

Burma's ex-PM named new president

AFP, Yangon

Myanmar named a key retired general as president yesterday, an official said, as the military hierarchy retained its stranglehold on power in the country's new political system.

Thein Sein, who shed his army uniform to contest controversial elections last year, "was elected as the president with a majority vote," a Myanmar official told AFP on condition of anonymity.

The prime minister and former junta number four had been tipped for the post even before the electoral committee vote, supporting fears that the regime has engineered the political process to hide military power behind a civilian facade.

Corruption a stain on India's global image

Inflation a threat to economic growth: PM

AFP, New Delhi

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh yesterday said "the menace" of corruption was tarnishing India's image overseas and demeaning it at home.

His warning followed the arrest this week of his former telecom minister over an alleged \$40 billion mobile phone licence scam -- the latest in a raft of scandals to batter the government.

"Corruption strikes at the roots of good governance," Singh told top state government bureaucrats at a meeting in New Delhi.

"It dents our international image and it demeans us before our own people," he said, adding that the problem had "to be faced frontally, boldly and quickly."

His speech came as his government struggles to counter opposition



charges of inaction over a series of scandals, including last October's hugely over-budget Commonwealth Games, in which investigators found suspect contracts.

They have added to mounting public anger over high food prices, creating a toxic mix for Singh's Congress-led administration less than two years into

its second term.

Singh enjoys a reputation for honesty in India's murky political world, but has been criticised for failing to prevent the scandals and for delays in exposing those responsible.

Along with legislation, the prime minister said it was necessary to revamp administrative practices and procedures.

"The introduction of competition, greater choice and modern technology can cut down the opportunities for corruption," he said.

In the same speech, Singh also warned that high inflation -- particularly in food prices -- was threatening India's rapid economic growth.

Surging food costs have pushed overall inflation to 8.43 percent and a rise in crude oil prices to over \$100 a barrel is fuelling the problem.

22,000 Pakistanis flee fighting near Afghan border

AFP, Khar, Pakistan

About 22,000 Pakistani villagers have fled military operations against Islamist militants in a tribal region near the Afghan border, a government administrator and the army said yesterday.

The offensive, involving aerial bombing, artillery and ground troops, began Jan. 27 in Mohmand, said Roshan Khan Mehsud, the region's government representative. He said nearly 100 insurgents had been killed so far, and there had been "some casualties" on the army side. He did not mention any civilian casualties.

Pakistan's military has carried out several military operations in the country's remote tribal regions bordering Afghanistan over the last three years. It has claimed to have made decisive gains against the insurgents, though many hundreds of thousands of residents have yet to return. Accounts of civilian casualties are numerous and militant attacks in Pakistan remain routine.

Reporting independently in Mohmand and other border areas is not allowed by the army and highly dangerous.

Mehsud said an estimated 22,000 people had been displaced by the Mohmand operations. They were living in a government building, schools and three camps away from the fighting. He said the United Nations was providing food, water and medical assistance to the people.

Banker held for money

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Mohammad Nazrul Islam, officer-in-charge (OC) of Sutrapur Police Station, said they arrested the accused.

Earlier on the day, the bank authorities suspended him and two others -- Parimal Kumar Biswas and Rakibul Alam Sarkar -- for allegedly embezzling the said amount through sanctioning loans violating the rules.

Faridul Islam, assistant general manager of the branch, said Malek in league with the two others sanctioned loans to 11 persons providing wrong information and fake address.

In an audit, the bank authorities found that the loans were beyond the approved credit limit, added Faridul, who filed the case and handed over Malek to police.

Police are trying to arrest the two other accused.

Heart patients in agony

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which the hospital authority earlier provided free of cost.

An angiogram now costs Tk 5,000 a patient, which was only Tk 2000 a year ago. The cost has soared as the patients have to buy dye (a contrast media), syringe, gloves, cannula and some other necessary items, said a health technologist.

Hospital records show the number of angiogram has also come down to 30 to 35 a day from 50 six months ago.

According to surgery department doctors, all its patients are now asked to purchase almost all the surgical items required. They received 80 percent of those from the hospital a year ago.

Patients cannot even manage a bed without bribing the ward boys while the authorities remain indifferent to this problem.

"I was admitted to the hospital four days back and since then I have been lying on a mattress. The ward boys need must be persuaded and one can get a bed after paying about Tk 100 to 1000," said a patient at ward 6.

