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On September 26 last year, Deputy Director Jahirul Huda filed the case with Kafrul Police Station against Tarique, Dr Zubaida and Iqbalmand Banu for concealing wealth informa-

Tarique, elder son of detained former premier Khaleda Zia, was charged with earning wealth over Tk 4.82 crore illegally and concealing information of property worth over Tk 4.23 crore in his wealth statement submitted to the ACC earlier.

accused of abetting Tarique in establishing that the money was earned

and mother-in-law was filed under sections 26 (2) and 27 (1) of the Anti-Corruption Commission Act, 2004, section 109 of the Penal Code and section 15 (Gha) (5) of Emergency Power Rules, 2007

Tarique submitted his wealth statement to the anti-graft body on June 10 last year through jail authorities, claiming to have assets worth Tk 1.37 crore in the names of himself, his wife and his daughter.

Jahirul Huda submitted a report tion into Tarique's wealth account.

Bangla newspaper Dainik Dinkal by taking it over as publisher and printer on August 12, 1998 from Prof Mazidul Islam through an agreement.

Jahirul mentioned in the case that ledgers and audit reports, by becomover Tk 4.15 crore against an investment of over Tk 1.74 crore.

Tarique also concealed information about 250 shares of Rahman Group worth Tk 2.5 lakh in his wealth statement.

It was also mentioned in the case statement that Tarique, his wife and daughter own land and three Fixed

Of the wealth, 2.01 acres of land at Gabtoli in Bogra is in Tarique's name. His wife has two FDRs -- worth Tk 25 lakh and Tk 10 lakh -- with the Banani

branch of Prime Bank Ltd. Besides, there is an FDR worth Tk 20 lakh with the Banani branch of Dhaka Bank Ltd

in the name of their daughter Zaima. In the statement, Tarique mentioned that he bought the piece of land at Tk 3.45 lakh in May 2003 with the money he had earned from business. But his total expenditure during 2001-2006 was more than his income, which means he bought the land through dishonest means or unknown source of income.

The case statement says Zubaida claimed that her mother provided the money of the two FDRs. Iqbalmand Banu also said she provided the amount from the money she had got at a time renting out her houses at Mohakhali and Motijheel.

However, their claims proved to be false in primary investigations. One Enayetul Bari Jewel, who has no relation or involvement with Zubaida, deposited the money with the bank for opening the FDRs. The IO believes Tarique provided the money from his undeclared income, the case statement adds.

The case also says Tarique claimed he provided Tk 20 lakh for opening the FDR for his daughter to ACC on July 25 after an investiga- taking loan from Rahman Group, but no evidence was found in favour of theloan

Earlier on March 7 last year, joint forces arrested Tarique at their Cantonment residence after an extortion case filed against him by a businessman. He has since been in Dhaka Central Jail.

He was later shown arrested in 10 extortion cases and another case in which he was accused of cheating following confessional statements of his close friend and business associate Giausuddin Al Mamun.

After submission of the charge sheet in the first extortion case, Tarique's lawyers submitted a writ petition with the High Court (HC) challenging legality of the case and the HC stayed its proceedings.

On the other hand, police are yet to press charges against him in one of the extortion cases, even though Mamun had given confessional statements involving him in the

expansion of market, increasing productivity and capacity, production of standard quality products,

reduction in business cost, imple-

\$14.50 billion. Bangladesh is now exporting 167 ems to some 186 countries.

tions and industries for their extraordinary contributions to the

national economy bronze trophies were given for the governance and further improve-

Commerce Adviser Hossain Zillur Rahman, Commerce Secretary Firoz Ahmed, FBCCI President Annisul Hug and EPB Vice-President Md Shabullah also spoke at the function.

were present at the function. already announced the finished leather, frozen fishes, handicrafts electronic goods, flowers and foliage, jute products, handloom clothes, unpolished diamond, herbal medicine and herbal plants as special sectors for export devel-

to be made more intense and dynamic utilising the opportunities of globalisation and efforts will be made to alleviate poverty by involving the country's huge population.

