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It's shameful

Muhith tells Sangsad a White Paper will be published on financial sector scams; details of defence budget sought

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A White Paper on various frauds in the banking sector, including BASIC Bank, would be published through parliament sometime in the middle of the next fiscal year, Finance Minister AMA Muhith said in parliament yesterday.

"Scams in the financial sector are very shameful for us ... for my ministry it is a matter of regret," Muhith said before the supplementary budget for the fiscal year 2013-14 was passed in parliament yesterday.

He said the White Paper would be presented in the House and it would provide guidelines to combat such issues.

Taking part in the discussion on the supplementary budget earlier, Jatiya Party lawmaker Kazi Feroz Rashid talked about scams in BASIC Bank, Hall-Mark group and the share market.

In response, the finance minister said, "I am sorry I did not have anything about this in my budget speech ... I did this on purpose." The government was not yet prepared for the reforms being considered now, he said.

After the finance minister's wrap-up speech, parliament passed a Tk 8,066-crore supplementary budget for additional spending by ministries and divisions for the outgoing fiscal year.

Among the 55 ministries and divisions, the highest allocation went to the home ministry, Tk 1,441 crore. The education ministry got Tk 1,193 crore, defence ministry Tk 705 crore, and science and technology ministry Tk 513 crore.

'EXPLAIN DEFENCE BUDGET'

Mayeen Uddin Khan Badal and Rustam Ali Farzai criticised successive finance ministers for not disclosing the details of defence budget.

The two lawmakers demanded the government explains



Smoke rises after militants launched an early morning assault at Jinnah International Airport in Karachi yesterday. Pakistan's security forces said they had relaunched a military operation at Karachi airport as gunfire resumed several hours after they announced the end of a militant siege that left 28 dead.

PHOTO: AFP

Open sale of 5 essentials from today

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Trading Corporation of Bangladesh (TCB) starts open market sale (OMS) of five basic commodities in Dhaka, Chittagong and other parts of the country today with a view to arresting the soaring price of essentials during the month of Ramadan.

TCB will sell sugar, edible oil, lentil, Bengal gram and dates through trucks at 174 points, a statement from the corporation said yesterday.

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5 HC judges' job confirmed

One left out; reasons not given

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government has regularised services of five additional High Court judges, leaving out one of those recommended by the chief justice.

In June 2012, the then president Zillur Rahman appointed six additional judges to the HC for two years.

Incumbent President Abdul Hamid approved regularizing services of five of them on Sunday on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's advice, sources in the law ministry said. They are Justice Ashish Ranjan Das, Justice Mahmudul Hoque, Justice Md

Badruzzaman, Justice Zafar Ahmed and Justice Kazi Md Ejarul Haque Akondo.

The law ministry yesterday issued a gazette notification in this regard.

However, the name of Justice ABM Altaf Hossain had been dropped, a law ministry high official told The Daily Star, requesting anonymity.

He could not say the reasons behind the government action.

Contacted, Law Minister Anisul Huq said, "I am looking into the matter". He declined to give details.

Sources in the government and the attorney

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Lawyer Chandan accidental victim

Court told about 7-murder in N'ganj

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The then Rab official Lt Col Tareque Sayeed ordered another Rab man, Maj Arif Hossain, to pick up senior lawyer Chandan Sarkar, who was recording on his mobile phone the abduction of Narayanganj panel mayor Nazrul Islam, the prosecution told a Narayanganj court yesterday.

Chandan was not on the hit list of Narayanganj city councillor Nur Hossain, the prime accused in the seven-murder case, Prosecution Counsel Hasan Ferdous Jewel said at the court.

When Arif noticed Chandan recording the incident, he called Tareque who asked him to bring Chandan as well.

Jewel was placing arguments in support of a prayer for placing Tareque on remand for the fifth time. Tareque was present at the court.

On condition of anonymity, police officials told The Daily Star that another ex-Rab officer, Lt Commander Masud Rana, had in fact objected to killing Chandan as the plan was only to kill Nazrul Islam.

He then contacted Tareque and expressed his concern, only to be snubbed, said the sources.

When the seven were brought to Shimrail in Narayanganj after the abduction, Rana parted company with the group, they said.

Police officials gleaned the information while interrogating the three ex-Rab men -- Lt Col Tareque, Lt Commander Rana and Maj Arif -- who were dismissed and arrested over

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LAND GRABBING BID Court orders sending 2 Rab men to their forces

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday ordered the handing over of two detained Rapid Action Battalion personnel to their respective forces for actions against them in accordance with the laws of the armed forces.

Rab members -- Corporal Md Mizanur Rahman and Corporal Abdullah Al Mahmud -- were arrested in connection with attempting to take over a house in the capital's Uttarkhan on Sunday.

Police also arrested five civilians in this connection whom the court sent to

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PRAYER TIMING June 10		
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-05	4-40
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	5-00	5-15
Maghrib	6-50	6-55
Esha	8-15	8-45

Source: Islamic Foundation



The seven Bangladeshi sailors along with officials concerned at an airport in Somalia before they head home yesterday. The sailors were held captive by pirates for three and a half years.

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TODAY'S POLL

Do you think that the government's drive against formalin-tainted fish, fruits and vegetables is well enough to prevent entry of chemically contaminated foods entering in the capital?

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Smoking causes hearing loss

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That smoking is the biggest cause of illness and premature death is well-known. But new research suggests that it might hurt people in previously unknown ways -- such as hearing loss.

Current smokers have a 15.1% higher chance of hearing loss than non-smokers, a Manchester University study found.

The more cigarettes smokers have, and the longer they smoke

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ঢাকা দক্ষিণ সিটি কর্পোরেশন

“সময়মত পৌরকর পরিশোধ করুন”

“আপনার শহর পরিচ্ছন্ন রাখুন”

সাইনবোর্ড, বিলবোর্ড, ব্যানার ইত্যাদিতে ইংরেজি বিজ্ঞাপন ও মিশ্র ভাষার ব্যবহার বন্ধকরণ সংক্রান্ত জরুরি বিজ্ঞপ্তি

এতদ্বারা সংশ্লিষ্ট সকল সাইনবোর্ড, বিলবোর্ড, ব্যানার এর স্বত্বাধিকারীগণের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, সাইনবোর্ড, বিলবোর্ড, ব্যানার ইত্যাদিতে ইংরেজি বিজ্ঞাপন ও মিশ্র ভাষার ব্যবহার বন্ধ করার ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণের বিষয়ে মহামান্য হাইকোর্টের সদয় নির্দেশনা রয়েছে।

এমতাবস্থায়, ঢাকা দক্ষিণ সিটি কর্পোরেশন এলাকায় বিদ্যমান সাইনবোর্ড, বিলবোর্ড, ব্যানার ইত্যাদিতে যদি কোন ইংরেজি বিজ্ঞাপন/মিশ্র ভাষার বিজ্ঞাপন প্রদর্শন করা হয়ে থাকে, তবে আগামী ৩ (তিন) দিনের মধ্যে সেগুলো সরিয়ে নেয়ার এবং ভবিষ্যতে ইংরেজি বিজ্ঞাপন/মিশ্র ভাষার বিজ্ঞাপন প্রদর্শন না করার জন্য বিশেষভাবে অনুরোধ করা হলো।

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