

Audit finds huge graft in Biman

UNB, Dhaka

Internal audit has unearthed huge corruption in Bangladesh Biman that crippled the state-owned airliner.

The audit conducted in February for the period of September 2006 to January 2007 revealed irregularities in the transport department and misappropriation by way of manipulation of bank pay orders, postal receipts of road taxes, fitness taxes and other transactions.

The audit report identified the corrupt officials and recommended actions against them. But no action has been taken.

The report mentioned that Biman incurred huge losses as the corrupt officials of the transport department drew money from the Biman account by using same pay orders several times. Bank pay orders and money receipts have been tampered.

The corrupt syndicate maintaining unholy collaboration with BRTA officials

showed payment of road tax of a vehicle more than once. Biman has about 160 vehicles.

Khan Mosharaf Hossain, deputy general manager (transport) of Biman, told UNB that he is aware of the audit report. He said the financial irregularities mentioned in the report are under investigation.

"Actually, the audit report has been submitted to the director (admin) and they are investigating into the irregularities," he added.

Deutsche Welle starts test transmission today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Deutsche Welle is going to start test run of its radio transmission in Bangladesh today.

The German radio station will transmit programmes twice every day on FM band in Dhaka, Chittagong and Sylhet, says a press release.

Deutsche Welle is starting this programme as per a new agreement signed with Bangladesh Betar last month.

Deutsche Welle Radio will transmit its programmes on FM band at 97.6 megahertz in Dhaka, at 105.4 megahertz in Chittagong and at 105.0 megahertz in Sylhet from 8:00am to 8:30am and 8:00pm to 8:30pm.



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Fazlur Rahman, Hosne Akhter, Moznu, Hiron, Babu

39th death anniversary of 5 martyrs tomorrow

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Tomorrow is the 39th martyrdom anniversary of Shaheed Engineer Fazlur Rahman, Shaheed Hosne Akhter, an NGO trainer, Shaheed Mostafizur Rahman Moznu, a college student, Shaheed Hasinur Rahman Hiron, a school student, and Shaheed Azizur Rahman Babu, also a school student, says a press release.

Engineer Fazlur Rahman, his wife Hosne Akhter and sons Moznu, Hiron and Babu were brutally killed at his Railway Government Residence in Saidpur under Nilphamari district by the Pakistani occupation army and their collaborator 'Biharis' on this day during the War of Liberation in 1971 as they (martyrs) were involvement in the liberation movement.

Hosne Akhter was buried alive after charging bayonet by the Pakistani occupation forces.

Her another son Saidur Rahman along with his two sisters Dilruba Khatun and Camellia Rahman, however, managed to save themselves miraculously. Many innocent Bangladeshis were also killed by the Pakistani occupation forces with the collaboration of Biharis in Saidpur the same day.

On the occasion, Qurankhwani will be held and foods will be distributed among the destitute. All have been requested to attend the programme and pray for salvation of the departed souls.

Teachers' Assoc executives

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Kazi Abdur Razzak and Principal Selim Bhuiyan were elected president and secretary general of Bangladesh Teachers' Association.

The central committee of the association comprising 115 members was formed on Monday at the representatives' council of teachers at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in the city.

1000 councillors from across the country were present at the council, says a press release.

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