

India lost \$123b in black money in a decade

IANS, Washington

The Indian economy suffered \$1.6 billion in illicit financial outflows in 2010, capping-off a decade in which it experienced black money losses of \$123 billion, according to a new report.

India is ranked as the decade's 8th largest victim of illicit capital flight behind China, Mexico, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, Russia, the Philippines, and Nigeria, respectively in the report by Global Financial Integrity, a Washington-based research and advocacy organisation.

Titled "Illicit Financial Flows from Developing Countries: 2001-2010," the report found that all developing and emerging economies suffered \$858.8 billion in illicit outflows in 2010, just below the all-time high of \$871.3 billion set in 2008.

GFI director Raymond Baker said India has made progress in the field but insisted more has to be done.

"Much focus has been paid in the media on recovering the Indian black money that has already been lost," he said suggesting policymakers should instead make curtailing the ongoing outflow of money priority number one.



PHOTO: AFP
A Pakistani mother mourns over her daughter, who was killed while on the job as a polio vaccination worker, at a hospital morgue following an attack by gunmen in Karachi yesterday.

Six polio workers shot dead in Pakistan

AFP, Karachi

Gunmen in Pakistan have killed six health workers at the start of a nationwide polio vaccination drive, officials said yesterday, highlighting resistance to a campaign opposed by the Taliban.

Four women were killed in less than an hour in seemingly coordinated attacks in Karachi, a day after a man working on a local government-World Health Organization (WHO) project was also shot dead in the city, police said.

A sixth worker, also a woman, was killed in the northwestern city of Peshawar, which lies close to the tribal areas, a haven for the Taliban and other militants who ordered a ban on polio vaccinations in June.

Pakistan is one of only three countries where polio remains endemic, along with

Afghanistan and Nigeria, but efforts to tackle the highly infectious crippling disease have been hampered over the years by suspicion.

The Taliban banned immunisations in the tribal region of Waziristan, condemning the campaign as a cover for espionage after the jailing of a doctor who helped the CIA find Osama bin Laden using a hepatitis vaccination programme.

Sagheer Ahmed, the health minister for Sindh province, of which Karachi is capital, said he had ordered a halt to the anti-polio drive in the city in the wake of yesterday's shootings.

Launching the polio drive on Monday, Pakistani authorities threatened to punish tribesmen who refuse to allow their children to be inoculated.

Our democracy is not perfect: Indian VP

TNN, New Delhi

Stressing on need for acceleration in electoral reforms, Vice-President Hamid Ansari on Monday questioned the current system of elections in India casting doubt on representativeness of elected candidates.

Lamenting that the present system had led to assemblies and Parliament elected on minority votes with most candidates getting far less than 50% of total electoral votes, the VP said India had failed to make electoral democracy "fully representative".

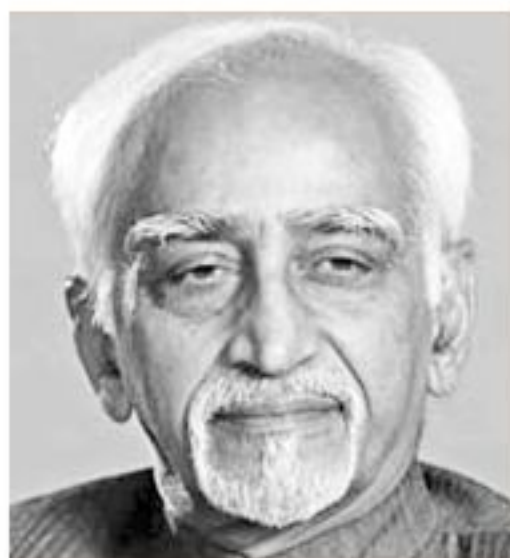
"Six decades later, we have to concede that the glass of democracy remains half full. We have practiced electoral democracy mechanically without making it fully representative. Our electoral procedures and practices have accentuated rather than diminish social cleavages," he said.

India, he said, is yet to succeed in eradicating electoral malpractices. "We have allowed money power in all its manifestations to distort electoral outcomes. Our political process depicts ideological decadence and a declining observance of constitutional morality. Our society exhibits a disturbing disregard for moral order and public conscience...," he said.

He was addressing the fourth B R Ambedkar Memorial Lecture on the theme, 'Some questions on elections, representation and democracy'.

Citing empirical evidence, Ansari said elected representatives today reflect the will of a minority of the total electorate. "How and to what extent would the candidate be considered representative?" he asked.

To stem the rot, he suggested a relook at the Second Ballot system instead of First-Past-the-Post system of elections as being followed.



Hamid Ansari

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Siddique, registrar of the university, said.

Four had been found guilty of beating the cultural activists during an anti-VC movement on April 28.

Sources said a group of activists of the ruling Awami League's student wing attacked some cultural activists, leaving 15 of them critically injured during the anti-VC movement.

Five of the expelled were found guilty of having an altercation with provosts and house tutors of the Mawlana Bhasani Hall over feasting in a dinner party on the night of the Victory Day.

