

## Graft leaves 2 pvt banks in dire straits

*JS body worried at rampant financial scams at Farmers, NRB Commercial banks*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Only four years after their inception, two private commercial banks are at a risk of becoming insolvent due to rampant corruption, posing a potential threat of a spill-over impact on the entire banking system, according to a Bangladesh Bank report.

The issue has come to the notice of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on the finance ministry, which has voiced deep concern over the deteriorating condition of the Farmers Bank Limited and the NRB Commercial Bank.

The BB yesterday provided the committee with the report on the two banks that launched operation in late 2013 along with seven other banks.

Emerging from a meeting of the parliamentary body



yesterday, committee Chairman Abdur Razzak told reporters that the degree of financial corruption unearthed by the central bank sent shivers down his spine.

All the committee members expressed dissatisfaction over the unchecked financial scams at the two newly-established banks, he said.

The committee has asked the BB to inform it by December about the punitive measures to be taken against the scamsters, Razzak said.

The members of the two boards would have to take responsibility for corruption at the banks, he said.

Awami League lawmaker Muhiuddin Khan Alamgir, also former home minister, is the chairman of the Farmers Bank board. He is also chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on public accounts.

The committee had asked Alamgir to be present at  
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Following an attack on their colleagues over the death of a patient, doctors of the hospital abstained from work for three hours. Over a hundred patients were denied emergency treatment. *Inset*, The blocked-off entrance to the emergency department of the hospital.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

## DMCH DOCTORS' WORK STOPPAGE OVER ASSAULT ON A COLLEAGUE No emergency service for 3hrs

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

With severe head injuries, Mehedi Hasan was brought to Dhaka Medical College Hospital yesterday afternoon.

On the 30km way from Munshiganj, his condition worsened, as blood continued to ooze out through his wounds from falling off a

running truck.

But to his utter shock, he was denied treatment, as doctors stopped working in protest of an attack on their colleagues by relatives of a patient who died at the hospital.

"Who will be responsible if something bad happens to my son?" Jahanara Begum, mother of Mehedi, told The Daily Star before leaving the

hospital without treatment around 2:45pm.

They took him to the National Institute of Ophthalmology at the city's Agargaon.

Like Mehedi, over a hundred patients needing emergency treatment were turned away during the work abstention for about three hours by doctors and nurses at the emergency,  
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## 'Beijing with Dhaka'

*Chinese ambassador says on refugee crisis, hopes soon it'll be solved; pro-army rally in Myanmar despite Rohingya outcry; US delegation to visit soon*

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Chinese Ambassador in Dhaka yesterday said his country stands by Bangladesh and hopes there will soon be a peaceful solution to the Rohingya crisis.

"We expressed our commitment that we stand by Bangladesh [on the Rohingya problem]. We do hope that this issue will be settled as soon as possible peacefully," Ma Mingqiang said at a function at the Economic Relations Division in the capital.

The ambassador and Disaster Management and Relief Ministry Secretary Shah Kamal at the programme signed a certificate of acceptance for firefighting equipment, including escalators, air compressors, generators and forklifts China provided to Bangladesh.

Ma said there are many similarities between the disasters faced by the two

countries. "Even today, you're also facing disaster. It's a serious problem of refugees."

Stating that Myanmar and Bangladesh are friendly countries, the envoy said, "We hope our two brothers will sit down and solve this problem. I did see that there's some visible progress in terms of discussion."

Over 600,000 Rohingyas have crossed over from Myanmar into Bangladesh fleeing a military crackdown in response to insurgent attacks on police posts and an army camp on August 25.

The humanitarian crisis stemming from the influx has drawn global attention and become a topic of discussion at the United Nations. The UN Security Council, however, has failed to take any action against Myanmar because of opposition from China and Russia.

Last month, Ambassador Ma said

Bangladesh is suffering because of the Rohingya influx while China is also in trouble because there are Chinese investments in Myanmar.

Guo Yezhou, a deputy head of the Chinese Communist Party's international department, last week said China's principle was not to interfere in the internal affairs of another country.

"Based on experience, you can see recently the consequences when one country interferes in another. We won't do it," Guo said.

**RALLY FOR MYANMAR ARMY**  
Also yesterday, tens of thousands of people in downtown Yangon rallied in defence of Myanmar's army, an institution accused by the global community of driving Rohingyas from the country, reports AFP.

Concerned over the atrocities in Rakhine State, US Secretary of State Rex Tillerson phoned army chief Min

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## ATTEMPT TO KILL HASINA 11 Freedom Party men jailed for life

COURT CORRESPONDENT

A Dhaka court yesterday sentenced 11 Freedom Party (now defunct) members to life imprisonment in a case filed in connection with the attack on Sheikh Hasina in August, 1989.

Two cases were filed following the attack, one for attempted murder and the other for exploding bombs targeting her then Dhanmondi Road-32 home.

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## ATTACK ON KHALEDA'S MOTORCADE AL, BNP blame each other

STAR REPORT

The Awami League and the BNP are at loggerheads over Saturday's attack on Khaleda Zia's motorcade in Feni, with each party pointing fingers at the other for the incident.

BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir yesterday alleged that "known criminals" of the ruling party carried out the pre-planned attack.

"The names and photographs of the criminals who attacked our chairperson's motorcade have been published in newspapers. It is now clear that Chhatra League and Awami League cadres had carried out the attack," he said, while visiting the journalists injured in the attack at a hotel in Chittagong.

Rizvi Ahmed, senior joint secretary general of BNP, at a press conference at the party's Nayapaltan office, blamed AL General Secretary Obaidul Quader for the attack.

"Obaidul Quader was the mastermind behind the attack," he said.

But Obaidul Quader, also the road transport and bridges minister, yesterday claimed the attack was staged by the

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## Hello, is this Shakib Khan?

MINTU DESHWARA

In the span of five days, starting from 10:00pm on July 10 until 9:30pm on 15th July, Ijazul Miah received a total of 432 phone calls.

The sheer number of calls changed the life of the battery-run rickshaw driver, who moonlights as a carpenter, for the worse.

Even more bothersome, during those calls, no one expected Ijazul to answer; they were calling for Shakib Khan, the biggest draw in Bangladeshi cinema.

These complaints, along with others, were recorded when Ijazul Miah filed a case in Habiganj senior judicial magistrate's court seeking Tk 50 lakh as compensation. The magistrate instructed the Detective Branch of Police to investigate the matter.

The case was filed yesterday afternoon against three  
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A Rohingya refugee girl collects water from a shallow well, dug from the sand along a drain at Uchiprang refugee camp in Cox's Bazar yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS



## শোক সংবাদ

আমরা শোকাহত

আমরা অত্যন্ত দুঃখের সাথে জানাচ্ছি যে, স্টামফোর্ড ইউনিভার্সিটি বাংলাদেশ-এর মাননীয় প্রতিষ্ঠাতা ও ট্রাস্টিবোর্ডের প্রেসিডেন্ট প্রফেসর ড. এম. এ. হান্নান ফিরোজ গতকাল ২৯-১০-২০১৭ ভোররাতে মস্তিষ্কের রক্তক্ষরণ জনিত কারণে ইন্তেকাল করেন (ইল্লাহীয়া ফিহা ওয়া ইল্লাহীয়া ইনা ইহী রাজিউন)। মরহুমের মৃত্যুতে আমরা গভীর শোক প্রকাশ করছি এবং বিদেহী আত্মার মাগফেরাত কামনা করছি ও শোকসন্তপ্ত পরিবারের প্রতি সমবেদনা জ্ঞাপন করছি।

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