voicebox

"This is the character of the government. High ambition always succeeds. I have no intention to be a miser when it comes to successful high ambitions."

ABUL MAL A MUHITH
Finance minister
Admitting that the the Tk 250,506 crore budget for 2014-15 is ambitious

"I do not want to make any remark on the budget as this government is immoral and illegal and there is no representation of people in the parliament."

MIRZA FAKRUL ISLAM ALAMGIR
BNP acting secretary
Commenting that the government had placed the budget for the next fiscal year in a bid to stay in power without people's mandate

"It has become a taboo not to explain where and how the budgetary allocation for the defence ministry will be spent. This tradition has been followed since long. It should be stopped. It should be open to public."

MAYEEN UDDIN KHAN BADAL
Lawmaker from Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal
Criticising successive finance ministers for not disclosing the details of the defence budget

"People are stunned as Col Ziaul Ahsan and others are not arrested yet although the arrestee Rab officials in their confessional statements [to courts] mentioned their names."

RIZVI AHMED
Joint secretary general of BNP
Demanding the arrest of Rab Additional Director General Col Ziaul Ahsanat and others for their alleged involvement in the seven-murder incident in Narayanganj

"If we remain on guard against the trap of Western-style democracy, persist in reform and opening-up, and continue on the path of political development with Chinese characteristics, no one can stop China's peaceful rise."

MI BOHUA
A senior editor at the ruling Communist Party's flagship newspaper
Days after the 25th anniversary of the Tiananmen Square crackdown

"I will be on the way to making a decision by the end of the year."

HILARY CLINTON
Former US Secretary of State
In a taped interview with ABC television about a possible presidential run in 2016