

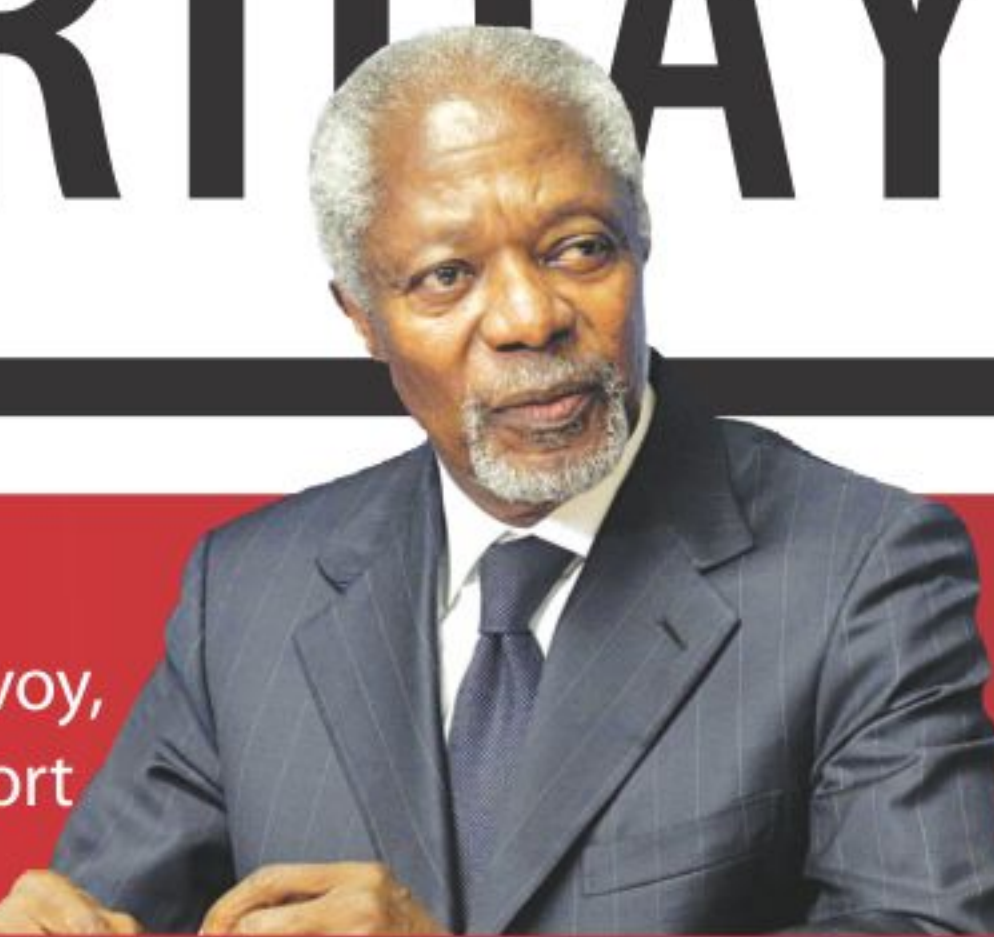


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Grameen fettered

Changes to ordinance give govt-appointed chairman almost absolute power to pick MD; Yunus' income under scrutiny

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The cabinet yesterday approved a proposal for amending an ordinance to give more powers to the Grameen Bank chairman to choose the managing director of the microlender.

The amendment to the Grameen Bank Ordinance 1983 will undermine the autonomy of the bank started by Nobel Peace Prize laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus.



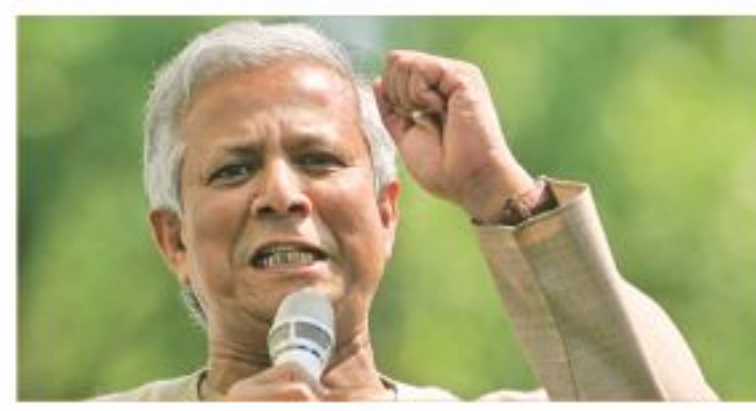
It will give the bank's chairman, always picked by the government, almost absolute powers to appoint the organisation's chief executive sidelining other members of the Grameen Bank board.

In a statement yesterday, Prof Yunus expressed shock over the government move and said, "I am very disheartened to see that the poor is being deprived of the success of the microcredit organisation came mostly because of its unique institutional

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Save the bank

Appeals shocked Nobel hero



STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Shocked. Speechless. This is what Nobel Laureate Professor Muhammad Yunus said after the government empowered the Grameen Bank chairman in choosing a managing director for the microlender.

Here is the statement of the Grameen Bank founder:

"I had always expressed this apprehension. Now my apprehension has started to translate into a reality. I am extremely sorry that we could not be successful in forestalling this process. I am very disheartened to see that the poor is being deprived of the ownership

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Autonomy curbed

4 leading personalities censure govt move

SAJJADUR RAHMAN

Civil society leaders yesterday condemned the government move to curtail the autonomy of the Nobel winning Grameen Bank as an undemocratic decision that they believe would give negative signals to the world.

