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Only people's graft to be under watch

Changes to anti-corruption law kept under wraps; from president to UP members to be beyond ACC's jurisdiction

EMRAN HOSSAIN and M ABUL KALAM AZAD

Maintaining utmost secrecy the government is set to amend the Anti-Corruption Commission laws clipping the anti-graft watchdog's authority to file cases against any public servant beginning from the head of state to the members of union parishads.

Besides, the cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina

recently finalised nine more amendments keeping the ACC completely ignorant about it. Since then repeated attempts by the commission to get a written copy of the finalised amendments turned futile.

According to information gleaned by The Daily Star, the most damaging amendment would be the provision to require prior permission before filing cases against officers and employees of the republic.

Earlier in the draft proposal sent to the ACC, it was mentioned that permission would be required for filing cases against "government officials and employees". Based on that confusing wording, different sections of the media reported that lawmakers would remain out of cover.

Asked for a written copy of the finalised amendments to see what the proposal actually means,

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His home return plan shattered

MD FAZLUR RAHMAN

Cement plant engineer Golam Rabbani wanted to return home this February to finally settle down in the country and look after his three children. But his life now seems to be in grave danger as he has

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TERROR IN TRIPOLI

Gaddafi set to arm civilians

UN Security Council mulls sanctions resolution

AFP, Tripoli

Terrified residents braced for bloody battles in Tripoli yesterday as Muammar Gaddafi offered to arm civilians to defeat a popular revolt that poses the worst threat to his four-decade rule.

Meanwhile, the UN Security Council called a special session to consider a sanctions resolution against the Libyan leader on top of those from President Barack Obama and the European Union in a clear attempt to weaken his teetering regime.

The escalating revolt to overthrow Gaddafi, which a Libyan diplomat to the United Nations said has killed

Chinese co taking 804 Bangladeshis to Greece

300 take refuge in Tunisia

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A Chinese company yesterday started moving 804 Bangladeshi nationals from troubled Libya to Greece by a ship while 300 have already taken refuge in Tunisia.

"The 804 are scheduled to reach Greece by tomorrow [Sunday]," said Foreign Secretary Mijarul Quayes at a press briefing.

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Russian team visits N-site

AHMED HUMAYUN KABIR TOPU, Pabna

A Russian expert team visited the Rooppur nuclear electricity generation site in Ishwardi upazila after Russia signed a deal with Bangladesh on February 24, for installing a 2,000 megawatt plant.

The six-member team, comprised of technical personnel, toured the entire site area of Rooppur Friday and expressed satisfaction, sources said.

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Pakistan edge out Lanka

AFP, Colombo

Shahid Afridi took four wickets and Misbahul Haq notched a second successive half-century as Pakistan upstaged Sri Lanka in a highly-charged World Cup Group A match by 11 runs on Saturday.

Afridi, who became the 11th player to take 300 wickets in ODIs, finished with 4-34 to help Pakistan defend a 278-run target, as they restricted Sri Lanka to 266-9 in 50 overs for their second win in the tournament.

Afridi, who recorded Pakistan's best bowling figures of 5-16 in all World Cup matches in the 205-run win against

Kenya, completed his 300-wicket career landmark in his 314th match by dismissing Kumar Sangakkara for 49.

Chamara Silva, who made a 78-ball 57, gave Pakistan a scare with a 40-run stand with Angelo Mathews (18) before the 1992 champions held their nerve to win.

The win gave Pakistan four points from two matches and top spot in the table.

At a ground which traditionally favours the team batting first, Sri Lanka failed to better the highest run-chase here, registered by India when they chased 270 against England in the 2002 Champions Trophy.

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Ombudsman stays elusive

Govt's electoral pledge for such appointment gathers dust

SHAKHAWAT LITON

The government move to appoint an ombudsman to investigate allegations of corruption and power abuse by any public authorities has been gathering dust for more than a year.

Law Minister Shafique Ahmed in October 2009 told The Daily Star that the government had been looking for

a competent person to assign as an ombudsman within a reasonable time to fulfil the ruling party's electoral pledge.

The Daily Star ran a report on this on October 10, 2009.

However, the initiative did not see the light in the last 16 months following the trend of the previous governments. None of the previous BNP, AL

or Jatiya Party governments opted for the appointment for over three decades, since the passage of the Ombudsman Act in April 1980.

Article 77 of the constitution says parliament may, by law, provide for the establishment of the office of ombudsman. The ombudsman shall exercise such powers and perform

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