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ACC reveals more graft at BSMMU

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) yesterday revealed further details about the Tk 82.84-lakh fleeing of the state exchequer at the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU).

In a routine press briefing, Hanif Iqbal, director general (admin) of the country's corruption watchdog, also said the ACC has formed a five-member committee headed by ACC Director Ashraf Ali Faruk to investigate corruption at land ministry.

Meanwhile, as of yesterday, 15 individuals including a businessman, a college teacher and 13 government officials applied to the ACC to be able to confess to the Truth and Accountability Commission (TAC). The government officials are mostly from the

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DEEP-SEA OIL UNLOADING FACILITY

BPC asked to weigh private investment

SHARIEF KHAN

The energy ministry has asked Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation (BPC) to urgently scrutinise the possibility of involving private sector in building a \$700 million deep-sea petroleum unloading facility, sources say.

Alternatively, BPC would see if it is more practical to develop a cheaper \$100 million unloading facility at the Customary Outer Anchorage point in Chittagong.

Such a facility should help BPC save more than 8 dollars per tonne during import and unloading petroleum. Presently, lack of this

facility leads BPC to bear an unnecessary loss of \$10.68 million while importing 13 lakh tonnes of crude oil annually.

Besides, without developing this facility, a project to expand the crude oil refinery capacity of the Eastern Refinery Ltd (ERL) won't be meaningful.

According to three separate studies, the deep-sea facility may be developed 40 to 60 kilometres off the coast in Kutubdia. A cost-effective alternative is building the same at the outer anchorage point situated 4-10km off the coast.

"The advantage of the deep-sea platform is that it has a draught of

more than 60 metres depth. Large ships carrying 100,000 to 200,000 tonnes of oil anchor near Kutubdia. Such a volume of oil can be instantly unloaded to ERL facility in the coast from the deep-sea platform using a 40-60km underground pipeline," says an energy ministry official.

Currently, mother ships anchor here and smaller ships unload the oil (which is called lighterage) and transport it back to ERL dock. When a platform will be installed, anchored ships will be connected to a loading arm and an underground pipeline so that the oil can

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Border talks begin in city

UNB, Dhaka

Border conference between Bangladesh and India began yesterday at BDR headquarters here to discuss the contentious issues between the two countries.

Director General of Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) Major General Shakil Ahmed is leading a 22-member team while Indian Border Security Force (BSF) Director General Ashish Kumar Mitra heading a 19-member delegation.

The conference will conclude with the signing of a joint record of discussion (JRD) on August 25.

Meanwhile, the Indian delegation leader, Ashish Mitra, paid a courtesy call on Home Adviser Maj Gen (ret'd) MA Matin at the home ministry in the afternoon.

"During the meeting, bilateral issues came up and both sides emphasised joint activities on the

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Jamaica sprint great guns

AFP, Beijing



Jamaica completed a sprint grand slam and bungling United States teams crashed out of the relays on a day of Olympic heroes and villains on Thursday.

Veronica Campbell-Brown's defence of her 200 metres title gave Jamaica all four sprint golds after Usain Bolt raced into a class of his own taking the men's 100m-200m double in world-record time and Shelly-Ann Fraser won the women's 100m.

For the first time since they boycotted the 1980 Moscow Games the United States haven't won at least one of the four glamour sprints.

It was not all bad news for the USA though as they defended their Olympic football title after producing an extra-time winner to claim gold with a 1-0 win over Brazil in the women's football tournament. The Americans replicated their extra-time triumph over the Brazilians in the Athens Olympics final four years ago to deny the South Americans yet again.

It was a courageous effort by the United States, who for long periods absorbed tremendous pressure from the Brazilians, spearheaded by their lethal strike pair of Marta and Cristiane to win it in the first period of extra time.

But that was all they had to smile about. The USA's miserable Games continued in the men's and women's 4x100 heats when both US teams dropped the baton at the final change and failed to qualify.

As Campbell-Brown became a Games hero, so too did Dutch swimmer Maarten van der Weijden who beat life-threatening leukaemia to win the gruelling swimming marathon.

