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NEWS flakes

Secretary faces contempt of court charge

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court yesterday asked Establish-ment Secretary Iqbal Mahbud to appear before it on January 18 in connection with contempt of court and also issued a rule upon him to explain why punitive actions should not be taken SEE PAGE 19 COL 2

JUSTICE FOR TAHER Hearing now January 10

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The High Court (HC) yesterday deferred till January 10 the hearing on a writ petition that challenged the martial law trial and execution of Col Abu Taher in 1976.

An HC bench of Justice AHM Shamsuddin

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TIB DOCUMENTS SC asks for hard copies

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court authorities yesterday sent a third letter to Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) asking printed copies of the respondents' replies in its recent household survey. Signed by SC's



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Costly purchase of rice okayed

Govt has to pay 35pc higher price for importing 2.5 lakh tonnes from Vietnam

REJAUL KARIM BYRON

Bangladesh will import 2.5 lakh tonnes of rice from Vietnam at a price 35 percent higher compared to four months ago, as prices have jumped on the world market.

The decision came yesterday at a meeting of the cabinet committee on purchase following a fall in rice stock and difficulties in purchasing rice from private importers. The committee also decided to procure

50,000 tonnes of rice from private importers at a lower price than what is offered by Vietnam.

Finance Minister AMA Muhith, who chaired the meeting, told journalists that

power contracts

many jobs for one company

Finance Minister AMA Muhith yesterday

expressed concern over awarding too

many power projects to local entrepre-

neur Summit Power that has won as many

as six projects by submitting lowest price

Finance minister worried over too

the government is having problems in importing rice, as its prices have shot up on the international market.

The market situation compelled the government to purchase rice from Vietnam at a much higher price.

Asked about the country's rice stock, the finance minister said, "We are worried, but not scared."

The purchase committee approved a proposal for purchasing two lakh tonnes of non-boiled rice at \$545 per tonne, and 50,000 tonnes of boiled rice got \$550 a tonne from Vietnam.

In August last year, one lakh tonne of rice was imported from Vietnam at \$407 a SEE PAGE 19 COL 4

His concerns came following the

Cabinet Purchase Committee's approval

of two more power projects in favour of

Summit. These two power projects are

Syedpur 100 megawatt heavy fuel oil

in different tenders.

Summit gets two more IS session

Jan 25

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Jatiya Sangsad goes into the New Year session on January 25 with uncertainty over the return of the main opposition to parliament.

President Zillur Rahman yesterday

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ELEVATED EXPRESSWAY

job by Tuesday

The BBA wants to sign the concession agreement with Ital-Thai Development Company before Prime Minister

A patient awaiting operation in a cold and damp surgical ward of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University Hospital. The photo was taken a few days ago.

Ital-Thai to get starts on

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh Bridge Authority (BBA) has decided to award the elevated expressway project to the winning bidder by Tuesday.

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HUJI LINK Mufti Izhar remanded

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A Chittagong court yesterday placed Mufti Izharul Islam Chowdhury, president of an Islami Oikya Jote (IOJ) faction, on a four-day remand in two cases filed for his alleged involvement with a banned militant outfit, **SEE PAGE 19 COL 8**

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Seven pilots Biman strike

RASHIDUL HASAN

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Biman Bangladesh Airlines yesterday pressed charges against seven pilots under its service rules for striking and breaching discipline during a row over retirement age last year.

ther investigation against the seven, Biman administration department sources told The Daily Star.

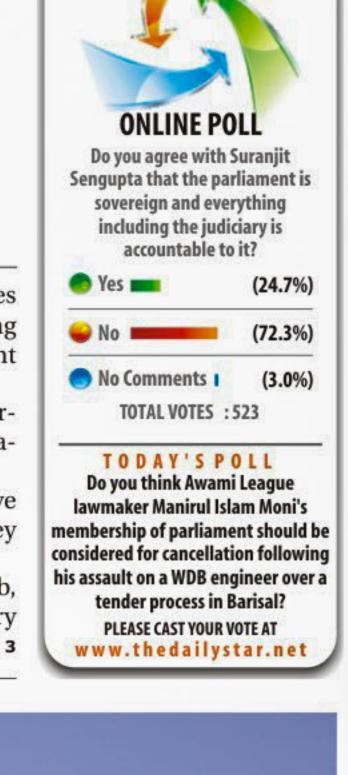
termed the Biman action unlawful. Two of them said they will take legal action against the authority.

former president Capt Helal, former general secretary **SEE PAGE 19 COL 3**



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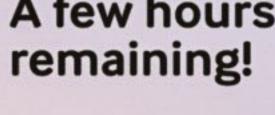


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