

# Loose-talking

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about MPs and ministers.  
It was very unfortunate to criticise a highly respected personality like Prof Sayeed on the basis of newspaper reports which proved unfounded, Shawkat told journalists.  
Eminent citizens have expressed the view that it was not a matter to discuss in the House and the lawmakers should have verified his statement before criticising him.  
A section of the alliance MPs demanded that Prof Sayeed offer an unconditional apology in the House for his reported comment.  
They claimed that he termed MPs and ministers "thieves and dacoits" at a Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) programme in the capital on

Saturday.  
Founder of Bishwa Sahitya Kendra Prof Sayeed told The Daily Star yesterday that he did not make such remarks. Rather, he was upset to see the parliamentarians slamming him without checking or verifying his statement.  
"I didn't say anything about parliament or members of parliament or ministers at the programme," he said. The MPs should have checked the facts before discussing the matter, added Prof Sayeed, also a Trustee Board member of TIB.  
Talking to journalists after a discussion at the ministers' hostel at parliament building complex, the deputy speaker said, "Before we asked him, Prof Abu Sayeed himself made it clear that he did not make such

comment." Then why there was such reaction in parliament since the allegation was unfounded, he added.  
The deputy speaker said he would have stopped the discussion if he was in the chair at that time. It resulted from misunderstanding and "we all should forget it".  
Later, Shawkat said in parliament yesterday a statement of  
Prof Sayeed was discussed in the house on Sunday. A few MPs spoke about it. Prof Sayeed in a statement published in the daily Samakal yesterday clarified that he did not make any such comment, which was published in the daily Inqilab.  
The deputy speaker also said Prof Sayeed, if he wants, can go to the Press Council or take legal action against the newspaper.

Contacted, renowned educationist Prof Serajul Islam Choudhury said the matter was not something that had to be discussed in parliament.  
It was not right to discuss in the House a matter which Prof Sayeed did not talk about, he said.  
It reflected the lack of tolerance in political culture, Serajul Islam observed.  
Asked, TIB Executive Director Iftekharuzzaman said the statement of Prof Sayeed should have been reviewed first before making any comment on him in parliament.  
"We'll exercise our right to freedom of expression. We'll even sacrifice our blood to protect the right of our critics to criticise us. That promotes democracy," he said.

# Transit

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Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's visit to Delhi, Bangladesh was supposed to provide a one-shot transit to India to transfer equipment for its Palatana power plant. We gave this facility to India," Rahmatullah pointed out.  
"But then using the same commitment we let them set up a temporary transfer facility and transfer billets for steel mills in Tripura and other goods as well. This was not supposed to happen. So why did we allow India to do it?" he asked.  
He was also of a strong opinion that it is a wrong policy to look for favours from India by foregoing legitimate fees for transit.  
But mysteriously, some Bangladeshi policymakers are not so interested to slap fees on transit, and instead look for other kinds of favours from India.  
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# Private investment

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of Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS), private investment against GDP fell by 0.37 percentage point and stood at 19.14 percent in the current fiscal year.  
During the last two decades, private investment marked a fall only in two years -- in the current fiscal year and in fiscal 2009, according to available statistics.  
The overall investment rose by 0.30 percentage point and reached 25.45 percent of GDP in the current fiscal year. The rate was 25.15 percent last year.  
However, the overall investment rate missed the target set in the sixth five-year plan of the government. In fiscal 2012, the overall investment rate against GDP will be 26.8 percent.  
Independent think tank the Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD) and the World Bank identified some reasons behind the fall in private investment.  
In the Executive Opinion Survey 2012, which was carried out by the CPD during February-April this year, top three problematic factors are found to be increasingly becoming more important factors for businesses.  
Poor infrastructure is regarded as the most important problematic factor followed by high level of corruption, the think tank said in a report -- Review of Bangladesh Economy in fiscal 2011-2012.  
Difficulty with regard to 'access to finance' is the third most problematic factor. These adversities are likely to cause high cost of production with consequent negative implication for competitiveness of business both in local and foreign markets, said the report.  
Distinguished Fellow of the CPD Debapriya Bhattacharya said corruption and a lack of access to

