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CASE AGAINST TARIQUE, MAMUN Money-laundering charges pressed

ACC probe finds money realised from different companies in foreign currencies, deposited in Singapore bank; BNP terms charges totally false

CHAITANYA CHANDRA HALDER and EMRAN HOSSAIN

The Anti-Corruption Commission yesterday pressed money-laundering charges against BNP Senior Vice-Chairman Tarique Rahman and his business partner Giasuddin Al Mamun. ACC Assistant Director Mohammad Ibrahim submitted the charge sheet to the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court in Dhaka, accusing the two of laundering Tk 20.41 crore in between 2003 and 2007.

Tarique had realised the money in foreign currencies from different companies and organisations. In exchange for the sums, he had



Tarique Rahman



Giasuddin Al Mamun

promised to win them contracts using his clout as son of the then prime minister Khaleda Zia, read the charge sheet.

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RMG workers' new minimum wage soon

Says PM, flies to Abuja for D-8 meet

STAR REPORT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said the present minimum wage for a garment worker is too little to meet the basic needs of life.

The government will soon announce the much-expected new wage structure for the garments workers, she said at a function at Gono Bhaban in the morning.

The function was arranged as the leaders of Mahila Sramik League and Mahila Jubo League came to meet the premier on the occasion of their 7th and 8th founding anniversary respectively, UNB reports.

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Netherlands strikers Arjen Robben, left, and Dirk Kuyt celebrate their team's victory in the semifinal of the World Cup against Uruguay at Green Point Stadium in Cape Town yesterday. Netherlands won the match 3-2 to advance to the final.

PHOTO: AFP

BNP's human chain today Police warn against excesses

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The main opposition BNP is to form human chains at divisional and district headquarters across the country today demanding release of its leaders detained during the June 27 hartal.

BNP's key ally Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami extended its support for the programme and asked its activists to make it a success.

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JS body roots for servicemen's HR

Suggests amendments to age-old laws

SHAKHAWAT LITON

A parliamentary body yesterday recommended that the armed forces review their laws and regulations and bring necessary amendments to update those and to ensure human rights for military personnel.

The parliamentary standing committee on defence ministry made the suggestion observing that the age old laws of the army, navy and air force do not have the provisions to guarantee human rights for servicemen.

Bangladesh Army in a letter to the parliamentary body said a process is underway to amend the army laws and regulations to "strengthen country's democratic process and ensure its transparency and accountability", said a meeting source.

Bangladesh Navy and Air Force also informed the committee in writing that they are also working to bring amendments to their regulations, the source added.

"We asked the headquarters of the three

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Dutch storm into final

AFP, Cape Town

The Netherlands stormed into their first World Cup final since 1978 on Tuesday, beating Uruguay 3-2 to set up a title clash against either Germany or Spain.

Two goals inside three second-half minutes, from Wesley Sneijder and Arjen Robben, steered the Dutch into the decider and shattered South American hopes.

Veteran Dutch captain Giovanni van Bronckhorst gave his side the lead on 18 minutes with a stunning 35-yard strike before Diego Forlan produced an equally memorable goal four minutes before half-time to keep Uruguay alive.

Maxi Pereira got one back for Uruguay in injury time but it was too little too late.

The last time Holland made it this far was

32 years ago when they fell at the last hurdle to hosts Argentina 3-1 after extra-time.

Coach Bert van Marwijk will be desperate to avoid a similar fate in the final on Sunday as the Dutch bid to lift the World Cup for the first time in their history.

Despite losing, Uruguay did their small nation proud with coach Oscar Tabarez guiding them to their first semifinal in 40 years.

It was a massive achievement for a country with a population of just 3.4 million, and they must now put their disappointment behind them for a third-place play-off on Saturday.

The Netherlands came into the match as overwhelming favourites after winning all their games in South Africa to go with the eight wins out of eight notched up in qualifying.

Both teams were forced to make changes

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ZERO COOLING MENTHOL
CLEARmen
 MATCH UPDATE
 URUGUAY 2-3 NETHERLANDS

Rab told of zero tolerance policy

HR commission discusses extra-judicial killings, custodial deaths

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The National Human Rights Commission will pursue a "zero tolerance" policy on extra-judicial killings and custodial deaths in violation of human rights, NHRC Chairman Prof Mizanur Rahman said yesterday.

"We want to convey our stance on the issue to everyone," he told journalists after a meeting with the director general (DG) of Rapid Action Battalion.

Earlier, the commission had asked DG of the elite force Hassan Mahmood Khandker to appear before it to discuss alleged extra-judicial killings and custodial deaths.

On Monday, the commissioner of Dhaka Metropolitan Police turned up before the NHRC on being asked to do in the wake of

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Missing or arrested?

