

**BUDGET**  
PPP gets hefty allocation despite failure

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An allocation of Tk 3,000 crore has been laid down for public-private partnership (PPP) projects in the 2012-2013 budget although the government has miserably failed to make any use of such allocations for the previous three years.

In his first budget for the 2009-10 fiscal year, Finance Minister AMA Muhith had allocated Tk 2,500 crore for the implementation of PPP projects, but not a single taka was spent.

The same thing happened in each of the last and the current fiscal years--the government could not spend a buck--though the allocation stood at Tk 3,000 crore each time.

The finance minister said in his budget speech yesterday that a good number of PPP projects had been approved though they might not come up to the expectations.

He said implementation of the projects would start soon.

Eight projects have been identified for implementation under five ministries and divisions, where the probable investment will be about Tk 3,000 crore, he said.

# Woman murdered in front of mother in capital

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Criminals strangled a 46-year-old woman right before her septuagenarian mother in their Topkhana residence in the capital before looting Tk 35,000 and six property deeds on Tuesday night.

With no one within hearing distance, nearly a day and a half went by after the mother, Khaleda Banu, 76, was able to untie the cloth binding her and call out to the neighbours for help.

The victim, Nishat Banu, and

Khaleda, the only residents of their three-storey building at 27/13, Topkhana Road, lived on the ground floor.

Three youths entered the building through a ventilator on the under-construction top floor around 8:10pm on Tuesday, said a grief-stricken Khaleda, sitting motionless in a room near the crime scene.

"After tying us up at gunpoint, they asked Nishat for the deeds as she was

the owner. When she declined, they strangled her," she said.

When they beat her, she gave away the location of the documents. The criminals then left around 3:30am, added Khaleda.

Even after succeeding in untying herself around 1:30am on Thursday, the fear of the criminals being nearby kept her mum for nearly seven hours before daylight encouraged her to seek help.

Though Khaleda could not recog-

nise the criminals, she alleged that two brothers, who had grabbed her property 20 years ago and built a restaurant on it, had planned the murder to grab her remaining properties.

Detective police picked up the duo, Selim Talukder and Saiful Talukder, yesterday morning from the restaurant, adjoining the building, for interrogation.

Khaleda's sister Nazma Banu said Nishat had been living with Khaleda since her divorce some 20 years ago.



Shocked into silence, 76-year-old Khaleda Banu now only has a blank look after she saw her daughter, Nishat Banu, 46, inset, being strangled right before her eyes but having nothing to do as her hands and legs were tied up. A gang of criminals carried out the killing at their house in the capital's Topkhana Road Tuesday night.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN, FOCUS BANGLA

# JS-JUDICIARY FACE-OFF CJ meets Speaker

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Speaker Abdul Hamid, Chief Justice M Mozammel Hossain and Law Minister Shafique Ahmed yesterday held a discussion on the prevailing situation caused by the "derogatory remarks" that High Court Justice AHM Shamsuddin Choudhury Manik made about the Speaker.

The meeting was held at a time when the Speaker was taking preparation to give a ruling in parliament on the issue on Sunday.

"It was a courtesy call. However, we had an informal discussion on the prevailing situation," Law Minister Shafique Ahmed told The Daily Star last night over phone.

Asked if they discussed the ways to resolve the issue, the minister said the parliament and the judiciary were both very important constitutional institutions. "Our expectation is, dignity of both the institutions is upheld, and the situation does not get any worse."

The brief meeting was held at the Speaker's chamber in the parliament building last evening when at the invitation of the Speaker, the chief justice, who went to parliament to witness the budget placement, paid a courtesy call on him.

An hour after the discussion, a number of ruling alliance MPs--Tofail Ahmed, Rashed Khan Menon, Abdul Matin Khasru, Mayeen Uddin Khan Badal and Mujib-ul-Haque Chunnun--met the Speaker and inquired his next course of action, meeting sources said.

They advised the Speaker to send the matter to the president for removal of Justice Manik through Supreme Judicial Commission, but the Speaker favoured a ruling.

"The Speaker will consult the prime minister and the attorney general on the issue," an MP said, wishing anonymity.