finance were less important factors in the previous years. But these two factors have come to the fore this year.  
The comments of Bhattacharya came while launching the report at the CPD office in Dhaka yesterday.  
However, the WB in a report released on Sunday said: "Investors appear to have gone into a wait-and-see mode because of volatilities in the global economic environment and the stresses and strains emanating from domestic sources."  
The domestic reasons include high variability in inflation, and tightening credit conditions in the financial sector as reflected in a significant reduction in growth in industrial term loan disbursement, resulting in negative net disbursements.  
The WB also blamed the slowdown in private investment on energy shortages and policy uncertainties in the run-up to elections in early 2014.  
Though private investment fell compared to GDP, public investment rose by around 1 percentage point.  
According to BBS estimate, in the current fiscal year public investment against GDP has been put at 6.30 percent, which was 5.64 percent last fiscal year.  
The CPD said the monetary policy stance taken by the central bank to control inflation will result in a slowdown in investment.  
It also said the current macroeconomic performance including the monetary policy stance would entail investment slowdown leading to a trade-off in economic growth.  
The most direct measure of deceleration of investment is exposed by decreasing trend in industrial term loan disbursement, the think tank added.  
According to Bangladesh Bank statistics, in the first six months of the current fiscal year industrial term loan increased by only 1.94 percent, but the rise was about 34 percent in the same period last year.  
According to LC (letter of credit) settlement statistics, capital machinery import growth in the first nine months of the current fiscal year fell by about half compared to the same period last year.  
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In the same way, import of raw materials decreased and the extent of LC opening has also marked a fall.

# Guilty, who


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about the controversial activities, unruly behaviour and misconduct of their colleagues.  
In the last three and a half years, several lawmakers of the ruling Awami League have assaulted government officials, journalists and policemen.  
For instance, during the Teknaf upazila parishad election on January 22, 2009, AL MP Abdur Rahman Bodi unlawfully entered the poll-

ing centre and beat up three assistant presiding officers. In May the same year, Bodi, elected from Cox's Bazar-4 constituency, manhandled advocate Rakhal Mitra, a rights activist of the district.  
With no action taken against him, Bodi seemed to feel rather encouraged to behave in a more unruly manner. In July last year, he assaulted a local school teacher when the latter protested against Bodi's move to grab part of the school land.

The local unit of the Jatiya Party, a component of the AL-led alliance, enforced a half day hartal there in protest at the incident.  
In Pabna, AL lawmaker Golam Faruk Khandaker Prince openly took a stance against the district administration in September 2010 as his alleged demand for recruiting his party men in government service was not met by the then deputy commissioner. Rebuffed, Jubo League and Chhatra League

men attacked the administration officials, including a female magistrate, during the recruitment exam.  
It was one of those incidents that tainted the government's image greatly.  
The story of Golam Faruk might have encouraged the Jatiya Party lawmaker of Rangpur-1, Hossain Makbul Shahriar, who is the nephew of JP chief HM Ershad, to attack government employees of a local hospital in his demand for jobs for his party men at Rangpur Medical College Hospital. Five truckloads of stick-wielding Jatiya Party activists under the leadership of the MP launched the attack on January 28 this year.  
But the employees of the hospital set up a barricade and tried to resist the attack. A clash ensued and law enforcers had to fire 40 teargas canisters and use truncheons to disperse the feuding sides. The lawmaker, eight journalists and seven policemen were among the injured.

There is more. AL lawmaker Nurunnabi Chowdhury Shaon of Bhola-3 constituency was sued over the killing of party leader Ibrahim Ahmed in the capital in August 2010. Local AL leader Ibrahim was reportedly shot with the MP's licensed pistol.  
AL lawmaker Kamal Ahmed Majumder, who earned much of a bad name during the previous AL-led government rule between 1996 and 2001 for many of his wrongdoings, could not demonstrate any change in behaviour. This time, he came into the scene by assaulting a female television journalist at Monipur High School and College at Mirpur in the capital in January this year.  
The journalist for her part had gone to seek Kamal's comment on the school authority's decision to charge admission fees way beyond the amount fixed by the government. Later, Kamal took the floor in parliament to claim his innocence and castigated the media for defaming him through running "false news."  
Policemen, who have gone to the extent of beating up opposition MPs and journalists, were also assaulted by the ruling party lawmakers.  
In Dhaka, AL lawmaker Ilias Ali, elected from another constituency in Mirpur, assaulted an on-duty policeman on June 30, 2010. The policeman filed a case against Ilias.  
Another AL MP, Sheikh Afil Uddin of Jessore, in August 2010 assaulted the officer-in-charge of a police station of his constituency.  
Very recently, on May 18 this year, Mymensingh-10 AL MP Captain (retd) Ghyas Uddin Ahmed opened fire on a crowd to thwart an agitation against him in his area.  
Newspapers have also run numerous reports over many MPs' other unlawful and controversial activities in other constituencies as well.  
The way many MPs behave inside parliament questions the dignity of the House, to say nothing of their interest in parliamentary proceedings. Whenever the ruling and opposition MPs have faced off in the House, the situation got tense and the use of unparliamentary




