

## Shinepukur

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Two days later Shine Pukur Holdings Ltd submitted an application for a loan of Tk 74 crore to Sonali Bank. The following day the bank granted a loan of Tk 70.20 crore for the project outlined for developing Gulshan Lake Town on 14.30 acres of land, and for Suncity in Savar on 128 acres of land.

Despite objections from Sonali Bank GM Nurul Huda, its ex-DGM (local office) ASM Nurul Haque recommended for the loan. Subject to the recommendation, on August 5, 1998 the 590th board meeting of the bank decided to disburse the loan to the consortium.

The case also mentioned that principal accused Mahmudur Rahman drew Tk 60 crore of the loan sometime between August 13, 1998 and February 16, 1999.

### FOUR CASES AGAINST

**ATIKULLAH KHAN MASUD**  
The ACC yesterday also filed four cases against Managing Director of Globe Construction Ltd Atikullah Khan Masud and a number of former officials of Rajdhani Unnayan Kartipakkha (Rajuk) for obtaining building designs for the company and stealing related government documents in connivance with the Rajuk officials.

In the cases filed with Motijheel Police Station three including Masud, also Janakantha editor, were made accused.

ACC Deputy Assistant Director Mahmud Hasan filed the cases.

The complainant in the first case mentioned that ex-authorised officer of Rajuk Fouji Muhammed bin Farid and ex-building inspec-

tor Sohrab Mian illegally took financial assistance from Masud and helped him obtain design of a 15-storey building on Outer Circular Road.

Although the design was not approved by the Building Construction Committee of Rajuk, Fouji signed the design giving it a fake approval.

On July 3, the investigators wanted back the file of approval through Rajuk chairman. But Sohrab collected the documents and stole it to hide the corruption.

The second case was filed against Rajuk authorised officer SM Asaduzzaman, Masud and Rajuk MLSS Akram Hossain for the similar charges. The third case was also filed for similar charges against ex-Rajuk authorised officer ATM Kamruzzaman Khan and ex-building inspector Sohrab Mian.

The ACC filed the fourth case against Atikul, his wife Shamima A Khan, their sons—Mishal A Khan and Jishal A Khan—yesterday in connection with concealing information about their actual wealth in their wealth statement submitted to the ACC.

ACC Assistant Deputy Director Mahmud Hasan in the case filed with Ramna Police Station mentioned that they concealed wealth worth around Tk 1.4 crore and the ACC discovered that around Tk 1.4 crore of wealth did not match with their known sources of income.

**THREE CASES AGAINST AL LEADER OBAIDUL QUADER**  
ACC Assistant Director Ashraf Islam filed three bribery cases against detained Awami League Joint General Secretary and former state minister for youth, sports and cultural affairs Obaidul Quader with Paltan Police Station yesterday.

In the case, the complainant said the accused while at the helm of the ministry took bribes to help bidders win tender of different development activities under National Sports Council and obtain bill after work.

In the cases the complainant mentioned that Obaidul Quader took Tk 37 lakh, Tk 57 lakh and Tk 47 lakh from three contractors on different dates between January 1, 1999 and December 31, 1999.

**FORMER LAWMAKER GIASUDDIN AHMED SUED**  
A charge of evading Tk 15.6 lakh Wassa taxes has been filed against former Narayanganj-4 lawmaker from BNP Giasuddin Ahmed yesterday, reports our Narayanganj correspondent.

Dhaka Water and Sewerage Authority (Wasa) filed the case against Giasuddin, who allegedly abused power to evade taxes on deep tube-wells installed at his ready-made garment factory Dream Fashion Garments, Kasfah Shopping Centre and a three-storey building in Siddhirganj.

Wasa Deputy Tax Officer Mizanur Rahman filed the case against Giasuddin, who did not pay the permission fee, permission renewal fee, fines and late fees.

According to the 1996 Wassa ordinance, permission is required for all deep tube-wells under its jurisdiction.

## CPB demands

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about democratic reforms within political parties, the CPB president said democracy cannot be established through undemocratic means.

Explaining the difficulties CPB has been encountering practising democracy in the party, Manjurul said the party was scheduled to hold its 9th congress in May, but the meet could not be held back then due to the ongoing ban on politics.

According to the constitution of CPB, before holding a congress, the party has to hold meetings at the grassroots level — which too is not possible under the current restrictions, he added.

Regarding the ongoing drive against corruption, he said the socio-economic structure of the country is responsible for breeding corruption in the country. Nobody can expect to bring an end to corruption with the existing socio-economic structure intact, he observed.

