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ACC sues Khoka

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-corruption Commission (ACC) last night filed a case against Dhaka City Corporation (DCC) Mayor Sadek Hossain Khoka with Shahbagh police on charges of irregularities in recruitment to the corporation.

Shahbagh police station officer-in-charge Rezaul Karim told The Daily Star that ACC assistant director Harun ur Rashid filed the case at

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Another 'custodial' death

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A CNG-run auto rickshaw driver was killed early yesterday when he ran from police custody and fell on the street in the city's Moghbazar, claimed police. However, the family had different story to tell.

The dead was identified as Babul Kazi, 40, of Modhubagh area in the city.

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Maldives cabinet quits en bloc

AFP, Colombo

The Maldivian cabinet resigned en masse yesterday after a threat by the opposition to bring a vote of no confidence in parliament against every minister.

The 13-member cabinet said it could no longer work with the opposition-controlled majlis, or parliament,

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Rare rental record

British power co set to add 100MW only 40 days after signing unsolicited contract

SHARIER KHAN

British company Aggreko that signed an unsolicited rental power contract with Bangladesh government last month is set to start generation of 100 megawatt power today or tomorrow, setting a record of fast implementation of such a project in the country.

But Aggreko stays an exceptional case as most of the 11 other companies who initialled unsolicited rental power deals with the government in last two months have not even started mobilising plant equipment.

Other than Aggreko, only two companies -- Summit Power and Khulna Power Company Ltd (KPCL)-- signed final contracts with the Power Development Board for generation of power.

Most of the other companies, whose contracts were approved by the cabinet purchase committee, are delaying signing of contracts which they initialled in late April, May and June.

PDB sources said most of them are "buying time" to purchase power plant equipment now. But as rental power companies, they were supposed to possess such equipment prior to initialling the contracts. One or two contractors eager to sign deals have refrained from doing so as the PDB could not provide them with suitable land, the sources added.

Summit Power and KPCL signed contracts only last week. The delay however was caused by a prolonged negotiation over their power tariff. They would add 217 MW power from heavy fuel oil (hfo)-fired plants in Narayanganj and Khulna

from March next year, and sell that on a five-year contract.

As part of efforts initiated by the power secretary to resolve the perennial power crisis through unsolicited deals, the PDB initialled two types of temporary deals -- one for diesel-fired power plants and the other for HFO-fired ones. Diesel-fired power generation is costly but quick to implement. Thus the duration of such contracts is limited to three years. HFO-based plants take longer time to implement but they get five-year contracts due to cheaper cost of power.

Back in late April, British company Aggreko initialled its contract for two diesel-fired 100 MW power plants-- one in Ghorashal and another in Khulna. Along with Aggreko, local Desh Power

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Sadarghat set for new start

Govt to run terminal from July 1 for ending passengers' hassle

PANKAJ KARMAKAR

The state-run Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority starts managing the Passenger Terminal Bhaban of Sadarghat river port from July 1 scrapping the 28-year-old leasing system.

The move aims to give over 50,000 commuters relief from everyday harassment, theft and extortion and to avoid the hassle of realising dues from leaseholders.

People using more than 45 water routes depend on the country's largest river port.

After the lease is cancelled, commuters will have to pay only a fee to enter the terminal.

Passengers with portable goods will use gateways No 4, 5 and 6 of the terminal without paying extra charge that workers' syndicate now impose.

Some registered porters will be there to assist travellers in carrying baggage at a nominal charge following a BIWTA chart.

Shipping Minister Shajahan Khan said, "Following the prime minister's directive, we have taken the decision to introduce the

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Rejoinder, our reply

Private housing company Swadesh Properties Ltd in a rejoinder to the news report headlined 'DAP now official' published in The Daily Star on June 24, said its project Shornali Abason is not in a flood flow zone.

Mahatabur Rahman, senior general manager of the company, also said in the rejoinder that the "project has got the primary approval".

Our Reply: The area of Shornali Abason,

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Prayer Timing		
June 30		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-05	4-40
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	5-00	5-15
Maghrib	6-54	6-57
Esha	8-17	8-45

Source: Islamic Foundation



PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

Parents and children with umbrellas and raincoats try to get home in the pouring rain yesterday at Siddheswari in the capital after the end of school day of Viqarunnisa Noon School and College.

ADABAR BOY MURDER
Father doubts confession

Says prime accused hiding truth

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The case of six-year-old Samiul killing took a turn over prime accused Arif's false statement about the time and place of the occurrence.