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## Invitation for Tenders (Works)

| 01   | Ministry/Division   | Ministry of Housing & Public Works.  |                                |                                 |                                  |                                |                                 |               |  |         |                               |             |               |  |         |                              |               |
|--|---|--|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|--|---------|-------------------------------|-------------|---------------|--|---------|------------------------------|---------------|
| 02   | Agency  | Rajdhani Unnayan Karttripakkha (RAJUK).  |                                |                                 |                                  |                                |                                 |               |  |         |                               |             |               |  |         |                              |               |
| 03   | Procuring entity name   | RAJUK.   |                                |                                 |                                  |                                |                                 |               |  |         |                               |             |               |  |         |                              |               |
| 04   | Procuring entity code   | Not used at present.   |                                |                                 |                                  |                                |                                 |               |  |         |                               |             |               |  |         |                              |               |
| 05   | Procuring entity district   | Dhaka (Metropolitan Area).   |                                |                                 |                                  |                                |                                 |               |  |         |                               |             |               |  |         |                              |               |
| 06   | Invitation reference No.  | Tender No- 05/2011-2012 (3rd Phase).   |                                |                                 |                                  |                                |                                 |               |  |         |                               |             |               |  |         |                              |               |
| 07   | Date  | 31/05/2012.  |                                |                                 |                                  |                                |                                 |               |  |         |                               |             |               |  |         |                              |               |
| 08   | Procurement method  | Open Tendering Method (OTM).   |                                |                                 |                                  |                                |                                 |               |  |         |                               |             |               |  |         |                              |               |
| 09   | Budget & source of funds  | Own Fund of RAJUK.   |                                |                                 |                                  |                                |                                 |               |  |         |                               |             |               |  |         |                              |               |
| 10   | Project name  | Uttara Residential Model Town (3rd Phase) Project.   |                                |                                 |                                  |                                |                                 |               |  |         |                               |             |               |  |         |                              |               |
| 11   | Tender package No.  | Bridge No. 07 and Bridge No. 11.   |                                |                                 |                                  |                                |                                 |               |  |         |                               |             |               |  |         |                              |               |
| 12   | Tender package name   | a) Construction of remaining works of Bridge No. 07 at Uttara Residential Model Town (3rd Phase) Project, RAJUK.<br>b) Construction of Bridge No. 11 at Uttara Residential Model Town (3rd Phase) Project, RAJUK.  |                                |                                 |                                  |                                |                                 |               |  |         |                               |             |               |  |         |                              |               |
| 13   | Tender publication date   | Last date: 05/06/2012.   |                                |                                 |                                  |                                |                                 |               |  |         |                               |             |               |  |         |                              |               |
| 14   | Last date and time for selling tender documents   | 02/07/2012 during office hour.   |                                |                                 |                                  |                                |                                 |               |  |         |                               |             |               |  |         |                              |               |
| 15   | Last date and time for sub-mission of tender documents  | 03/07/2012 at 12:00 noon.  |                                |                                 |                                  |                                |                                 |               |  |         |                               |             |               |  |         |                              |               |
| 16   | Date and time for opening of tenders  | 03/07/2012 at 2:30pm.  |                                |                                 |                                  |                                |                                 |               |  |         |                               |             |               |  |         |                              |               |
| 17   | Name and address of the office(s) Selling tender documents  | Manager, Sonali/Janata/Agrani Bank, Rajuk Bhaban Branch, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka-1000.   |                                |                                 |                                  |                                |                                 |               |  |         |                               |             |               |  |         |                              |               |
|  | Receiving tender documents  | (i) Office of the Chief Engr. RAJUK, 4th Floor, RAJUK Bhaban, Dhaka.<br>(ii) Office of the Project Director, Uttara RMT (3rd Phase) Project, Annex Building, 6th Floor, RAJUK Bhaban, Dhaka.<br>(iii) Office of the Secretary, RAJUK, 2nd Floor, RAJUK Bhaban, Dhaka.  |                                |                                 |                                  |                                |                                 |               |  |         |                               |             |               |  |         |                              |               |
