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accounts for 85 per cent of world's GDP.

The prime minister while flagging his concern over cross border tax avoidance and evasion also noted that increased mobility of capital and technology have created new opportunities for avoiding tax and profit sharing.

The three-page communique was released at the end of the two-day summit of Group of 20 industrialised and leading emerging economies hosted by Australia.

Welcoming the "significant progress" on the G20/OECD Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) Action Plan to modernize international tax rules, it said, "We are committed to finalizing this work in 2015, including transparency of taxpayer specific rulings found to constitute harmful tax practices."

Briefing newsmen, Indian Railways Minister Suresh Prabhu and external affairs ministry spokesperson Syed Akbaruddin said the reference to transparency, which was not there in the draft communique, was incorporated in the final communique after prime minister's strong intervention at yesterday's plenary session.

After Modi's intervention, several countries, notably Brazil and South Africa wanted a reference to be made to transparency in the final communique, Akbaruddin said.

"After the prime minister's own and strong intervention (on repatriation of black money), several countries shared his sentiments and wanted the views to be reflected in the final communique," he said.

Train 'floats'

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Footage of the high-speed ride showed a live display in each carriage keeping a constant record of the velocity as passengers watched the blur through aeroplane-sized windows.

The Central Japan Railway Company is running eight days of testing for the experimental maglev Shinkansen train on its test track in Yamanashi Prefecture, the BBC reported.

Maglev trains are even faster than Japan's famous bullet trains, which currently travel at about 200 mph (320 kmh).

They will eventually consist of 16 carriages, carrying up to 1,000 passengers at a time and cutting the current travel time by more than half, from 90 to 40 minutes.

Japan's reputation for high-speed rail started in 1964 with the unveiling of its first bullet train coinciding with the Summer Olympics.

The central line in the country - the Tokaido Shinkansen - is the world's busiest high-speed rail, carrying 151 million passengers each year.

Britain's HS1 line connecting London with the Channel Tunnel through Kent allows speeds of up to 186 mph (300 kmh) in its fastest section and the planned HS2 could reach 225 mph (360 kmh).

Nothing wrong

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He then went on to say that the prime minister had much confidence in him and that she was not unhappy with him for the comments.

The adviser has been drawing a lot of flak for assuring the BCL men of help once they pass the BCS written exams. He also said having ruling party men in the administration helped with the conduct of January 5 polls. His remarks have irked many in the government and the party as well.

Imam, also a member of the Awami League advisory council, said he would explain his position through a press conference at the AL president's political office in Dhanmondi today. He was doing this on advice from the prime minister.

Meanwhile, AL sources said the adviser tried to meet the prime minister yesterday but failed.

About his assurance to BCL men, Imam told BBC Bangla last night that he had only meant to say how they should prepare for the BCS viva voce.

"If they [BCL men] do well in the written exams, I call them and speak about Bangladesh affairs, international situation and what kind of questions may come in the viva. Having knowledge won't be the only qualification. Expressions of personality, how to enter the viva [room] and give salam, and speak ... everything has to be taught ..."

To another query, Imam said if the prime minister had been unhappy with him, she would have called him. "The prime minister did not say anything to me, rather she advised me to clarify the issues before the press," Imam said adding that he had the courage to face the media.

He also said there was no doubt that a certain quarter in the party was working against him.

Sloppy prosecution

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Malum said Subhan was to be charged with superior responsibility on all nine charges and started to readout from the testimonies of prosecution witnesses.

At one point, Tribunal-2 chief Justice Obaidul Hassan said, "You need not go into facts as we have heard it [during factual arguments]. You have to establish a superior-subordinate relationship between the accused and his alleged subordinates."

Citing the testimony of the second prosecution witness, Malum said Subhan advised his men to commit crimes that indicated his superior status over them.

As he started to read from another testimony, Justice Mozibur said, "The portion you read out does not contain even the name of the accused."

But Malum said, "I am just speaking about incident. His presence and participation in such crimes has been proved from the testimonies of earlier two witnesses."

Malum said Subhan held superior position over his subordinate as the district ameer of Jamaat and Razakar commander of Pabna.

When Justice Mozibur Rahman asked whether the prosecution would get any benefit if they could prove Subhan's superior liabilities, Malum replied in the affirmative.

Justice Hassan said, "You have held him [Subhan] liable for 4 (2) [superior responsibilities]. Didn't he commit crimes under other capabilities?"

In reply, Malum said, "Perhaps, I am failing to make my lords understand."

"What is the necessity to prove his superior status, if his direct participation in crimes could be proved?" asked Justice Hassan.

Malum said he held a command responsibility, apart from his individual criminal liabilities.

