

80 politicians, bureaucrats, businessmen on new list

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A new list of 80 high-profile corruption suspects was published yesterday including names of BNP leader and Dhaka city Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka, five former BNP ministers, Awami League (AL) leaders Tofail Ahmed and Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury, former caretaker government adviser Justice Fazlul Haque, businessmen and bureaucrats.

The Daily Star yesterday got a copy of the list, which also contains the names of AL leader Kazi Zafrullah, BNP leaders and Khulna city Mayor Sheikh Taibur Rahman, former state minister Maj (ret'd) Kamrul Islam, former deputy minister for food Asadul Habib Dulu, former BNP lawmaker Syed Mehedi Ahmed Rumi and former BNP MP and former Red Crescent Society chairman Shahidul Haque Jamal.

Quoting Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) Secretary

Mokhles ur Rahman, UNB reported that the anti-graft body has not yet received any such list officially, but official sources told him that a new list will be handed over to the ACC by Sunday.

"No such list has reached our hands as of today [Thursday] but we have heard that journalists have got such a list," The ACC secretary told The Daily Star last night.

"The list will come to us officially if it is authentic, and on receipt we will initiate routine work including serving notices asking the graft suspects to submit their wealth statements," Mokhles added.

He also said authorities concerned told him about handover of a new list of graft suspects by Sunday.

The taskforces of National Coordination Committee to combat corruption and crime have been saying for the last few days that a fresh list—and the last one—of corruption suspects would be

published soon.

With the latest list of 80 persons, the number of alleged high-profile "corrupt" persons stands at 222. Earlier, lists of 142 suspects were published in five phases.

The first list of 50 corruption suspects were made public on February 18. Four lists containing names of 51, 39, 1 and 1 "graft suspects" were made public later.

According to rules, after receiving the ACC notice a graft suspect will get seven working days to submit their wealth statements.

If anyone fails to comply with the ACC directives, they can apply to the commission seeking seven more days.

The commission will go for legal action or filing a case if a graft suspect does not submit wealth statement within the stipulated time.

FULLLIST
1. Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka, 2. Awami League (AL) presidium

member Tofail Ahmed, 3. Former BNP state minister Maj (ret'd) Kamrul Islam, 4. AL presidium member Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury, 5. Khulna City Corporation Mayor Shaikh Tayebur Rahman, 6. Former BNP MP Shahidul Haque Jamal, 7. Former adviser to the prime minister (Khaleda Zia) Prof Jahannara Begum, 8. Son of former finance minister M Saifur Rahman, Shafiqur Rahman Babu, 9. Former BNP state minister AKM Mosharraf Hossain, 10. Former BNP MP Sardar Shakhawat Hossain Bakul, 11. Former BNP MP Elias Ali, 12. Former Jatiya Party MP Nasim Osman, 13. Former AL MP AKM Rahmatullah, 14. Former law secretary Alauddin Sardar, 15. Former adviser of a caretaker government Justice M Fazlul Haque, 16. Former AL state minister KM Jahangir, 17. Executive Engineer of DCC Muzaffar Hossain, 18. Former director general of Agricultural

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Troops to return to barracks when govt wants

Says Gen Moeen

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Army Chief General Moeen U Ahmed yesterday said the troops are working to help the government and will go back to their barracks the moment the government asks them to do so.

"We've been tasked with some specific duties...we'll go back the moment the government asks," Gen Moeen said while inaugurating a fair of handloom products in Manikganj yesterday.

As long as the troops are in the locality, they will assist the deputy

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ACC approves charge sheet against SQ Chy

Documents of 8 other cases also okayed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) yesterday approved submission of charge sheets of nine cases, including one against former lawmaker Salaudun Quader Chowdhury, for accumulating wealth and properties illegally.

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ACC LAWSUITS

Writs challenge cases against Khaleda, sons

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia and her sons Tarique Rahman and Arafat Rahman Koko—all three in detention now—yesterday filed three separate writ petitions with the High Court (HC) challenging the legality of filing and continuing the cases against them.

The same day two detained former ministers—Moudud

Ahmed and Nazmul Huda—also filed writ petitions with the HC challenging the cases that the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) filed against them for amassing wealth beyond their known sources of income.

Khaleda and Arafat in their petitions questioned the validity of the government move bringing the graft case against them under the emergency power rules (EPR). The

accused has no right to bail once the charges are under the EPR.

An ACC deputy director filed the case against the former premier and her younger son on September 2 on charges of corruption in awarding Global Agro Trade (Pvt) Co Ltd (Gatco) the contract for container management at the Dhaka Inland Container Depot (ICD) and the Chittagong Port ICD yards.

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VOTER LIST

No special steps to enroll VIPs

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

All very important persons (VIPs) will have to visit voter registration centres to register their names in the electoral roll with photographs as the Election Commission (EC) yesterday decided not to take any special measures this time for them.

According to the EC's decision,

VIPs including the president, chief adviser, chief justice, speaker and others will also have to visit voter registration centres in their respective areas to have their photographs taken for the voter list, officials at the EC Secretariat said.

