



TIPAIMUKH DAM  
Govt decision  
after House  
discusses team  
report: Ashraf

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

LGRD and Cooperatives  
Minister Syed Ashraful Islam  
said yesterday the government  
would take a decision on  
India's Tipaimukh dam after  
the House discusses the all-party  
parliamentary committee's recommendations in this regard.

The parliamentary body formed to visit the site would submit a report on the dam after its return from there, he said. "A decision will be taken only after it (report) is discussed in parliament."

Ashraf, also ruling Awami League spokesperson, was briefing newsmen at party chief Sheikh Hasina's political

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## Sircar, Akhtar, Delwar summoned for June 27

All-party JS body asks them to defend themselves against graft allegations; letters to be sent today

SHAKHAWAT LITON and RASHIDUL HASAN

Former speaker Jamiruddin Sircar, his deputy Akhtar Hamid Siddiqui and former chief whip Khandaker Delwar Hossain will now have to appear before the all-party parliamentary probe body on June 27 to defend themselves against allegations of financial irregularities.

Probing alleged graft in the Parliament Secretariat in seven years to January 25, the House committee rearranged the date at a meeting yesterday.

Originally, it wanted the three to appear before it on June 10.

Allegations against the BNP leaders include financial irregularities in procurement, appointment, and beautification



Sircar

Delwar

Akhtar

The Parliament Secretariat will tomorrow (Sunday) send them letters to that effect," Fazle Rabbi Mia, chief of the probe body, told reporters after the committee meeting at the Jatiya Sangsads Bhaban.

Talking to The Daily Star over phone, a member of the probe committee said the letters outline the allegations in a 'polite' manner'.

Meanwhile, a sub-committee led by AL lawmaker Shahjahan Khan placed its report to the main probe body yesterday.

It recommended recovering Tk 1.36 crore from the trio as they drew the money as fuel bill in addition to their entitlement, meeting sources said.

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Hotel yesterday afternoon.

Shafique laid responsibility on ministers also for supervising the activities of officials at their ministries to prevent corruption.

The law minister also blamed multinational companies for corruption in the country. Many multinational companies resort to bribery to get work permits in Bangladesh, he said.

He said the law alone cannot curb corruption unless officials change themselves.

The Ministry of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs and the Institute of Governance Studies of BRAC University jointly organised the workshop with Law Secretary Kazi Habibul Awal in the chair.

State Minister for Law Quamrul Islam, German Ambassador to Bangladesh Frank Meyke, and a few government high officials spoke at the function.

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### WHOSE FOOTPATH IS IT, ANYWAY?



Construction materials of a nearby building piled up on the pavement along Gulshan-1-Tejgaon link road compel pedestrians to walk on the road risking their lives.

### GAS COMPRESSORS PROJECT

## Petrobangla now pushes for Chevron deal

SHARIER KHAN

After trashing a \$139 million gas compressors project under the Gas Transmission Company Ltd (GTCL), the Petrobangla chief has recently made a suggestion to the energy ministry that Chevron should install one compressor as a substitute.

The project for installing three gas compressor stations was cancelled going against a tender committee in May.

Already producing half the country's total gas supply, US oil company Chevron had earlier proposed to install this compressor in the state-owned GTCL's system at Muchai at a cost of around \$52 million under the Production Sharing Contract (PSC) for block-12. This means the cost would be recovered from block-12.

This cost is \$12 million higher than the cost proposed by Korean company Hyundai-the bid of which was cancelled in early May by the GTCL board headed by Petrobangla chairman.

Some officials say that Chevron had no

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business with GTCL's system. "If they want to install compressors, they can do it in their well-head like British company Cairn did in Sangu within their PSC area," said a Petrobangla official. Cairn is currently installing compressors in Sangu at a cost of just \$6 million to boost gas production.

Gas compressors help maintain a standard gas pressure in pipelines and they have become necessary as the country's gas flow pressure through national pipelines keep fluctuating in places causing problems in power plants and industries.

Petrobangla Chairman Maj (retd) M Muktar Ali in a letter to the ministry on June 3 said that Article 15 of the PSC accommodates Chevron's installation of compressor. He quotes Article 15.1 saying, "At any time following the declaration of commercial discovery, contractor shall have the right to construct and to operate one or more pipelines within or from the contract area to one or more points in...

