

Bapex finds

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This well will be able to produce 35 mmcfd soon after Bapex expands its existing gas processing facility, Mortuza added.

The new finding would increase the field's output further. The Salda field has already produced 65 billion cubic feet gas so far.

Considering the country's gas shortage of around 500 mmcfd, these small findings are important.

Bapex has already found some new gas reservoirs in the country's already producing fields and it is currently working to increase production in the Titas field, which is the biggest national gas field.

By the end of this year, Bapex is expected to pump up to 130 mmcfd gas into the national grid as a result of its success.

In the old Kailastila field, Bapex found a good new gas reserve that also has condensate -- a petroleum-like

product. Within a few days, this field is expected to produce 20 to 25 mmcfd gas and 200 barrels of condensate. The field is already producing 80 mmcfd gas.

Drilling of a new development well in Titas field is expected to produce 35 mmcfd from mid-November.

Bapex is likely to produce another 40 mmcfd gas from the newly found reserve in the Srikail gas field by November.

In the old Fenchuganj field, Bapex is drilling two work-over wells. When the drilling will be completed shortly, Bapex hopes gas production from this field would increase by 20 mmcfd. The field is now producing 38 mmcfd.

Moreover, Bapex is currently drilling an exploratory well in its new prospect "Sunetro", located in Sunamganj-Netrokonaregion.

On the basis of its survey of the geological structure there, Bapex hopes to hit a major gas reserve there.

Yunus blamed to shift focus

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the real issue.

The World Bank cancelled its loan for the Padma bridge project, saying it had proof of a corruption conspiracy involving Bangladeshi officials, executives of a Canadian firm and individuals, the centre added.

"The real issue is being published in newspapers every day. The World Bank has brought up corruption charges. They are saying that they have credible evidence in their hands. Bangladesh will have to conduct the probe.

"It will not be easy to turn people's attention away by creating unfounded stories," the centre said in a 29-page statement based on frequently asked questions in the media and other platforms.

The centre voluntarily

responded to various questions and criticisms about Grameen Bank, 54 associated companies and Prof Yunus, which are being aired at various platforms and media at present.

Many anti-Yunus figures in the country, including those from the ruling party, raised questions about the role of the microcredit pioneer when the Washington-based lender cancelled its \$1.2 billion funding for the Padma bridge project in June this year.

The critics blamed Yunus for the WB loan cancellation as he has close relations with influential figures, including US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

Yunus Centre said even if he had good connections with powerful and influential figures, international decisions did not depend on

those good relations.

"A \$3-billion project will not come to a halt because of his unreasonable demand, no matter how big figure Prof Yunus is or what good relations he has with influential figures. Such stories have been spread to turn away people's attention from the real issue."

It said many were coming up with harsh criticism on the basis of imaginary information, which could be happening because of lack of information. As a result, people are being misled.

The step to turn Grameen Bank into a government institution had been taken during the rule of the present government. In the past, no other governments, including the Awami League-led government in 1996-2001, made such claims, it added.

The centre said the bank had been functioning as a private bank since 1990. Past perceptions have been overturned through a recent higher court order and it is now said that Grameen Bank is a statutory organisation.

Grameen Bank has been out of control of the government since 1990 through a change to the Grameen Bank Ordinance. But the finance ministry, Bangladesh Bank, external auditors or any other party raised no question.

At present, members-borrowers own 97 percent of Grameen Bank, while the rest 3 percent is owned by the government.

Although Grameen Bank has been paying dividend since 2006, Prof Yunus or his colleagues did not take any dividend from the bank as they own no share in the bank. They only get salaries from the bank, it added.

Questions have been raised whether Prof Yunus violated laws by holding on to the post of managing director and by accepting salaries and other benefits beyond the retirement age of 60.

The centre said through a change to the ordinance in 1990 the power to appoint the managing director of Grameen Bank was vested with the board of directors, subject to the central bank approval.

When the central bank approved the reappointment of Dr Yunus in 1990 it did not mention in the approval letter the retirement age of Prof Yunus as managing director. But in 1999, the board decided that he would continue to hold the post until the board decided otherwise.

