

Govt to take legal action

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 exemption. The banking division and Bangladesh Bank will also initiate measures on matters that concern them," cabinet Secretary Musharraf Hossain Bhuiyan told reporters after the meeting at the secretariat.

"If needed, they will take help from the law ministry for any legal explanation or opinion."

The NBR could not come up with any evidence that the Grameen Bank founder as a wage earner had obtained tax exemption facility illegally on his income from foreign sources.

In the report, the tax authority didn't clearly explain how Yunus and eight of his associated organisations had committed the irregularities in taking tax exemption facility.

It, however, raised questions that the Nobel laureate didn't take permission from the government before receiving the money as a "public servant" in honoraria, awards and royalties from foreign sources between 2004 and 2011.

Musharraf said the cabinet division didn't say whether any lawsuit would be filed against the microcredit pioneer or the associated organisations.

"The cabinet only said legal steps would be taken over the irregularities."

Later, Finance Minister AMA Muhith said Prof Yunus had taken advantage of wage earners' benefits on tax-free money.

"It is permissible by law, but he has violated the law as he had never sought any permission from this government."

The minister said companies owned by Yunus, not by Grameen Bank, had obtained tax benefits in the name of Grameen.

Muhith said, "The NBR will ask them to pay income tax because they are not entitled to any tax exemption."

Asked whether the central bank will take any action against Yunus, the

minister said Grameen Bank provided Yunus with many bank guarantees, and Bangladesh Bank has to see whether those guarantees were regular.

But it seems the central bank doesn't have enough ground to take action against Yunus, said the minister.

Meanwhile, the NBR made the report public in the afternoon in line with a cabinet decision.

The NBR looked into Yunus' foreign income as wage earner and the tax exemption he obtained between 2004 and 2011.

Talking to reporters yesterday, NBR Chairman Md Ghulam Hussain said: "The NBR will seek explanations from Grameen Bank about the tax irregularities."

"The NBR will also look into the transfer of funds from Grameen Bank to Grameen Kalyan and take action on the basis of its findings," he said.

Asked whether Prof Yunus was a public servant, the finance minister said, "Yes. He was managing director of a statutory body."

But the Nobel laureate and his Yunus Centre have refuted the claims many times. They maintain that no Grameen Bank employees, including the MD, take salaries or allowances from the government budget.

At yesterday's press briefing, reporters wanted to know why the NBR had not said anything when Yunus took the tax-exemption opportunity.

In support of the NBR, Muhith said: "The NBR assumed that Yunus, being such a respected person, had perhaps taken permission for the claims he made. So, the NBR did not ask him about it."

The minister could not say immediately whether there was any possibility of filing lawsuits against Yunus.

"I do not know. Perhaps the NBR will issue a notice and ask him [Prof Yunus] to show proof that he had taken permission from the government. It is actually the NBR's business."

Muhith said Yunus never took any permission from the government during his tenure as the bank's managing director.

"The government also has its own faults because the government-appointed chairmen and directors did not exercise their supervision."

Muhith said the present government raised the question following the broadcast of a documentary on Norwegian television in 2010.

"We did this because of the demand and the hue and cry made by the media at the time. We came to power in 2009, but we did nothing in 2009 and 2010."

Muhith couldn't say whether the NBR would ask the microcredit pioneer to return the Tk 12.65 crore he took as tax exemption on his foreign income between 2004 and 2011.

The NBR will take steps in line with the law, said the minister.

The report said the banker to the poor also didn't have the government's consent for accepting awards and money.

The cabinet secretary said the NBR had also looked into some non-tax issues during its investigation.

In the report, the NBR mentioned that the transfer of funds from Grameen Bank to Grameen Kalyan and then again to Grameen Bank was not made in line with laws, he said.

The NBR checked income tax documents of 13 associated organisations of Grameen Bank. Of them, eight organisations -- Grameen Fisheries and Animal Husbandry Foundation, Grameen Danone Foods, Grameen Capital Management Ltd, Grameen Communications, Grameen Shakti, Grameen Udyog, Grameen Trust and Grameen Kalyan -- had allegedly taken income tax facilities illegally.

