

AB BANK GRAFT CASE Travel ban on two ex-officials lifted

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
A Dhaka court yesterday lifted a travel ban imposed on two former top officials of AB Bank for three months.
Metropolitan Magistrate Satyabrata Sikder lifted the travel ban on former chairman M Wahidul Haque and head of corporate Abu Hena Mostafa Kamal, in connection with a graft case filed against them for misappropriating Tk 165 crore from the bank between 2013 and 2014.
However, Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) has taken initiatives to file an appeal against the court order, sources said.
ACC filed the graft case on January 25, 2018. The duo was arrested on the same day, but they later secured bail.
ACC is yet to submit the charge-sheet in the case. Contacted, anti-graft commission's Assistant Director Gulshan Anwar Pradhan, said they will submit the charge sheet soon.
According to the case statement, on December 2013, the board of directors of AB Bank approved investment of \$20 million in Singapore-based fundraising and investment company Pinnacle Global Fund Pte Ltd through the bank's offshore banking unit (OBU).
In February 2014, OBU laundered the money to an account at the UAE-based Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank.
The account belonged to Cheng Bao General Trading LLC, which acted as a special purpose vehicle (SPV) or a mediator for Pinnacle Global Fund. Cheng Bao immediately withdrew the money and closed the account.

UK cooperation sought to bring back Tarique

Says Law minister after meeting with British high commissioner
UNB, Dhaka
Law Minister Anisul Huq yesterday said the government has sought cooperation from the UK government in bringing back BNP acting chairman Tarique Rahman from the country.
Anisul came up with the information while talking to reporters after a meeting with British High Commissioner to Bangladesh Robert Chatterton Dickson at the minister's Gulshan office.
"The high commissioner told me that he'll discuss the issue with his government. He also said it's a legal issue and it can take a long time," said the minister. "We hope we'll get a positive solution."
Responding to a question about bringing back Noor Chowdhury, one of the convicts in Bangabandhu murder case, he said, "There was a hearing on March 25 on Noor Chowdhury in a Canadian court."
"Earlier, we sought some information about Noor, but the Canadian government did not provide any. Later, we sent a delegation to the Canadian court. There was an advocate in the hearing on behalf of Bangladesh. Noor also attended the hearing. The court will deliver an order in this regard later."
In reply to another question whether there was any discussion about recognising March 25 as International Genocide Day, he said the government is working to get the recognition.
'EFFORTS ON TO BRING THEM BACK'
Foreign Minister Dr AK Abdul Momen yesterday reiterated that the government wants to bring back all the convicted criminals from abroad and implement the court verdicts as per the law of the land.
"Efforts are on to bring them back," he told reporters. Momen also referred to discussions between Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and her Canadian counterpart Justin Trudeau over deportation of Noor Chowdhury.
Earlier, the foreign minister and Information Minister Dr Hasan Mahmud inaugurated "Demonstration and Introduction of STP (Set-Top) Boxes for Internet Protocol Television (IPTV)" in Bangladesh missions abroad at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

BIWTA drive continues

**29 illegal structures
knocked down**
STAFF CORRESPONDENT
Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority (BIWTA) yesterday knocked down some 29 illegal structures in Kaundia of Savar as part of their ongoing drive against illegal establishments along the Buriganga and Turag rivers.
A team, led by BIWTA Joint Director AKM Arif Uddin, conducted the drive at Kaundia around 10am and continued till 4pm.
The team also recovered around one acre of land and freed Kumarbari Khal from encroachers, who were using the canal for fish farming, de-linking it from the Turag river.
On the 23rd day of the drive, BIWTA demolished 12 one-storey, one three-storey and four two-storey buildings, and seven semi-concrete and five tin-shed structures.

NEWS IN brief

Job fair at RU today
RU CORRESPONDENT
"Rajshahi IT-ITES Job Fair" starts at Rajshahi University today.
The daylong event is organised by the ICT Division and Leveraging ICT for Growth, Employment and Governance, with assistance from Bangladesh Computer Council, Bangladesh Association of Software and Information Services and Bangladesh Association of Call Center & Outsourcing.
Forty leading IT companies will take part in the fair. Around 15,000 graduates will attend the event and vie for jobs in IT sectors, organisers said at a press conference yesterday.
Abul Matin Khan passes away
CITY DESK
Abul Matin Khan, a retired banker, passed away at his home in Uttara on March 24. He was 94.
He left behind his wife, Hosneara Khan, former vice principal of Scholastica School, two sons, a daughter, and several grandchildren to mourn his death, said a press release.
Abul Matin served as the managing director of Investment Corporation of Bangladesh (ICB), Pubali Bank and Uttara Bank. He started his banking career with National Bank of Pakistan in early 1950s and also worked in Industrial Development Bank of Pakistan and Shilpa Bank in Bangladesh.
Abul Matin's qulhwani will be held at his Uttara residence on Friday after the Asr prayers.



