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# Tribunal moves on 1996 stock scam

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The trial of a long pending case on 1996's stockmarket scam will start on Sunday in the special tribunal formed for quick disposal of stockmarket-related lawsuits.

The case involves Rakibur Rahman, a former president of Dhaka Stock Exchange, and AS Shahudul Islam Bulbul, a former director of the premier bourse. The then government probe report found their involvement in the share market scam.

The special tribunal is scheduled to receive depositions of the plaintiff, Bangladesh Securities and Exchange down from the posts, they continued to stay Commission that filed the case in 1997, said Masud Rana Khan, a lawyer for the stockmarket regulator.

This case is one of the 15 cases filed by BSEC against 38 individuals, eight listed companies and six brokerage firms on charges of manipulating share prices through fraudulent means in 1996.

Starting with a base of 350 points, the share price index of the DSE rose as high as 3,648.75 points on November 5, 1996. The following day it started falling and it came down to 462 points in May 1999.

The share prices of listed companies soared abnormally even by several hundred times before the crash, which left millions of investors penniless.

After the crash, the then Awami Leagueled government on December 26, 1996

formed a probe committee headed by Aminul Islam, who was the vice-chancellor of Jahangirnagar University at the time.

The committee submitted its report to the government on March 27, 1997, identifying a number of companies and some of the country's biggest brokers and influential individuals to be involved in market rigging.

DSE members Rakibur Rahman and AS Shahudul Huque Bulbul were directors of Chittagong Cement and Clinker and Grinding Company, now known as Heidelberg Cement, according to the report. Although the BSEC directed them to step

as directors in the company, whose prices crossed Tk 18,000 per share in 1996 against its book value of Tk 134. One of the directors of the company trans-

ferred a large number of shares during the July-November period of 1996 to one of his relatives that were sold in the market, the probe report said, without mentioning any name. The BSEC had also inquired about the sale

of shares by the company to outsiders (Indian and Iranian nationals) bypassing the DSE and Chittagong Stock Exchange. There was no satisfactory reply from the company, which is also a defendant of the case.

During the period, some shares were sold by foreign investors, and there were some price-sensitive announcements when the prices peaked, the committee found.

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### Singapore's Sembcorp to build 400MW power plant

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Singapore's Sembcorp Utilities will set up a 400MW dual-fuel power plant in Sirajganj as the cabinet committee on purchase yesterday approved the power division's proposal.

The government will purchase electricity from the plant for Tk 3.19 a unit if it is gas-fired and Tk 13.57 if it runs on diesel.

The power plant will be operated for 22 years by North-West Power Generation Company as a joint venture with Sembcorp.

In 22 years, the government will have to pay Tk 21,507 crore if it is gas-based and Tk 34,835 crore if it is diesel-run.

Also at yesterday's meeting, which was chaired by Finance Minister AMA Muhith, the approval was given to a proposal to import 30 to 50 megawatts of electricity from India.

As per the bilateral agreement, Bangladesh can import 500 MW of power from India every day, but due to transmission system loss the country gets 30 to 50 MW less electricity.

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Environment Minister Anwar Hossain Manju speaks at a roundtable on e-waste management, at The Daily Star Centre yesterday.

### Threats of e-waste loom large Analysts call for assessment and steps

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Bangladesh is under a potent threat from surging e-waste, which is generated from electronic goods and devices and has serious impact on environment, human health and the economy.

However, officials from the government agencies and environment

yesterday, could not provide facts and figures to give a clear idea of how much e-waste is actually generated in the country every year and its impact.

private sectors need to join hands to solve the problem.

mitigate the problem and we will

Speakers said both the public and

experts, speaking at a roundtable facilitate," said Anwar Hossain Monju, environment and forests minister.

The programme was organised by The Daily Star, in association with Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies (BCAS), and International Centre for Climate Change and "Let the private sector come in to Development, at The Daily Star Centre.

## BB starts talks with banks on Basel III

REJAUL KARIM BYRON

Bangladesh Bank has taken an initiative to improve banks' financial health by increasing their capital adequacy ratio (CAR) in line with Basel III standards.

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Basel III is a comprehensive set of

reform measures, developed by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision, to strengthen regulation and supervision and reduce risks of the banking sector globally.

To start the process in Bangladesh, central bank officials yesterday sat with the board of Sonali Bank, which

has a huge capital deficit. BB General Manager SM Rabiul

Hassan, Deputy General Manager Ibrahim Bhuiyan and Joint Director Shabari Islam were present at the meeting at the head office of Sonali Bank.

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The seminar was chaired by Professor A. K. Azad Khan (President, Diabetic Association of Bangladesh & Chairman, Board of Trustees, Bangladesh University of Health Science) & the Key Note Speaker was Dr. S.K. Mitra, M.D.

Dr. S. K. Mitra is a renowned scientist in the field of Herbal Science. He has travelled across the globe to promote scientific aspects of herbal medicine. The seminar was a great success and was attended by more than 200 eminent medical Professionals of Bangladesh.

The lecture revolved around the scientific aspects of above medicines with validated clinical trial reports. It was a scientific session in the true sense of the term with active participation from the attending doctor's community.





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- Public Administration
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Dhaka Bank reserves the right to accept or reject any/all applications. Last date of online application submission is close of business (6:00 pm.) Tuesday, 25 August 2015.



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