

Pak ruling party eyes ban on forced marriage

REUTERS, Islamabad

Pakistan's ruling party introduced a bill yesterday aimed at outlawing the forced marriage of women and practices preventing them from inheriting property.

President Pervez Musharraf has vowed to empower women as part of his vision of "enlightened moderation" for the predominantly Muslim country of 160 million people where women, particularly in poor, rural areas, face widespread discrimination and violence. The Prevention of Anti-Women Practices Bill introduced in parliament on Tuesday is expected to be referred to a committee that will finalize a draft to be debated and voted upon later in the year.

"The credit for this goes to President Musharraf who is endeavouring to give due status to women in society," the head of the ruling Pakistan Muslim League, Chaudhry Shujaat Hussain, told the lower house National Assembly.

The bill seeks to end practices such as vani, a centuries-old tradition of marrying women off to settle disputes between families, and the practice of marrying women to the Koran, which deprives them of a share of family property, he said.

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Dulal Mian Patwary, Chandpur district BNP vice-president, Ali Ahmed Biswas, chairman of Raghbaddair union parishad (UP) of Magura who is also an accused 12 cases including three murder cases, Mahbub Ali Chowdhury, chairman of Char Ashtadar UP of Sherpur, Saiful Haq Khan Choudhury alias Faruk Choudhury, chairman of Mirpur municipality of Kushtia and also president of Mirpur municipality BNP, Gazi Giasuddin, general secretary Baufal upazila Jatiyatabadi Juba Dal, Nurul Alam Numan, former Moulvibazar Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) general secretary, and two UP members of Mymensingh Sadar Upazila were among the people arrested yesterday.

Police arrested Mahbub Ali, younger brother of former whip Jahed Ali Chowdhury, after he surrendered to the army in Nakla upazila yesterday morning. Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) personnel arrested fugitive Ali Ahmed Biswas at Mirpur, Kushtia along with another fugitive Abbas Uddin Monday afternoon.

Rab-4 sources said they recovered two hand grenades (model 36 MHE) at an under construction building in Demra in the capital where a number of criminals took those there after undercover Rab personnel reached a deal to buy the grenades from them. However, the criminals managed to escape sensing a set-up.

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who said he sidestepped a power-sharing agreement by naming a confidant, and angry youths took to the streets, throwing stones and burning tires.

"I satisfactorily fulfilled all points of the demands. In spite of this goodwill, badly intentioned people restarted the union movement to ridicule the authority of the State," Conte said in the broadcast.

Union leaders called for Conte's resignation and restarted a general strike Monday. Gangs of machete-wielding youths roamed the capital throughout the day, while gunfire was heard in some neighbourhoods.

At least 11 people died in Saturday's violence, according to medical officials and witnesses.

Sixteen more bodies of people killed in the fighting were brought to Conakry's main morgue Monday, said Hassan Bah, the director of the city's Ignace Deen hospital. It was not immediately clear when they had been killed.

Leaders of the political opposition put Saturday's deaths figure at more than 30 and Conakry's League of Human Rights said it had tallied 57 deaths in the interior of the country from reports by its local representatives.

According to Guinean law, a state of emergency prohibits all processions, demonstrations or gatherings and institutes a strict curfew. It also authorizes the military to put anyone participating in activities against the state under house arrest, gives officials wide latitude on searching private property and gives the military authority to monitor phone calls and other communication.

The president of Guinea's national assembly called for union and community leaders to return to negotiations with the government, according to a statement read on Guinea's FM Liberty radio station.

The station switched to music broadcasts from news during the day after a raid by government

Musharraf promised to push ahead with reforms to empower women after parliament in November adopted a bill curbing the scope of Islamic laws that had made it virtually impossible for women to accuse men of rape.

That reform was passed despite fierce opposition from hardline Islamist groups.

Human rights groups welcomed the reform but said the Islamic laws, introduced by a military dictator in 1979, should have been scrapped all together.

Some rights activists and opposition politicians have accused Musharraf of courting and indirectly promoting conservative religious parties when it has suited him politically, although he has more recently called on people to reject those parties.

Musharraf is also expected to try to push through reform of a blasphemy law that rights groups say is used to oppress religious minorities.

Musharraf, who is also army chief and a major US ally, is widely expected to seek a second-term in office in the run-up to a general election due late this year or early next year.

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A Sylhet court yesterday sent General Secretary of Sylhet Awami League (AL) Iftekhar Hossain Shamim and two others arrested on Monday to jail with detention orders under Special Powers Act, our staff correspondent in Sylhet reports.

