



## TK 350CR LOAN TO SHELL FIRM HC orders probe into allegations against AB Bank

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The High Court yesterday directed a probe into the allegations of AB Bank approving loans to a shell company violating banking rules.

The Anti-Corruption Commission, Bangladesh Financial Intelligence Unit (BFIU), and the Criminal Investigation Department have been ordered to conduct the probe and submit their reports to the HC in three months.

The court also issued a rule asking the respondents to explain why their inaction and failure to take action against the people responsible for the approval of the loans should not be declared illegal.

Secretaries concerned at the finance ministry, Bangladesh Bank governor, ACC chairman, BFIU, CID, and AB Bank managing director have been made respondents.

The HC came up with the suo motu order and rule following media reports.

AB Bank had sanctioned loans to the tune of Tk 350 crore to shell company Brandshare Trading Ltd, violating rules, said the BFIU.

The BFIU asked the bank not to release any funds to Brandshare as its business characteristics are fishy.

The management and board of the bank in connivance with one Ali Haider Ratan had the loans sanctioned in favour of Brandshare, according to BFIU documents seen by The Daily Star.

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With a 65-day ban on fishing in the sea in force from May 20, a fisherman uses his time to mend a net on the Karnaphuli in Chattogram city's Baklia area on Tuesday. Fishing boats are seen moored. The government imposes such bans every year to ensure fish breeding.

PHOTO: RAJIB RAIHAN



## Nazrul's 124th birth anniv today

BSS, Dhaka

The 124th birth anniversary of National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam will be celebrated across the country today in a befitting manner.

Ministry of Cultural Affairs has chalked out elaborate programmes to mark the day at the national level.

Different organisations and cultural bodies, including Dhaka University, have also taken programmes to celebrate the day amid various functions.

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## Pakistan mulls banning PTI

Says defence minister; Imran Khan's key aide resigns from PTI

REUTERS, Islamabad

Pakistan is considering banning former prime minister Imran Khan's party for attacking the state, the defence minister said yesterday, a decision likely to enrage his supporters and exacerbate his confrontation with the military establishment.

The former cricket star is embroiled in the latest, critical phase of a decades old rivalry between civilian politicians and the powerful military, which has ruled directly or overseen governments throughout Pakistan's history.

The face-off has brought widespread protests by Khan's supporters, raising new fears about the stability of the nuclear-armed country as it struggles with its worst economic crisis in decades.

Defence Minister Khawaja Asif told reporters that Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party had attacked the "very basis of state", which could not be tolerated.

"It is under consideration to ban PTI," he said, adding the parliament would have to give final approval for a government decision to ban the party.

## Bangladesh keen on China's dev initiative, not military bloc

Says foreign ministry official ahead of Chinese vice minister's 2-day visit

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Bangladesh is considering to join China's Global Development Initiative that aims to support developing countries in public health and alleviating poverty.

However, Bangladesh remains reluctant on China's Global Security Initiative (GSI).

"We are always in favour of initiatives that help our socio-economic development as we aspire to become a developed country by 2041. However, we are not interested on anything that puts us into a military bloc," an official told this correspondent yesterday.

The issues may be discussed during Chinese Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs Sun Weidong's two-day visit to Bangladesh beginning tomorrow.

He will lead the Chinese delegation at the Foreign Office Consultation (FOC), which is going to be held after a gap of three years. The event was supposed to be held every year.

Foreign Secretary Masud Bin Momen will lead the Bangladesh side on Saturday.

According to sources, China offered Bangladesh to join the Global Development Initiative in the wake of the pandemic in 2021, and later the

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TINA TURNER  
1939-2023

## 'Queen of rock 'n' roll' no more

REUTERS

Tina Turner, the American-born singer who left a hard-scabble farming community and abusive relationship to become one of the top recording artists of all time, died yesterday at

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## Ancient galaxy discovered 25m light years away

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Astronomers have used the most powerful telescope ever built to identify a massive, densely packed galaxy 25 million light years away.



Known as GS-9209, the galaxy formed around 600 to 800 million years after the Big Bang, and is the earliest of its kind found to date, researchers say.

The scientists, led by University of Edinburgh experts, used the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) to reveal the properties of the galaxy called GS-9209 for the first time.

"The James Webb Space Telescope has already demonstrated that galaxies were growing larger and earlier than we ever suspected during the first billion years of cosmic history," lead researcher Dr Adam Carnall, of the University of Edinburgh's School of Physics and Astronomy, said.



PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN

A part of the Dhaka-Mymensingh highway is under water in Gazipur's Vogra area due to poor drainage yesterday. Locals say water from dyeing factories and RMG plants is aggravating the perennial waterlogging problem.

## Funeral Prayer (Namaja Janaza)



Mr. Mohammad Shahjahan Khan died on Monday, 22nd May 2023 at Bangkok Hospital (Inna Lillahi Wa Inna Ilaihi Raziun). His Namaja Janaza will be held on Friday 26th May 2023 after the Jummah prayers at **Gulshan Azad Mosque**, Gulshan, Dhaka. Everyone is humbly requested to attend the Janaza.

Family, all officers and employees.

## Bulgaria's 'Time Shelter' wins Int'l Booker Prize

AFP, London

Bulgarian writer Georgi Gospodinov and translator Angela Rodel were named Tuesday winners of the International Booker Prize with the novel "Time Shelter" -- a first for a book in Bulgarian.

The prestigious award recognises works of

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**অগ্রিম আয়কর**

**২০২৩-২০২৪ কর বৎসরের জন্য অগ্রিম আয়করের ৪র্থ কিস্তি পরিশোধ সংক্রান্ত বিজ্ঞপ্তি**

- ❖ কর আইন অনুযায়ী যে সকল করদাতার সর্বশেষ নিরূপিত আয় ৬ লক্ষ টাকার বেশি তাঁদের অগ্রিম আয়কর পরিশোধের বাধ্যবাধকতা রয়েছে।
- ❖ ২০২৩-২০২৪ কর বৎসরের জন্য ০৪(চার) কিস্তিতে প্রদেয় অগ্রিম আয়করের ৪র্থ কিস্তি পরিশোধের শেষ তারিখ ১৫ জুন, ২০২৩।
- ❖ সংশ্লিষ্ট সার্কেলের উপ-কর কমিশনার (Deputy Commissioner of Taxes) এর অনুকূলে পে-অর্ডার অথবা ক্রেসড চেকের মাধ্যমে অগ্রিম আয়কর পরিশোধ করতে হবে।
- ❖ চালানের মাধ্যমে সরাসরি কর জমার ক্ষেত্রে কোম্পানী করদাতাদের প্রদেয় অগ্রিম আয়কর ১-১১৪১-০০২০-০১০১ কোডে এবং ব্যক্তি করদাতাদের প্রদেয় অগ্রিম আয়কর ১-১১৪১-০০২০-০১১১ কোডে জমা করতে হবে।
- ❖ নির্ধারিত তারিখের মধ্যে অগ্রিম আয়কর পরিশোধ করা না হলে আয়কর অধ্যাদেশ, ১৯৮৪ এর ৭০ ধারা অনুসারে ১০ শতাংশ হারে সরল সুদ এবং ১২৫ ধারা অনুযায়ী প্রদেয় আয়করের সমপরিমাণ অংক জরিমানা আরোপযোগ্য।
- ❖ সম্মানিত করদাতাগণকে নির্ধারিত তারিখে অথবা তার পূর্বে প্রদেয় অগ্রিম আয়কর পরিশোধ করে সরল সুদ এবং জরিমানা পরিহারের সুযোগ গ্রহণ করার জন্য অনুরোধ করা হচ্ছে।

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