

Suu Kyi turns 66

AFP, Yangon

Myanmar's democracy icon Aung San Suu Kyi celebrated her 66th birthday yesterday, her first as a free woman for almost a decade.

She was released from seven years of house arrest in November, having spent much of the past two decades as a prisoner in her own home, with the military regime never accepting her landslide election win in 1990.

In previous years, Suu Kyi's supporters across the globe used her anniversary to reiterate calls for her release.

For her first free birthday in nine years the Nobel Peace Laureate went to Yangon airport to meet the younger of her two sons, British national Kim Aris, who travelled to be with his mother for the occasion.

"I'm very glad," she told reporters after being greeted by Aris with a kiss. She also thanked onlookers who wished her a happy birthday.



Protesters shout anti-China slogans and hold up placards as they march along a street near the Chinese embassy in downtown Hanoi yesterday as tensions between the two countries continue to simmer.

PHOTO: AFP

Syrian army cuts off supply line for refugees

AFP, Guvecci

The Syrian army has cut off a key border village supplying people fleeing to Turkey, closing its only bakery and burning surrounding forests, residents who managed to escape said yesterday.

The security operation in Bdama triggered a new exodus to the frontier, several kilometres (miles) away, where thousands had already massed, braving a squalid life in the open air but still undecided to cross to Turkey.

Ankara announced it was taking urgent food aid across the border for the displaced Syrians after sheltering more than 10,500 refugees in tent cities on its own territory.

It was the first time Turkey had launched a cross-border aid mission.

Speaking near the frontier, witnesses said Syrian security forces had set up checkpoints on roads leading to Bdama, which was now largely deserted.

On Saturday, a line of at least six tanks and 150 troop transporters entered Bdama as part of a major crackdown in the northwestern province of Idlib, according to a Syrian activist.

The crackdown has already resulted in bloodshed in the flashpoint town of Jisr al-Shughur, from where most of the refugees taking shelter in Turkey had come.

Raka El-Abdu, a 23-year-old Syrian, told

AFP that his 14-strong family fled Bdama on Saturday but he was forced to go back yesterday morning to get bread, using mountain routes that only locals would know. He found the village virtually empty.

"They closed the only bakery there. We cannot get bread any more. ... I saw soldiers shooting the owner of the bakery. They hit him in the chest and the leg," the outraged man exclaimed.

"The army is controlling all the entrances to the village and checking identities to arrest protesters," he added.

Samir, who also fled after army invasion, said residents had begun to flee Bdama several days ago after militiamen and intelligence officers arrived and fired shots in the air.

"Only 1,000 people had remained and they left yesterday," he said. "The people who stay behind are the ones who work for the regime."

Samir has been on the run for about a month: he sought refuge in Bdama, his hometown, after fear of persecution forced him to flee the coastal city of Latakia, where he had taken part in anti-regime protests.

Bdama was the lifeline for thousands of Syrians who had flocked to the Turkish border but hesitated to cross, gripped by uncertainty over their future on foreign land and wary to leave behind properties.

Acquitted in 14, 3 more to go

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August and September, 2006 after he consented to join hands with the then four-party alliance government.

Ershad was also cleared of charges in nine more cases including one for gold smuggling between 2007 and 2009.

The Senior Special Judge's Court gave the order after the investigation officer in the case submitted the final report requesting the court to clear Ershad and his friend Mariam Mamtaj of money

laundering charges. The IO said the charges against the accused could not be proved.

None of the two accused was present at the court. Harunur Rashid Khan stood for Ershad.

In an instant reaction, Ershad through his secretary said his innocence was proved once again through the verdict.

"I finally got justice in the court. It was proved again that the cases were filed against me for political rea-

sons, and to tarnish my image," Sunil Shuvo Roy, political secretary of the Jatiya Party president, quoted Ershad as saying.

"The government did not withdraw the case on political grounds. It was the court that declared me innocent in the case," Roy quoted Ershad.

Special Public Prosecutor Mosharraf Hossain Kajol said the IO submitted the final report saying the money laundering charges against the accused had not been

proved.

An official of now defunct bureau of anti-corruption filed the case with Tejgaon Police Station on September 9, 1995, accusing Ershad of unlawfully transferring \$10 million to a foreign account of his friend, Mariam Mamtaj.

Ram Mohon Nath, deputy director of the Anti-Corruption Commission and the IO in the case, on February 23 submitted a probe report to Dhaka Chief

Metropolitan Magistrate's Court.

In the report, Ram said he sought information from Bangladesh Bank, home and foreign ministries to unearth the sources of money transfer.

On October 19 last year, the IO submitted a petition to Dhaka Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court to bring back home \$10 million from Mariam's account at Mercantile Bank in Hong Kong, where the money was deposited.

But the court sent back the application saying it was out of its jurisdiction to give order for seizure of the money. Later the IO sent a letter to the head office of Bangladesh Bank asking it to give information about the money Ershad transferred through Mercantile Bank in Bangladesh.

But he failed to collect any information from the bank, and decided to submit the final report, seeking acquittal of the two accused.

Ershad now stands trial in three cases -- two for corruption and another for murder of Gen Monzur.

The trial of Monzur Murder case remains pending with the Fourth

Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judges Court in Dhaka.

A corruption case against Ershad is now under investigation while another is pending with the Special Court for Dhaka Division.

Sajjad Hossain, an official of now defunct bureau of anti-corruption, sued Ershad on August 31, 1994 for issuing directives to buy bitumen emulsion from Zakir Industries for the Roads and Highways Department for personal benefit during his tenure as president.

In line with the order, the authorities concerned bought bitumen emulsion worth more than Tk 17.17 crore for the department.

Besides, the radar purchase graft case against Ershad also remains pending. However, the present government has decided to withdraw the case considering it politically motivated and meant for harassment.

According to the prosecution, during his stint as president, Ershad along with others had caused a loss of Tk 64.04 crore to the state exchequer by purchasing radars from the USA instead of France for the air force.

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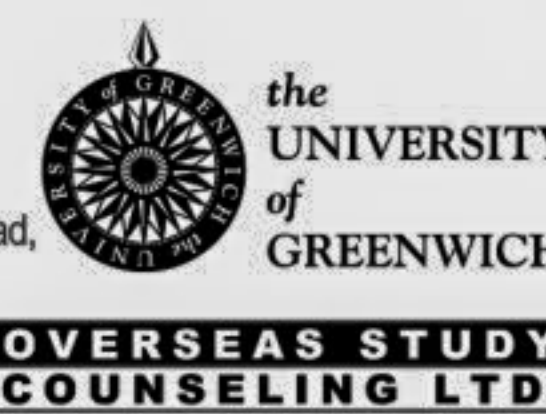
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