Police produced Shamim before the Sylhet Sadar Magistrate's Court, which rejected his bail prayer. Sylhet police claimed there had been allegations of land grabbing and harbouring of criminals against the AL leader. However, the court granted his division status in jail.

Our Moulvibazar correspondent reports: Joint forces arrested former JCD district general secretary Nurul Alam Numan and a member of district Juba Dal committee. The forces caught the two in the act of using force to drop a tender in the LGED office yesterday noon.

Police said the joint forces arrested Kushtia's Mirpur municipality chairman Faruk Choudhury when he was holding a secret meeting with his men around 1:30pm yesterday, our correspondent in Kushtia reports.

Separate courts in Sylhet and Sunamganj also sent arrested former Kuchai UP chairman Dara Miah and Chhatak municipality chairman to jail yesterday.

Emergency declared

Yunus

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Ruling out the possibility of joining any of the existing political parties, the Nobel laureate said he will contest the next election as an independent candidate if the process to form his party is delayed.

"A political party is not a must to contest the election, I can compete as an independent candidate," he said.

On legal bars to political activities under the existing state of emergency, Yunus said he would go by the law. "I have all the respect for laws, and whatever I do, I must do that obeying the existing laws of the land.

"We want to have a good environment created through the election and do not want to see the country plunged in chaos again," he said.

"I want to be in politics for the commoners, who would be the foundation of my politics," he added.

Political goodwill and worthy leadership can ensure good governance which will ultimately help build a prosperous Bangladesh by properly utilising the inherent creativity and enthusiasm of the commoners. "Bangladesh has an immense potential, and we have to tap it by ensuring worthy political leadership and culture," he said echoing a paragraph of his open letter.

UNB adds: Responding to a question, Prof Yunus said he did not know what is written in the law about forming a new party during the state of emergency. "I will look into that very carefully and I assure that I will not go beyond the laws."

On absorbing leaders from other political parties, he said his party will take in those leaders who will be helpful for them in achieving their "basic target".

Asked what Prof Yunus in a partisan role will look like, he said, "I do not know."

Brig Sakhawat

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in its history will get a member with military background.

Meanwhile, CEC ATM Shamsul Huda and Election Commissioner Sohul Hossain met Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed at his office yesterday.

The CEC and the election commissioner informed the chief adviser (CA) that they are preparing a set of proposals for reforms in the electoral system, which will take a few more days to be completed, according to sources.

Sources in the EC Secretariat said the commission will propose to make political parties' registration mandatory and to increase the ceiling on election expenditure in an effort to thwart the influence of black money on polls.

Contacted by The Daily Star yesterday Sohul Hossain said about their visit to the CA's office, "It was just a courtesy call. We did not discuss any specific issue. The chief adviser assured us of all out support for holding a free and fair election."

The CEC on Monday told reporters that they will complete the task of preparing an action plan by next Sunday.

Sources in the EC Secretariat said the CEC might disclose the reform plan on Sunday.

Indian High Commissioner Pinak Ranjan Chakravarty, and Pakistan High Commissioner Alamgir Bashir Khan Babar met the CEC separately yesterday and assured the EC of their cooperation in holding a free and fair election.

Mashud

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Bangladesh's 3-1 series victory against Zimbabwe. The selectors considered Rahim's batting ahead of Mashud.

Left-handed opener Tamim Iqbal, nephew of former Bangladesh captain Akram Khan and brother of out-of-favour national opener Nafis Iqbal, was the other young guy in the squad.

Among the squad, only Habibul Bashar, Mohammad Ashraful, Tapash Baisya, Mohammad Rafique and Mashrafe-bin Mortuza have the experience of playing a World Cup.

Bangladesh, pitted against two former world champions in Group B, will take on India on March 17, Sri Lanka on March 21 and qualifiers Bermuda on March 25. The Tigers, expected to fly for the West Indies on February 19, will play lead-up games against New Zealand (March 6) and Scotland (March 8) in Barbados following a two-week preparation camp.

SQUAD

Habibul Bashar (captain), Shahrir Nafees, Tamim Iqbal, Aftab Ahmed, Sakib Ali Hasan, Mohammad Ashraful, Mushfiqur Rahim (wicketkeeper), Mohammad Rafique, Abdur Razzak, Mashrafe-bin Mortuza, Shahadat Hossain, Tapash Baisya, Syed Rasel, Rajin Saleh and Javed Omar.

Corrupt politicians

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grabbing continued. More steps for people's welfare will be taken in phases.

"All of us have to work with a zeal of patriotism. We have to identify our problems and find ways to resolve those ourselves, not on alien prescriptions, to turn the country into a sonar Bangla."