Patients at the 38-bed Post Coronary Care Unit, where more than 100 were receiving treatment, made the same complaint.

As the three out of five cath lab machines have been out of order, it causes a longer

hospital stay to the patients seeking angiogram and stenting. This ultimately results in increased treatment costs for the patients.

Several monitors at the 26-bed Coronary Care Unit (CCU)-2 have been out of order since last July. These devices are necessary to monitor echocardiogram, pulse rate and blood oxygen levels of the patients.

Though the department in-charge applied for repairing five monitors on July 4 last year, the director issued a work order to repair 25 monitors on November 8.

"I don't know anything about the work order still now. And there is no need to repair 25 monitors at all," said Shafi Majumder, in-charge of CCU-2.

Director of the hospital Abul Hossain Khan Chowdhury blamed lack of fund for not being able to procure emergency medicines and other equipment.

"Normally we receive the block allocation by August. But last year we got the amount in December which delayed the tender for procurement," he added.

The government has not reduced its allocation as the health minister himself is very concerned about this hospital, sources in the accounts department said.

The director has exhausted a fund of Tk 7 lakh which he was supposed to use for local purchases to meet emergency needs, they claimed adding, instead of procuring emergency items, the hospital chief bought photocopier, printer, reagent and other items.

They also complained the director purchased a Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) system spending Tk 49 lakh, though the market value of that particular product is only Tk 8 lakh.

The director, however, insisted there is no provision for local purchase and he is not authorised to spend more than Tk 15,000 at a time.

Dates of drugs worth Tk 10 lakh have expired recently in the store of the hospital.

"The previous director procured those drugs and I am not responsible for this," added the director.

The health minister expressed concern over the prevailing situation at the NICVD and formed an investigation committee on Sunday (23rd January) to probe the issue, said a ministry handout.

A three-member committee, headed by Deputy Secretary Subhas Chandra Sarker, would submit its report within seven days, the circular mentioned.

Jinnah faced challenge

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audience, some among whom raised cries of 'No, no' right then and there. For the first time in his long political career, the Quaid-e-Azam faced a challenge to his diktat.

The following are excerpts from Jinnah's address at the convocation:

We have broken the shackles of slavery; we are now a free people. Our state is our own state. Our government is our own government, of the people, responsible to the people of the state, working for the good of the state...

Our enemies, among whom I regret to say, there are still some Muslims, have set about actively encouraging provincialism in the hope of weakening Pakistan and thereby facilitating the re-absorption of this province into the Indian

Dominion. Those who are playing this game are living in a fool's paradise, but this does not prevent them trying...

Let me restate my views on the question of a state language for Pakistan. For official use in this province, the people of the province can choose any language they wish... There can, however, be one lingua franca, that is, the language for inter-communication between the various provinces of the state, and that language should be Urdu and cannot be any other. The state language, therefore, must obviously be Urdu, a language that has been nurtured by a hundred million Muslims of this subcontinent, a language understood throughout the length and breadth of Pakistan and, above all, a language which, more than

any other provincial language, embodies the best that is in Islamic culture and Muslim tradition and is nearest to the languages used in other Islamic countries...

These facts are fully known to the people who are trying to exploit the language controversy in order to stir up trouble. There was no justification for agitation

but it did not suit their purpose to admit this. Their sole object in exploiting this controversy is to create a split among the Muslims of this state, as indeed they have made no secret of their efforts to incite hatred against non-Bengali Mussulmans...

Make no mistake about it. There can be only one state language if the component

parts of this state are to march forward in unison and that language, in my opinion, can only be Urdu. I have spoken at some length on this subject so as to warn you of the kind of tactics adopted by the enemies of Pakistan and certain opportunist politicians to try to disrupt this state or to discredit this government.

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Invitation for Intl. Tender for Procurement of Gas Pipe Line Materials

