

# Judge Joynul

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Anti-Money Laundering Act.  
The anti-money laundering department of the central bank Tuesday sent letters to all CEOs (Chief Executive Officers) of commercial banks directing them to send information about their accounts within seven days of receiving the letter.

The letter sought transaction history till date, information from the Know Your Customers (KYC) profile form, and a copy of their signature specimens.

Bangladesh Bank sources said a law enforcement agency reinvestigating the August 21 attack sought the information from the central bank.

After assuming power, the present government took initiatives to reinvestigate the assassination attempt on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. The attack on a rally on Bangabandhu Avenue left 23 dead and over 200 wounded including then opposition leader Sheikh Hasina.

After the attack the BNP-Jamaat alliance government had appointed retired Justice Joynul Abedin as chief of a one-man investigation committee. He recorded statements of 123 witnesses and made a 162-page report but did not disclose the contents of the report to journalists or the identity of the perpetrators.

"The incident is a naked attack on the independence and sovereignty of the country," Justice Joynul Abedin had told reporters.

When insisted on giving the names of the foreign enemies he had hinted, he refused to comment further. "All the information is there in my report," he had said.

The probe of Joynul Abedin took only 40 days to complete and he submitted his report without interviewing Sheikh

Hasina on whom the attack was made.

Justice Abedin also told the journalists, "The commission may not have received co-operation from all, which may have somewhat hindered the investigation, but the enquiry is in no way incomplete."

He also made 25-30 recommendations to stop a repeat of such incidents.

The recommendations include formation of an elite police force to stop smuggling of arms and explosives through borders, setting up of a laboratory by the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) to quickly examine explosives and evidence after such incidents, a stop to political and religious rallies at non-designated places, and meeting organisers' contacting police for security.

Even though he had submitted his report, a criminal investigation led to the arrest of 20 people, including a student, Shaibal Saha Partha, and Awami League leader and ward councillor Mokhesur Rahman in connection with the attack. The arrestees experienced a lot of harassment and alleged torture but were not accused in the chargesheet.

A strange twist appeared as the then government disclosed that a mere criminal gang had carried out the attack and flashed the "confession" of one Joymiah as proof.

Finally, the caretaker administration found that those confessional statements had been obtained by force on the instructions of the BNP-led government.

CID investigators and supervising officer Ruhul Amin involved with the probe were found to have paid Joymiah's family Tk 2,000 a month during his detention.

# Jamaat trio linked

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lawmaker, Mia Golam Parwar, was among the arrestees.

Twenty two of them were arrested from the Dhaka court premises yesterday for unlawful gathering.

Nizami and Mojahid were shown arrested in two war crime related cases filed with Keraniganj and Pallabi police stations of the capital in 2007 and 2008, for killing freedom fighters during the country's liberation war in 1971.

A Pirojpur court yesterday granted two petitions for showing Delwar Hossain Sayedee arrested in two separate cases, filed with Pirojpur Sadar and Ikurkandi police stations last year, in connection with killing freedom fighters, torching of houses, and looting of valuables during the liberation war.

"Sayedee was shown arrested in the two cases following a court order," Pirojpur Superintendent of Police Nafiu Islam told The Daily Star last night.

All three of them were shown arrested in connection with Rajshahi University student Faruq Hossain's murder.

The trio were remanded in five other cases. Three of those cases were filed with Paltan police station in the capital, and are in connection with assault on police, and attempt to murder; one was filed with Ramna police station in the capital in connection with an incident of torching a car on June 27 this year, in which two persons were severely burnt; and the other is a sedition case filed with Uttara police station in the capital in March this year.

After the remand hearing, the arrested three were produced before the court which had issued the arrest warrants against them on Tuesday. After hearing both the prosecution and defence, the court granted the arrestees bail in the case in

connection with hurting the Muslims' religious sentiment.

Then they were sent to Dhaka Central Jail. They were transported in a prison van amid tight security.

A top police official, wishing anonymity, told The Daily Star that the arrests "were not made suddenly", and hinted that the three might be shown arrested in more cases filed at different parts of the country.

Home Minister Sahara Khatun however told reporters, in the morning before the latest developments took place, that the arrests were not linked to war crimes.

Jamaat Nayeb-e-Ameer Maqbul Ahmad in a media briefing in the afternoon alleged that his party leaders were implicated in "false" cases for "political revenge".

The Dhaka court proceeded with the cases amid a pandemonium yesterday, as hundreds of curious lawyers thronged the court room and the premises, when the accused were brought in at 4:30pm.

Few of the onlooking lawyers were shouting out slurs at the arrestees, accusing them of being killers, and anti-liberation individuals.

The court went on with the proceedings without power supply for about two hours. Around three hundred law enforcers including members of Rapid Action Battalion (Rab), and Armed Police Battalion were deployed in the court complex to avoid any untoward incident.

