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## SONALI BANK SCAM

# Swindle unearthed at another branch

Tk 159cr loan given illegally

REJAUL KARIM BYRON and MD FAZLUR RAHMAN

Like its scam-hit Ruposhi Bangla Hotel branch, Sonali Bank's Gulshan branch has helped a number of companies to swindle Tk 159 crore out of it.

The branch approved and disbursed the money in loans and advances in the last two and a half years through underhand ways, according to an audit report.

The amount was siphoned off the branch in the name of local and foreign bills purchase and acceptance, reveals the audit done

by chartered account firm Saha Mazumder & Company.

A section of officials in the branch and, probably a section of the top management in the head office, have given their clients these unauthorised loans and credit facilities, it added.

The Gulshan branch in the capital gave loans to 51 clients and the audit found irregularities in case of 35 clients. The audit was carried out between January 1 last year and May 31 this year.

In one instance, the branch gave Tk 106 crore in credit to Limra

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These illegal establishments -- offices of organisations associated with the ruling party and shops -- near Mohakhali level crossing have recently been rebuilt although the DCC (north) had demolished them upon directives from the LGRD state minister on July 2. The photo was taken yesterday.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

## PADMA LOAN GRAFT

Mashiur won't quit taking responsibility

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime minister's adviser Mashiur Rahman yesterday said he would not resign taking responsibility for the alleged corruption in the Padma bridge project.

He, however, said he would go if the World Bank agreed to give the \$1.2 billion loan, which the bank has cancelled in June.

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# Agrani's dicey deal with Beximco

INAM AHMED and SAJJADUR RAHMAN

2010. The year of share market boom (and later bust too). Companies were witnessing astronomical gains in their share prices. A perfect time for smart people to make hay.

Beximco Group did not sit idle either. It approached the state-owned Agrani Bank and offered shares of its various concerns for loans.

In a bizarre way, Agrani gave the company Tk 244 crore in loans against the high priced shares without due diligence.

The central bank had, and still has, certain rules about loans against shares: a bank can take shares as collateral against a loan only under a calculation formula. But Agrani ignored the rule.

According to the formula, the bank will have to average the market price of shares for the last six months, and then take into account 50 percent of the average.

That is not all. The bank has also to look at the share's face value (the price at which the share was floated) and take half

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## JOURNO MURDER

2 Jessore policemen transferred

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Jessore

An assistant sub-inspector and a constable of police were transferred from their postings at Sharsha Police Station in Jessore for their alleged involvement in the murder of journalist Jamal.

Jamal Uddin, 35, Kashipur correspondent of Jessore-based Bangla daily Gramer Kagoj, was brutally killed by some

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## BIMAN'S HAJJ FLIGHT MANAGEMENT

# No operations on 5 routes from Sept 17

Drastic cut in flights on other routes

SHARIFUL ISLAM

The Biman Bangladesh Airlines has decided to suspend its operation in five international routes and slash flights to almost all other routes as a preparation for carrying hajj pilgrims.

The Hong Kong, Delhi, Karachi, Manchester and Milan routes will remain temporarily shut down, from September

17 to November 30.

Biman has been making little profit on the Dhaka-Hong Kong route and incurring an annual loss of Tk 3 crore on Dhaka-Delhi and Dhaka-Karachi routes, said Biman officials. They, however, could not give information about the Manchester and Milan routes.

Weekly flights to London, Bangkok,

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The Katafarhi bailey bridge at Pekua upazila of Cox's Bazar collapsed with a stone-laden truck yesterday morning halting traffic in both sides of the Boroitoli-Mognama road.

PHOTO: STAR

## CARETAKER ISSUE

# BNP goes for month-long campaign

UNB, Dhaka

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia will address rallies and exchange views with professional groups and party supporters from today to October 9 to drum up public support in favour of caretaker government.

Party's Office Secretary Ruhul Kabir Rizvi announced the month-long programme at a press conference at the party's Naya Paltan central office yesterday.

