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Capital gain tax irks bourses

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The stock exchanges see the proposal to impose 3 percent tax on capital gains from share sales in fiscal 2014-15 as an unfeasible plan due to the lack of necessary infrastructure.

The tax, which comes as part of the government's efforts to meet its ambitious revenue target, will be applicable to any investor whose capital gains exceed Tk 10 lakh and will be deducted at source.

The premier bourse said many individual investors have multiple beneficiary owner accounts with a number of brokerage houses, so it would be tricky to calculate the net capital gains or loss.

"But the most complex part will be in case of linked BO accounts," Swapan Kumar Bala, managing director of the Dhaka Stock Exchange, said while addressing a post-budget press conference at the bourse premises yesterday.

If an investor sells shares through a linked BO account, the

not have the information on the buying cost of the shares, he said.

Besides, the existing trading system does not allow the calculation on adjustment between capital gains or losses, necessary as per is 27.5 percent. income tax rules, according to Bala.

"In case of multiple BO accounts, I wonder how the calculation will be done and who will do this. Given all these perspectives, we think the tax provision cannot be implemented right now."

government for exempting the bourses from paying taxes for the next five years and raising the taxfree dividend income ceiling from Tk 10,000 to Tk 15,000.

"The government's promises on enacting the financial reporting act and setting up clearing corporation are also a welcome move for the capital market -- these will ensure corporate governance among the listed firms, increase investor confidence and attract foreign investment," Bala said.

selling brokerage house cannot rate tax from 37.5 percent to 35 transfer for brokerage house should calculate the profit or loss as it will percent for non-listed firms, he be brought down to 5 percent.

said: "It does not mean the companies will be discouraged from listing, as the corporate tax for listed firms is lower."

The corporate tax for listed firms

But Muhammad Abdul Mazid, chairman of Chittagong Stock Exchange, said tax reduction for non-listed firms will create discrimination, adding that the tax for listed firms should be reduced to 25 percent from 27.5 percent.

"The budget is not fully The DSE however lauded the stockmarket friendly," he said, while urging the government to withdraw tax on capital gains for individual investors as brokerage firms will face problems in retaining the tax. Shareholders who provide the e-

TINs will see a 10 percent tax deduction on their dividend earnings in the upcoming fiscal year, but a good number of investors do not have it, he said. "Otherwise, the National Board of Revenue will impose 15 percent tax."

Mazid also said the 15 percent About the reduction of corpo- tax on capital gains from share

Silkflex holds technical seminar on ZDHC dye

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....... Silkflex Polymers of Malaysia and the company's Bangladesh arm recently organised a technical seminar on screen printing with special focus on zero discharge of hazardous chemicals, Silkfelx said in a statement yesterday.

Silkflex in Malaysia concentrates on creating polymerbased dye with regard to the new and evolving demands from large-scale American and European garment buyers, including H&M, Zara Kids, Li & Fung, Puma, Tema, Texibo, S.oliver, Walmart, Sainsbury, Nike, Esprit, Gap, Reebok and Disney.

Silkflex Bangladesh/KM Enterprise is the only local distributor of the high quality dye, according to the statement.



Faheemul Hug, director of AB Bank, and Shamim Ahmed Chaudhury, managing director, inaugurate the bank's 89th branch in Bashundhara residential area in Dhaka on Wednesday.

New CGA takes charge

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Md Abul Kashem has recently been appointed as the controller general of accounts of Bangladesh, the CGA's office said in a statement yesterday.

Previously, Kashem served Bangladesh Railway as additional director general for finance and also worked as chief accounts officer at the foreign ministry, according to the statement.

He also worked as a director of audits and accounts (RHD), senior finance controller (army and navy), director general of local and revenue audit, controller general of defence finance and director general of the Financial Management Academy. He is a member of the BCS Audit and Accounts Cadre of 1982 batch.



Md Abul Kashem



Sheikh Fazle Noor Taposh, chairman of the executive committee of Modhumoti Bank, plants a tree on the premises of the bank's Gulshan branch to mark the World Environment Day and launch the bank's green banking services in Dhaka on Thursday. Md Mizanur Rahman, managing director, was also present.

Budget revives hopes

The association suggested a number of areas for the government to raise its revenue collection.

Only around 50 people now pay Tk 1 crore or more in taxes. "But our estimate shows there are at least 50,000 people in the country who can pay Tk 1 crore or more in taxes."

'It means we can collect at least Tk 50,000 crore from them as income tax. This additional money should be spent to reduce economic and social inequality."

