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Some BB officials feed off scams

HC blasts central bank for failure to stop irregularities at NBFIs, say ACC, SEC too didn't play their role

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The High Court yesterday came down heavily on a section of Bangladesh Bank officials over their alleged links with financial scams involving People's Leasing and Financial Services Ltd (PLFSL), a nonbank financial institution.

The court also said since the central bank started the process of liquidating the ailing NBFI in June 2019, it has hardly done anything to recover depositors' money from those who defaulted on loans from PLFSL.

The liquidation process began after the board of PLFSL informed BB in April 2019 about its inability to pay back the depositors' money despite the maturity of the deposits.

The HC also said Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) and Securities Exchange Commission (SEC) have not taken appropriate action against the wrongdoers in most cases as well.

The HC bench of Justice Muhammad Khurshid Alam Sarkar made the observations during the hearing on a petition filed by the central bank in 2019 seeking permission to liquidate PLFSL.

It said a section of BB officials, from general manager to deputy governor, who

served the departments responsible for monitoring NBFIs, gained undue benefits from scammers between 2002 and 2019.

Taking the benefits, the officials remained silent regarding different irregularities in the NBFIs, it said.

At least 10 of 36 NBFIs operating in the country have been in dire straits in recent years as they reel from various financial scams.

While holding hearing on the petition, the HC bench also termed SK Sur Chowdhury, a former deputy governor of BB, and Shah Alam, a sitting executive director, "thieves and robbers" over their alleged links with the fraudsters.

SK Sur and Shah Alam, who played roles in monitoring the NBFI sector at different times, neglected their responsibility of protecting the NBFIs from the irregularities, the HC bench said.

The Daily Star tried to contact the two for their comments on the issue, but they did not pick up calls last night.

The names of the two came to the fore after Rashedul Haque, a former managing director of International Leasing and Financial Services (ILFS), an NBFI, and Uzzal Kumar Nandi, chairman of PLFSL, SEE PAGE 2 COL 3



With his baby seated precariously in the basket, a man takes the child out on a bicycle in the city. He is amongst fast-moving vehicles in the middle of the street. A bus behind is also trying to pass him. The photo was taken in the capital's Shahbagh area yesterday.

PHOTO: PRABIR DAS



Syed Abul Maksud (1946-2021) A full stop to 'symbol of protest'

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Protesting the US invasion of Iraq in 2003, Syed Abul Maksud started boycotting stitched clothes. Since then he wore two pieces of white

He died yesterday wearing the same attire. He was 74.

The noted columnist, researcher, and writer breathed his last at Square Hospital in Dhaka.

His son Syed Nasif Maksud told The Daily Star that his father started to have breathing difficulties in the evening and they rushed him to the hospital where he was declared dead

at 7:09pm. Abul Maksud left behind his wife, son, daughter and a huge number of followers and wellwishers. He was a leading advocate for human rights, SEE PAGE 2 COL 3 SHAHJALAL AIRPORT OPERATIONS

Japanese firm keen to take charge

High-level meeting on PPP to discuss the proposal today



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Two new project proposals, including one on the operation and maintenance of Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport (HSIA), will be placed at a high-level meeting between representatives of Bangladesh and Japan today and there will be discussion whether those can be implemented under public private partnership (PPP)

The Bangladesh side will place a project proposal on upgrading Nabinagar-Paturia road to an expressway while the Japanese authorities will put forward a proposal on operation and maintenance of the country's prime airport, sources said.

Mitsubishi Corporation, which is involved in construction of the third terminal of HSIA, has already sent their proposal to the Bangladesh authorities. On the other hand, Roads and Highways Department (RHD) is already

in talks with Japanese JFE Engineering Corporation over implementing the expressway project, the sources added. The Fourth Bangladesh Japan Joint PPP Platform meeting will be held

virtually today. Public Private Partnership Authority (PPPA) will lead the Bangladesh

side while the Japanese government will be represented by the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT).

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VACCINATING TEACHERS, STUDENTS

Health ministry begins planning

Giving of 2nd dose likely to start from April 7

MOUDUD AHMMED SUJAN

The health ministry has started to work on a plan to include university teachers and students in the inoculation campaign to comply with a government decision.

Education Minister Dipu Moni Monday said the universities will reopen in May after vaccinating the teachers and students. Soon after the announcement, Health

Minister Zahid Maleque sat with the officials of the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) at his office. "In the meeting, we have been instructed to make an inoculation plan

for the university students and teachers,' Shamsul Haque, member secretary of the National Covid-19 Vaccination Programme, told The Daily Star yesterday.

