

Indian govt grapples with hunger-striker

Hazare calls for country wide 'jail bharo' movement

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

Fasting anti-corruption crusader Anna Hazare yesterday announced a 'jail bharo' (court arrest) movement across India on April 13 escalating the movement which is now been gaining support from various path of the country.

Giving the call, Hazare, whose hunger strike entered the fourth day, asked the people to stick to non-violence during the agitation.

The announcement of fresh agitation by the 72-year-old social activist came after the government rejected the demand for making Hazare the head of a joint committee on drafting legislation to fight graft.

Human Resources Minister Kapil Sibal, who has been deputed by Prime Minister Manmohan Singh to talk emissaries of Hazare, told reporters here that the government would also



Anna Hazare

not accept the demand for issuing a formal notification for setting up the joint drafting committee.

"Today when (minister Kapil) Sibal and these people are saying this, I felt that the jail bharo agitation should take place in the entire country. But you should participate in the agitation keeping in mind Mahatma Gandhi. There should be no violence any-

where," Hazare told the crowd at his hungerstrike site.

However, Finance Minister Pranab Mukherjee asked Hazare to join in the drafting of the anti-corruption bill.

Hazare had on Thursday rejected an appeal from ruling Congress party President Sonia Gandhi to call off his hungerstrike.

Gandhi had in a statement urged Hazare to end his hunger strike saying his views on tackling corruption would be respected.

Congress spokesman Manish Tewari said the hunger strike by Hazare was "premature" as he should have waited for the completion of the talks between civil society groups and the government.

Hazare hit back by saying his letters on the issue to the Prime Minister and Sonia Gandhi did not elicit any reply for two months.

Protesters call for Mubarak's trial in Egypt

AFP, Cairo

Tens of thousands of Egyptians massed in Cairo's Tahrir Square yesterday two months after president Hosni Mubarak was ousted to demand the trial of former regime elements, slamming the military rulers for stalling on reforms.

Waving flags and holding banners in a protest dubbed the "Day of Trial and Cleansing," protesters vowed to press the ruling military council to deliver on promises of reform and justice.

Seven army officers defied a warning from the ruling military council when they joined the protesters.

The Supreme Council of the Armed Forces warned that anyone protesting in military uniform yesterday would face trial in a military court.

Prospects fade for military overthrow of Gaddafi

Nato refuses to apologise for strike on rebels

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Libyan government forces tried to storm into the besieged city of Misrata yesterday as Nato generals acknowledged their air power was not enough to help insurgents remove Muammar Gaddafi by force alone.

Misrata, a lone rebel outpost in the west of the country, has been under siege by Gaddafi's forces for weeks. Yesterday insurgents said government troops were advancing into eastern districts and fighting street battles with rebels.

"They tried to advance and enter the city from the eastern side, from an area called Eqseer which is a populated area. The rebels confronted them and clashes are continuing," insurgent spokesman Hassan al-Misrati told Reuters.

The head of US Africa Command, General Carter Ham, said on Thursday the conflict was entering stalemate and it was very unlikely the rebels would be able to fight their way into Tripoli to overthrow Gaddafi.

Early hopes that Western air cover and attacks on Gaddafi forces would tip the balance in favour of the rebels have evaporated as government troops sheltered their mechanised forces near civilian areas which Nato fears attacking.

Nato spokeswoman Oana Lungescu followed a similar line to Ham yesterday.

"We have always made clear there is no purely military solution to this conflict. This is why it is so important to find a political solution and in this there is no stalemate," she said. Rebels have rejected peace talks with Gaddafi.

Lungescu, like other Nato officials, expressed frustration with the difficulty of hitting Gaddafi's troops while avoiding civilian casualties.

"The fact that we see Gaddafi's forces driving around in civilian vehicles means it is hard to tell who is who.

The confusion on the desert battlefield has caused "friendly fire" incidents, the latest on Thursday, increasing anger among the rebels.

Nato acknowledged yesterday its aircraft were probably responsible for the incident.

Nato has said it "strongly regret[s] the loss of life" after a "friendly fire" attack on rebel tanks in eastern Libya which left at least four dead.

Earlier, a Nato commander had refused to apologise, saying that until Thursday's strike, the alliance had not been aware the rebels had tanks.

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Grapheme to revolutionise micro-electronics world

The Nobel winning material can replace silicon

AFP, Warsaw

It's billed as the wonder material of the 21st century with the power to revolutionise micro-electronics, and won its pioneers the 2010 Nobel Physics Prize.

Now Polish scientists say they have discovered a new method to produce entire layers of graphene, a move that should help to propel it out of the lab and into everyday life.

Just one atom thick, the novel form of carbon is the world's thinnest and strongest nano-material, almost transparent and able to conduct electricity and heat.

"This is an important step forward on the path to the production of transistors and then integrated circuits made of graphene," Professor Jacek Baranowski of the Institute of Electronic Materials Technology (ITME) in Warsaw told AFP.

Russian-born, British-based researchers Andre Geim and Konstantin Novoselov were honoured with a Nobel last October for their pioneering work.

