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Judge Joynul's bank accounts under scanner

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Bank sought information from commercial banks on the bank accounts of retired Justice Joynul Abedin who headed the one-man judicial enquiry into the August 21, 2004, grenade attack on an Awami League rally on Bangabandhu Avenue.

His probe report had found "foreign enemy link" with the attack.

Bank account information of his wife Hasina Abedin is also being checked under the

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Graft spoils river saving project

Funds for Natore's Narod river dredging plundered

M ABUL KALAM AZAD, back from Natore

The project to save a dying river in Natore is likely to fail as a section of local politicians and Water Development Board officials are busy pocketing the funds, an investigation reveals.

The Tk 13 crore project was taken in 2008 to revive the river Narod by widening and dredging. Contractors were entrusted to dig five feet deep into the river and leave the earth far from the banks.

But they are digging the river haphazardly and putting the extracted earth right on the banks, further narrowing down the stream.

As demarcation of the river and eviction of grabbers are left out of the project's work list, locals say it benefits none but some political leaders.

The project is simply an eyewash and wastage of public funds, they said.

Besides, the project has no provision to stop draining of chemical waste into the river from

Natore Sugar Mills, Jamuna Distillery and Pran Agro Limited.

During a recent visit to the project site, it was found that houses and shops are being constructed occupying the riverbanks after earth filling. At many points, the grabbers are filling the river with dug earth.

Chief Monitoring Officer of WDB in Dhaka Md Saidur Rahman said a river cannot be revived without evicting the grabbers.

Investigation finds a syndicate led by Natore unit Jubo League president Shariful Islam Ramjan and general secretary Shafiqul Islam Shimul, backed by some WDB officials, manipulated the tender procedure of the project.

"The syndicate submitted seven tenders. Of them, three were chosen," said a WDB official in Natore. "Some other eligible firms, who quoted cheaper prices, were declared unqualified," he said seeking anonymity.

Emdadul Haque, general secretary of Natore

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PHOTO: STAR

Excavation is going on in what is hard to believe the Narod river in Natore. The almost dead river is being excavated without proper demarcation resulting in narrowing down of the river.

ARREST OF ANNEE BNP MPs form human chain

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP lawmakers yesterday formed a human chain at the Jatiya Sangsad in protest against the arrest of its leaders and activists including lawmaker Shahiduddin Chowdhury Annee during the Sunday's hartal.

The opposition lawmakers stood hand in hand in front of the parliament building in the morning for about an hour. They warned the government that BNP will wage a movement if it does not immediately release the detainees.

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Budget passed in absence of opposition

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Jatiya Sangsad, in the absence of the main opposition BNP, yesterday passed the budget for the fiscal year 2010-11 while the main challenge lies in its implementation, containing inflation and achieving higher GDP growth.

The budget, the second by this Awami League government to be implemented from today, outlines Tk 1, 99,873 crore gross expenditure including revenue and development, and Tk 1,32,170 crore of net expenditure.

Among 53 ministries and divisions, the defence ministry has received the maximum allocation of Tk 10,694 crore.

The education ministry received the second highest allocation of Tk 9,885 crore

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PHOTO: STAR

Law enforcers escort three top Jamaat leaders, Sayedee, Mohajid and Nizami, to a Dhaka court yesterday. Story on page 1.

Law soon to stop yellow journalism

JS told

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government is actively considering enacting a law to stop "yellow journalism," Information Minister Abul Kalam Azad told the House yesterday.

Replying to lawmakers' queries, he said the government

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Abductor cop held; cotton trader shot, robbed in city

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A policeman was detained with one of his accomplices while trying to abduct two persons with Tk 30 lakh at Jatrabari in the capital yesterday.

Meanwhile, three muggers fired a shot at a cotton trader and snatched Tk 15.8 lakh from him at Kanchpur in the

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JURAIN TRAGEDY Kabir family admits to instigation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Journalist Shafiqul Kabir and four of his family members admitted to instigating Farzana and her two children to commit suicide by hurting their feelings publicly in the May 6 arbitration.

Shafiqul, his wife Noor Banu, daughters Kabita and

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10 killed as bus hits pick-up van

A CORRESPONDENT, Narsingdi

At least ten people were killed and 18 others injured yesterday in a road accident at Kundarpara under Shibpur upazila of the district.

Of the dead, seven were identified. They are Shahid Mia, 35, Sultan, 40, Alamgir, 28, Nayan, 15, Bikchan Mia, 45, Marufa Begum, 18, and Samad, 40. Identities of three women could not be known immediately.

A Dhaka-bound passenger bus of Chalan Beel Paribahan collided head-on with a Bhairab-bound pick-up van on the Dhaka-Sylhet highway around 12:00noon, leaving eight people dead on the spot, police sources said.

The injured were admitted to different hospitals of the district where two of them succumbed to their injuries.

Police seized the vehicles, and a case was lodged with Shibpur Police Station in this connection.

District Commissioner Amrita Baroi and Civil Surgeon Dr Abdur Rashid of Narsingdi visited the spot.

Cops yet to find who dumped Samiul's body

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Investigators are yet to find out the people who dumped the body of six-year-old Samiul.

To find the answers, Adabar police yesterday sought fresh remand for Samiul's mother Ayesha Humayra and her extramarital paramour Shamsuzzaman Arif.

Investigation Officer (IO) Sub-inspector Kazi Shahan of Adabar Police Station said they sought fresh seven-day remand for each of the two and the court placed Humayra on a five-day fresh remand.

He said, "Our investigation revealed names of some people, who might be involved in the killing or dumping of the body."

"We found the name of Arif's cousin Babu, another boyfriend of Humayra, and investigating his role in the incident," he said.

The IO still believes that the killing might have taken place in the house and said that the body of Samiul wearing shoes, trousers and shirt was dumped to mislead the investigation and confuse the investigators.

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Nepali PM quits to end stalemate

AFP, Kathmandu

Nepal's prime minister announced his resignation in a live televised address yesterday, saying he wanted to end a long political stalemate in the troubled nation.

Madhav Kumar Nepal had been under intense pressure from the opposition Maoist party to quit ever since he agreed last month to make way for a power-sharing government in a deal with the

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OnlinePoll ✓

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

Yes (58.4%)
 No (40.8%)
 No Comments (0.8%)

Total votes: 1372

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think the arrest of top three Jamaat leaders could fuel tough anti-government movement by the BNP-led opposition?

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July 1		
	Azan	Jamaat
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For the session 2010-2011, admission is going on for the grade-8 to grade-11. Student of first semester of grade 11 will be sent directly to the school of New Brunswick (NB), Canada, under the direct supervision of Department of Education, NB, Canada.

The familiarization of the school and the curriculum will be done on July 9th by the visiting Assistant Deputy Minister, Director (Strategic Initiatives), Department of Education, NB, Canada and the certified Canadian Principal. Please collect and submit your student's application to reserve your space for the event on or before July 7th, 2010.

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