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EXTRAJUDICIAL KILLINGS Some within AL govt let it go on

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

LGRD and Cooperatives Minister Syed Ashraf Islam had told the US ambassador that some of his colleagues "did not want to stop extra-judicial killings by law enforcement agencies," said a leaked US diplomatic dispatch.

Ashraf, also Awami League general secretary, made the comment on June 18, 2009 during a discussion with US ambassador James F Moriarty on his government's measures to uphold human rights.

Extra-judicial killings by law enforcement agencies including Rab were on the rise at that time, said the dispatch Moriarty sent to Washington.

Such opposition from some AL leaders to stop extra-judicial killings goes against the ruling party's electoral pledge to put an end to such killings by law enforcement agencies.

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WikiLeaks Corruption unabated

Ex-US envoy's remarks on BNP-led govt in 2006

STAR REPORT

The BNP-led government was engaged in an apparently unprecedented level of corruption towards the end of its tenure, said a US diplomatic cable leaked recently.

"Greed and the need to finance upcoming political campaigns are driving the uprising," read the cable US ambassador Patricia Butenis sent to Washington on August 24, 2006, nearly two months before the end of the five-year tenure of the BNP-led

government.

Anti-secrecy website WikiLeaks published the cable titled "Last call! Corruption at the end of the BNP government" on August 30.

The widely-held belief that family members of the then prime minister and other senior ministers were engaged in systemic corruption with impunity had further "fuelled petty corruption at all levels, as lower officials saw little risk to getting theirs," said the cable.

The dispatch cited several

instances focusing on corruption during the tenure of the BNP-led four-party alliance government.

It said the revival of a proposed \$223 million tender award the previous week for machine readable passports, visas and national identity cards was perhaps the largest -- but by no means the only -- questionable procurement to be rushed through in the dying days of the BNP-led government.

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ACC crippled by internal rows

Says 2005 US cable

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The then finance minister Saifur Rahman in 2005 had acknowledged that the Anti-Corruption Commission was not working the way it should and that "it was crippled by internal arguments," said a US diplomatic dispatch leaked recently by WikiLeaks.

Saifur spoke about the problems in the anti-graft body when the then US ambassador in Dhaka and the USAID director met him on February 6, 2005, said the diplomatic cable.

"The existing staff [of ACC] is problematic, the chair [of ACC] is unwilling to agree to take steps to correct the infighting, and he feels that moving them to a new commission would be putting old wine into new bottles," said the dispatch quoting the finance minister as saying.

The BNP-led four-party alliance government

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BJP sees little gain from Manmohan's Dhaka trip

OUR CORRESPONDENT,
New Delhi

India's main opposition BJP yesterday said Manmohan Singh's visit to Bangladesh had "not achieved much" due to differences between the ruling United Progressive

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AMNESTY IN MALAYSIA 15,000 expat workers to return home

PORIMOL PALMA

Around 15,000 irregular Bangladeshi workers will return home from Malaysia without facing any punishment under an amnesty programme declared by the Kuala Lumpur government.

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Boy dies as no doctor found at hospital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT,
Sylhet

A two-year-old boy died allegedly getting no treatment at a public hospital in Sylhet yesterday.

Mokbul Ali of Protappur village took his son Rajib to Biswanath upazila health complex around 9:00am yesterday.

No physician was found there to attend the kid even after waiting till

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Part of Gulshan Lake, once one of the shining ornaments of the capital, now looks as if it is a green playground. The photo shows the sheer negligence of the authorities concerned in clearing up hyacinth.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN

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ONLINE POLL

Do you agree with BNP that Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's visit was total failure?

Yes (66.1%)
No (32.0%)
No Comments (1.9%)

TOTAL VOTES: 366

TODAY'S POLL

Do you think following the judicial probe body's report the police, who didn't act to save the six innocent students from mob beating in Aminbazar, will face action?

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PRAYER TIMING September 10

	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-35	5-10
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-30	4-45
Maghrib	6-14	6-17
Esha	7-45	8-15

Source: Islamic Foundation

Interpol issues warrant to arrest Gaddafi, son

AFP, Lyon

World police body Interpol called yesterday for the arrest of fugitive former Libyan leader Gaddafi for his alleged crimes against humanity, following a request by the International Criminal Court.

