

Mujib was at helm

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administration was Mujib's to run, de facto. The implications were clear: if the military regime and those allied to or supportive of it in West Pakistan did not quickly find a way of accommodating Bengali demands as articulated by the Awami League chief, matters could well go beyond a point of no return. Mujib was under intense pressure on two fronts. On the one hand, he needed to stay clear of the radical demand made by the students then at the forefront of the agitation for an outright declaration of independence for Bangladesh. On the other, he had to demonstrate to the regime that unless steps were taken for a fast and popularly acceptable solution to the crisis, conditions could well take a worse turn. The Bengali leader had already served warning that he would announce his next course of action at a public meeting at the Race Course (now Suhrawardy Udyan) on March 7.

Fears began to be expressed in West Pakistan that Sheikh Mujibur Rahman could be headed toward a unilateral declaration of independence on March 7. Sensing the looming disaster for Pakistan if Mujib opted for a UDI, Air Marshal (retired) Asghar Khan, a former air force chief-turned-politician (he had come into politics along with Justice SM Murshed in late 1968), demanded that power be immediately handed over to the majority party, the Awami League. Other West Pakistani politicians made it clear that they were not in agreement with Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, who they said had no right to speak for the whole of the west wing since the Pakistan People's Party had not won a majority in Baluchistan and the North West Frontier Province. The consensus among large numbers of West Pakistani politicians was that the only way to prevent the break-up of the country was to hand over power at the centre to Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

In Dhaka, a buoyant Bangabandhu congratulated the people of Bangladesh for observing the hartal called by him in a disciplined manner. He exhorted Bengalis to remain prepared for any eventuality in order to achieve their democratic goals. He also announced a relaxation of hartals in order for offices to remain open to clear the salaries of their employees. Meanwhile, speculations were rife about the theme and content of Bangabandhu's upcoming speech on March 7. The regime was in a spot and simply had no idea of how to respond to the crisis in East Pakistan. In Dhaka, Mujib's residence on Road 32 Dhanmondi became the focal point of all politics in the province. Spontaneous processions made their way to the residence all day and well into the late evening, a gathering sign of an entire Bengali nation coming together in defence of its democratic rights.

Sabbir murder trial Image dented

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statement of the complainant ASM Asif for over an hour and let the defence lawyer cross-examine the complainant. After cross-examination for over an hour, the judge fixed March 9 for the next hearing. Humayun Kabir Sabbir, a director of Bashundhara Telecommunications Network Ltd, was brutally killed on July 5, 2006. Sanvir and two guards of Bashundhara Group Nure Alam and Humayun Kabir have been absconding since the case was filed. In his deposition, Asif mentioned at about 11:30pm on July 4 of 2006, his brother-in-law Sabbir was talking to Sanvir over the cell phone where he said that he could not go out of residence so late at night. But Sanvir was pressing Sabbir repeatedly to go out. The following day, a message came to his wife that Sabbir had fallen victim to an accident. His wife called Sabbir over his cell phone, but a policeman of Gulshan police received the call and said Sabbir had met an acci-

dent. Later, his wife came to know from the gatekeeper that Sabbir left the residence at 12:15am. Asif tried to contact with Sanvir and his father Shah Alam. But he [Asif] was informed that they were busy with meeting. After a while, Abu Sufian, one of the directors of Bashundhara Group, told him that Sanvir and Shah Alam were abroad. Asif went to the place of occurrence where Sabbir was found dead and went to a flat from where Sabbir had fallen. He found several portraits of Bashundhara Group family members. He also found there Shamsuddin Ahmed, an accused in the case. Then he went to Dhaka Medical College and Hospital where Sabbir's body was taken for post-mortem examination. Meantime, Shah Alam made a phone call to him and said he wanted to meet and talk to him but Asif refused the proposal, the complainant added. After the deposition, Asif was cross-examined by the defence lawyers.

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yesterday. "It has not lifted the country's image at all, but we had no other alternative," he told journalists after a meeting with top foreign diplomats and representatives of Bangladesh's development partners in Dhaka. Foreign diplomats at the meeting expressed deep concern over the government's "removal" of Prof Yunus from the post of managing director of Grameen Bank he founded three decades ago. They raised a number of questions as the government used a technical issue dating back 12 years to unseat Prof Yunus. Muhith said they had tried hard to reach an amicable and respectable solution that could not be achieved in the end. Muhith sat with the diplomats to make clear the government's stance on Grameen Bank and its founder, who jointly shared Nobel Peace prize in 2006. Top representatives of the USA, Japan, Australia, the European Union, France, Denmark, China, Canada, Germany, Sweden, South Korea, Norway, and development partners such as the World Bank, International Monetary Fund and Asian Development Bank were present at the meeting. Meeting sources said the top officials of the USA, the UK, Denmark, Norway, World Bank