Heptathlon silver medallist Lyudmila Blonska, meanwhile, looks set to be banned for life for a second doping offence and four riders were disqualified from the equestrian jumping final when

their horses failed drugs tests. With torrential rain sweeping the Games city for much of the 14th day, the United States were on the verge of handing over their mantle of Olympic supremacy to China.

Chinese teenager Chen Ruolin won the women's 10m platform diving final to give China their only gold of the day but their seventh from seven diving events.

The Games hosts have 46 gold medals to 29 for the USA, 17 for Great Britain and Russia on 16.

Campbell-Brown powered out of the blocks and had second-placed American Allyson Felix covered by the halfway mark in the 200m.

"It's been great to see Jamaica get a clean sweep of the sprints," she said before returning to the track to anchor Jamaica as they qualified for the women's 4x100m final. The Jamaican men also qualified.

It was left to LaShawn Merritt to save face for the United States on the track as he led a US sweep of the men's 400m final beating home defending champion Jeremy Warner while David Neville stumbled over the line for third.

Ukrainian heptathlete Blonska, who failed her A sample, was

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RELEASE OF KHALEDA, TARIQUE 4-party barred from placing memo to CA

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Police yesterday barred leaders and activists of BNP-led four-party alliance from marching towards the Chief Adviser's Office to submit a memorandum demanding release of BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia and her elder son Tarique Rahman, senior joint secretary general of the party.

The marchers set out from the compound of Nam flats on Manik Mia Avenue but police resisted them at the entrance to it. As the demonstrators attempted to break through the police cordon, the law enforcers charged batons to disperse them.

At one stage, activists of Jatiyatabadi Mahila Dal, BNP's women wing, threw brickbats at police resulting in a melee that left five of them injured.

Earlier, police foiled another bid by the four-party men to come out of the NAM flats premises.

Alliance leaders present there included BNP Secretary General

Khandaker Delwar Hossain, Jamaat-e-Islami Secretary General Ali Ahsan Muhammad Mojahid, Islami Oikya Jote Secretary General Abdul Latif Nezami and Bangladesh Jatiya Party Secretary General Shamim Al Mamun.

Hundreds of four-party leaders and workers, most of them from BNP, had earlier gathered near Delwar's Nam flat residence. They chanted slogans demanding Khaleda's release.

About 20 platoons of police were deployed in the Nam flats area to ensure security. Riot police equipped with water cannons were also among them.

Meanwhile, the alliance had earlier this week announced its yesterday's programme, and the march was to start from the premises of late president Ziaur Rahman's grave.

Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) however banned the alliance's planned street march, saying it would be a violation of the

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PHOTO: STAR

Police obstruct BNP-led four-party alliance's procession towards the Chief Adviser's Office in front of the Nam buildings on Manik Mia Avenue yesterday. The procession was brought out to submit a memorandum to the chief adviser.

Son-in-law of Justice Fazlul Haq jailed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A special court yesterday sentenced Tariqur Rahman Prince, son-in-law of former adviser to caretaker government Justice Fazlul Haque, to three years' rigorous imprisonment for not submitting wealth statement to the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) in due time.

Judge Khandaker Kamal Uz-Zaman of Special Court-9, set up on the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban premises, also fined him Tk 5 lakh, in default of which he will have to spend three more months in jail.

Since Prince is on the run, the sentence will be effective from the day of his surrender or arrest.

ACC Assistant Director Mohammad Ibrahim filed the case with Cantonment Police Station against Prince on May 8 for not

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Russia to cut military ties with Nato

Says Norway

AP, Oslo

Russia has informed Norway that it plans to suspend all military ties with Nato, Norway's Defence Ministry said Wednesday, a day after the military alliance urged Moscow to withdraw its forces from Georgia.

Nato foreign ministers said Tuesday they would make further ties with Russia dependent on Moscow making good on a pledge to pull its troops back to pre-conflict positions in Georgia.

However, they stopped short of calling an immediate halt to all cooperation.

The Nordic country's embassy in Moscow received a telephone call from "a well-placed official in the Russian Ministry of Defence," who said Moscow plans "to freeze all military cooperation with Nato and allied countries," Espen Barth Eide, state secretary with the Norwegian ministry said.

Eide told The Associated Press that the Russian official notified

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