Rab officials suspect that Samiul's mother Ayesha Humayra was not there when the boy was killed. They also believe the killing took place outside home.

Talking to The Daily Star, Samiul's father KR Azam yesterday said, "Three unknown people came to my wife around 8:30pm on June 22 when I was out to announce



Samiul

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OnlinePoll

What do you think about Syed Ashraf's statement that AL will not take responsibility of BCL's wrongdoings?

- Acceptable (57.2%)
- Not acceptable (42.0%)
- No Comments (0.8%)

Total votes: 1368

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think the government is sincere about routing out political partisanship from the civil administration?

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মাননীয় প্রধানমন্ত্রী সমীপে আকুল আবেদন

মাননীয় প্রধানমন্ত্রী আপনি নিশ্চয়ই অবগত আছেন যে, দীর্ঘদিন যাবত এদেশের বিকাশমান পোল্ট্রি শিল্প শুল্ক ও আয়কর মুক্ত সুবিধা পেয়ে আসছে বিধায় সীমিত আয়ের সাধারণ দরিদ্র ও মেহনতি মানুষ প্রোটিনের চাহিদা পূরণ এবং প্রায় ৫০ লাখ দরিদ্র খামারী এ শিল্পের মাধ্যমে জীবন ও জীবিকা নির্বাহ করতে পারছেন।

আয়কর অধ্যাদেশ, ১৯৮৪ এর ৬ষ্ঠ তফসিল, পার্ট-এ, প্যারা-৩৪, "Production of Pelleted Poultry Feed", মোতাবেক আগামী ৩০ জুন, ২০১১ পর্যন্ত পোল্ট্রি ফিড উৎপাদনের বিপরীতে অর্জিত আয়ের ওপর কর অবমুক্তির ঘোষণা বলবৎ আছে। সম্প্রতি ২০১০-১১ অর্থবছরে ইহার বিলুপ্তির প্রস্তাব আমাদের হতবাক ও শংকিত করেছে।

বলাবাহুল্য এর ফলে পোল্ট্রি খাদ্যের উৎপাদন খরচ বেড়ে যাবে এবং পোল্ট্রিজাত সকল পণ্য যেমন- ডিম, মুরগীর মাংসের দাম বড়বে, সর্বোপরি এ সিদ্ধান্তের কারণে ভোক্তা সাধারণ ক্ষতিগ্রস্ত হবে।

আপনার নেতৃত্বাধীন সরকার ক্ষমতায় আসার পর থেকেই দেশ ও জনগণের কল্যাণে খাদ্য নিরাপত্তা বিষয়ে নিরলসভাবে কাজ করে যাচ্ছে। এমতাবস্থায় পোল্ট্রি খাদ্যের ওপর কর প্রযুক্ত হলে স্বল্প দামে উন্নত প্রোটিন সরবরাহে বাধাগ্রস্ত হবে।

বিগত সরকারের ভুল দিক নির্দেশনায় একচেটিয়াভাবে পোল্ট্রি খামার বন্ধ হয়ে যাওয়ার কারণে ডিম ও বাচ্চার মূল্য বেড়ে গিয়েছিল। আমাদের প্রতিশ্রুতি ও প্রচেষ্টার মাধ্যমে খুব স্বল্প সময়ের মধ্যেই এসব পণ্যের মূল্য সহনীয় পর্যায়ে নেমে আসে।

আপনার সদয় অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, পোল্ট্রি পালনের শতকরা ৮০ ভাগই পোল্ট্রি খাদ্য বাবদ খরচ। সুতরাং সহজেই অনুমিত হয় যে, এতে একদিকে যেমন সাধারণ মানুষের ক্রয়ক্ষমতার উপর প্রভাব পড়বে অন্যদিকে উদ্যোক্তাগণ নতুন করে বিনিয়োগে উৎসাহ হারিয়ে ফেলবেন এবং অহসসরমান এ শিল্প পুনরায় বিদেশি কোম্পানীর হাতে জিম্মি হয়ে পড়বে।

অতএব, মহোদয় সমীপে নিবেদন- জরুরী ভিত্তিতে আয়কর অধ্যাদেশ, ১৯৮৪ এর ৬ষ্ঠ তফসিল, পার্ট-এ, প্যারা-৩৪ বিলুপ্তির প্রস্তাবনা রহিত করে পোল্ট্রি শিল্পকে সমূহ ধ্বংসের হাত থেকে রক্ষা করতে মর্জি হয়।

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