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Cheers for black money holders

Muhith makes U-turn, allows whitening by investing in real estate sector

REJAUL KARIM BYRON and SOHEL PARVEZ

The government has allowed unquestioned legalisation of black money in real estate, a move that reflects the finance minister's apparent U-turn and surrender to the pressure of corrupt politicians, bureaucrats and influential realtors.

The decision comes three weeks after AMA Muhith publicly vowed to discontinue "all sorts of scope for legalising black money" from the next fiscal year.

"I tell you that the provision is cancelled from today," the finance

minister said at a crowded post-budget press conference on June 6.

However, Muhith backtracked on his position, and said yesterday that the facility would be available in the next fiscal year in two ways -- investments in homes by paying tax, and legalisation of undisclosed income by paying a 10-percent penalty on top of normal tax.

This scope has been withdrawn only in case of investments in treasury bonds.

"These two provisions can be extended as these are necessary to ensure balance in the tax payment

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Brazil goalkeeper Julio Cesar saves a spot-kick from Chile forward Alexis Sanchez during the penalty shootout of the World Cup round of 16 match at the Mineirao Stadium in Belo Horizonte yesterday. Brazil won 3-2 on penalties.

PHOTO: REUTERS

Brazil stumble into last 8

Shoot-out heartbreak for Chile

BELO HORIZONTE, Reuters

Brazil goalkeeper Julio Cesar saved two spot-kicks in a shootout against Chile to send the hosts into the World Cup quarterfinals 3-2 on penalties following a 1-1 draw after extra time on Saturday.

Four years to the day since Brazil eliminated Chile at the same stage, they did it again when Gonzalo Jara sent his spot-kick against the post after Cesar had twice

BRAZIL 1 (3) - CHILE 1 (2)
COLOMBIA 2 - URUGUAY 0

denied the battling Chileans.

Brazil will next play Colombia, who beat Uruguay 2-0 in the second match of the day in Rio de Janeiro. Both the goals were scored by 22-year-old playmaker James Rodriguez, who is now the leading scorer of the tourna-

ment with five goals from four matches.

David Luiz put Brazil ahead after 18 minutes but Alexis Sanchez equalised for Chile before halftime.

The Brazilians set a blistering pace from the start and Marcelo took a first crack at Chile with a volley that sailed wide.

Chile quickly lost the battle in midfield but their defence kept tournament joint top scorer Neymar constantly in check.

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AN ABOUT-FACE

In a span of three weeks, Finance Minister AMA Muhith made these two remarks on whitening of black money

- These two provisions can be extended as they are necessary to ensure balance in tax payment system **MUHITH** yesterday
- I tell you that the provision is cancelled from today **MUHITH** at a post-budget briefing on June 6
- It appears that the finance minister has backtracked under pressure from a vested interest group **AHSAN H MANSUR** executive director of Policy Research Institute, said yesterday

Unusual scene at Sangsad

PM praises main opposition, says this is right way to run JS

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

In a hardly ever seen instance, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday lauded opposition Jatiya Party in the House and said people now understand how a parliament should work.

"The people, the youths and future generation are now observing how democracy is being practised. The present opposition is making constructive criticism of the government, instead of opposing anything for the sake of opposing in parliament," she said.

Speaking on the discussion on the proposed budget, Hasina criticised the role of the BNP lawmakers of previous

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Fake votes cast at 30pc centres

Says EWG report on N'ganj by-polls; Akram demands re-polling

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Huge numbers of fake votes were cast in at least 30 percent polling centres in the Narayangaj-5 by-election on Thursday, said Election Working Group (EWG).

"The by-election was mostly peaceful, but many incidents of casting fake votes have been reported," mentioned a report by the EWG.

An alliance of 29 civil society platforms, the EWG works for ensuring transparent and accountable electoral process. It unveiled the report yesterday at a press conference at the Jatiya Press Club.

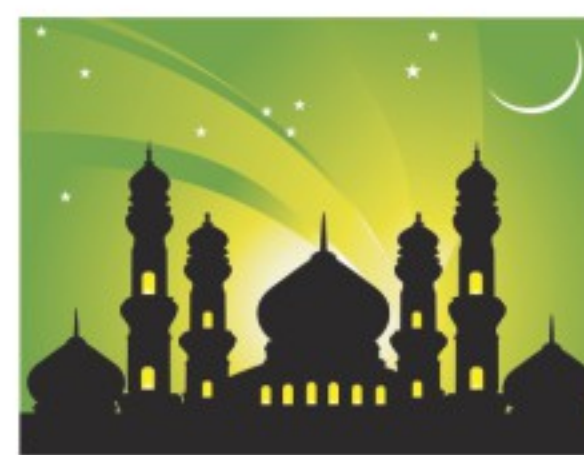
Jatiya Party nominee Selim Osman, brother of controversial Awami League lawmaker Shamim Osman, won the by-polls defeating renegade AL leader and independent candidate SM Akram by 16,742 votes.

Meanwhile, Akram yesterday demanded re-election in the constituency alleging that the voting was marked by stuffing of ballots and other irregularities.

"I demand withholding the publication of the gazette notification on the election results and re-election in the constituency after an inquiry into the anarchy that occurred at the polling centres on the voting day," he said in a prayer to the Election Commission.

Polling was held in a total of 141 centres, out of which fake votes were cast in at least 42, according to the study.

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Ramadan begins tomorrow

UNB, Dhaka

Holy Ramadan, the lunar month of self-purification through fasting and abstinence, begins tomorrow as the moon was not sighted anywhere in the country yesterday.

Lailatul Qadr, the night of divine blessings and benediction, will be observed on the night of July 25.

The decision was made at a meeting of the National Moon Sighting Committee last evening after reviewing reports on

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The challenges before justice

Int'l rights activist worried at extrajudicial killings, forced disappearances in Bangladesh

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A leading international human rights activist yesterday expressed deep worries at enforced disappearances, extrajudicial killings and the impunity enjoyed by law enforcers in Bangladesh.

While presenting a list of challenges the country faces today, Kerry Kennedy, president of the US-based Robert F Kennedy Centre for Justice and Human Rights, said the first challenge was securing freedom of expression.

She rang an alarm bell about the challenge of obtaining justice when security forces act with impunity, enforced disappearances and extrajudicial killings go unsolved, torture of victims is routine and prosecutions can be politically motivated.

Daughter of the late US senator Robert Francis Kennedy, who was murdered in June 1968 as he campaigned for the Democratic Party's presidential nomination, and niece of



Kerry Kennedy

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YUNUS VOWS TO COMBAT UNEMPLOYMENT -- B1

POURA POLLS Man shot dead at Kanchan

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Nganj

A betel-leaf trader was killed when activists of the ruling Awami League resorted to violence to occupy a polling station during the Kanchan municipal election yesterday.

At least 50 others were injured in two separate clashes erupted when AL men attempted to occupy polling stations and BNP men resisted them.

The deceased was identified as Sukomal Dutta, 55, of Tarail Paschimpara.

Supporters of aspirant ward councillor Mohon, an AL man, around 10:00am blasted 10 to 12 crude bombs and fired shots, aiming to occupy Tarail No1 Govt Primary School polling centre, witnesses said.

At the time, Sukomal died of bullet injuries.

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