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HC suggests

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plained that the CEO had misappropriated the money by submitting a false bill for consultancy services for the Institute of Post Graduate Studies in Agriculture (IPSA) at Gazipur.

The ECBL was engaged in construction and consultancy work under a contract signed on December 14, 1993. As per the contract, ECBL entitlements stood at Tk 26.97 lakh for design, topographic survey and soil test.

In the course of the work, IPSA authorities had requested ECBL to include in the survey a link road connecting IPSA with the Shimulati-Salna Road in the master plan.

In the FIR, it was alleged that the CEO took the money by submitting bills No. one and two on March 11, 1994 and May 19, 94 respectively for boring fifty-one holes for the topographic survey and again took an equal amount for the same work through bill No three on June 30, 94.

The lawyer for the petitioner argued that the bill number three was paid partly and errors in it were corrected by submitting a new bill long before filing of the FIR.

The lawyer further said that the district anti-corruption officer had 'acted mala fide' by questioning accuracy of the bill which was corrected soon after by submitting another bill while the final bill was yet to be submitted.

He also said that the FIR was filed although the IPSA did not make any complaint in this regard.

After hearing both the sides, the judges quashed the proceedings of the case filed by the anti-corruption officer and discharged the CEO from bail bond.

According to the judgement, the Deputy Attorney General 'failed to satisfy (the judges) about the cause and the necessity of lodging the FIR without the concurrence of IPSA'.

"This is a case where we smell corruption even in the act of an anti-corruption officer," the verdict said. The sad pun is, we require an anti-corruption bureau and so on to check corruption.

"Therefore, before we part with the instant case, we feel duty bound to suggest ways to wipe out corruption from our society which is sine qua non for our honourable existence among the nations of the world," the judges said.

The judges suggested two ways to eliminate corruption. One is by formation of an 'anti-corruption bureau' by the President of the republic. The bureau will be constituted by him and it will be answerable to him.

The second way is to introduce 'a curriculum to wipe out the evil desire from the minds starting from school level'.

"Education of children is an important affair. His heart is like a fine and clean precious stone, free of all engravings and writings. It is capable of every sort of development. If he is educated to become accustomed to what is good, he will surely follow truth even when grown up. The lack of proper education ruins the child," the judges observed while suggesting the ways.

Akhteruzzaman

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named. He said the MP was served with show-cause notice twice and given verbal warning for a number of times to refrain from making any statement against the party. In the past, the BNP Chairperson and the Secretary General had also asked Akhter not to make any comment in future that puts the party in an embarrassing situation.

A policy maker of BNP said each time Akhter had apologised for his 'misdeed' and assured that he would never play any wrong game in future. The party had expelled him from all organisational activities, accusing him of breaching party discipline in January, 1998, he pointed out.

That time BNP had almost decided to expel him from the party as he wrote an open letter to Begum Zia and distributed it among party MPs.

But finally, Begum Zia had forgiven Akhter and warned him not to do so in future. At that time, he had appeared before the Standing Committee of BNP on January 12, 1998 and given a written apology, the policy maker said.

Sources said some senior BNP leaders, who favoured Akhter in the past and was opposed to taking any serious action against him are now 'very much' annoyed with him for his recent statement.

Replying to a question, an influential party leader said Akhter may be served with show-cause notice soon. "He may have to face tough time again for his wrong doing," he said. "But there is less possibility of expelling him from the party."

"We have long been in a dilemma... It's now very difficult for us to retain him or oust him from the party. Possibly the party will proceed slowly in taking action against him this time. But it will seriously think while giving nomination in the next election," he said.



Members of 'Movement to Save 11,000 Trees at Osmany Udyan' organised a walkathon yesterday from the Udyan to Bahadur Shah Park in the city. —Star photo

Travesty of truth, says BNP

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"We will raise specific demands in the parliament to remove the anti-people, anti-poor and anti-investment measures in the proposed budget," he said. BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan said "If our demands are not met, we will call further hartals."

Saifur also questioned the authenticity of the government's claim of 5.2 per cent GDP growth.

Finance Minister SAMS Kibria 'had told the aid consortium meeting that the expected GDP growth is about 4 per cent. A few days later, he raised the figure to 5.2 per cent. But, Saifur said, there was no such bumper boro production that it compensated for the loss of aman crop and pushed the growth rate to such a level."

The government is taking all the credit for steering clear of the South East Asian crisis. But it was the BNP government that discouraged any short-term foreign loans. The finance minister is 'not giving us due credit', Saifur went on.