To combat corruption, he advocated for launching a leftist platform as well as a united movement for bringing in radical reforms in all spheres of national life.

CPB President Manjurul Ahsan Khan read out a written statement at the programme where CPB General Secretary Mujahidul Islam Selim, presidium members Ruhin Hossain Prince, Syed Abu Jafar Ahmed, Shahadat Hossain and Muhammad Shah Alam were also present.

## Tk 19 lakh mugged

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motorbike stopped them. Some of their accomplices also reached the spot by an auto-rickshaw.

When Jahangir, one of the staff, tried to resist the muggers, they fired on him leaving him wounded.

Local people caught one of the muggers while others managed to flee with the money.

Jahangir was sent to Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH).

A case was filed with Sitakunda Police Station.

## Adviser Matin

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officially announce the list after the chief adviser's approval.

Journalists on Thursday received an unsigned copy of a list containing names of 80 high-profile corruption suspects, including BNP leader and Dhaka city Mayor Sadeque Hossain Khoka, five former BNP ministers, Awami League (AL) leaders Tofail Ahmed and Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury and former caretaker government adviser Justice Fazlul Haque.

"So far as I know, no one will be arrested now on the basis of the notice," Matin told reporters, adding that the government is pondering about "doing something" for the businessmen. "They [businessmen] will have to pay penalty. The government is weighing means so that they can continue their businesses," he said.

Confirming the names on the latest list, NCC chief and Communications Adviser MA Matin said a list of 222 corruption suspects, including the latest 80, will be published soon. The 142 names published earlier by the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) will be there on the list.

The 80 new names have been put on the list after completion of preliminary inquiry, Matin told journalists after a review meeting on the development projects of Bangladesh Railway at the Rail Bhavan.

"Evidence collected so far has proved the allegations against these 80 persons true to some extent," he said.

In reply to a question he said, "We are not going to publish any new list further because we want to remove the worry in people's mind. It is also because the number of cases against these 222 suspects will be several hundred and we want to complete all these by December."

"But it does not mean that nobody will indulge in corruption later and none will be tried," he clarified.

A total of 360 cases have already been filed against the 142 corruption suspects whose names were published by the ACC earlier.

## Akbar, sons, wife

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In the complaint, Kabir said Sobhan and others repeatedly gave false information to the income tax department about their real income and expenditure and did not show their income tax return.

Earlier on July 25, a Dhaka court issued warrant of arrest against them.

Police on August 4 attached the movable and immovable property of Sobhan and his family and sealed their 'Gulshan' house following a court order passed on July 31.

A Dhaka court on September 25 issued warrant of arrest against Bashundhara Group Chairman Sobhan alias Shah Alam and 22 others in connection with another graft case.

Sanbir, son of Sobhan, is also an accused in Humayun Kabir Sabir killing case. A Dhaka court issued arrest warrant against him on July 9 and also asked authorities to send the warrant through Interpol to bring him back to Bangladesh.

**BNP EX-LAWMAKER GRAFT CASE**

Meanwhile, judgment in the graft case against detained former lawmaker of BNP Manjurul Ahsan Munshi, his wife and two sons was not given yesterday as Judge Ashraf Hossain of the Fifth Special Court has not recovered from illness.

Judgment in the case will be given on October 9.

The judge fell ill on September 20, the earlier date of delivering verdict, and fixed September 30 for the next day for verdict.

On March 27, the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) filed the case with Gulshan Police Station against Manjurul, his wife Mazeda Ahsan and their sons Rizviul Ahsan and Rezwanaul Ahsan for submitting "false" wealth statement to the watchdog.

## UK envoy

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more worse countries in the world like South Africa were they have found a way for national reconciliation.

Anwar said Bangladesh now stands at a crossroad of breaking or making. "It's a crossroad of beginning of a new journey."

Welcoming the election roadmap, he said the country needs to institutionalise fundamentals of democracy like political parties, government, parliament, police and other institutions through reforms.

"You should ensure that there is no slippage of the roadmap and to check the slippage, the election should be held as soon as possible," the British HC said.

Reminding the responsibility of journalists, he said some people may have luxury of being irresponsible, but journalists cannot.

Praising the courage and commitment of the Bangladeshi journalists, he said many journalists have been killed in 2005-2006 for writing against terrorism and corruption.

Chowdhury said at the juncture of the nation, journalists must uphold their commitment to make the complicated things easier through their analytical writings. He also favored freedom of expression and freedom of the press saying that democracy and free press go hand in hand.