"If the accused was hanged for his individual criminal liabilities, whether he will be hanged again for his superior status," asked Justice Hassan.

Malum cited the verdict in Mir Quasem Ali's case to back his point of superior responsibilities, but the court found it to be related to joint criminal enterprise.

As Justice Mozibur Rahman asked Malum to show Subhan's superior status with regard to other charges, Malum once again started to read from the testimonies apparently in an unprepared manner leading Justice Hassan to say, "Everything [in the evidence] should have been at your fingertips. You have to take note from

what your juniors prepared and told us."

"If you read the whole one after another, then it would take the entire day -- it may even take four more days," said Justice Hassan. The prosecution has already taken six days to complete factual arguments.

Then Justice Mozibur Rahman said pressing the third charge, the prosecution said the Pakistan army was under Subhan's control. "Would you please show how the Pakistan army worked as subordinate to the accused?" asked the judge.

Again citing the testimony of a witness, Malum said there were Pakistan army men and their collaborators in a camp and the victims were released from the camp following Subhan's orders, which proved Subhan's superior position over the army.

"Had the Pakistan army not obeyed Subhan, how would they [victims] have gotten released? In this specific incident, the Pakistan army worked as subordinate to Subhan," claimed Malum.

Justice Mozibur Rahman said while pressing the fifth charge, the prosecution claimed that Subhan had control over the Pakistan army. "How will you prove it," he asked.

Subhan took the Pakistan army to the spots and showed the people to be killed and this indicated his control and command over the army, Malum said.

"Does it not raise questions about around 200 army men working under one civilian [Subhan]?" said Justice Hassan while Justice Mozibur asked, "Do you think pointing [at someone at a crime scene] and holding superior responsibility are the same?"

"But Subhan was not a peanut vendor," said Malum which apparently irked the tribunal and it asked Malum to use legal language.

As Malum was repeatedly mentioning "operation searchlight" carried out on the night of March 25, 1971, Justice Mozibur Rahman said, "We are very much aware of the fact. Why are you repeating this? You just convince us how Subhan had superior status."

Justice Md Shahinur Islam was seen smiling now and then while all this was going on.

At 1:00pm when Malum sought more time to complete his arguments, the tribunal asked him to resume at 2:00pm but Malum sought more time, which was supported by Subhan's counsel leading the court to adjourn the case proceedings until today.

'Jubo Dal' man beaten

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cases, including murder -- were roaming around in Ranirhat area around 7:00pm. On suspicion that they were up to committing crimes, the locals beat them.

Later, police rescued and admitted them to Rangunia Upazila Health Complex. When their condition deteriorated, they were shifted of Chittagong Medical College Hospital (CMCH), said Chandan Kumar Chakrabarty, inspector (investigation) of Rangunia Police

Station.

Around 8:30pm, doctors at the CMCH declared Mahubb dead.

Two firearms and six bullets were recovered from the two, the police official claimed.

However, Manjur Islam, assistant office secretary of Jubo Dal's Chittagong (north) unit, said Mahubb was killed by the ruling Awami League men.

Neither was any case filed in this connection nor was anyone arrested till 2:00am today.

Disgruntled, Putin

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called Putin "the black sheep of the G20 family," while Russian media complained that Western leaders went out of their way to ostracise him.

With the European Union poised this week to extend the list of people subject to asset freezes, the Russian president individually met five European leaders including the British prime minister, David Cameron, and the German chancellor, Angela Merkel, where he refused to give ground.

Putin instead accused the Kiev government of a mistaken economic blockade against the cities in eastern Ukraine that have declared independence in votes organised in the past month. He said that action was short-sighted pointing out that Russia continued to pay the salaries and pensions of Chechenya throughout its battle for independence.

In an interview with German TV he also accused the west of switching off their brains by imposing sanctions that could backfire.

Putin said: "Do they want to bankrupt our banks? In that case they will bankrupt Ukraine. Have they thought about what they are doing at all or not? Or has politics blinded them? As we know eyes constitute a peripheral part of brain. Was something switched off in their brains?"

The Russian leader also complained he had not been consulted by the EU about the recognition of Ukraine.

However, British officials insisted behind Putin's bluster, that they detected a new flexibility about the Ukraine orientating towards the EU so long as this did not extend to Nato assets being placed on Ukrainian soil.

"We are very clear with Russia that the continued destabilisation of Ukraine is simply unacceptable. If Russia continues to destabilise Ukraine there will be further sanctions. President Putin can see he is at a crossroads," British Prime Minister Cameron said in his own press conference.

Obama said Russia had failed, in spirit and letter, to adhere to the Minsk agreement signed in September, and that while the US was not actively considering further sanctions on Russia, it would consider increasing the pressure on Moscow if Russia's intransigence continued.

