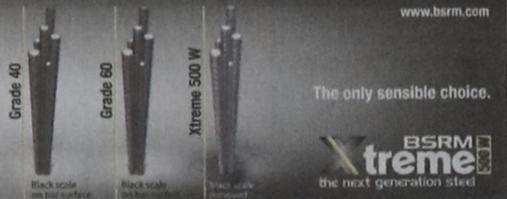


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CTG ARMS HAUL PROBE

Accused persons trade blame

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Former director of National Security Intelligence (NSI), brigadier general (Retd) Enamur Rahman Chowdhury, yesterday blamed another former NSI director (security) wing commander (Retd) Sahab Uddin for the transportation of 10 truckloads of firearms in 2004.

He also blamed ex-home secretary Omar Faruk for manipulating the high-level probe committee report that implicated only five persons creating scope for most of those involved in the incident to elude the charge, sources in Criminal Investigation Department (CID) said.

The ex-NSI director was also a member of the high-level five-member probe body the home ministry had formed following the seizure of ten truckloads of firearms in the early hours of April 02, 2004.

The investigators yesterday interrogated Enamur, now the registrar of Bangladesh military-run Bangladesh University for Professionals (BUP), for around six hours since 11:00am at CID Chittagong divisional headquarters at Dampara Police Lines.

CID Chittagong divisional Special Police Super Mohammad Muslim, Additional Police Super Sarwar Hossain and Investigation Officer of the case Muniruzzaman Chowdhury, a senior ASP of CID, Chittagong, quizzed Enamur.

During the interrogation Enamur said though he was NSI director for external affairs at that time he knew nothing about the smuggling of the firearms and ammunition. Later, he came to know about the involvement of then NSI director Sahab Uddin in the incident.

But NSI had formed no probe committee, he

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Nobel Laureate and founder of Grameen Bank Professor Muhammad Yunus, sitting 2nd from right, among others, listens to welcome speech by Berlin Mayor Klaus Wowereit on Tuesday at 10th World Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates in Town Hall, Berlin.

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Ten camels were brought to Gabtoli cattle market in the capital Tuesday night. Many more will arrive soon ahead of Eid-ul-Azha. Traders expect to sell the animals for at least Tk 1 lakh each.

Govt to go tough on extortion, tender crime

PM cautions Jubo League men

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday reiterated her government's tough stand against tender manipulation and extortion. She advised the leaders and activists of the ruling Awami League's associate organisation Jubo League to be self-reliant using their own merit and strength.

"We don't want to hear any incident of tender manipulation and extortion," said Hasina, also the AL chief.

The PM was addressing a discussion arranged on the occasion of the 37th founding anniversary of Jubo League at the city's Bangabandhu International Convention Centre yesterday evening.

Hasina told the Jubo Leaguers that the government will help the youths in becoming self-reliant in life. "A youth can do business taking loan from the country's Employment Bank," she said.

Hasina told her youth workers to uphold the dignity of the associate body as it has played historic role in the country's transition to democracy and strengthening the foundation of democracy.

"Stand by every destitute. We want to change Bangladesh," she said.

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CHANGES TO PPA Project freeze request letter worries TIB

World Bank clarifies

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) yesterday expressed concern about the World Bank's (WB) position regarding the recent changes made by the government in the Public Procurement Act (PPA) and said it would amount to punishing the people of Bangladesh for which they are not responsible.

The World Bank stance smacks of "chopping off the

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Prayer Timing		
November 12		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	6-00	6-35
Zohr	1-45	2-15
Asr	4-45	5-00
Maghrib	6-22	6-25
Esha	8-00	8-30

Source: Islamic Foundation

Bidding today for 10 power plants

To generate 820MW

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Power Development Board (PDB) today receives bids for 10 public sector power plants totalling 820 megawatt capacity- which, till now, is the biggest initiative of the government in the power sector.

Like its bid for 530 MW rental power project that closed on October 29, the tender for these 10 plants generated tremendous interest among investors. Till yesterday, the PDB sold 122 tender documents.

Sources said the PDB aims to complete the tender evaluation process within 45 days from today.

However, the PDB is already running behind the schedule with the evaluation of eight rental power projects in which 63 offers were made. The PDB had targeted to complete the evaluation within three days or, by the first week of November.

Sources said the evaluation might not be completed before next week.

The PDB floated the tender in mid-September. Most of these projects will be installed with dual-fuel capacity; they would either operate on diesel or furnace oil. Only one of these 10 plants would be gas fired.

The dual-fuel plants would be Gopalganj 100 MW, Hathazari 100 MW, Dohazari 100 MW, Bera (Pabna) 70 MW, Katakhal (Rajshahi) 50 MW, Shantahar 50 MW, Baghabari 50 MW,

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LASHKAR LEADERS, EMBASSY ATTACK PLOT

Travel agency manages fake passport, visa

KAILASH SARKAR

A travel agency helped three Pakistani Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) leaders who came here with a mission to attack the US embassy and Indian High Commission in Dhaka get fake Bangladeshi passports, said detective branch officials.

According to DB, banned Islamic outfit Harkatul Jihad al Islami (Huji) members were

assigned to carry out the operation on instructions of these LeT leaders. Both the organisations work together for ideological similarities.

DB officials suspect that the travel agency has links with militant organisations as it assisted the LeT men obtain passports and hajj visas.

Requesting anonymity, a senior DB official involved in the investigation said, "We suspect

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INCOME TAX

PM asks for quick disposal of cases

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has directed the National Board of Revenue (NBR) to move fast for quick disposal of all the pending income tax cases to realise the outstanding money from the defaulters.

She gave the directive while presiding over the quarterly Financial and Economic Review meeting at the PM's Office yesterday.

In this context, the PM asked the NBR authority to take firm steps against the tax-dodgers so that "in no way they can get tax exemptions."

Briefing newsmen after the meeting, Deputy Press Secretary to the PM Nazrul Islam said the meeting discussed in detail the

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