DCAB President Anis Alamgir and General Secretary Rahit Azaz spoke on the occasion. Jatiya Press Club President Shahwat Mahmud and General Secretary Kamal Uddin were present.

## EC denies allegation

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commission before the 2001 parliamentary election, sparking widespread criticism against it, in the face of which the erstwhile president repealed the provision by promulgating another ordinance.

Our Chittagong correspondent reported that at the views exchange meeting in the Theatre Institute of Chittagong (TIC) auditorium, CEC Huda said registration of political parties is a must to ensure transparency and accountability in them.

Regarding the demand of some political parties for not allowing theocratic obscurantist political parties like Jamaat-e-Islami Bangladesh to register as contestants in elections, the CEC said the commission does not have the authority to take a decision on the matter.

"We have nothing to do with the matter as it is a political issue and the political forces should resolve it," Huda said.

Some political parties participated in joint movements with theocratic parties while some others formed a government with them, he said adding that it is a matter of them and not EC's.

There is no scope of denying the right to registration to any theocratic political party, said the CEC.

He urged the people of all sections to help the EC in completing the work of preparing a correct and proper fresh voter list with photographs on time.

The work of field level data collection through door to door visits in 41 wards under CCC will start on October 22 while the data entry and the work of voter registration with digitised photographs is scheduled to begin on November 5, sources in the District Election Office said.

At the meeting senior officials of the local administration and election officials were also present.

Meanwhile election commissioners — Sohul and Sakawat — said the EC is not trying to control the parties.

"We never want to control the political parties. We just want to ensure financial transparency and practice of democracy within them," Sohul told reporters in his office in the EC Secretariat.

Echoing Sohul, Election Commissioner Sakawat said financial transparency and accountability is an imperative within the political

parties that will contest to run the country.

"In absence of a system of registering the political parties, the Election Commission does not have any information about them. But once the registration will be done, the political parties will be officially obliged to inform the commission about any change in themselves," he said.

Both the election commissioners said once the registration system is introduced, the political parties will have to submit their annual audit reports of incomes and expenditures.

They said a number of political parties applied to the EC expressing their interest in sitting in dialogues with the commission on electoral reforms. Now, the EC is seeking some information about the parties to see whether they are eligible for invitations to the talks, they added.

In response to the applications, the EC Secretariat on last Thursday sent letters seeking information from the interested parties, to scrutinise their eligibility for invitations in light of the EC's criteria.

To be eligible for an invitation to the talks, a political party must have secured at least one parliamentary seat in any general election since Bangladesh's independence, or it must have secured at least 2 percent of cast votes in any general election since the independence, or it must have committees in 32 districts and in all upazila headquarters under those districts with a minimum of 1,000 members in each district unit and 200 members in each upazila unit.

"Political parties meeting the criteria will be invited for the talks," Election Commissioner Sohul said.

He also said the commission sent a reply to a BNP's letter which had alleged that the EC has been showing reluctance in communicating with the party regarding the dialogues. "We informed BNP that the allegation is not correct," Sohul said.

BNP recently submitted a letter to the chief election commissioner alleging that the EC has been showing reluctance in communicating with it based on the opinions of the loyalists of expelled BNP secretary general Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan. Senior officials in the EC Secretariat however said they have yet to send a reply to BNP's allegation.

## DU professors

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accounts of the incidents for nearly six hours. They were not allowed to talk to the newsmen waiting outside when they were being taken away.

Talking to the reporters after the teachers' departure, Justice Habibur Rahman said, "This is the first time in Bangladesh that any detained person was produced before a judicial commission."

Quoting Prof Anwar Hossain, general secretary of Dhaka University Teachers' Association (DUTA), Justice Habibur said that Prof Anwar was not present when the 'unfortunate incident' at DU gymnasium took place. Later, Prof Anwar went to hospital to see the injured students, he added.

Regarding the teachers' expression of solidarity with the agitating students, Justice Habibur quoted Prof Anwar as saying that around two hundred fifty teachers were present at the DUTA meeting and the meeting's outcome was neither his nor Prof Amin's personal decision.

Quoting Prof Amin, president of DUTA, he said Prof Amin was not present at the first DUTA meeting. Later, he joined the procession organised by DUTA from Aparajeyo Bangla to Central Shaheed Minar.

Replying to a question about whether there was any legal barrier to any detained person's talking to the

media, Justice Habibur said, "It was a long-standing convention that the detained people will not talk to the media. But it was broken when Prof Anwar was allowed to talk to the media on the court premises."

