

Train, jeep collision Kills 17 in India

REUTERS, Patna

At least 17 people were killed when an express train collided with a crowded jeep which was driving across an unmanned railway crossing in the eastern Indian state of Bihar, police said yesterday.

The victims were travelling on their way to participate in the victory procession of a candidate who was elected as the head of a local village. The train was coming from the Indian capital New Delhi to a city in northern Bihar's Madhubani district.

"Right now, I can see 17 bodies lying on the railway track," senior police official Saurabh Kumar told Reuters by phone from Madhubani, some 160 km north of Patna.

India's UPA govt steps into third year

No work done by Left govt in WB: Mamata

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

It is possibly the worst of time for India's Congress-led UPA government which yesterday stepped into its third year of its second successive five-year tenure hemmed by a series of major scams and failure to make much headway on economic reforms in a big way.

However, in the eyes of global leaders and investors, India is "coming of age" and a number of global leaders have acclaimed New Delhi as a responsible rising power, inviting it to take the seat at high tables of international affairs.

An economic growth rate of 8.5 per cent this year has put India firmly alongside China as one of the world's fastest-growing economies and several multinational companies eyeing the huge growing market in India.

On the domestic front, the government of 79-year-old Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, who got to the Prime Minister's seat

after Sonia Gandhi refused to assume the office in the summer of 2004, has been hopping from one problem to another in the last over eight months.

The only relief that came for Congress was recent results of elections to five state legislative assemblies as the party retained its government in Assam convincingly, managed to wrest Kerala from the Left parties and was in a happy position in West Bengal where its ally Trinamool Congress ended 34 years of Marxist rule.

In West Bengal, taking stock of the functioning of various departments, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Saturday attacked the Left Front rule in West Bengal, saying "practically no work" has been done.

"It has become clear after having detailed discussions with the secretaries of the departments that practically no work has been done over many years during the Left Front's rule," she told reporters.

JS budget session starts, BNP away

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the caretaker government system.

All signs signal that the opposition lawmakers are set to boycott the current session of the parliament too, as they seem to have opted for waging street agitations against the government to realise their demands.

"I am sincerely urging the opposition MPs to join the parliament, and to speak about their political issues for strengthening parliamentary democracy," the speaker said.

He said it is the duty of MPs to work for democratic practices, and to make the people aware of national and international important issues.

"In all democratic states, parliament is the main centre for discussion on all national and international issues. In Bangladesh it is also the same for the government and

MPs," the speaker said.

BNP Parliamentary Party yesterday said the main opposition will decide its next course of action regarding the parliament's session after BNP chief Khaleda Zia returns home from abroad.

Opposition Leader Khaleda Zia is now visiting the US, and scheduled to return home on May 29.

Flanked by a dozen party lawmakers, Opposition Chief Whip Zainul Abidin Faroque, on behalf of BNP Parliamentary Party, spoke at a media briefing in the parliament's Media Centre.

He called upon President Zillur Rahman to dissolve the parliament for holding "mid-term elections", as according to Faroque, the present parliament has failed to meet public expectations.

"We are demanding mid-term polls to save the coun-

try from the present government's one-party rule," Faroque said.

Asked whether they will resign from the parliament as they are demanding mid-term polls, Faroque did not give a direct reply. He said, "Our resignation is not the question, as we are demanding mid-term polls."

Asked which one is their real demand for returning to the parliament, when the party's different leaders for the last couple of days were raising various demands and conditions, Faroque said, "In fact all of those are our demands, though we know that the present government will not be able to materialise any of those."

BNP-led opposition did not attend the last two budgetary sessions. In 2009, the opposition lawmakers started boycotting the House in June. After remaining absent from 64 consecutive

sittings, they returned to the House on February 11, 2010.

They again started boycotting the parliament in June 2010. This time they boycotted 74 consecutive sittings and joined the House on March 15.

Treasury Bench Chief Whip Abdus Shahid in a media briefing termed the opposition's demands contradictory as different leaders of the party are raising different demands. He urged the opposition MPs to join the House.

Meanwhile, the Business Advisory Committee (BAC) of the parliament yesterday at a meeting, with the speaker in the chair, decided that the House will hold at least a 40-hour discussion on the proposed budget for the next fiscal year.

Finance Minister AMA Muhith is set to place the budget on June 9, which will be put to lawmakers' votes on June 30.

