

## Energy sector

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1,178 MW from 17 plants by 11-12 FY, 3,176 MW from 29 plants by 12-13 FY, 2,333 MW from 13 plants by 13-14 FY, and 2,410 MW from five plants by 14-15 FY.

The plan says the per unit production cost of electricity is expected to rise by 50-60 percent in the next two to three years due to installation of high cost fuel-based peaking plants. The government will increase the power tariff by phases, it adds.

However, after 2014 the cost will come down slightly as the gas and coal-based power plants will start operation.

A total of 1,080 MMCFD gas will be added to the national grid by December 2015, of which local companies will add 280 MMCFD and international oil companies 900 MMCFD.

Currently, about 2,000 MMCFD of gas is being explored, whereas the gap between demand and supply stands at 500 MMCFD.

After the tsunami disaster in Japan there has been a reservation about nuclear power plant. The sixth five-year plan in principle agrees to set up the nuclear power plant consisting of two reactor power units with a capacity of 1,000 MW each at Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant site in order to curb the existing energy crisis.

Construction of the first reactor is expected to start next year and end in 2017, while the second reactor is expected to be completed in 2018.

However, the plan emphasises tackling a number of important challenges including ensuring safety of the population and environment in case of nuclear power plant mishaps.

## JS body

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parliament office after the constitution amendment bill was placed in the House.

He said, "The prime minister consented to inviting the main opposition BNP to the committee meeting. But BNP has taken a stance against dialogue."

## Crocodiles

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the pond Saturday night.

"When she went to the pond around 5:00am, two crocodiles swooped on her and dragged her into the middle of the waterbody," he said.

Hearing her scream, locals rushed to the spot but failed to rescue her.

Around 9:00am, Mariam's body was seen floating near a mass of water-hyacinth in the pond, locals said, adding that she used to frequent the shrine.

On information, police reached the spot and recovered the body with the help of locals.

"Crocodiles ate away some flesh from the victim's legs," said Harun Rashid, sub-inspector of Bagerhat Model Police Station.

Police later handed over the body to Saleha, Mariam's sister, at about 10:00am.

An unnatural death case was filed.

## Koko's case

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could not bring any order on the rule issued earlier from the High Court (HC) following a writ challenging the legality of the case.

In the petition, the lawyer said the HC on June 9 last year issued a rule upon the government to explain why the proceedings of the case should not be declared illegal.

The hearing on the rule is still pending at the HC. So, he prayed for an adjournment of the hearing, the lawyer said.

Earlier on May 26, the same court gave the defence lawyers time to be the last for submitting an order from the HC.

The National Board of Revenue on March 1 last year filed the case against Koko for evading income tax on his income of Tk 52.39 lakh for fiscal years from 2002-2003 to 2006-2007.

Judge Mohammad Mozammel Hossain of the Special Judge's Court-3 on Thursday sentenced Koko to six years' imprisonment in absence and also fined him Tk 38.83 crore.

Four other cases including two corruption cases are also pending against Koko with different courts.

# Muhith opposes

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history in a case filed with prior permission of the government.

Muhith was quoted as saying this at a meeting of the parliamentary standing committee on law ministry yesterday.

He however said this was his personal opinion on the proposed changes to the ACC law, said a meeting source who quoted the minister.

Muhith's view came as a strong support to the parliamentary body's stance against the proposed controversial changes to the ACC law.

Agriculture Minister Matia Chowdhury, who is in charge of the Cabinet Division in the parliamentary business, placed a bill in parliament on February 28 seeking to bring a number of amendments to the ACC law. The bill includes the provision of prior permission that has drawn widespread flak.

At yesterday's meeting the agriculture minister however neither defended the proposal nor opposed the finance minister's view. She clarified her stance against corruption and said the changes should be brought so that the law can be effective and acceptable.

The parliamentary standing committee on law ministry, which has been scrutinising the bill, invited both the ministers to the meeting for their views in this regard.

The finance minister had earlier sent a letter to the parliamentary body expressing his willingness to attend the committee's meeting. He was also requested to attend the committee's meeting on May 19. As he was outside

Dhaka, he sent a letter again to the committee the same day giving his opinion on the proposed changes, insiders say.

In that letter Muhith said the proposal for taking permission of the government to file cases against government officials by the ACC should be scrapped. "Only small fry will be caught if the proposed change is brought to the law," he added in the letter.

In response to his application, the parliamentary body yesterday also invited Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir, chief of the parliamentary standing committee on the public accounts, to its meeting to express his opinion on the bill.

