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BANGLADESH BANK RESERVE IN NY

Hackers' bid to steal \$870m more foiled

REJAUUL KARIM BYRON

The hackers who stole Bangladesh Bank's money were on their way to pull off a heist of about \$1 billion, but the banking system responded in time to stop the transfer of \$870 million from the central bank's account with the New York Federal Reserve Bank.

The cyber thieves planned to wire their loot through the Philippines and Sri Lanka.

On February 5, \$81 million entered the Philippine banking system and after several layers of transactions made its way out and into Hong Kong. And \$20 million ended up in Sri Lanka.

They then attempted to launder a further \$870 million through the same channel, but their plan was foiled after an American bank recalled the transfer order.

The episode of theft from the central bank's deposits with the US Federal Reserve

Bank is turning out to be a murky, intricate story, one that traversed at least four countries and involved a host of people -- from higher-ups of a bank to casino officials.

The \$81 million in inward remittance was deposited with five bank accounts of the Rizal Commercial Banking Corp (RCBC), which were found to have been opened against documentation belonging to fictitious identities.

The transactions comprise the largest documented case of money laundering ever uncovered in the Philippines by its regulators, said the Philippine Daily Inquirer.

The funds were transferred to a foreign exchange broker for conversion into pesos, transferred back to RCBC and consolidated into the bank account of a Chinese-Filipino businessman.

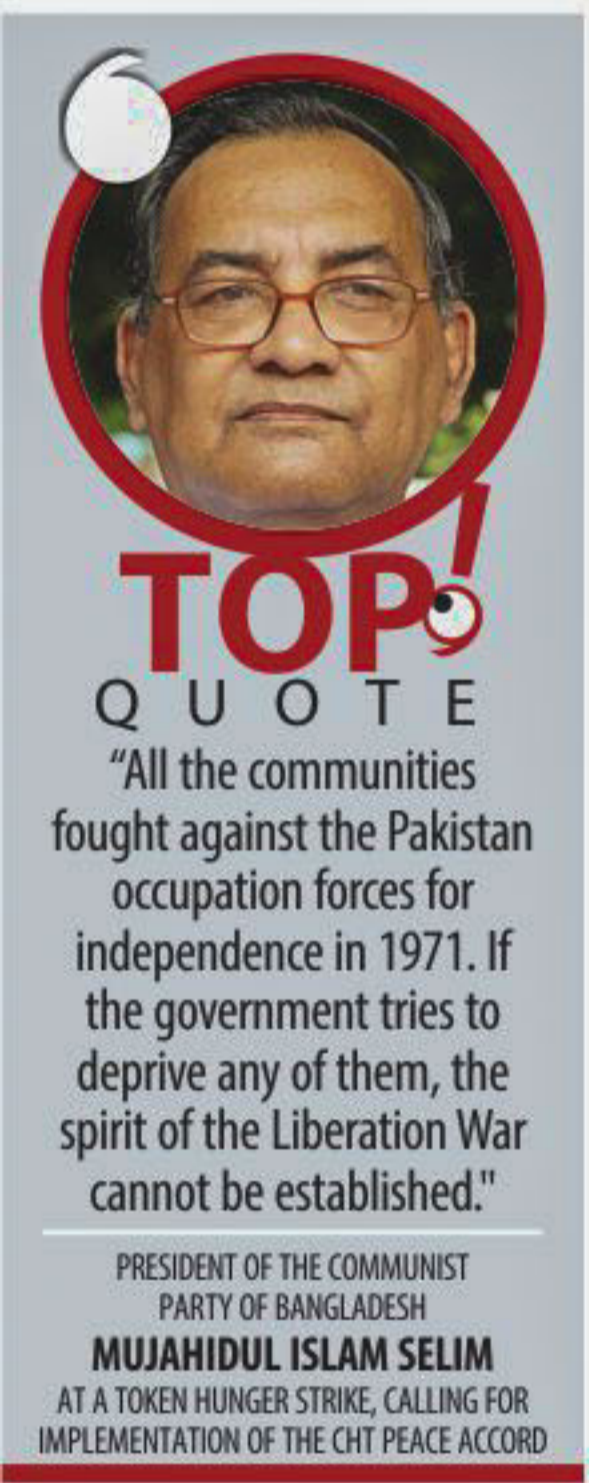
Soon after the funds were released, RCBC

