

JS to get back removal power

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Supreme Court, said several members of the special committee after its meeting in Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban yesterday. This constitutional requirement for removal of constitutional officers was repealed by the 4th amendment in 1975.

"Members of the committee strongly desired to restore the original article 96 of the constitution," Suranjit Sengupta, co-chair and spokesman of the special committee, said in a media briefing in the parliament's Media Centre. Original article 96 empowered the parliament to remove constitutional officers from their posts.

proclamation, and introduced a new procedure for removal of constitutional officers by the Supreme Judicial Council headed by the chief justice.

In a watershed verdict, the Supreme Court last year declared illegal and void the constitution's 5th amendment which had ratified the first military regime's all actions between August 15, 1975 and April 9, 1979.

The judgment however condoned the introduction of the Supreme Judicial Council. In defence of its move, the apex court said the Supreme Judicial Council is a more transparent procedure for removal of constitutional officers, which safeguards the independence of the judiciary.

Now, the parliamentary special committee agreed to propose restoration of the parliament's lost authority and pre-eminence.

SUBORDINATE COURTS
The original articles 115 and 116 of the 1972 constitution vested the control of the lower judiciary in the Supreme Court, maintaining conformity with the fundamental principles of state policy stipulated in the constitution.

But the 4th amendment in 1975 brought drastic changes to the articles pushing the matter in the opposite direction, by allowing the executive branch to control the lower judiciary.

Many changes brought to the constitution by the 4th amendment were dismantled during the first martial law regime. But the changes brought to the articles 115 and 116 were kept almost intact.

The lower judiciary was officially separated from the executive branch on November 1, 2007 following the SC Appellate Division's directives in a case known as "Masdar Hossain's Case".

Laws were amended and new rules were framed for that purpose as well. However the constitution was not amended to ensure effective separation.

Against such a backdrop, the SC Appellate Division in the constitution's 5th amendment verdict sought restoration of the articles 115 and 116 to their original 1972 position, for making effective the separation of the state's judiciary from the executive branch.

In the ruling, the apex court also cited observations made by Justice Abdul Matin, who said, until and unless articles 115 and 116 of the constitution are restored to their original state, separation of the judiciary will remain a distant cry, and music of a distant drum.

Former attorney general also a constitutional expert, Mahmudul Islam, in his book titled "Constitutional Law of Bangladesh" discussed the articles as well.

About the original article 115, he said the 1972 constitution stipulated that district judges would be appointed by the president on recommendation from the Supreme Court, and all other civil judges and magistrates exercising judicial functions would be appointed by the president in accordance with the rules made by himself in consultation with the Public Service Commission and the Supreme Court.

About the original article 116, he said the control including the power of postings, promotions and granting of leaves, and disciplining the persons employed in judicial service, and the magistrates exercising judicial functions, were vested in the Supreme Court.

But the 4th amendment pushed the matter in the opposite direction by providing for control of the lower judiciary by the executive branch, he added.

The amended article 115 currently says, "Appointment of persons to offices in the judicial service or as magistrates exercising judicial functions shall be made by the president in accordance with rules made by him in this behalf."

As a result, the president currently does not require a recommendation from the Supreme Court for appointment of a district judge, nor is he required to consult the Public Service Commission in framing rules to exercise his powers under article 115, observed the former attorney general.

The Supreme Court, in its 5th amendment verdict, said, "It is our earnest hope that articles 115 and 116 of the constitution will be restored to their original position by the parliament as soon as possible."

Blake says

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appeal against his dismissal.

Robert Blake, the US assistant secretary of state for South Asia, said the United States had a "strong interest in maintaining close relations" with Bangladesh, which he called "a democratic and moderate Muslim country."

But he said he raised concerns during a visit last month to Dhaka over the treatment of Yunus, who was removed from the helm of Grameen Bank after a feud with the government.

"I warned that a failure to find a compromise that respects Dr Yunus' global stature and maintains the integrity and effectiveness of Grameen could affect our bilateral relations," Blake told a congressional hearing.

Prof Yunus pioneered microfinance, in which Grameen bank has offered small loans to some 24,000 people -- the vast majority of them women living in rural villages who would rarely have access to traditional banks.

Jamaat leader

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And Ameer of Islami Andolan Bangladesh Rezaul Karim said on the day it is not proper to demonstrate on streets with the Quran in hands during hartal.

They made the remarks in response to questions at separate press conferences at their party offices in the city yesterday.