|  | Opening tender documents  | Tenders will be opened by TOC at Meeting Room of RAJUK, 3rd Floor, RAJUK Bhaban, Dhaka in presence of intending tenders or their authorized representatives.   |                                |                                 |                                  |                                |                                 |               |  |         |                               |             |               |  |         |                              |               |
| 18   | Eligibility of tenderers  | Any individuals/firms/JVCA who fulfill the qualification criteria stipulated in the Tender Data Sheet & other conditions of tender document and also satisfy the following conditions:<br><b>a) General Experience:</b> Minimum 10 (ten) years experience in civil construction work (but it should be minimum five years for non-lead partner of JVCA).<br><b>b) Similar work experience:</b> (i) Minimum 30m long RCC/pre-stressed bridge construction work of single contract within last 07(seven) years whose value not less than Tk. 5.00(five point zero) crore for Br. No-11.<br>ii) Minimum 45m long RCC/pre-stressed bridge construction work of single contract within last 07(seven) years whose value not less than Tk.8.00 (eight point zero) crore for Br. No.-11.<br><b>c) Last five years average annual construction turnover:</b><br>i) Should be required Tk. 12.00 (twelve point zero) crore for Br. No-07.<br>ii) Should be required Tk. 20.00 (twenty point zero) crore for Br. No-11.<br><b>d) Liquid Asset:</b> Should be required Tk. 2.50 (two point five zero) crore for Br. No-07 and Tk. 4.00 (four point zero) crore Br. No-11. |                                |                                 |                                  |                                |                                 |               |  |         |                               |             |               |  |         |                              |               |
| 19   | Brief description of works  | i) Construction of remaining works of 35m long & 27.00m wide FIXED PC Girder and ARCH type RCC Bridge No. 07 at Uttara Residential Model Town (3rd Phase) Project.<br>ii) Construction of 60m long & 27.00m wide FIXED PC Girder and ARCH type RCC Bridge No. 11 at Uttara Residential Model Town (3rd Phase) Project.   |                                |                                 |                                  |                                |                                 |               |  |         |                               |             |               |  |         |                              |               |
| 20   | <b>Works details</b> <table border="1"> <tr> <th>Identification of lot</th><th>Name of works &amp; location</th><th>Price of tender document (in Tk)</th><th>Tender security amount (in Tk)</th><th>Time for completion (in months)</th></tr> <tr> <td>Bridge No. 07</td><td>Construction of remaining Works of Bridge No. 07 at Uttara Residential Model Town (3rd Phase) Project, Uttara, Dhaka</td><td>2000.00</td><td>26,00,000.00 (twenty-six lac)</td><td>12 (twelve)</td></tr> <tr> <td>Bridge No. 11</td><td>Construction of Bridge No.11 at Uttara Residential Model Town (3rd Phase) Project, Uttara, Dhaka</td><td>2000.00</td><td>42,00,000.00 (forty-two lac)</td><td>18 (eighteen)</td></tr> </table> |  | Identification of lot          | Name of works & location        | Price of tender document (in Tk) | Tender security amount (in Tk) | Time for completion (in months) | Bridge No. 07 | Construction of remaining Works of Bridge No. 07 at Uttara Residential Model Town (3rd Phase) Project, Uttara, Dhaka | 2000.00 | 26,00,000.00 (twenty-six lac) | 12 (twelve) | Bridge No. 11 | Construction of Bridge No.11 at Uttara Residential Model Town (3rd Phase) Project, Uttara, Dhaka | 2000.00 | 42,00,000.00 (forty-two lac) | 18 (eighteen) |
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| Bridge No. 07  | Construction of remaining Works of Bridge No. 07 at Uttara Residential Model Town (3rd Phase) Project, Uttara, Dhaka  | 2000.00  | 26,00,000.00 (twenty-six lac)  | 12 (twelve)                     |                                  |                                |                                 |               |  |         |                               |             |               |  |         |                              |               |
| Bridge No. 11  | Construction of Bridge No.11 at Uttara Residential Model Town (3rd Phase) Project, Uttara, Dhaka  | 2000.00  | 42,00,000.00 (forty-two lac)   | 18 (eighteen)                   |                                  |                                |                                 |               |  |         |                               |             |               |  |         |                              |               |
| 21   | Name of official inviting tender  | M. Mahubul UI Alam.  |                                |                                 |                                  |                                |                                 |               |  |         |                               |             |               |  |         |                              |               |
| 22   | Designation of official inviting tender   | Member (Development), RAJUK, Dhaka.  |                                |                                 |                                  |                                |                                 |               |  |         |                               |             |               |  |         |                              |               |
| 23   | Address of official inviting tender   | 3rd Floor, Rajuk Bhaban, Dhaka.  |                                |                                 |                                  |                                |                                 |               |  |         |                               |             |               |  |         |                              |               |
| 24   | Contact details of official inviting tender   | Telephone No.9563604   |                                |                                 |                                  |                                |                                 |               |  |         |                               |             |               |  |         |                              |               |
| 25   | Procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.   |  |                                |                                 |                                  |                                |                                 |               |  |         |                               |             |               |  |         |                              |               |
| <b>M. Mahubul UI Alam</b><br>Member (Development),<br>Rajdhani Unnayan Karttripakkha |   |  |                                |                                 |                                  |                                |                                 |               |  |         |                               |             |               |  |         |                              |               |

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**Atlas Bangladesh limited**  
 DIT Plot no. 265-267  
 Tongi Industrial Area, Gazipur.