To attain this goal, the CA said, the government is giving importance to simplification of importexport procedures, using modern technology in trade and commerce,

Naser Rahman

vears as the prison sentences will be carried out consecutively, not concurrently. The sentences would take

effect from the day of his arrest. The court framed charges against him on December 9 last year while deposition of witnesses began on yesterday afternoon. He made it clear that they can not

January 14 this year. Naser Rahman amassed a fortune force such a personality like Sheikh through getting rake-offs from busi-

nesses as he would hold sway over all government departments as the son of finance minister during the BNPled four-party alliance rule. He was elected member of parliament from Moulvibazar-3 constitu-

ency in the by-election of November 12, 2001 on BNP ticket. The seat fell vacant after his father had left one of the two constituencies he won in the general election of October 1, 2001.

graft suspects detained Naser on February 4 this year.

ACC Deputy Director Moniruzzaman Khan filed the case against him and his wife on May 27 last year.

information about wealth worth Tk 1.90 crore in their assets accounts. The case was filed under sections 26(2) and 27 (1) of the ACC Act 2004,

section 15 of the Emergency Power Rules, 2007 and section 109 of the penal code. After investigation, the ACC charged Naser with accumulating

Earlier on September 18 last year, he was sentenced to nine years' imprisonment for extortion.

KL warns

FROM PAGE 16 Many of the workers are down with fever and diarrhoea. But they don't have enough money to take treatment, one of the workers Mohammed

Mukles, 20, told the newspaper. Another Bangladeshi worker Swapan Shukur, 30, said local people had given a few of them food but some workers could not have anything for Quoting another Malaysian news-

paper Kosmo!, The Star on Friday reported the Bangladeshi workers were living on coconut scraps and selling empty plastic bottles they fished out of the river.

They said they had been com pelled to live like this as their recruit ing agents had not given them work.

Another Bangladeshi Mostak Mia said they had been staying in Malaysia for about four months. They decided to move out of their temporary home in Kajang to stay somewhere close to the Bangladesh High Commission, hoping to meet high commission officials for requesting them to arrangejobs for them.

Hundreds of Bangladeshi workers remain unemployed in Malaysia, as their recruiting agents did not provide them with jobs

The Bangladesh High Commission had set up three shelter houses to accommodate 500-600 workers facing such problems in the south-east Asian

AL warns

FROM PAGE 16 hospital before her treatment was complete, they threatened that the party's announced mass hunger strike would turn into an upsurge of

demonstrations to free her. They said this at a discussion meeting to celebrate the Independence Day at the party's central office on Bangabandhu Avenue with acting Awami League City Unit President MA Aziz in the

"Release our party chief before the mass signature campaign beginning on April 4. If she is not released, stronger movements will be announced," said Awami League Presidium memberAmirHossainAmu.

He demanded the government officially recognise Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman as the Father of the Nation and execute the verdict of Bangabandhu murder case during

Awami League (AL) Presidium member Tofail Ahmed said, "If the government does not free her, the party's mass hunger strike will turn into an upsurge in demonstrations to free our leader." Asserting that the government has lost its neutrality and credibility, Tofail said the Awami League has planted the seeds of movement by announcing the mass hunger strike programme across the country.

Terming the caretaker government unconstitutional and undernocratic, Suranjit Sengupta, a presidium member, alleged that the government is behaving vindictively towards

constituted Better Business Forum He asked the government to announce election schedule and when it would lift the state of emer-

He said they would resist any move to establish a government other than an elected government.

AL acting General Secretary Syed Ashraful Islam demanded that the government free Hasina unconditionally and send her to the United States for treatment.

Alleging that the government has been luring away "young and honest" leaders of different political parties and trying to give them "special responsibilities", Syed Ashraf urged the government to stop such activi-

Party workers under the age of 40 are being asked by the government whether they could bear any special responsibilities, he said adding that the CVs of honest and competent candidates from all political parties are being collected at district level.

He asserted that the AL, not the government, would decide who would be their candidate.

Central Publicity Secretary Asaduzzaman Noor said people would free Hasina through movement for their survival.