Date of Issuance of IFT: 25/01/2011

1. Ministry/Division	Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources/Energy & Mineral Resources Division.					
2. Agency/procuring entity	Petrobangla/Titas Gas Transmission & Distribution Co. Ltd.					
3. Invitation for	Procurement of Gas Bag & Portable Gas Detector, Transformer Rectifier Set, Compression Coupling and VHF Base, VHF Base Repeater & Walkie-Talkie.					
4. Invitation Ref No. and date	(i) PD.2312/390-MECD/BAG&DETECTOR, (ii) PD.2312/390-MECD/TRS, (iii) PD.2312/390-MECD/COUPLING and (iv) PD.2312/390-ODD/VHF BASE dated 25/01/2011.					
5. Procurement method	Open tendering method: A single stage two envelope tendering procedure will be followed for the IFT under which the tenderer shall submit at a time two separate sealed envelopes, one for the technical proposal and other for the financial proposal all together in a single sealed envelope.					
6. Source of fund	Under Cash Foreign Exchange (Company's Own Cash Fund).					
7. Tender selling date	Tender document will be sold from 10.00am to 1.00 pm on every working day up to the preceding date of opening of the respective IFT.					
8. Tender closing date & time	At 11.30am on 16th March 2011.					
9. Tender opening date & time	At 2.00 pm on 16th March 2011.					
10. Name & address of the office(s) for:						
a) Selling of tender document	Tender document will be available from 02/02/2011 on payment of price (non-refundable) as per list below from following offices: i) Accounts Department, Titas Gas Transmission & Distribution Co. Ltd, 105, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215, Bangladesh. ii) Accounts Department, Petrobangla, Petro Center, 3 Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215, Bangladesh. iii) Accounts Department, BAPEX, 80/A-B, Shahjalal Tower (8th Floor), Shiddeswari Circular Road, Malibagh, Dhaka, Bangladesh.					
b) Receiving of tender	i) Purchase Department (12th Floor), Titas Gas Transmission & Distribution Co. Ltd, 105, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215, Bangladesh. ii) Purchase Department, Petrobangla, 3, Kawran Bazar C/A, Dhaka-1215, Bangladesh. iii) Office of Company Secretary (5th Floor), BAPEX, 80/A-B, Shahjalal Tower, Shiddeswari Circular Road, Malibagh, Dhaka, Bangladesh.					
11. Eligibility of tenderer	All bonafide manufacturers/suppliers or their authorized agents.					
12. SI No.	IFT No.	Short description of materials	Tender security amount (BDT or equivalent foreign currency)	Delivery time	Price of tender document	Tender closing/opening date
(1)	PD. 2312/390 - MECD/BAG&DETECTOR	Group-A: Gas Bag Group-B: Portable Gas Detector	Tk. 15,000.00 Tk. 35,000.00	90 days	US\$ 30.00 or Tk. 2000.00	16/03/2011
(2)	PD. 2312/390 - MECD/TRS.	Transformer Rectifier Set	Tk. 80,000.00	90 days	US\$ 30.00 or Tk. 2000.00	16/03/2011
(3)	PD. 2312/390 - MECD/COUPLING	Compression Coupling	Tk. 45,000.00	90 days	US\$ 30.00 or Tk. 2000.00	16/03/2011
(4)	PD. 2312/390-ODD/VHF BASE	VHF Base, VHF Base Repeater & Walkie-Talkie	Tk. 1,00,000.00	90 days	US\$ 30.00 or Tk. 2000.00	16/03/2011
13. a) Should the submission date of tenders happen to fall on holiday, tenders shall be received and opened at the same time & place on the first subsequent working day. b) The procuring entity reserves the right to accept any and reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.						
Titas/PR-116/2010-11 GD-555						Deputy General Manager (Purchase) Titas Gas Transmission & Distribution Co. Ltd.

Plot handover starts

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The Purbachal project is being implemented on 6000 acres of land, of which 4,500 acres are in Narayanganj and 1500 acres in Gazipur.

The city development authority will also start handing over around 2500 plots in two sectors under Uttara 3rd phase, Rajuk sources said.

"We will be able to hand over around 2000 plots in Uttara sector-15 as we have completed setting up 80 percent demarcation pillars so far," noted a project official.

He also mentioned around another 500 plots in sector 16 would be ready for handover.

There are a total of 2885 plots in Uttara 3rd phase project. The construction work of 12 bridges is going on and will be completed by next year, stated the official.

Failing to meet its two previous handover deadlines, the authority fixed it for January 2010 last year and later it extended to December 2010.

The Rajuk website still shows the target date for handing over plots of sectors 1, 4, 5, 11, 12, 13, 14 (part) and 17 of Purbachal from November, 2010 while for Uttara 3rd phase from January 2010.

The Uttara Model Town 3rd phase is to the west of the second phase project. The project area includes Diabari, Bauniya, Deul, Bailjuri, Chandalbhog and Nalbhog.

According to sources in Rajuk, it took the Uttara Model Town project in 1966 and completed in 1992. In the first phase Rajuk allotted 6,000 plots on 950 acres of land.