He added, "We were victorious in 1971. We have faced cyclones and tidal bores with courage and fortitude. We will be able to resolve the problems with our united efforts."

Later, General Moeen distributed house allotment letters of the rehabilitation project among 80 people affected by the demolition of slums in the town.

He also met army personnel deployed here. They apprised him of the situation prevailing in the district.

UNDP pledges

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accountable to the people and environment is free despite state of emergency. "We're accountable in many ways," he told the UNDP representative.

He said the caretaker government is working to fulfill people's expectations as much as possible through identifying the high priority tasks on short-term basis and also taking long-term initiatives to be implemented by the next government.

Fakhruddin said the Election Commission (EC) has already been reconstituted, while reconstruction of the Anti-Corruption Commission is nearing completion.

He said Bangladesh is a vibrant economy which has many achievements and hoped that the country will be able to come out of the present situation and the economy will get a further boost.

The chief adviser gave the UNDP representative an overview of the caretaker government, saying they have two main objectives -- holding a credible election and keeping the economy moving.

Responding to the UNDP representative about the timeframe of the next election, the chief adviser said the Election Commission will now decide the matter as they have to accomplish the tasks of setting up criteria for candidature, election campaign rules, and updating the voter list and other related matters.

He said the government has kept windows open to update people about reforms and steps being taken. "Similarly, people will be able to know the steps being taken by the Election Commission."

The UNDP representative apprised that they have submitted two projects -- computerisation of voters' database and the process of electoral reforms -- to the Election Commission. "If the Election Commission wants, we'll provide support," she said.

The chief adviser said Bangladesh's relations with other UN organisations are very good and they are involved in various sectors for economic development of the country.

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"The Supreme Court gave the solution to the voter list problem by directing to prepare a national database," he said, adding that this is unfortunately not possible on the basis of the present voter roll that contains many mistakes in it.

People do not have trust on the present voter roll and so will not accept it as the EC made the mistakes there willingly, he said.

Criticising the previous EC, Akbar said it is not enough for the EC people to understand only laws--they also need to understand sociology and the computer.

Former cabinet secretary Dr Sa'dat Hossain said the most important thing for the EC to prepare a correct voter list is honesty and integrity, which the previous EC lacked in.

There were skilled people in the EC, but they could not prepare a correct voter list as they actually did not want it, he said, adding, "They rather indulged in immoral activities using dishonest means."

Sa'dat suggested using coloured forms for migrating voters to avoid duplication and clamping of curfew, if needed, for a certain period to ensure accuracy.

He said a robust methodology, cooperation of the administration and campaign for creating awareness about the voter roll among people are a must to prepare an accurate voter list.

Former adviser to the caretaker government M Hafizuddin Khan said voter list is a continuous process and "We should prepare it every year, which will reduce the cost and help keep it accurate."

Dr Atiur Rahman of Unnayan Shamannay said the EC should have strong monitoring system for updating the voter list. There could

N Korea

agrees

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North Korea in with Iran and pre-war Iraq as an "axis of evil" linked to the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction -- while the North has repeatedly condemned Washington's "hostile policy".

But with the new deal, the two countries will "start bilateral talks aimed at resolving pending bilateral issues and moving toward full diplomatic relations," the joint statement said.

Removing the North from the US list of terrorist sponsors could also clear the way for US firms to do business with North Korea.

According to the new agreement, North Korea would "shut down and seal for the purpose of eventual abandonment" its main Yongbyon nuclear plant and make an accounting of all its nuclear programmes and capabilities.

Included in that list would be plutonium already extracted from fuel rods, which outside analysts have estimated would be enough for the North to make several nuclear weapons.

But the public announcement made no mention of previous US allegations that the North was secretly enriching uranium -- a charge that led to the breakdown of a previous agreement to help Pyongyang build nuclear reactors for energy.

North Korea had repeatedly said it would not make concessions until the United States ended financial sanctions aimed at blocking its access to the international banking system.

There was also no mention of those unilateral sanctions in the joint deal, but Hill told reporters afterwards that United States now intended to resolve the dispute within 30 days.

The joint announcement did say that North Korea would address another tricky bilateral dispute -- its abductions of Japanese nationals in the 1970s.

But within an hour of the announcement, Japanese Foreign Minister Tarō Aso said his country would not provide energy aid until "progress" was made on the abductions issue. Japan believes the North is still holding some of its people.

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US envoy

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parties in discussions on the timeframe for the election and how to make it credible.

The US envoy appreciated the CG for the steps so far taken by it saying that it has "popular support".