Earlier in the day, leaders and workers of ruling Awami League backed student organisation Bangladesh Chhatra League brought out marches chanting slogans against Jamaat and Shibir around the court premises.

# Samiul's body

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Officer-in-charge of the police station Zakir Hossain Mollah told The Daily Star that Samiul's mother has so far named Arif as the culprit and said that he knows everything.

Earlier in a confessional statement before the court, Arif said he aided by Humayra strangled sleeping Samiul at home as the boy became a threat for their illicit affair.

Talking to The Daily Star on Tuesday, Samiul's father KR Azam rejected Arif's confession and expressed his suspicion that other people are involved in the killing.

He said when he was looking for his son on June 22 night, three unknown people came to his wife around 8:30pm and Arif's second wife Shathi was seen in the neighbourhood.

Azam believes that Arif produced false statement before the court to mislead the investigation, hide the truth behind the killing and save his accomplices.

The body of Samiul was found in a sack in the morning of June 24. That night KR Azam filed a murder case with Adabar Police Station accusing his wife Humayra, Arif and some unknown people.

# DCC recruitment

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allegedly appointed on back dates, forcing DCC to pay them extrasalarials.

This is a strange story of recruitment at DCC where the 49 officials were selected and appointed to the corporation in five hours on October 18, 2006.

A seven-member team of Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) revealed this strange recruitment anomaly after a yearlong enquiry into institutional corruption at DCC.

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# Rice export ban widens

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The government has extended a ban on exports of all kinds of rice for another six months from today, the commerce ministry said in a statement yesterday.

"The tenure of the embargo has been extended to increase supply of the staple on the domestic market and curb prices," the ministry added.

The latest move is the continuation of the bar that began in May 2008 in the backdrop of a shortfall in rice production.

Initially, aromatic rice was out of the export ban, but came under restriction in November 2008.

# Arrest

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Announcing the programmes at a press briefing at the party's central office last night, Jamaat Nayeb-e-Ameer Maqbul Ahmad alleged that the leaders have been implicated in "false cases to harass them politically."

Meanwhile, Nizami in a written direction asked Maqbul Ahmad to carry out the duty as acting Ameer and ATM Azharul Islam as acting secretary general of the party.

Regarding the whereabouts of Rafiqul Islam Khan, one of the accused of the case filed on charges of hurting religious sentiment of the Muslims, Maqbul said Rafiqul Islam is staying in Dhaka and keeping contact with the party and he will appear before public in due time.

Replying to a query, he said BNP conveyed sympathy and support to them and they (Jamaat leaders) are keeping regular contact with BNP leaders, he added.

In a written statement, he also alleged that an ill effort to "torture" the leaders is on in the name of remand.

The government has filed "false and harassment cases" against them to take political revenge, he said adding that Jamaat strongly condemned and protested this "undemocratic acts" of the government.

Demanding cancellation of the remand and release of the arrested leaders immediately, Maqbul said though they [arrested three leaders] were granted bails in the main case, they have been shown arrested in other cases.

# 40 hurt in RMG

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Meanwhile, workers of the three garment factories of Outright Group Ltd started agitation on Saturday as a male official slapped female worker. Next day, they made some demands including immediate payment of annual increment of wages, and continued agitating.

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# Budget passed

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followed by the local government division with an allocation of Tk 9,724 crore.

Besides, the primary and mass education ministry, health and family welfare ministry and food division under food and disaster management ministry got an allocation of more than Tk 8,000 crore each.

This time, the government in the budget presented a road map for the power sector to solve severe power crisis and a concept paper on district budget.

Earlier on Tuesday, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Finance Minister AMA Muhith gave concluding speeches on the budget.

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Muhith said through this plan people can make the government accountable. "We expect to implement the district budget successfully during the tenure of the present government."

The finance minister also said that he is doubtful about proper implementation of the budget. However, he expressed the hope of achieving more progress this year.

About inflation, Muhith in his speech presented a picture of local and international scenarios and hoped that inflation would remain within the target of 6.5 percent.

As the BNP remained absent their cut motion proposals were not placed in the House yesterday. Only a few proposals by independent lawmaker Fazlul Azim were placed.

The absence of the opposition made the process of passing the budget very quick in just about four hours.

The finance bill on tax and tariff was also passed in the House on Tuesday with some revisions of tax proposals for savings instruments, sugar, cars and some other items.

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draw road blockade. But they started pelting brickbats instead, injuring some 15 policemen." He was also injured during the clashes, he added.

Morzina Begum, a worker of Outright Fashion Ltd, a unit of the group, told this correspondent, "We wanted to sit with the owners on some of our legal demands including increased wages, and resolving Saturday's incident to prevent recurrence of such happenings."

But the owners did not sit with them and closed the factories.

Several workers said they usually get an increment of wages in June every year but this time they did not get it.

