

Suranjit fires back

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Suranjit might have initiated the move of summoning him due to the latter's sense of deprivation in the ruling coalition. He also said some elements of the ruling party, not of the cabinet, might have contributed to the move of calling them before the parliamentary body.

"We are working according to the constitution and the rules of procedure of parliament, to ensure transparency and accountability in the government. Why is Imam being so panicked and sensitive?" Suranjit said.

In defence of the claim that the committee unanimously decided to hear the three high officials' versions of the matter in question, Suranjit showed cassettes that he claimed have records of the Thursday's committee meeting's proceedings.

Referring to the Right to Information Act, he said anybody may collect the meeting's proceedings, preserved both electronically and in manual transcripts, to know whether the meeting's decision was unanimous.

State Minister for Law Quamrul Islam, who is also a member of the committee, on Saturday, however said the committee did not decide to summon HT Imam, adding that the matter of the two judges had been settled earlier, and the standing committee had no need to discuss it.

Suranjit said there were procedural misconducts in sending the two judges into retirement, and the parliamentary committee has jurisdiction to examine it. The committee found that the Supreme Court was not consulted before sending the judges into retirement, he added.

"The order of sending the two judges to retirement was cancelled since it had been done wrongly," Suranjit said.

Asked whether the prime

Rajshahi mayor

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minister was misguided into advising the president to issue the order for sending the judges into retirement, Suranjit said the parliamentary committee will comment on the matter after receiving relevant facts.

On HT Imam's claim that the two judges were sent to retirement according to the Public Servant (Retirement) Act of 1974, Suranjit said the executive branch cannot send any judge into retirement under the current relevant law.

The parliamentary body on Thursday decided to summon HT Imam, Law Secretary Kazi Habibul Awal, and Establishment Secretary Iqbal Mahmud to explain their actions regarding sending the two district judges into retirement.

The chairman disheartened many board officials and employees by comparing Bangabandhu with Ziaur Rahman, the mayor said, adding: "As I came to know about the matter, I only asked him to be careful."

"The question of forcing or threatening him to manipulate my daughter's results can not arise. The board chairman is tarnishing the image of my family only to cover up his faults," said the city mayor.

"But it is true -- as a father, I requested him once to look into the review result of my daughter personally. And now I see, it was my fault as a city mayor."

The board chairman, however, said that the mayor and his party are now cooking up stories to divert people's attention from the issue of SSC results of his daughter.

"The allegations against me are totally false and fabricated. In fact, the National Mourning Day was observed inside the Rajshahi Education Board mosque and as I am a Hindu, I was not present but I sent a message which was read out there," he added.

The chairman said, "Misbehaviour of the mayor with me is quite unacceptable."

Meanwhile, ruling Awami League leaders and activists under the banner of an alliance of professionals, cultural and social organisations held a rally near the Rajshahi Education Board office at Laxmipur in the city yesterday.

The speakers at the rally accused the board chairman of corruption.

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Rid Pharma's two banned drugs -- Temset suspension and Ridaplex syrup -- are still available at some pharmacies in Barisal despite the July 22 government directive to withdraw the medicines from market.

Khandokar Sagir Ahmed, drug superintendent at Barisal District Drug Administration Office, told The Daily Star yesterday, "Our activities are being hampered due to shortage of manpower. But we are conducting drives regularly to seize spurious, low standard and medicines past their shelf life with our limited manpower and logistic support."

He said last week they sealed a drug store in front of Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital and fined two other pharmacies for selling banned "Temset" suspension and Ridaplex syrup.

The drug administration department has only one superintendent for six districts in Barisal division, he said.

Sources said there are 4,730 pharmacies or drug stores and ten pharmaceutical companies in six districts of Barisal division.

Over 10,000 illegal drug stores are run in the region using fake licence or without any authorisation, sources said.

As per rule, every district headquarters must have an office of drug administration with at least one drug super and one drug inspector official.

However, Barguna, Bhola and Jhalakathi have no drug administration office while the Pirojpur and Patuakhali offices don't have any drug superintendent.

In an poignant moment, as the sunset over his graveside, the senator's voice could be heard in the gathering dusk from beyond the grave when his recent letter to Pope Benedict XVI was read out.

"The disease is taking its toll on me," admitted Kennedy in the July letter, saying he was "preparing for the next passage of life."

The Vatican said in its reply the pope "was saddened to know of your illness and asked me to assure you of his concern and his spiritual closeness."

Benedict asked that Kennedy "may be sustained in faith and hope and granted the precious grace of joyful surrender to the will of God."

A three-shot volley rang out, followed by the haunting sounds of the bugle player, as darkness fell leaving the eternal flame flickering in the night.