Alamgir was the chief of the parliamentary standing committee on the public undertakings that discussed that ACC's functions during emergency rule.

All signs now indicate that the issue of government permission would not get the parliamentary body's nod during scrutiny.

"We will discuss more to take a decision in this regard," Suranjit Sengupta, chief of the parliamentary body, said in a press briefing after the meeting held at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban.

He said the proposed change is a very important one.

The committee chief added they have also discussed ways to strengthen the ACC by providing it with adequate financial autonomy and administrative power. The anti-graft watchdog needs skilled officials to carry out its functions properly, he observed.

## Khaleda

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movement will be launched shortly.

The ruling Awami League has chosen the course of repression on its political opponents as well as professionals to cling to power, she said.

BNP standing committee member Dr RA Gani, its acting Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir and Sammalitiya Peshajibi Parishad convenor Mahmudur Rahman were present at the meeting.

## Army to get

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Tk 1,201 crore, and the helicopters Tk 174 crore. Besides, a process is on to buy 18 brand new cannons.

The purchases would be done from the budgetary allocations for the army, said government sources.

The government increased the allocation for the armed forces to Tk 12,134 crore in the proposed budget for fiscal 2011-12 from Tk 10,918 crore in the current fiscal year.

"The tanks will be bought through a government to government deal ensuring maximum transparency," Master General of Ordnance (MGO) of Bangladesh Army Maj Gen Abdul Matin told The Daily Star yesterday.

"The purchase is being done as a part of modernisation of the Bangladesh Army," he said adding that the tanks will be delivered in phases over a span of 27 months. In the first phase 24 tanks will come within 20 months, and the rest will come in the second phase over the next 7 months.

The payment for the purchase will be made in phases over the next eight years, said the major general.

Maj Gen (ret) Amin Ahmed Chowdhury told The Daily Star that through this purchase, the military of the country will definitely get a boost.

"If the authorities concerned that would supply the tanks share transfer of technologies then it would work."

Mag Gen Abdul Matin however said the Chinese government will provide training to technicians of Bangladesh Army in China and in Bangladesh for a good period of time so that the tanks and ARVs could be maintained properly. The training will be free of charge, he said adding that the China would also give adequate spare parts of the tanks.

The government in 2003 took initiatives to buy tanks for the army, but that initiative did not see the light of day due to budgetary limitations, said the sources.

The government was supposed to buy seven tanks last year and seven more this year. As only a Chinese company took part in the tender, the government cancelled it, and re-invited tender in which four companies from China, Russia, Ukraine, and Pakistan participated.

Chinese company Norinco was selected as the lowest bidder.

Later the army requested the government to buy 44 tanks instead of 14.

A five-member committee headed by Maj Gen Abdul Matin signed a deal with the Chinese defence ministry on June 14 to purchase the tanks. According to the deal, China North Industries Corporation (Norinco) will deliver the tanks.

Matin said Eurocopter, a global helicopter manufacturing company in France, will supply the two helicopters by July next year.

The two helicopters will be used in UN peacekeeping missions, he said.

The committee chief said they have signed a draft deal with the countries concerned to purchase 18 new cannons. The agreement will be finalised next year, he added.

Bangladesh first got tanks in 1974 during Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's trip to Egypt. The then Egyptian president Anwar Sadat presented Bangabandhu with 44 tanks that were in good shape, said government sources.

Some refurbished tanks have also been bought for the army over the years.



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Paresh Barua

Mohsin Talukder

Enamul Haq

Shahab Uddin

# Babar, Nizami among 11 new accused

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43 people in the other case filed under the arms act. Four people, who were accused in both the cases, have died.

In a memorandum of evidence to Public Prosecutor (PP) Kamal Uddin Ahmed on June 3 this year, the CID mentioned the names of 11 new accused.

Apart from Babar and Nizami, Ulfa leader Paresh Barua, former director general of National Security Intelligence (NSI) Brig Gen (ret) Abdur Rahim, the then director of the Directorate General of Forces Intelligence (DGFI) Maj Gen (ret) Rezaqul Haider Chowdhury, who was later appointed as the DG of NSI, are on both the charge sheets.

The others are former NSI director wing commander (ret) Shahab Uddin, ex-NSI deputy director Maj (ret) Liakat Hossain, ex-NSI field officer Akbar Hossain Khan, former additional secretary of industries ministry Nurul Amin, ex-CUFL managing director Mohsin Talukder and former CUFL general manager (admin) Enamul Haque.

