

Training aircraft crashes

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Relations press release said. "Mamun sustained only minor cuts and bruises," MA Masud, additional superintendent of police of Tangail, told The Daily Star yesterday.

Mohammad Ali, a witness, said the aircraft had circled twice over a paddy field before crashing into a marsh of Mohishmara Ghonapara area around 12:30pm.

He said that after Mamun ejected from the plane and reached the ground with his parachute, he called in locals to rescue Sharif from the wreckage of the Aero L-39 Albatros aircraft. Troops from the Ghatail

Cantonment later took the injured men to the hospital.

The ISPR press release, however, said both the pilots had ejected from the plane before it crashed.

It also said a committee had been formed to investigate the accident.

Assistant Chief of Air Staff (Operation and Training) Air-Vice Marshal Abu Esrar visited the scene along with other BAF high officials, the ISPR press release added.

Sharif's death brings the number of BAF pilots killed in air crashes over the last three years to three.

CRASHES IN THE PAST
On December 20, 2010, two

BAF pilots--squadron leaders Ashraf Ibne Ahmed and Mohammad Mahmudul Haque--were killed when their aircraft crashed near the main entrance of Barisal Airport.

On October 22, 2009, a BAF training aircraft crashed while trying to land at an airport in Arulia of Bogra. Two pilots--squadron leaders Jamal Uddin Ahmed and AAMM Shamsujjahan--were injured.

On September 23, 2010, a BAF fighter jet crashed into the Karnaphuli river near Patenga Boat Club. Pilot Flight Lieutenant Ahmed Sanjid escaped by

ejecting.

On October 10, 2011, a fighter plane of Bangladesh Air Force crashed into Shah Amanat International Airport in Chittagong city. Flight Lt Muntasin managed to eject from the plane.

In addition on March 9, 2009, General Officer Commanding (GOC) of 55 Infantry Division and Jessore Area Commander Maj Gen Rafiqul Islam and pilot Lt Col Md Shahidul Islam lost their lives when an army helicopter crashed into Rouha under Kalihati upazila in Tangail.

Probe findings presented at ICT

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percent houses in Barisal, Jhalakathi and Pirojpur districts were damaged during the war and 35,000 people were killed, 3,400 women were raped and 2,500 human skeletons were recovered from the areas.

During the war, people of Pirojpur used to call Sayedee "Dilu Razakar", said the 56-year-old witness, adding that the Jamaat leader had fled the district after the war.

Helal Uddin, who is the 28th prosecution witness against Sayedee, would resume his deposition today.

His deposition would conclude the chapter of the prosecution's witness presentation in the trial and the defence would bring in their witnesses thereafter.

After hearing the witnesses and arguments from

both sides, and going through the evidence, the tribunal would pass a judgement on Sayedee regarding crimes against humanity.

The 71-year-old Nayebe-Ameer of Jamaat, who is facing 20 specific charges of crimes against humanity, was produced before the court yesterday. Five other Jamaat and two BNP leaders were also facing similar charges at Tribunal-1.

Yesterday's deposition by the investigation officer, however, began with some difficulty due to problems with the prosecution's documents and preparations.

There were anomalies in the page numbers of documents the prosecution had provided the defence and the tribunal; protests over new documents that were

not provided before; and dispute on a map that was apparently different from the one submitted earlier.

The three-judge tribunal led by its Chairman Justice Md Nizamul Huq at one point refrained from recording Sayedee as a listed collaborator because the prosecution did not provide the record to the defence.

The anomalies triggered a series of heated arguments between the defence, prosecution and the tribunal throughout the day.

The tribunal earlier rejected an adjournment prayer of the defence.

The defence had appealed for adjournment saying that it needs more time to prepare a petition for reviewing a tribunal order that decided to receive 15 prosecution wit-

nesses' statements given to the investigation officer as evidence.

The tribunal rejected the prayer saying that normal court proceedings should not be stopped for reviewing matters.

Meanwhile, hearing on charge framing against another Jamaat leader Matur Rahman Nizami was adjourned.

The tribunal yesterday adjourned until April 15 the hearing on charge framing against the Jamaat-e-Islami chief regarding crimes against humanity committed during the Liberation War.

The adjournment order came due to the court's time constraint.

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WB still on, KL an alternative

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Memorandum of Understanding for the bridge project. He said the government would ask the World Bank to fund the second Padma bridge while the Malaysians would help Bangladesh build the first bridge project.

The MoU will be signed on Tuesday.

During a pre-budget discussion with members of five parliamentary standing committees at the National Economic Council (NEC) auditorium, Finance Minister AMA Muhith said when the MoU was signed, Malaysia would have to submit a detailed proposal on the timeframe of constructing the Padma bridge, which would take six months to a year's time.

