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Who after Wolfowitz?

Created in 1945, the poverty fighting institution World Bank with 185 member countries is now poised to enter a new chapter with its new chief due on July 1 after Wolfowitz's departure.

Wolfowitz's successor will have to



persuade the countries to contribute about US\$ 30 billion over the next few years to fund a programme that provides interest-free loans to the poorest countries. We hope the World Bank will choose as their captain somebody who is a person of vision and who has demonstrated ability to liaise with development partners and, most importantly, someone who has empathy with the poor.

The world does not lack competent, highly trained and experienced leaders, though most of them just happen not to be Americans. Despite widespread demands for change, the global lending institution's new president may once again be an American according to an unwritten custom chosen by the US government, the largest shareholder in the Bank.

President Bush may enter history and offset the grayer chapters of his presidency to a great extent if he chooses someone from a developing country like Bangladesh for the top post of World Bank: a person like Professor Yunus who, one of the very few in the world, knows the pangs of those writhing with pains of abject poverty.

We salute Wolfowitz for leaving his office in grace, not allowing the media world concocting luscious stories on his cordial relation with an elderly Muslim lady Ms Shaha Riza who organised three years ago a conference of Middle East and North African democracy advocates that declared dictatorship "a crime against humanity". Even if Wolfowitz, 63, had any infatuation towards Riza, 53, it should not be shouted as a Sophia Loren-Carlo Ponti equation!

Maswood Alam Khan
Banani, Dhaka

be employed for pre-qualifications and ultimate selections.

Dhaka is reeling under tremendous traffic jam. It is increasing day by day. Constructions of new roads, widening of existing roads etc. will not contribute much towards solving the traffic jam problem. Please consider how Bangkok was developed. They built sky train, flyovers with loops and most importantly Metro. A good percentage of commuting population has to be sent underground.

More and more people will be affected with cardio-vascular, respiratory, eye, gastrointestinal, psychiatric diseases due to traffic jams. Many work hours are lost in traffic jams. Please look at Bangkok, Tehran, Calcutta and New Delhi etc. and see how much less stressful life has become in those cities.

Please call a meeting of the traders, importers, wholesale and retail business people, assure them of all out co-operation and 'safety', take them into confidence and request them to bring down the prices of essentials to a rational level. Please build up rapport with them.

SN Mamoon
On e-mail

To Chief Adviser

While the Chief Adviser has expressed dissatisfaction (May 14 UNB News) over power situation; we the pro bono public are just fed up; to say the least!

While the news item has given out a list of power projects being taken up, or going to be taken up; unfortunately as the popular Persian saying goes "Hanoz Dehli dur ast" (Delhi is very far).

These units may provide power to the grid earliest by end of 2007, if we are lucky. Overhauling and rehabilitation of worn-out power plants now out of service cannot be expected to be done by issuing fiats! If we try to push through this work; presumably done earlier by the BNP; we will only act in haste and repeat at leisure again.

This is based on my over thirty years hands on experience in plant and equipment maintenance including steam and gas-engine power plants in both the public and private sectors.

All in all, we are in thick soup; and it is getting thicker day by day!

Dissatisfaction is OK; but what we need is highest level executive action.
S.A. Mansoor
Gulshan, Dhaka

Current politics

The question is whether we will lease our country to political parties like the AL and the BNP for doing politics. I agree with the views of the CPD analyst Dr. Bhattacharya on having a third political force for healthy competition.

AL leader Mr. Zillur Rahman was talking about their policy for development of future Bangladesh. But the harsh truth is that the nation couldn't get any economic, health, education, trade policy from their manifesto at all unlike the AL policy in 1967-68 under Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. We think the present AL or BNP has got no vision of changing the gear of economics and thereby poverty alleviation in the next decade. We need tigers, not foxes. So we need new parties with vision.

Although we are living abroad, we want to actively participate in the reconstruction of new Bangladesh with changed gears both from home and abroad.

We would request the media to give accurate information. Because there is a big gap here and nonproductive and religious political parties are taking advantage of people's ignorance.

Dr. Mohammad A Karim
General practitioner, Australia

generation born after 1990, this is becoming a hell. They cannot believe that only 25 to 30 years ago, we breathed clean air even in present day Shahbag intersection. We could move all around Dhaka by slow moving rickshaws in quiet streets. Traffic jams were seen only in certain areas.

In the last 35 years, population has almost become doubled, and still increasing at an alarming rate. Within the next 15 years, the population will reach approximately 200 million. It would be very hard to feed so many people in future; we have to spend huge foreign currency only to buy food for the people.

As population will also increase in our neighboring countries, they will start diverting the river flow more and more to grow more crops. Due to the heavy burden of overpopulation it would be impossible for us to move forward. Overpopulation will tarnish all our gains.

