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STATE VS GP, ROBI

Out-of-court settlement suffers delay

Govt now wants to see what court says about Tk 13,447cr it claims the carriers owe

MUHAMMAD ZAHIDUL ISLAM

The government move for out-of-court settlement of a dispute between the telecom regulator and two large mobile carriers over “dues” suffered at least a week’s delay yesterday.

Two memorandums of understanding (MoUs) were supposed to be signed yesterday between the telecom regulator, the National Board of Revenue, the telecom division, and Grameenphone and Robi but the matter was put on hold after the Supreme Court in the morning asked Grameenphone how much money it was willing to deposit to keep an injunction going, sources familiar with the matter said.

The Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC) claims that the two carriers owe the state Tk 13,447 crore in revenue share, taxes, and late fees until 2014, but the carriers said the amount was disputed.

The BTRC was about to appoint panels of administrators

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Buildings intended to accommodate the Rohingyas on Bhashan Char. The aerial photo taken on June 19 was released on Monday by Mukta Dinwiddie MacLaren Architects. Related story on page 2.

PHOTO: AFP/ MUKTA DINWIDDIE MACLAREN ARCHITECTS

Explain remarks on polls

The 14-party alliance asks Menon

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Awami League-led 14-party alliance yesterday sought explanation from its ally -- Workers Party of Bangladesh President Rashed Khan Menon -- for his recent statement on the 11th parliamentary election.

The alliance wrote to Menon last night after it held a meeting at the house of its spokesperson Mohammed Nasim in the capital's Dhanmondi.

The letter signed by Nasim reads, “The meeting of the 14-party alliance discussed elaborately about the statement you have given in Barisal recently on the national election held on December 30, 2018 ... your statement is not acceptable by any means.

“Your untrue statement created confusion in people’s mind at the time when the country’s democracy is moving forward under the leadership of honourable Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. And your such statement is completely opposite to the 14-party’s election-related explanation. Thus, [we are] requesting you to give an explanation about your election-related statement.”

On October 19, Menon alleged that people could not cast their votes in the December 30 parliamentary polls.

“Although I was

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We will start staying at VC’s house

Enraged Ducusu member warns as no solution to seat crisis in dorms yet

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Ducusu member Tanbir Hasan Shaikat yesterday said he, along with first-year students living in *gono rooms* in dormitories, would start residing in the vice-chancellor’s home from October 29.

“We will start residing in the VC’s residence as the university authorities failed to take any effective measure within a 15-day ultimatum to resolve the existing accommodation crisis on the campus,” he told a press conference at Dhaka University Journalists’ Association office.

To cope with the existing accommodation crisis, ruling party student body places freshers in *gono rooms* at every hall. Over 30 students live in a *gono room* meant to have just four beds.

The university has 18 dorms.

Shaikat, a former member of central Chhatra League, alleged that Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal leaders had first introduced such *gono room* culture in the university soon after the BNP was founded by former president Ziaur Rahman.

They used the freshers for their political programmes.

“Since then, no one took initiative to stop this culture,” he added.

He said the incumbent VC was yet to take any visible initiative in this regard

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MAHARASHTRA, HARYANA STATE POLLS

Mixed fate for BJP as economy falters

Modi-led saffron party expected to retain the states but with reduced majority; Congress gains after debacles in general election

AFP, Mumbai

Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s Hindu nationalists faced mixed fortunes in two Indian state elections, with his party on course to see reduced majorities as a grinding economic slowdown weighed on voters.

An official count of tens of millions of ballots was underway yesterday in western Maharashtra state, which is home to the financial hub of Mumbai, and in Haryana in the north, bordering New Delhi.

With more than half the 288 seats in Maharashtra’s state assembly declared, Modi’s Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) won or was ahead in 103 seats, sharply down from 122 five years ago, the election commission’s website showed, leaving its rival Congress party trailing at 45.

But in Haryana they were locked in a tight battle, with Congress winning or leading 31 seats -- a boost for the party from its tally of 15 in the 2014 polls.

Although the BJP appeared to be edging ahead of Congress, neither side was expected to secure a majority of the 90 seats up for grabs, putting the result on a knife-edge.

The BJP is seeking a second term in both states, months after Modi’s landslide victory in national polls in May despite a patchy economic record that has seen unemployment hit levels not seen since the 1970s.

The premier was a star campaigner in both states, eager to reassure voters upset over job losses and sluggish growth.

Scores of BJP workers turned up at the party’s headquarters in Mumbai dressed in saffron tunics, with some playing drums and others carrying victory placards, letting off firecrackers in anticipation of the final results.

WARNING SIGN FOR BJP

Still, it was a fraction of the huge crowds that gathered there for state elections five years ago.

Hours later, chief minister Devendra Fadnavis told reporters that the reduced majority was not a cause for concern.

“This is not a time for analysis but time for celebrations,” he said.