In 2002 when the central bank assessed the reinspection report it also considered the issue of objection to the appointment of managing director as a settled issue, said the centre. At the time the age of Prof Yunus was 61 years six months.

"Is it his fault for holding the post for 11 years since then? Is it the fault of those who appointed him? Or is it fault of the central bank for its consent that gave acceptability to the appointment? It has to be settled," the centre asked.

It also said Prof Yunus did

not own a single share in the 54 companies he had set up. He also does not own share into Grameenphone, which is owned by Telenor, Grameen Telecom, a not-for-profit and thousands of share-holders.

It said Prof Yunus earned a lot foreign currency every year through his speeches at various conferences and organisations and gets royalty from sales of his books translated in various languages and for other awards.

Any Bangladeshi citizen enjoys income-tax free facility if he brings his income earned abroad through proper banking channel and includes them on the income tax return every year. Thus, legally his income from overseas sources is tax-free.

It said since he turned 60 in June 29, 2000, Prof Yunus took as salaries and other benefits worth Tk 52.94 lakh until May 12, 2011 from Grameen Bank for working as managing director of Grameen Bank. He took home Tk 38.82 lakh after paying the house rent and 7.5 percent of the basic salaries as maintenance fee.

New HC verdict sparks debate

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Article 78 of the constitution deals with the privileges and immunities of parliament and its members. Section (3) of the article says a member of parliament shall not be liable to proceedings in any court in respect of anything said, or any vote given, by him in parliament or in any committee thereof.

The HC itself in a 1999 verdict announced: "The immunity under article 78 (3) of the constitution is wide, absolute and unqualified and cannot be cur-

tailed in any manner and no court including the Supreme Court can take any legal proceedings against a member of parliament for anything he says in parliament during the course of business of parliament."

When his attention was drawn to the two verdicts, noted jurist Shahdeen Malik said the law settled by the previous verdict has become unsettled because of the differing interpretations of the two verdicts.

"Hence, it may need to be settled by a larger bench of

the High Court or by the Appellate Division," Malik told The Daily Star yesterday.

The HC delivered the latest verdict on a ruling by Speaker Abdul Hamid.

On June 18, the Speaker said HC judge AHM Shamsuddin Choudhury Manik had violated the constitution by making "derogatory remarks" about the Jatiya Sangsad and the Speaker.

During a court hearing on June 5, Justice Manik observed that the Speaker had committed an offence tantamount to sedition by

commenting in parliament on an HC order. He also said the Speaker was completely ignorant of the apex court and the constitution.

Hamid on May 29 told the House that courts were neutral and independent. However, it looked odd when they took quick decisions to resolve their own problems while people waited for years to get justice.

The Speaker had also said at the time that if people were aggrieved at court verdicts, the day would come when they would stand against the courts. "Likewise, if the government becomes autocratic, people will resist it and there are numerous instances of it."

He made the remarks following Awami League lawmaker Shahriar Alam's statement on the HC order that the Supreme Court be handed over its land that was under the control of the Roads and Highways Department.

The HC on July 24 disposed of a writ petition that challenged the legality of the Speaker's ruling, and said it would make some observations on the issue later.

According to the HC's observations released on Monday, the Supreme Court is vested with the power and duty to oversee that no public functionary oversteps the limit set by the constitution.

"The limit of privileges depends upon interpretation of article 78, which is in the exclusive domain of the Supreme Court. Parliament cannot claim to be the final arbiter of its privileges," it said.

In a verdict in 1999, the HC gave a differing verdict. A contempt petition was filed against the then home minister Mohammad Nasim for his statements in parliament accusing "the higher courts" of patronising terrorists by granting them bail indiscriminately.

While disposing of the petition, the HC said: "The statements as appearing in the newspapers ... prima facie show that they are objectionable and contemptuous, but in the instant case that cannot be a ground for prosecution of a member of parliament under law of Contempt of Court for the reasons discussed above."