They argued with the teachers to get their meals without purchasing any dining coupons, sources said.

The rest two students were found guilty of leading a factional violence among the BCL activists of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Hall and Mawlana Bhasani Hall on December 2.

All the 11 students had been expelled according to the findings of a three-member probe body formed

by the university authority.

Four students, who were found involved in beating the cultural activists, are SM Mahtab Mehedi of economics department, Md Jahangir Alam of Bangla, Md Saifur Rahman of government and politics, and MG Rabbi of philosophy department.

Mehedi had been expelled for one month and fined Tk 3,000, while Alam, Saifur and Rabbi for two months and fined Tk 2,000 each.

Five students, who had been expelled for three months each in connection with the altercation at Mawlana Bhasani Hall, are Ferdous Ahmed, Shakil and Ullas of government and politics department, Shaon and Shuvo of geography and environment department.

Nurul Haque of physics and Arafat of law and justice department had been expelled for three months and fined Tk 500 each for leading the factional violence.

Cost of being

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However, the central bank will make a final decision in this regard when the proposed bank will get its licence, said a Bangladesh Bank official.

Former central bank deputy governor and the incumbent chairman of Bangladesh Krishi Bank, Khondker Ibrahim Khaled, said nobody could become the chairman of a commercial bank while continuing as a minister.

Khaled added when the Awami League was in power during 1996-2001, Md Abdul Jalil was the chairman of Mercantile Bank Ltd, but he resigned from the chairmanship when he was made commerce minister.

Also, during the last BNP rule, the then housing minister Mirza Abbas resigned from the post of an adviser to Dhaka Bank Ltd after taking charge of the ministry, said the BB official.

Delhi gang-rape rocks India

MPs spar in parliament, demand death penalty; 4 arrested

BBC ONLINE

There has been an uproar in India's parliament yesterday over the gang rape of a 23-year-old student on a city bus in the capital, Delhi.

MPs from all parties have expressed their horror at the incident which has caused outrage in the country.

Police said they have arrested four people, including the bus driver, and are looking for two more people.

The student and her male friend were beaten, stripped and thrown out of the bus on Sunday evening.

They have been admitted to hospital, where the woman remains in a critical condition.

Yesterday, angry MPs in both houses set aside their regular business to discuss the gruesome rape case and demanded strict punishment for those who carried out the attack.

Senior leader of the main opposition Bharatiya Janata Party Sushma



Swaraj called for the death penalty for rapists.

"What is the government doing to curb rape cases in the capital?" she asked. "The rapists should be hanged, we need tougher laws to stop rapes," she said in the Lok Sabha, the lower house of parliament.

"I speak for the house when I ask the government to take the strongest measures to curb such incidents," Speaker Meira Kumar said.

In the Rajya Sabha, the upper house, MPs also demanded strict action against rapists.

Home Minister Sushil Kumar Shinde vowed to make the city safer for its women.

He said a new committee, headed by the home secretary, "will evaluate what needs to change, based on suggestions made in parliament by the MPs".

The minister said he would propose to "have this case tried by a fast-track court so that this case does not linger".

Delhi's rape figures are far higher than other Indian cities of comparable size, correspondents say.

According to official statistics, 572 rapes were reported in Delhi last year. Police say they have registered 635 rape cases this year.

Kabul sets peace roadmap with Taliban

AFP, Kabul

Kabul has laid out an ambitious and contentious five-step plan that could bring hardline Taliban Islamists into government as efforts to broker peace accelerate ahead of the withdrawal of Western troops.

Kabul's "Peace Process Roadmap", obtained by AFP this week, outlines a vision in which by 2015, "Taliban, Hizb-e-Islami and other armed groups will have given up armed opposition".

The first step calls for a focus on "securing the collaboration of Pakistan" in the peace process.

The second step in Kabul's roadmap calls for initial moves towards formal direct negotiations with the Taliban in Saudi Arabia in the first half of next year, with the backing of the US and Pakistan.

Step three of the roadmap, set for the second half of 2013, calls for agreements on a ceasefire and the transformation of the Taliban and other armed groups into political parties which could take part in elections.

The final steps in the plan include securing a peaceful end to the conflict during the first half of 2014 and moves to sustain the "long-term security and stability of Afghanistan and the region".

Nuke deal

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years, according to a draft agreement sent to the government recently.

The total cost of the 1,000 megawatt plant has been estimated between Tk 12,000 crore and Tk 15,000 crore.

Moscow said it would make an advance payment of \$500 million (around Tk 4,000 crore) for the preparatory works of the project.

Bangladesh will suggest fixing the interest rate at three percent and loan repayment period at 28 years, officials in science and technology ministry said.

During its weeklong visit, the Bangladesh dele-

gation will try to settle the crucial issues through negotiations. It will also seek a cut in the interest rate on the unutilised amount of the credit from one percent to 0.15 percent.