Now the question arises, should we undertake the "One Child Policy" for Bangladesh like that of China? There should be a serious debate on the issue. I think The Daily Star is a good place for this debate to begin.

Sajjad Haider
Mohammedpur, Dhaka

Arrest of Abdul Jalil

Sheikh Hasina is condemning the current government for arresting Awami League General Secretary, Abdul Jalil, and suggesting that the present government focus their anti-corruption drive on the real corrupt individuals.

I could not agree more. For once, at least one of our leaders has made a valid point. So I would request the present government to immediately arrest all the BNP and AL leaders who are known to be corrupt.

Being the daughter of the Father of the Nation does not mean you own us. You do not have the ability, nor the drive necessary to be a good leader. The same is true about Khaleda Zia.

Wissam Rashid

On e-mail

Thanks

I would like to offer my thanks and appreciation to Shahnoor Wahid, Senior Assistant Editor, for his very thought-provoking write-up in The Daily Star. I sincerely hope that people will spend some time every day reflecting on the points raised by

Shahnoor and act according to their abilities in order to build a better future for Bangladesh and beyond.

AAI-Mahmood

One-mail

Tale of two Begums

Much has been said about the "Two Begums of Bangladesh" in the national and international press. They both had their time under the sun but failed to shine. Their contribution over the past 15 years is *laggar hartial*, looting the treasury, or promoting hooliganism. Bangladesh's development during this time is not because of them, but in spite of them. Under their leadership Bangladesh became the number one corrupt country for five years in a row. Yet, given a microphone they loudly proclaim all the wonderful things they have done for the country. We have seen what they can do for the country and we don't like what we have seen.

I urge the "Two Begums of Bangladesh" to please leave the country alone.

Siraj Haque

Houston, Tx, USA

Preparing voter list



The present government had decided to prepare a new voter list by setting up camps, instead of going house-to-house. I didn't find any problem with this decision. The EC had explained the difficulties of going door-to-door with so many

delicate equipments. What the EC could do was to set up as many camps as possible in each polling area, so that people do not have to go too far to attend it.

Shafiqul Islam

On e-mail

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

কাক, তার ও দূরালাপনী অডিটর অধিদপ্তর

সেগুনবাগিচা, ঢাকা-১০০০

নং-ডিজিপিটিএন্টি/দশম/১৯২/৩৬

তারিখ: ২৭-৫-০৭৩

বিষয়ঃ সরকারি কর্মচারী (বিশেষ বিধান) অধ্যাদেশ
১৯৭৯-এর (৫) ধারার আওতায় কারণ দর্শনো
(২য় শোকজ) নোটিশ

যেহেতু আপনি জানাব আবু মোঃ রফিল কুন্দুস, অডিটর পিটি এন্টি এন্টি অধিদপ্তর, সেগুনবাগিচা, ঢাকা, গত ১৯-২-২০০৫খ্রি: তারিখ হতে

অনুমোদিতভাবে কর্মসূলে অনুপস্থিত রয়েছেন।

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৩০-২০০৫ তারিখে পত্র নং নং ডিজিপিটিএন্টি/দশম/১৯২/১১০ এর

মাধ্যমে জারীকৃত অভিযোগনাম "প্রাপক বর্তমানে বাংলাদেশের বাহিরে থাকার ফেরত" মত্বসহ তাক বিভাগ হতে অবিলিকৃত অবস্থায় ফেরত

আসে।

যেহেতু আপনার অনুমোদিতভাবে অনুপস্থিতির বিষয়টি একজন তদন্ত কর্মকর্তা কর্তৃত তদন্ত করা হলে তদন্ত প্রতিবেদনে আপনার বিদেশে অবস্থান এবং অনুমোদিতভাবে কর্মসূলে অনুপস্থিতির বিষয়টি প্রামাণিত হয়েছে।

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এর মাধ্যমে আপনাকে কারণ দর্শন করার দ্বারা হয়।

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ধারা মোটাবেক উক্ত নেটিশ জারীর ০৫ (পাঁচ) দিন অভিযোগ হওয়া

সত্ত্বেও আপনি কোন জ্বাব দাখিল করেননি।

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এমতবাহার, উপরোক্ত অধ্যাদেশের ৪ (এ) ধারা অনুযায়ী আপনাকে আপনার অনুমোদিত অনুপস্থিতির তারিখ অর্থাৎ ১৯-০২-২০০৫ তারিখ হতে কেন চাকুরী হতে বরখাস্ত করা হবে না তার কারণ এই নেটিশ জারীর ০৩ (তিনি) দিনের মধ্যে নিম্নবর্ণকৃতী বরাবর দাখিল করতে আপনাকে সরকারি চাকুরী হতে বরখাস্ত (Dismiss) করার সিদ্ধান্ত গ্রহণ করেছেন।

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