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Political parties, cops most corrupt

Ti global survey report says on Bangladesh; corruption rises, public confidence in anti-graft measures erodes in last 2 yrs

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Sixty percent of Bangladeshi respondents believe the level of corruption in the country has increased in the last two years, while only 26 percent have confidence in government measures to fight graft, shows a Transparency International survey.

Global Corruption Barometer 2012, the biggest worldwide survey on people's perception and experience about corruption, says 50 percent of Bangladeshis surveyed in 2010 considered the government measures

effective in curbing corruption. But the percentage declined to 26 after two years.

According to the survey, political parties and police are the most corrupt institutions followed by the judiciary, parliament and government administration in Bangladesh. Globally, political parties and government administration are the most corrupt institutions.

However, from a global perspective, Bangladesh fares better in nine of the 12 sectors in terms of the level of corruption.

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TOP 5 CORRUPT SECTORS

- ✓ Political parties
- ✓ Police
- ✓ Judiciary
- ✓ Parliament
- ✓ Administration

In nine out of 12 sectors, corruption in Bangladesh is lower than at global level

Padma, Hall-Mark, share market scams contributed to people's perception that corruption rose: TIB



Prime minister Sheikh Hasina and Belarus Prime Minister Mikhail Myasnikovich exchange documents after the signing of seven deals for enhancing cooperation between the two countries yesterday at the House of Government in Minsk. PHOTO: PMO

March 23, 2011

Rab shoots and maims Limon; files two cases against Limon

March 27

Limon's leg amputated

April 6

NHRC takes up Limon's case on a suo moto basis and asks home ministry to submit a probe report

April 10

Limon's mother Henoara Begum files a case against six Rab personnel

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LIMON

Limon to be cleared

Govt decides to withdraw cases filed by Rab

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

The two-year long battle Limon Hossain had been waging against the state machinery seems to come to an end, after the government yesterday decided to withdraw the two cases Rab had filed against him.

This comes eight days after Limon was indicted in an arms case, drawing huge outcry from rights bodies over the

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Ramadan begins tomorrow

UNB, Dhaka

The holy Ramadan begins tomorrow as the new moon was not sighted anywhere in Bangladesh yesterday.

The National Moon Sighting Committee took the decision at a meeting yesterday evening after reviewing reports on moon sighting.

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Dhaka, Minsk ink 7 deals

PM holds official talks with Belarus counterpart

BSS, UNB

Bangladesh and Belarus yesterday signed seven deals, including two agreements and four memorandums of understanding, aimed at enhancing cooperation in different sectors.

Ministers and officials concerned of the two countries signed the instruments after official talks between the premiers of two countries at the House of Government in Minsk.

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RMG exports post record earnings

REFAYET ULLAH MIRDHA

Garment exports rose 12.71 percent last fiscal year, crossing the \$20-billion mark for the first time.

However, the earnings at \$21.52 billion narrowly missed the target for the year at \$21.54 billion.

Overall exports grew

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