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## BASIC BANK LOAN SCAM

# ACC sues 56

Bankers, borrowers accused in 18 cases over Tk 650 crore financial irregularities

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

The Anti-Corruption Commission yesterday filed 18 cases against a number of bankers and borrowers linked with the Tk 5,000-crore BASIC Bank scam between 2010 and 2013.

Of the cases, eight were lodged with Gulshan Police Station, seven with Paltan Model Police Station and three with Motijheel Police Station, accusing 56 people of embezzling over Tk 650 crore from the state lender, said police.

However, the then BASIC Bank chairman Abdul Hye Bacchu, who is believed to be at the centre of the scam, was not accused in any of the cases filed last night.

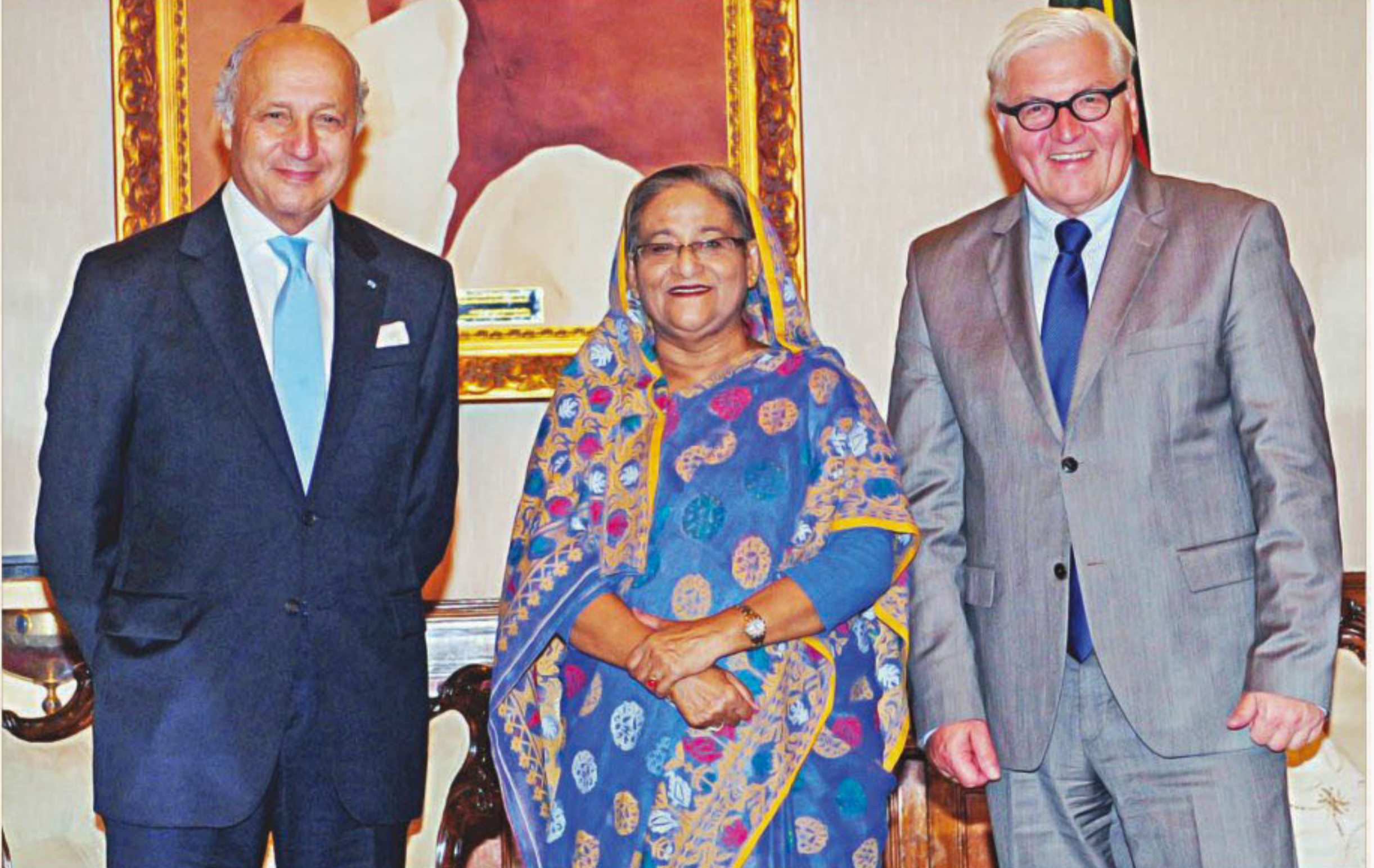
Early this year, a functional audit by the bank outright blamed the Bacchu-led board for the irregularities that cost the state-run bank more than Tk 5,000 crore.

