

Former US Defence Secretary indicted in BCCI scandal

NEW YORK, July 30: The Manhattan district attorney said Clark Clifford and his partner Robert Altman were indicted on charges related to the Bank of Credit and Commerce International (BCCI) scandal, reports Reuters.

Also indicted were Agha Hasan Abedi, Swaleh Naqvi and Faisal Al Fulaj.

The prosecutor also announced a second indictment involving Abedi and Faisal Saudi Al Fulaj and Ghath Pharaon. In separate charges growing out of the BCCI case, Manhattan district attorney Robert Morgenthau said Kamal Adham and Sayed Jawhary pleaded guilty to failing to disclose the true identity of members of first American Bank of New York's board.

tain license to operate US bank.

Abedi, a Pakistani banker and the founder of BCCI, and Naqvi helped Abedi run the banking group.

According to the indictment, Adham was a Saudi Arabian businessman and Jawhary was an accountant working for Adham. The two men and Fulaj were both customers of BCCI and its subsidiaries.

"At the heart of the scheme was the desire of defendants Abedi and Naqvi, through the use of their co-schemers and the BCCI group, to own, control and have special access to banks, banking institutions and bank holding companies in the United States, the indictment said.

the owners of credit and commerce American holdings, the bank holding company that owned first American bank shares, would be only passive investors, and that the BCCI group would have no role in the management of CCAH and its subsidiaries.

Clifford and Altman also allegedly told regulators that CCAH would be run by American management.

During a news conference, Morgenthau told reporters that in addition to misleading regulators, Clifford and Altman are charged with taking bribes from the leaders of BCCI in the form of sham loans and stock deals for themselves and fees for their law firm.

Clifford and Altman were expected to surrender and be arraigned in New York Supreme Court.

Today's criminal fraud scheme... but a sophisticated and corrupt criminal enterprise, organised from the top down to do just this — accumulate money and gain the power and prestige that the money provided, Morgenthau said.

If convicted, Clifford, 85, could face a maximum possible prison sentence of nine years and Altman, 45, could face more than 30 years in prison.

The top country in the indictment, which charges Abedi, Naqvi, Pharaon and Fulaj with using BCCI as a corrupt enterprise, exposes them to a mandatory prison sentence of 25 years and fines worth three times the losses suffered by investors — estimated at 5.0 billion dollar for entire of assets gained through their crimes and restitution to victims.

In the New York case, the indictment charges that Clifford, Altman and the other defendant lied to US government regulators about the ownership and control of BCCI-owned subsidiaries.

The indictment said that the false information was used by Adham and Jawhary to ob-

The indictment says that Clifford and Altman used their roles as attorneys and investors in various BCCI entities and as officers at first American Bank shares to mislead banking regulators about Abedi and Naqvi's ownership of BCCI and its subsidiaries.

The indictment said that the lies Clifford and Altman told regulators was that

In addition to the criminal charges brought by the grand jury, the DA's office has levied civil charges against Clifford and Altman seeking in excess of 40 million dollar.

Morgenthau also said Adham and Jawhary, as part of their guilty plea, will pay 105 million dollar in fines, reimbursements and compensation. They have also agreed to coop-

Efforts are underway to bring Abedi and Naqvi to the United States and efforts will be launched regarding Fulaj.



NEW YORK: Former Defence Secretary Clark Clifford (C) is escorted by marshals as he arrives at New York State Supreme Court July 29 for his arraignment hearing. He has been indicted for his role in the Bank of Credit and Commerce International (BCCI) scandal. — AFP/UNB photo

BRIEFS

Pakistan produces record wheat
ISLAMABAD, July 30: Pakistan has achieved a new wheat production record of 15.53 million tonnes, surpassing the target fixed for the current year, officials said here Wednesday. The previous national wheat crop record, 14.56 million tonnes, was harvested last year. This year the target fixed for the wheat production was 15.15 million tonnes, but reports being compiled at the food ministry reveal that the actual production has touched 15.53 million tonnes, the officials said, reports AFP.

