

## RED-TAPISM SAGA

Mohammad Mohiuddin Abdullah identifies problems with the country's bureaucracy

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Brick kilns in north are doing brisk business at the cost of environment

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Pressure for the ousted president's trial further mounts

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# Dhaka rivers to get thinner

Boundary pillars being set up excluding foreshore lands; Shitalakkhya alone to lose 1,860 acres

TAWFIQUE ALI

The rivers of Dhaka will shrink further as the district administrations have demarcated those excluding the foreshores, in deviation from a High Court judgment.

This will make way for permanent private ownership of the foreshores, and encourage river grabbers to encroach upon those foreshores, said officials of Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA).

"Rivers without foreshores will be reduced to large-size drains," said a top official of Dhaka River Port, requesting anonymity.

BIWTA pays the district administrations concerned yearly fees for a total of 1,555 acres of foreshores along 110-kilometre long stretch of the rivers Buriganga, Turag, Balu, and Shitalakkhya.

According to an official estimate, the Shitalakkhya river alone will lose 1,860 acres of land comprising 595 acres of its

foreshores, and the rest from its existing waterway due to the latest demarcation, said a BIWTA official requesting anonymity.

Estimates of how much land the other three rivers will lose was not readily available.

The shipping minister is scheduled to formally launch setting up of boundary pillars along the rivers from the Gazipur bank of the Balu river today.

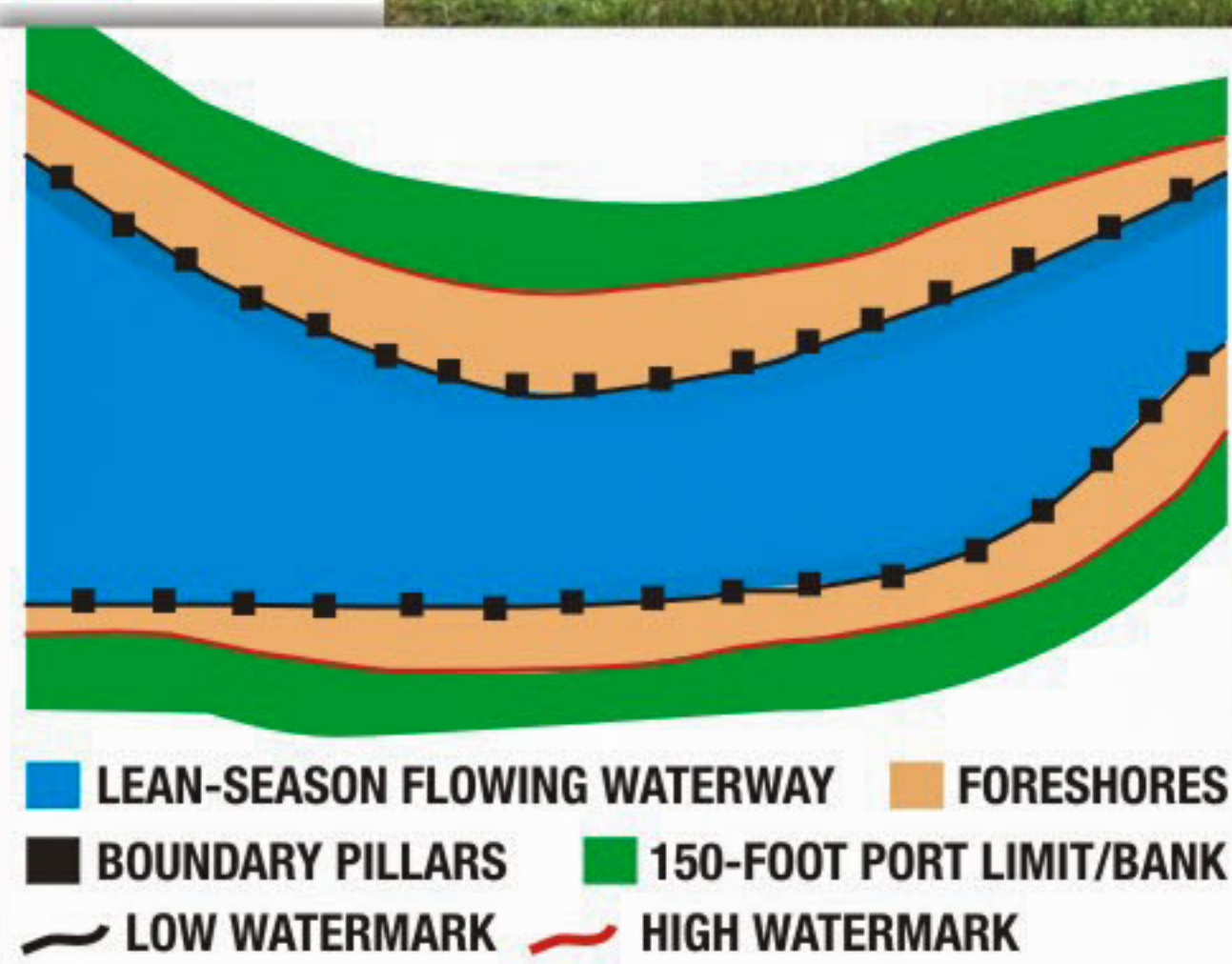
Following a Daily Star-Channel i media campaign and a writ petition to save the four Dhaka rivers from mindless grabbing and pollution, the High Court (HC) in June 2009 came up

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The Turag River is demarcated with pillars excluding the foreshore in violation of a High Court order.

