Muhith shocked banking sector

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undermined by the players they regulate. And if the blame is unfounded, these institutions become even more helpless. A dangerous situation arises then.

This exactly has been happening in case of the Bangladesh Bank. As the central bank, it was supposed to regulate the country's banking system and set monetary policy. Unfortunately, it is not so in practice. The stateowned banks -- there are four so now -- have been deliberately kept out of its

purview. The finance ministry controls these state-owned banks, and as the track record shows, such control by the ministry is not for any noble reasons but with the ulterior motive of making these state-owned banks a conduit for supply of 'unaccountable' money the people with political connection.

On September 20,

Khondaker Muzammel

Huq, government-

appointed chairman of the

bank, formed a five-

member committee to find

out a managing director for

the Nobel Peace prize

Of the five members,

two were picked from the

Grameen Bank board and

"We don't know any-

thing about the three mem-

bers, including the chair-

man of the selection com-

mittee. So, we can't give

any opinion," Tahsina said

She said the nine direc-

tors elected by the bank's

84 lakh members across

the country are the major-

ity of the 13-member

board. But the selection

committee was formed

The Huq-formed selection

committee has Shamsul Bari,

a former United Nations

Prof Baqui Khalily, execu-

Microfinance, Shirin

Sheikh Mainuddin, former

vice president of American

Express Bank and M Shah

official, as its chairman.

without consulting them.

in the statement.

Tahsina was one of them.

winning institution.

Director Tahsina

If we examine the finance minister's previous remarks, it becomes even more clear that whatever he has been saying very casually has had very far reaching implications for the banking sector.

Once he said the swindling of Tk 4,000 crore from Sonali Bank by Hall-Mark and et al is not a big deal. This surprising remark left everybody bewildered. Then he backtracked on his remark following a lambasting in parliament.

Following the Hall-Mark scam the Bangladesh Bank wanted the board of Sonali Bank to be removed. This intention of the central bank was criticised by the finance minister again. He said such a suggestion did not fall under the purview of the Bangladesh Bank. We may recall what had

in unquestioned ways to happened back in 2011 vested quarters or he was a 70 percent share of bank-the case of Hall-Mark. when the Bangladesh not fully aware of the ingactivities; and it carries

Alam Sarwar, a Grameen

board member and also

than three decades ago.

On July 26 last year, the GB

Bank Ltd.

board wrote to the finance Bangladesh Bank in makministry that the boards of the state-owned bank were politicised and were acting unprofessionally was sleeping on the Hallwith the affairs of the

matter seriously, the finance minister made the Bangladesh Bank high officials sit with the board members of the stateowned banks. The board members, who were appointed purely on political grounds (most of them actually are so), severely criticised the Bangladesh Bank for its observations.

This severely undermined the central bank's stature and authority. It actually cowered down.

And now the finance

minister has made the new allegation. It seems that the minister was

ing his statement that the central bank was incapable of detecting fraud and Mark scam.

The Bangladesh Bank Instead of taking the first detected anomalies of Tk 65 crore with Hall-Mark in 2010. It was an anomaly of a small nature which the central bank communicated to the Sonali Bank. Sonali promised to correct the wrongdoing.

The massive amount of fraud in Sonali took place between November and May 2012, which was detected by the Bangladesh Bank.

The finance minister's statement that the central bank does not have capacity to detect fraud is not correct either. It is one of those public institutions which functions better

with a 30 percent banking share and totally under the control of the finance ministry which act as the errant boys. Since the central bank has the capacity, the multilateral agencies insist that the state-owned banks should Bangladesh Bank. also be regulated by it.

But then, if the Bangladesh Bank did not have capacity as the minister has concluded, then whose responsibility was it to increase its capacity? Certainly the finance ministry's.

statement has spawned another misconception. meeting? The Bangladesh Bank does not carry out any audit, which is an essential exercise to detect fraud. Its mandate is to carry out inspections. It carries out special inspections only if

Bank on the advice of its activities of the outits tasks quite well. It is roles of the central banks,

the state-owned banks fraud does take place. Even many banks have collapsed. One could mention here Baring, the oldest bank in the world. But never ever has the Bank of England been accused in such language as Muhith has used for the

So what did the finance minister achieve in criticising the central bank so publicly? Even if his points were valid, would it not have been better for the banking system if he had chosen The finance minister's to vent his anger or frustration in a closed-door

And, lastly, the boards and managements of the central bank and also of the state-owned banks are now highly politicised. In such a situation, one can expect very little improvethan most. It looks after the some allegations arise. ment in governance and in either misguided by some private banks, which have This is what it had done in doing away with the high degree of fraud and irregu-Despite the vigilant larities which we are now witnessing.

Run-down launches

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our launch a new look to attract passengers. We paint the vessels and repair windowpanes and furniture in cabins," said Firoj Ahmed, master of MV Tipu-6 of Dhaka-Hularhat route.