After today, the session will be adjourned till 5:20pm of May 30, according to the BAC decision.

Two bills were placed in the parliament yesterday, and were sent to the parliamentary standing committees on respective ministries for scrutiny.

Social Welfare Minister Enamul Haque placed a bill seeking to enact a new law for rehabilitation of vagabonds by repealing the existing Bengal Vagrancy Act 1943.

Law Minister Shafique Ahmed placed a bill seeking to amend the law on providing legal aid to insolvent people.

He also placed the Dhaka Elevated Express way Project (Land Acquisition) Ordinance 2011.

President Zillur Rahman promulgated the ordinance on May 12.

IO given one more month

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submitted by Criminal Investigation Department's Special SP Abdul Kahar Akand, who is investigating the case.

In the petition, he mentioned that Harris Chowdhury, former political secretary to the then prime minister Khaleda Zia, had links with the grenade attack.

He also said Harkatul Jihad al Islami chief Mufti Abdul Hannan had told a Dhaka court on April 7 that two former directors general of National Security Intelligence were involved in the conspiracy.

The DGs, Maj Gen (ret) Rezaqul Haider Chowdhury and Brig Gen (ret) M Abdur Rahim, were earlier shown arrested in the case and remanded.

Hannan also disclosed names of Huji leaders--Moulana Sheikh Farid and Abdul Hannan Sabir--and Jamaat Secretary General Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojaheed. So, a process is pending to interrogate Mojaheed at the jail gate.

Meantime, grenade suppliers and instigators have already been identified after squering information from arrested accused and witnesses.

So, the IO prayed for extension of time to identify gre-



Chhetri women in traditional attire argue with police personnel after some activists were arrested during a general strike called by the National Protest Committee of Chhetri Samaj (Chhetri Society), to demand the drafting of a new constitution, in Kathmandu yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

Cheers for country

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the blue.

And how distinctly different that feat was! This unheralded adventurer did it all alone. The country did not have to spend a single penny or do any favour for this amazing achievement. He is the hero of a few heroes we have, a new household name--Musa Ibrahim.

This success-starved nation missed no chance to celebrate the extraordinary feat. An unprecedented euphoria and frenzy went on for days, weeks and months across the country, with top politicians seizing the spotlights. Reception after reception was accorded in his honour, with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina leading the way.

He was not used to this level of public attention. He is a journalist, a person behind the news. Well, it happens even when a journalist himself becomes news of this magnitude.

Musa was truly soaked in love. With the bouquets in last one year, he could have built a small flower hill at his backyard. Ironically though, flowers only could fill his heart. But reality presses him for a different requirement--the money. It leaves him with an uphill task of repaying the hefty loan he committed a year back to support his desperate Everest mission.

Thanks to the nature of the profession, all journalists take risks. But Musa set his eyes beyond the profession and on a bigger risk. It was rather a strange ambition for a person from an ordinary middle class family. It required a world of courage, conviction and commitment to pursue such dream, let alone making it true.

Musa lived up to his dream fully. An Everest adventure is awfully expensive. He worked on his budget in the most conservative manner yet it

crossed Tk 46 lakh. He could arrange Tk 11.50 lakh from a couple of sponsors after months of persuasion.

Promises were there but those were not kept when date for the mission drew nearer. Musa went to everybody he knew and tried in vain to convince them. Some of who talked positively earlier reacted angrily at his request. He was certainly down in dumps but never gave up hope. Rejection got his resolve stronger. He became a man possessed, completely oblivious of the fact that he was on the verge of losing his job and ruining his family life with this obsession for the adventure.

When no further financial support came in, he got more desperate. He finally shored up the deficit by exhausting the savings of his wife and bank account of his married sister. With a steely determination, he raised above all the odds to accomplish his dream and brought a huge occasion for the

country to celebrate.

The country celebrated it indeed. But, unlike the way it celebrated any other achievement in the sports arena. We all saw how each government went gaga over any international match by our cricketers and footballers. Cash bonanza, flats, lands and whatnots flowed in so automatically from governments and as well as from entrepreneurs for very rare good performances in World Cups or a cricket match series. We never thought of taking away those gifts when those heroes bit the dust in next matches. So strong is our patience and passion for those fickle performers!

Musa did not for sure think of making money by conquering the Everest. Neither the government nor any companies, except for Dhaka Bank, came forward to offer a cash reward that goes well with an achiever like him.

