

Tansu Ciller — first lady Prime Minister of Turkey

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Tansu Ciller, 47 year old Istanbul born graduate of Bosphorus University and having post graduate studies including doctorate in economics in the US, is a totally new phenomenon in Turkish politics. This attractive lady, mother of two children, was until two years ago, professor of economics in a university in Istanbul. President Suleyman Demirel brought her into politics at the time of elections nearly two years ago, made her the minister of economy and now she is the first woman Prime Minister of Turkey.

PROFILE



This phenomenal rise is no ordinary event, for she is the first woman Prime Minister in the Middle East, a region where male domination is still a way of life. Madame Ciller rose to this exalted office by defeating formidable male candidates in a leadership male contest within her True Path Party (DYP), with overwhelming male votes. She has formed the 50th cabinet of the Turkish Republic composed of members of her party and the coalition partner led by the Deputy Prime Minister Erdal Inonu, a professor like her. Whereas Inonu has retained all the previous members in the new cabinet, Ciller has made sweeping changes within her own party, where only three ministers have survived from the previous cabinet.

Tansu Ciller arrives at the head of government, when Turkey faces grave internal and external problems. Internally her most pressing problem is inflation, running at more than 85% which successive Turkish governments have failed to bring under control. She has been responsible for economy in the Demirel government and she will be expected to address this problem first. Her party is committed to privatisation and Turkey has numerous state enter-

Suleyman Demirel had heaved a sigh of relief. A little over a month ago when the stage appeared set for a historic reconciliation between the Kurds led by Abdullah Ocalan and Turkey, the process was derailed by fresh outburst of violence. PKK terrorist activities have once again mounted at an alarming pace. Prime Minister Ciller will have to devote attention to this urgent problem.

In the foreign affairs field, Azerbaijan undoubtedly, is at the top of the agenda. Since the emergence of the Turkic Republics in Central Asia and the Caucasus, Turkey has plunged headlong in forging relations with their kith and kin. Azerbaijan and particularly

President Ebulfez Elcibey has occupied a special position in her scheme of things, both emotionally and practically. Azerbaijan is the gate to Central Asia and in her pipeline politics she occupies a key position. Azerbaijan has been locked in a long war with her historical enemy Armenia and has been steadily losing ground. President Elcibey may have nourished the forlorn hope that Turkey would bail him out. Turkey, which has been attempting to forge relations with all of them within the Black Sea Co-operation Agreement, has been making strenuous efforts to bring the warring parties to the negotiating table. This she has tried singly, in co-operation with Russia and the US and within the framework of European Security Arrangement. With the overthrow of Elcibey, Turkey has lost her most valuable ally. Prime Minister Ciller will have to tackle this problem as a matter of priority.

At 47, Tansu Ciller belongs to the new generation, which is taking over the reins of power from the hands of the generation of Demirel, 70. A total newcomer to politics with the added novelty of being female, Ciller will have to consolidate her position within the party. Outside her own party, her challenger is Mesut Yilmaz, nearly her age, former Foreign Minister and Prime Minister of Turkey and now head of another rightist party Motherland Party (ANAP) and Leader of Opposition in the Parliament. ANAP was founded by the late President Turgut Ozal.

This latest development in the political landscape of Turkey has left the average Turk a little breathless. It will be fascinating to watch what kind of leadership is provided by this first ever lady Prime Minister of Turkey.



WHEEL OF FORTUNE: With the number of unemployed people growing everyday, such sights of unscrupulous manipulators cashing in on people's frustrations by promising jackpots at such rigged roadside roulettes are quite common in this bustling city. —Star photo by AKM Mohsin

Opposition to struggle

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the probe body on Tuesday in the backdrop of a failure by the treasury and Opposition benches to reach an agreement on the terms of reference of the proposed committee.

Briefing newsmen after the walkout yesterday evening Samad Azad, acting Leader of the Opposition said that the government had indulged in various types of corruption and the Opposition would definitely substantiate its allegations. Although they, too, walked out, no Jamaat representative was present in the joint briefing held at the Parliament chamber of Samad Azad. Communist Party MPs were absent in both the House and the briefing.