He said cancelling the loan agreement with the World Bank after signing the MoU with Malaysia would cause a number of problems.

The government has already signed deals with three other development partners for the bridge project.

On the World Bank's blacklisting of a unit of SNC-Lavalin, Muhith said, "We knew it much earlier. We told the World Bank to blacklist the company but they did not agree. At the time, the World Bank told me that the organisation could not blacklist any firm before a completion of the probe into graft allegations."

The finance minister also said not a single taka had yet been spent in the Padma bridge project. "Some people have been saying that corruption has taken place in the project. It's rubbish, totally rubbish," Muhith said.

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"The World Bank process is very lengthy and we can't afford that anymore," Quader told reporters at Sarak Bhaban yesterday prior to leaving for Kuala Lumpur.

Quader hoped that the construction work would begin after completing all formalities with Malaysia within the next 10 months.

In April last year, the government signed an agreement with the World Bank for a \$1.2 billion loan to construct the country's longest bridge. The Asian Development Bank was to provide \$615 million, Japan International Cooperation Agency \$400 million and Islamic Development Bank \$140 million more for construction of the multipurpose bridge. But the project stalled in October when the World Bank alleged corruption in the bidding process.

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He said Malaysia was prepared to construct the bridge. "They informed us that there is no uncertainty over funding...they have already arranged it."

"But we need to determine the cost of the project, how much time is needed to complete construction, and when the bridge will be handed over to us. We will sign a final deal with them after completing all the technical and financial issues," said the communications minister.

Quader noted that the prime minister had asked the Economic Relations Division (ERD) to continue the negotiation process. "They [the World Bank] will be informed about the government's alternative move as we can't have any conflict with the World Bank."

Economic Relations Division Secretary Iqbal Mahmud, Bridges Division Secretary Khandaker Anwarul Islam and project director Shafiqul Islam were accompanying the communication minister.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is expected to be present during the MoU signing ceremony via video conference.

Act tough on terror, India tells Pakistan

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Saeed is the alleged mastermind behind the 2008 terror strike that was carried out by 10 Pakistani terrorists one of whom, Azmal Kasab, is alive and has been sentenced to death by an Indian court.

Terrorism was the prominent issue at Singh's meeting with Zardari at the Indian prime minister's official residence on Race Course Road in New Delhi.

"The leaders discussed the problem of terrorism which is a main factor by which the Indian people will judge the progress in bilateral relationship," Mathai said.

The two countries said they are willing to find "pragmatic" solutions to bilateral issues.

On the Hafiz issue, Zardari said the matter needed to be discussed further between the two governments, Mathai said adding that the leaders noted that home secretar-

ies of the two sides are to meet soon when further discussions can be carried out.

Zardari mentioned the need for all issues including Sir Creek, a small patch of disputed marshy land along the border between the two countries in the Arabian Sea, Siachen Glacier in the Himalayas, the highest and coldest battlefield in the world, and Kashmir to be addressed.

"Both the leaders felt that we need to move forward step-by-step," the Indian foreign secretary said.

The prime minister appreciated the steps taken by Pakistan to take trade ties forward by moving to the negative list regime and said that there was scope for the two countries to tap more potential in economic cooperation.

Mathai said Singh was satisfied with the steady progress in talks between the two countries.

The November 2008

terror attack had stalled peace talks between India and Pakistan for nearly two years before the two countries returned to the dialogue table.

Earlier, Singh said in a statement that India and Pakistan were willing to find practical and pragmatic solutions to a number of issues affecting the bilateral relationship.

"President Zardari and I had constructive and friendly exchange of views on bilateral issues which affects the relationship between India and Pakistan," Singh said.

The Prime Minister said that he had taken advantage of Zardari's private visit to discuss all bilateral issues with him.

"I am very satisfied with the outcome of this visit," he said.

"We have a number of issues and we are willing to find practical and pragmatic solutions to all those issues and that is the mes-

sage President Zardari and I wish to convey," Singh said.

"We have had very fruitful bilateral talks and I hope to meet the Indian leader on Pakistani soil very soon," Zardari said.

"I would be very happy to visit Pakistan on a mutually convenient date," Singh said adding "The relation between the two countries should become normal."

After the meeting, Zardari attended a lunch hosted by the Indian prime minister.

Zardari later flew to Ajmer, in the Indian state of Rajasthan, where he, along with his 24-year-old son Bilawal Zardari Bhutto, offered prayers at the shrine of Sufi saint Khwaja Moinuddin Chisti.