All 11 new suspects except Ulfa leader Paresh, and Nurul Amin are in prison, said the investigator.

The names of the 11 suspects were added to the previous list of accused in the two cases. Of the 11 accused, six have already given eight

statements, he said.

The charge sheets mentioned 265 names as important witnesses including police officials, magistrates, former officials of NSI and DGFI, and former secretaries of different ministries.

## SUPPLEMENTARY CHARGE SHEETS

The supplementary charge sheets said prime accused Hafizur Rahman with the help of other accused smuggled in the huge cache of arms in two fishing trawlers - Amanat and FB Khazardan. The arms were being unloaded at a CUFL jetty in Chittagong in the early hours of April 2, 2004.

When havildar Golum Rasul of Bandar police outpost was tipped off that huge cartons were being loaded onto trucks from two trawlers, he informed sergeant Md Alaiddin, the then outpost in-charge, about it.

Alauddin conveyed it to Abdullahel Baki, the then deputy commissioner (DC) of port zone.

Baki sent Sergeant Helal Uddin Bhuiyan and Ahadur Rahman of Karnaphuli Police Station to the spot to look into it.

When the policemen reached the spot, two persons identifying themselves as Hafizur Rahman and Abul Hossain claimed ownership of the goods. The person who

identified himself as Abul Hossain was actually the then NSI deputy director Maj (ret) Liakat Hossain.

Police seized the huge cache of arms and ammunition, and loaded those onto ten trucks.

The then officer-in-charge of Karnaphuli Police Station filed two cases -- one under the arms act and the other for smuggling arms -- with the same police station against 43 people the next day.

The CID took charge of investigation into the two cases after IO Ahadur Rahman was relieved of the task for his controversial probe in less than a month.

Kabir Uddin Ahmed, ASP of CID (Chittagong zone), was appointed the IO, who submitted a report on June 11, 2004 accusing 42 people in the case filed under the arms act.

ASP Nawshad Ali was later appointed the third IO, who submitted a supplementary charge sheet in the same case on August 28 the same year. He added one more name to the list of 42 accused.

He also probed the arms smuggling case and submitted the charge sheet in November accusing 45 people.

The Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court on February 14, 2008 ordered further investigation into the

cases following an appeal by the then PP Ahsanul Haque Hena during the tenure of the last caretaker government.

The court gave directives to probe seven specific points that the previous investigators had not addressed.

ASP of CID Ismail Hossain probed the cases further as the fourth IO for nearly 11 months but failed to submit probe report despite obtaining six extensions.

A Chittagong court on January 18, 2009 gave an order to replace Ismail Hossain following an appeal by the state lawyer.

ASP Muniruzzaman was appointed the fifth investigation officer, who started a fresh probe into the cases on February 4 in 2009. He obtained confessional statements of two prime accused -- Hafizur Rahman and Din Mohammad -- who gave information about the involvement of some government and intelligence officials in the arms smuggling.

The IO submitted the probe report yesterday after 13 extensions.

Muniruzzaman said the government did not put "any pressure" on him while carrying out the investigation.

The charge sheets are based on the findings, he said.

# Chronology

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trucks under extremely tight security.

Police arrested five persons engaged in the unloading.

The then state minister for home Lutfuzzaman Babar after flying to the port city by helicopter told newsmen that the weapons were smuggled in to carry out subversive activities in Bangladesh.

Shahidul Haq, inspector general of police, accompanied the state minister to Chittagong.

**April 3, 2004**  
Two cases -- one under the Special Powers Act for arms smuggling and the other under the Arms Act -- were filed by Ahadur Rahman, the officer-in-charge of Karnaphuli Police Station against 43 people in connection with the arms and ammunition recovery.

**April 26, 2004**  
Ahadur Rahman was relieved as the investigation officer of the cases following controversies. The Criminal Investigation Department (CID) took over the probe.

**October 26, 2005**  
Hafizur Rahman, the prime accused, was held after he surrendered before the High Court.

**January 29, 2007**  
Din Mohammad, another prime accused, was shown arrested after he surrendered before a Chittagong court.

**February 14, 2008**  
A Chittagong court ordered for a second round investigation following a prayer by the then public prosecutor.

**March 02, 2009**  
The then IO got confessional statements of the two prime accused -- Hafizur Rahman and Din Mohammad that linked the involvement of some government and intelligence officials to the arms haul.