Japan's vehicle export rises 1.7 pc
TOKYO, July 30: Exports of Japanese vehicles grew 1.7 per cent from a year earlier to 2.90 million units in the six months to June, rising for the first time since the 1990 July-December period, an industry association said Wednesday. The Japan automobile manufacturers association said this was the first year-on-year rise for the January-June period since 1986, attributing it to strong sales in the Middle East and Latin America, reports AFP.

ROK trade deficit soars to \$4.8b
SEOUL, July 30: South Korea posted a trade deficit of 4.8 billion dollar during the first five months of the year, the highest among Asia's four 'dragon' economies, trade officials were quoted as saying Wednesday. Yonhap news agency quoted officials of the Trade and Industry ministry as saying Taiwan ran a 4.9 billion dollar surplus during the period, while Hong Kong and Singapore registered deficits of 2.2 billion dollar and 2.7 billion dollar, respectively. South Korea was third in exports after Taiwan and Hong Kong, marking a 9.1 per cent increase over the same period last year to 29.7 billion dollar, reports AFP.

Brazil restructures Poland's debt
BRASILIA, July 30: After seven years of negotiations, Brazil has signed three debt accords restructuring Poland's total debt of 3.76 billion dollar owed to the country. Capital amortization is to be paid over 18 years with a 54-month grace period, and interest is to be paid each year in the months of March and September, with an international market-based variable rate, said economy ministry official Rubens Artigas, reports AFP.

Huge losses threaten US airline industry
NEW YORK, July 30: Bargain-basement ticket prices and high costs left the American airline industry with huge losses this spring and raised expectations that there would be fewer US carriers flying by the end of the year. Airlines are supposed to make money in the spring and summer to make it through the traditionally weak fall and winter quarters. But half-price ticket sales made this second quarter possibly the worst in aviation history and dim the outlook for the third quarter. Analysts say the industry will have to shrink before it can make money again. That means some carriers flying today would have to fold or sell to healthier rivals, reports AP.

BCCI fraud began in late 1970 Secrets continue to unravel

NEW YORK, July 30: The indictment of former Defense Secretary Clark Clifford is the latest chapter in the still-unfolding saga of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International, which collapsed more than a year ago, reports AP.

BCCI was founded in 1972 in Pakistan as International Bank serving the Third World. It quickly expanded to 70 countries and was structured in a way to avoid oversight by one bank regulator. BCCI's holding company was chartered in Luxembourg, with a key subsidiary based in the Cayman Islands and major operations based in London. The majority owners were members of the ruling family of Abu Dhabi, a tiny but oil-wealthy emirate in the Gulf.

Law enforcement and congressional officials in the United States have already said the CIA used BCCI to transfer money to US-backed guerrillas in Nicaragua and Afghanistan. Former White House aide Oliver North used the bank to set up accounts for covert operations, they said.

Auditors say BCCI's fraud began in late 1970s as management tried to cover several billion dollars in losses on loans.

On July 5, 1991, regulators in 13 countries including the United States and Britain shut down BCCI, following auditors' reports about the fraud. Later reports said BCCI provided sophisticated drug money laundering services to the Medellin cocaine cartel in Columbia and was the secret banker for former Panamanian leader Manuel Noriega.

BCCI's shutdown left the bank's 1.1 million depositors worldwide with limited access to their savings. A year later, some countries have advanced plans to repay local depositors while others are awaiting a broader repayment plan devised by British liquidators.

That plan would repay 250,000 depositors in 40 countries between 30 cents to 40 cents on the dollar of their savings. It has won approval of courts in England and the Cayman Islands and is pending review by a Luxembourg court.

The bank had only limited offices in the United States, so relatively few depositors were affected. However, last year's failure of Independence Bank of Encino, Calif., was caused in part because investors were unwilling to put money in a bank once secretly owned by BCCI.

BCCI and its former executives and associates face a large number of civil and criminal lawsuits concerning BCCI's secret takeover in 1982 of First American Bankshares in Washington, D.C.; the former National Bank of Georgia; and the failed Independence Bank; and an investment in the failed CenTrust Savings Bank of Miami.