The launch owners want to keep the vessels fit to avert any accident or halt in trips.

"Apart from a minor fault in its body, our launch is almost fit. So we are welding the fault," said Mohammad Shanto, a staff at MV Saikat-2 of Dhaka-Patuakhali route.

Another vessel MV Parabat-9, which was partially damaged after catching fire around six months ago, has received a new look with a fresh coat of paint.

"I have repaired all the damaged parts of the launch, completed other necessary jobs and painted it. It will be in operation soon just after getting the nod from the Department of Shipping," said Shahidul Islam Bhuiyan, owner of the vessel.

Talking to The Daily Star, both the BIWTA officials and launch owners claimed that all the vessels getting a facelift have fit-

ness certificate. Under the present system, no launch owner will be able to operate any unfit vessel as only the registered and fit ones will be included in the daily schedule of launch operation, said officials of Department of Shipping, the regulatory body of the country's river transport sector.

Bangladesh Inland Waterways (passenger carriers') Association senior vice-president

Badiuzzaman Badal said no unfit vessel can now ply the waterways due to strong monitoring by the officials concerned. LAUNCH OWNERS

ENFORCE STRIKE

Private launch owners yesterday stopped indefinitely their service on three coastal routes from Dhaka demanding an end to extortion.

The service will remain suspended on Dhaka-Patuakhali, Dhaka-Golachipa and Dhaka-Khepupara routes until the extortion stops, said Badiuzzaman Badal last

"We have no alternative but to suspend our operation on these routes, as the incidents of extortion have

people and a few BIWTA officials in Patuakhali for the extortion.

Around one month ago, the launch owners had lodged complaints with the administration and law enforcers about extortion. Following that, there was a halt in the crime, but recently the extortionists have made a comeback, said Badal.

Contacted, BIWTA Chairman Shamsuddoha Khandaker said, "I have heard about the allegation. An investigation into the incident is underway. Stern action will be taken against anybody if found guilty of committing the

The BIWTA has already issued directives to the law enforcers, administration and launch owners to solve the problem in the shortest possible time, he mentioned.

Young blood can hold back ageing FROM PAGE 20 When he examined the old nections, neurons aren't

managing director of Trust cess. Remarkably, the North Korean dictator The post of the managmight have been onto ing director of Grameen something. Experiments Bank has been vacant on mice have shown that it since May last year when is possible to rejuvenate Prof Muhammad Yunus the brains of old animals stepped down from the by injecting them with bank he founded more blood from the young. Saul Villeda of Stanford

University, who led the board formed a selection work, found that blood committee headed by Nobel from young mice reversed laureate Prof Yunus. At the some of the effects of agefollowing meeting of the ing in the older mice, board, the borrower-directors improving learning and endorsed the committee. memory to a level compa-The members of their rable with much younger selection committee were animals. He said that the Akbar Ali Khan, a former caretechnique could one day taker government adviser, help people stave off the Khaled Shams, a former depworst effects of ageing, uty managing director of including conditions such Grameen Bank, Kamrul

as Alzheimer's.

He presented his results Grameen Bank board and at the annual meeting of the Rozina Begum, who was later Society for Neuroscience in replaced by Tahsina. New Orleans on Wednesday. But the chairman, Villeda connected the appointed in January last

The other members are the committee. old and young mouse so that their blood could "We deem the selection tive director of Institute of committee headed by Prof mingle. This is a wellestablished technique Yunus as the suitable selection committee to pick the used by scientists to study managing director," said the immune system called heterochronic parabiosis. Tahsina.

Hasan, a former member of

vear, declined to endorse

bid to slow the ageing promouse after several days, he found several clear signs that the ageing process had slowed down.

> The number of stem cells in the brain, for example, had increased. More important, he found a 20 percent increase in connections between brain cells. "One of the main things that changes with ageing are these connections, there are a lot less of them as we get older," said Villeda. "That is thought to underlie memory impairment if you have less con

communicating, all of a sudden you have [problems] in learning and memory."

In the latest study, which has not yet been published in a peerreviewed journal, Villeda also tested the behaviour of the rejuvenated mice. He took blood plasma the fluid portion of blood that is not cells from twomonth-old mice and injected small amounts, around 5 percent of the total amount of blood in a mouse by volume, into 18-monthold animals eight times over

the course of a month. When he put the ani-

mals into a water maze, a test where they have to remember the location of a hidden platform, he found that the older mice did almost as well as mice of 4-6 months old. Untreated older mice would make many errors and swim down blind alleys in their attempts to find the hidden platform, whereas the mice that had received plasma from young mice located the platform first time, in most cases.