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3rd Corrigendum

(RAJUK/PD/UAP-IFT No.: 05/2011-2012; Date: 17/05/2012 of Uttara Apartment Project, RAJUK)

Following modifications have been made in the Tender Document of IFT No.- 05/2011-2012; Date: 17/05/2012 and subsequent Corrigendum Notices published earlier in 1) The Daily New Age, 2) The Daily Star, 3) The Daily Iffefaq, 4) The Daily Kaler Kantha, 5) The Daily Janakantha, 6) RAJUK website and 7) CPTU website in connection with Designing & Construction of 72 nos. 16-storied building (**Type-C, Net 850sqft.**) in/c one basement having 16-storied foundation with one basement floor in/c parking facilities at basement and ground floors, internal sanitary and plumbing, water supply, fire fighting, gas connection, internal electrification works, supply and installation of lift, sub-station & standby generator, construction of boundary wall, main gate, sewerage system, internal roads, and other ancillary works on turn-key basis of Uttara Apartment Project, RAJUK.

Sl. No.	Reference	Printed in the tender documents/IFT/Corrigendum Notices	To be modified as
01.	Tender last selling date (IFT Sl. No. -17 & 1st Corrigendum TDS Sl. No. ITT 42.1; Pg. No. 32 of Technical Proposal)	02-07-2012, during office hours. 16-07-2012, during office hours.	18-09-2012, during office hours.
02.	Tender closing date & time (IFT Sl. No.-18, 1st & 2nd Corrigendum TDS Sl. No. ITT 42.1; Pg. No. 32 of Technical Proposal)	18-07-2012 at 1.00pm 31/07/2012 at 1.00pm 30/08/2012 at 1.00pm	20/09/2012 at 1:00pm
03.	Date & time of opening tender (IFT Sl. No.-21, 1st & 2nd Corrigendum TDS Sl. No. ITT 48.1; Pg. No. 32 of Technical Proposal)	31/07/2012 at 2.00pm 30/08/2012 at 2.00pm	20/09/2012 at 2:00pm

All other terms and conditions in the IFT, Corrigendum Notices, Minutes of Pre-Bid Meeting & Tender Documents will remain unchanged.

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Appointment Notice

Applications are hereby invited from the citizens of Bangladesh for filling up the following post on contractual basis under Eastern Refinery Limited, a subsidiary of Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation.

Name of the post	Number of the post	Duration of contract	Compensation package/salary & allowance per month	Qualification & experience	Age
Deputy General Manager (Finance & Accounts)	01	Initially for a period of 02 (two) years. But renewable subject to satisfactory performance	Consolidated salary (negotiable) will be paid to suitable candidate, which is inclusive of house rent, medical allowances and transportation. The candidate must mention the expected consolidated salary (per month) in their application. Income Tax will have to pay by the employee, leave (sick & casual) as per company's rule. Two annual bonus in a year will be provided at the rate of 40% of the consolidated salary. No other benefits will be provided	Candidate should be qualified Chartered Accountant (FCA) with practical experience after having Chartered Accountancy/Certificate in Senior position of large govt/semi-govt/ autonomous/industrial/commercial/multinational organization	50 years (maximum)

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1. District Education Expert- 1 position

For details of the Terms of Reference and instructions to apply, please visit our website: <http://www.undp.org.bd/jobs>. Hard copy of the TOR can be collected from UNDP-CHTDF Offices of Dhaka, Rangamati, Khagrachari and Bandarban. Applications should be submitted no later **September 15, 2012**

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Job Requirements: He will be overall in charge of operations of the group reporting directly to the Chairman. He has to manage the production, quality, HR and supply chain of the group.

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He should be an effective leader, with the skills to build a highly motivated productive team and have good communication skill and system knowledge. He should assist in the development of strategic plans and identify opportunities to improve the profitability of the group.

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Qualifications: Preferably MBA

Experience: Minimum experience of 5 years with successful background of similar responsibility or 10 years as National Sales manager in similar company is a pre-requisite.

Remuneration shall commensurate with knowledge, skill & abilities and as per industry standards. Interested candidates are requested to apply with a resume and recent passport size photograph within 10 days to the following address:



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