and the IMF spoke and raised questions. US Ambassador in Dhaka James F Moriarty said his country remains deeply troubled by the Bangladesh government's decision. Prime Minister's Foreign Affairs Adviser Gowhar Rizvi, Economic Adviser Moshir Rahman, Foreign Secretary Mijarul Quayes, Economic Relations Division Secretary Mosharraf Hossain Bhuiyan and Banking Secretary Shafiqur Rahman Patwari were also present. The diplomats questioned why the government has taken action 12 years after Yunus was reappointed and rushed to a conclusion while a probe committee is looking into the details of the overall position of the bank and its management. They also wanted to know what the government would do with Grameen Bank and also about its future. Muhith said the government had been thinking about appointing a new managing director to Grameen Bank since March last year. "We were in constant talks. He also made some proposals and we continued discussions." "I even told him [Yunus] that if he resigns from the post, he will be involved in the transition process," Muhith said. "I thought that he would accept the proposal. But he said he wouldn't resign. He reasoned

that if he resigns, Grameen Bank would collapse." "But I do not think that Grameen Bank will collapse if he resigns, as it is a powerful organisation," the ministers said. Muhith blamed local media for making "mountain of a molehill" after the Norwegian TV channel broadcast a documentary on November 30 last year that accused Grameen Bank of mishandling aid money. "You have exaggerated the issue, which created a stir in the world media," he said referring to a section of Bangladeshi press that was particularly vocal against the microcredit pioneer. "We have tried hard to protect his reputation and the country's image," Muhith said. The minister refuted claims that the government is out to silence Yunus, a potential political rival. "Yunus moved to launch a political party in 2007 but backed off. Now he is no longer involved in politics. How can he be a rival to the largest political party in the country?" "We do not have any grudge against him," he said. Muhith said he does not think that Yunus' removal from Grameen Bank would affect Bangladesh's diplomatic relations with any country. See full text of Muhith's briefing in Star Business (B6).



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Probe delay irks court

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headquarters. On February 3, the court ordered further investigation into the case following a petition in which the prosecution brought allegations against some new BGB jawans in connection with the February 25-26 carnage in 2009 that left 74 people including 57 army officers killed. Soon after the judge started the court proceedings yesterday, the prosecutor informed him that 25 BGB jawans have already been arrested. He then pleaded for more time saying it is required to interrogate the arrestees, record their statements and find if more people were involved. In response, the court said the state has to take huge burden and incur loss for such failure. "I came here keeping proceedings of another case suspended," the judge said. "I hope you [prosecutor] will not fail to carry out your responsibility in future."

Prosecutor Mosharraf Hossain Kajol then tried to defend the prosecution saying there are some new developments. During the proceedings, the court also heard several bail petitions filed by a number of defence lawyers. It rejected 521 bail petitions filed yesterday and on February 3. But it observed that the accused have long been in the custody and they have the right to obtain bail. Earlier on the day, 801 out of 824 accused of the carnage case were hauled before the make-shift court on the playground of Dhaka Alia Madrasa as 21 are absconding, one is dead and another accused is sick. Meanwhile, out of the 25 BGB jawans arrested by the Criminal Investigation Department recently, the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's Court, Dhaka, sent 22 to jail yesterday on completion of their two-day remand. Three were further remanded for three days.

Delta Life Insurance Company Ltd. Invitation for Tenders



- Name of Employer : Delta Life Insurance Company Limited
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- Tender Selling (start) Date : Upto office hours of 6th March, 2011
- Tender Last Selling Date : Upto office hours of 24th March, 2011
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- Price of Tender Document (Tk.) : Tk. 1,000.00 (one thousand) in the form of a Bank Draft or Pay Order from any schedule bank of Bangladesh (Non refundable).
- Tender Security Amount (Tk.) : Tk. 12,00,000.00 (twelve lac) only.
- Project Completion Time : 4 (four) months from the date of work order
- The Employer reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders.

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considering relevant materials including the pending criminal case against Thomas in connection with palmolein import when he was a senior official in the Kerala state government, and the recommendations of the Department of Personnel and Training between 2000 and 2004 for initiating disciplinary proceedings against him. Centre for Public Interest Litigation, a non-governmental organisation, as well as retired bureaucrats and police officers challenged Thomas' appointment as the CVC. The SC verdict against the appointment is a big embarrassment to the government that had defended his selection for the post. It came at a time when the Congress-led government's image has taken a beating by a series of major scams including the one relating to sale of 2G telecom spectrum licence for mobile phones. Opposition BJP and Left parties said their stance against Thomas' appointment as the CVC had been vindicated by the SC judgement.

CPI(M) leader Sitaram Yechury said the apex court ruling vindicated "our party's stand" that Thomas should not have been appointed as the CVC. He said the government has to answer in parliament how Thomas was appointed despite all known facts. During an argument in the apex court Thomas said the corruption case against him was the result of political rivalry between former Kerala chief minister K Karunakaran (of Congress) and present chief minister VS Achuthanandan (of CPI-M).



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