেন) বিভাগীয় কমিশনার, ঢাকা এর সঞ্চয়ন কর্মে খোলা হবে।	
৬) মহামান্য আদালতের রায় অনুযায়ী সিদ্ধান্ত হলে, চুক্তিপত্র উপ-টিকাদারদের কাছ থেকে না হওয়া পর্যন্ত গণপূর্ত কার্য রক্ষণা জনস্বার্থে চলতি নির্মাণ কাজসমূহ হতে "গ্যামান বাংলাদেশ লিঃ" এর প্রশাসকের ব্যবধানে যে সকল চেক ইস্যু করা হবে, তা যথায়-সচিব (মনিটরিং সেল) গুহায়ন ও গণপূর্ত মন্ত্রণালয় এর পরাবে উক্ত চেক ইস্যু করবেন। তিনি বাহক লেনদেন পরিচালনাসহ উপ-টিকাদারদের পাতনা তাদের সংশ্লিষ্ট সম্পাদিত চুক্তি অনুযায়ী পরিশোধ করবেন। "গ্যামান বাংলাদেশ লিঃ" এর চুক্তি অনুযায়ী প্রাপ্ত কমিশন সরকারি বাস্তব যাতে নির্ধারিত হতে জমা হবে।		কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ছাড়াই যে কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা সকল দরপত্র বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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