But Russia would remain isolated, Obama said.

The crisis has been deepened by the creation of the declared Donetsk People's Republic (DNR). Earlier this month the region occupied by separatists for six months organised an unauthorised vote to appoint a prime minister. The Ukrainian prime minister, Arseniy Yatsenyuk, announced in response that all state funding would be cut off, arguing that the elections violated the Minsk peace accords signed in September.

Nato claims 300 Russian troops remain in Ukraine training the separatist forces ahead of likely fresh offensives.

Although the western media has portrayed Putin as an isolated figure at the summit, he has continued to forge close relations with the Brics countries (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa).

Ex-MP

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After four weeks, the accused will surrender to the Dhaka court, he added.

The Supreme Court has earlier made different observations about such HC orders that grant anticipatory bail to the accused in criminal cases.

The Appellate Division in February this year expressed disappointment at an HC bench for "failure to follow its guidelines" in granting anticipatory bail to BNP leader Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain in a money laundering case.

Humayun and his parents claim she committed suicide but her father Nurul, an assistant engineer of Power Development Board in Jessore, alleged that she was murdered by her husband and in-laws.

On the same day, Nurul filed the case with Dhanmondi Police Station naming Tipu, the former lawmaker from Jessore-5 constituency, the prime accused.

Mahjabin and Humayun had got married in April last year. She did MBBS from Holy Family Red Crescent Medical College and was preparing for FCPS.

On Friday, Sub-inspector Shariful Islam of Dhanmondi Police Station, also investigating officer of the case, had produced Humayun before the court with a 10-day remand prayer.

Humayun, who practices law at the HC, was placed on the remand yesterday.

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Mahjabin's friends, doctors and interns of holy family hospital yesterday formed a human chain in front of the hospital, seeking justice for her.

They say she was "murdered". Many of them said they were also active on the social media to ensure that her "killers" do not go unpunished.

New US-led strikes on Syria's Kobane: monitor

AFP, Beirut

The US-led coalition against the Islamic State jihadist group carried out a series of air strikes overnight in the embattled Syrian town of Kobane, a monitor and activists said yesterday.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights also reported intensifying clashes between Kurdish fighters defending Kobane and IS jihadists in the south of the town, which lies on the Turkish border.

Kurdish activist and Kobane resident Mustafa Ebdil reported at least seven international air strikes overnight.

He said the explosions could be heard 20 kilometres from Kobane, and shook the cars of people with him on the border between Turkey and Syria.

In southern Kobane, meanwhile, the Britain-based Observatory said fierce clashes underway for the past three days were continuing with reports of injuries on both sides.

Shabaab 'fires at presidential compound'

REUTERS, Mogadishu

Somalia's al Shabaab militants said they fired mortar bombs at the presidential palace in Mogadishu yesterday, but government and police spokesmen said none had landed inside the compound.

The Islamist militants attacked the president's compound on July 8 but were repulsed by security forces. The president was not there at the time. It was not clear if the president was at the palace at the time of Sunday's attack.

"We have fired several mortar rounds on the presidential palace, and we will give details later," Abu Musab, the spokesman for al Shabaab's military operations, told Reuters.

"We targeted the palace because it is the government's headquarters and all top officials are there," he said.

Officials said the mortars caused no damage.

"No single mortar landed on the palace," government spokesman Ridwan Haji told Reuters.

A police captain who only gave his name as Ali said the mortars landed outside the presidential palace.

African Union forces along with the Somali army launched a new offensive this year against al Shabaab, which is fighting to impose its harsh interpretation of Islamic law on Somalia.

Driven out of Mogadishu in 2011, al Shabaab has lost control of several towns in the latest offensive, but officials say the Islamists still control tracts of countryside and settlements from where they have continued their guerrilla-style campaign.

Pricier, next year

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Households with metered cooking stoves will see a price hike of 60.68 percent to Tk 235 from Tk 146.25.

Houses with one-burner stove will see their monthly charges for cooking go up by 112.50 percent to Tk 850 from Tk 400.

For two-burner stoves, the rise will be 122.22 percent to Tk 1,000 from Tk 450.

The average sales price of 1,000 cubic metres of gas now stands at Tk 139.62, which retailers say are much higher in neighbouring countries.

Retailers have proposed increasing the average retail prices by 40 percent to Tk 195.70 per 1,000 cubic metres, according to the documents seen by The Daily Star.

Due to the low cost, there has been a huge wastage thanks to inefficient usage of gas, depriving the government of revenues.