Meanwhile, Yunus Centre said Yunus didn't breach any laws during his stint as Grameen Bank's managing director, and all

of his activities were approved by the bank's board.

"Grameen Bank has been created by a special law. The board of directors holds absolute power under the law. Whatever Prof Yunus did he did with the permission and consent of this powerful board," it said.

"He has not violated any laws," said the centre.

The statement from the secretariat of the microcredit pioneer came several hours after the NBR made the report public.

The Centre said Yunus' earnings from foreign sources include royalties from his books, speeches at conferences, and the awards he received for his contribution to the elimination of poverty across the world.

"He can show this income as tax-free under the existing laws if the income is remitted to the country through formal banking channels."

"Prof Yunus has always remitted his foreign incomes through proper banking channels and has shown his domestic and foreign incomes in his income tax returns every year."

"He paid taxes whenever it was required," said the statement.

It is the responsibility of the tax authority to determine which income is tax-free and which is not, said the Centre.

"The tax authority never raised any questions about his tax record. It also never issued any letter or notice to him."

Prof Yunus was not a public servant after 2000 according to the verdict of the Supreme Court, it said.

"If he was not a public servant after 2000, no approval from the government was necessary to accept foreign incomes and awards."

"And here the law which is applicable to a private citizen will also be applicable to him. If that is the case, the NBR's accusations are baseless," said the statement.

Adilur again denied bail

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 his client for the second time.

Adilur, who is now in Kashimpur jail, was arrested on August 10 in connection with the case.

Earlier, the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's (CMM) Court, Dhaka, rejected his bail plea, and placed him on a five-day remand for quizzing. Later, he was sent to jail following the High Court directive.

On September 4, Detective Branch (DB) of police pressed charges against Adilur and Odhikar director ASM Nasiruddin Elan after com-

pleting the probe into its claim of 61 deaths in a police crackdown on Hefajat-e-Islam's rally in the early hours of May 6.

Adilur and Nasiruddin were charged under the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Act, 2006, and the Penal Code.

In the probe report, Nasiruddin was shown as a fugitive.

The duo might face up to 14 years in jail or Tk 1 crore in fine under the ICT Act, and seven years in jail under the Penal Code.

Adilur was initially detained as a suspect under Section 54 of the Criminal Procedure Code, as the crime he committed was non-cognizable. Therefore, it was not possible to file a case against him directly due to legal complications.

He was arrested shortly after the filing of a general diary, said the DB joint commissioner.

Meanwhile, Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Bikash Kumar Saha transferred the case to the Cyber Crime Tribunal, Dhaka for its trial.

Hajj flight trouble over

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 The 582-seated jumbo jet did not obtain flying permission from Saudi Arabia Aviation Authority until Sunday evening.

In a press release Biman yesterday said, "A DC-10 aircraft will fly with 312 pilgrims at 1:00am [Monday], clearing all the backlog of hajj pilgrims."

Earlier, a Boeing 747 yesterday flew to Jeddah with 578 pilgrims shortly after 10:00am, around two and a half hours behind schedule.

The delay occurred as a huge volume of pilgrims' cargo had piled up at the airport, said Biman's General Manager (Public Relations) Khan Musharraf

Hussain.

A Boeing 777 aircraft with 419 pilgrims yesterday departed for Jeddah at 4:30pm.

The Biman press release said as of 4:30pm yesterday since the hajj flights began on September 7, seven flights had carried 3,201 pilgrims to Jeddah.

JAPAN OLYMPIC WIN Fukushima shadows linger

REUTERS, Tokyo
 Japan savoured its victory yesterday in the race to host the 2020 Olympic Games, anticipating an economic boost to spur its revival from two decades of stagnation and help it recover from the devastating 2011 earthquake and tsunami.

But while Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's bold gamble to throw himself into the Tokyo bid paid off handsomely, his claims to have the problems of the crippled Fukushima nuclear reactor under control ran into fresh resistance.