Butenis also discussed with Hasina the recent arrests of political leaders. "We discourage misuse of the criminal procedure code," the US Ambassador said.

Hasina's Political Secretary Saber Hossain Chowdhury, who was present at the meeting, told reporters that the present political development, reconstitution of the Election Commission, and other steps taken so far by the present CG have been the outcome of their movement.

He said since the Election Commission (EC) has already been reconstituted, the commission's future steps like preparation of a voters' list and resolving the issue of voter ID cards, and depoliticisation of the administration came up in the discussion.

Regarding the proposal of the US Ambassador on reforms in political parties, he said, "We welcomed it and informed her that it's a continuous process in Awami League. Moreover, we have our own plans to proceed with reforms within the party and we will take our initiatives soon, out of our own necessities."

Saber, who is also an AL organising secretary, said they already have plans to modernise the party so that they can get involved with a larger number of people.

About the arrests of political leaders, he said, "It will go against the law if the arrests are made to keep a balance. But those who are accused or criminals, their political identities should not be considered," he said.

Saber said they want the present CG to hold the next election as early as possible. "She [Butenis] also expressed a similar view," Saber said.

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corruption. He was sent to jail the following day.

Meanwhile, the joint forces have also requested the Office of the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies to release documents pertaining to the 12 companies of former BNP lawmaker Mosaddek Ali Falu, who too was detained on February 4, said sources.

The companies he owns include television channels ntv and RTV. Amardesh Publications Ltd, Brotherhood Enterprise Ltd, Brotherhood Securities Ltd, Buildtrade Structures Ltd, Buildtrade Engineers Ltd, Dhaka-Shanghai Ceramics Ltd, MB Agropducts Ltd, Daiper Ltd, IFIC Bank and Sahabuddin Medical College Hospital.

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Witnesses, the injured and police sources said a gang of armed robbers busted open main gates of Sekandar Ali Khan and Delwar Hossain Khan's houses located in the same village at around 2:00am early Tuesday morning and attacked the family members.

Hearing the commotion, a police patrol team led by Abdur Razzak, officer in charge of Nalchity Police Station, and villagers came forward to resist the criminals.

The robbers started to flee the scene with their loot blasting bombs and opening fire on the police and the crowd. Police also returned fire and chased the robbers with the villagers on their side.

Police and the villagers later found one of the robbers -- Hanif alias Dulal -- with critical bullet injuries. A pipe gun and three bullets were found from the spot. Dulal died on way to hospital.

Another robber Abdul Kader's body was recovered along with a few looted items.

Bodies of the robbers were sent to Jhalokathi morgue for autopsies.

BNP bigwigs

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arrested on charges of corruption and sponsoring terrorism. Already detained BNP leaders include Nazmul Huda, Salauddin Quader Chowdhury, and Mosaddek Ali Falu.

The Sources said BNP will provide legal aid to its detained leaders and the party high command is keeping close contact with their families so that the NSC can discuss the matter in the meeting.

"The standing committee might have a long agenda like the arrests of political leaders, appointment of the chief election commissioner and two other commissioners as well as the recent government decisions," a BNP leader told The Daily Star requesting anonymity.

According to the party sources the NSC will also discuss the government's decision to dismiss a large number of police officials on charges of partisanship, and the recent changes made in the police and civil administrations. A large number of officials known as BNP supporters were already made officers on special duty (OSD) and transferred, much to the chagrin of BNP leaders.

Earlier after the arrests of political leaders, BNP in a statement demanded disclosure of the charges against them, which the government has yet to concede. The party also demanded release of those detained leaders, who have no specific charge against them.

US House resolution

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Meantime, SP Chittagong Sheikh Omar Farooq was made director of Dhaka Police Staff College, SP Cox's Bazar Anwar Kamal commander of Reserve Range Force (RRF) in Rajshahi, SP Bardarban Mohammad Monirul Islam was made special SP of the Special Branch (SB).

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DCs of DMP Lokman Hakim was sent to Barisal Metropolitan Police (BMP), SM Rokonuddin was made Laxmipur SP, Ali Hossain Fakir was made commandant of Sylhet RRF, Mahbubur Rahman was transferred to RMP and Kusum Dewan was made Faridpur SP.

RMP DCs YM Belalur Rahman was made SP of Khulna and Selim Mohammad Jahangir was transferred to DMP. BMP DC Meer Shahidul Islam was made SP of Comilla while AIGs of PHQ Rafiqul Islam was made Mymensingh SP and Abdullah Al Mamun Manikganj SP.

