

# 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 Sunity 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 Constructions Ltd Atikullah Khan Masud and a number of former officials of Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha (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 Mohammad bin Farid and ex-building inspec-

## US Embassy in Baghdad rips Iraq partition plan

AP, Baghdad

The US Embassy yesterday criticized a Senate resolution that could lead to a division of the country into sectarian or ethnic territories, agreeing with a swath of Iraqi leaders in saying the proposal "would produce extraordinary suffering and bloodshed."

Northwest of the capital, US aircraft killed more than 20 al-Qaida fighters who opened fire on them, the military said Sunday.

The unusual statement from the Bush administration came just hours after representatives of Iraq's major political parties denounced the U.S. Senate proposal calling for a limited centralized government with the bulk of the power given to the country's Shiite, Sunni or Kurdish regions, saying it would seriously hamper Iraq's future stability.

"Our goal in Iraq remains the same: a united, democratic, federal Iraq that can govern, defend, and sustain itself," the statement said. "Iraq's leaders must and will take the lead in determining how to achieve these national aspirations. ... attempts to partition or divide Iraq by intimidation, force or other means into three separate states would produce extraordinary suffering and bloodshed."

The nonbinding Senate resolution adopted last week calls for Iraq to be divided into federal regions under control of Kurds, Shiites and Sunnis in a power-sharing agreement similar to the one that ended the 1990s war in Bosnia. Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., was a prime sponsor of the measure.

The firefight between the U.S. aircraft from the 1st Air Cavalry Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division and the insurgent fighters occurred Saturday about 17 miles northwest of the capital, the statement said.

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cannot give approval for filing such a case, they added.

Asked about whether investigation of the case will go on, Barrister Khokan said the court did not say anything specific in this regard.

In reaction to the interim bail order and the rules issued on the government, ACC Secretary Mokhles Ur Rahman yesterday told reporters, "We respect the court's decision."

In reply to a query, he said the complainant filed the case as part of his job.

Meanwhile, sources at the Attorney General's Office said the government would appeal to the Supreme Court (SC) against the HC decisions.

## SC ON MOUDUD DETENTION

UNB reports: The Appellate Division of the SC yesterday summarily dismissed the government's petition seeking a stay on the HC ruling that had declared illegal former law minister Moudud Ahmed's detention under the Special Powers Act.

A four-member bench with Chief Justice M Ruhul Amin in the chair passed the order.

Upon a petition, the HC ruled against the detention on September 12.

The joint forces arrested the BNP leader at his Gulshan residence on April 13. He was initially served with a 30-day detention order that was later extended by another 19 days.

tor Sobrah 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 Sobrah 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 Sobrah 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 Ashraful 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 Wasa 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 Siddhiganj.

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.

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## CPB demands

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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 Ruhi Hossain Prince, Syed Abu Jafar Ahmed, Shahadat Hossain and Muhammad Shah Alam were also present.

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

Journalist 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 Syed 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 Bhawan.

"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.

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# 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 the 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 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.

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

Meanwhile election commissioners --- Sohul and Sakhawat --- 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 Sakhawat said financial transparency and accountability is an imperative within the political

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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.

PABANCASE

Metropolitan Magistrate SM Moiuddin 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