

India postpones parliament till Aug 1

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India's government announced Tuesday that it would postpone the planned start of parliament next month, giving it more time to finalise a thorny new anti-corruption bill.

Pawan Kumar Bansal, the minister for parliamentary affairs, told reporters in the capital New Delhi that the new session would commence on August 1 instead of mid-July and "is likely to go up to 8th of September."

He declined to comment on the reasons behind the delay but dismissed speculation that the government was buying time to formulate a tricky new bill.

The government has struggled to draft the new anti-graft bill, known as the Lokpal bill, in consultation with civil society activists who are pushing for tougher provisions on an issue which has stirred widespread public anger.

A string of corruption scandals has badly dented the image of Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, who is expected to announce a cabinet reshuffle.

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Somnath agrees to help Mamata



Somnath Chatterjee

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Marxist veteran and former Lok Sabha Speaker Somnath Chatterjee agreed to help the Mamata Banerjee-led West Bengal government on industrial development of the state after, in a deft political move, it sought for his help.

West Bengal Industry Minister and Mamata's close aide Partha Chatterjee met Somnath Chatterjee, a former chairman of West Bengal Industrial Development Council, in Kolkata on Tuesday to seek his advice on planning and development of the state.

"We will give serious thought to any suggestion by him," Partha Chatterjee said after a meeting at Somnath's residence.

"If he thinks that there is any deficiency in our plans, he can give his opinion and advice," the Industry Minister said.

Somnath Chatterjee, the former Lok Sabha Speaker, said the Industry Minister had met him at the behest of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee.

"I agreed to the meeting since I thought that as I had a long experience as chairman of the WBIDC. If that can be any use for the development of the state, I am willing to help," Somnath Chatterjee said.

Mamata too had reached out to Somnath Chatterjee last month after winning assembly elections by going to his house and meeting him.

Political observers said Mamata is trying to seek the services of Somnath Chatterjee in a bid to blunt possible criticism by opposition Left Front of her industrial development policy.

Somnath Chatterjee was expelled from CPI(M) after he refused to obey the party diktat to step down as Speaker of Parliament in July, 2008, on the issue of India-US civil nuclear deal that the Marxist party had opposed tooth and nail.

60 al-Qaeda men flee Yemen jail

AFP, Aden

More than 60 al-Qaeda prisoners escaped from a south Yemen jail yesterday after they clashed with guards, killing one and wounding two others, security and medical officials told AFP.

The prisoners fled the central jail in Al-Mukalla, capital of the Hadramawt province, into the nearby mountains after they overpowered the guards and seized some of their arms, a security official said.

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, had initially said that the prisoners fled after heavily-armed al-Qaeda fighters raided the prison to free them.

The jail is believed to house more than 100 al-Qaeda militants, 58 of whom have been tried in court and have received jail sentences, the official said.

Spokesman for the civil society organisations in Hadramawt, Nasser Bakazzuz, however accused authorities of assisting the al-Qaeda prisoners to escape.

Another security official told AFP that of the 62 prisoners who escaped, two were rearrested.

Austerity measures threaten global recovery: UN

Criticises leading financial institutions' role

AFP, Geneva

The UN warned yesterday that austerity measures in countries such as Greece threaten a global recovery, and called on governments to take social implications into account when drafting policies.

"Austerity measures in response to high government debt in some advanced economies, such as Greece and Spain, are not only threatening public sector employment and social expenditure, but also making the recovery more uncertain and frag-

ile," said the UN department of economic and social affairs in a report.

Heavily-indebted Greece is being forced to deepen and accelerate its reforms in order to qualify for further loans from the European Union and International Monetary Fund.

However, the austerity measures being imposed in return have led to mounting social unrest in the country.

The United Nations report stressed that "it is essential that governments take into account the likely social implications of their economic policies."

It also criticised lending conditions set by institutions such as the IMF.

The report noted that 31 out of 41 agreements with the IMF included pro-cyclical policies -- such as cuts in fiscal deficits -- which could exacerbate a slowdown.

"International financial institutions ... continue to attach pro-cyclical conditions to the financial assistance packages they extend to countries in need and have paid insufficient attention to the social implications of such policies," it said.



Indian policemen and activists from the Krishak Mukti Sangram Samiti (KMSS) clash during a demonstration in Guwahati yesterday to protest against the government's drive to evict settlers on government land, in Guwahati. Three people were killed and several injured in the clashes.