"On the other hand, we had raised savings-investment ratio from 8 per cent in 1990-91 to 17 per cent. The finance minister is now claiming that the ratio is 17 per cent, which shows there had not been any improvement in this field."

"Again, look at the share market situation. The finance minister has imposed a lock-in for local investors. This is ridiculous. Lock-ins are meant for foreign investors, not local ones," said Saifur.

He also castigated the finance minister for alleging that the BNP government had destroyed the country's agriculture. "It was under our government that food production was

raised by 19.5 per cent. It is still hovering around that figure."

The BNP stalwart further questioned the government's claims of locally financing 50 per cent of ADP. "There is already a huge revenue shortfall. So, to prove local financing, the government will have to borrow from the banks at the behest of the private sector."

He said the projected 22.5 per cent revenue growth is unrealistic. This government 'could not even achieve a 10 per cent growth target. How can it achieve its tall figures'?"

Saifur termed the finance minister's statement on the current status of bank loan default 'dangerous'. He quoted the

India has closed all doors for talks: Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, June 14: Accusing India of using chemical weapons in its battle over the disputed Kashmir region, Pakistan also today said New Delhi had closed the door to a negotiated settlement, reports AP.

"The basic difference between our position and the Indian position is that the Indians have closed the door to negotiations and want to settle the issue with the use of military force," said Foreign Ministry spokesman Tariq Altaf.

He said Indian Foreign Minister Jaswant Singh turned down an invitation by Sartaj Aziz to visit Pakistan for further talks during their failed meeting in New Delhi Saturday.

"We stand for peace, while India stands for war-mongering," he told reporters in the federal capital.

Mobil withdraws

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submitting its proposals for the most prospective blocks 9 and 11. "Their team-up itself was considered a winning strategy in the bid," observed another source.

"Petronas commands international respect and BAPEX could not find a better opportunity than getting such strong partners in such valuable blocks."

"Unfortunately, instead of Mobil-Petronas-BAPEX joint venture, the government leaned towards the small Irish company Tullow for an ambitious work programme of drilling 10 exploratory wells in each block in the first three years."

"Bangladesh has no record of achieving such a drilling programme. In fact, an experienced company like Occidental failed to drill a single exploratory well in the first three years in blocks 13 and 14," the source pointed out.

Government's leaning towards Tullow regarding blocks 9 and 11 ultimately drove away Chevron-Texaco joint venture (in block 9) after

some 'partnership talks' between Tullow and Chevron-Texaco. Mobil-Petronas-BAPEX was also asked by the government to strike a partnership with Tullow in Block 11. But no company could agree on various aspects of the partnership deal.

"Some 21 companies had submitted proposals under the Second Round Block Bidding two years ago and Petrobangla was so happy about the oil companies' interest. But now, only a handful of companies are actually pursuing the blocks," said a source.

The companies which are currently negotiating with the government are Unocal, Shell (and Cairn), Maersk, Enron and Pangaea. Enron and Pangaea may withdraw from the bidding, the sources said.

"From the beginning of the second round, a certain quarter tried to seek undue benefit from the oil companies in exchange of blocks. This has made some of the genuine and experienced investors so frustrated that they no longer feel interested to work in Bangladesh," a source claimed.



Catch Oxy Bangladesh Chhatra Federation brought out a procession in the city yesterday demanding compensation from Occidental for the Magurchhara blow-out.

Mudslinging overshadows JS budget debate

By Staff Correspondent

The general debate on the supplementary budget for fiscal 1998-99 continued in the Jatiya Sangsad for the second day yesterday with the Treasury Bench members endorsing an increased expenditure of Tk 4,500 crore and the Opposition disapproving this.

The ruling party MPs found the extra expenditure justified as, according to them, most of the amount was spent in relief and rehabilitation projects during and after the devastating flood last year. But the opposition members refused to approve the additional allocation on the ground that lions share of the money was spent on various non-development heads.

During the debate on the supplementary budget, observations about the proposed bud-

get for fiscal 1999-2000 also came from members belonging to both the Treasury and the Opposition benches. And as usual, the two sides came up with opposing views on the proposed measures.

Besides, mud-slinging between the benches frequently overshadowed debates on the budget.

However, Commerce and Industries Minister Tofail Ahmed claimed that the country's industrial growth in the current fiscal year was 3.8 per cent, while the rate had come down due to the devastating flood. The minister accused the Opposition of making misleading statements on the proposed budget.

Accusing the BNP of pursuing a pro-Indian commerce

policy during its rule, Tofail said that the government of Khaleda Zia had slashed heavily customs duty to open the border for Indian products.