When his attention was drawn to the fact that since the detained teachers and students are being tried in courts, what would be the legal status of the probe commission's report, he said, "Once the probe commission's report is published, any court can take it into account. However, it would not be mandatory for them."

Justice Habibur said that although the government has formed the commission to investigate the incidents, it is not mandatory for the government to act on the commission's recommendations.

He reiterated that the probe report would not be influenced by any party or quarter.

The commission was formed on August 25 to investigate the violence on DU campus during August 20 and 21, and was given 15 working days' time to submit its report. The time was later extended by 20 days.

Detained DU Social Science Faculty Dean Prof Harun or Rashid, Prof Nim Chandra Bhounik, and Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal President Azizul Bari Hela will be produced before the commission today.

## ACC quizzes

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in connection with awarding the container-handling job at Dhaka Inland Container Depot (ICD) and Chittagong Port ICD yard to "inept" Gato.

"The PSC chairman, a former and an incumbent secretary gave their statement to the commission today [Sunday]. They gave statements after seeing documents regarding the case," said ACC Secretary Mukhles Ur Rahman.

Following the ACC's summons, Sadat Hossain, who was cabinet secretary when Gato won the job, appeared before the commission around 10:00am yesterday.

Zulfiqar and Ismail, the joint cabinet secretary of that time, also appeared before the commission and gave their statements.

"I gave information about the matters the commission wanted to know from me regarding the case and about what had happened during that time," Sadat told journalists.

"I have informed them about the records and evidence available. I did not say anything beyond the record," Ismail said.

"As the case is still under process, it is not wise to pass any comment regarding the case. I have a fixed timeframe and I am trying to complete the job within the stipulated period," Johirul said.

A three-member investigation committee consisting of the IO and national taskforce members Maj Mustafa Kamal and Criminal Investigation Department (CID) Inspector Nurul Islam quizzed the three.

The remaining four summoned Thursday will appear before the commission today to give their statements. They are ATM Nurul

Islam, former additional secretary to the Prime Minister's Office, Nazrul Islam, former energy secretary, Manik Lal Samadur, former secretary to the Implementation, Monitoring and Evaluation Division (IMED) of the planning ministry and Mirza Tosaddok Hossain Begh, former information secretary.

The commission on September 25 also questioned five former ministers of Khaleda Zia's cabinet in connection with the case. The former ministers are M Saifur Rahman, who chaired the purchase committee then as the finance minister, Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan, Matirul Rahman Nizami, M Shamsul Islam and MK Anwar.

Former commerce minister Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury did not show up as he is absconding.

The commission is to quiz two other detained former ministers — former health minister Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain and ex-state minister for energy AKM Mosharraf Hossain — by the end of this week.

The ACC Deputy Director Golam Shahriar Chowdhury filed the case with Tejgaon Police Station on September 2 against Khaleda and 12 others, including her younger son Arafat Rahman Koko, in connection with violating tender rules in appointing Gato, an indenting house, for container management at Dhaka and Chittagong Port ICDS.

Meanwhile, the ACC secretary yesterday said they did not receive any new list of corruption suspects, which was published in different dailies Friday. He said once they received the list, they would initiate investigations.

The secretary also urged all to be cautious about some people who are intimidating others over telephone claiming to be ACC officials.

## Harris Chy

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operation to arrest bigwigs for their alleged corruption charges.

The case was filed on March 25, as Harris took a private car of National Tea Company by abusing power and handed it over to Badal for use.

PABAN CASE

Metropolitan Magistrate SM Moinuddin Ahmed set the date following a time petition by Paban's lawyers.

Paban was absent in the court yesterday for four consecutive dates because of illness.

Sub-Inspector of Detective Branch of Police Syed Selim Masud, also the investigation officer (IO) of the case, pressed charges against the four on December 28 last year.

The criminals carjacked a Toyota Premio from the owner at gunpoint from the city's Motijheel area on October 13, 2005.

The Detective Branch of Police arrested Paban with the stolen vehicle from Bailey Road area on June 7 last year.

DIPJOL CASE

Judge (In-charge) Mohammad Abul Bashar of the First Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court passed the order, as Dipjol failed to comply with its earlier order to appear before it.

Earlier, the same court had issued arrest warrants against Dipjol after NBR's Deputy Tax Commissioner Mohammad Muhtasibur Rahman filed the case.

The complainant said Dipjol, proprietor of Dipjol Food Industries Limited, had evaded income tax upon his earnings of Tk 121,402,999 from fiscal year 1989 to 2007.

Earlier, Dipjol was awarded 27 years' rigorous imprisonment for possessing illegal firearms and ammunition at his Mirpur residence.