AL leaders Mukul Bose, Abdul Mannan, Dr Mostafa Jalal Mohiuddin. Habibur Rahman Siraj, Yafes Osman, Bazlur Rahman, Qumrul Islam, Faizuddin Mia and Mukul Chowdhury also spoke among others. JOINTSTATEMENT

In a joint statement, leaders of Awami League's front organisations threatened to go for tougher movements if Hasina is not released unconditionally, the "false" charges brought against her are not dropped and she is not sent to the US for treatment.

The signatories to the statement are Bangladesh Krishak League President Mirza Jalil, General Secretary Mohammad Motahar Hossain Mollah, Jubo League President Jahangir Kabir Nanak, General Secretary Mirza Azam, Bangladesh Chhatra League President Mahmud Hasan Ripon, Awami Swechchhasebak League President AFM Bahauddin Nasim, Joint General Secretary Motiur Rahman Moti, Mahila Awami League President Ashrafunnesa Mosharraf, General Secretary Fazilatunnesa Indira, Jubo Mahila League President

Nazma Akhtar and General Secretary Apu Ukil. EX-CHHATRA LEAGUE LEADERS In another statement, a number of former Chhatra League leaders said the present government would have to shoulder all responsibilities of an upsurge in demonstrations if the AL chiefis not released.

The former leaders are: Baloram Podder, Sahajada Mohiuddin, Marufa Akhtar Popy, Rafiqul Islam Katowal, Saifuzzaman Shikhor, Qamrul Hasan Khokon, Momin Patwari, Morseduzzaman Selim, Zakir Hossain Maruf, Miraj Hossain, Salauddin Mahmud Chowdhury and

Alamgir Hasan. Ain O Salish Kendra in anomer statement expressed deep concern over the moving of Hasina to a special jail from hospital and asked the government to clarify the "questionable" move of the jail authorities.

Power abuse

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He was detained as a graft suspect on February 4. Then his name came on the Anti-Corruption' Commission's (ACC) first list of corruption suspects on February

Several cases were filed against him on charges that range from graft and extortion to land grab. Including yesterday's, jail terms the now detained former lawmaker has copped so far amount to 22 years.

On September 19 last year, a Sylhet court sentenced him to nine years in prison for extortion.

Nuruzzaman filed the extortion case on February 17 last year. Earlier on October 24, 2003, he held a press conference at Dhaka Reporters Unity and alleged that Naser demanded Tk 2 crore after he had won the contract for building Fenchuganj-Rajnagar-Moulvibazar-Jagadishpur regional highway.

In retaliation, Naser filed a false case against Nuruzzaman under Speedy Trial Act. Besides, a group of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal decimals of land near Sarak activists loyal to the ex-lawmaker attacked the contractor and left him seriously injured.

Apart from intimidating businesses into giving him cut of their profits, Naser would exert a huge influence on the banking sector during the alliance rule.

alone supplied all the money counting machines for Bangladesh Bank and other nationalised commercial banks.

Many projects where he had minimum interest or involvement were passed at the cabinet committee on purchase without question. He used to take up to 25 percent commission from busi- Sylhet.

ness firms for winning them contracts worth crores of taka.

During the coalition rule, his men were awarded work worth around Tk 1,000 crore without any tender in public works, local government, water development board, zila parishads, public health, roads and highways, north-south irrigation project, forest department and pourasabhas.

He had received a whopping 20 percent commission from those who won the contract to build a Tk 3.27-crore bridge at Lunguchhara on Moulvibazar-Kulaura road, said sources.

During construction of the bridge, he made the authorities allocate Tk 30 lakh for an alternative road that should not have cost more than Tk 8 lakh. He allegedly received Tk 30

lakh for helping a contractor win work worth Tk 8 crore for a road extension and sodium lights installation project in Moulvibazar pourasabha. Naser grabbed around 60

Bhaban on the outskirts of Moulvibazar town through forged documents. He and his brother used their clout to take up a lease on a 200-

acre hilly land for tea cultivation at a stunning rate of Tk 5 per acre. Sources said Naser Rahman He made a hefty amount as he was part of a syndicate responsible for unusual hike in the price of sugar during the alliance rule.

