

List of people whitening black money won't be made public

Says Saifur

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Finance Minister Saifur Rahman yesterday said the list of people whitening black money will not be revealed in any circumstances, even in case of instructions from parliament.

Saifur made the comment during a press briefing after meeting the newly appointed Tax Ombudsman Khairuzzaman Chowdhury at the secretariat.

He further said that there are legal constraints in divulging the identities of the black money whiteners.

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Workers' strike at garment factory

JU CORRESPONDENT

Several hundred workers of Radiance Fashion Ltd in Ashulia refrained from work yesterday demanding regular payment of their wages.

They also put up placards at the factory entrance and held demonstrations on the factory premises.

Police and Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) were deployed around the factory to avert any

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Prayer Timing		
July 12		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-10	4-45
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	5-00	5-15
Maghrib	6-55	7-00
Esha	8-17	8-45
Source: Islamic Foundation		

BB appoints observer for IFIC to monitor its operations

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Bank (BB) yesterday appointed an observer for IFIC Bank under its 'early warning system' in the wake of significant changes in sponsor shares of the bank.

General Manager of the BB Rafiul Alam will now monitor credit disbursement of IFIC bank.

The observer will attend board

meetings of the bank and monitor any irregularities in its operations.

The BB took the step in the light of happenings at Oreiental Bank following change of its ownership. New directors of the Bank allocated huge loans in favour of them.

Seven persons including a ruling BNP lawmaker and businessmen, who bought sponsor shares of IFIC Bank from its previous directors, have been elected its new directors.

They are Mosaddek Ali, MP, Hossain Al Masum, chairman of Jubok Housing & Real Estate Development Ltd, Sabih Ul Alam, director of Jubok Ceramic Industries Ltd, Lutfar Rahman Badal, Shahidul Haque, Enayetur Rahman and Masud Reza Bhuiyan.

The central bank is currently

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PHOTO: STAR

Teachers and employees of Shikkhak Karmachari Oikya Jote bring out a procession from the Central Shaheed Minar yesterday demanding 100 per cent basic salary from the government exchequer.

Teachers keep on agitating for pay hike

Strike enters day 6

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The striking teachers and employees of non-government educational institutions yesterday came out on the streets in the capital demanding 100 per cent basic salary from the government exchequer, as their indefinite strike entered the sixth day.

Meanwhile, Finance Minister Saifur Rahman told the reporters that a decision will be taken regarding the issue after examining the teachers' demands when finance secretary, who is now abroad, returns to the country.

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Mob lynches 1 during robbery attempt

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A mob lynched one and injured another in the city's Motijheel area yesterday for allegedly trying to commit robbery at house at Arambagh in the capital.

The dead was identified as Kalu Mia, 35, and the injured is Md Polash, 32.

A gang of three-- Kalu, Polash and Siddique-- posing as police stormed into an apartment at a five-storied building around 1:00 am. As they carried sharp weapons, inmates of the house became terrified and cried for help. At this, neighbours rushed to the spot.

The gang then stabbed an inmate, Afsana, to create panic and flee. They first ran to the roof of the building. Kalu jumped to another building and got injured. Locals then beat him to death.

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EC to 'display' updated voter list, but says it won't publish draft

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Election Commission (EC) yesterday decided to make the updated voter list, prepared through door to door visits, open to the public for inspection before publishing the final list.

The move is an obvious compromise between the popular demand for publishing a draft voter list and Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) MA Aziz's staunch resistance to publication of a draft list. The latest back-peddalling by the EC on its previous statement is also evidently in line with its usual practice of creeping out of its intransigence after much controversy.

The EC decided to display the updated voter list for public inspection, so the people can lodge objections to correct the flaws on it. The process of settling claims and complaints about the voter list 'on display' is the same as the procedure for lodging complaints after publication of a draft voter list.

But the EC is not terming the 'voter list on display' as the draft voter list saying that the procedure being applied for updating the

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16 charged with Jamal Uddin murder

UNB, Ctg

A charge sheet was submitted to the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's (CMM) Court here yesterday, accusing 16 people of killing business magnate Jamal Uddin Ahmed Chowdhury.

Anwar Hossain, CID inspector and investigation officer (IO) of the case, filed the charge sheet with the court. Earlier on Monday, the investigation officer submitted the charge sheet to Assistant Commissioner (Prosecution) Mohammad Abu Taher for approval.

The IO however did not include the name of Maruf Nizam, brother of BNP lawmaker Sarwar Jamal

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Violence kills 36 in Iraq despite PM's unity call

AFP, Baghdad

sectarian attack in Baghdad.

The raging violence has renewed fears that the country is sliding towards civil war, prompting Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki to issue an urgent appeal for unity.

In Tuesday's deadliest attack, 10 Shias carrying a coffin in a minibus were ambushed and shot dead by gunmen on a highway near Baghdad's notorious Sunni

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Israel batters Gaza with more air strikes

Death toll tops 52

AFP, Gaza City

Israel battered the Gaza Strip with fresh air strikes yesterday as troops stood poised to launch more incursions in a deadly offensive that has killed more than 50 Palestinians in a week.

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert defended the operation, aimed at securing the release of an abducted teenage soldier and halting rocket attacks, despite

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