The government should make mandatory the payment of fees through account payee cheques for professional firms such as consulting, outsourcing, doctor chambers, law and accounting firms. "It will enhance revenue incomes of the government."

The prices of properties should be revalued every three years to generate more revenues from the sector.

The association urged the government to conduct a taxpayer survey and property survey by December this year.

The BEA called upon the government to raise allocation for social safety net schemes by 25 percent, as more than 75 percent of two crore households eligible to allocation, which is not acceptable. for the benefit do not receive so.

The final budget should spell out steps how it can reduce spending and wastage for the sectors such as public administration, as the proposed budget does not say anything about it clearly.

The BEA also proposed the government should completely annul the discretionary power of the revenue officials.

The association said raising public investment would not be able to narrow the stagnant investment gap.

"Firm and realistic steps have to be taken to increase public sector spending."

To do so, the cost of doing business has to be brought down and infrastructure improved, apart from making land, electricity and energy available for new industrial units.

The government should make it mandatory for the tax identification number holders to submit returns.

The BEA said the budget also did not talk in detail about steps to develop human resources and continue reforms in the stockmarket. The association said the target to bring down inflation below 7 percent in the next fiscal year can be achieved.

The association also criticised large allocations for sectors such as administration and defence. "The government's spending for unproductive sectors such as general administration, defence and internal security is unacceptably high."

The association also said healthcare lags behind many other sectors when it comes

The government's plan to borrow Tk 31,000 crore from the banking sector to partly meet the budget deficit would put pressure on liquidity, which will ultimately increase interest rate, the BEA said.



Mobile operator Airtel organised a rally to celebrate the commercial launch of the company's 3G internet services in Barisal recently.



Kh Md Sanaul Haque, chief executive of MJL Bangladesh, attends a divisional lube conference with the distributors of Jamuna Oil Company for Bogra and Rangpur division on Thursday. Alim Uddin Ahmed, managing director of Jamuna Oil, was also present.

Super Star awarded for energy-efficient tech

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Super Star Group was adjudged a winner in the two categories of 12 V DC LED bulb 5w and T5 tube at the Global LEAP Awards Outstanding Off-Grid LED Room Lighting Appliance Competition, the company said in a statement.

The awards ceremony was held during the fifth Clean Energy Ministerial held in Seoul.

The competition seeks to identify and promote the world's highest quality, most energy-efficient, and affordable off-grid LED lighting appliances, according to the statement.

It is an initiative of the Clean Energy Ministerial's Global Lighting and Energy Access Partnership, and is cosponsored by the US Department of Energy and the Climate Works Foundation.

Fuso trucks hit market

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Daimler India, a wholly owned subsidiary of Daimler AG of Germany and Mitsubishi Fuso Truck and Bus Corporation of Japan, launched the new Fuso range of trucks in May last year. The trucks are already present in the markets of

Zimbabwe, Kenya, Sri Lanka, Zambia and Tanzania, with more markets to follow.

Daimler India has set up a production plant spread across 400 acres in Oragadam near Chennai at an investment of over Rs 4,400 crore (around €700 million).

Anirban Dutta, senior manager for exports of Daimler India, was also present.

Chamber leaders welcome budget

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Sony back

sales after

eight years

Sony have topped world-

wide sales of video game

consoles for the first

time in eight years, a

newspaper reported

Playstation manufac-

Sony Computer

Entertainment (SCE)

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sold 18.7 million

PlayStation 4 (PS4)

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the Nikkei business

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AFP, Tokyo

The exporters' association also urged the government to set up five product-based export processing zones, introduce a uniform dollar exchange rate, and build the deep-sea port.

In a separate statement, Bangladesh Textile Mills Association urged the government to withdraw 0.30 percent minimum tax as such a tax on the primary textile sector is measured on annual assessment.

BTMA also urged the government to withdraw the 3 percent tax at source on opening local LCs for purchasing raw materials. "We are demanding withdrawal of all kinds of taxes on the earnings from cash incentives on exports."

Dispel confusion over black money: TIB proves that the government considers the

Confusion started as the budget speech by the finance minister did not touch on the issue, he said. The watchdog called upon the govern-

ment to scrap the relevant section of the Income Tax Ordinance and the provision of whitening money. "If the provision is retained in any form, it will be very unfortunate and conflicting

with the much-avowed stance of the finance minister and the prime minister against corruption," said Iftekharuzzaman. This should be done, he argued, to gain people's confidence because "the state's

honesty and morality are being trampled". The absence of any plan in the proposed budget to implement the National Integrity

policy framework is gradually being grabbed

by the forces indulgent of corruption while

Strategy also surprised the TIB chief. "The budget speech termed achievements of the Anti-Corruption Commission as the success of the government, which

ACC a government institution," Iftekharuzzaman said.