"We told him [Speaker] that this is not a confrontation between the judiciary and the legislature. Not the entire judiciary, a judge alone is involved in this matter, who violated the constitution and was contemptuous of parliament by making derogatory remarks about you," another lawmaker, who was also present there, said.

During a hearing Tuesday, Justice Manik observed that the Speaker had committed an offence tantamount to sedition by commenting on a High Court order in parliament. He also said the Speaker was completely ignorant of the apex court and the constitution.

Infuriated by the remarks, the legislators demanded removal of Justice Manik.

**DHAKA TODAY**

**Symposium**

United Nations Association of Bangladesh will organise a symposium; Venue: Scout Bhaban, Kakrail; Time: 5:00pm.

**Roundtable**

Jatiya Samanwita Unnayan Foundation will arrange a roundtable; Venue: Jatiya Press Club; Time: 3:45pm.

**Seminar**

Bangabandhu Shiksha O Gabeshona Parishad will organise a seminar; Venue: Faculty of Business Studies, Dhaka University; Time: 9:30am.

**Discussion**

Bangladesh Jatiyatobadi Sangskritik Dal will hold a discussion; Venue: Jatiya Press Club; Time: 10:00am.

**Seminar**

Samajik Paribesh O Manabadhikar Bastabayan Sangstha will arrange a

ICT-1

## Witness, wife get death threats

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A prosecution witness in a case being heard at the International Crimes Tribunal (ICT)-1 and his wife received death threats over phone some 20 minutes before the trial proceedings began yesterday.

The case accuses Salauddin Quader Chowdhury of committing crimes against humanity during the 1971 Liberation War.

In a span of three minutes, the witness, Sirajul Islam, in Dhaka, and his wife, in Chittagong, received the calls from the same phone, said prosecutor Zead Al Malum.

ICT-1 Chairman Justice Md Nizamul Huq told Zead to file a general diary with police and submit its copy to the tribunal.

Sirajul, cross-examined by the defence counsel yesterday, had given deposition against Salauddin on May 24 and 27. The case proceedings were adjourned till May 12.

ICT-1 yesterday fixed June 11 for hearing on the review petition over the acceptance of statements of 15 witnesses, shown absent by the prosecution.

ICT-2

## Prosecution's absence displeases judges

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The International Crimes Tribunal-2 expressed discontent over the prosecution, as the entire team was absent from court during yesterday's proceedings.

This has been the second time the prosecution caused dissatisfaction of the tribunal since May 28 when the prosecutors delayed in turning up at the courtroom.

"The government has appointed 20 prosecutors, but none of them are present. Isn't it regrettable?" Justice ATM Fazle Kabir, chairman of the three-member tribunal, said.

Yesterday was fixed for hearing of a defence petition seeking the review of the indictment order of Jamaat leader Abdul Quader Mollah.

On May 28, the tribunal framed six charges against the Jamaat assistant secre-

tary general on charges of crimes against humanity during the 1971 Liberation War.

At the beginning of yesterday's proceedings, Farid Uddin Khan, a defence counsel, read out the review petition seeking discharge of Quader Mollah.

The defence counsel also sought time saying that senior counsel Abdur Razzaq will place arguments for the petition but he was busy at Tribunal-1 with three other cases yesterday.

Justice Fazle Kabir said it was unfair to seek adjournment on grounds that the senior counsel was busy with another court. "You should distribute your work [among yourselves]."

The proceedings, however, were adjourned till Sunday.

Contacted, Mohammad Ali, the assigned prosecutor, said he could not attend court due to his illness.

## 2 businesses fined

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Department of Environment (DoE) yesterday fined a steel cutting factory and a commercial building in Narayanganj and in the capital a total of Tk 16.25 lakh for violating environmental law.

The DoE fined the factory Lee Tsai Steel Tk 10 lakh at Sonargoan in Narayanganj for running the factory without the DoE clearance certificate since 2006, said a press release.

The factory was posing health hazard to the people of nearby areas and creating sound pollution.

