

WB may cancel funding

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The WB is likely to convey to the government its final decision on financing the project before the organisation's President Robert Zoellick's tenure expires on June 30.

The Daily Star correspondent talked to WB officials at the donor agency's headquarters in Washington during the spring meetings of the IMF-World Bank Group from April 16 to 22.

Asking not to be named, a WB official told The Daily Star that the bank may finally cancel its funding for the project as it does not want to linger over the issue.

The WB has submitted to the government two reports about corruption allegations involving the Padma bridge project. The latest one was submitted to Muhith in Dhaka in the second week of last month.

An official of the bank's Integrity Vice Presidency from Washington and Ellen Goldstein, the bank's country director in Bangladesh, met the finance minister at the latter's residence and handed over the report to Muhith, said a WB official at the bank's headquarters.

The report contained findings of the Canadian government's probe into the corruption allegations over selection of Canadian company SNC-Lavalin as the consulting firm to supervise the main bridge's work. Details of the report could not be known.

A source said the report claimed some influential people in the government -- in and outside the cabinet -- demanded commission from SNC-Lavalin for giving it the consultancy job.

The WB submitted another report to Muhith in September last year on the sidelines of the WB-IMF annual meeting in Washington.

The report raises allegations that former communications minister Syed Abul Hossain and his family-owned company Sahco sought to coerce multiple companies into using Sahco as a paid "silent agent" for

getting permission to bid for the contract of the main bridge.

Later, the WB temporarily suspended its part of \$1.2 billion of the total \$2.9 billion funding for the Padma bridge project.

A WB official in Washington said the donor agency was not happy with the step the government took on the basis of this report. The WB verbally indicated that the government should rethink the portfolio of the then communications minister Abul Hossain. But the government did not take any action. Hossain was shifted to another ministry much later.

A recent statement of WB Country Director Goldstein also reflected the donor agency's unhappiness over the issue. On April 17, in an e-mail to The Daily Star from Washington, Goldstein said, "The World Bank began sharing findings of serious corruption with the Bangladeshi government related to the Padma Bridge project in September 2011."

Clarifying Goldstein's statement, a WB official in Washington said Goldstein in her statement mentioned the bank's two reports submitted to the finance minister.

Goldstein said, "The World Bank stands by its investigations, and we strongly urge the Government of Bangladesh to pursue its own investigation into these serious matters under its sovereign laws and hold wrongdoers accountable."

Referring to the latest WB report, the finance minister on Monday told The Daily Star, "It seems I have got it."

Asked about the details of report, Muhith said, "No, I do not want to make any comment."

When Prime Minister's International Affairs Adviser Gowher Rizvi met two top WB officials on the sidelines of last month's IMF-WB meetings in Washington, the donor agency clarified its stance to Rizvi.

Bangladesh usually does not send any representative to the IMF-WB spring meetings. But this time Rizvi represented Bangladesh there. His main task was to hold talks with WB high-ups about the financing of the Padma bridge project.

Rizvi called on WB Managing Director Sri Mulyani Indrawati and Vice President Isabel M. Guerrero to discuss the Padma bridge issue. Rizvi was told that the WB wants to see what action the Bangladesh government took to hold the wrongdoers accountable, a WB official in Washington told this correspondent.

On his return from Washington on April 25, Rizvi met the finance minister at the latter's residence and informed Muhith about the WB's stance, said a finance ministry official preferring anonymity.

Following the developments, the finance minister moved to find alternative sources of funding for the project.

On May 2, Muhith went to Manila to join the ADB annual meeting. He discussed with ADB officials alternative sources of funding for the project, on the sidelines of the meeting.

The ministry official said if the WB does not finance the project, the government will separately put forward proposals to the ADB, Japan International Cooperation Agency (Jica), and the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) to fund the project.

On Monday, Muhith told The Daily Star, "We have not yet made any proposal. We have had discussions with all concerned. We will make it."

It is up to the development partners whether they will finance the project or not, said Muhith.

About the government's proposal for fresh financial arrangements, the finance minister declined to give any details. "You will know when we write letters [to donors]."

He said under the new arrangements, the project will be divided into different components that include two approach roads, river training, bridge construction and resettlement.

"These are the jobs. Now they will decide who takes what," said Muhith.

Hillary remarks

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against Grameen Bank, and will not do.

"To me, this comment is unwarranted. I do not see any reason for that," the minister said.

"I do not know. She has expressed her own view," said the minister.

He was briefing reporters after an inter-ministerial meeting on safety net at the finance ministry in Bangladesh Secretariat.

