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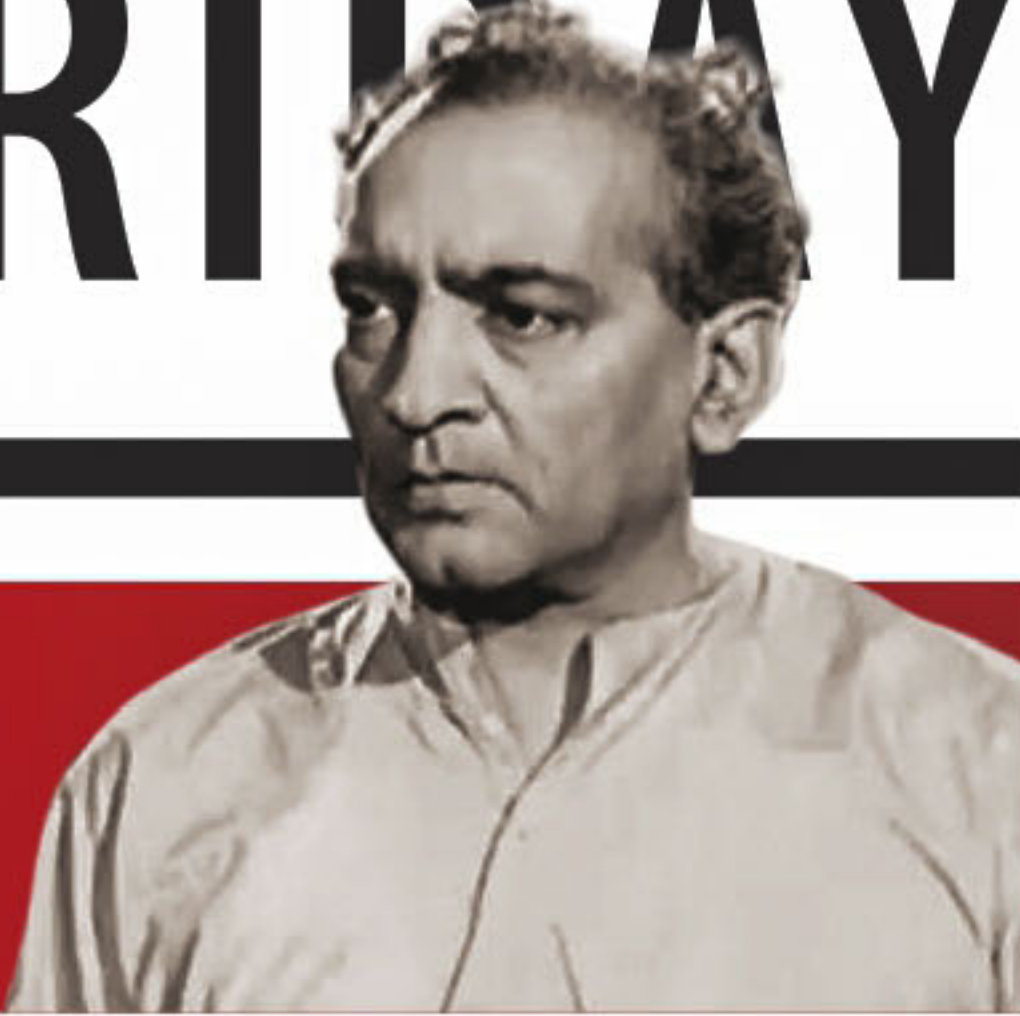


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Tk 134 crore vanishes

Account holder accuses Premier Bank's vice-chairman of stealing the money; now an AL lawmaker, he rejects the claim; ACC finds evidence of Tk 62cr fraud

SAJJADUR RAHMAN

The Anti-Corruption Commission has found evidence of embezzlement of Tk 62 crore from the account of a client of Premier Bank's Bangshal branch, say officials.

The client, Khalilur Rahman, has claimed that bank's then vice chairman BH Haroon, also an Awami League lawmaker from Jhalakathi, stole Tk 134 crore from his account in 2008 in collusion with some bank officials.

"We have run an enquiry and found that around Tk 62 crore was embezzled through cheque fraud. Bank officials were involved in the scam," ACC Chairman M Bodiuzzaman told The Daily Star.

The ACC has initiated the process of filing a lawsuit, he said.

Khalilur and Haroon are from the same area in Jhalakathi, and they know each other for 25 years.

Khalilur, also joint secretary general of Jatiya Party (Manju), said he had partnership in construction business with Haroon and his brother Mojibul Haque Kamal for 12 years. But they didn't have any written agreements.

Documents show that construction firm Rumi Enterprise, owned by Khalilur, got a Tk 203 crore work order for building 15,000 houses in Sidr affected areas in southern Bangladesh in June 2008. The project was funded

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ACC not sure about BH Haroon's involvement



Certainly it's not Rio de Janeiro's famous Copacabana Beach in Brazil, now the centre of attraction in world football. It's a tranquil beach in Cox's Bazar. The mood, though, is identical everywhere as some youths are seen here enjoying a game of football in the coastal town, with the sun setting on the horizon.

PHOTO: ANURUP KANTI DAS

Remittance fall raises concern

Negative growth in 13 years

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Inward remittances suffered negative growth for the first time in 13 years, mainly due to a shrinking outflow of migrant workers and falling receipts from Middle Eastern nations.

Bangladesh received \$14.23 billion in remittance in 2013-14, down 1.6 percent from a year ago, according to data from Bangladesh Bank.

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Expressway project placed under PPP

Deal for design signed after nearly a decade

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The government yesterday inked a Tk 83 crore deal with a joint venture for preparing a detailed design of the Dhaka-Chittagong expressway, nearly a decade after the initiative was taken for faster communications between the capital and the port city.

The deal is a first major step toward building a six-lane freeway that will benefit the economy greatly, as 90 percent of the country's export-import takes place through the existing two-lane highway.

However, the country will have to wait until 2023 for the completion of the expressway. And that, too, depends on the private sector coming forward with finance as the government decided to build it under Public-Private Partnership (PPP) initiative, said communications ministry officials.

Under the deal, the consulting firm will conduct a feasibility study and prepare the design in three years and select the most viable alignment, which can be elevated over the existing Dhaka-Chittagong

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ANOMALIES IN PVT UNIVERSITIES

Nahid asks TIB to prove its findings

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid yesterday asked Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) to produce proof to substantiate its recent survey report on private universities, otherwise withdraw it and offer apology to the nation.

According to the report titled "Private universities: challenges of good governance and way out", a section of officials at the education

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QUARTERFINALS START TODAY French revolution seeks revenge

REUTERS, Belo Horizonte/fortaleza

France have surprised many by emerging as World Cup contenders but face their toughest test yet against nemesis Germany in a quarterfinal clash of European heavyweights at Rio de Janeiro's Maracana Stadium today.

For France coach Didier Deschamps the past, heart-rending World Cup semifinal defeats to the Germans in 1982 and 1986 do not matter at all.

But with French media splashing the word "Angstgegner", the German word for bogey team,

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POST-EID MOVEMENT PM hits back at BNP threat

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday cautioned the BNP on its threat to stage anti-government protests after Eid, saying the government would not tolerate people's sufferings in the name of movement.

"The BNP threatens to wage movement after Eid to topple the government. No one will be allowed to play with people's fate,"

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