To settle some of these charges, BCCI's liquidators agreed last December to plead guilty to racketeering charges and forfeit 550 million dollar the largest criminal forfeiture in US history.

Clifford and his law associate, Robert Altman, were indicted Wednesday on state and federal charges in connection with BCCI's takeover of First American Bankshares.

Bush for tougher terms of WB loans

WASHINGTON, July 30: President Bush's administration wants tougher terms for some still poor but slightly better-off countries borrowing from the World Bank, a US Treasury spokesman said Wednesday, reports AP.

He said more of the "soft" loans of the bank's International Development Association (IDA), should go to the poorest countries. These are loans that carry less than one per cent interest a year and can be repaid over 40 years.

In the year ending June 30, IDA agreed to make a record 6.550 billion dollar worth of such loans.

A World Bank spokesman said little of that money went to any country where the average citizen's income was more than 740 dollar a year — about two dollar a day. But eight of some 40 countries also borrow of the window that sets terms more like those of commercial banks: interest at 7.75 per cent a year and quicker repayment.

The Treasury said that 42 per cent of IDA's money goes

7 held in Seoul for fraud in stock market

SEOUL, July 30: Government prosecutors Wednesday announced the arrest of seven men including the president of a listed company and stock brokerage officials for an alleged 80 million dollar stock market and financial fraud, reports AP.

The alleged mastermind of the fraud is Yoo Hong-Jin, President of Shin-Jung Paper Company which was listed on the Seoul stock market in December as a profitable firm as certified public accounts manipulated the books, although it accumulated a deficit of 34 billion won (43.3 million US dollar) in the last several years, according to the announcement.

Also arrested was Rah Yong-Ho, President of the Dae-Shin Securities Company who allegedly connived with Yoo to raise Shin-Jung's share prices before the paper firm went bankrupt in March.

Public accountants were also arrested for taking a huge bribe from Yoo for dressing up his books.

Exchange Rates

The following are the Commercial Bank's BC selling and TT (C), OD transfer buying rates for some selected foreign currencies effective on July 31 and August 1.

Currency	Selling B.C.	T. T. (C)	Buying O.D. Transfer
US Dollar	39.1326	38.9087	38.6339
Pound sterling	75.1367	74.7816	74.2916
DM	26.4231	26.2542	26.0687
FF	7.8265	7.7786	7.7237
S Riyal	10.4641	10.4042	10.3307
S Guider	23.4257	23.2777	23.1133
S Kroner	7.2805	7.2321	7.1810
Singapore Dollar	24.2743	24.1354	23.9649
UAE Dirham	10.6911	10.6299	10.5548
Kuwaiti Dinar	134.7531	133.9821	133.0358
Indian Rupee (AMU)	1.5104	1.5036	1.4961
Pak Rupee (AMU)	1.5523	1.5451	1.5374

Shipping Intelligence

CHITTAGONG PORT

Berth position and performance of vessels as on 30/7/92

Berth No	Name of Vessel	Cargo	Last Port Call	Local Agent	Date of Arrival	Leaving
J/1	Ronjay Victory	Cement	Sing	PSAL	16/7	2/8
J/4	Banglar Gourab	GI	Pena	BSC	18/8	1/8
J/5	Samudra Raj	GI	Kora	SSC	15/7	31/7
J/6	Al Swamuz	GI	Sing	ASLL	18/7	31/7
J/7	Jiang Cheng	GI/GL	S Hat	BDSHIP	22/7	31/7
J/8	Continent-1	GI	Pena	CLA	25/7	01/8
J/11	Ronjay Choomie	Urea	Mong	PSAL	10/7	31/7
J/13	Harmen Oldendorff	Fert	Mobile	SSST	17/7	05/8
MBP/1	I Yamburekon	Cont	Sing	CT	26/7	30/7
GCJ	Banglar Asha	Repair	Sing	BSC	R/A	30/7
GSJ	Ocean Earth	Cement	Sing	Sunshine	19/7	03/8
TSP	Samudra Shamrat	Repair	Col	SSL	1/7	05/8
RM/4	Nara Du Jian	Cement	Chin	MSA	25/6	4/8
RM/5	Nina	SKO/HSD	Libe	MSPL	29/7	31/7
RM/6	Tenyoishi Maru-4	L Oil	Indo	NWSL	28/7	31/7
DDJ	Banglar Jyoti	C Oil	-	BSC	R/A	30/7
DD	Banglar Baari	Repair	-	BSC	R/A	5/8
DDJ/1	Endurance Sea	Repair	Aqaba	Libe	25/1	5/8
DDJ/2	Banglar Shampad	Repair	-	BSC	R/A	4/8
RM/9	Banglar Kiron	Repair	-	BSC	R/A	1/8