Describing the chair's remark Tuesday that the proposal for the probe body 'dies a natural death' as unfortunate, Samad Azad told newsmen that this was a turning point in the history of Parliamentary democracy in the country. Samad Azad, demanding the probe committee be allowed to function, said the Speaker could not

rule out formation of such a committee since the proposal for the body was the 'property of the House'.
"A property of Parliament cannot die unless the House itself decided so," the Opposition leader argued.

The Opposition leaders present in the joint briefing included Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury of the Jatiya Party, Rashed Khan Menon of the Worker's Party (WP), Shahjahan Siraj of the Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD), Suranjit Sengupta of the Ganatantri Party (GP) and Maulana Obaidul Huq of the Islami Oikya Jote (IOJ).

All of them believed that the committee still existed and would function as per the country's Constitution and the Rules of Procedure of Parliament.
A few Opposition leaders, including Samad Azad, Mohammad Nasim and Suranjit Sengupta, questioned the neutrality of Speaker Shaikh Razzak Ali and said that he had "joined the autocratic designs of the government led by Begum Khaleda Zia."

Tofael Ahmed said that he had been left with no option but to question the integrity of the Speaker.
"He has done injustice to me by limiting the area of investigations of the proposed probe body."

Tofael also announced that he had enough materials right now to substantiate his allegations against the Irrigation Ministry and the minister concerned.
JP leader Mizan Chowdhury, expressing solidarity with Samad Azad's views, said, "Even according to the criminal procedure of the country, it was the government's responsibility to convincingly refute Opposition allegation of corruption against it."

The JP leader alleged that the ruling party had adopted a 'bad tactic' so that the committee could not function.



Hillary Clinton cuts down on her haircuts

TOKYO, July 7: US First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton is getting a cut rate on her hair cuts — leaving a stylist who charges more than US dollar 200 a trim for someone who costs US dollar 17 a clip, reports Reuter.

Mrs Clinton brought her new-found hairstylist with her from Washington for President Bill Clinton's first economic summit with world leaders.

Sylvan Mellou of the Visa Express in Washington flew to Tokyo on board Air Force One and is staying in the US Embassy as a guest of the President, officials said.

Shortly after becoming First Lady, Mrs Clinton flew to New York to get her hair done by Christophe, the expensive stylist to Hollywood stars.
A White House official said Mrs Clinton had made the switch because "she likes the way her hair looks now."

Two hundred dollars was the price tag for Hillary's husband when he had a trim on Air Force One when it was parked at Los Angeles Airport, generating widespread criticism.

G-7 summit in Tokyo

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was now confident of a conclusion to the Uruguay Round, which should have been completed in December 1990, by December 15, this year.

Responding to reporters' questions, he added, "No winners, no losers. We all won."

French officials were less euphoric about the agreement, calling it mostly procedural and saying it failed to go very far towards satisfying European demands for open markets.

The pact includes eliminating tariffs on eight of those sectors — pharmaceuticals, medical equipment, construction equipment, steel, farms equipment, furniture, beer and distilled spirits.
It also cuts peak tariffs by up to 50 per cent in four others — ceramics, glass, textiles and apparel, — Kantor said.

British Prime Minister John Major said the trade pact meant that 85 per cent of a possible GATT agreement was now in place.

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Like Kantor, Major looked at the hard-won agreement in domestic political terms. He said the deal could create conditions for the creation of more than 2,50,000 jobs in Britain over the next 10 years.

Earlier, Japanese Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa greeted his fellow G-7 leaders in Tokyo's French-style Akasaka Palace amid one of Tokyo's tightest-ever security operations.

There were two bomb attacks outside the capital today, apparently the work of leftists who have vowed to disrupt the G-7 gathering. No one was injured.

Yet to appear at the summit is President Boris Yeltsin of non-G-7 Russia, which seeks a higher profile in world councils.

Yeltsin, who is due in Tokyo tomorrow, will face renewed pressure in talks with Clinton over Moscow's sale of missile technology to India.