PHOTO: AFP

এম জে এল বাংলাদেশ লিমিটেড বিজ্ঞপ্তি

এম জে এল বাংলাদেশ লিমিটেড এর সম্মানিত শেয়ার হোল্ডারগণের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাচ্ছে যে, আপনারা যারা জুন মাসে ১৮, ১৯ ও ২০ তারিখের মধ্যে পল্টন কমিউনিটি সেন্টার এবং হোয়াইট হাউস হোটেল থেকে ৩,৭৪০/= টাকার রিফান্ড ওয়ারেন্ট সঞ্ছ করত ব্যর্থ হয়েছেন, উক্ত রিফান্ড ওয়ারেন্টগুলো তাদের যোগাযোগের ঠিকানায় পাঠানোর জন্য নিম্নোক্ত কুরিয়ার সার্ভিস গুলোকে প্রদান করা হয়েছে।

কুরিয়ার সার্ভিসের ঠিকানা ও সংশ্লিষ্ট কর্মকর্তার নাম :

ক্রমিক নং	শেয়ার এলোটেমেন্ট নং	কুরিয়ার সার্ভিসের নাম	কুরিয়ার সার্ভিসের ঠিকানা
০১.	১-৩০০০০	ইউনিয়ন কুরিয়ার সার্ভিস	৮৫ নয়াপল্টন (৬ষ্ঠ তলা), মসজিদ গলি, ঢাকা-১০০০. খাজা কামরুল ইসলাম, মোবাইল- ০১৮১৯-৫০৮০১৫, ৯৩৩৩১২৪
০২.	৩০০০১-৬০০০০	বসুমতি কুরিয়ার সার্ভিস	৬২/২, পুরানা পল্টন (নীচ তলা), ঢাকা-১০০০, দীপক চন্দ্র দাস, মোবাইল- ০১৭১৬-২৫৩১৯৯, ০১৯২০৪৬৯৬৯৭
০৩.	৬০০০১-৯০০০০	এসটিডি ইন্টারন্যাশনাল	৮৬, আরামবাগ, খন্দকার ভবন (৩য় তলা), মতিঝিল বা/এ, ঢাকা-১০০০. আলমগীর, মোবাইল-০১৭১২০৮৬৪৭৬, ০১৫৫২৬৪২৮১৮
০৪.	৯০০০১-১২০০০০	বাংলা কুরিয়ার সার্ভিস	৩১-৩২, আরামবাগ, মতিঝিল, ঢাকা. এ.কে.এম মঞ্জুরুল ইসলাম, মোবাইল- ০১৯১১-৩১১৪৬২, ০১৬৭৯-১৭৩১২৪
০৫.	১২০০০১-১৬০০০০	আর.এম. কুরিয়ার সার্ভিস	২ আর.কে মিশন রোড, মোতালেব মেনশন, ৬ষ্ঠ তলা, ঢাকা-১০০০। মোঃ মজিবুর রহমান, মোবাইলঃ ০১৯১৬-৪২৬৮৫, ০১৮১৬-০৮৩২২৩
০৬.	১৬০০০১-১৯০০০০	ডেল্টা কুরিয়ার সার্ভিস	৯৯, ফকিরাপুল (২য় তলা), ঢাকা-১০০০. মোঃ মতিউর রহমান, মোবাইলঃ ০১৮৩২-০৬১৭১৯, ০১৯৩৯-৮৭৯৩১৭
০৭.	১৯০০০১-২২০০০০	অগ্রদূত কুরিয়ার সার্ভিস	মঞ্জুরী ভবন (৩য় তলা), ৮, ডি.আই.টি এন্ডকনসাল্ট্যান্ট এডিনিউ, মতিঝিল। মোঃ দেলোয়ার হোসেন, ফোন- ৭১১৬৫২, মোবাইল- ০১৯১১০১৩৪৫২
০৮.	২২০০০১-২৫০০০০	স্পীড পোস্ট এক্সপ্রেস	৩৮ উত্তর কমলাপুর, পেন্টাগন হোটেল (নীচ তলা), মতিঝিল, ঢাকা-১০০০. মোঃ আমির হামজা, মোবাইল- ০১৮১৭-৫৮৩৬৭৪, ০১৯১৮-৬৯৪৬৮
০৯.	২৫০০০১-২৮০০০০	মধুবন কুরিয়ার সার্ভিস	১০৫, ফকিরাপুল, মালেক মার্কেট, ২য় তলা, মতিঝিল, ঢাকা। মোঃশেখুর রহমান, মোবাইল- ০১৬৭০৮১০৪৬৫, ৭১৯১৮৫৭

বিঃ দ্রঃ যে সকল শেয়ার হোল্ডারগণ তাদের রিফান্ড ওয়ারেন্ট কুরিয়ার সার্ভিস এর মাধ্যমে না পাবেন সেই সকল শেয়ার হোল্ডারগণকে আগামী ১০ জুলাই ২০১১ইং তারিখ থেকে এম জে এল বাংলাদেশ লিমিটেড এর শেয়ার বিভাগ, বাড়ী নং- ৭৩, বক- কে, সোহরাওয়ার্দী এডিনিউ, বারিধারা থেকে সঞ্ছ করার জন্য অনুরোধ করা যাচ্ছে।

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The duration of the service contract is one year initially, subject to renewal on an annual basis upon satisfactory performance and availability of funds.

