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## TRUTH COMMISSION Mainul dismisses reconciliation with political parties

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The caretaker government plans to offer "some kind of amnesty" for businessmen through the proposed Truth Commission for resuscitating the economy but dismissed reconciliation with the political parties in the current standoff.

"It is necessary to overcome the economic crisis through reconciliation with businessmen," Law and Information Adviser Mainul Hossain told members of the Overseas Correspondents Association Bangladesh (OCAB) at the Jatiya Press Club yesterday.

Asked why the corrupt politicians will be deprived of getting this opportunity of clemency, the adviser said the corrupt political

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# Monju, wife sued for hiding wealth

ACC also files lawsuits against Lotus Kamal, Obaidul Karim

STAR REPORT

Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) yesterday sued Jatiya Party (Manju) Chairman Anwar Hossain Manju and his wife Tasmina Hossain for amassing huge wealth illegally and concealing information in the wealth statement.

The ACC filed another case against former Awami League lawmaker AHM Mostafa Kamal alias Lotus Kamal, Orion Group Chairman Obaidul Karim and an employee of Kamal for laundering money.

In the case filed with Dhanmondi Police Station against Manju and his wife, ACC Assistant Director Sheikh M Fayaz Alam

mentioned that in an investigation it was found that

Manju owns property worth Tk 17.1 crore which was disproportionate to his known sources of income.

Manju also concealed information about his wealth worth Tk 4.22 crore in the wealth statement submitted to the ACC.

Manju's wife Tasmina was made an accused in the case for abetting her husband.

Meanwhile, ACC Deputy Director Syed Iqbal Hossain filed a case against Lotus Kamal, Orion Group Chairman Obaidul Karim and ABM Selim, an official of a Lotus Kamal group of companies for laundering Tk 2 crore between

May 21 and June 30, 2006 and concealing information about it.

The case was filed with Gulshan Police Station under Money Laundering Prevention Act 2007 and Emergency Power Rules 2007.

Our Mymensingh correspondent adds: A case was filed yesterday with a special court against Prof Md. Mahfuzur Rahman, a teacher of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU), for concealing information about his income of Tk 21,354,440 from fiscal year 2002-03 to 2006-07.

Amjad Hossain, Additional Assistant Tax Commissioner of Mymensingh Circle-2, filed the case under Income Tax Ordinance 1984.

## 3 Bangladeshi criminals sent back from India

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Indian police yesterday handed over three listed criminals of Bangladesh, including a close accomplice of notorious Kala Jahangir, to the Criminal Investigation Department (CID).

They are Habibur Rahman Taj, 29, Ibrahim, 31 and Selim alias Lambu Selim, 35.

Police officials said that Taj, second-in-command of top-listed criminal Kala Jahangir, had been hiding in India under the alias of Naimul Hasan with Ibrahim and Selim under the aliases Sohail Ibrahim and Biplob.

Taj and Selim were arrested in Kolkata in March while Ibrahim in August on charge of illegal intrusion to India and were sent to jail. The Kolkata police planned to deport them to Bangladesh after their jail terms, as there is no extradition treaty between the two nations.

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People line up for rice at fair price before a shop run by Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) at Nawabganj Park in Old Dhaka yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

## EC to conduct survey on prospective voters abroad

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Election Commission (EC), as part of its preparations to enrol the expatriates in the voter list, is going to conduct surveys in foreign countries where Bangladeshi citizens are residing.

Election commissioners Muhammed Sohul Hussain and Brig Gen (retd) M Sakhawat Hussain are likely to visit United Kingdom (UK) early next month to assess the measures for preparing the voter list comprising the eligible Bangladeshi citizens living in UK.

"Initially we will conduct the survey in UK since the highest number of Bangladeshi expatriates live there," Election Commissioner Muhammed Sohul Hussain told

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## Notice

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## GATCO CASE AGAINST KHALEDA ACC goes to court for interrogation, 2 bank account details

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-corruption Commission took an initiative to quiz detained former prime minister Khaleda Zia about graft charges brought against her in connection with 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.

The ACC also took steps to confiscate some bank records and documents regarding payment to Gatco for their work.

ACC sources said the ACC yesterday submitted two separate petitions before a court in order to quiz Khaleda and seize documents from Sonali Bank and Prime Bank.

"After getting the court's permission, we will interrogate the former prime minister at the sub-jail where she is staying," the sources said.

Sources said investigation officer (IO) of the Gatco case Johirul Huda, a deputy director of

the ACC, filed a petition with the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court in order to obtain permission to quiz Khaleda. The IO filed another petition with the Dhaka Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court in order to get permission to confiscate the bank records and documents.

IO Huda, however, admitted the ACC move but declined to say anything further.

The ACC sources said they wanted to make this move earlier but they had to wait and see what the High Court (HC) did to the writ petitions Khaleda and her younger son Arafat Rahman Koko filed challenging the legality of filing the Gatco case and its continuation.

Although the HC last week granted bail to Khaleda and stayed proceedings of the case, the Supreme Court later on stayed the HC order following appeals filed by the ACC.