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## KPCL also under question

SARWAR A CHOWDHURY and MD FAZLUR RAHMAN

Khulna Power Company Ltd (KPCL), an independent electricity producer, has been accused by the stockmarket probe

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## ACC, BB, NBR to go for action

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission, Bangladesh Bank and National Board of Revenue will go for action regarding share market corruption as mentioned in the

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## Stock protectors turned predators

Officials of regulators used their relatives to notch windfall gains

REJAUL KARIM BYRON and SARWAR A CHOWDHURY

Market regulator officials and their relatives made windfall profits from sharemarket by using power, which played a major role behind the recent stockmarket manipulation, says government probe.

They engaged in share business although it is not permitted for them because of conflict of interest, said the probe report.

Given a time limit, the probe committee could only examine a few beneficiary owner's (BO) accounts with a speculation that "corruption may have happened here".

The probe report presented some case studies and recommendations.

Anwarul Kabir Bhuiyan, an executive director of Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), violating a circular that he had signed did share business through his wife's BO accounts. The circular prohibited stock business for SEC officials and their relatives.

Anwarul Kabir bought shares worth around Tk 21 crore through four BO accounts of his wife Roksana Akter

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## BANGLA NEW YEAR PM, Khaleda exchange greetings

UNB, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and Leader of the Opposition Khaleda Zia yesterday greeted each other on the occasion of Bangla New Year.

Prime minister's Protocol Officer Proloy Kumar Joarder handed over the greeting card of Pahela Baishakh to private secretary to the leader of the opposition ASM Saleh Ahmed at her Sangsad Bhaban office.

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## CONSTITUTIONAL POSTS

# Parliamentary hearing before appointments

Constitution amendment body mulls provision to keep politicisation at bay

SHAKHAWAT LITON

The parliamentary special committee for constitutional amendment is considering a proposition for introducing a system of parliamentary confirmation for appointments to constitutional posts.

The move was sparked by an effort to avoid controversies regarding such appointments, by doing away with room for politicisation of the process.

A parliamentary committee consisting

senior lawmakers of political parties will hold a public confirmation hearing after the government makes any appointment to any constitutional post, says the proposal.

If the committee is satisfied through the hearing, it will give consent to the appointment and then the appointee will be able to take the oath of office. It will ensure quality and transparency in appointments, several members of the

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## Involve all parties in amendments Demands BNP

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Government must keep all parties involved with the process to amend country's constitution, otherwise the opposition would not accept it, said BNP Acting Secretary General Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir yesterday.

"People of all strata of life should be consulted before bringing any change in the constitution instead of creating confusion," he said addressing a

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## ELEVATED EXPRESSWAY

# Land acquisition draft approved

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The cabinet yesterday approved the draft Dhaka Elevated Expressway Project (Land Acquisition) Act 2011, an exclusive law to avoid legal tangles and ensure timely implementation of the project.

The step was taken so that people likely to be affected by land acquisition cannot go to court halting construction of the 26-kilometre expressway, said a minister after the cabinet meeting chaired by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at the Secretariat.

"Each of the people affected would be compensated. Those who will lose homes will be given government flats and rehabilitated properly," the minister told The Daily

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## Rajapaksa flies in April 18

Several deals may be signed

REZAUL KARIM

Sri Lanka and Bangladesh are expected to sign several deals to strengthen the bilateral cooperation in trade and investment, tourism, connectivity and shipping during the Sri Lankan president's four-day visit here from April 18.

President Mahinda Rajapaksa will be visiting Bangladesh at the invitation of President Zillur Rahman. Both the countries have almost finalised the

Rajapaksa

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## Congratulations to BRB for receiving the export trophy as a national achievement



**Md. Parvez Rahman**, Managing Director of BRB Cable Industries Ltd. is seen receiving the National Export Trophy from the Honourable **Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina**

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh at a Programme held at Osmani Memorial Auditorium in Dhaka

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## Congratulations



Hon'ble Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is seen presenting the Export Trophy for the financial year 2008-2009 to Alhaj Khalilur Rahman Chairman of KDS Group & Pragati Life Insurance Ltd. for his outstanding performance in the country's Export Growth.

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