

Suu Kyi sues junta to keep her party intact

AFP, Yangon

Detained opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi filed a lawsuit against Myanmar's junta at the Supreme Court yesterday for dissolving her party ahead of widely criticised elections, her lawyer said.

Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy (NLD) has been forcibly abolished for boycotting the November 7 vote, which activists and the West have condemned as a charade aimed at putting a civilian face on military rule.

The lawsuit aims to reverse the dissolution.

The NLD won a landslide election victory in 1990 but was never allowed to take office. Suu Kyi has spent most of the past 20 years in detention and is currently under house arrest.

In May, the Supreme Court threw out a suit filed by Suu Kyi aimed at preventing her party's dissolution.

Asked why the NLD is submitting yet another case with the court, Suu Kyi's lawyer told reporters: "We are continuing because we have not given up. If we give up we have nothing left to do."

The New Light of Myanmar newspaper, a junta mouthpiece, recently warned an unnamed party -- thought to be the NLD -- to drop protests against its abolition, and threatened jail for anyone impeding the upcoming vote.

The party decided to boycott the election in response to rules barring serving prisoners -- such as Suu Kyi -- from participating.

The Nobel Peace laureate's current term of house arrest is due to end on November 13, just days after the election.

Myanmar has been ruled by the military since 1962 and critics say the generals are taking no chances for the upcoming poll.

One quarter of the seats in parliament are reserved for the military, while the junta's proxy parties are seen as having a major advantage in



the contest for the remaining seats.

The National Democratic Force (NDF), a breakaway opposition party created by former NLD members, is among those planning to contest the vote, a decision that put it at odds with Suu Kyi, who favoured a boycott.

Opposition parties have faced formidable hurdles, including a fee of 500 dollars per candidate -- the equivalent of several months' wages for most people -- and a tight timetable to register to stand.

NY bomb plotter jailed for life

AFP, New York

A Pakistani-American warned Americans "the war with the Muslims has just begun," as he was sentenced Tuesday to life in prison for a botched attempt to bomb New York's famed Times Square.

"The defeat of the US is imminent and will happen in the near future," Faisal Shahzad told the court shortly before his sentence was announced.

"Brace yourselves because the war with the Muslims has just begun," he said.

Shahzad, a US citizen who lived in

Connecticut and started what resembled an ordinary American family before embracing jihadist militancy, pleaded guilty in June to the May 1 bombing attempt.

The 30-year-old obtained US citizenship in April 2009, but said Tuesday it was only a ploy.

"Didn't you swear allegiance to this country?" Judge Miriam Goldman Cedarbaum asked him.

"I swore, but I didn't mean it," Shahzad replied.

The bomb scare and revelations that the Taliban inside Pakistan were behind the

attack further strained US-Pakistani relations, while deepening worries in the United States about so-called homegrown terrorists.

Shahzad was defiant in court, claiming to have committed the crime in revenge for bombing by US drones in Pakistan.

"Far from providing an explanation for his criminal activity, Shahzad's history and characteristics strongly militate in favor of the maximum available sentence," assistant US attorney Randall Jackson said in court papers ahead of the sentencing hearing.

India starts scaling down security in Kashmir

REUTERS, New Delhi

Authorities in Srinagar began removing some security bunkers yesterday as part of New Delhi's efforts to defuse tensions in the troubled region.

Kashmir has been in a siege-like state of strikes, protests and curfew for months, threatening to undermine rule from New Delhi, which has been fighting an armed separatist rebellion in the region since 1989.

More than 100 people have been killed and scores arrested in protests since June -- among the biggest since an armed separatist rebellion broke out in Kashmir in 1989.

"We have started removing (security) bunkers in Srinagar, the complete process will take couple of days," said Prabhakar Tripathy, a senior police official.

He said 16 bunkers will be removed in Srinagar, summer capital of Kashmir, one of the world's most militarised regions.

But the step may not be enough for Kashmiris who want the revocation of a widely-hated security law that gives the military sweeping powers to search, arrest or shoot protesters.

More than half a million security personnel are deployed in Kashmir, most of which, for years, has been declared "disturbed", a precondition for the application of the Armed Forces Special Powers Act.