Khaleda and Arafat in their petitions also challenged the government's

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## AL to take part in polls after Hasina's release Says party acting GS Ashraful

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Awami League (AL) will take part in the election after its chief, Sheikh Hasina, is released from jail, Syed Ashraful Islam, acting general secretary of the AL, said yesterday.

Ashraf, second joint general secretary of the AL, yesterday officially resumed his work as the acting general secretary of the party. He returned home on Thursday after spending about three months in London.

Speaking with journalists at the

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## Babar questioned about his arms, ammo

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday questioned detained former BNP state minister for home affairs Lutfozzaman Babar about his possession of firearms and ammunition, which the joint forces seized at his Gulshan home in May.

Meanwhile, arrest warrants were issued against wife of detained former BNP lawmaker Nasiruddin Ahmed Pintu in a case filed in connection with concealing wealth information and against five former high officials of Oriental Bank Ltd in connection

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## Tariqul, family charged with misuse of relief materials

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Khulna

Tariqul Islam, detained former minister of BNP, his wife, son and brother-in-law have been indicted yesterday for misappropriating government relief supplies.

Sub Inspector Mursalin of Jessore Kotwali Police Station submitted the charge sheet to the First Class Magistrate's Court, Jessore against the former minister, his wife Nargis Begum, son Aninda Islam Amit and brother-in-law

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CNG-run autorickshaws in a long queue at a filling station on Darussalam Road at Mirpur in the capital yesterday as load shedding disrupted service at the station.

PHOTO: STAR

## FAKE VISA 82 Bangladeshis deported from Dubai Airport

UNB, Chittagong

Eighty-two Bangladesh nationals and four Nepalese were deported yesterday from Dubai Airport for not having valid documents to enter the UAE.

Official sources said a Biman flight (BG 047), carrying 213 passengers, left Chittagong Shah Amanat Airport on Saturday for Dubai.

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Source: Islamic Foundation

## Myanmar junta puts pressure on monks

AP, Yangon

Myanmar's military leaders stepped up pressure on monks who spearheaded pro-democracy rallies, saying Sunday that weapons had been seized from Buddhist monasteries and threatening to punish all violators of the law.

The government also announced dozens of new arrests, defying global outrage over its recent violent crackdown on protesters who sought an end to 45 years of military dictatorship.

Security eased in the largest city of Yangon more than a week after soldiers and police opened fire on demonstrators. Some roadblocks were removed and visitors began trickling back to the heavily guarded Shwedagon and Sule pagodas, the starting and finishing points of protests that began in mid-August over a sharp fuel price increase.

The junta says at least 10 people were killed in its Sept. 26-27 crackdown though independent sources say the toll was likely much higher and that some 1,000 remain in detention centres.

At least 135 monks are being held, according to The New Light of Myanmar, a mouthpiece of the junta. It said recent raids on monasteries had turned up guns, knives and ammunition, though it was not yet clear to whom they belonged.

"Monks must adhere to the laws of God and the government," the

paper wrote. "If they violate those laws, action could be taken against them."

In addition, 78 more people suspected of involvement in the rallies were being questioned by investigators, it said.

Tens of thousands of people turned out for last month's protests, the biggest in nearly two decades against brutal military rule. The junta's bloody crackdown sparked international condemnation even from its Southeast Asian neighbours.

Malaysia urged the military regime on Sunday to quickly hold unconditional talks with pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi, who remains under house arrest, before the world pushes harder for political change.

The comments by Foreign Minister Syed Hamid Albar followed a warning from the United States that it would push for UN sanctions against Myanmar if it fails to move toward democracy.

China and Russia, however, have expressed opposition to any such action and Myanmar's Foreign Minister Nyan Win told the UN General Assembly last week democracy "cannot be imposed from outside."

The junta's propaganda machine, meanwhile, continued to claim massive rallies across the country, allegedly in support of the government.



Hindus busy shopping ahead of Durga Puja, their biggest religious festival. The photo was taken from Motijheel in the capital yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

## 30 killed in Pakistani tribal area clashes

AFP, Miranshah

At least 30 people including four civilians were killed yesterday in clashes between militants and soldiers in Pakistan's restive tribal areas, the military and residents said.

Security forces launched an attack against militant bases and hide-outs in the restive North Waziristan region bordering Afghanistan, military spokesman Major General Waheed Arshad said.

At least 20 militants were killed and 15 wounded in the fighting in a mountainous area south of the town of Mir Ali, Arshad said.

"We got this information by intercepting the militants' own communications," the general told AFP.

The military later said in a state-

ment that six soldiers were killed, up from an earlier toll of two. Six soldiers were wounded, the statement said.

Local residents said four civilians also died, including three women.

The early morning operation was launched in retaliation for overnight attacks by extremists on two military convoys in the region that left two soldiers dead and another 30 wounded, Arshad said.

Separately the military said security forces arrested two militants in the same troubled tribal area -- the region where the United States alleges that al-Qaeda and the Taliban have been regrouping since 9/11.

"The miscreants were fired upon by security forces when they were fleeing from the site after

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