Graphene transistors would in theory be able to run at faster speeds and cope with higher temperatures than today's classic silicon computer chips.

That would resolve a fast-growing problem facing chip engineers who want to boost



Professor Jacek Baranowski

power and shrink semiconductor size but without raising temperatures, the bugbear of computing.

Graphene's transparency also means it could potentially be used in touch screens and even solar cells, and when mixed with plastics would provide light but super-strong composite materials for next-generation satellites, planes

and cars.

Electrons can travel relatively huge distances through graphene -- a thousandth of a millimetre is a lot in their world - without being hampered by impurities which are a problem in the silicon used in 95 percent of electronic devices.

They also pick up speeds of 1,000 kilometres per second in graphene, some 30 times faster than in silicon.

Graphene is also 200 times tougher than steel.

But the catch so far has been a lack of methods to turn out layers of it, and that is where the work of Baranowski's research team come in.

The team's discovery was announced in the most recent edition of the US scientific periodical Nano Letters. It is set to be presented at a conference starting Monday in Bilbao, Spain.

Superbugs found in Delhi tap water

REUTERS, New Delhi

A gene that makes bugs highly resistant to almost all known antibiotics has been found in bacteria in water supplies in New Delhi used by local people for drinking, washing and cooking, scientists said on Thursday.

The NDM 1 gene, which creates what some experts describe as "super superbugs," has spread to germs that cause cholera and dysentery, and is circulating freely in other bacteria in the Indian city capital of 14 million people, the researchers said.

"The inhabitants of New Delhi are continually being exposed to multidrug-resistant and NDM 1-positive bacteria," said Mark Tolesman of Britain's Cardiff University School of Medicine, who published the findings in a study on Thursday.

A "substantial number" of them are consuming such bacteria on a daily basis, he told a briefing in London. "We believe we have discovered a very significant underlying source of NDM 1 in the capital city of India," he said.

NDM 1, or New Delhi metallo-beta-lactamase 1, makes bacteria resistant to almost all antibiotics, including the most powerful class, called carbapenems.

It first emerged in India three years ago and has now spread across the world. It has been found in a wide variety of bugs, including familiar pathogens like Escherichia coli, or E. coli.

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IFT No.: SDF/DRMU/Flood/Proc-Vehicle/G-7(NJ)/G-7.1(NJ)/G1.1 (F)/198

Date: 06/04/2011

Invitation for Tenders

(Goods-Single Lot)

GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH

Ministry of Finance

Social Development Foundation (SDF)

Procurement Method: Social Investment Program Project

Not used at present

Dhaka, Bangladesh

Supply of different Goods (Vehicles) of 3 nos. of individual packages:
(i) Invitation for Tender for Supply of Cross Country Vehicles (4WD)-2 Nos. with all accessories for Notun Jibon Project to be Implemented by Disaster Risk Mitigation Unit (DRMU), SDF, (Package No. G-7(NJ))
(ii) Invitation for Re-Tender for Supply of Microbus (2WD)-2 Nos. with all accessories for Notun Jibon Project to be Implemented by Disaster Risk Mitigation Unit (DRMU), SDF, (Package No. G-7.1(NJ))
(iii) Invitation for Re-Tender for Supply of Micro bus (2WD)-1 No. with all accessories for Flood Project, SDF, (Package No. G1.1 (F))

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Date: 06/04/2011

NCVT/Open Tendering Method-OTM

IDA Credit no. 4450-BD and IDA Grant no. H349-BD

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G-7(NJ), G-7.1(NJ) & G1.1 (F)

(i) Supply of Cross Country Vehicles (4WD)-2 Nos. with all accessories for Notun Jibon Project to be Implemented by Disaster Risk Mitigation Unit (DRMU), SDF.
(ii) Supply of Microbus (2WD)-2 Nos. with all accessories for Notun Jibon Project to be Implemented by Disaster Risk Mitigation Unit (DRMU), SDF.
(iii) Supply of Micro bus (2WD)-1 No. with all accessories for Flood Project, SDF.

Date

09/04/2011

02/05/2011

Date

03/05/2011

03/05/2011

2:30 PM

3:30 PM

Name & Address of the office(s)

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Conference Room, SDF, 24/04/2011, 11:00 AM.

All Countries except Israel and IDA non-eligible countries

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(ii) Supply of Microbus (2WD)-2 Nos. with all accessories for Notun Jibon Project to be Implemented by Disaster Risk Mitigation Unit (DRMU), SDF.
(iii) Invitation for Re-Tender for Supply of Micro bus (2WD)-1 No. with all accessories for Flood Project, SDF.

(i) Registration & Insurance of the Vehicles for all packages shall be made by the tenderer.
(ii) CNG conversion only for package no. G-7(NJ) shall be made by the tenderer.
(iii) Needs after sales services with genuine spare parts including warranty.

(i) Tk.2000.00 (Taka two thousands only) for Package No. G-7(NJ) and
(ii) Tk.1000.00 (Taka one thousand only) for Package No. G-7.1(NJ) & G1.1 (F) Non-refundable.