Nepal police block vote by Tibetan exiles

AFP, Kathmandu

Armed police have blocked thousands of Tibetan exiles in Nepal from voting for a new government-in-exile by forcibly seizing ballot boxes, police and activists said.

Witnesses said police stormed three separate voting centres in the Nepalese capital Kathmandu, home to almost 9,000 Tibetan exiles, as the election was being held on Sunday.

"This was in total violation of our human rights," said one exile, speaking on condition of anonymity. "We believe everybody should be allowed to vote."

Thousands of Tibetans living in India, Bhutan, Nepal, Europe and the United States took part in Sunday's vote, a preliminary election for a new prime minister and parliament in exile.

Rajuk, Wasa

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house owner Jahirul Islam, he did not let the tenants vacate the house. Jahirul used to earn Tk four lakh per month from house rent, Rokon-Ud-Dawla said.

The house is situated in a densely populated locality, and each of its floors had 49 rooms.

Shukkur Kazi, security guard of the house, said the house owner recently expanded the structure to six storeys, which was earlier two-storey.

Neither Jahirul Islam nor the factory owner Kamal Patwary lives in the house.

There are at least 40 more vulnerable multi-storied structures in the area and Rajuk would put them down in phases, said Shafiqul Islam of Rajuk.

WASA CONTINUES CANAL RECOVERY DRIVE

On the second day of the canal recovery drive led by Wasa magistrate Kazi Wasi Uddin, the authority demolished two two-storey buildings and a one-storey building.

"We have demolished two two-storey buildings and a one-storey building on the second day of the drive," said a Wasa official.

He said Wasa started the drive on Katashur canal on October 4 to remove the illegal structures from the 1.8 km canal.

"We will continue our work for the next seven days to dig up the occupied portion of the canal to set up pillars for demarcation," said the official.

Wasa will conduct more drives on three more canals -- Ramchandpur, Rayerbazar and Kalayanpur Ka canal -- this month.

It will gradually recover lands from land grabbers of 13 canals of the city following the Cadastral Survey Map (CS map) and will set up concrete structure along the bank of the canal to stop further encroachment, he added.



Nasa launches Himalayas monitoring system in Nepal

AFP, Akathmandu

A new system that will allow scientists to monitor the impact of climate change in the Himalayas using images from Nasa satellites was launched in the Nepalese capital Kathmandu on Tuesday.

Around 1.3 billion people depend on the water that flows down from the Himalayan glaciers, which experts say are melting at an alarming rate, threatening to bring floods and later drought to the region.

But relatively little is known about the impact of climate change on the vast region, which environmental campaigners describe as a "third pole" because of its huge water reserves in the form of ice and snow.

The web-based system, called SERVIR, will allow scientists, governments and aid agencies to access satellite images of the

Himalayas, giving them early warning of floods and other disasters and aiding research on climate change.

A Nasa statement said SERVIR, launched in partnership with the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) in Kathmandu, could be used to address threats to biodiversity as well as risks from flooding, forest fires and storms.

"The whole of the Himalayan region is something of a black hole for scientists and we hope to use this system to bridge the data gap," said Basanta Shrestha, a senior ICIMOD executive.

"We can use this to monitor the dynamics of the cryosphere (ice systems) in the light of climate change, which is very important in terms of both disaster management and future water availability."

Indonesia president cancels Netherlands visit over arrest threat

BBC ONLINE

Indonesia's President, Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, has called off a state visit to the Netherlands because of a threat that he could be arrested.

A separatist group, the Republic of South Moluccas (RMS), has asked a court to order his detention in connection with alleged human rights violations.

Mr Yudhoyono said that if he had gone ahead with the three-day visit, it might have led to a "misunderstanding".

Indonesian authorities crushed the RMS after it declared independence in 1950.


It was revived following the fall of President Suharto in 1998, and is currently based in the Netherlands, Indonesia's former colonial power.

From 1999 until 2002, ethnic violence in the Moluccas islands left an estimated 5,000 people dead and displaced 500,000 others.

A spokeswoman for a court in The Hague confirmed that the RMS had asked for an injunction to have Mr Yudhoyono arrested on arrival.