However, the United States signalled today that it was ready to act quickly to remove Cold War restrictions on trade with Russia and urged its Western allies to do the same.
G-7 leaders also agreed today on the broad outlines of a controversial US dollar 2 billion fund to help Russia restructure and privatise state industries, French Economy Minister Edmond Alphandery

Asked by reporters if the ministers had agreed on the fund, which the United States has backed in the face of opposition from other G-7 countries, Alphandery said, "On the broad outline, but not on the details."

Meanwhile France and Japan are to launch an initiative at the Tokyo summit to help developing countries, a senior French official at the summit told French radio today.

The official Anne Lauvergeon, who acted as a so-called "Sherpa" in preparing the summit of leaders from the Group of Seven nations, did not provide details.

Dinner table

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the Austria-Hungary Empire and create Yugoslavia, the Japanese officials said.
"When any discussion on Yugoslavia starts, there is no end to it," Miyazawa said after the dinner, the Japanese official said.

It was the first informal dinner meeting to be held during a G-7 summit part of a new arrangement to simplify the meeting.

The leaders briefly discussed the need for strengthening the United Nations.
"Without men and money, the United Nations would turn into just and ethical body without muscle for enforcing order," the official quoted Miyazawa as saying.

Jamaat resents Azam's internment

By Staff Correspondent.

The central body of the Jamaat-e-Islami, Bangladesh expressed its resentment over the prolonged internment of its leader Golam Azam and said that the government was defying the rule of law and flouting human rights.

The Majlis-e-Shura of the Jamaat, on the inaugural day of a three-day session yesterday, expressed its opinion that the government should have had set Azam free following the High Court's verdict restoring his citizenship.

The session, presided over by the acting Amecr Abbas Ali Khan, warned the government of "ominous consequences" for its activities against democracy, human rights and the rule of law and demanded immediate release of Golam Azam.

Sharif back home

ISLAMABAD, July 7: Pakistan Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif returned home today after attending the second summit of the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) in Turkey, reports Xinhua.

In the summit, held on July 6 and 7 in Istanbul, Nawaz Sharif represented Pakistan and expressed his country's views on issues confronting the Muslim world.

In addition to Pakistan, Afghanistan, Turkey, Iran and six central Asian countries also participated in the meeting.
Nawaz Sharif, who left for the ECO meeting on July 5, had a stop over in Iran and held talks with Iranian President Ali Akbar Hashmi Rafsanjani.

Bodies

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company with its head office in Hong Kong and Ranjan Chopra operated Tandem Merchandising with headquarters in New Delhi. Both represented their parent companies and had been based in Dhaka for some years.

Sanjay Singh arrived in Dhaka recently from Hong Kong and had applied for a work permit to set up an office in Bangladesh.

All three were on their way to Chittagong in connection with garments inspection and purchase when the Nissan Patrol jeep in which they were travelling collided head-on with a bus near Choudhagram, killing them on the spot. Hanif, their local driver, was also killed.

Choudhagram police has impounded the bus, reportedly belonging to "Hanif Enterprise".
The autopsies were carried out at the Comilla Sadar Hospital and the bodies of the Indians were brought to Dhaka on Tuesday and are being preserved at the ICCDR, B Hospital.

Earlier, the body of Hanif was sent to Chandpur to be buried at his village home.

HSC examinees held for assaulting invigilators

FENI, July 7: Police arrested five HSC examinees from their houses early today for alleged involvement in the assault on eight invigilators of two HSC examination centres in Feni district on Tuesday, reports UNB.

Parshuram police, in a six-hour raid from midnight Tuesday night, arrested the five HSC examinees of Parshuram Government College centre under the Anti-Terrorism Act.

The arrested are Kamaluddin of village Noapara, Shahabuddin of Madhya Dhonikunta, Aminul Karim of Kalapara, Mainuddin Suman of Purba Alope and Abdur Rahim Bhuiyan of West Anantapur in Parshuram thana.

Opposition walks out

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gation be widened because they realise they wouldn't be able to substantiate the original allegations.

On Samad Azad's remarks against the Speaker's neutrality, Prof Chowdhury observed that it would have been more decent and fair if the Opposition had raised such questions in the presence of Shaikh Razzak Ali himself.