The development work of the second phase started in 1992 and was completed in 1998. The authority acquired 438 acres of land and allotted 5,315 plots in this phase.

Purbachal New Town Project is located in Rupganj of Narayanganj and Kaliganj of Gazipur in between rivers Balu and Sitalakkhya. It is 16 kilometres from the capital.

The implementation period of the 24,697-plot project is from July 1995 to June 2012.

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Office of the Controller of Procurement/Projects
Dhaka-Chittagong Railway Development Project
Chittagong

Re-Invitation for International Tender

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1. Ministry/Division	Ministry of Communications.		
2. Agency	Bangladesh Railway.		
3. Procuring entity name	Project Director of Modernization of Saidpur Railway Workshop represented by Controller of Procurement/Projects, Dhaka-Chittagong Railway Development Project, Bangladesh Railway, Chittagong.		
4. Procuring entity code	Not applicable.		
5. Procuring entity district	Chittagong, Bangladesh.		
6. Invitation for	Goods.		
7. Invitation Ref. No.	COS/ELEC/SDP/CASH(R)		
8. Date	27.01.2011.		
KEY INFORMATION			
9. Procurement method	Open tendering with international competition.		
FUNDING INFORMATION			
10. Budget and source of fund	Government of Bangladesh (GOB).		
11. Development partners (if applicable)	None.		
PARTICULAR INFORMATION			
12. Project/programme code (if applicable)	5350.		
13. Project/programme name (if applicable)	Modernization of Saidpur Railway Workshop.		
14. Tender package no.	GD-1 (Electrical).		
15. Tender package name	Supply, installation and commissioning of 13 items of Electrical Plants, Machinery and Equipment under "Modernization of Saidpur Railway Workshop" Project.		
16. Tender publication date	30-01-2011.		
17. Tender last selling date	Up to 01.03.2011 (from 9.00am to 2pm on all working days).		
18. Tender closing (dropping) date and time	12-00 hrs of 02-03-2011.		
19. Tender opening date and time	At 12.30 hrs on 02-03-2011 in presence of tenderers or their authorised representatives (if any).		
20. Name & address of the office(s)			
-Selling tender document (principal)	Office of the Controller of Procurement/Projects, Dhaka-Chittagong Railway Development Project, Bangladesh Railway, Chittagong.		
-Selling tender document (others)	Office of the Divisional Engineer/3, Bangladesh Railway, Kamalapur, Dhaka.		
-Receiving tender document	Office of the Controller of Procurement/Projects, Dhaka-Chittagong Railway Development Project, Bangladesh Railway, Chittagong.		
-Opening tender document	Office of the Controller of Procurement/Projects, Dhaka-Chittagong Railway Development Project, Bangladesh Railway, Chittagong.		
21. Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting	Not applicable.		
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER			
22. Eligibility of tenderer	Any individual firm of country with which Bangladesh have commercial relation and who fulfill the qualification stated in the tender document.		
23. Brief description of goods or works	Supply, installation, commissioning of 13 items of Electrical Plants, Machinery and Equipment with supply of spares.		
24. Brief description of related service	Machine transportation from Chittagong Port to site, preparation of machine installation layout plan, building machine foundation, electrical connection to machine, commissioning of machine, trial and handover as turnkey basis.		
25. Price of tender document	Tk. 5,000/= (five thousand only) non-refundable.		
26. Identification of lot	Location	Tender security amount	Completion time in months
Lot no-1	Saidpur Railway Workshop	US\$ 2.50 thousand or BDT 177.75 thousand	15 (fifteen) months
Lot no-2		US\$ 2.00 thousand or BDT 142.20 thousand	-do-
Lot no-3		US\$ 2.20 thousand or BDT 156.42 thousand	-do-
Lot no-4		US\$ 1.68 thousand or BDT 119.45 thousand	-do-
PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS			
27. Name of official inviting tender	Shawkat Ali Akon.		
28. Designation of official inviting tender	Controller of Procurement/Projects, Dhaka-Chittagong Railway Development Project.		
29. Address of official inviting tender	Central Railway Building (2 nd Floor), Bangladesh Railway, Chittagong, Bangladesh.		
30. Contact details of official inviting tender	Phone No: 880-31-2863137, Fax: 880-31-2863137.		
31. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.			
Shawkat Ali Akon Controller of Procurement/Projects Dhaka-Chittagong Railway Development Project Bangladesh Railway, Chittagong			
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