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Messy affair

Mashiur appears dodgy about his leave; tells of WB spy network; seeks comfort from media

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Mashiur Rahman, the embattled economic affairs adviser to the prime minister, yesterday brought allegations of spying against the World Bank apparently in retaliation for the global lender's corruption charges against him and the government.

He claimed the WB charges were based on information provided by its

"spies", adding, "if names of the spies are disclosed, the country's reputation will be restored."

"The spy network of the World Bank is unfair," Rahman told reporters at his Minto Road residence in the capital. He also repeatedly refuted speculations that he had gone on leave.

He appealed to the media to be

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Disengaged, not leave

Govt sends alternative proposal to WB

REJAUL KARIM BYRON

Amid confusion over Mashiur Rahman's proceeding on leave, the government has sent an envoy to Washington with an alternative

proposal for the revival of the Padma bridge loan deal.

Under the alternative proposal, Mashiur will remain disengaged from government responsibilities

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The drama never ends

STAR REPORT

With this government, drama never ends. And it unfolds layer after layer.

The Padma bridge is just a case in point.

It is still not clear whether the prime minister's economic affairs adviser, Mashiur Rahman, has gone on leave or not. Influential party insiders say he has. But then Mashiur himself has told the BBC that he has not.

And what he said yesterday is even more unclear. So the drama about whether the World Bank will or will not give loan for the bridge goes on.

The very disclosure that Mashiur's exit is one of the conditions for the loan is another drama. All along the media knew the

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Moody's sees stable outlook for Bangladesh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Global rating agency Moody's yesterday reassessed Bangladesh's rating unchanged at Ba3, for the third consecutive year.

The rating shows optimism about the country's macroeconomic stability and growth prospects, said Bangladesh Bank

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Trinamool pulls out of UPA govt

Mamata rejects latest economic reforms

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

Mamata Banerjee-led Trinamool Congress, a key ally of India's ruling UPA coalition, last night decided to withdraw its support from the government in protest at the recent big-ticket economic reforms and diesel price hike.

"Our six ministers will go to Delhi to resign. We will not stay in UPA II," Mamata told reporters in Kolkata after an over three-hour make-or-break meeting of the party's parliamentarians and other senior leaders.

The six representatives, who are members of India's

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CARETAKER GOVT SYSTEM

Full judgment vs short order

2 judges dissent from suggestions for polls time govt with MPs, small cabinet

SHAKHAWAT LITON

Former chief justice ABM Khairul Haque's suggestions for a caretaker government comprising lawmakers and a small polls-time cabinet do not conform to the short order delivered in May last year.

Appellate Division Judge Abdul Wahhab Mia said this in his part in the full verdict declaring illegal the caretaker government system.

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SC verdict 'distorted' in full text

Alleges BNP

RAKIB HASNET SUMAN

The main opposition BNP believes the Supreme Court verdict on the constitution's 13th amendment has been "distorted" in its full text and the observations about an interim government comprising lawmakers were included only to implement the "prime minister's plan" for holding the

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WORLD T20 BEGINS

Zim caught in Mendis web

AFP, Hambantota

Spinner Ajantha Mendis took a record six wickets for just eight runs as hosts Sri Lanka humbled Zimbabwe in the opening match of the World Twenty20 on Tuesday.

Mendis, 27, marked his international return after an eight-month injury lay-off with the devastating haul to wreck Zimbabwe for 100 in 17.3 overs in the Group C match in Hambantota.

Zimbabwe could never cope with Mendis's unreadable deliveries and they

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For Latest Cricket Update Dial 2002



Tired of waiting, a Biman flyer falls asleep resting his head on his luggage at Shahjalal International Airport in Dhaka. A flight schedule disaster led to the national flag carrier delaying eight flights yesterday.

PHOTO: SK ENAMUL HAQ

Hajj flights OK, regular ones not

SHARIFUL ISLAM

Biman Bangladesh Airlines will face a backlog of around 4,000 passengers by September 25 as its regular flight schedule has collapsed due to acute shortage of aircraft.

This will have the national carrier incur a loss of around Tk 20 crore.

About 3,000 travellers, said Biman officials, had already been stranded at Dhaka and Chittagong airports and at different hotels in the cities until yesterday.

Cancellation of a good number of flights since September 10 has shattered the travel plans of the passengers.

However, there will be no disruption in hajj flights as the authorities have already allotted several aircraft to fly the pilgrims to Saudi Arabia.

On Monday, Biman started its hajj flights for this year.

Officials at the Biman's flight control division said no flight was cancelled yesterday, although eight were delayed by two to six hours.

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Our heartiest congratulations to Mr. Md. Monir Hossain, Managing Director of Fariha Spinning Mills Limited, for being awarded CIP (Commercially Important Person) by the Govt. of People's Republic of Bangladesh for his outstanding contribution in the national export trade for the year 2011. Mr. Md. Monir Hossain is a distinguished and enterprising personality of Financial, Textile & Industrial Sector and noted philanthropist of the country. We wish him good health and long life.

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