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No case filed for BNP leader killing

Family says justice never served over murders in hills

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rangamati

Even a day after the brutal killing of Rangamati BNP leader Dipamoy Talukder after his abduction, neither the family nor police filed a murder case.

The victim’s family said they had decided not to file a case as justice had not been served in the previous cases filed over the murders that took place in Chatogram Hill Tracts (CHT).

“Earlier, we have seen that families of the victims

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Monkeys learn regional accents



INDEPENDENT.CO.UK

Marmoset monkeys rapidly adapt their dialects when they move to new territories – changing their “accents” in just a few weeks, a new study shows.

Adapting their calls could be a way to signal their interest in the new group and increase the chance of meeting a partner, according to the paper published in Plos One.

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PRAYER TIMING OCTOBER 25

Fajr	Juma	Asr	Maghrib	Esha
4:50	12:30	4:00	5:36	7:15
5:25	1:15	4:15	5:39	7:45

JAMAT

SOURCE: ISLAMIC FOUNDATION





The striking Strawberry Finch, also known as Lal Munia, spotted in Diabari in the capital’s Uttara. The sparrow-size bird of the family Estrildidae was a welcome sight to the capital, enchanting those who saw it.

PHOTO: TOUHID PARVEZ BIPLOB



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জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ডের সাধারণ আদেশ নং-১৬/মুসক/২০১৯, তারিখঃ ৩০ জুন, ২০১৯ অনুযায়ী যে সকল সফটওয়্যার কোম্পানী মুসক সফটওয়্যার বিক্রয়/সরবরাহ করবে তাদেরকে জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ডের তালিকাভুক্ত (enlisted) হতে হবে। এমতাবস্থায়, মুসক সফটওয়্যার সরবরাহ করতে আগ্রহী প্রতিষ্ঠানের নিকট থেকে জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ডে তালিকাভুক্ত হওয়ার লক্ষ্যে আবেদন আহ্বান করা হলো:

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- প্রতিষ্ঠানকে রেজিস্টার অব জয়েন্ট স্টক কোম্পানিজ এন্ড ফার্মস এর দপ্তর হতে প্রাইভেট/পাবলিক লিমিটেড কোম্পানি হিসাবে নিবন্ধিত হতে হবে;
- সফটওয়্যার নির্মাতা প্রতিষ্ঠান হিসেবে ন্যূনতম ০৫ (পাঁচ) বছর নিরবিচ্ছিন্নভাবে কার্যক্রম পরিচালনা এবং বিক্রয়োত্তর সেবা প্রদান করিবার অভিজ্ঞতা থাকতে হবে;
- প্রতিষ্ঠানের হিসাবরক্ষণ সংক্রান্ত বা কমিটির বিবেচনায় সমমানের সফটওয়্যার নির্মাণ এবং কমপক্ষে তিনটি মধ্যম বা বৃহৎ প্রতিষ্ঠানে তাহা সফলভাবে স্থাপন করার অভিজ্ঞতা থাকতে হবে। মধ্যম বা বৃহৎ প্রতিষ্ঠান বলিতে সরকারি, আধাসরকারি ও স্বায়ত্বশাসিত প্রতিষ্ঠান, এনজিও, ব্যাংক, বীমা ও আর্থিক প্রতিষ্ঠান, লিমিটেড কোম্পানি, মাধ্যমিকোত্তর শিক্ষা প্রতিষ্ঠান এবং বৃহৎ করদাতা ইউনিট (মুসক) এর আওতাভুক্ত প্রতিষ্ঠানকে বুঝাবে; এবং
- জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ড কর্তৃক সফটওয়্যারটি অনুমোদন প্রদানের পূর্বে বোর্ডের চাহিদা অনুযায়ী তা উপযুক্ত ও কার্যকর কিনা সেই বিষয়ে সরেজমিনে পরীক্ষাপূর্বক নিশ্চিত হওয়ার ব্যবস্থাদি আবেদনকারী কোম্পানির পক্ষ হতে সম্পন্ন করতে হবে।

সফটওয়্যার কোম্পানী তালিকাভুক্তি একটি চলমান প্রক্রিয়া। প্রতি তিন মাস অন্তর অন্তর আগ্রহী সফটওয়্যার নির্মাণকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানসমূহকে তালিকাভুক্ত করা হবে। আগ্রহী প্রতিষ্ঠানসমূহকে আগামী ১১/১১/২০১৯ খ্রিঃ তারিখের মধ্যে সদস্য (মুসক বাস্তবায়ন ও আইটি), জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ড, সেগুনবাগিচা, ঢাকা বরাবর আবেদন প্রেরণের জন্য অনুরোধ করা হলো। উক্ত তারিখের পর যে সকল আবেদন পাওয়া যাবে, তাদেরকে পরবর্তী লটে তালিকাভুক্তির ব্যবস্থা গ্রহণ করা হবে।

জাতীয় রাজস্ব বোর্ড