The EC at an inter-ministerial meeting yesterday rejected informal proposals for treating VIPs in a

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Tk 1 cr extortion charges pressed against Minu

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Police yesterday pressed charges against four people including Rajshahi City Corporation Mayor and former BNP lawmaker Mizanur Rahman Minu in connection with extorting Tk 1 crore from businessman Nurunnabi.

Rajshahi district BNP vice-president and former president of Rajshahi Chamber of Commerce and Industries (RCCI) Lutfar

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TAX DODGING CASE Ziaul Haq Zia's property to be attached

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday ordered attachment of all property of former state minister for LGED and cooperatives Ziaul Haq Zia and his wife Nasima Haq for concealment of wealth information and tax dodge.

Meantime, another Dhaka court yesterday directed the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) to submit the probe report on a graft case against BNP's Senior Joint Secretary General Tarique Rahman, his wife and mother-in-law by October 27.

CASES AGAINST ZIAUL COUPLE
Judge Mohammad Azizul Haque at the Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court passed the attachment order of the Ziaul couple's property as

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A mobile court found adulterated ghee and glucose at Jamil Chemicals and Food Products at Rayerbagh of Jatrabari in the capital yesterday. The court fined two owners of the company Tk 2.5 lakh each and sentenced them to seven years in jail.

Fair polls not possible with 2 leaders detained

Says Delwar

UNB, Dhaka

BNP Secretary General Khandaker Delwar Hossain yesterday said free and fair election and establishment of democracy will not be possible keeping BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia, Awami League President Sheikh Hasina and other senior leaders behind bars.

Talking to journalists at his Nam apartment, Delwar thought that all members of late president Ziaur Rahman were arrested under a blueprint to prevent them from taking part in the upcoming elections.

Recalling the past, the BNP leader said anyone could contest

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FAKHRUDDIN-BADAWI TALKS KL to take care of workers' problems

UNB, New York

Malaysian Prime Minister Abdullah Bin Haji Ahmad Badawi has assured Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed of looking into the problems the Bangladeshi workers have been facing in Malaysia.

Badawi gave the assurance during a bilateral meeting with the chief adviser on the sidelines of the 62nd UN General Assembly session at UN headquarters Wednesday afternoon.

The Malaysian prime minister said Bangladeshi workers are welcome in Malaysia. But both the governments should work together

to ensure that each worker is in possession of legal documents, he added.

Foreign and Expatriates' Welfare Affairs Adviser Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury informed the two leaders that Bangladesh is awaiting a visit from the Malaysian home minister to hold detailed discussions to address the problems.

Prime Minister Badawi said he will ensure that the discussions take place soon.

Briefing reporters on the meeting, Chief Adviser's Press Secretary Syed Fahim Munaim said the head of the caretaker government

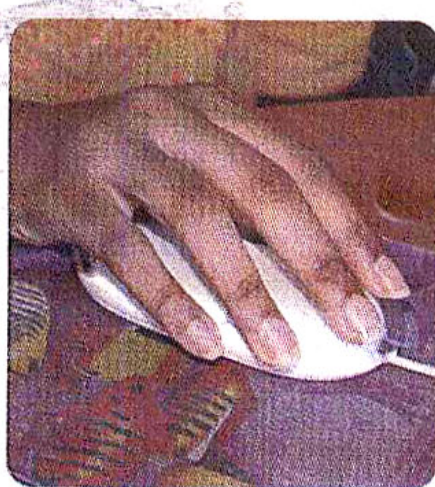
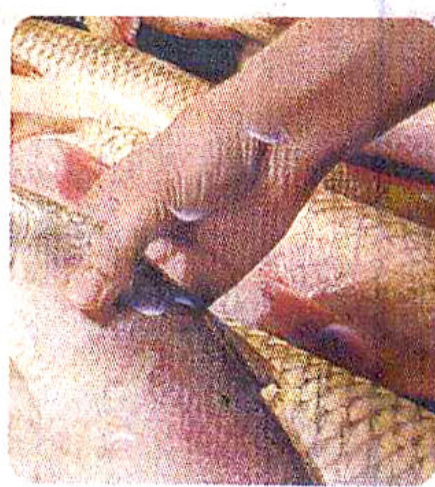
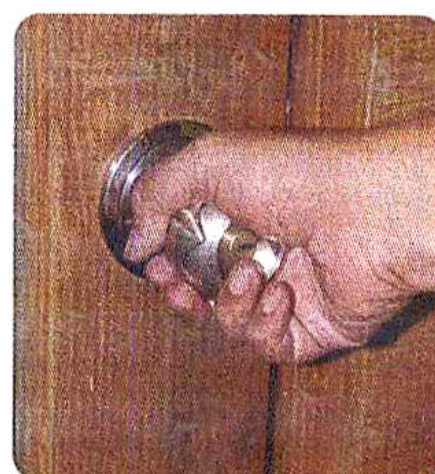
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