Family goes to court

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court (HC) will pass an order today on a writ petition seeking its directive on the govern-



ment to produce BNP leader Chowdhury Alam, also a councillor of Dhaka City Corporation, before a court.

Meanwhile, BNP has announced demonstration on Saturday demanding that the government produce Alam before people or court.

Alam, president of Ramna thana unit BNP, went missing

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10-TRUCK CTG SEIZURE Nizami quizzed over arms haul

25 Jamaat, Shibir men held in raid

SHARIFUL ISLAM

Interrogators yesterday quizzed Jamaat-e-Islami Ameer Motiur Rahman Nizami about 10-turkloads of firearms and ammunition seized in Chittagong on April 2, 2004.

Nizami, the then industries minister, is being interrogated in the arms haul case as the consignment was offloaded at the jetty of Chittagong Urea Fertiliser Company Ltd, which is under the industries ministry. He had sent the then industries secretary to Chittagong before the consignment was seized.

Besides, the interrogators are quizzing Nizami and his two other top party colleagues about the attack on Prof Humayun Azad, training on small arms by Jamaat's health division members and the party's source of funds, police sources said.

Nizami along with Jamaat Secretary General Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojahid and Nayeb-e-Ameer Delwar Hossain Sayedee are now on remand in two cases and being quizzed at

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পারটেক্স গ্রুপের ফ্যাক্টরীতে ঘটে যাওয়া ভয়াবহ অগ্নিকাণ্ড নিৰ্বাপণে সাহায্য ও সহানুভূতির জন্য কৃতজ্ঞতা প্রকাশ

আমরা দুঃখের সাথে জানাচ্ছি যে, গত ৫ই জুলাই ২০১০ সন্ধ্যা ৬টায়ে কুড়িপাড়া, মদনপুর, নারায়ণগঞ্জ পারটেক্স গ্রুপের প্রতিষ্ঠান ষ্টার পার্টিকেল বোর্ড মিলস লিঃ এর ফ্যাক্টরীতে এক ভয়াবহ অগ্নিকাণ্ড ঘটে। এই অগ্নিকাণ্ডের ফলে ফ্যাক্টরীর বিভিন্ন সহ কাঁচামাল, ফিনিশড পার্টিকেল বোর্ড, ফার্নিচার, মেশিনারীসহ যাবতীয় মালামাল ও মূল্যবান ডকুমেন্টস পুড়ে যায় ও অপূরণীয় ক্ষতি সাধিত হয়। ভয়াবহ এই অগ্নিকাণ্ড নিয়ন্ত্রনে আনার জন্য গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকারের সংশ্লিষ্ট সকলের সময়োচিত সহযোগিতা ও সহানুভূতির জন্য বিশেষতঃ মাননীয় স্বরাষ্ট্র মন্ত্রী, নারায়ণগঞ্জ জেলা প্রশাসন, বন্দর থানা প্রশাসন, স্থানীয় পুলিশ ও র‍্যাব প্রশাসন, অগ্নিনির্বাপণ কর্মী, আমাদের কর্মকর্তা-কর্মচারী বৃন্দ, প্রিন্ট ও ইলেকট্রনিক মিডিয়ায় সাংবাদিকবৃন্দ সহ আমাদের সকল শুভাকাঙ্ক্ষীদের প্রতি ধন্যবাদ ও কৃতজ্ঞতা জানাচ্ছি। একই কারণে আমরা আরও ধন্যবাদ ও কৃতজ্ঞতা জানাচ্ছি আমাদের ব্যবসার সাথে সংশ্লিষ্ট বিভিন্ন আর্থিক প্রতিষ্ঠানকে।

উক্ত অগ্নিকাণ্ডের কারণে আমাদের সম্মানিত ক্রেতা ও ডিলার বৃন্দের নিকট পারটেক্স-এর কিছু কিছু পণ্য সরবরাহের ক্ষেত্রে সাময়িক অসুবিধা হতে পারে, এজন্য আমরা আন্তরিকভাবে দুঃখিত। যথা শীঘ্র সম্ভব বাজারে পারটেক্স-এর সকল পণ্যের স্বাভাবিক সরবরাহ করতে পারব বলে আমরা আশা করছি।

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PARTEX

AGREEMENT FOR SHARING ATM/POS NETWORK



Dutch-Bangla Bank Limited and Dhaka Bank Limited sign an agreement for sharing ATM/POS Network. Md. Yeasin Ali, Managing Director of Dutch-Bangla Bank Limited & Mr. Khondker Fazle Rashid, Managing Director of Dhaka Bank Limited signed the agreement on behalf of their respective organizations. Senior Executives of both the Banks were also present on the occasion.

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