VESSEL DUE AT OUTER ANCHORAGE

Name of Vessel	Date of Arrival	Last Port Call	Local Agent	Cargo	Loading Port
Oranienburg	30/7	Sing	Lufhal	W Pulp	-
Zang Su Bong	30/7	Cal	UMAL	Fert	Lhil
Al Mohammed	02/8	Mong	KSL	Urea	Vietnam
Arktis Orion	30/7	Sing	BSC	GI	-
Benvalla	1/8	Mong	RSL	Cont	Sing
Armas	3/8	Mong	OWSL	J Goods	-
Hunza	4/8	-	Bright	Cement	Aclab
A Megacarrrier II	2/8	Mong	BDSHIP	E/L	Sing
Vishva Pankaj	2/8	Mong	SSL	E/L	Dundee Ant
Mehedinti	2/8	Col	BSL	GI	-
Oryx	3/8	Mong	Aqua	GL	Doula
Kota Eagle	3/8	Sing	CTS	Cont	Sing
Knud Jespersen	3/8	-	CT	Cont	Sing
Stonewall Jackson	6/8	-	Karna	GI	S New York
Golden Gate	3/8	Tampa	SSST	Fert	-
Fresh Ocean	4/8	-	USTC	Cement	-
Mizoram	4/8	-	SSL	GI	Fe E Japa
New Genlord	4/8	Sing	BDSHIP	Cont	Sing
Yao Sheng	5/8	-	Bright	Cement	-
Bellatrix	5/8	Mong	MM	GI	B Abbas
Summit Venture	5/8	Vanc	Ancient	Wheat	-
Silver Lake	5/8	-	Prog	GI	-
Margilan	5/8	-	Prog	GI	-
Bryanskyl Mashinos	6/8	Annaba	TSLI	R Phos	-
Trottel	-	-	-	-	-
Hafez	6/8	Mong	SSL	E/L	B Abbas
Fong Shin	6/8	Sing	BDSHIP	Cont	Sing
Optima	6/8	Sing	RSL	Cont	Sing
Pearl One	6/8	Kara	Cross	Bitumin/Cotton	-
Vishva Abha	7/8	-	SSL	GL	Odessa
Flying Dragon	7/8	-	USTC	Cement	-
Andromache	8/8	-	RSL	Cont	Mong
Artemis-1	10/8	-	Bright	Cement	-
Karabievrett	10/8	-	EBPL	GI	Japa FE
Safina-e-Haider	10/8	Kara	ASLL	GI/GL	Karachi
Petr Starostin	12/8	-	CT	Cont	Sing
Andrian Goncharov	15/8	-	CT	Cont	Sing

TANKER DUE

Neptune Antlia	3/8	Sing	MSPL	HSD and	JP-1 (BBLs)
Apollo Asuka	1/8	-	NWSL	HSD and	JP-1

VESSELS AT KUTUBDIA

T T energy	C Oil	Col	NNL	27/4
Topaz	C Oil	-	ECSL	21/7
Banglar Shourabh	C Oil	-	BSC	R/A

VESSELS AT OUTER ANCHORAGE

READY ON

NGS Ranger	Cont	Sing	BDSHIP	28/7
Fong Yup	Cont	Sing	BDSHIP	29/7
Kota Buana	Cont	Sing	CTS	30/7

VESSELS NOT READY

Hang Shing	Cement	Sing	H and H	22/7
Alexey Tolstoy	Cement	Sing	PSAL	23/7
Long Khan	Cement	Sing	Bright	30/7

