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# Stay orders hinder drive against defaulters:BB

**SHAHRIAR KARIM**

Stay orders of courts have made it difficult for Bangladesh Bank to take steps against many defaulting directors of different private commercial banks (PCBs), according to a report of the central bank.

The report was placed at a meeting of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance Ministry yesterday.

The report also said, BB's drive to recover default loans faces difficult hurdles as it takes long time to vacate stay orders, sources said.

To prove its point, the report cited a specific case where BB could not take any action against a chairman of a PCB and some directors despite specific instances of fraud.

The BB in a report on the United Commercial Bank Ltd (UCBL) said it found many misdeeds committed by the bank's Chairman Zafar Ahmed Chowdhury and other directors but couldn't take any action due to a court stay order.

The High Court in an order in 1999 suggested the BB to maintain status quo regarding the UCBL board when one of its sponsor directors, Akhtaruzzaman Babu, "tried to take control of the board with the help musclepower".

Now, the court order is working as a safeguard for Zafar Ahmed and many other directors against whom the BB investigation unearthed "massive irregularities", the sources said.

According to BB investigation, Zafar Ahmed and other sponsor directors, Sultana Hashem, M A Hashem, Motayna Begum (Zafar's wife) have taken loans from the bank on fictitious names for Unites Spinning.

The BB also said that Zafar Ahmed used his power as chairman for payment of bills of his legal advisor, amounting to Tk 25 lakh. When BB unearthed this, the managing director of UCBL resigned, but the central bank could not take any action against Zafar Ahmed.

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While members of the Chittagong Union of Journalists formed a human chain in front of the Chittagong Press Club demanding arrest of Mamunur Rashid (left), police yesterday attached movable property of the ward commissioner, who, along with his men, assaulted two Dainik Purbakone staff on April 18.

## AL terrorists tried to kill me, says BNP MP Sarwar

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

BNP lawmaker from Barisal Mujibur Rahman Sarwar yesterday alleged that "terrorists" belonging to ruling Awami League attempted to kill him along with two other central leaders of the party from the district--Abdur Rashid Khan and Zahiruddin Swapan.

Failing, they attacked his Kawna residence in Barisal town on the night of April 9, looted property and set it on fire, he alleged at a press conference at the official residence of the Leader of the Opposition in Parliament here. He however did not say when the attempt on their lives was made.

Barisal police declined to record

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## BTTB bid to save skin

Delay in bill preparation won't cause revenue loss, ministry told

**MUSTAK HOSSAIN**

The Bangladesh Telegraph and Telephone Board (BTTB) has recently informed the Ministry of Post and Telecommunications that it would not incur any revenue loss for delay in preparation of subscriber bills, sources said.

In a two-page report to the ministry, the BTTB has, however, admitted that it may face problems in settlement of accounts with its foreign counterparts.

On April 9, the ministry demanded a report from the BTTB chairman, AFMNH Chowdhury, identifying people responsible for non-preparation of monthly bills. The move followed an April 4 report in The Daily Star, a source in the ministry said.

The report also explained that the BTTB routinely settles accounts with various foreign operators for incoming and outgoing calls every three months, saying delay in the bill preparation process has not yet posed any problem in this regard.

In another development, the BTTB has claimed that distribution of subscriber bills for January, prepared with assistance from the BIJET Computer Centre, has begun.

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## BNP call to oust this 'subservient' govt

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

BNP secretary-general Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan yesterday said ousting the "subservient" government has now become the most important national imperative as Awami League's subservience to India has endangered the independence and sovereignty of the country.

Addressing a huge BNP-led opposition rally at Muktiangan, Bhuiyan said the government did not even lodge any strong protest although the Indian BSF launched frequent attacks, killing several hundred people including BDR jawans and forcibly taking away large amounts of their materials and cattle since AL assumed power.

He denounced the recent unprovoked attack by the BSF at the Roumari border killing three BDR jawans and BSF's subsequent intrusion into Bangladesh territory, and expressed solidarity with the BDR for their heroic role. "We salute the BDR jawans, who sacrificed their lives to protect the sovereignty of Bangladesh," Bhuiyan added.

He said if necessary, the country's 13 crore people and BNP would fight shoulder to shoulder with Bangladesh troops against any aggression as they did during the war of Liberation in 1971.

The BNP secretary-general said India has launched a massive negative campaign against Bangladesh and is trying to portray that BDR killed BSF, but the subservient AL government miserably failed to make a counter-campaign.

He said that the government forced the BDR to pull out from Padua thus morally weakening them.

Bhuiyan said Sheikh Mujib had given Berubari and other enclaves to India through amending the constitution but India is yet to bring its own constitutional amendment and hand over Dahagram and Angarpota.

He said India is constructing

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## Padua is under Bangladesh: Nasim

**UNB, Dhaka**

Refuting opposition leader's statement on the border troubles, Home Minister Mohammad Nasim yesterday said that Padua is in Bangladesh and would be Bangladesh's forever.

Khaleda Zia's statement is aimed at hiding her and her husband's failure as the government of Sheikh Hasina took the country in an honourable position in international arena by retrieving the pride lost after the assassination of Bangabandhu," Nasim said.

In a statement Nasim said it is not unknown to anyone that Khaleda and her husband Ziaur Rahman had always tried to appease India although they showed an anti-Indian posture verbally.

Citing Sheikh Hasina government's successes in diplomacy, he said since the government assumed power, it had been following a strong, effective and farsighted foreign policy that protects national interest and friendly relations with all.

"Apart from a typical relationship between two countries, the relations of Bangladesh and its closest neighbour India are bonded in geographical location, history, culture and democratic norms and values. The relations are based on equity, sovereignty and respect to each other's integrity."

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## Doctor murdered in Chittagong

**BMA calls 2-hr work abstention**

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg**

A senior Medical Officer of Dock Sramik Porichalona Board Hospital was killed by assailants at his residence at OR Nizam Road R/A (CSCR Lane) under Panchlaish thana in the city on Saturday night.

The victim was identified as Dr Zahurul Islam Sarker, 48.

Police said, the assailants stormed into the victim's house and strangled him.

The miscreants also ransacked the apartment of Dr Zahur and another apartment on the first floor of the building.

Family members of Dr Zahurul Islam were in Dhaka and his neighbours reportedly went to attend a wedding ceremony when the incident occurred.

The body was sent to hospital for autopsy. A case was filed in this connection.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh Medical Association (BMA), Chittagong unit, has called a two-hour work abstention in Chittagong from 10 am today to protest the killing and demanded immediate arrest of the killers.

The BMA announced the programme at a meeting at BMA Bhaban at 1.30 pm yesterday.

The meeting presided over by Dr Golam Mortuza Haron decided refrain from all sorts of medicare services except emergency service in all government, Semi-government hospitals and private clinics and chambers during the abstention programme.

The BMA Chittagong unit will hold a protest rally demanding immediate arrest and trial of the killers at Chittagong Medical College Hospital at 12 pm today.

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## 56 Bangladeshis held in India

**XINHUA, New Delhi**

Fifty-six Bangladeshis nationals, including some women and children, were taken into custody by Indian troops when they were allegedly trying to cross over to Pakistan via Simbal area Saturday evening.

After preliminary interrogation, they were handed over to police for further investigation.

## Will journalist Tipu remain disabled?

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# ঢাকা-চট্টগ্রাম হাইওয়ের পার্শ্ববর্তী শহরগুলো এখন সিটিসেল ডিজিটাল নেটওয়ার্কের আওতায়।

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