Local lawmaker Mostafa Jalal Mohiuddin also spoke at the function.

Hasina asks

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"You must show respect to people's trust in us. You must work for the betterment of the people to fulfil their expectations," she told her partymen.

Pointing finger to BNP, the AL president said they [BNP and its anti-liberation allies] resorted to corruption and misrule in the country whenever they were in power after the assassination of Bangabandhu.

"They do not want welfare of the country and its people as they get involved in politics to serve their own interests," said Hasina, instructing the ruling party men to work sincerely for building a 'golden' Bangladesh.

Bangabandhu had dreamt of.

"You will have to think what you can contribute to the country rather than what you can get," Hasina said, adding that her father sacrificed his life for the welfare of the country.

Paying tributes to Bangabandhu who was killed with other family members on August 15, 1975 and the four national leaders who were killed on November 3 inside

the jail, she reiterated that they would have to execute the long-pending verdict in Bangabandhu murder case and hold the trials of the killers of four national leaders and the war criminals.

After killing Bangabandhu, the anti-liberation war forces destroyed democracy and resorted to widespread corruption in the country, Hasina said, adding that Ziaur Rahman and his wife Khaleda Zia helped and rewarded the killers of the father of the nation and four national leaders. It indicates that they had involvement in the killings, she added.

Saying that the conspirators are still busy with their new plot, the AL chief directed her party men to remain alert and vigilant against any conspiracy in the country.

Chaired by city AL acting president MA Aziz, the discussion was addressed, among others, by Mofazzel Hossain Chowdhury Maya, Mostafa Jalal Mohiuddin, Rahmat Ullah, Quamrul Islam, Fazle Noor Taposh, and Bangla Academy Director General Shamsuzzaman Khan.

Khaleda hails

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award is the pride for the whole nation. Because the name of Bangladesh was pronounced by the international community."

"We have dreams and also have the ability to materialise it as well, but we want the opportunity to express the ability," Prof Yunus added, saying he hoped to bring more pride for the country.

US President Barack Obama conferred the award on Prof Yunus at the White House on August 12.

Foreign missions

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The government has 47 missions abroad, which were set up in 1982, but many of them do not deal with the overseas workers, Muhith said, adding that more trained staff will be recruited in the missions where required.

Expatriates welfare and commerce ministries are preparing a proposal on the required manpower to send it to the cabinet soon, he said.

Foreign Minister Dipu Moni, Labour and Expatriates' Welfare Minister Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain and Commerce Minister Faruk Khan were present at the meeting.

The overseas jobseekers often become victims of harassments, the finance minister said, adding: "We have discussed how we can better serve them (the jobseekers) abroad."

The vote was seen as a barometer of frustrations over Japan's worst economic slump since World War II and a loss of confidence in the ruling Liberal Democrats' ability to tackle tough problems such as the rising national debt and rapidly aging population. The Democrats have embraced a more populist platform, promising handouts for families with children and farmers and a higher minimum wage.

The Democrats also said they will seek a more independent relationship with Washington, while forging closer ties with Japan's Asian neighbors, including China. But Hatoyama, who holds a doctorate in engineering from Stanford University, insists he will not seek dramatic change in Japan's foreign policy, saying the U.S.-Japan alliance would "continue to be the cornerstone of Japanese diplomatic policy."

National broadcaster NHK, using projections based on exit polls of roughly 400,000 voters, said the Democratic Party was set to win 300 seats and the Liberal Democrats only about 100. TV Asahi, another major network, said the Democratic Party would win 315 seats.

The LDP's secretary-general, Hiroyuki Hosoda, said he and two other top officials plan to submit their resignations to Aso, who serves as president of the party.

As voting closed Sunday night, officials said turnout was high, despite an approaching typhoon, indicating the intense level of public interest in the hotly contested campaigns.

"We've worked so hard to achieve a leadership change and that has now become almost certain thanks to the support of many voters," said Yoshihiko Noda, a senior member of the DPJ. "We feel a strong sense of responsibility to achieve each of our campaign promises."

Ruling party leaders said they were devastated by the results.

"I feel deeply the impact of this vote," former Prime Minister Shintaro Abe, a leading Liberal Democratic Party member, told television network TBS. "Our party must work to return to power."

Miliband said, "People in Britain with families in India and Bangladesh know at first hand the devastating consequences that natural disasters such as floods and droughts are already having on the region, but they also know that unchecked climate change will make this far worse."

Bangladesh is at the forefront of the battle against climate change and there is excellent work already taking place to mitigate the effects we are already seeing there," he said.

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The geographical distribution of swine flu should be revealed for making people more aware about the disease and the cautionary measures.

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