In its inspections in 2012-13, Bangladesh Bank also found Bacchu's complicity in the embezzlement.

According to police, Kazi Faqurul Islam, who was fired from the post of BASIC Bank managing director for involvement in serious irregularities, was accused in a number of cases.

Besides, the heads of 18 companies and many bankers of the state lender were accused in the cases.

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Visiting foreign ministers of France and Germany Laurent Fabius and Frank-Walter Steinmeier call on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at the Gono Bhaban yesterday.

## PM rules out rise of radicalism in country

**UNB, Dhaka**

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday ruled out any possibility of the rise of radicalism in Bangladesh.

"There's no possibility of the rise of radicalism in Bangladesh. Our intelligence and law enforcement agencies are very active and alert so that they can thwart any such attempt," she said.

The PM made the comments when visiting French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius and German Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs Frank-Walter Steinmeier met her at Gono Bhaban.

PM's Press Secretary Ihsanul Karim briefed reporters after the meeting.

The premier said military dictators grabbed power after the assassination of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and dropped the word "secularism" from the Constitution although it was one of the principles of the charter.

"But our government has restored it through the 15th amendment to the Constitution."

She noted that the country's apex court declared

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## 3-hr trip takes 6 hrs

Ashulia road crammed with vehicles; homegoers stuck for hours in tailback on Tangail highway

**PANKAG KARMAKAR**

Around 10:00am yesterday, Golam Kibria and his family started their journey to Tangail from Mohakhali bus terminal in the capital.

It should take them maximum three hours to reach Tangail.

But half that time passed even before they crossed the city. Their bus got stuck twice inside the city, first at Abdullahpur in Uttara, and then at Ashulia on the outskirts of the city.

"Upon reaching Ashulia, we faced another terrible jam and were stuck for over 45 minutes at a point," Kibria told The Daily Star over phone yesterday evening.

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## France, Germany pledge help

Foreign ministers say their countries to stay beside Bangladesh in fight against climate change

**DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT**

The foreign ministers of Germany and France yesterday promised to stay alongside Bangladesh in its fight against climate change, and called for joint efforts to stop global warming.

They also emphasised the need for addressing the root cause of climate disruptions for the lasting protection of victims across the globe.

German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier and French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius, who arrived here yesterday morning for a one-day trip, were speaking at separate programmes prior to wrapping up their visit.

In the run-up to the climate conference COP 21 in Paris, their joint visit to Bangladesh, a country heavily threatened by climate disruptions, could be viewed as a crucial step in

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**TOP!**  
QUOTE

"There remains no difference between a policeman and a criminal if arms are used in this way without any logical ground. And we don't want to see police members in criminal roles in Bangladesh."

NHRC CHAIRMAN  
**PROF MIZANUR RAHMAN,**  
REFERRING TO THE TANGAIL POLICE FIRING WHILE VISITING THE DISTRICT YESTERDAY

## Cop withdrawal not enough

**HR commission chief for punishment over cop firing; 2 Tangail OCs closed**

**STAR REPORT**

It is not enough to withdraw some policemen over the deaths of four people in Friday's clash in Tangail. The responsible cops must be brought to book for "murder," the National Human Rights Commission chairman said yesterday.

"Withdrawal can't be a punishment. They [the cops] must be punished under the criminal law for killing people. They must be tried," Prof Mizanur Rahman said while visiting the spot where the clash and police firing took place.

His comment came hours after the police authorities closed Shahidul Islam and Mokhlesur Rahman, officers-in-charge of Kalihati and Ghatail police stations, on Sunday night.

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## Govt controls media thru' secret policy

**Alleges BNP**

**STAFF CORRESPONDENT**

The BNP yesterday said the government is "controlling the media through pursuing a secret policy meant to gag journalists who are critical of it."

"The government, directly and indirectly, has established its control over media houses. It even finalises the names of participants of talk shows," BNP spokesperson Asaduzzaman Ripon told a press conference at the party's Nayapaltan headquarters.

Criticising the Information and Communication Technology Act, he said the law is nothing but an "instrument to

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A Small Step for a Man, a Giant Leap for Mankind

**Mr. Dilip Kumar Agarwala**

For Receiving The Award for The **Highest Tax Payer**

Chudanga District, For Tax Year 2014-2015

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