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## Govt expects big amount of funds

Muhith defends money-whitening provision; says it's to attract investment

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The finance minister hopes that a substantial amount of fund will be created through the provision for whitening undisclosed money despite widespread criticism of the amnesty offered for the next three years.

"I expect a very substantial amount. Otherwise, I will be worried," Finance Minister AMA Muhith yesterday said at a discussion meeting organised by the Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) at Dhaka Sheraton Hotel.

He, however, said he would modify the provision proposed in the budget for the next fiscal year to remove people's confusion but did not disclose the details of his modification plan.

"I have already verified the provision--the opportunity has been actually given for one year," Muhith said in response to

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## Daylight saving moves smoothly

Some confusion in timing of double-shift schools

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People of the capital and elsewhere in the country started their work as usual yesterday morning on the first day Bangladesh introduced the daylight saving time (DST).

Different offices, educational institutions, hospitals and government and non-government organisations opened on schedule with the exception of a handful of double-shift schools.

Majority of the people think there will be no negative impact on the daily life due to observance of DST. A number of parents of the school-going children, however, said they had trouble getting their children up in the morning.

Bangladesh forwarded the clock an hour at 11:00pm Friday night to save electricity by utilising the daylight better.

With the clock running an hour ahead, Bangladesh is now Greenwich Mean Time plus seven hours (GMT+7) instead of GMT+6.

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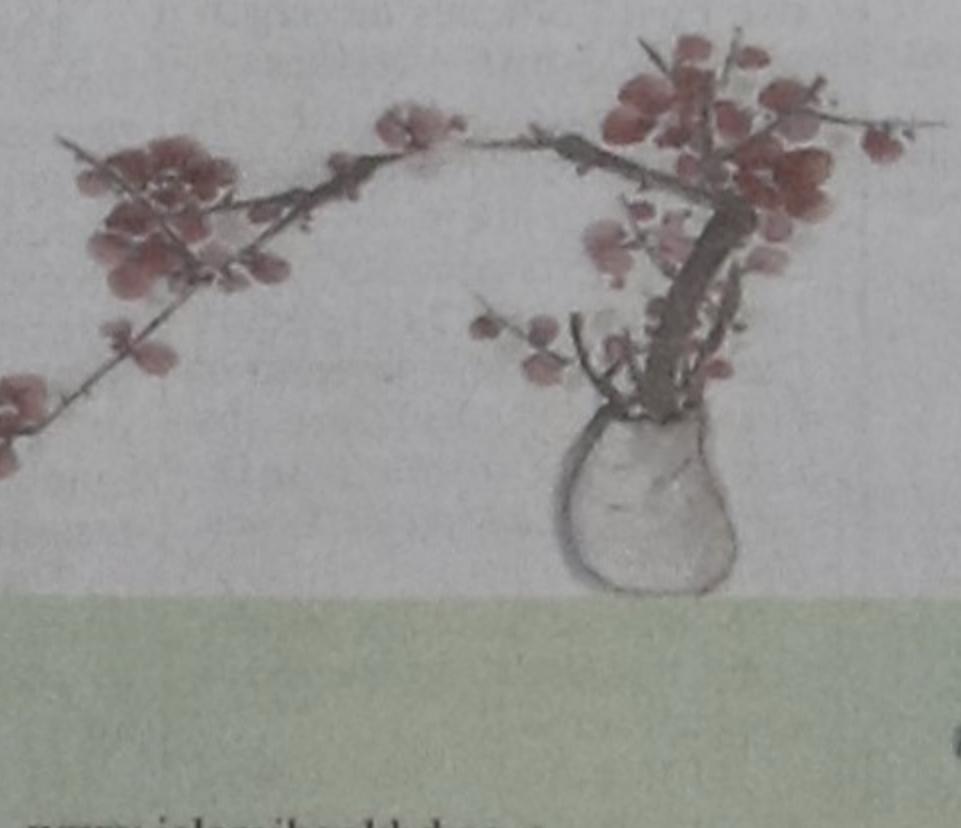
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