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২০১১ এর পূর্বে এইচএসসি পাস ছাত্র-ছাত্রী এবং ২০১১ এর পূর্বে GCE 'A' লেভেল পাস ছাত্র-ছাত্রী আবেদনের যোগ্য নয়। আবেদন ফরম পুরণের নিয়মাবলীঃ কারিগরি শিক্ষা অধিদগুরের ওয়েবসাইটে (www.techedu.gov.bd) প্রকাশিত ফরম ও প্রবেশপত্র

Legal সাইজ কাগজে প্রিন্ট করে যথাযথভাবে পুরণ করে তিন কপি রঙ্গীন পাসপোর্ট সাইজ ছবি নির্ধারিত স্থানে আঠা দ্বারা সংযুক্ত করে সকল পাবলিক পরীক্ষার নম্বরপত্রের সত্যায়িত ফটোকপি, উপজাতি/মুক্তিযোদ্ধা পোষ্য হলে উপযুক্ত প্রমাণপত্রসহ, "Central Admission", Directorate of Technical Education, Janata Bank Limited, UGC Bhaban Branch, Agargaon, Dhaka. এর অনুকলে ৫০০/- (পাঁচশত) টাকার পে-অর্ডার, নিজ ঠিকানা সম্বলিত ফেরতখামসহ (ডাকটিকিট সংযুক্ত), ডাকযোগে অথবা সরাসরি সভাপতি, ভর্তি কমিটি, কক্ষ নং-৩০১, কারিগরি শিক্ষা অধিদপ্তর, এফ-৪/বি, আগারগাঁও প্রশাসনিক এলাকা, শেরেবাংলা নগর, ঢাকা-ময়মনসিংহ ঠিকানায় পাঠাতে হবে অথবা সরাসরি জমা দিতে হবে। নির্ধারিত তারিখের পর প্রাপ্ত আবেদনপত্র গ্রহণযোগ্য নয়।

১২০৭ অথবা অধ্যক্ষ, সিলেট ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং কলেজ, টিলাগড়, সিলেট অথবা অধ্যক্ষ, ময়মনসিংহ ইঞ্জিনিয়ারিং কলেজ, খাগডহর, মেধাতালিকা প্রণয়নঃ ক) সকল বৈধ আবেদনকারীকে ১০০ নম্বরের ভর্তি পরীক্ষায় (গণিত-৩০, পদার্থবিদ্যা-৩০, রসায়ন-২০ ও ইংরেজিতে-২০) অংশগ্রহণ করতে হবে। খ) ভর্তি পরীক্ষায় প্রাপ্ত নম্বর, এসএসসি/সমমানের পরীক্ষায় প্রাপ্ত নম্বরে জন্য ৪০ নম্বর এবং এইচএসসি/সমমানের পরীক্ষায় প্রাপ্ত নম্বরের জন্য ৬০ নম্বরসহ সর্বমোট ২০০ নম্বরের ভিত্তিতে সরকারি বিধি মোতাবেক মেধা

তালিকা প্রস্তুত করা হবে। উক্ত তালিকা থেকে স্বাস্থ্য পরীক্ষা সাপেক্ষে প্রতিটি কলেজে ৬০ (ষাট) জন করে ছাত্র-ছাত্রী ভর্তি করা হবে।

ক) আবেদনের সময়সীমাঃ ১৮/১০/২০১২ইং থেকে ১৫/১১/২০১২ইং পর্যন্ত (অফিস চলাকালীন খ) বৈধ আবেদনকারীদের তালিকা প্রকাশঃ ২২/১১/২০১২ইং (ওয়েবসাইটে ও নোটিশ বোর্ডে)। গ) প্রবেশপত্র বিতরণঃ ২৬/১১/২০১২ইং (ডাকযোগে প্রেরণ করা হবে)। ঘ) ভর্তি পরীক্ষার তারিখ ও স্থানঃ ০৭/১২/২০১২ইং রোজ শুক্রবার, ঢাকা। ৪) ফলাফল প্রকাশঃ 32/32/2032**र**१। চ) মেধা তালিকা হতে ভর্তির সময়সীমাঃ ১৩/১২/২০১২ইং থেকে ২০/১২/২০১২ইং পর্যন্ত। ছ) অপেক্ষমান তালিকা হতে ভর্তির সময়সীমাঃ ২৩/১২/২০১২ইং থেকে ৩০/১২/২০১২ইং পর্যন্ত। জ) ক্লাশ আরম্ভের তারিখঃ ०१/०१/२०१०ई९। ৬। ভর্তি পরীক্ষার কেন্দ্র ও সময়ঃ প্রবেশপত্রে উল্লেখ করা হবে।

৭। ভর্তি বিষয়ে তথ্যের জন্য কক্ষ নং-৩০১, কারিগরি শিক্ষা অধিদপ্তর, আগারগাঁও প্রশাসনিক এলাকা, শেরেবাংলা নগর, ঢাকা-১২০৭ এই

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