> His father Saifur Rahman was compelled to reduce import tariffs on sugar before the end of fiscal year 2006-2007. He used to pull strings in postings and transfers of police and

civil servants to and from greater

Govt to take \$300m

FROM PAGE 1 conditions, and it is a soft loan.

from Standard Chartered Bank, a proposal for loan from the BNP Paribas (Banque Nationale de Paris), a French bank, was also placed at the committee meeting vesterday. The meeting did not approve this proposal since it was

"We have decided to ask the BNP Paribas to continue the negotiation for a lower interest rate."

Sources said the BNP Paribas to 1.84 percent interest.

BPC, Mirza Aziz said. And the committee decided to take up to \$300 million if conditions are the

BPC has been affected seriously due to high prices of petroleum products in international market. Price of oil per barrel was \$62 to \$63 in April last year when fuel prices in domestic market were adjusted for the last time. Price of oil per barrel is now\$110 to \$112, he mentioned.

The budget for this fiscal year subsidies but different ministries sure on the foreign exchange increased their demands, and the reserve.

allocation now stands at Tk 15,600

According to BPC's quarterly performance report, its losses in the first half of this fiscal year stood at Tk 1,942 crore. Despite a recent allocation of Tk 800 crore, the BPC is still facing a deficit of Tk 1,600 Sources in the finance division

products. But in the current fiscal year, the requirement would reach at least \$3.2 billion because of high fuel prices in the global market. The BPC now incurs Tk 24 loss per litre of diesel and Tk 23 loss per litre of kerosene since it sells these

are lower than the international market rate. "Estimated losses on diesel and kerosene will be around Tk 8,600 crore in the current fiscal year," a

In January, the energy division had requested the finance ministry

The loan request came follow-

Optical fibre line

and Chittagong conducted investigations after the line was snapped, and detected the location at Basantapur, 23 km off Feni.

telecommunication links were maintained using satellite communication, which caused call congestion. The internet links were virtually non-functional although the BTTB claimed that it functioned 'partly'.

There have been two dozen cases of such disruption in the 433 km optical fibre line since it was launched in 2006. Almost half of these disruptions had been identified as subversive acts, probably by illegal VoIP (Voice over internet protocol) operators.

Due to lack of a back up line, whenever the line was disrupted, international telecom and internet connectivity was affected. Since many businesses now rely on international connectivity, such disruptions have been causing incalculable losses. Plus, each disruption deprives the BTTB of at least \$70,000 revenue per hour.

the BTTB signed a Tk 18 crore deal with Power Grid Company of Bangladesh (PGCB) to provide a back up optical fibre network between Dhaka and Cox's Bazar to ensure better access to the submarine cable system. The deal however requires that the BTTB spend about Tk 3.42 crore

to install additional lines and some

machinery to avail the PGCB ser-

vice. The BTTB recently floated a

The BTTB had a second option

Bangla Phone set up the fibre optic line early last year on the basis of negotiations with the BTTB. Presently, the BTTB is using approximately 2,799 Megabyte per second (Mbps) voice and 1,244 Mbps data bandwidth through the optical fibre and submarine cable.

Boiler blast

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College and Hospital (DMCH) where he succumbed to his injuries. The tin-shed factory was badly damaged as it caught fire due to the explosion. Several houses near the

factory were also damaged. On information, fire fighters rushed to the spot and brought the fire under control after a two-hourlongeffort

Nur Hossain, assistant director

of Fire Service and Civil Defence, said they rescued 16 injured workers who got trapped inside the factory. He said the explosion might have caused due to the worn-out boiler

Over 150 workers worked at the factory in two shifts. Mohammad Shahjahan, the owner of the factory, went into

tender in this regard. Sources said it The family members of the will take many more months before victims have demanded compensathe BTTB can use this backup tionfrom the authorities.

hiding after the incident.

Public servants

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corruption, ACC Director General (Admin) Col Hanif Iqbal said while speaking at a press briefing at the ACC headquarters.