For details of the Job Description and instructions to apply, please visit our website: <http://www.undp.org.bd/jobs>. Applications should be received no later than **Wednesday, 06 July 2011**.

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted. Female candidates are particularly encouraged to apply.

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Only the short listed candidates will be called for interviews. Interested Candidate may apply along with complete CV, two (2) passport size recent photographs, attested photocopies of all educational and experience certificates, attested copy of National Identity Card and the first eight (8) pages of the passport (if available or should be submitted after selection), should reach the Chairman of the company at the above address on or before 31/07/ 2011(Sunday) within the office hour.

In service candidates should submit applications through proper channel within the stipulated date & time.

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Fire Service protests published news on International purchasing

Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Ministry of Home Affairs (MOHA) conducted an inquiry last year on the allegation of corruption against the Fire Service and Civil Defense (FSCD) Directorate in the international tender.

Several newspapers and electronic media published and broadcasted news stories quoting Chairman of Parliamentary Standing Committee on the MOHA Major General (Retd) Abdus Salam, MP and probe committee alleging that the FSCD Directorate resorted to corruption involving purchasing of fire tender, pump and fireman suits worth Tk 24.50 crore.

The news stories were published in the Daily Jugantor on April 26, 2010 and February 11, 2011, in Bangladesh Protidin on November 29, 2010, December 2, 2010, March 20, 2011, April 22, 2011 and June 16, 2011, in the Daily Star on December 21, 2010, in the daily Janakantha on February 11, 2011, in the Bhorer Kagoj on February 27, 2011, April 25, 2011 and June 16, 2011, in the Inqilab on March 20, 2011, in the Samakal on April 22, 2011, in the Amader Somoy on April 22, 2011, in The New Nation on April 27, 2011 in the JaiJaiDin and Ittefaq on June 16, 2011 and broadcasted by the Desh TV on April 22, 2011 by quoting from the probe committee. It may be mentioned that the daily Bhorer Kagoj carried out an investigative report on April 25, 2011 wrote that Zaid Hossain (Pritom), owner of Novel House Limited who participated in the International tender is the son-in-law of the Chairman of Parliamentary Standing Committee on the MOHA while The New Nation published another news story on April 27, 2011 on its first page titled "...for not favoring son-in-law's tender!" The report says "The Director General (DG) of Fire Service Department is allegedly facing wrath of the Chairman of Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Ministry of Home Affairs as he did not facilitate in getting the tender works for his son-in-law to purchase fire equipment from abroad."

Besides, on June 16, 2011, the daily Ittefaq carried out a report titled "Home Minister's 'No' to remove Fire Service DG" quoting the Parliamentary Standing Committee on the MOHA, the daily JaiJaiDin published a report titled "Home Minister says 'No' to cancel appointment of Fire Service DG" and Bangladesh Protidin reports titled Home Minister not for canceling appointment of Fire Service DG. Some other newspapers also published news stories in favor and disfavor of FSCD. However, no newspapers, except the Daily Star obtained comments from the FSCD. This resulted in questions being raised in the mind of people including journalists about the image of the MOHA, the Parliamentary Standing Committee on the MOHA and the government along with the FSCD. Besides, it also severely tarnished the hard earned honor and dignity of 33-years' service career of DG FSCD which also tantamount to the violation of a specific rule of law.

The FSCD highlights the major aspects of the so far published news and reveals the truth to remove the confusion created in the minds of the people:

Fact about purchasing of water carrying vehicles: It is not true that the FSCD has purchased Thailand made vehicles at a higher rate in the International Tender. In reality, Japan made vehicles were imported at minimum price rate. However, the fabrication was done in Thailand since there was legal priority for fabrication in any third country.

Fact about purchasing pump: Having fault in technical specification in purchasing pump was also not true. Actually, the pumps have been purchased as there was written attestation of supplying pump by the Japanese manufacturer in line with tender specification of pumps and the rate was also the lowest.

Fact about the purchasing of firemen suits: News claimed that substandard firemen suits were purchased from Singapore which is also not correct. The fact is that EN (European standard) certified firemen suits, which is internationally accepted, was brought from Denmark in line with condition of the contract.

Besides, the allegation of not having Bangladesh Bank's approval certificate, expired ISO and IRC certificates were also not correct. The fact is that before the agreement was signed Bangladesh Bank's approval was given. Moreover, the EN certificate is accepted in place of ISO certificate as per the tender condition and previously renewed IRC certificate was submitted. However, if the work order had been given to the second lowest bidder on the plea of minor deviation violating the rules, the Government would have lost hard earned foreign currency worth Taka five crore.

Ignoring all pressure the DG of FSCD forwarded to MOHA the recommendation made by the Tender Evaluation Committee (TEC) to select the lowest bidder to purchase Japan and Denmark made equipment. By giving approval to the recommendation, the MOHA had ensured proper use of government exchequer.

The FSCD expects that after getting the true picture the misunderstanding among the people if any, regarding its activities will be removed and they would continue their cooperation towards this service oriented organization.