He has featured in an advertisement of Shah Cement, earnings of which

he handed over to his sister along with Dhaka Bank's Tk 5 lakh. Only Tk 11 lakh is repaid, and his needs to do a lot more before he gets out of the red.

His organisation, the North Alpine Club, organised an exhibition on photos taken by him on the Everest and a swimming event where he crossed the Bangla Channel (sea channel from Teknaf to St Martin's). Bangla Academy is about to bring out a book on his adventure. Money is being raised at a snail's pace. He is planning some more events that would spin money. But one thing he will never plan is to seek money from others to repay the loan.

"I have to move on and get things done for myself. In no way I can stay stuck in loan," says Musa with a smile.

He looks so solid and serene in his dignity. His Everest success is savoured by all but his loan is shared by none. Musa has learnt to live with that reality.

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স্মারক নং-র‍্যাব-৮/৮৩৭৩/হিসাব/ তারিখঃ ১৮ মে ২০১১

দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি

এতদ্বারা "দি পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্টস রেগুলেশন-২০০৮" অনুযায়ী র‍্যাপিড এ্যাকশন ব্যাটালিয়ন-৮, বরিশালের নিম্নোক্ত কাজের ২০১১-২০১২ অর্থ বৎসরের জন্য ঠিকাদার নিয়োগের নিমিত্তে যোগ্যতা ও অভিজ্ঞতাসম্পন্ন প্রকৃত ব্যবসায়ী/ঠিকাদার/বরবরাহকারীগণের নিকট হতে সীলমোহরকৃত দরপত্র আহ্বান করা যাচ্ছে।

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(২) বাজেট কোড-৪৮৬৮ চিকিৎসা ও শৈলা চিকিৎসার (ঔষধ) সরঞ্জাম সরবরাহ	৪০০.০০
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(৬) বাজেট কোড-৪৯১১ কম্পিউটার ও অফিস সরঞ্জামাদি মেরামত	৪০০.০০
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(৮) বাজেট কোড-৪৯৭৬ জলবান মেরামত	৪০০.০০
(৯) বাজেট কোড-৬৮১৩ যন্ত্রপাতি ও অন্যান্য সরঞ্জাম জরুরি	৪০০.০০
(১০) বাজেট কোড-৬৮২১ আসবাবপত্র জরুরি	৪০০.০০

৭। দরপত্র প্রকাশের তারিখ : ২৩ মে ২০১১ তারিখের মধ্যে।
৮। সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ ও সময় : ০৭ জুন ২০১১ অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে (১৭০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত ছুটির দিন ব্যতীত)।
৯। সিডিউল জরুরি ও দাখিলের স্থান : অধিনায়কের কার্যালয়, র‍্যাব-৮, বরিশাল।
১০। সিডিউল দাখিলের শেষ তারিখ ও সময় : ০৮ জুন ২০১১ তারিখে ১০০০ ঘটিকা পর্যন্ত।
১১। সিডিউল খোলার তারিখ ও সময় : ০৮ জুন ২০১১ তারিখে ১০০০ ঘটিকা।
১২। দরপত্র মূল্যায়নের তারিখ ও সময় : ০৯ জুন ২০১১ তারিখে ১২০০ ঘটিকা।
১৩। দরপত্রের যোগ্যতা : "দি পাবলিক প্রকিউরমেন্টস রেগুলেশন-২০০৮" অনুযায়ী সংশ্লিষ্ট কাজের অভিজ্ঞতাসহ সরকারি/স্বায়ত্বশাসিত সংস্থা/বেসরকারি অন্য যে কোন সংস্থার কাজের অভিজ্ঞতা।

শর্তাবলী
(ক) সংশ্লিষ্ট কাজের ড্রেড লাইসেন্স।
(খ) সমকালীন ব্যাংক সলভেন্সি সার্টিফিকেট।
(গ) হালনাগাদ আয়কর পরিশোধ সার্টিফিকেট।
(ঘ) ভ্যাট নিবন্ধন সার্টিফিকেট।
(ঙ) বাংলাদেশী নাগরিক সার্টিফিকেট।
(চ) দরদাতা কালোতালিকাভুক্ত নাহে এই মর্মে ১ম শ্রেণীর সরকারি কর্মকর্তা কর্তৃক প্রতিস্বাক্ষরকৃত অংশীকারনামা।
(ছ) ০৩ কপি পাসপোর্ট সাইজের ছবি (সভায়িত)।
(জ) সংশ্লিষ্ট কাজের অভিজ্ঞতা সনদপত্র সিডিউল ক্রয়ের সময় সকল সার্টিফিকেট/লাইসেন্সের মূলকপি প্রদর্শন করতে হবে এবং সিডিউলে বর্ণিত সকল শর্তাবলী ঠিকাদার প্রতিদানকে মেনে নিতে হবে।