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Rescuers looking for victims in the floating debris of a cargo plane that crashed in the Bay of Bengal off Sonadia island yesterday on its way to Jessore from Cox's Bazar. Three of its four crew were killed in the accident.

PHOTO: COLLECTED



UK bars direct air cargo from Dhaka

Cites Bangladesh's 'failure' to meet international security requirements; garment makers fear disastrous impact

SHARIFUL ISLAM

The UK has banned air cargo directly from Dhaka until further notice as Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport failed to meet some international security requirements.

Only the Biman Bangladesh Airlines carries cargo directly to the UK in its four weekly passenger flights but it now would not be able to do so due to the ban, according to officials of the national flag carrier.

An average of 25 tonnes of cargo -- mostly apparels, vegetables and agricultural products -- is flown to the UK in each flight.

"The ban will have a disastrous impact on our exports as the UK is a very big market of the EU. The UK is the second biggest garment export destination for Bangladesh after Germany," said Siddiqur Rahman, president of Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association.

A web post on the UK government's website on March 8 says, "As part of a set of interim measures, cargo will not be allowed on direct flights from Dhaka to the UK until further notice."

Their recent assessments of the Shahjalal airport found that some international security requirements were not being met, it says.

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Deal for \$2b Indian credit line signed

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh yesterday signed an agreement with the Exim Bank of India for \$2 billion in low-cost loans for more than a dozen social and development projects.

The funds will be used for 14 projects in railway, road transport, power, education, vocational training, health, ICT, shipping and economic zones.

The credit carries 1 per cent interest rate with a repayment period of 20 years and a grace period of five years.

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3 die as cargo plane crashes in the Bay

1 hurt; Jessore-bound aircraft comes down minutes after takeoff from Cox's Bazar

STAR REPORT

A cargo plane crashed into the Bay of Bengal near Sonadia island, about nine kilometres off Cox's Bazar coast, yesterday morning, killing three of its four crew members and injuring the other.

Bound for Jessore, the True Aviation Ltd aircraft carrying shrimp met with the accident around 9:45pm, just about 15 minutes after taking off from Cox's Bazar Airport, said police and airport authorities.

The accident claimed the lives of Flight Captain Gofret Morad, 45, Flight Engineer Andrew and Navigator Kaltona and injured Flight Officer Wazi Morout, 47.

All the four crew of the plane are Ukrainians, said Cox's Bazar police quoting the aviation authorities.

A press note of the Civil Aviation Authority, Bangladesh (CAAB) said the pilot declared an "emergency" soon after the plane took off from Cox's

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Bangladesh opener Tamim Iqbal rocks back to smash one through point during his 58-ball 83 against the Netherlands yesterday. Tamim, who smashed six fours and three sixes, was the only effective Bangladeshi batsman as the Tigers won their first ICC World Twenty20 qualifying match in Dharamsala by eight runs.

PHOTO: BCB

Tamim keeps Tigers alive

Bangladesh beat the Netherlands by 8 runs

AL-AMIN from Dharamsala

Bangladesh launched their ICC World T20 campaign on the right track but not before a few goose-bumps against the spirited Netherlands, who almost ran down the Tigers' competitive 153 before falling eight runs short in their opening ICC World T20 qualifier at Dharamsala yesterday.

It was a cracker of a game where fortunes fluctuated from one end to the other until that 17th over with the



Dutch on the ascendency, needing 42 runs in 24 balls with six wickets in hand.