The commission in a letter to the cabinet secretary yesterday offered the suggestion to deal with the wealth statements submitted by government officials following an order from the establishment minis-

The ministry has informed the ACC that the government officials have submitted their wealth statements. Earlier, the commission urged the ministry to issue orders asking the government employees to submit their wealth statements. "The government officials have

submitted their wealth statements to

the establishment ministry," said Col

Hanif Iqbal adding that if the wealth statements are scrutinised, it would be possible to get a clear idea about corrupt officials. Replying to a query whether the commission will look into the wealth statement, Hanif said, "The ACC will not get involved in the task. The respective offices or departments or

ministries will scrutinise the statements under their own arrangement, which will be a permanent system." "The system would help us get a clear idea about corruption done by government officials so far and curb it," he said adding that if necessary,

fresh recommendations on the

matter might be forwarded. Meanwhile, the ACC yesterday approved submission of charge sheet against former Awami League (AL) lawmaker Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim and his wife Gulshan Ara for amassing Tk 26.92 crore beyond their known sources of income and concealing information about their wealthworth over Tk 10 crore.

Land commission

FROM PAGE 16 nation, we will be blamed if we do not ensure indigenous communities' birth rights and if we failed to force the government to implement it," he said calling on the government to sit with major political parties and have their pledges in this regard.

Former adviser to a caretaker government advocate Sultana Kamal said the government must look into the problems of CHT areas with a humanitarian perspective. She said strong political will and pledges coupled with united effort are required to settle the land and other disputes in the CHT areas.

Gono Forum leader Pankaj Bhattacharya suggested holding broader dialogues between the government and the civil society in this Economist Prof Abul Barakat held

previous governments responsible for patronising land grabbers. He said no government took any initiative to recognise the indigenous communities. He said 30 years ago 75 percent of the people in CHT areas were indigenous people but currently the percentage stands at 47, complicating the He said political will is required to

settle the land disputes. Prof Barakat urged the government not to include any people from the anti-liberation war force in the land commission. He suggested that the government rehabilitate the Bangla speaking settlers on government lands outside CHT

Writer and journalist Syed Abul Maksud demanded forming a highpowered commission to settle the land disputes in CHT areas.

Barrister Sara Hossain, Rabindranath Saren, and Shamsul Huda also spoke at the roundtable among others.

Prices rise

FROM PAGE 1 their headquarters in this regard. In the wholesale markets, price of coarse rice including Indian Swarna and Ratna was hovering between Tk 1,260 to Tk 1,300 a maund yesterday. Only one day ago, the items were sold at

Tk1,250-Tk1,280 permaund. Local coarse varieties were selling at Tk 1,160 to Tk 1,270 per maund, which was Tk 1,150 to Tk 1,250 the previous day. On the other hand, price of fine rice also rose by Tk 10 to Tk 20 per maund.

Sardar Mohammad Hossain, president of Badamtali and Babubazar Rice Wholesalers' Association, said it will be illogical if the price rises further as new local rice is going to hit the marketwithin 15 to 20 days.

There is no shortage of supply now and the stock in the wholesale and retail markets is quite enough for the rest20 days, he added.

Several wholesalers and retailers were seen hanging the price chart, as instructed by the joint forces, so that no-one can claim additional price. Col Halim said they would take 'stern" actions against the individuals

foundguilty of irregularities.

IMPORTFROMINDIARESUMES

with 520 tonnes of rice entered Bangladesh, reports our Satkhira correspondent. The import remained halted since Thursday over dispute between the

groups of Indian workers' organisations, sources said. Hasina

Metropolitan Magistrate

the order following the defence's plea for returning Hasina's passport. AL leader Advocate Sahara Khatun, also a counsel of Hasina, said Hasina's passport, which had

to submit a report regarding the

return of the passport to its owner.

Kadhimiyah neighbourhood, a Mahdi Armystronghold. Another eight "criminals" were killed in a series of other attacks on court stayed the March 12 order and US forces Sunday, a third statement asked the OC of Dhanmondi police

killing "25 criminals."

statement said.

Sadr in a statement on Sunday distanced himself from those "who carry weapons and target the government, the offices of the government and its parties"

Proshika Manabik Unnayan three bighas of land accommodating 350 families.

Buriganga

Agriculture Research Centre (BARC) auditorium in the capital.

water in Buriganga and other rivers that surround Dhaka is deteriorating every day. The situation worsens particularly during the five months of dry season from January through to May because the rivers around Dhaka hardly get any water flow during this period.