Last time the government raised the gas price was in 2009. In the last six years, only CNG prices went up twice in 2011, said Salim Mahmud of BERC.

Though the gas prices went up by 11 percent in 2009, all the additional money accrued from the raise went to the Gas Development Fund.

Meanwhile, the Power Development Board (PDB) has proposed a 18.12 percent rise in bulk electricity rates.

The State-run PDB sells power to the five retailers at an average rate of Tk 4.67 per kilowatt-hour unit of electricity although the production cost is Tk 6.54 per unit.

This gap has imposed a bulk tariff deficit of Tk 1.87 per unit on PDB. The government had to pay a subsidy of Tk 7,560 crore related to the tariff-induced deficit in 2013-14, said Salim Mahmud.

The Rural Electrification Board (REB) has expanded its customer

base tremendously in the last several years, he added. "As a result, PDB is being forced to incur losses as the PDB sells electricity to the REB in the lowest rate in the country."

The PDB has proposed an increase of Tk 0.84 per unit to take the bulk tariff rate to Tk 5.5 per unit.

The bulk power tariff (the prices retailers pay) will go up first and then the retail tariff (the prices end consumers pay) will be adjusted, added the BERC member.

"This is a major jump in household gas price. It will be another burden on us," said Afsana Moni, a housewife in the capital's Mirpu area, when asked about the latest move to raise gas and power tariff.

Asif Ibrahim, vice-chairman of New Age Group, said the increase of gas prices for industry would reduce the overall competitiveness of the manufacturing sector.

"If other infrastructural supports were adequate and the cost of capital in single digit, perhaps the industry could have absorbed the impact. But at this moment the increase in energy cost will be a huge burden," he told The Daily Star.

He said the export-oriented industries will suffer more as they compete against other countries to procure orders.

"The garment sector is going through a massive restructuring phase and entrepreneurs are undertaking large investments to meet the international compliance standards. At this juncture, the garment sector should be exempted from further increase in direct expenditures," said the former president of Dhaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

The government last raised the bulk electricity tariff in September 2012 while the retail tariff increased in March this year. In the last six years, the retail power tariffs increased five times.

Indian team due today

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Sharad Kumar will also have extensive discussions with officials of home ministry, law enforcing and intelligence agencies during its visit.

The focus of the discussions would be on the activities of banned Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh in the two countries, sources said.

JMB is the alleged mastermind behind the October 2 Burdwan blast.

"The NIA team will sit with the inspector general of police and chiefs of different intelligence agencies tomorrow [Monday]," state minister for home Asaduzzaman Khan told reporters at his office yesterday.

The NIA investigators will also meet officials of Criminal Investigation Department, Detective Branch of police and Rapid Action Battalion at police headquarters on the next day.

The NIA is making the visit after it arrested JMB Burdwan module

"chief" Sajid Rahmatullah, slated to be a Bangladeshi national.

The agency sees the arrest as a major breakthrough in the blast probe.

Apart from seeking details about JMB's network in Bangladesh, the agency will seek information on the interrogation of Monaem, Sajid's alleged brother, as well as of two other arrested alleged JMB members.

Monaem has been detained from Narayanganj and the other two from Segunbagicha in the capital.

The NIA team will also share with Bangladesh details of its probe in the case so that Bangladesh can take preventive steps and necessary actions to counter the threat posed by JMB.

JMB has reportedly been able to spread its networks in India's West Bengal. Many fugitives JMB leaders are allegedly involved with the blast that killed two alleged members of the banned outfit in Burdwan.

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- ১) আপনি কি মনে করেন বর্তমানে বাংলাদেশে এমএনপি চালু করার প্রয়োজন রয়েছে?
- ২) এমএনপি চালু করা হলে গ্রাহকগণ কোন কোন আঙ্গিকে লাভবান হবেন বলে আপনি মনে করেন?
- ৩) যদি প্রয়োজন থাকে তাহলে কোন মডেলে তা চালু করা প্রয়োজন?
- ৪) কত সময়ের মধ্যে এই সেবা জনগণের কাছে পৌঁছান সম্ভব বলে আপনি মনে করেন?
- ৫) এ বিষয়ে আপনার সার্বিক মতামত (যদি থাকে)।

আপনার মতামত আগামী ২০-১২-১৪ইং তারিখের মধ্যে নিম্নলিখিত ঠিকানায় উপরোল্লিখিত বিষয় উল্লেখপূর্বক ডাকযোগে অথবা ইমেইল এর মাধ্যমে কমিশন বরাবর প্রেরণ করার জন্য বিনীত অনুরোধ জানানো যাচ্ছে। পরবর্তীতে কমিশন প্রয়োজনে সাক্ষাৎকারের ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণ করবে।

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