Interpol said it had issued a "red notice" for the arrest of the former Libyan leader, his son Seif al-Islam and his intelligence chief Abdullah al-Senussi, one day after ICC prosecutor Luis Moreno-Ocampo asked for the agency's help.



Gaddafi Seif al-Islam

Interpol asked its 188 member countries "to take all measures consistent with their national laws to help the ICC locate and apprehend Gaddafi."

The "request for Interpol Red

Notices will significantly restrict the ability of all three men to cross international borders and is a powerful tool to help in their location and arrest," Interpol chief Ronald Noble said.

A red notice by the international police co-operation agency, which is based in the central French city of Lyon, seeks the arrest for an extradition or surrender of a person to an international court based on an arrest warrant.

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Top criminal of Ctg arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, CTG

Rapid Action Battalion arrested a top criminal of Raozan upazila in Chittagong at Feni early yesterday.

Kafil Uddin, deputy assistant director of the Rab-7 temporary camp at Feni, said a Rab-7 team from Chittagong along with Rab personnel from Feni conducted a raid and arrested Bidhan Barua at a house near Lemua Bridge on Dhaka-Chittagong highway around 2:00am.

Bidhan was taken to Chittagong afterwards, said Kafil.

Nurul Amin, officer-in-charge of Raozan Police Station, said Major Ashfaque of Rab-7 around 8:30am informed them over the phone that Bidhan was in their custody and that they were taking him to his native village at East Guzra of Raozan.

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BNP top brass sit today to talk agitation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP's National Standing Committee will sit tonight at the chairperson's Gulshan office to discuss the party's course of action regarding anti-government agitation programme to be announced soon.

Programmes like road march or long march, mass rally across the country and mass procession might be taken as part of the movement, party

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Fishermen catch huge quantities of hilsa from the sea and ship it to the markets but still the fish remains something very dear and out of reach for most.

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

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বিজিএমইএ

বিজিএমইএ কমপ্লেক্স, ২৩/১. পাছপথ লিংক রোড, কারওয়ান বাজার, ঢাকা-১২১৫

চট্টগ্রাম বন্দরে প্রস্তাবিত Container Terminal Management System (CTMS) বিষয়ে মতবিনিময় সভা

সম্মানিত সকল সদস্যের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, আগামীকাল ১১ সেপ্টেম্বর ২০১১ তারিখ (রবিবার) সকাল ১১:০০ ঘটিকায় বিজিএমইএ অডিটোরিয়াম (বিজিএমইএ কমপ্লেক্স, ২৩/১ পাছপথ লিংক রোড, কারওয়ান বাজার, ঢাকা-১২১৫)-এ উপরোক্ত বিষয়ে এক মতবিনিময় সভার আয়োজন করা হয়েছে।

বিজিএমইএ সভাপতি জনাব মোঃ সফিউল ইসলাম (মহিউদ্দিন) এর সভাপতিত্বে মতবিনিময় সভায় প্রধান অতিথি হিসেবে নৌ-পরিবহন মন্ত্রণালয়ের মাননীয় মন্ত্রী জনাব শাজাহান খান, এমপি এবং বিশেষ অতিথি হিসেবে চট্টগ্রাম বন্দর কর্তৃপক্ষের চেয়ারম্যান কমোডর এম আনওয়ারুল ইসলাম (এনডি), এনডিসি, এএফডব্লিউসি, পিএসসি, বিএন, এফবিসিসিআই সভাপতি জনাব এ. কে. আজাদ ও বিকেএমইএ সভাপতি জনাব এ. কে. এম. সেলিম ওসমান উপস্থিত থাকার সদয় সম্মতি জ্ঞাপন করেছেন।

উক্ত মতবিনিময় সভায় বিজিএমইএর সম্মানিত সকল সদস্যগণকে উপস্থিত থাকার জন্য বিনীত অনুরোধ জানানো যাচ্ছে।

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