"This attitude is not helpful for checking corruption." "It is unfortunate that the government

has created impediments in the ACC activities by dithered over transferring the money, which had been smuggled but returned from abroad later, to the ACC," he said.

The TIB also questioned the increase in defence budget, saying it lacks justification. "The finance minister in the budget book-

let admitted that there was no national defence policy. Even then, the defence budget was increased ... People have the right to know why there has been such an increase in the defence budget when the health sector's share has fallen, "TIB said.

"It is unfortunate that the fundamental rights of the garment workers, including their security, welfare and incentives, have not received importance in the budget," Iftekharuzzaman said.

Strict accounting standards for firms to stem tax evasion

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But inclusion of cost and management the media. accountants in auditing is not the right step because auditing is not their job, added Nesaruddin, also partner of Hoda Vasi Chowdhury and Company.

Subhash Chandra Das, a charted accountant at a state-run bank, said the tightened accounting standards are a step in the right direction and will ensure true and fair financial reporting.

Subsequently, the NBR officials are expecting an additional Tk 500 crore in tax in fiscal 2014-15.

The revenue impact will be higher in the long run if transparency can be ensured, said a senior NBR official seeking to remain

unnamed as he is not authorised to speak to Currently, only banks, insurance, financial

institutions, listed companies, multinational companies and some large local corporates follow the accounting standards, said Das, also a cost and management accountant.

The institutions also account for half of the direct tax collected by the revenue authority, according to taxmen. Of the 119,096 companies listed with the

Registrar of Joint Stock Companies and Firms, 65,000 have taxpayer identification numbers, according to data from the NBR. The rest do not have TINs, meaning they do not comply with the rules for submitting annual tax returns.

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পুরাতন গাড়ি নিলামে বিক্রয়ের বিজ্ঞপ্তি

। "যেখানে যে অবস্থায় আছে" ভিত্তিতে নিম্নে বর্ণিত ৩ (তিন)টি পুরাতন গাড়ি নিলামে বিক্রয়ের লক্ষ্যে আগ্রহী ব্যক্তি / প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট হতে সীলমোহরকৃত দরপত্র আহবান করা যাচ্ছে:

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গাড়ী বিক্রয় কারী কর্তৃপক্ষ		মহাপরিচালক, বাংলাদেশ উন্নয়ন গবেষণা প্রতিষ্ঠান (বিআইডিএস), ঢাকা।				
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Dhaka Metro- KA-03-2714	2E-2057181	EE90- 0306084	Car, Petrol / CNG 1300 cc	5-Seaters	1991	Toyota Corolla
Dhaka Metro- Cha-51-0915	0109724	R2H-11-0- 0000573	Microbus, Petrol / CNG, 1998 cc	10-Seaters	1991	Toyota Hiace
Dhaka Metro- Gha-02-1952	022R- 3447432	RL-77- 0005931	Jeep, Petrol / CNG 2367 cc	10-Seaters	1992	Toyota Land Cruiser

যে কোন দরদাতা ব্যক্তি বা প্রতিষ্ঠান এক বা একাধিক গাড়ির জন্য দর দাখিল করতে পারবেন।

প্রতিটি গাড়ীর জন্য ভিন্ন ভিন্ন সিড়িউল এবং জামানতের টাকাসহ খামের উপর গাড়ীর নম্বর উল্লেখ করে দরপত্র দাখিল করতে হবে।

জামানত: দরপত্রের সাথে জামানত হিসাবে মোট উদ্ধৃত মূল্যের ১০% (দশ শতাংশ) হারে বিআইডিএস এর অনুকূলে বাংলাদেশ ব্যাংকের যে কোন তফসিলভুক্ত বাণিজ্যিক ব্যাংক হতে পে-অর্ডার / ব্যাংক ড্রাফট মারফত জমা দিতে হবে। নগদ বা চেকের মাধ্যমে প্রদত্ত কোন জামানত গ্রহণ করা হবে না।

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কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতীত নিলাম প্রক্রিয়ার যে কোন পর্যায়ে এতদ সংশ্লিষ্ট যে কোন অথবা সকল দরপত্র গ্রহণ বা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা অত্র প্রতিষ্ঠান

(মো: ঈমানুর রহমান) সচিব বাংলদেশ উন্নয়ন গবেষণা প্রতিষ্ঠান