The cabinet approved of an amendment to the Grameen Bank Ordinance 1983, which would reduce the power of GB board,

giving more authority to the chairman to choose its new managing director.

"It is a move in the wrong direction and is unlikely to help preserve the autonomy and integrity of Grameen Bank," said Prof Wahiduddin Mahmud, a noted economist.

The success of the microcredit organisation came mostly because of its unique institutional

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People walk on foot in the sweltering heat while traffic stands still because of barricades put up by agitating students of Jahangirnagar University on Dhaka-Aricha Highway at Savar yesterday.

PHOTO: STAR

JU shut after violence

Highway blocked protesting police firing on students; 15 vehicles vandalised; UGC worried

SHUDIPTA SHARMA and SM NAJMUS SAKIB

Authorities have shut Jahangirnagar University till August 25 as the campus burst into violence over Wednesday night's police firing on students.

An emergency syndicate meeting

yesterday afternoon announced the closure and asked male students to vacate their dormitories by 6:00pm on the day and female students by 9:00am today.

A committee led by Pro-VC Prof Farhad Hossain was formed to look into

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Fitra fixed at Tk 55

UNB, Dhaka

This year's fitra has been fixed at minimum Tk 55 per head and maximum Tk 1,500.

A meeting of the Islamic Foundation yesterday fixed the

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Niko Car Scam Mosharraf charged with bribery

COURT CORRESPONDENT

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) yesterday pressed charges against former state minister for energy AKM Mosharraf Hossain for taking bribe from Niko Resources Ltd, a Canadian energy producer.

In a bribery case, the ACC also charged Niko's former vice-president Kashem Sharif with helping Mosharraf to cause loss to the government exchequer.

Investigation officer (IO) of the case and ACC Assistant Director Shahidur Rahman submitted the charge sheet to the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's court of Dhaka, naming 15 prosecution witnesses and



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He owes it all to public gas

ACC moves to sue a wealthy-beyond-income ex-Titas staff

KAILASH SARKAR

Former accounts officer of Titas Gas Distribution Company Ltd Sheikh Abdul Halim allegedly owns two multi-storey buildings, several plots in Dhaka and movable property worth a huge amount.

After an enquiry, the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) yesterday decided to file a case against the former Titas official for illegally amassing wealth worth around Tk 67 lakh and concealing information of wealth worth around Tk 25.5 lakh, said ACC sources.

ACC officials had also traced

out other property, worth around Tk 67 lakh, owned by him but not supported by his source of legal income, the sources added.

Abdul Halim retired from Titas in 2004.

ACC Deputy Assistant Director (DAD) Md Wahiduzzaman conducted the enquiry against Abdul Halim after the later had submitted his wealth statement to the anti-graft commission last year.

"When we first asked him about his undisclosed property Abdul Halim denied of having any, but our enquiry proved otherwise," the DAD told The Daily Star.

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BNP rejects PM's offer on interim cabinet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The national standing committee of BNP last night rejected outright the prime minister's offer to join an interim cabinet ahead of the next general election.

The decision came at a meeting of the committee held at the Gulshan office of party Chairperson Khaleda Zia.

Meeting sources said the party remained unmoved from its earlier stance on the caretaker government issue.

Chaired by Khaleda, the meeting also discussed cases against party leaders and the latest political situation in the country.

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We Mourn



AI-HAJ ABDUL HADI

(Inna Lillahe Wa Inna Elaihe Rajعون)

We, the Board of Directors and the Employees of Green Delta Insurance Company Limited extend our heartfelt condolences at the sad demise of the prominent businessman who died at 10.00 PM on 1st August, 2012 at Dhaka Apollo Hospital.

We pray to the Almighty Allah for the salvation of his departed soul and express our cordial sympathy to his bereaved family.

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Operation of bKash as a Mobile Financial Service Provider

উপর্যুক্ত বিষয়ে আপনাদের ০৮/০৭/২০১২ এবং ২৬/০৭/২০১২ তারিখের পত্রের প্রতি দৃষ্টি আকর্ষণ করা যাচ্ছে।

সাম্প্রতিক সময়ে পত্রপত্রিকায় bKash কর্তৃক পরিচালিত Mobile Financial Services এর বিষয়ে প্রকাশিত বিভিন্ন প্রতিবেদনের কারণে জনমনে সৃষ্ট বিভ্রান্তি নিরসনে আপনারা এই মর্মে গণমাধ্যমে বিবৃতির মাধ্যমে স্পষ্ট করতে পারেন যে, bKash এর যাবতীয় কার্যক্রম বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংক কর্তৃক জারিকৃত Guidelines on Mobile Financial Services for the Banks অনুসারে বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংকের যথাযথ অনুমোদনক্রমে পরিচালিত হচ্ছে এবং bKash ব্র্যাক ব্যাংক লিমিটেডের সাবসিডিয়ারী হিসেবে ব্র্যাক ব্যাংকের পক্ষেই সকল গ্রাহকের মোবাইল একাউন্টের যাবতীয় কার্যক্রম পরিচালনা করছে; মোবাইল একাউন্টগুলোর সমুদয় স্থিতি এবং এই একাউন্টগুলোয় bKash কর্তৃক দেয়া আর্থিক সেবার দায়দায়িত্বও ব্র্যাক ব্যাংক বহন করছে। তাছাড়া, ব্র্যাক ব্যাংক bKash এর প্রতিটি হিসেবের যাবতীয় রেকর্ড সমান্দ্রালাভাবে সংরক্ষণ করে।

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