

Probe NBL loans to Bashundhara

HC asks ACC

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The High Court has ordered the Anti-Corruption Commission and other authorities concerned to probe whether the National Bank gave undue privileges to Bashundhara Group regarding a loan of Tk 3,859 crore in violation of the banking rules.

The court asked the authorities to come up with a report in four months on the progress of the probe.

The order was issued to the finance and cabinet secretaries, chairman of National Board of Revenue, governor of Bangladesh Bank, chairman of Anti-Corruption Commission, Bangladesh Financial Intelligence Unit.

The HC also issued a rule asking 22 respondents to explain why the inaction of these six officials in conducting the probe should not be declared illegal.

Besides the six aforesaid officials, the other respondents to the rule are chairman of National Bank Limited; Abdur Rouf Talukder, former governor of Bangladesh Bank; managing director of National Bank Limited; managing director of Bashundhara Paper Mills Ltd; managing director of Bashundhara Multi-paper Industries; Bashundhara Industrial Headquarter; managing director of Meghna Cement Mills PLC; managing director of Bashundhara Industrial

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When Israeli aggression claims a Bangladeshi life

Airstrike kills Nizam Uddin in Lebanon; family mourns; expats in fear

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For over a year now, parents in Palestine have mourned their children, families have grieved over their homes turned to dust, as thousands were killed by Israel's genocide on the Gaza Strip.

This year, Lebanon has also become a target of relentless Israeli airstrikes, similar to the devastation in Gaza.

Now, for Bangladesh, this tragedy has hit home — Mohammad Nizam Uddin, a migrant worker from Brahmanbaria, has fallen victim to the violence in Lebanon.

Nizam, 38, went to Lebanon over a decade ago, leaving behind his family in Kharera village.

On the morning of his death, he had stopped at a small coffee shop on his way to work at Al Hayat Hospital in southern Beirut. It was a routine, an ordinary stop that, tragically, became his last.

Nearby, a motorbike shop was the intended target of an Israeli airstrike.

In seconds, everything nearby was reduced to rubble due to shockwaves from the blast, killing Nizam.

Back in Bangladesh, his elder sister, Saira Begum, now faces the painful reality of his loss. "He went to Lebanon 12 years ago to change our fate," she said, struggling through tears. "But that dream remained elusive. Now he is just a memory. How can we accept it?"

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Chief Adviser Prof Muhammad Yunus with the members of NDC and AFWC courses of National Defence College at his office in the capital's Tejgaon yesterday.

PHOTO: PTD

Declare Nov 3 as mourning day

Says Sohel Taj

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Tanjim Ahmad Sohel Taj, son of Bangladesh's first Prime Minister Tajuddin Ahmad, submitted a memorandum yesterday calling for the state to observe November 3 as Jail Killing Day and designate it as a National Mourning Day.

The memorandum was handed to the Chief Adviser's assistant private secretary, Shabbir Ahmad, near the InterContinental Hotel in Dhaka

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Committed to bring back laundered money

Says press secretary

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

While retrieving laundered money is a challenging task, the interim government is fully committed to the effort, said Shafiqul Alam, press secretary to the chief adviser, yesterday.

He made the remarks during a press conference at the Foreign Service Academy.

Bangladesh is currently engaged in discussions with various heads

of state, international financial institutions such as the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the United States to facilitate the recovery of funds siphoned from the country.

According to Iftekharuzzaman, executive director of Transparency International Bangladesh,

between \$12 billion and \$15 billion

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Search committee seeks names for CEC, ECs by Nov 7

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The search committee has invited political parties, professional bodies, and individuals to propose names for the positions of chief election commissioner and election commissioners by November 7 for the formation of the next Election Commission.

A circular, signed by Md Nazrul Islam, joint secretary of the Cabinet Division, was issued in this regard yesterday.

"Political parties and professional organisations can

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Four more die of dengue

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At least four dengue patients died in the last 24 hours, while 1,306 patients were hospitalised as of yesterday morning.

Three of the deaths were reported in Dhaka city, and one in Chattogram division.

According to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS), the new deaths bring the toll to 314, while the total number of cases has risen to 64,471, with 37,567 of these from outside Dhaka.

Currently, 4,112 dengue patients are undergoing treatment, including 2,196 outside Dhaka.

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