The delegation includes State Minister for Science and Technology Yeafesh Osman, member of Socio-Economic Infrastructure Division Masud Ahmed, Economic Relations Division Secretary Abul Kalam Azad, Science and Technology Secretary Rafiqul Islam, Legislative and Parliamentary Affairs Division Secretary Mohammad Shahidul Haque, chair-

man of Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission Abu Sayeed Mohammad Firoz and project director of Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant project Shawkat Akbar.

Earlier the two countries had signed a framework agreement to build the plant for peaceful use of nuclear energy. Moscow also assured Dhaka of providing all kinds of technical support.

The project aims at minimising the gap between demand and supply of electricity through generation of nuclear power within the shortest possible time.

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Invitation for Tender

GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH					
1. Ministry/Division	Power, Energy & Mineral Resources/ Power Division.				
2. Agency	Rural Electrification Board.				
3. Procuring Entity Name	Superintending Engineer (project), REB, Rajshahi Zone, Rajshahi.				
4. Procuring Entity Code					
5. Procuring Entity District	Rajshahi.				
6. Invitation for	Works				
7. Invitation Ref. No. & Date	REB/SE(RAJ)/PW-32/2012/793 Date 11/12/2012				
KEY INFORMATION					
8. Procurement Method	OTM				
FUNDING INFORMATION					
9. Budget and source of Fund	Government of Bangladesh (GOB).				
10. Development Partner	Not Applicable (N/A)				
11. Project/ Program Code (if applicable)	Not Applicable (N/A)				
12. Project/ Program Name (if applicable)	Not Applicable (N/A)				
13. Tender Package No.	01/2012-2013.				
14. Tender Package Name	REB-RAJ-O&M-01				
15. Tender publication Date	Within 20/12/2012				
16. Tender last Selling Date	14/01/2013 Within office hour				
17. Tender Closing date & time	15/01./2013, up to 12 :00 Noon				
18. Tender Opening Date & Time	15/01/2013, at 12:30 PM				
Name & Address of Offices :					
Selling Tender Document (Principal)	Office of the Superintending Engineer (Project), REB, Rajshahi Zone, O&M Complex, Nowdapara, Rajshahi.				
Selling Tender Document (Others)	Office of the Chief Engineer (Project), REB HQ, Building (3 rd floor) Nikunza-2, Khilkhet, Dhaka-1229.				
Receiving Tender Document	Office of the Superintending Engineer (Project), REB, Rajshahi Zone, O&M Complex, Nowdapara, Rajshahi				
Opening Tender Document	Office of the Superintending Engineer (Project), REB, Rajshahi Zone, O&M Complex, Nowdapara, Rajshahi.				
20. Place, Date, Time of Pre-Tender Meeting	Not Applicable				
INFORMATION FOR TENDER					
21. Eligibility of Tenderer	The Tenderer shall submit attested copies of the up-to date renewed trade license & work completion certificate as such type of works of minimum 12,00,000.00(Twelve Lac) Taka for civil works in a single work-order within last 5 Years. During the time of purchasing the tender document, the purchaser will have to show the necessary documents of previously civil works.				
22. Brief description of works	Maintenance and Renovation of Buildings, Internal Road at REB, Rajshahi O&M Complex, Nowdapara, Rajshahi.				
23. Brief description of physical services	N/A				
24. Price of Tender document	Tk. 750.00 (Tk. Seven Hundred Fifty Only) fro each tender document (Non-refundable).				
25.					
Package No.	Sub-package No.	Name of works	Location	Tender security (Tk)	Completion Time
01/2012-2013	REB-RAJ-O&M-01	Maintenance and Renovation of Buildings, Internal Road at REB, Rajshahi O&M Complex, Nowdapara, Rajshahi.	REB, O&M Complex, Nowdapara Rajshahi	31,000/-	180 Days
26. Tender document purchasing price & Tender security amount will be in the form of Bank Draft/ Pay order in favour of REB, from any schedule bank of Bangladesh (except the Bank debarred by REB). Tender security may be in the form of Bank Guarantee (Form PW-2-3) according to tender document.					
27. Name of official inviting tender	: Md. Fazul Haque				
28. Designation of official inviting tender	: Superintending Engineer (Project)				
29. Address of official inviting tender	: Office of the Superintending Engineer (Project), REB, Rajshahi Zone, O&M Complex, Nowdapara, Rajshahi.				
30. Contract details of inviting tender	: Phone :0721-861447, Fax: 0721-861446, e-mail: srebraj@yahoo.com				

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Amendment of Tender Notice (Amendment No. 04)

Subject to be Amended	Existing as (Amendment No. 03)	Shall be Amended as
Last Date Selling of Bid Document	06 January, 2013 at 05.00 PM (Bangladesh Standard Time)	20 January, 2013 at 05.00 PM (Bangladesh Standard Time)
Tender Closing Date & Time	07 January, 2013 at 12.00 PM (Bangladesh Standard Time)	21 January, 2013 at 12.00 PM (Bangladesh Standard Time)
Tender Opening Date & Time	07 January, 2013 at 12:30 PM (Bangladesh Standard Time)	21 January, 2013 at 12:30 PM (Bangladesh Standard Time)

All other terms & conditions of the above tender notice will remain unchanged.

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