Tigers captain Mashrafe Bin Mortaza, after giving a second thought to reintroducing Al-Amin Hossain, took the ball in his own hand. And the next six deliveries he bowled were something extraordinary from an extraordinary man. He conceded just

three runs. But that will tell little of the whole package that included a full-length delivery that took the inside edge of

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ZIA TRUST CASE Khaleda files petition to cancel trial

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia yesterday filed another petition with the High Court seeking cancellation of the trial proceedings in Zia Charitable Trust corruption case against her, as a Dhaka court is set to resume the hearing today.

Khaleda in the petition challenged the legality of the appointment of Harunur Rashid as the investigating officer, saying that the Anti-Corruption Commission has not published any gazette notice on his appointment.

Talking to The Daily Star, petitioner's counsel AM Mahub Uddin Khokon said under Section 20(1) of the Anti-Corruption Commission Act, 2004, the ACC has to issue a gazette notice on the appointment of an investigating officer (IO) of a graft case.

The petition will be included in the cause list of the HC bench of Justice Md Ruhul Quddus and Justice Mahmudul Hoque on March 14 for its hearing, Shanjid Siddique, another lawyer for Khaleda, told this correspondent.

ACC lawyer Khurshid Alam Khan said the commission issued relevant gazette notices on the

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MURDERS IN CTG, RANGPUR

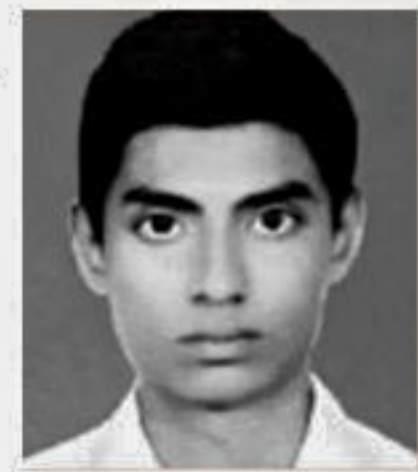
11 get death penalty

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A Chittagong court yesterday sentenced six people to death in a case filed for killing a student nearly five years ago.

Five more people were awarded death penalty by a Rangpur court for the murder of a physically-challenged woman in Pirganj upazila in 2006. The convicts include a younger brother of the victim.

Himel Das Supam, an SSC GPA-5 achiever, was found dead in Bandarban after his abduction in May 2011, just four days before the results were published.



Himel Das Supam

Chittagong Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal-2 Judge Selim Miya fined the six convicts Tk 10,000 each for the murder, said Public Prosecutor (PP) MA Naser.

Fifteen witnesses testified at the trial and the charges against the accused were proved beyond doubt, he said.

The convicts are Mahmudul Islam and Nazrul Islam alias Lal Miah of Chittagong's Banshkhali; Sunil Das and Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury of Satkania; Hossain alias Sagar of Chandpur; and Mohammad

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এতদ্বারা সর্বসাধারণের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাইতেছে যে, যদি বাংলাদেশ মেডিক্যাল এন্ড ডেন্টাল কাউন্সিলে (বিএমএন্ডডিসি) নিবন্ধনকৃত কোন চিকিৎসক/দস্ত চিকিৎসক/চিকিৎসা সহকারী চিকিৎসার ক্ষেত্রে কোন অনিয়ম, প্রতারণা বা গাফিলতি করিয়াছেন বলিয়া কাহারও নিকট প্রতীয়মান হয় সে ক্ষেত্রে অভিযোগকারী তাহার সঠিক পরিচিতি এবং অভিযোগ প্রমাণের স্বপক্ষে সুনির্দিষ্ট তথ্যাদি সহ কাউন্সিলে অভিযোগ করিতে পারিবেন। বিএমএন্ডডিসি উক্ত বিষয়ে তদন্ত সাপেক্ষে প্রয়োজনীয় আইনানুগ ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণ করিবে।

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