Agriculture and Water Resources Adviser Dr CS Karim said that the Buriganga can be saved by transferringwater from Jamuna to it.

The time has come to discuss the possible routes of transferring water from Jumuna to Buriganga. We will take a decision based on experts' views of the matter," he said while addressing the seminar as chief

Emaduddin Ahmad, executive director of IWM, said that according to their survey, around 50 to 60 percent of the contamination of Buriganga is caused by industrial effluent and the rest by domestic

He also identified nine industrial which are the main sources of pollu-

Prof Abdullah Abu Sayeed, chairman of Bishwa Shahitya Kendro, urged the caretaker government to take immediate measures against polluters who do not comply with

Commission, said an integrated approach is required to save the water resources in Dhaka from pollution. Among others, Water Development Board Director

fake guarantee of Tk 6.70 crore.

ities said Obaidul Karim was then

the chairman of Oriental Bank

and he influenced bank officials

the Anti-corruption Commission

(ACC) filed a case against Obaidul

Karim with a special court. The

court on December 27 last year

sentenced Karim to life imprison-

ment and fined him Tk 6.70 crore.

It also cancelled the guarantee

However, Belhasa JV Accom

obtained an ad interim stay order

from the High Court on the can-

cellation of the contract of

Gulistan-Jatrabari flyover pro-

vacated the High Court stay

process of cancelling the con-

Following the vacation order,

Earlier, project director of

Gulistan-Jatrabari flyover project

engineer Ashiqur Rahman was

involvement in corruption was

The DCC floated an interna-

tional tender in 2003 to build the

Gulistan-Jatrabari flyover. The

DCC signed the deal with the

was hit by a roadside bomb, injuring

area they found a second bomb

nearby. They were then attacked with

mortars or rockets, rocket propelled

grenades and small-arms fire from a

the roof of the house where the attack

was coming from," the statement

said, adding that air support was

called in and the house bombed,

they attacked US soldiers, a separate

"A mortar team was spotted on

While soldiers were securing the

company on June 21, 2005.

US airstrikes

project in three years.

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one soldier.

nearby house.

After detection of the forgery,

to issue the fake guarantee paper.

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paper.

order.

General HS Mozaddad Faruque, thrown outside, he said, adding, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) professor M Fazlul Bari, former professor of Dhaka University KB Sajjadur Rasheed addressed the become defaulters. Gulistan-Jatrabari Mahbubul Karim, Executive-

employees of Proshika and the investigation and revealed that slum dwellers were present on the there was not enough money in

office of Oriental Bank provided a

When the DCC asked Oriental FROM PAGE 16 Bank to explain, the bank authorand concealing information in

their wealth statement. Meanwhile detained former communications minister barrister Nazmul Huda and his wife advocate Sigma Huda expressed no confidence in the judge trying an

Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Golam Rabbani passed the order allowing Babar to be interrogated. ACC Deputy

ject. The DCC later appealed to

given a satisfying explanation regarding its source. Babar was arrested during a raid at his Gulshan residence on May 28 last year. The army-led joint forces

He has already been handed down 17 years rigorous imprisonment for possessing the arms and ammo illegally while other cases against him are pending in courts. CASE AGAINST MANJU COUPLE After scrutinising the case docket

accepted the charge sheet against Anwar Hossain Manju and his wife and issued the arrest warrants. Investigation officer (IO) ACC Deputy Director Rezaul Hassan Tarafdar submitted the charge sheet against Manju and his wife on March 23 in a case filed against them for

In northeast Baghdad, another statement. eight "criminals" were killed when an accused in the case for abetting

herhusband. Among those who died were two On June 26, Manju was sentenced to five years' simple imprisonment

Judge Mohammad Shafiul Azam

12 accepted the petition and fixed April 2 for the next hearing in this regard.

ACC presses

Zubaida and her mother were

through legal income. The case against Tarique, his wife

During the investigation it was found that Tarique became owner of

according to vouchers, cashbooks, ing the daily's owner Tarique owned

Deposit Receipts (FDR) worth Tk 58.45 lakh. But the wealth did not match Tarique's actual income.