As part of the

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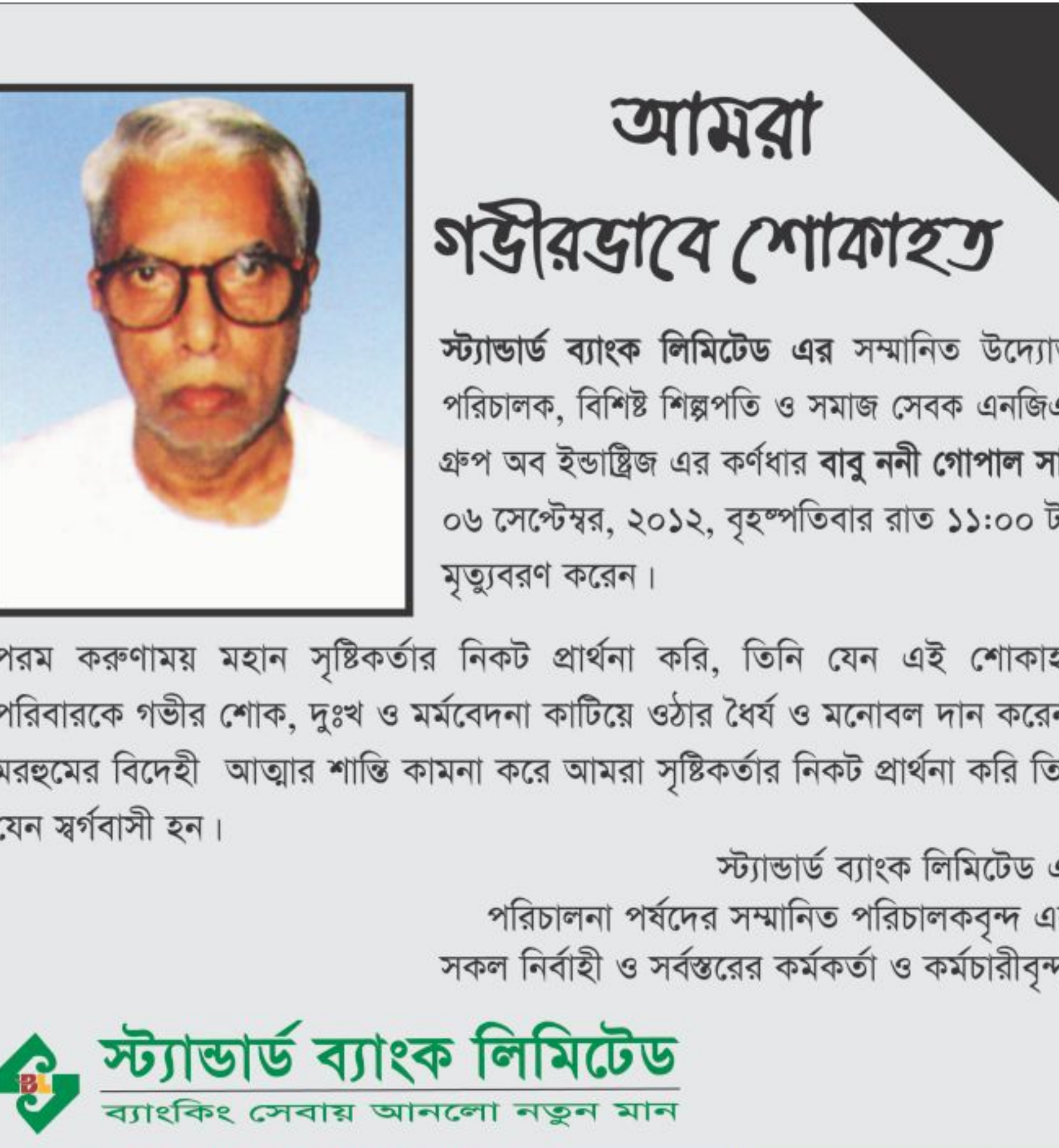
বেসিক ব্যাংকের চেয়ারম্যান হিসেবে  
জনাব শেখ আব্দুল হাই বাচ্চু-কে পুনঃনিয়োগ

জনাব শেখ আব্দুল হাই বাচ্চু বেসিক ব্যাংকের পরিচালনা পর্ষদের চেয়ারম্যান হিসেবে সফলতার সাথে ৩ বছর দায়িত্ব পালন করার পর মাননীয় প্রধানমন্ত্রী শেখ হাসিনা, মাননীয় অর্থমন্ত্রী জনাব আবুল মাল আব্দুল মুহিত, বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংকের গভর্নর ড. আতিউর রহমান এবং সংশ্লিষ্ট মন্ত্রণালয়ের সদয় বিবেচনায় ২ বছরের জন্য পুনঃনিয়োগ প্রাপ্ত হয়েছেন। এই নিয়োগ প্রাপ্তিতে আমরা আনন্দিত এবং গর্বিত চিত্তে ধন্যবাদ জ্ঞাপন করছি।

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পরম করুণাময় মহান সৃষ্টিকর্তার নিকট প্রার্থনা করি, তিনি যেন এই শোকাহত পরিবারকে গভীর শোক, দুঃখ ও মর্মবেদনা কাটিয়ে ওঠার ধৈর্য ও মনোবল দান করেন। মরহমের বিদেহী আত্মার শান্তি কামনা করে আমরা সৃষ্টিকর্তার নিকট প্রার্থনা করি তিনি যেন স্বর্গবাসী হন।

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## BUET CRISIS

# Students to end strike if govt fulfils pledges

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Agitating Buét students yesterday announced that they will go back to classes only after the government meets all its assurances including removal of the pro-vice chancellor and withdrawal of a case filed against them.

A representative of the students disclosed their decision at a press conference around 4:00pm in front of the Council Building of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buét).

"We are ready to return to classes if the government meets all its assurances -- removal of the pro-VC Prof Habibur Rahman, withdrawal of the case and reshuffle in university and hall administrations," said Sudipta Shaha, a final-year student of mechanical engineering.

It is a unanimous decision of the students, he told newsmen reading out a written statement.

Although the students decided to go back to classes keeping Prof Nazrul Islam as the vice-chancellor, they hoped that Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid, as

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