Before wrapping up her two-day Dhaka tour on Sunday, Hillary said she had followed the problems stemming from a change in the management of Grameen Bank. She was apparently speaking about Nobel peace prize winner Prof. Muhammad Yunus' removal from the managing director post of the bank.

She said, "I can only hope that nothing is done that in any way undermines the success of what Grameen Bank has accomplished..."

Muhith yesterday said the government stance would not change following Hillary's comments.

"Our stance is very clear from the beginning. Our position remains the same. There is no change."

Muhith reiterated his claim that Grameen Bank is a government institution even though the government effectively owns only 3 percent stake in the bank while the rest is owned by 83 lakh borrowers of the bank, majority of who are women.

"Grameen Bank is a government institution. The government has set up it and created it and take it forward. Prof Yunus has come this far because of the government. The government gave him the freedom," he said.

Muhith also said there is no problem with the bank's performance. "The programme of Grameen Bank has improved. There is more lending and collection."

He also dismissed comments made by Prof Yunus

Cop tells of NSI link

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The judge of Chittagong Metropolitan Special Tribunal-1 SM Mojibur Rahman recorded the deposition and fixed May 21 and 22 for the next proceedings of the trial.

Baki, now posted as additional commissioner to Sylhet Metropolitan Police, also said in his deposition that Sergeant Md Alauddin of Bandar Police Outpost informed him over the phone about the offloading of arms at CUFL jetty around midnight.

On his arrival at Chatury Choumuhani area, the only exit from the jetty, around 2:00am, Baki ordered his force to barricade the road. He reached the jetty around 4:00am and moments later Sergeant Alauddin and Sergeant Helal Uddin of Koiler Depot Police Outpost approached him with five to six other men.

There Helal Uddin introduced a person with him as NSI deputy director (DD) Maj Liakat who wanted to talk to Baki, according to the deposition.

Liakat asked Baki why he was confiscating the consignment when the then NSI director general (DG) Brig Abdur Rahim was aware of it.

Baki said Liakat then contacted someone over his cellphone and asked Baki to talk to the person on the other side whom at

that moment Liakat claimed to be the NSI DG.

"I declined to do so. I told Liakat to tell his DG to talk to the then CMP commissioner Sabbir Ali," said Baki.

As Liakat and the five others got furious at the refusal, Baki ordered the police sergeants to remove them from there.

He then informed the CMP commissioner of the incident and the commissioner asked him not to lock into altercation with the NSI men, if no specific evidence against them was found.

At this the court wondered what more evidence the commissioner needed when the NSI DD had already resisted him from seizing the arms and ammunition.

Baki told the court that considering the commissioner's instructions and huge quantity of arms and ammunition all around and fearing attack from smugglers he let the NSI men go and started confiscating the arms.

He said police led by Officer-in-charge of Karnaphuli Police Station Ahadur Rahman arrested five persons and seized the arms and ammunition in 10 trucks, a car, a crane and two trawlers from the scene. The recovery continued until 10:30am of April 2.

After reaching Dampara Police Line along with the seized consignment

around 1:30pm, high-ups like Babar, other ministers, IGP Shahidul Hoque Chowdhury, CMP commissioner Sabbir Ali and many others came to inspect the arms, said Baki.

Later, during a meeting at Dampara, Babar forbade Baki to talk to the media on the seizure as the incident was "internationally sensitive", he continued.

Baki said he wanted to tell the probe body led by the home secretary about the involvement of NSI officials in the smuggling but he was not allowed to share the information.

He further said he suspected involvement of top officials of CUFL, like its managing director Mohsin Talukder and general manager Enamul Hoque, as they did not show up at the jetty during the seizure, and never extended any cooperation during investigation.

After the deposition, Mohammad Ahsan, counsel of Liakat, started cross-examining the witness around 3:15pm. But the court was adjourned shortly after.

Public Prosecutor Kamal Uddin Ahmed said Baki was a vital witness for the prosecution as he had implicated several already accused in the arms haul case. He [Baki] also identified Liakat in the courtroom, the PP added.



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This is notified that the tender security for the "Invitation of Tender" for procurement of Tyres and Tubes for the equipment of Mongla Port Authority, Mongla, Bagerhat published in the daily "The Daily Star" on 12 April'2012 and in the daily "Bangladesh protidin" on 20 April'2012 have been refixed. The Tender Security would be Taka 3,50,000/- (Three lacs Fifty thousand) instead of Taka 1,50,000/- (One lac Fifty Thousand) only. We are sorry for the inconvenience.

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