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PADMA BRIDGE CORRUPTION

Abul spared, for now

ACC finally sues 7, says role of ex-communications boss to be examined during case investigation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

After a year-long inquiry into the allegation over Padma bridge project, the Anti-Corruption Commission yesterday sued seven people for conspiring to commit bribery.

The accused include former secretary of the Bridges Division Mosharraf Hossain Bhuiyan, but the anti-graft body did not include in the case former communications minister Syed Abul Hossain and former

state minister for foreign affairs Abul Hasan Chowdhury.

Alleged involvement of the two in the graft would be examined during investigation of the case, ACC officials said.

While Mosharraf Hossain has been accused of "deliberately dissolving" four times the evaluation committee for selecting a supervision consultant, his boss Abul Hossain has been mysteriously exempted from the charge.

"Under the Public Procurement

Act, the secretary is responsible for constituting and dissolving such committees," ACC Deputy Director Abdullah Al Zahid told reporters at the commission office in the capital yesterday.

The Act that Abdullah cites indeed empowers the secretary to do so, but not without consulting the minister concerned, especially in case of a big project like that of the Padma bridge.

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