'Election not held fairly'

US State dept reaffirms
STAFF CORRESPONDENT
US Department of State stands by its claim that the last parliamentary election of Bangladesh was not held in a fair manner, said Robert Palladino, a spokesperson of the department, yesterday.
He reiterated the US' stance on the polls, at a regular press briefing in Washington on March 26 (local time).
The spokesperson mentioned that the US wants to continue working with the Bangladesh government on issues of mutual interest.
Referring to its report on human rights situation in Bangladesh, Palladino said: "...the December 2018 election was neither free nor fair given widespread reports of irregularities, including ballot box stuffing and intimidation of opposition polling agents and voters."
USA looks forward to working with the government and the opposition, he said.
After the US State Department released its human rights report earlier this month where it reported that the parliamentary election saw irregularities and intimidation, ruling Awami League rejected it, terming it "biased".

Ceremony held for youth delegation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT
The Indian High Commission in Dhaka organised a flag-off ceremony for this year's 100-member Bangladesh Youth Delegation to India yesterday.
The delegation will embark on a seven-day visit to major Indian cities, says a press release.
Deputy Education Minister Mohibul Hasan Chowdhury and Indian High Commissioner Riva Ganguly Das addressed the delegation members.

Food festival at Westin

CITY DESK
The Westin Dhaka is organising a food festival titled "Sofra of Sultans". The festival will take place from March 27 till April 2.
The festival will let guests experience Persian, Lebanese and Azerbaijani delicacies presented by MasterChef M Burc Tuncel and his team of culinary artists.
The week-long food festival is a dinner only event and the buffet is priced at Tk 5,500 per person.
Special BIG1 offers will be available for the customers of several specified banks.
To attend, guests will have to make reservations by call.

Dainik Brahmanbaria Editor Md Nurul Hossain dies

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Brahmanbaria
Md Nurul Hossain, editor of Brahmanbaria's first daily "Dainik Brahmanbaria" and weekly magazine "Titas", passed away on Tuesday at a city hospital following cardiac problems. He was 75.
He left behind his wife, two sons and a daughter to mourn his death.
He was buried at his family graveyard in Brahmanbaria after his first namaz-e-janaza at Loknath Maidan in the town and the second one at his village home in Nasiragar upazila after the Zohr prayers.
His nephew BM Farhad Hossain Sangram, lawmaker from Brahmanbaria-1 constituency, expressed condolences and prayed for salvation of the departed soul.



Lack of data, evaluation

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government stressed on the contextualisation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for the country.
"Another big issue which needs to be focused on is the whole issue of data. In four years of SDGs, we do not have a proper baseline regarding WASH," he said, urging to engage Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) properly to collect data ahead of next census in 2021.
Mohammad Monirul Alam, WASH specialist of Unicef, said, "We don't acknowledge [rights of] slum dwellers in the cities. But equity is the most important [in terms of achieving SDGs]. Everybody has to be included in WASH planning in equity perspective."
Shariful Alam, WASH sector specialists of ministry of public administration, said, "No revision to SDGs has been done in three

Two 'traffickers'

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women to send to Saudi Arabia as they usually do not complain or seek legal help even after facing torture there, the Rab official said.
In primary interrogation, the arrestees told Rab that they had sent at least 20 women to Saudi Arabia but officials are yet to verify whether they were Rohingya.
The Rab official said they used to make a profit of Tk 15,000 for sending each woman abroad.
The rescued women will be sent to a Rohingya camp in Cox's Bazar soon, Rab said.

Open fire

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Sonargaon -- will go to election on March 31.
"Those who will cause disorder will be dealt with a strong hand. No political consideration will work," said Rafiqul.
The meeting also decided to deploy Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) members and additional police at the polling stations located at char (shoal) areas.
DC Rabbi Miah and superintendent of police Harun-ur-Rashid, among others, also attended the function.

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Corrigendum Notice

This is for general information to all the concerned that the following corrigendum have been made to e-GP tender package No. SE(QC)/Equip/G-1-01, Dated 10.3.2019 published on 12.3.2019 at "The Daily Star" and at "The Daily Kalerkantha".
Tender ID No. shall be **293261** instead of **152262**.
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Four JnU students assaulted for protesting harassment

JNU CORRESPONDENT
Four students of Jagannath University's (JnU) English department were assaulted for protesting the incident of harassment of a female student on the campus yesterday.
Around 1pm, three students of JnU Islamic History and Culture department: Samiul Shawon, Unus Kabir Razib and Hasanuzzaman stalked a female student of the English department and made indecent gestures at her.
When four other students of English department protested the incident, the trio assaulted them.
The victims and the female student submitted a written complaint to JnU Vice-Chancellor Prof Mijanur Rahman in this regard.
In the complaint, they urged the VC to ensure their security on campus and demanded exemplary punishment of the three attackers.
"We are investigating the matter and will take steps soon," said VC Mijanur Rahman.