The Japanese capital's decisive win over rivals Madrid and Istanbul boosts Abe's fortunes after he put his reputation on the line for the bid, and a brisk gain for Tokyo shares suggests a boon

as well for national confidence, a key ingredient in the success so far of Abe's aggressive pro-growth policies.

The Tokyo bid committee estimates the world's third-biggest economy will get a boost of more than 3 trillion yen with the creation of 150,000 jobs. The Nikkei stock index gained 2.5 percent on Monday, while some analysts predict a short-term boost of 10 percent. The examples of the London and Athens suggest a one- to three-month rally after winning the right to host the games.

But Tokyo, which held Asia's first Olympics in 1964, is now preparing for the world's biggest sporting extravaganza as the worst atomic crisis since Chernobyl continues to unfold just 230 km from the

Japanese capital.

The plant's operator, Tokyo Electric Power Co, has recently been forced to reverse denials and admit that hundreds of tonnes of radioactive water are pouring into the Pacific Ocean each day. Radiation levels near tanks that leaked highly radioactive water have spiked, and the operator of the plant has voiced concerns that contamination may reach groundwater.

Abe said in Buenos Aires, where Tokyo's victory was announced by the International Olympic Committee, that the plant is "under control."

"I would like to state clearly that there has not been, is not now and will not be any health problems whatsoever," Abe told a news conference.

IAEA head reaches out to new Iran govt

AFP, Vienna
 The head of the UN atomic agency reached out yesterday to Iran's new government but said Tehran must urgently do more to remove suspicions it wants nuclear weapons.

The International Atomic Energy Agency "remains committed to working constructively with Iran under the country's new government, to resolve outstanding issues by diplomatic means," Yukiya Amano told a meeting of the IAEA's board of governors.

He added however: "Given the nature and extent of credible information available to the agency about possible military dimensions to Iran's nuclear programme, it remains essential and urgent for Iran to engage with us on the substance of these concerns."

He reiterated the IAEA's long-standing statement that since Iran is not providing the necessary cooperation it "cannot conclude" that all its nuclear work is peaceful, according to the text of his remarks.

It is because of this that the UN Security Council has passed six resolutions since 2006 -- four with sanctions attached -- calling for Tehran to suspend key parts of its nuclear work.

Punishment

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 The law will replace the existing system of food quality control that involves as many as 15 ministries and their agencies, said ministry sources.

The draft proposed the formation of a National Pure Food Management Advisory Council, headed by the food minister and comprised of members from different ministries and government private and academic organisations.

Besides, it proposed forming the BFSa comprising a chairman and five members.

Boko Haram, vigilantes clash kill 18

REUTERS, Nigeria
 Clashes between Islamist sect Boko Haram and government-backed civilian vigilantes killed 18 people in Nigeria's northeastern state of Borno, survivors said yesterday, as President Goodluck Jonathan struggles to contain regional violence.

Boko Haram, which wants to impose Islamic law in northern Nigeria, is linked to more than 160 deaths last month and is considered the biggest security threat to Africa's top oil-exporting country.

The dead in Sunday's attack in Benisheik village were five Boko Haram militants and 13 members of a civilian vigilante group, according to the survivors.

Nigeria's government has supported newly-formed vigilante groups as interim security forces as it awaits the arrival of further troops in Borno, one of three states where a state of emergency was declared in May.

The vigilantes and their families have become targets of Boko Haram and scores have been killed in revenge attacks.

"We had received information early in the day on Saturday that the Boko Haram would attack. To this end we were ready for them," said Modu Abuwar, leader of the vigilante group, who was receiving treatment in a hospital in Borno's capital Maiduguri.

"But they outwitted us by climbing trees during the night and started shooting at us early on Sunday, killing 13 of our members and injuring 18," he added.

Abuwar and his colleagues said they killed five members of Boko Haram using their machetes and clubs.

BSF strangles Bangladeshi

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 four and caught Rashid while the others managed to flee, Arman quoted the three as saying.