SP of Highway Police SM Mazum Rabbani was made Pabna SP, AIG (telecom) Humayun Kabir was made commander of Mohalchhari APBn, Khagrachhari, while SP of Dhaka Police Staff College Shafiqul Islam was made commander of Chittagong APBn.

Special Superintendents of Police (SSs) of SB K Mohid Uddin and Mainul Hasan were made DCs of DMP while SB SS Qamrul Ahsan was made Chittagong SP. SPs of Sardah Police Academy Didar Ahmed was made SP Rajshahi and Masudur Rahman Bhuiyan was made DMP DC.

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AIG of PHQ Khasrul Haq was made SS at CID, Sylhet RRF commandant Dobbas Bhattacharjee was made Madaripur SP, CID SS Ibrahim Fatemy was made Dhaka SP, DC DMP Kazi Mortaz Ahmed was sent to BMP, DC KMP Anwar Hossain was transferred to DMP while Munsiganj SP Jahangir Hossain Matubbar was made commander of Dhaka APBn.

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Netrakona SP Monir Hossain was made commander of 8th Armed Police Battalion (APBn), Tangail SP Mohammad Israil Hawlader DC of SMP, Faridpur SP AKM Masudul Alam DC of Khulna Metropolitan Police while Madaripur SP Motiur Rahman was made assistant inspector general (AIG) at the headquarters.

Meantime, SP Chittagong Sheikh Omar Farooq was made director of Dhaka Police Staff College, SP Cox's Bazar Anwar Kamal commander of Reserve Range Force (RRF) in Rajshahi, SP Bardarban Mohammad Monirul Islam was made special SP of the Special Branch (SB).

SP Noakhali Anwar Uddin Khan Pathan was transferred to Sardah Police Academy and SP Laxmipur Rezaul Karim Mollick was made AIG at the headquarters.

Feni SP Sibgatullah was transferred to Narayanganj, Comilla SP Abul Khayer was made 10th APBn commander, Khulna SP M Nazmul Karim Khan was made a DC of Rajshahi Metropolitan Police (RMP), Narail SP Hasanul Haider was made AIG (confidential) at the Police Headquarters (PHQ), Barisal SP Ashrafur Rahman was made SP of Highway Police (West), Kurigram SP Bhanulal Das was transferred to Sardah Police Academy and Pabna SP Monjur Morshed Alam was transferred to APBn Barbania, Rangamati.

DCs of DMP Lokman Hakim was sent to Barisal Metropolitan Police (BMP), SM Rokonuddin was made Laxmipur SP, Ali Hossain Fakir was made commandant of Sylhet RRF, Mahbubur Rahman was transferred to RMP and Kusum Dewan was made Faridpur SP.

RMP DCs YM Belalur Rahman was made SP of Khulna and Selim Mohammad Jahangir was transferred to DMP. BMP DC Meer Shahidul Islam was made SP of Comilla while AIGs of PHQ Rafiqul Islam was made Mymensingh SP and Abdullah Al Mamun Manikganj SP.

SP of Highway Police SM Mazum Rabbani was made Pabna SP, AIG (telecom) Humayun Kabir was made commander of Mohalchhari APBn, Khagrachhari, while SP of Dhaka Police Staff College Shafiqul Islam was made commander of Chittagong APBn.

Special Superintendents of Police (SSs) of SB K Mohid Uddin and Mainul Hasan were made DCs of DMP while SB SS Qamrul Ahsan was made Chittagong SP. SPs of Sardah Police Academy Didar Ahmed was made SP Rajshahi and Masudur Rahman Bhuiyan was made DMP DC.

Commandant of RRF Rajshahi Maruf Hasan was made Tangail SP, DC DMP Harunur Rashid Hazari was made Feni SP, commander of Chittagong APBn Banoj Kumar Majumder was made Cox's Bazar SP, commandant of Betunia Police Special Training School (PSTS) Abdul Jalil Mondol was made SS of SB while CID SS M. Maniruzzaman was made Rajbari SP.

AIG of PHQ Khasrul Haq was made SS at CID, Sylhet RRF commandant Dobbas Bhattacharjee was made Madaripur SP, CID SS Ibrahim Fatemy was made Dhaka SP, DC DMP Kazi Mortaz Ahmed was sent to BMP, DC KMP Anwar Hossain was transferred to DMP while Munsiganj SP Jahangir Hossain Matubbar was made commander of Dhaka APBn.

Commander of Bogra APBn M Mahbubur Rahman swapped with DMP DC Delwar Hossain Mia.

Mymensingh SP Aurangajeb Mahbub was made SS of SB, Joypurhat SP Tanvir Haider Chowdhury was transferred to the