DoE also fined Keyari Plaza, a commercial building, at Dhanmondi in the capital Tk 6.25 lakh as its owner did not plant trees in the surrounding areas.

## Obituary

METRO DESK



Prof. Mohammad Muqaddesar Rahman passed away at his residence due to old age complications yesterday.

He was 75. He served as professor of History department at Chittagong University and Dhaka University.

He will be buried at Mirpur section-11 graveyard after his namaz-e-janaza at Dhaka University central mosque after Jumma prayers today.

## DELAYED TAX RETURN ETV chairman, MD indicted

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday framed charges against the chairman and managing director of Ekushey Television (ETV) in a case filed against them for not submitting their tax returns within the stipulated time.

Judge Mohammad Jahurul Haque of the Senior Special Judge's Court of Dhaka read out the charges against Chairman Abdus Salam and Managing Director Ashraf Alam. The duo pleaded not guilty.

The court fixed July 12 for starting trial and asked complainant of the case to appear before it on that day. Abu Sayeed Sohel, deputy tax commissioner of National Board of Revenue (NBR), on March 20 this year filed the case against the accused.

According to the case statement, the duo did not submit their income tax returns for the fiscal years from 2008 to 2011 within the stipulated time.

The complainant also said the NBR served them notices on January 29, 31 and February 15 this year. But they did not appear before it to explain why they had failed to submit their returns in time.

Moreover, the duo did not seek more time to submit their income tax returns, the complainant alleged.

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**Change of the venue for 39<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**

This is for information for all shareholders and other concerned authorities (SEC, DSE & CSE) that due to unavoidable reasons the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Company will now be held at Officers' Club, 26 Baily Road, Dhaka instead of Bangabandhu International Convention Center as earlier announced.

The date, time, agenda and other requirements will remain unchanged.

We regret any inconveniences caused.

By Order of the Board  
**Sheema Abed Rahman**  
Company Secretary

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**WEATHER TODAY**

**Thundershowers likely**

UNB, Dhaka

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty or squally wind is likely at a few places over Dhaka, Barisal, Chittagong and Sylhet divisions and at one or two places over Rajshahi, Rangpur and Khulna divisions with moderate heavy falls at places in next 24 hours till 6:00pm today.

South west monsoon has advanced up to Chittagong, Barisal, Dhaka and Sylhet divisions and it may set on rest of the country during next 48 hours. Mild heat wave is sweeping over Khulna division, Met Office said.

Day and night temperature may remain nearly unchanged over the country.

The highest maximum temperature is likely to be 37-38 degree Celsius and lowest minimum temperature may be 22-23 degree Celsius.

**The sun sets in the capital today at 6:45pm and rises tomorrow at 5:10am.**

Country's highest temperature 38.3 degree Celsius was recorded yesterday at Chuadanga and lowest 23.4 degrees at Sitakunda.

Highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

| City/Town  | Temperature in Celsius | Humidity in percentage |
|------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Dhaka      | 35.5 26.4              | 77 69                  |
| Chittagong | 33.2 24.0              | 78 76                  |
| Rajshahi   | 35.8 26.0              | 88 70                  |
| Rangpur    | 31.8 25.6              | 92 77                  |
| Khulna     | 36.0 29.5              | 85 81                  |
| Barisal    | 35.0 28.0              | 78 81                  |
| Sylhet     | 29.8 24.8              | 96 82                  |

**LEGAL NOTICE**

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH  
HIGH COURT DIVISION  
(STATUARY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)

**MATTER NO. 105 OF 2012**

**IN THE MATTER OF**

Reed Consulting (Bangladesh) Limited  
.....Petitioner

—VERSUS—

Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and Firms,  
Dhaka and another  
.....Respondents

Notice is hereby given to all concerned that an application under section 151(4) of the Companies Act, 1994 for condoning the delay in filing return of allotment was filed on behalf of the petitioner before the Hon'ble High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh. Upon preliminary hearing, Mr. Justice A.F.M. Abdur Rahman of the said Hon'ble Court vide order dated 03.06.2012 was please to admit the application

A copy of the application may be collected from the undersigned upon payment of necessary costs.

Yours faithfully

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