**March 12, 2009**  
Former managing director Mohsin Talukder of CUFL and ex-general manager (admin) Enamul Haq were shown arrested after their former security officer Mobin Hossain Khan in a statement said he had informed the MD of the consignment. But the Mohsin did not give any instruction to check the offloading.

**March 17, 2009**  
Mohsin Talukder and Enamul Haq were placed on a three-day remand each. The two former officials of CUFL were reportedly not cooperating with the investigators.

**April 12, 2009**  
Habibur Rahman and Taslim Mallick -- owner and manager of Greenways Transport Agency -- told the Court of Metropolitan Magistrate that the field officer of National Security Intelligence (NSI), Akbar Hossain Khan, hired the trucks from them "to transport salt".

**April 19, 2009**  
Akbar Hossain was arrested by the CID and placed on a two-day remand.

The investigators quizzed Akbar as well as Mohammad Ali Chowdhury, the then assistant director of NSI, Chittagong, at the CID Chittagong divisional headquarters.

Since Akbar Hossain continued to deny his involvement in the matter, Habibur Rahman was brought in to identify him.

Sources said Akbar Hossain reportedly hired the trucks using the name of NSI field officer Abul Hossain.

The investigators also produced former CUFL MD and GM before a Chittagong court with a prayer for five-day fresh remand for each in connection with the case.

The court placed Mohsin on two days' fresh remand and permitted investigators to interrogate Enamul at the jail gate.

**May 3, 2009**  
Former director (security) NSI Sahab Uddin was arrested in the capital following the statement of Akbar Hossain for his alleged involvement in arranging transport for carrying the weapons.

Sahab Uddin, a wing commander of Bangladesh Air Force who joined the NSI on deputation, went into voluntary retirement soon after the arms haul.

Detained Akbar Hossain in a confessional statement before a magistrate said he hired seven trucks and a crane from Greenways for carrying the arms and ammunition on order of Sahab Uddin.

**May 16, 2009**  
The CID arrested two former director generals of the NSI -- Maj Gen (ret) Rezaqul Haider Chowdhury and Brig Gen (ret) Abdur Rahim Chowdhury -- at their Mohakhali residences in the capital in connection with the arms haul.

The arrests were made following the confessional statements of Sahab Uddin and Akbar Hossain.

At the time of the arms seizure, Abdur Rahim was DG of the NSI while Rezaqul Haider was director of the Directorate General of Forces

Intelligence (DGFI).

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Lutfuzzaman Babar was shown arrested.

**May 4, 2011**  
Jamaat-e-Islami chief Motiur Rahman Nizami was shown arrested.

**December 6, 2010**  
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## TIB calls

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Amendment to the constitution.

It urged the political parties to solve the crisis through dialogue.

TIB also protested a bill that proposed the nationality of the people as Bangalee. Terming the entire population of Bangladesh as Bangalee is a violation of the fundamental rights of other ethnic people in the country, it said.

In the annual meeting, the TIB members demanded withdrawal of the proposed "negative amendment", says a press release of the organisation.

Expressing concern over allowing whitening of black money in the next budget, TIB members said giving such opportunity is unacceptable, discriminatory, meaningless and above all contradictory to the election manifesto of the ruling party.

They suggested at least 20 to 25 percent tax at source for whitening black money.

Chaired by TIB Chairperson Sultana Kamal, the meeting was also attended by its Trustee Board Member M Hafizuddin Khan.

TIB Executive Director Dr Iftekharuzzaman moderated the session.

## ACC sues

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following a primary investigation into the documents seized from the RDA.

"The ACC will probe the case as soon as it appoints an investigation officer", he told The Daily Star.

Apart from the three accused, former RDA chairman Abdul Mannan, former acting mayor of the city Rejaun Nabi Duda, former RDA member Shamsul Haque Lion and former BNP general secretary of the district Shish Muhammad are also under suspicion, he added.

In 2004, the government allotted 89 housing plots in Chandrima Residential Area in the city at a lower price for people affected by RDA's land acquisition.

Though 71 plots each of five katha were distributed among the applicants, the remaining plots were shared among the accused by violating rules, as none of the accused were affected in any way by RDA's land acquisition.

Former RDA chairman Abdul Mannan got a plot of 7.5 katha while others got plots measuring five kathas each, the plaintiff alleged.

On November 23, 2005, the former plot allocation committee of the RDA plotted to share the remaining plots among themselves by applying in writing as the last date for applying through prescribed forms expired in 2004.