VESSELS AWAITING INSTRUCTION

Banglar Mamata	Repair	Mong	BSC	29/7
Ocean Enjoy	-	Col	BSC	R/A (27/7)

VESSELS NOT ENTERING

Alyn	Cement	Sing	Alamin	R/A (18/9)
Rud Deer	-	Sing	KSL	R/A (26/11)
Nehaj	Scraping	Col	UMAL	10/6
Anh Dao	Bunker	Mong	UMAL	27/7

The above were the Thursday's shipping position and performance of vessels of Chittagong Port as per berthing sheet of CPA supplied by HRC Group, Dhaka.

Price Index

July 30

Essentials	PULSES	(Taka per kg)
RICE	Mashur	27.00-28.00
Aman(fine)	Moogh	30.00-32.00
16.00-17.00	Chhola	22.00-23.00
Pujan	Khesari	14.00-15.00
13.50-14.00	FRUITS	
Potato (local)	Green Coconut (Small)	(One piece)
11.00-12.00	Coconut (Large)	4.00-5.00
10.00-12.00		8.00-10.00
10.00-12.00		(One piece)
5.00-6.00	Pineapple	8.00-12.00
5.00-6.00	Jackfruit	20.00-50.00
4.00-6.00	Banana: (4 pieces)	4.00-5.00
OTHER FOODSTUFF	Sugar (Large)	12.00-14.00
Flour	Champa	3.00-4.00
14.00-14.50		
10.50-11.00		
10.50-11.00		
140.00-170.00	Dates	(Taka per kg)
110.00-140.00	45.00-50.00	
50.00-58.00	OIL	(Taka per litre)
120.00-140.00	Mustard	52.00-54.00
90.00-100.00	Soybean	38.00-39.00
140.00-150.00	Coconut (Colombo)	85.00-95.00
NA	Vegetable Ghee (1kg)	48.00-52.00
NA	SPICES	(Taka per kg)
NA	Onion (local)	10.00-11.00
NA	Garlic (local)	26.00-32.00
NA	Chillies (local)	28.00-35.00
NA	Turmeric (Local)	45.00-50.00
64.00-66.00	Green chillies	10.00-12.00
68.00-70.00	MILK	(Two kg)
72.00-72.50	Dood	306.00-307.00
72.00-72.50	Red-Cow	315.00-316.00
70.00-80.00	MISCELLANEOUS	(Taka per kg)
4.00	Ghee	220.00-240.00
12.00	Salt	7.00-8.00
12.00	Sugar	27.00-27.50
13.00		

Dhaka Stock Prices

At the close of trading on July 30, 1992

Star Economic Report

Dull business

Business continued to decline at Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE) on Thursday. No sign of improvement was noticed. Both volume and value further lost figures. Volume lost 33.38 per cent from Wednesday's 13350 to 8890. Value lost by 0.072 per cent to stand at Taka 897620.00 from Wednesday's Tk 898268.00.

Number of shares trading on the floor also fell from Wednesday's 37 to only 15. Losers still maintained their dominance over the gainers who outnumbered the latter by 10 to four. Only a single share traded at its previous rate.

The DSE Composite Index continued its down trend and closed at 361.6694 from 362.2704.

THE DAY'S TRADING AT A GLANCE

DSE all share Price Index	361.6694
Market Capitalisation (Tk)	10,333,547,136.00
Turnover in Value (Tk)	897620.00
Turnover (in volume)	8893

Company	FV/ML	Previous day's price	Closing Price	Change (absolute)	Change (% over Previous Price)
Gains (04)					
Shares:					
Rupan Oil	10/100	6.40	6.80	0.40	6.250
National Tubes	100/10	94.63	100.00	5.37	5.675
6th ICB M Fund	100/10	65.53	67.00	1.47	2.243
BGIC	100/10	146.88	147.00	0.12	0.082

Losses (10)					
Shares:					
Islam Jute	100/5	65.00	60.00	5.00	7.692
Umsania Glass	100/5	320.00	309.06		