LAND FOR SALE
70 Bigha land Urgent Sale at Cox's Bazar, Adjacent to Marine Drive Road and Sea-Beach. Suitable For Hotel and Resort. 01776-694847, 01911-933733

Swindling
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The Tejgaon DC said after the gang was done with a target, they asked their accomplices at the job portal to remove the job circulars.
The gang collected SIM cards registered against different individuals from retail sellers of various mobile operators at higher costs and used a particular number to contact each victim.
Biplob asked to make it mandatory to ensure that SIM's biometric data match with that of NID, when an individual opens a mobile banking account.
"If it can be ensured such fraudulence will totally stop," he added.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Security Services Division
Ministry of Home Affairs
Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka-1000
Memo No. 58.00.0000.013.07.001.2018.38 Dated: 27.03.2019

e-Tender Notice

No: 01/2018-19
e-Tender is invited in National e-GP System Portal (www.eprocure.gov.bd) for procurement of the following goods.

SI No.	Tender ID	Procurement items	Tender method	Publishing date & time	Last selling date & time	Closing and opening date & time
01.	300382	Desktop Computer, Duplex Laser Printer, Scanner	OTM	27-03-2019; 15:00	11-04-2019; 18:00	15-04-2019; 11:00

This is an online tender, where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copy will be accepted. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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Lost
I have lost a term deposit Shanchai Patra that has 5 booklets bearing number Cha 0353633 and Cha 0152493-496.
I have done a GD entry with Tejgaon Police Station in respect GD number is 747 Dated 14-03-2019. If anyone has found these please contact me over phone number mentioned below.
Phone: 01550-000786

RFP Ref. No.: LRPS- BAN-2019-9147592
Request for Proposal (RFP): Provide service for Installation of Local Area Network, Power and Relocation of Data Centre for UNICEF.
UNICEF-Bangladesh is inviting interested companies with a strong record and credibility of providing the above required service. To receive the detailed scope of work and procedure to submit the bid response, please email to "supplybangladesh@unicef.org".
Pre-bid Meeting date: Thursday, 4 April 2019; Time: 11:00 Hrs at UNICEF Office at BSL Office Complex, 1 Minto Road, Dhaka 1000, Bangladesh.
The deadline to submit proposal is **Monday, 15 April 2019 by 14:30 Hrs**
Please note UNICEF does not charge any fee at any stage of the solicitation process.
www.unicef.org.bd

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REOI Ref No: 26.00.0000.010.11.094.18/458 Date: 27/03/2019

Request for Expression of Interest (REOI) for National Consultant (Individual) under EC4J Project

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh (GoB) has received a credit (IDA Credit No: 6042-BD) from the International Development Association (IDA) toward the cost of Export Competitiveness for Jobs (EC4J) Project under Ministry of Commerce (MoC) and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this credit to payments for consultancy services of the following position:
Technical Specialist (Package No. S4): 1 Position (36 man-month)
Qualification, Experiences and Skills required:

- B.Sc. Engineering in any discipline;
- At least 15-year experience in the field of development;
- A minimum of 5 years of progressively responsible experience in the area of project management at any public/international/multinational development organization;
- Preference will be given to candidates with experience in foreign funded/WB funded project;
- Demonstrate experience and ability to manage sub-projects including preparing work plan, budgeting, monitoring progress and implementation of activities;
- Experience in facilitating inter-institutional organization and ability to work with teams;
- Experience in coordinating and managing multiple consultants/consulting firms.

3. EC4J now invites eligible applicants to express their interest in providing the services mentioned above. The applicants are requested to submit Curriculum Vitae (CV) (one hard copy and also a soft copy in CD in MS word format) along with copies of academic and training certificates and one recent passport size photograph. The terms of reference (ToRs) and CV format are available in the web address: www.ec4j.gov.bd. Interested applicants may also get the same from the office of the undersigned during office hours on or before April 15, 2019 up to 5:00pm.

4. Consultant will be selected on the basis of the qualifications and experiences as mentioned above using the selection of individual consultant method in accordance with World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016 ("Procurement Regulations").

5. Expression of interest shall have to be submitted by April 16, 2019 up to 5:00pm, in sealed envelope to the office of the undersigned, and be clearly marked as "Expressions of Interest for the position of Technical Specialist (Package No. S4)".

6. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all EOIs.

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