RE-TENDER

Date: 03-06-2012

Memo no. ABL/CE/90/2012/

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| 1.  | Ministry/Division   | Ministry of Industry.  |
| 2.  | Agency  | Atlas Bangladesh Limited   |
| 3.  | Procuring Entity Name   | Managing Director, Atlas Bangladesh Limited.   |
| 4.  | Invitation for  | Selection of contractor for construction of Pre-Fabricated Steel Structure Godown for Atlas Bangladesh Limited.  |
| 5.  | Invitation Ref. No. & Date                                    | ABL / CE / 90 / 2012   |
| 6.  | Procurement Method  | Open Tender method   |
| 7.  | Budget and Source of Funds                                    | Own Source of Atlas Bangladesh Limited.  |
| 8.  | Tender Package No.  | ABL / CE / 90 / 2012   |
| 9.  | Tender package Name   | Construction of Pre-Fabricated Steel Structure Godown for Atlas Bangladesh Limited at Tongi Industrial Area, Gazipur.  |
| 10. | Tender Last Selling Date                                      | 24th June, 2012 upto Office Hours.   |
| 11. | Tender Closing Date and Time                                  | 25th June, 2012 at 12.00 hrs   |
| 12. | Tender Opening Date and Time                                  | 25th June, 2012 at 12.30 hrs   |
| 13. | Name & Address of the office for Selling of Tender documents  | i) Office of the Managing Director, Atlas Bangladesh Limited, DIT plot no - 265-267, Tongi Industrial Area, Gazipur.<br>ii) Accounts Division, Bangladesh Steel & Engineering Corporation, Level-2, 102, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.  |
| 14. | Name & Address of the office for Received of Tender documents | i) Office of the Managing Director, Atlas Bangladesh Limited, DIT plot no - 265-267, Tongi Industrial Area, Gazipur.<br>ii) Office of the Chief Engineer, Construction Division, Bangladesh Steel and Engineering Corporation, 102, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Level-5, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.  |
| 15. | Name & address of the office for Opening Tender               | i) Office of the Managing Director, Atlas Bangladesh Limited, DIT plot no. 265-267, Tongi Industrial Area, Gazipur.<br>ii) Office of the Chief Engineer, Construction Division, Bangladesh Steel and Engineering Corporation, 102, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Level-5, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.   |
| 16. | Eligibility of Tenderers                                      | a. The minimum period of general & similar work experience of the tenderer in the Construction works shall be 10 (ten) years.<br>b. The tenderer must have Technical person having ABC license for Electrical works issued by the Electrical Licensing Board.<br>c. Tenderer must have up to date income tax clearance Certificate from the NBR.<br>d. Tenderer must have a valid VAT Registration Certificate from the NBR.<br>e. Tenderer must have up to date Trade License.<br>f. Tenderer must have Bank Solvency Certificate.<br>g. Attested copy of documents mentioned in SI No. 16 (a, b, c, d, e, f) must be submitted along with the tender.<br>h. Other required eligibility and conditions of the Tenderer is shown in the Tender data sheet of the Tender Document.<br>i. The required average annual turnover shall be greater than Taka 3 (Three) crore for the last 5 (five) years.<br>j. The minimum amount of free funds (liquid assets) and / or Credit facilities net of other contractual commitments of the successful Tenderer shall be Taka 1 (One) crore.<br>k. The firm must have Tower crane and also list of Construction Equipments. |
| 17. | Price of Tender Document                                      | Tk. 5,000/- (Five thousand) only (Non-refundable)  |
| 18. | Tender Security Amount  | Tk. 9,50,000/- (Nine lacs fifty thousand) only in favour of Atlas Bangladesh Limited in the form of Bank Draft or Pay Order from any Schedule Bank of Bangladesh.  |
| 19. | Time of Completion for the work                               | 180 (One hundred eighty) days.   |
| 20. | Special Instruction   | i) The Authority reserves the right to ask for analysis for any all items of works.<br>ii) The Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assignment any reasons whatsoever.  |

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