



PARADISE PAPERS

Mintoo family named

His oil company links, Unocal controversies come to fore



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The Paradise Papers leak has revealed that businessman and BNP Vice Chairman Abdul Awal Mintoo had registered his energy company NFM Energy Ltd in tax haven Bermuda on August 9, 1999—just around the time when the American company Unocal had given him a small share to help “troubleshoot” its local business.

The documents also revealed names of Mintoo's wife Nasreen Fatema Awal, and three sons -- Tabith Mohammed Awal, Tafsir Mohammed Awal and Tajwar Muhammed Awal as shareholders of this offshore company.

Mintoo's business website Multimodebd.com has a page of NFM energy that says, “NFM Energy Limited is one of the industry leaders in gas drilling exploration sharing interests and investments in Chevron Bangladesh Ltd. It is engaged in Gas Exploration of blocks 12, 13 and 14.” However, the webpage became inaccessible since Saturday evening.

Mintoo enjoyed this share for more than a decade until the American oil giant Chevron, that acquired Unocal globally, bought his share some three years back, industry insiders said.

Chevron Bangladesh's annual profit hovered around a

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Names of some 'firms linked to Bangladesh' come up

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The names of several companies bearing Bangladesh's name have surfaced in the Paradise Papers, a global investigation into the offshore activities of some of the world's most powerful people and companies.

The firms include Bangladesh Biman Inc, which was registered in the Pacific island nation of Samoa on June 6, 2013, according to the probe by the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ).

The firm, whose name is similar to the national carrier Biman Bangladesh Airlines Ltd, is reportedly linked to Hong Kong.

Asked, Civil Aviation and Tourism Minister Rashed Khan Menon yesterday said he was unaware of the matter.

Another firm, Islamic Solidarity Shipping Company Bangladesh Inc, is also on the list provided

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The huge crowd listening to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, inset, at Suhrawardy Udyan in the capital yesterday. The Nagorik Samabesh (citizens' rally) was organised to celebrate Unesco's recognition of Bangabandhu's March 7 speech.

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Pride for the nation

PM on UN recognition of Bangabandhu's March 7 speech

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said Unesco's recognition of the March 7 speech of the Father of the Nation was history's revenge on those who tried to erase the name of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and his contributions to Bangladesh.

“Once, playing the March 7 speech was forbidden in the country. Those who were not born in the country were behind the attempt to erase the speech from history. The Unesco recognition has proved that none can erase the history. History takes its revenge and always upholds the truth,” she said addressing a rally at Suhrawardy Udyan.

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PRIME MINISTER SHEIKH HASINA ON UNESCO'S RECOGNITION OF BANGABANDHU'S MARCH 7 SPEECH

China wants to facilitate bilateral dialogue

Chinese foreign minister tells PM on Rohingya crisis; US delegation lauds Bangladesh for generosity

STAR REPORT

The visiting Chinese foreign minister yesterday expressed his country's willingness to facilitate talks between Bangladesh and Myanmar to resolve the Rohingya crisis.

Wang Yi made the offer as he met Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina at the Gono Bhaban. PM's Press Secretary Ihsanul Karim briefed reporters after the meeting, reports UNB.



Wang Yi

“China is willing to facilitate a dialogue between Myanmar and Bangladesh to resolve the Rohingya crisis. This is a big challenge for Bangladesh... this is Myanmar's internal problem, but this is affecting Bangladesh,” Ihsanul quoted Wang Yi as saying.

Talking to a small group of journalists, including The Daily Star's diplomatic correspondent, later at night, the

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People bear the brunt of traffic chaos

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

City residents suffered dreadful traffic snarl-ups yesterday afternoon as Nagorik Committee organised a huge rally at the Suhrawardy Udyan.

Police made the roads around the venue off limits to vehicles since noon. Many other roads were filled with processions by the Awami League men.

Traffic went haywire near the entrance to the emergency unit of Dhaka Medical College Hospital, with ambulances getting stuck.

“My mother suffered head injuries. I was taking her to the hospital in a rickshaw. It took me around 20 minutes to enter the emergency gate of the hospital,” said Mahbub Alam.

On way to the hospital from Company Ghat, he was caught in a tailback at Chankharpool around 4:30pm.

Liver patient Abdur Rouf from Mohakhali was stuck in traffic near the hospital gate for around half an hour, said his son-in-law Noor-e-Alam.

Usually, the entrance to the emergency unit is kept accessible to vehicles by

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A Rohingya boy walks on a bamboo bridge at Palongkhali refugee camp in Cox's Bazar yesterday.

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