Identification of Lot

Tender Security Amount (Tk)

Completion Time in Weeks / Months

G-7(NJ)

1

(i) Supply of Cross Country Vehicles (4WD)-2 Nos. with all accessories for Notun Jibon Project to be Implemented by Disaster Risk Mitigation Unit (DRMU), SDF, (Package No. G-7(NJ))

4,00,000.00

16 Weeks

G-7.1(NJ)

1

(ii) Invitation for Re-Tender for Supply of Microbus (2WD)-2 Nos. with all accessories for Notun Jibon Project to be Implemented by Disaster Risk Mitigation Unit (DRMU), SDF, (Package No. G-7.1(NJ))

1,00,000.00

16 Weeks

G1.1 (F)

1

(iii) Invitation for Re-Tender for Supply of Micro bus (2WD)-1 No. with all accessories for Flood Project (Package No. G1.1 (F))

50,000.00

4 Weeks

Name of Official Inviting Tender

Md. Nurul Islam Sarder

Designation of Official Inviting Tender

Managing Director

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Contact details of Official Inviting Tender

Social Development Foundation (SDF) for package no. G-7(NJ) & G-7.1(NJ) and in favor of the "Project Director, DRMU, SDF" for package no. G-7(NJ) & G-7.1(NJ) and in favor of the "Project Director, Flood Project, SDF" for package no. G1.1 (F).
(i) Manufacturer's Authorization must be submitted along with the tender.
(ii) The Tenderer shall have a minimum of 5 years of overall experience in the supply of goods and related services.
(iv) The Tenderer shall have a minimum of 3 years of specific experience in the supply of similar goods and related services.
(v) The satisfactory completion of supply of similar goods of value stated in the TDS (Tender data sheet) under a single contract in the last five years; and
(vi) Availability of minimum liquid assets or working capital or credit facilities from a Bank, as specified in the TDS (Tender data sheet).
(vii) The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders without any reason there of prior to acceptance.
(viii) A Tenderer can participate in one or all packages separately.
(ix) This tender shall be governed by the PPR 2008.

(Md. Nurul Islam Sarder)
Managing Director
Social Development Foundation (SDF), Dhaka

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Office of the Bera Pourashava

Important 19 (Nineteen) Pourashava Infrastructure Development Project (INPIDP)

District: Pabna

Memo No. BPS/Eng/2011/40

Date: 05-04-2011

Invitation for Tender (IFT)

Tender Notice Number: 05/2010-11

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the eligible tenderers as defined in the tender documents for the undermentioned works as per terms and conditions stated below:

Package No.

Name of works

Tender security (Tk.)

Time for completion (days)

Price of tender documents (Tk)

INPIDP/BER/R/D/2010-11/09

(a) Construction the road starting from Bonogram Nurul Chatal to WDB canal at Dattakandi bylane Satalgat School to Khoaz Mollah's house (Part-A).
(b) Construction the road starting from Bonogram Nurul Chatal to WDB canal at Dattakandi bylane Satalgat School to Khoaz Mollah's house (Part-B).
(c) Construction the road starting from Bonogram Azgor Pramanick house to Mozd master house via Kazal manager house bylane Anando Khalifa house to bridge at Bonogram near Anawer Kha's house.

2,50,000.00

150

2500.00

1. Source of funds

Important 19 (Nineteen) Pourashava Infrastructure Development Project (INPIDP) of GOB.

2. Date, time and place of pre-tender meeting

Date: 24-04-2011, Time: 11:00am and Place: Office of the undersigned.

3. Last date, time and places of selling tender documents

Date: 02-05-2011, Time: 5:00pm and Places:
(a) Office of the Project Director, INPIDP, Level-9, RDEC Bhaban, LGED, Dhaka-1207.
(b) Office of the Executive Engineer, LGED, Pabna.
(c) Office of the UNO, Bera, Pabna.
(d) Office of the Upazila Engineer, Bera, Pabna and
(e) Office of the undersigned.

4. Last date, time and places of receiving tender

Date: 03-05-2011, Time: 1:00pm and Places:
(a) Office of the UNO, Bera, Pabna.
(b) Office of the Upazila Engineer, Bera, Pabna and
(c) Office of the undersigned.

5. Date, time and place of opening of tender

Date: 03-05-2011, Time: 3:00pm and Place: Office of the undersigned.

6. Tender shall be valid for a period of 120 days after tender opening and must be accompanied by the tender security specified above in the form of Bank Draft/Pay-Order/Bank Guarantee drawn in favour of Mayor, Bera Pourashava, Pabna. Interested tenderers may obtain further information from the office of the undersigned and purchase the tender documents in cash/Treasury Chalan/Bank Draft from the places mentioned above. The tenderer or their authorised representatives are allowed to attend the opening of tenders. The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Md. Tarikul Islam

Executive Engineer (C.C)

Bera Pourashava, Pabna

Ph: 07323-75009

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