Under SAPTA, the BNP government had accepted free movement of Indian vessels through Bangladesh's navigation routes to transport Indian goods from one part to another part of that country, Tofail said. "But we have constituted an expert committee to review the issue. If the experts find movement of Indian goods through our routes acceptable, such goods would be carried by Bangladeshi vessels in its territory."

Responding to BNP's praise for late President Ziaur Rahman as 'announcer of independence', Tofail said, "The role of a freedom fighter sometimes can be worse than that of a 'Razakar' and Ziaur Rahman is a classic example of that."

Fazlur Rahman Patal of BNP took the floor to urge Tofail to refrain from 'unnecessarily criticising Ziaur Rahman and Khaleda Zia' for the sake of the better future of the nation. "Please do not belittle yourself by trying to belittle them."

Earlier, Mashur Rahman of BNP strongly opposed the idea of approving a huge supplementary budget primarily because the lions share of the money had been spent in unproductive sector."

Responding to a ruling party MP's allegation that Khaleda Zia's son made a lot of money by using the good offices of the former prime minister, the BNP lawmaker retorted: "Khaleda's sons borrowed money from the banks for investments. But there are allegations that Mujib's son had literally robbed bank when the later was in power."

Accident

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12-year boy Rezaul Karim.

The minibus then overturned killing three others on the spot. Another succumbed to his injuries in the hospital. The dead were identified as Jamal Uddin, 24, of village Nayamat, Haris Ali, 40, of Batram and Abdus Sobhan, 32, of Telijuri. The driver and helpers of the minibus managed to escape.

The agitated villagers put barricade on the road demanding immediate arrest of the driver and helpers. However, the police cleared the road after about five hours.

Earlier, a day-long hartal was called at Jaintapur tomorrow to press for immediate payment of the compensation for the family members of 13 persons who were killed in a tragic road accident that took place on Sylhet-Tamabil Road on April 25 this year.

JS tidbits

By Nazmul Ashraf

BNP Whip Mashur Rahman came up with a multi-pronged attack on state minister for planning Dr Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir, while discussing the 1998-99 supplementary budget in parliament yesterday.

"Once Dr Alamgir was a great admirer of Shaheed President Ziaur Rahman who also liked him very much. His admiration of Zia went to such an extent that he used to drive the president's vehicle whenever he visited Jessore where Dr. Alamgir was posted as DC (Deputy Commissioner)."

"But alas! We now hear him speaking frequently against Ziaur Rahman and breathlessly uttering Bangabandhu's name. Had he uttered Allah's name so many times, he could have been a saint definitely," the BNP lawmaker prophesied.

His remark about Finance Minister SAMS Kibria was no different, another bureaucrat-turned minister, Mashur Rahman wondered how a brilliant chap as Kibria could present 'false and distorted' statistics in the proposed budget.

Finally, the BNP MP picked up the names of AL MP Kader Siddiqui and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's spouse Dr Wajed Ali Mian.

"Dr Wajed and Kader Siddiqui have, meanwhile, become razakars in the eyes of AL which calls anybody razakar who speaks against the party. Very soon, former home minister Rafiqul Islam will also be certified as razakar."

Retorting, Commerce and Industries Minister Tofail Ahmed viewed that there were many freedom fighters, who were worse than razakars. For example, Ziaur Rahman had destroyed the spirit of the war by changing the constitution and appointing notorious razakars as ministers.

Gazi Mohammad Shahhan of BNP ridiculed Agriculture Minister Matia Choudhury for terming, the other day, the 5.2 per cent GDP growth in the outgoing fiscal year a miracle. "It's not a miracle. In fact, the miracle is that the World Bank for the first time has contradicted a government claim, calling the 5.2 per cent GDP as fictitious," said the opposition MP.

Pagol mon monney... BNP lawmaker Mosharrar Hossain Mongu sang the first verse of the popular song to say that he wished he could call the proposed budget a good one. But how can I do so when I find the new budget full of anti-people measures?

Mongu's comment came after Awami League MP Abdul Mannan requested opposition MPs to appreciate the good things in the budget.

EU praises 'improvement' in political situation

German Ambassador to Bangladesh Uwe Schramm said yesterday that there has been 'significant' improvement in political situation in Bangladesh since the events early this year, reports BSS.

"We do see signs of moderation between the two main political parties and are hopeful this development would continue," Schramm said during a discussion between the envoys of European Union and members of OCAB (Overseas Correspondents Association, Bangladesh) yesterday evening at a city hotel.

