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Acting upazila chairman leads vandalism at Cox's Bazar stadium

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\$106M TENGRATILA COMPENSATION CLAIM

# Niko fails to dodge it

International tribunal says it has no jurisdiction over the Canadian firm's deals in Bangladesh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

An international tribunal yesterday rejected the Canadian company Niko's challenge over the Bangladesh government's claim regarding payment of \$106 million in compensation for two blowouts at Tengratila Gas Field in Chhatak.

The government filed a damage suit with a Dhaka court in June 2008 against Niko Resources Bangladesh Limited, claiming Tk 746.5 crore (\$106m) in recompense for the destruction of properties and gas reserves in and around the gas field.

The controversial company that



reportedly bribed politicians to secure a joint venture deal with Bapex in 2003 took the matter to the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) in London in 2011.

Before the tribunal, Niko challenged the case and another issue

related to payment for gas sales from the Feni gas field, which the Canadian company operates with Bapex.

The ICSID's ruling yesterday watered down the company's hopes for dodging the compensation for the Chhatak blowouts and the other claim of payment for gas sales from the Feni field.

Tawfique Nawaz, a senior advocate of the Supreme Court, led Bangladesh's legal team. He was assisted by advocate Imtiaz Farooq, and Alison Catherine McDonald and Luis Gonzalez Garcia of Matrix Chamber in London.

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DRIVEN BY HAWA BHABAN -- PAGE 2



The gory scene after the grenade blasts on Bangabandhu Avenue in the capital on August 21, 2004.

PHOTO: FILE

## Cops hardly corrupt

Finds DU study mostly funded by police

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In a drum-beating move, the police department funded a survey by some Dhaka University teachers and students that showed a huge majority of city residents were "satisfied" with the services of Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP).

Made public yesterday, the report draws a sharp contrast with another recent survey by Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB), which had found the police, along with political parties, as the country's most corrupt public service institution.

The study, Public Satisfaction with Current Policing Practice, was conducted by the DU's Criminology and Criminal Justice Programme at the sociology department.

In the survey, 81 percent of an altogether 617 respondents expressed satisfaction with the services provided by the 46 police stations in the DMP area, while 54

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## Trial hamstrung

73 of 491 witnesses testify so far; most of key accused busy appearing before court in other cases

AUGUST 21 CASE

CASE

CHAITANYA CHANDRA HALDER

As the nation observes the ninth anniversary of the August 21 grenade blasts today, it is still uncertain whether the trial for the gruesome attack will be completed during the tenure of a government which leaves office in a few months.

The trial court has recorded the statements of only 12 prosecution witnesses, including some former DGFI officials, since April 23 last year when the trial commenced for the second time.

The court recorded the statements of three witnesses from the first charge sheet and nine from the supplementary charge sheet. In both the

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## TESTIMONY IN TRIAL 'Pintu pledged to help attackers'

COURT CORRESPONDENT

Former deputy minister Abdus Salam Pintu had allegedly promised to provide security and administrative assistance to the assailants of the August 21 carnage, a former Rab official told a Dhaka court yesterday.

Maj (ret'd) Atiqur Rahman, former deputy director (interrogation) of the intelligence wing of Rab, said this in his



Abdus Salam Pintu

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# ANNOUNCING THE COMPLETION OF THE LARGEST TANK TERMINAL IN BANGLADESH

Omera Fuels Limited (OFL), a subsidiary of East Coast Group (ECG) and a sister concern of MJL Bangladesh Ltd. (MJLBL), is proudly announcing the completion of its state of the art tank terminal at Guptakhal, East Patenga, Chittagong. Spread over an area of 6.176 acres of land, having a storage capacity of 70,000 MT, is able to make turnover 4 times of its capacity.

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