The group wanted him to face prosecution for the alleged human rights violations and the physical abuse of political prisoners, she added.

Mr Yudhoyono was reportedly already onboard his plane at Jakarta's airport yesterday when he decided to cancel the state visit.



Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations


Vacancy Announcement

Issued on: 06 October 2010
Dead line for application: 20 October 2010

The FAO Representation in Bangladesh is inviting applications of qualified candidates to the following vacant position in Dhaka (with in-country travel) under the project GCP/BGD/038/EC "Improving Food Safety, Quality, Hygiene and Food Control in Bangladesh". Incumbents will be recruited as a National Project Personnel:

1. Secretary - 1 position
(UN Salary scale and benefits for similar position apply).

Interested qualified candidates will find the post descriptions, the link to the Personal History Form (PH-Form) and the information on how to apply in the following web link: www.bdijobs.com. Hard copies of the completed PH-Form must reach the FAO Representation in Bangladesh, House#37, Road#8, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka-1205 in a sealed envelope by close of business on 20 October 2010.



Invitation for Tenders

Dhaka Electric Supply Company Limited (DESCO)

House # 3, Road # 24, Block # K, Banani Model Town, Dhaka-1213
Web: www.desco.org.bd, E-mail: info@desco.org.bd

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources/Power Division;											
2	Agency	Dhaka Electric Supply Company Limited (DESCO)											
3	Procuring Entity Name	Dhaka Electric Supply Company Limited (DESCO)											
4	Procuring Entity Code	N/A											
5	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka and Gazipur											
6	Invitation for	Design, Supply, Installation and Augmentation of 33/11 KV Substations on Turnkey Basis											
7	Invitation Ref No	DESCO/Procurement/ICB/2010/468											
8	Date	05/10/2010											
KEY INFORMATION													
9	Procurement Method	ICT and Open Tendering Method (Single Stage Two Envelope)											
FUNDING INFORMATION													
10	Budget and Source of Funds	Development Budget and Dhaka Electric Supply Company Limited											
11	Development Partners (if applicable)	N/A											
PARTICULAR INFORMATION													
12	Project / Programme Code (if applicable)	N/A											
13	Project / Programme Name (if applicable)	N/A											
14	Tender Package No.	ICB No: 19/2010											
15	Tender Package Name	Design, Supply, Installation and Augmentation of 33/11 KV Substations on Turnkey Basis											
16	Tender Publication Date	06/10/2010 (Tender Document will be available from 10/10/2010)											
17	Tender Last Selling Date	05/12/2010											
18	Tender Closing Date and Time	06/12/2010 at 12:00 Noon BST											
19	Tender Opening Date and Time	06/12/2010 at 12:30 Noon BST											
20	Name & Address of the office(s)	Address Finance & Accounts Division, Dhaka Electric Supply Company Ltd. (DESCO), House # 3, Road # 24, Block # K, Banani Model Town, Dhaka-1213											
- Selling Tender Document (Principal)													
- Selling Tender Document (Others)													
- Downloading Tender Document													
NO CONDITIONS APPLY FOR SALE, PURCHASE OR DISTRIBUTION OF TENDER DOCUMENTS													
- Receiving Tender Document													
- Opening Tender Document													
21	Place / Date / Time of	Place Date Time											
Pre-Tender Meeting													
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER													
22	Eligibility of Tenderer	This Invitation for Tenders is open to eligible Tenderers from all countries, excepts countries prohibited by the GoB for business in Bangladesh											
23	Brief Description of Works	Design, Supply and Installation of 05 (five) Nos. of new 33/11 KV Substations at (i) Agargoan-II, Mirpur (ii) Section-6 (Mirpur), (iii) Banani-II, Banani (iv) Mohakhali, (v) Purbachal, Sector-4 and Augmentation of 03 (three) nos. of existing 33/11 KV Substations at (i) Digan 33/11KV (ii) Joarshahara 33/11KV and (iii) Tongi-2 33/11KV Sub-Stations on Turnkey basis.											
24	Brief Description of Physical Services	N/A											
25	Price of Tender Document	A non-refundable fee of BDTK. 20,000.00 (Taka twenty thousand only) in the form of Pay Order/Demand Draft in favour of Dhaka Electric Supply Company Ltd.											
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27	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Engr. Mohammad Kamruzzaman											
28	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Manager (Procurement and Contract Management), DESCO											
29	Address of Official Inviting Tender	Dhaka Electric Supply Company Ltd. (DESCO) House # 3, Road # 24, Block # K, Banani Model Town, Dhaka-1213											
30	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	Tel: 880-2-8860341 Fax: 880-2-8854648 E-mail: mddesco@desco.org.bd											
31	The Procuring Entity reserves the right to reject all the Tenders or annul the Tender proceedings												