In spite of hartals like the one enforced on Sunday things have changed for better, he said, adding "we all should contribute for further development of the situation."

Both the German Ambassador and British High Commissioner praised the changed political situation in the country following the joint statement issued by the European Union Ambassadors in early March on the state of political situation in

Bangladesh.

Motur Rahman Chowdhury, president of OCAB, chaired the meeting. EU delegate chief Ambassador De Souza Menezes Antonio Bosco and French Ambassador Renee Veyret, among others, spoke on the occasion.

Referring to EU's eagerness to participate in the development of Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT), Schramm said a delegation of the Union did visit the area to have an idea of the requirement and to know how EU could contribute in the development.

He said Germany has already announced to contribute 3.5 million Deutsche Mark and hoped other members of the union will make contribution.

Replying to a question on the waiving of debt of the developing countries by rich nations, Schramm said "a total waiver is impossible." He, however, said "there is high hope that a high degree of burden will be lessened" during the coming G-8 summit scheduled to be held in Cologne.



A view from the Gully

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coach was, of course, more practical as he did not expect others to carry them into the semifinals.

South Africa put all their efforts for a win in this match but Jacques Kallis' absence was pronounced. Niki Boje was no substitute for the top all-rounder of the game. All the good work done by Gibbs, Kirsten and Cullinan almost went astray by indiscreet shots from Cullinan himself and soon after by Cronje. That led to the rearguard action by Jonty Rhodes and invariably Lance Klusener. The final total on this bouncy Headingley wicket on a grey day had appeared comfortably dependable until Steve Waugh appeared at the crease.

Disaster looked straight into the face of Australia as Mark.

Semifinals

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left-arm pace of Geoff Alcott allied to the consistent batting of their transplanted Englishman Roger Twose. They as a team rely on the traditional New Zealand immigrant virtue of performing simple tasks properly.

In order to win on Wednesday, New Zealand will have to perform their best and hope Pakistan indulge in their penchant for self-destruction.

South Africa and Australia fought out an epic final second round match on Sunday, a game Australia needed to win to qualify for the semifinals. Steve Waugh, with only his second one-day century, ensured an Australian victory over his favourite opponents. No tougher cricketer has ever led his country before.

The South Africans have studied the science of one-day cricket with the same sort of intensity their rugby union colleagues apply to the republic's national sport and, at their best, appear invincible.

Lance Klusener, with his uncomplicated fast bowling and baseball style slugging, has been the player of the tournament. South Africa's fielding has also been sensational. However, Australia have held the upper hand in matches between the two nations and, after a slow start to the tournament, their ferocious will to win has taken them two games away from a second World Cup title.

Strike bowler Glenn McGrath, a tough product of the Australian outback, is again a key player, as is Shane Warne who confirmed on Sunday that the South African batsmen are often uncertain when faced with the unexpected.

Adam and Damien departed in quick succession. That heralded the arrival of Steve Waugh and he immediately went into action. Desperate situation needs desperate remedy. With Ricky Ponting supporting from the other end the South African attack was torn into shreds. The run rate never went out of control and during the last six overs of ball-a-run ratio for the batsmen extended their helping hands. The Aussies coasted with two deliveries to spare.

This was a thrilling finish to an important match, especially for the victors; the vanquished will, however, have to play the same opponent in the semifinal on Thursday at Edgbaston and they will have a chance of getting even. Young Herschelle Gibbs have reasons to be happy for his superb one-day ton and so has Cronje for the much-needed stability at the top of the batting. Cullinan won his battle against Waugh but as always the bowler had the last laugh.

Thursday's match between these two teams should turn out to be equally absorbing and tomorrow's semifinal between Pakistan and New Zealand can spring a surprise or two now that the Kiwis have made it from nowhere will definitely try to prove a point or two in their favour.

Tayebe murder: Motive yet to be known

From Staff Correspondent

CHITTAGONG, June 14: Police is yet to unearth the Motive behind the killing of Indian national Jibran Tayebi, 28.

Jibran who worked as representative of a foreign shipping company was gunned down in Agrabad commercial area by unidentified assailants on June 9.

Meanwhile, Detective Branch police today started examining documents and papers of Jibran's office and interrogated the staff.

Liaquat murder

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killed by unidentified assailants early this month. A case was filed accusing 10 people for the murder.

The court also ordered that the tenants of Gani Colony owned by accused Gani should deposit the monthly rent, amounting to Tk 3.5 lakh, to the government treasury, and all public institutions should refrain from giving work to Gani construction firm.

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