They faced the questions as demonstrators with the Quran in their hands were seen during the April 4 hartal called by an Islamist group to protest the National Women's Development Policy.

Rezaul Karim also said his party is opposed to use of children for picketing during hartal.

But Azharul Islam avoided a direct reply when asked if his party supports engaging children in picketing for hartal. "If Awami League can use children in picketing, then why not others," he said.

On the women development policy, the Jamaat leader said if they (Jamaat) is a component of the BNP-led four-party alliance) come to power again, they will cancel the policy.

Replying to a question, he said the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women goes totally against the tenets of the Quran as it stands for equal rights of men and women in inheritance.

Jamaat will go for country-wide demonstrations on April 9 protesting "police attacks" on its leaders and activists on Tuesday, and demanding release of its detained leaders, Azharul Islam announced.

Rezaul Karim said some provisions of the women development policy contradict Islamic laws, and the Muslims of the country will not accept this policy.

The party announced its programmes to "save Islam and the country". These include a mass rally at Muktangan today in the city, day-long demonstration tomorrow, national education seminar on April 11, submitting memorandum to the president on April 12 and mass sit-in on May 2 and 3.

Rainfall rise spells relief

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"It's raining now. It will really be good for paddy. I will not require operating my shallow tube-well pump for the next two weeks," said a delighted Sohrab Hossain, a small farmer from Adamdighi in Bogra.

The country sees a rise in rainfall at a time when growers are tending their standing paddy on 47.8 lakh hectares of land in a bid to reap another good harvest of principal rice crop, boro, after aman last year, according to the Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE).

At this stage, irrigation demand for paddy peaks up high among the farmers.

The increase in rainfall, especially in the second half of last month, helped make paddy fields wet and thus cut farmers' dependence on electricity or diesel-based irrigation.

At the same time, it has also led to a fall in use of underground water and narrowed down depletion of water table in the aquifer, as more than 80 percent of nearly 15 lakh pumps depend on underground water.

"Seepage of rainwater will also improve the water table in the aquifer," said Md Eftekarul Alam, an irrigation and environment specialist.

DAE Director General Habibur Rahman said there has been rainfall in every district on alternate days.

"It's really very good for boro paddy, jute and aus rice," he said, adding, "There will be no need for irrigation in the next eight to 10 days in Chittagong zone."

He said boro fields look good ushering hopes for a record harvest.

"There is no pest infestation," he claimed. "Farmers have used non-urea fertilisers more because of low prices, while irrigation situation remains quite uninterrupted."

"The boro harvest will be highest ever in 20 years if there is no hazard," Rahman added.

But Shishnabi Mandal, a farmer from Chirirbande in Dinajpur, fears consistent soggy weather might invite pest attacks.

"Rainfall has been helpful. But I am worried about attacks of stem borer. Already there are few signs of stem borer infestation in some fields. If wet weather continues, its infestation will increase," he said.

"Fields still look good. We will yield good harvest if there is no attack of stem borer."

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The court then said it will hear both the petitions a week after it reopens.

After the court adjourned the hearing, Dr Kamal told reporters that he cannot say whether Prof Yunus can continue as the Grameen Bank MD without seeing the written copy of SC order.

Mahbubey Alam, however, said Yunus cannot hold the post until the SC withdraws its order dismissing Yunus' petition.

The HC verdict upholding the Bangladesh Bank order to remove him from the post is still in force, he added.

Yunus' plea

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managing director of Grameen Bank.

Prof Yunus filed one of the petitions with the SC on Tuesday for recalling its order that dismissed his leave-to-appeal petition challenging an HC verdict, which upheld the Bangladesh Bank order to remove him from the post.

In the petition, Yunus also prayed for rehearing his leave-to-appeal petition against the HC verdict.

Attorney General Mahbubey Alam, however, said the SC can review the order, but there is no rule for recalling.

The other petition was filed by nine Grameen Bank directors on April 3 seeking leave against the HC verdict.

The seven-member bench of the Appellate Division headed by Chief

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Request for Expression of Interest (EOI) for the selection of one (01) National Coordinator (Research), PCU (Package # SD/PCU-31)

The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received a credit (IDA Credit No. 4386-BD) from the International Development Association (IDA) and International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) towards the cost of National Agricultural Technology Project (NATP): Phase-1 and intends to apply part of the proceeds to cover eligible payments under the contract for the provision of services for the project by one (01) National Coordinator (Research).