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Urea Fertilizer Factory Limited
(An Enterprise of Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation)

TENDER NOTICE
Government of the peoples Republic of Bangladesh

1) Ministry/Division	Ministry of Industries
2) Agency	Bangladesh Chemical Industries Corporation (BCIC)
3) Procuring entity Name	Urea Fertilizer Factory Ltd. (UFFL), Ghorasal, Narsingdi.
4) Description of Goods	To purchase various size of Nut Bolt
5) Invitation Ref. & date	UFFL/LP-130/10-11/624 Dt 16-5-2011
Key Information	
6) Procuring Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)
Funding Information	
7) Budget and source of Fund	Own source of UFFL.
Particular Information	
8) Tender Last selling date	Date: 06-06-2011 (During Office hour)
9) Tender closing date and time	Date: 07-06-2011 Time: 11.00 A.M
10) Tender opening Date and Time	Date: 07-06-2011 Time 11.10 A.M
11) Name and Address of the Officer's	
Selling Tender Documents (Principal)	Controller of Accounts, BCIC, BCIC Bhaban (6th floor), 30-31, Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka.
Selling Tender Documents (Others)	1) Sr. General Manager, BCIC Branch Office, 6 Agrabad C/A, Chittagong. 2) General Manager (A&F), UFFL, Ghorasal, Narsingdi.
Receiving Tender Documents	1) Urea Fertilizer Factory Ltd., Ghorasal, Narsingdi. Administration Bhaban Local Purchase office.
Opening Tender Documents	General Manager (Commercial), Urea Fertilizer Factory Ltd, Ghorasal, Narsingdi. In presence of the bidders or their authorized agents (If interested)
Information for Tender	
12) Eligibility of Tender	Necessary papers to be submitted complying with the conditions mentioned in the Tender Documents.
13) Brief Description of goods	To purchase various size of Nut Bolt
14) Price of Tender Documents	Tk. 300/= Per set (Non refundable)
15) Lot no. Identification Location Tender Security Amount (Tk.) Completion Time/Delivery Schedule	N/A 01(One) UFFL, Ghorasal, Narsingdi Tk. 10,000/- As per terms of Tender schedule
Procuring Entity Details	
16) Name of official Inviting Tender	Md. Salahuddin.
17) Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Managing Director.
18) Address of Official Inviting Tender	Urea Fertilizer Factory Ltd., Ghorasal, Narsingdi.
19) Contact Details of Official Inviting Tender	Phone No: 880-038994-85076, 88058, Fax No: 880-2-9352550 E-mail No: uffl42@yahoo.com
20) Special Instruction: (1) The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all quotations without assigning any reason therefor. (2) Due to unavoidable circumstance in the tender will not be received/opened in the date & time the same will be received/opened on the next working day at the same time.	

মুহঃ মঃ ১ ইউএফএফএল/এসএন-০৭/৮/০৯২২
Mohiuddin Ahmed
Manager (Commercial)
For Managing Director.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)
Hiring Consulting Firm to conduct Institutional Capacity Assessment of the MIE Wing of LGD
To develop and strengthen M&E procedures and decentralization mechanism at district and Upazilla level.

United Nations Development Programme in Bangladesh seeks proposals from interested, registered, and well qualified organizations for "Institutional Capacity Assessment of the MIE Wing of LGD to develop and strengthen M&E procedures and decentralization mechanism at district and upazilla level.

All interested firms may collect the bidding Documents (RFP) by applying to the below email Address: javed.noman@undp.org

Submission of Proposal: The envelopes should state "Institutional Capacity Assessment of the MIE Wing of LGD to develop and strengthen M&E procedures and decentralization mechanism at district and upazilla level" and should be addressed to the UNDP Procurement Unit, IDB Bhaban (12th Floor), Begum Rokeya Sharani, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207.

The deadline for submission of Proposal is 07 June, 2011, 12:30 PM.

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