BAHAUDDIN CASE

Hearing on charge framing of the section case filed against Swachhshasebak League President AFM Bahauddin Nasim will be held on October 7.

Police filed the case on March 11 in 2002 accusing Nasim of acting against the country's sovereignty and tarnishing its image abroad.

Mohammad Dulal Uddin Akond, Assistant Superintendent of Police of CID's Faridpur zone, arrested Nasim on February 27, 2002 at Zia International Airport and seized \$6,300, three passports, two tickets, eight books and a number of CDs.

## Outlaw killed

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enforcers, the outlaws fired on them prompting the policemen to retaliate.

Zohurul received bullets during the "shootout" while his accomplices managed to flee.

He was taken to the Kushtia General Hospital where the on-duty doctor declared him dead.

Police recovered a revolver and two rounds of bullet from the spot.

Zohurul was accused in seven cases on different charges including murder, police said.

Chudanga police arrested four members of Communist War, a faction of Purbu Banglar Communist Party (PBCP-ML), in different areas of Alamdanga upazila.

Police said they held its regional leader Abzal Hossain, 30, from his house at Bhanganaria in Alamdanga upazila at about 10.30pm on Saturday.

Acting on his information, police arrested three other members of the outfit.

They are Hasibul, 32, son of Nabis Uddin at Kalidaspur village, Mizanur Rahman, 36, son of Sadi uddin at Nawdapara and Zahid Hossain, 38, son of Abdul Zail in Alamdanga upazila.

## Tax amnesty time

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Saturday 25,927 people legalised about Tk 3,645 crore paying taxes worth Tk 595 crore.

The NBR chairman said the government's changed attitude towards the ongoing anti-corruption drive — its assurance that no fresh list of graft suspects will be prepared — may have encouraged the rich to refrain from disclosing their income.

"The affluent might have thought that they would get opportunity to spend their hidden income on the coming festivals, including the Eids, and the year-long elections next year," Badiur said.

Replying to a question, he said if the Election Commission makes it mandatory for all election candidates to submit their wealth statements and if it seeks the candidates' wealth statements, the NBR will provide it.

Badiur told reporters that those who disclosed their income will not be asked for their sources of income further.

The opportunity was granted on June 5 for people who earned money legally but did not disclose that for various reasons. The previous time limit for this was July 31 but the NBR extended it following requests from different sections of people.

Badiur said the NBR will go for tougher action against those who still possess undeclared taxable income.

The NBR chairman said the culture of extending time for submitting income tax return will be discarded from the next fiscal year.

## LDP, Gono Forum

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Forum leaders Abdur Rauf and Mostafa Mohsin Montu were present at the meeting among others.

"We want to reach a national consensus to restore democracy and for a free and fair election," LDP secretary general Maj Mannan said.

While speaking with reporters, Gono Forum leader Abdur Rauf said, "They (LDP) are a like-minded political party and we look forward to working with them."

Asked about the possibility of forming a political alliance with LDP, the Gono Forum leader said, "Time will only tell."

Earlier on Thursday, LDP (Badruddoza) held a meeting with Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD). The meeting, the first of a series of meetings planned with different political parties, is seen as an initiative to take a unified stand during dialogues with the Election Commission (EC) as well as to form a political alliance ahead of the next general elections, said sources.

However, the EC has not yet issued any invitation letter to the LDP or the Gono Forum asking them to sit for reform talks with the electoral body as both the parties do not meet the criteria set by the EC, said sources at the EC.

According to the policy set by EC, for a political party to be eligible to receive invitation to

the talks, a political party must have secured at least one parliamentary seat in any general election since the independence of Bangladesh, or it must have secured at least 2 percent of cast votes in any general elections since the independence, or it must have committees in 32 districts and in all upazila headquarters under those districts with a minimum of 1,000 members in each district unit and 200 members in each upazila unit.

## Meghnaghat

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submit the \$10 million security deposit before December 2007.

This prompted the power ministry to ask the PDB to follow the due legal course regarding the Meghnaghat phase-2 power project.

Orion Group's Obaidul Karim, who had bagged many large-scale contracts during the five-year BNP-led alliance government's rule, made BON Consortium. BON initially stood for Belhassa (UAE), Orion Power (Bangladesh) and Nisso Eiji (Japan), where Nisso was the lead bidder in the project's tender. Neither Belhassa nor Orion qualifies for this power project, while Nisso's experience qualified BON's bid. But after the bid selection, German company Steag replaced Nisso.