Bangladesh was \$ 12.18 billion in 2006-07 fiscal year while export target for the current fiscal was set at

The national export trophies were awarded for the years 2002-2003, 2003-04 and 2004-05 in three categories: Gold, Silver and Bronze along with certificates on 21 export items among 82 business institu-

Advisers, business leaders, exporters, industrialists and businessmen The CA said the government has

He said export activities will have

Naser will have to be in jail for 13

to the Square Hospital. She is not medi-The joint forces in a move against

before the court, the court strongly directed prison authorities that they In the case statement, the commust produce Hasina before the court plainant said the couple kept back

assets worth Tk 5.33 crore through illegal means and concealing information about wealth worth around Tk 1.80 crore.

cases. CA for discipline

> mentation of international conditions and ensure good governance in the business arena. He said the government is also carrying out strong efforts for dutyfree access of Bangladeshi goods to

the markets of the developed world.

(BBF) and Regulatory Reforms Commission (RRC) comprising representatives from government A total of 33 gold, 28 silver and 21 and private sectors to ensure good ment of business environment.

He also mentioned the govern-

ment's three-year term (2006-09)

export policy for sustainable

The CA said the government has

increase of export. The CA said the government is taking steps for the development of communications and telecommunications system, utility services including water, gas, electricity, and management of ports.

In his speech, FBBCI President

Annisul Huq urged the country's

businessmen to make less profit for

one year in view of the on-going price hike of essentials. He assured that business community will work together with the government to ensure that businessmen cannot make profit unethically.

The newly elected FBCCI presi-

dent stressed the need for massive

industrialisation for quick eco-

nomic growth and urged for reduc-

ing the present high rate of bank interests.

IG (prisons) appear before the court, Inspector General (Prisons) Brig Gen Zakir Hasan yesterday said she was not forced to appear before the special

a graft case. "We took her [Hasina] to the court after getting green signal from Square Hospital authorities which confirmed that her physical condition is fine," the IG told reporters at a press conference at the Department of Prisons

court on Sunday in connection with

Hasina, also a former premier. "Everyone should understand it," he said. Zakir Hasan said on March 13 and 17 the special judge court-1 ordered the prison authority to produce Hasina "But we were not able to take her to

the court as the hospital authorities

informed that Sheikh Hasina is admitted

cally fit to attend the court," he said. He pointed out that the court on March 23 again issued the same order. They did not take her to the court as Hasina did not agree to appear before the court. And they informed the court After they failed thrice to produce her

onMarch 30. He said they informed her about court's orders, but she refused. "We also brought her three lawyers and her husband scientist Dr Wazed Miah (to the hospital) to make her agree on March 29. I also requested her to go there. But all our attempts went in vain," the IG said. He said when they wanted to know about her physical condition, the hospi-

judicial process. "We've just followed the court's orders--nothing else," added Zakir

tal authorities gave clearance certificate

about her fitness. Then they took her to

the court from where she was taken to

the makeshift jail after completion of

Apart from the proposal for loan

said usually \$2.1 billion is required disadvantaged compared to the other proposal, the finance adviser in a fiscal year to import petroleum

proposed to provide \$250 million loan under the LIBOR in addition at government-fixed prices, which Standard Chartered Bank offered \$250 million loan to the

The adviser said cash flow of the

BPC official said

to arrange a loan of \$900 million. ing the BPC's failed effort to get \$500 million from Bangladesh Bank (BB). The central bank refused to provide the amount saying the BPC already got \$300 million loan this fiscal year, and had allocated Tk 6,000 crore as any new loan would create pres-

During the hours of disruption,

On the third week of February,

of signing a deal with Bangla Phone for a free back up line provided that when Bangla Phone's own line is disrupted, the BTTB will give access to its line on equal terms.

The submarine cable's allocation Rice import through Bhomra land port for the BTTB is more than 14 resumed yesterday as at least 40 trucks Gigabyte per second.