The BSF men beat up Rashid before throttling him, the BGB official told The Daily Star, adding that the three were able to return home.

Daulatpur police recovered the body from Bangladesh territory, near pillar no-157/1(s), and sent it to Kushtia general hospital for an autopsy.

The BGB protested the murder in a letter to the BSF, but the Indian force was yet to send a reply, Arman said at 3:15pm.

Meanwhile, in a company commander-level

meeting between the two forces on Shingroad border in Panchagarh yesterday, the BSF denied killing Bangladeshi cattle trader Montajul Islam.

The BSF said Indian police had recovered a body from under a bridge on Indian territory on Sunday, reports our district correspondent.

Major AKM Shamim Reza, acting commanding officer of Panchagarh's 18 BGB Battalion, told the meeting that Montajul, of Shingroad Nayeckpara village, had been missing for four days and the body could be his.

The BSF, who thinks the body is that of an Indian,

said they would arrange another flag meeting for the BGB to identify it if it is not claimed by Indians in three days, said the major.

Montajul's wife Nuri Begum told Shingroad BGB camp that BSF members had thrown stones on Montajul, 26, and his fellow traveller when they were returning home, Shamim Reza told this correspondent by phone.

She came to know about this from the fellow traveller who managed to escape with minor injuries, said the BGB official.

She alleged that the BSF men picked him up, dragged him to Indian territory near Shingroad border and beat him to death.

EU for polls with all parties

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 journalists after a meeting between Awami League leaders and the Election Exploratory Mission of the EU.

Hanna said the EU was ready to provide all technical supports like in the past to the Election Commission for conducting the upcoming national election in a transparent manner.

"Dialogue should take place between the parties as it is definitely a way forward," added the envoy.

AL acting general secretary Mahbul Alam Hanif who headed the party's delegation at the meeting said the joint press briefing, "We are still open for a dialogue. They [the opposition] can place their proposal in the next parliamentary session."

"We have told the EU delegation that the next polls will be held in a free and fair manner and we also want election participated by all parties."

AL leaders Kazi Zafrullah,

Dipu Moni, Abdur Razzak, Faruk Khan and Mrinal Kanti Das were present at the meeting, held at the party chief's political office in Dhanmondi.

The five-member EU mission, led by Balthasar Benz of the European External Action Service, arrived here Saturday on a 17-day visit to discuss with authorities and stakeholders concerned and assess the pre-poll situation.

On Sunday, the delegation met the Jatiya Party leaders.

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No plan to use drones

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 However, there is no deployment of UAVs as such and no specific proposals in this regard too," BSF Director General Subhash Joshi said when asked to comment on this.

He said a number of technology solutions are being mulled which may include unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs).

His comments came as some Indian newspapers carried reports saying the BSF would soon deploy the UAVs along the border with Pakistan to maintain heightened vigil and planned to enforce identical aerial vigil in borders with Bangladesh also.

"The plan to deploy UAVs is picking up pace... We are actively pursuing it and

would like to use them not only on the western border but also on the eastern border with Bangladesh," Subhash Joshi was quoted by the Indian media as saying.

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2	Procuring Entity Name	Project Director, Project-1, DPDC, House No. 47, Road No. 135, Gulshan circle-1, Dhaka-1212.		
3	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka		
4	Invitation for	Construction of 11 kV U/G express feeder from Kawran bazar 33/11 kV S/S to 74/B/1, Green Road and installation of 5 limb RMU under NOCS Sher-e-bangla Nagar.		
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6	Date	03/09/2013.		
Key Information:				
7	Procuring Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)		
Funding Information				
8	Budget & source of Funds	Revenue		
Particular Information:				
9	Last Selling Date of Tender, with Bid Submission and Bid Opening Date, Time	Last Selling Date	Bid Submission Deadline & Date	Bid Opening Date & Time
		22/09/2013 5:00 PM	Up to 23/09/2013 12:00 Noon	23/09/2013 2:30 PM
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