Deputy Speaker Ilumayun Khan Panni, who was chairing the session, also approved Prof Chowdhury's observation on the issue.

Worker's Party leader Rashed Khan Menon, Ganatantri Party MP Suranjit Sengupta and Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) MP Shahjahan Siraj joined the Awami League-led walkout.

The Jatiya Party (JP), Jamaat-e-Islami, Bangladesh and Islami Oikya Jote (IOJ) also staged walkouts separately.

JP leader Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury, Jamaat leader Matur Rahman Nizami and the Solitary IOJ legislator Maulana Obaidul Huq, while separately explaining their reasons behind the protest said, it was the ruling party which had frustrated the move for constituting the probe committee.

The treasury bench never intended to form the committee, they alleged.
The demand for a probe committee was raised in Parliament on June 26 following Awami League MP Tofael Ahmed's allegations of irregularities in the Ministry of Irrigation and Minister Majidul-Haq's challenge to the AI. MP to prove the charges.

Majid-ul-Haq had also proposed that a parliamentary body be constituted to examine Tofael's claims and the opposition welcomed the proposal.
Speaker Shaikh Razzak Ali then announced in the House on June 27 that a committee would be formed.

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Mudslides kill 7 in Japan

TOKYO, July 7: Seven people died and eleven others injured today as mudslides caused by torrential rains swept through Kagoshima on the southern tip of Kyushu, Japan's main southern island, police said. Storms dumped a record 31.5cm (13 inches) of rain over 15 hours beginning early this morning, triggering about 60 mudslides in Kagoshima city, 1,000 km (620 miles) south of Tokyo, and nearby towns, police said, reports Reuter.

* US to remove restrictions on trade with Russia

TOKYO, July 7: The United States signalled today that it was ready to act quickly to remove major Cold War restrictions on trade with Russia and urged its western allies to do the same. "We believe that the relationship between Russia and the G-7 (industrial nations) has crossed a threshold, a senior US official told reporters that is dealing with a long-term strategic opportunity to back a winner rather than just trying to rescue a loser," reports Reuter.

Refusal to allow cameras at missile sites

US warns Iraq of 'serious consequences'

WASHINGTON, July 7: Iraq faces serious consequences if it persists in its refusal to allow cameras to be installed at missile sites by UN weapons inspectors, a State Department spokeswoman said on Tuesday, quoting UN statement, reports Reuter.
The spokeswoman, Sondra McCarty, noted a UN Security Council statement issued on June 18 that said "serious consequences would result if Iraq did not comply with the inspectors' decisions".

She told reporters President Bill Clinton has publicly supported this decision.
A UN arms team pulled out of Baghdad on Monday after failing to persuade the government to heed a Security Council demand that it allow the cameras to be installed.
The State Department has previously described Baghdad's refusal to allow the cameras to be installed as "a bad sign" that could lead to confrontation.

"Iraq's actions on the camera issue are part of a broader pattern of conduct that demonstrates its desire to limit... inspection rights and operation capabilities", McCarty said.
"Included in this campaign have been Iraqi attempts to restrict the scope of inspections and information-gathering and to restrict access and impose delay on inspections", she said.
She said UN Security Council requires Iraq to accept the cameras' installation and also to accept long-term monitoring laid out in UN resolutions codifying the Gulf War ceasefire.

In Baghdad Tuesday, Iraqi Foreign Minister Mohammed-Saeed Al-Sahhaf called one of the UN resolutions "unbalanced" and said a demand to install cameras at missile sites came from "evil and extremist" elements at the United Nations.
AFP from Baghdad adds: Foreign Minister Sahhaf on Tuesday charged that a United Nations demand to install surveillance cameras was a US "trick" to attack and maintain sanctions on Iraq.

Small investors

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dinance which bars the purchase of more than five per cent of any bank's total shares by members of a family.
"Such a stipulation will help to discourage monopolisation," said one expert.

He also suggested that the banks draw up a list of shareholders with five per cent or more shares and send the names to the newly-formed Securities and Exchange Commission for necessary action.

JCD-BCL clash over tender submission

PAHNA, July 7: At least 22 people were injured, two of them critically, in a fierce armed clash over tender submission between two student groups in Sujanaagar thana today, reports UNB.