The required qualification and experience including the scope of work for the position of National Coordinator (Research) is described below:

Position, qualification, duration, scope of work/duties and responsibilities of the National Coordinator (Research), PCU, NATP: Phase-1


| SI # | Name and number of Position | Qualification | Duration (Months) | Scope of work/ Duties and Responsibilities |
|------|--|---|---|--|
| 1. | National Coordinator (Research)-01 (Package # SD/PCU-31) | Academic: -Ph. D in Agricultural science Experience: - Work experience in agricultural research organizations including Grade -2/3/4 positions - Experience & expertise in executing donor funded agricultural research project | Maximum 33 months or up to completion of the project. | - Responsible to Project Director (PD) of Project Coordination Unit (PCU) and procuring entity - In consultation with Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BARC) and National Agricultural Research System (NARS) Institutes identify fields for Sponsored Public Goods Research (SPGR) and Competitive Grants Program (CGP) for contract research - In consultation with BARC/ Krishi Gobeshona Foundation (KGF) prepare detailed guidelines for the operation and management for SPGR and CGP - Receive periodic progress report on the SPGR and CGP activities from Project Implementation Unit (PIU) of BARC and KGF - Cooperate with consultants for priority setting of research programs and NARS Institutes |

Application Form and additional information may be obtained from the websites:
www.barc.gov.bd; www.pcu-natp.gov.bd

The Project Coordination Unit (PCU), NATP Phase-1 now invites eligible applicants to indicate their Expression of Interest (EOI) in providing the services. Applicants are advised to provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services (complete CV in prescribed form with other details as applicable). Standard Request for Application (SRFA) is available in BARC & PCU Websites as given above. SRFA may also be obtained from the office of the Project Director, PCU, NATP: Phase-1, AIC Bhaban, 3rd floor, BARC Complex, Farmgate, Dhaka- 1215.

The National Coordinator (Research) will be selected following the method of Selection of Individual Consultant (SIC) of IDA Guidelines for Selection and Employment of Consultant. It is expected that the services will commence immediately and shall be completed in June 2012 or up-to the end of the Project.

Expressions of Interest (EOI) must be submitted by the applicants on or before 28 April, 2011 by 3.00 pm in a sealed envelope delivered to the address given below and be clearly marked "Expression of Interest for selection of " National Coordinator (Research)." Persons who are already in employment of government or autonomous body should submit application through proper channel. Only short listed candidates will be invited for interview. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all EOIs.


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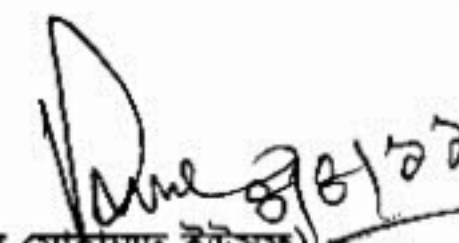
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নিয়োগের শর্তাবলীঃ

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- আবেদন পত্রের সাথে "বেসরকারী ইপিজেড নির্বাহী সেল" এর নামে কোন তফশিলভুক্ত ব্যাংক হতে ইস্যুকৃত অফেংযোগ্য ২০০(দুইশত) টাকার ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডার সংযুক্ত করতে হবে।
- সরকারী, আধা সরকারী ও স্বায়ত্বশাসিত প্রতিষ্ঠানসমূহে কর্মরত প্রার্থীদের যথাযথ কর্তৃপক্ষের মাধ্যমে আবেদন করতে হবে।
- মৌখিক পরীক্ষার সময় প্রার্থীগণকে অবশ্যই শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা এবং অন্যান্য সনদপত্রের মূল কপি প্রদর্শন করতে হবে।
- অসমাপ্ত ও অস্বীকৃত আবেদন সরাসরি বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে।
- আবেদন গ্রহণের শেষ তারিখ ২৫-০৪-২০১১। উক্ত তারিখের পর প্রাপ্ত কোন আবেদনপত্র গ্রহণ করা হবে না।
- আবেদন পত্রের সাথে "x ৪" সাইজের একটি শামে প্রার্থীর নাম ও বর্তমান ঠিকানা লিখে ৪/-(চার) টাকা মূল্য মামের ডাক টিকেটসহ প্রেরণ করতে হবে।
- কর্তৃপক্ষ পদসংখ্যা কম/বেশী নির্ধারণের অধিকার সংরক্ষণ করেন।
- প্রার্থী নিয়োগের ক্ষেত্রে সরকার নির্ধারিত জেলা ও অন্যান্য কোটা সংরক্ষণ করা হবে।


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