



AMASSING WEALTH ILLEGALLY, HIDING INFO

ACC presses charges against Tarique, wife

COURT CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) yesterday pressed charges against detained BNP Senior Joint Secretary General Tarique Rahman, his wife Dr Zobaida Rahman and mother-in-law Iqbalmand Banu for amassing wealth illegally and concealing wealth information.

ACC Assistant Director Taufiqul Islam, also investigation officer (IO), submitted the charge sheet to the Court of Chief Metropolitan Magistrate showing 57 people as



Tarique Rahman



Dr Zobaida Rahman

prosecution witnesses.

The IO prayed for issuance of arrest warrants against Zobaidda and Iqbalmand Banu and an order to attach their property, as they has not obtained bail.

He mentioned in the charge sheet that Tarique had concealed wealth worth about Tk 2.17 crore in his statement and also amassed about Tk 2.75 crore beyond his known source of income.

His wife and mother-in-law were accused of assisting him for committing the offences.

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Paban gets 17yrs in arms case

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday sentenced Khandaker Akhter Hamid Paban, son of Khaleda-appointed BNP Secretary General Khandaker Delwar Hossain, and four others to 17 years' rigorous imprisonment for possession of illegal firearms and ammunition.

Following the verdict, Paban and his sister Luna Khandaker hurled abusive language at the judge saying that he had no right to sit in the judge's chair and that he was a disgrace to the judiciary.

The other convicts are Anwar Hossain, Masud Ali alias Apu, Delwar Hossain alias Ratan and Paban's cousin Nahid alias Mota Nahid.

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ILL-GOTTEN WEALTH

Naser Rahman jailed for 13yrs

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An anti-graft tribunal yesterday sentenced former BNP lawmaker M Naser Rahman to 13 years in prison for concealing wealth information and amassing assets beyond known sources of income.

The Special Court-9 also fined Naser, son of former finance minister M Saifur Rahman, Tk 5 lakh. In the event of a default in payment, he will have to serve one more year in jail.

Besides, the government was



ordered to confiscate his wealth worth around Tk 1.80 crore.

Of the term, 10 years' rigorous imprisonment was given for illegally accumulating wealth and three years' imprisonment for concealing information in wealth statement to the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC).

The court did not pass any order on Naser's wife and co-accused Rizina Naser, who is on bail following a High Court stay on the proceedings against her.

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Power abuse, graft bring him in spotlight

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Unbridled corruption through abuse of power kept Naser Rahman in the limelight during much of the BNP-led four-party alliance rule.

Though there were allegations of graft aplenty against him, no-one dared to press any formal charge against the eldest son of Saifur Rahman, then the finance minister, for fear of reprisal.

Hefty commissions from businesses in exchange for winning contracts made him astronomically wealthy in a very short span of time.

But things began to change for the worse for him soon after the present military-backed caretaker government took over on January 11 last year.

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RICE

Prices rise amid market vigil

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Although the joint forces yesterday started monitoring the city markets in the wake of persisting price spiral of rice and some other essentials, price of rice varieties rose further at the wholesale markets.

A seller at Badamtali wholesale market said the price of all varieties of rice was hiked further in the morning yesterday. The price of rice was hiked three times on Sunday, he added.

Col MA Halim, director (operation and training) of BDR, told The

Daily Star they have started patrolling the markets to watch over the price hikes.

Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) and BDR personnel were seen active during a visit to different wholesale markets. BDR men on several occasions were found discussing the issue with wholesalers and asking them to be alert so that no-one can unnecessarily hike the price.

The paramilitary men also invited the leaders of wholesale rice market associations to talks at

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Boiler blast in re-rolling mill kills 3 workers

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Naganj

At least three workers were killed and 16 others injured yesterday in a boiler explosion at a re-rolling factory at Kanchpur of Sonargaon upazila.

The deceased are Majharul Islam Moza, 22, Rabiul Islam, 21, and Amir Hossain, 25.

The injured were admitted to different hospitals and clinics. The conditions of most of the injured were stated to be critical.

The boiler of Syed Steel Mill exploded at about 12:30am leaving Moza and Rabiul dead on the spot and 17 others injured.

Seriously injured Amir was rushed to the Dhaka Medical

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A re-rolling mill is reduced to twisted metals at Kanchpur of Sonargaon upazila in Narayanganj yesterday after a boiler exploded in the factory.

Govt to take \$300m hard loans from bank to import fuel

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Amid acute liquidity crisis due to underpricing of imported petroleum products, the government yesterday approved Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation's (BPC) proposal to take \$300 million hard term loan from Standard Chartered Bank.

On the other hand, the government is taking \$220 million loan from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) as emergency assistance to reduce pressures on balance of payment. A proposal

regarding this loan will be placed at the IMF Board meeting tomorrow in Washington.

Finance Adviser Mirza Azizul Islam, after a meeting of the hard term loan committee chaired by him yesterday, told newsmen that the BPC would take the loan under the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) in addition 1.79 percent interest. It will repay the loan within nine months.

On the emergency loan to Bangladesh, the adviser said the IMF is providing it without any

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A JOURNEY OF EXCELLENCE..... National Export Trophy (Gold)



Mr. Md. Nasiruddin, Managing Director, Pacific Jeans Ltd., CEPZ is seen receiving 'National Export Trophy (Gold)' from Dr. Hossain Zillur Rahman, Hon'ble Advisor, Ministry of Commerce and Education, Government of People's Republic of Bangladesh

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