Police and witnesses said the violence erupted when some Chhatra League (M-I) supporters went to the engineer's office at the thana headquarters to submit tender at 11 am and their rivals in the Jatyatabadi Chhatra Dal obstructed.

The BCL supporters later came with a group of 35 to 40 people and allegedly attacked the JCD men at about 12 noon.
Witnesses said both the groups fired with pigeons and cut rifles in the hour-long gunfight. At least 25 gunshots were reported fired during the encounter.

Of the injured, Ismail, 25, and Azhar Ali, 50, were rushed to the General Hospital here with bullet wounds. Eight others, among the injured, were admitted to Sujanaagar Thana Health Complex.

Sick industries

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bankers, strictly on a 'bank-client' relationship.
The government last year empowered the banks to take any decision regarding the merits of individual cases.

Out of the total 1556 sick units identified by the cell, only 118 taken up for resuscitation by the banks till now.
In most cases, the banks unilaterally decided the size of loan needed by a particular unit for its rehabilitation, ignoring the specific recommendations of the Sick Industries Cell, the sources claimed.

According to sources, 1009 sick units applied to the banks and financing institutions for fresh loans for their recovery. Out of these, only 118 units were sanctioned new loans while the others have been kept waiting. Ten units were rejected loans outright. Only 42 industries have been provided assistance, partially on the basis of the cell's recommendations, while the sanctions for the 76 other units were decided by the banks themselves, sources pointed out.

The sources also mentioned that performance of the Bangladesh Krishi Bank (BKB) in the rehabilitation of sick factories was more satisfactory than the other banks. The BKB had taken initiatives to rehabilitate 46 units. In contrast, Sonali Bank, the largest NCB of the country, took up only 31 units for turning them around.

Mr Khalruzzaman Chowdhury, Director General at the Prime Minister's Office, confirming the government's present position, said the Finance Ministry had provided necessary guidelines to the banks regarding rehabilitation of such industries. There was also a review committee headed by the Executive Chairman of the Board of Investment (BOI) to consider the appeal of the entrepreneurs who were denied loans by the banks, he said.
"So, why should the government involve itself directly in the matter?" he asked.
He, however, agreed that progress in rehabilitating the sick industries was rather disappointing. There were anomalies in the rules of the banks and the bureaucracy; the entrepreneurs themselves were also responsible for complicating the situation, he observed.

Heavy gunfire in Kabul

KABUL, July 7: Heavy gunfire broke the Kabul calm this morning, but did not disrupt high-level talks, as Defence Ministry troops reportedly fired on guerrillas of a Shiite Muslim faction, reports AFP.

High-level leadership talks were taking place in the capital at the time.
Two passengers in a bus were wounded by mortar fire at a southwest Kabul frontline round about, in shelling that lasted more than one hour, said Shiite faction Hezb-I-Wahdat guerrillas based near there.

"We got strict orders not to retaliate with heavy weapons, to stay in our bunkers and to be patient", said Wahdat commander Nawabi.

"You can feel the barrels of our weapons, and you can see they are cold, which means we have not used them", Nawabi said.

He said all the firing was coming from central city mountain tops manned by troops of the Shooraa-I-Nazar faction loyal to the former defence minister Ahmed Shah Masoud.

"Shooraa-I-Nazar is trying to sabotage the talks between our leaders", the commander said.
Wahdat leader Abdul Ali Mazari was hosting a meeting with former pro-communist militia warlord General Abdul Rashid Dostam at heavily guarded private residence near Wahdat's west Kabul headquarters when the shelling took

place.
Dostam, on leaving the four-hour meeting with Mazari, did not express any surprise about the shelling, but admitted it could have been deliberately staged in an attempt to intimidate those gathered for the talks.

"There may exist some dirty hands which are trying to sabotage our meeting", said Dostam.
The four-star general, who heads his own political front called the National Islamic Movement of Afghanistan (Junbish), told journalists he had not come to Kabul to discuss military alliances but to try to establish a permanent ceasefire in the war-ravaged Afghan capital.

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