Zardari, his assassinated wife Benazir Bhutto, former Prime Minister of Pakistan, and Bilawal had paid obeisance at the Ajmer Dargah Sharif soon after Zardari's release from jail in 2005.

Alternative option for the government, he claimed.

He said now the government would propose to the World Bank that the Padma bridge construction could be started through excluding the Canadian company SNC-Lavalin, which has been temporarily banned from taking part in any World Bank-financed projects for its alleged involvement in corruption.

Muhith also said it was wrong of the World Bank to stop the construction of the bridge and that never before had the bank halted a project during such invest-

igation.

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Meanwhile, Communications Minister Obaidul Quader said the first Padma bridge would be constructed with Malaysian funds and requested the World Bank to divert its \$1.2 billion loan to the second Padma bridge planned to be constructed at Paturia-Goalanda.

He said the government had to go for alternative funds [Malaysian funds] as it was not possible to begin construction

of the first Padma bridge with World Bank money within the tenure of this government.

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"We have committed to the people to construct the bridge. The World Bank has no such commitments. We want to start construction within the tenure of this government," Quader said.

"We don't have any assurance that the World Bank would be able to start the work before expiry of this

government's tenure.

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Invitation for Tenders
Goods- (Motor Cycles)

GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH				
1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Finance		
2	Agency	Social Development Foundation (SDF)		
3	Procuring Entity Name	Managing Director, SDF		
4	Procuring Entity Code	Not used at present		
5	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka, Bangladesh		
6	Invitation for Tender	Supply of Motorcycles (100cc) with all accessories		
7	Invitation Ref No	SDF/Proc./Motor-Cycle / G 2.1 (ENJ)		
8	Date	05/04/2012		
KEY INFORMATION				
9	Procurement Method	Open Tender Method-OTM (NCB)		
FUNDING INFORMATION				
10	Budget and Source of Funds	IDA Credit No. 4757-BD		
11	Development Partners (if applicable)	IDA		
PARTICULAR INFORMATION				
12	Project / Programme Code (if applicable)	None		
13	Project / Programme Name (if applicable)	Empowerment and Livelihood Improvement- Nuton Jibon Project.		
14	Tender Package No.	G 2.1(ENJ)		
15	Tender Package Name	Supply of Motorcycles (100cc) with all accessories to Head office, Regional offices (Rangpur, Jamalpur & Barisal)		
16	Tender Publication Date	09 / 04 / 2012		
17	Tender Document Selling Date	12 / 04 / 2012		
18	Tender Last Selling Date	13 / 05 / 2012		
19	Tender Closing Date and Time	Date	Time	
20	Tender Opening Date and Time	14 / 05 / 2012	2:00 p.m.	
21	Name & Address of the office(s)	Address		
	- Selling Tender Document (Principal)	Social Development Foundation (SDF), House No. 4, Road No. 21, Sector No. 4, Uttara Model Town, Dhaka-1230		
	- Selling Tender Document (Others)	None		
NO CONDITIONS APPLY FOR SALE, PURCHASE OR DISTRIBUTION OF TENDER DOCUMENTS				
	- Receiving Tender Document	Social Development Foundation (SDF), House No. 4, Road No. 21, Sector No. 4, Uttara Model Town, Dhaka-1230		
	- Opening Tender Document	Social Development Foundation (SDF), House No. 4, Road No. 21, Sector No. 4, Uttara Model Town, Dhaka-1230		
22	Place / Date / Time of Pre-Tender Meeting (Optional)	Date	Time	
		30 / 04 / 2012	3.00 p.m.	
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER				
23	Eligibility of Tenderer	As defined in Tender Data Sheet of Bidding Document.		
24	Brief Description of Goods or Works	Supply of Motorcycles (100cc) with all accessories		
25	Brief Description of Related Services	None		
26	Price of Tender Document (Tk)	Tk. 1,500/- only for package No. G 2.1(ENJ)		
	Lot No	Identification of Lot	Location	Tender Security Amount (Tk)
27	1	Supply of Motorcycles (100cc) with all accessories	Social Development Foundation (SDF), House No. 4, Road No. 21, Sector No. 4, Uttara Model Town, Dhaka-1230	Tk.7,00,000/- only
				Completion Time in Weeks
				8 Weeks after signing of contract
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS				
28	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Md. Nurul Islam Sardar		
29	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Managing Director		
30	Address of Official Inviting Tender	Social Development Foundation (SDF), House No. 4, Road No. 21, Sector No. 4, Uttara Model Town, Dhaka-1230		
31	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	Telephone : 880-02-8963946, 8959581, 8959368	Fax : 880-02-8961096	Email : md@sdfbd.org
32	Special Instructions: (i) The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the Tender Proceedings			

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