International Tender Notice for Procurement & Distribution of Condom & Lubricants

Country: Bangladesh

Name of Project: Expanding HIV prevention in Bangladesh
Description of Goods: Male Latex Condom as per WHO 2003 specification and Lubricants with distribution.
GFATM Grant number: BAN-202-G13-H-00
IFB Title: Procurement and distribution of Male Latex Condom and Lubricants under the Global Funds funded HIV/AIDS Program
IFB No. ICDDR,B/PO/OTM/14/2010, Date: 06-10-2010

- ICDDR, Bangladesh has received a grant from the Global Funds toward the cost of "Expanding HIV prevention in Bangladesh", and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this grant to payments under the contract for Procurement and distribution of approximately 24.43 million pieces of Male Latex Condom as per WHO 2003 specification and approximately 1.22 million pieces of Lubricants, Contract Package No. 3.
- ICDDR, Bangladesh now invites sealed bids from eligible local manufacturers and authorized local agents of foreign manufacturers/suppliers, who have manufactured and marketed male latex condom & lubricants for at least 5 years and 2 years respectively, for procurement of


Lot No.	Description	Quantity
Lot-1	Condom [Brand: approved name (with project logo)]	Approx.
Lot-2	Distribution of Condom	24.43million
Lot-3	Condom [Brand: approved name (with project logo)]	pieces
(Lot-1+ Lot-2)	And Distribution of Condom	
Lot-4	Lubricants	Approx.
Lot-5	Distribution of Lubricants	1.22 million
Lot-6	Lubricants And Distribution of Lubricants	pieces tube
(Lot-4+ Lot-5)		

- The supplier will deliver goods monthly as per our schedule to 65 Drop in Centers (DIC) located in approx. 41 districts of Bangladesh within approx. 18 months.
- Bidding will be governed by the PSM Plan approved by GFATM and ICDDR,B Procurement Policy.
- All countries are eligible except Israel to participate and provide goods and services.
- A complete set of bidding documents in English may be obtained by interested bidders on the submission of a written application / authorization letter of the respective organization / representatives from Cashier's Teller located on the ground floor of IPH building of ICDDR,B on payment of Tk.1,000 (Taka one thousand) only in cash or bank draft in favor of ICDDR,B issued by a scheduled bank in Bangladesh. Bid documents will be available from October 07, 2010 to November 02, 2010 on all working days (Sunday to Thursday) between 10.00 to 15.30 hours.
- Pre-tender meeting will be held at 11.00 am on 19-10-2010 in Finance Conference Room, Procurement and Materials Unit to discuss the details. Interested tenderers are requested to participate the meeting on time.
- Bids must be delivered to the address below at or before up to 14.30 hours, Bangladesh Standard Time (BST) on 03-11-2010. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security in Taka or equivalent US\$ as mentioned below only in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft/Bank Guarantee from any schedule Bank of Bangladesh. Foreign Bank Guarantees must be endorsed by a local scheduled Bank.

Sl.	Lot	Bid security	Sl.	Lot	Bid security
1	Lot-1	BDT 100,000.00	4	Lot-4	BDT 50,000.00
2	Lot-2	BDT 50,000.00	5	Lot-5	BDT 50,000.00
3	Lot-3	BDT 150,000.00	6	Lot-6	BDT 100,000.00

- Late bids will be rejected, and shall be returned unopened. Bids will be opened in presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the address below at 15.00 hours, BST on 03-11-2010.
- ICDDR,B shall reserve the rights to accept or reject any or all bids without assigning any reason.

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