He, however, did not provide the details on how they would work out the plan. Contacted, Health Secretary Abdul

Mannan told this newspaper yesterday that they were waiting for the education ministry to give them a plan. We will work on that once we will

receive it from the education ministry," said Abdul Mannan.

After the cabinet meeting on Monday, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina instructed the education ministry to review whether educational institutions, which have been closed since March 17 last year due to the pandemic, could be reopened.

Hours after the prime minister's directive, Education Minister Dipu Moni said that in-person classes at universities will resume on May 24 after the Eid-ul-Fitr.

August 21 Attack 2004

Huji man who threw grenades arrested

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Rab yesterday arrested a fugitive convict in the August 21 grenade attack case who hurled bombs at the Awami League rally on Bangabandhu Avenue in 2004.

The elite force arrested the fugitive, Iqbal Hossain alias Jahangir alias Selim, from the capital's Diabari area around 3:00am, Rab Director General Chowdhury Abdullah al Mamun told a press briefing hours after the arrest.

Iqbal, who is a member of banned militant outfit Harkatul Jihad al Islami, Bangladesh (Huji-B), was sentenced to life imprisonment by a Dhaka Speedy Trial Tribunal on October 10, 2018.

The Rab chief said Igbal

fled to Malaysia in 2008. When he was identified as an illegal immigrant late last year, the Malaysian government deported him in December last He was arrested in a joint

effort by the National Security Intelligence (NSI) and the

Rapid Action Battalion, the Rab chief Asked how Iqbal, who was sentenced

to life imprisonment, left the country, the Rab DG said when Iqbal left the country, handwritten passports were in use. He also changed his name at least twice, he added. "But how he left the country and how



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২৩ ফেব্রুয়ারি ২০২১ খ্রিস্টাব্দ

মাধ্যমিক ও উচ্চ শিক্ষা বিভাগ, শিক্ষা মন্ত্রণালয়ের আওতায় প্রধানমন্ত্রীর শিক্ষা সহায়তা ট্রাস্টের উদ্যোগে জাতির পিতা বঙ্গবন্ধ শেখ মুজিবুর রহমান এর জন্মশত বার্ষিকী উদযাপন উপলক্ষ্যে অনন্য মেধাবী শিক্ষার্থীদেরকে স্বীকৃতি ও উৎসাহ প্রদানের জন্য দেশের মধ্যে সকল সরকারি ও বেসরকারি বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের স্নাতকোত্তর (Post Graduation) পর্যায়ের শিক্ষার্থীদের মধ্য হতে 'বঙ্গবন্ধু স্কলার' নির্বাচন ও বৃত্তি প্রদান করা হবে। এ লক্ষ্যে নিমুবর্ণিত শর্তে ও নির্বারিত আবেদনপত্রে দরখান্ত আহবান করা

Just a couple of days after Amar Ekushey, two children ride bicycles while many other people walk on the foot of the Central Shaheed Minar with their shoes on yesterday. To protect the sanctity of the memorial for Language Movement martyrs, the High Court even issued an order prohibiting such activities there. PHOTO: RASHED SHUMON

A cruel end to a mother's frantic search for her son

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he was buried unclaimed STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Dead for a month,

It was their daily routine to try to reach

him over the phone, after Sadman Sadman Sakib Rafi went missing on January 1 this year.

Ón the 14th day since he couldn't be traced, the family again called his number and this time a woman answered, saying she did not know Rafi but found the SIM card at Hatirjheel

lake while cleaning the area. Informed by the family, law enforcers interrogated the woman but could not find any clue leading to Rafi, his mother Monowara Hossain said.

After waiting for three SEE PAGE 2 COL 1

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'বঙ্গবন্ধু স্কলার' বৃত্তির জন্য শিক্ষা প্রতিষ্ঠানের মাধ্যমে আবেদন করবেন। আবেদনপত্রের সাথে সকল শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতার সনদ, নম্বরপত্র ও এক্সট্রা কারিকুলার আচিভমেন্ট'র সনদের সত্যায়িত অনুলিপি সংযোজন করতে হবে। পুরণকৃত আবেদন ফরম এবং জাতীয় পরিচয়পত্রের অনুলিপি আগামী ২৮ মার্চ ২০২১ তারিখ অফিস চলাকালীন

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