Outright Group Chairman Reajuth Ali Bachchu, when contacted, said he has to suffer a loss of about Tk 5-6 crore for the agitation.

"I will have to book my products for air-shipment to maintain deadline. It will cost me additional Tk 5 to 6 crore. I am frustrated about continuing my business," he said.

Later in the evening, lawmaker Kamal Ahmed Majumder sat with the workers and owners to arbitrate a peaceful solution.

After the meeting, he claimed to The Daily Star late last night that both sides reached an agreement brokered by him, and the workers decided to join work today.

But corroboration of the lawmaker's claim from the workers' side was not immediately available.

# Yellow journalism

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will also actively consider specifying previous experience of an individual for being an editor of a newspaper if it gets any proposal in this regard.

Ruling Awami League lawmaker ABM Anwarul Haq in a scripted query said land grabbers and state wealth looters are becoming editors of newspapers to use journalist community to safeguard their wealth. This trend is increasing gradually, he observed.

The AL lawmaker wanted to know whether the information ministry will move to make it mandatory that an individual must have 15 years' experience in journalism to become an editor of a newspaper.

He also asked whether the ministry will move to investigate and cancel appointments of those editors who have not such experience in journalism.

In response to the queries, Information Minister Azad said there is no specific qualification for an individual to be an editor under The Printing Presses and Publications (Declaration and Registration) Act, 1973.

To a query of another AL lawmaker Moshtak Ahmed Rubi, the information minister said the government believes in the freedom of press.

Newspapers and television and radio channels that are making false and misleading news to tarnish image of ministers, lawmakers, the government and the country are in fact doing "yellow journalism," he said.

He said the Press Council is working to take actions against false news. A minister and a lawmaker can also move the court seeking redress against such news, said Azad.

Meanwhile, after passage of the budget for new fiscal year that begins today, Speaker Abdul Hamid adjourned the sitting of parliament till 4:00pm on July 11.

# Favourites await

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The Brazilians have beaten the Dutch twice in their two previous World Cup encounters. The Oranje lost 4-2 on penalties after drawing their 1998 semifinal 1-1 in France, and were also beaten 3-2 in the quarterfinals of the 1994 in the United States - where Dunga went on to lift the trophy as captain.

Argentina and Germany met at the same stage at the 2006 World Cup when the hosts prevailed in a penalty shoot-out and tempers flared at the end of the game.

Argentina coach Diego Maradona, who played against Germany in the 1986 and 1990 World Cup finals, says Germany will be a tougher proposition than last-16 opponents Mexico on Saturday in Cape Town.

Uruguay, who won the World Cup twice in 1930 and 1950, are already enjoying the best World Cup since 1970 in Mexico, when they finished fourth. A place in the semis beckons against Ghana, who dug out an extra-time victory over the United States in the Round of 16.

All Africa is behind the Black Stars but Uruguay, who ousted South Korea in the previous round, will start as favourites at Soccer City in Johannesburg on Friday.

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# SUNAMGANJ BLAST

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"I myself quoted 35 percent less but I was declared unqualified for not providing a relevant paper," he said. He attached all the necessary documents, but one of them went missing 'mysteriously'.

Although massive corruption is taking place in the Narod river project, Rashidur said nobody in Natore dares to protest the irregularities, fearing backlash from the syndicate members.

"I have been implicated in two false cases for raising voice against the corruption," Rashidur Rahman, also a rice trader, said sitting at his Natore town office.

Cross-sections of people in Natore have expressed sheer disappointment over the project.

"We were very hopeful of reviving the river when the project started. Now we are frustrated to see the river is losing its land to the grabbers due to stockpiling of dug earth on the banks," regretted Yunus Ali, a resident of Natore town.

# Nepali PM quits

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former rebels.

"I have decided to resign from the post of prime minister so that the peace process can be completed, a new constitution drafted and the current political deadlock resolved," he said.

Nepal's three main parties agreed on May 28 to form a government of national unity in a deal to extend the term of the current parliament and avert a crisis that would have left the country without a functioning legislature.

But there have been fierce disagreements over what form it should take, with party leaders jostling for power, and it remains unclear who will take over as prime minister.

Sources said the president would likely ask the 57-year-old Nepal, a former leader of the ruling Communist Party of Nepal (UML), to stay on in a caretaker role until a permanent successor could be chosen.

The prime minister was catapulted into the job in May 2009 after the fall of the Maoist-led government in a row over the integration of the party's former fighters into the national army.

His government was seen as weak from the start, and his period in office was marred by a series of power struggles with the Maoists, the largest party in Nepal's parliament.

The Maoists fought a 10-year civil war against the state before winning 2008 elections, abolishing Nepal's 240-year-old Hindu monarchy and turning the country into a secular republic.

But their government fell last year after just nine months, and they have been agitating for a return to power ever since, creating a state of near-political paralysis in the desperately poor country.

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