FROM PAGE 16 petition of the prosecution, the order was stayed until yesterday. Mohammad Shahin Uddin passed

been seized by joint forces on July 16 last year immediately after her arrest from her Sudha Sadan residence, machine. might be needed any time for her trip abroad for treatment. After hearing the petition, the

> Hasina was arrested on July 16 last year after Azam J Chowdhury filed an extortion case against her.

Dr Kamal

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dwellers in the city. Kendra is implementing the project. The slum dwellers bought the land with their own money. In the first phase of the project, a sixstorey building would be built on

FROM PAGE 16 the Buriganga River -Augmentation of Dry Season Flow organised by Bangladesh National Committee of ICID (BANCID) in association with Institute of Water Modelling (TWM) at the Bangladesh

Participants said the quality of

wastewater. clusters in the Dhaka water shed

wastewater treatment guidelines and regulation. Enam A Chaudhury, former chairman of the Privatisation

> "We have to take steps for their Proshika Vice-chairman

the bank account and the head

Babar

extortion case against them.

Assistant Director Rupak Kumar Saha, also the investigation officer (IO) of the case, had submitted the petition for his interrogation. ACC Assistant Director Mirza Zahidul Alam filed the case against Babar, for concealing information

property worth Tk 6.77cr along with his family in his wealth statement. Investigations found this statement to be incomplete. suspended after proof of his One investigation revealed that 1 million Singapore dollar was deposited to his account through a demand draft from HSBC Singapore

also recovered firearms and ammu-

nition from his house.

amassing wealth illegally and concealing information in their wealth Manju's wife Tasmima was made

and fined Tk 10,000 for possessing 21 bottles of liquor at his Dhanmondi residence. CASEAGAINSTHUDA

who were killed when US attack helicopters fired two Hellfire missiles at fighters who launched an attack on soldiers manning a checkpoint in

> they would not get fair justice from the court. of the Metropolitan Special Tribunal-

in our movement, we will be able to establish the basic rights of the Former adviser to a caretaker government Sultana Kamal said this is a noble project as there are many people in the country who do not have a roof over their heads and

this would provide shelter for some of them. She said Bangladesh has many not-so-good records like lack of good governance, human rights and rampant corruption but the country has 15 crore fighting peo-

Dr Kamal Hossain, also presi-

dent of Gono Forum, said it is a

matter of sorrow that this kind of

initiative is materialising for the

first time 37 years after the

Liberation War. He said the project

was the fruit of Proshika's 20 years

rights of such people who have

been contributing to the economy

factory workers made the garment

industry one of the largest contrib-

utor to the national economy and

these people are also living in the

determination... and if we are

united on principles and can incor-

porate honest and patriotic people

He said, "We have no dearth of

He also said female garment

It is our duty to ensure the basic

of perseverance.

of the capital, he said.

"We had fought for autonomy, not for giving our lives to one ruler or another," she said, adding, "The people of the country can achieve what they want like in 1952, 1969 and 1971. We never surrendered before injustice, dishonesty and corruption and will never do so in the future.'

Prof Mustafizur Rahman, executive director of Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), said the difference between the poor and the rich is increasing in the country and it would be a betrayal to the freedom fighters if it was not stopped. In the capital, about 38 percent

of the people are slum dwellers and

these people stay on only five

percent of the land, he said adding that 90 percent slums are privately owned and the rest belong to the government. Proshika chief Dr Quazi Faruque Ahmed said the poor people contribute more to the

society but receive less in return.

The capital would be in jeop-

ardy within a day if the poor were

housing for the sake of ourselves." He urged financial institutions to provide loans to them with easy conditions since the poor never

Director Gias Uddin Pathan, many

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the Supreme Court and the court about wealth worth around Tk 7.6 crore, which is inconsistent with his known sources of income, on the DCC authorities started the January 13 this year. Babar had declared owning

Belhasa JV had received the work order under Build Operate on June 20, 2007. He hasn't declared and Transfer (BOT). They had this income and till date has not permission to operate the flyover and collect pre-approved toll for 24 years after completing the

> and other relevant documents, Judge Mohammad Azizul Haque of the Metropolitan Sessions Judge's court

Meanwhile former minister Nazmul Huda and his wife submitted a petition saying that they apprehend that