

LOKPAL BILL

# Indian PM convenes all-party meeting

Says bill to work within constitutional framework

PTI, New Delhi

Affirming government's commitment to enact Lokpal Act that will provide for a strong and effective way to tackle corruption in high places, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh yesterday said such an institution will have to work within the framework of Constitution.

He told the all-party meeting on Lokpal Bill that strong laws to tackle corruption were necessary but these would not suffice as there was a need to focus on "simplifying procedures, reducing discretion, eliminating arbitrariness and increasing transparency in the way government functions."

Singh noted that there was a feeling that institutional arrangements in place are not strong enough to ensure that the guilty, especially those occupying high positions, are brought to book swiftly and given deterrent punishment.

"I must make it clear at the outset that we, in government, are committed to the enactment of a Lokpal Act, which provides for a strong, effective and quick institutional arrangement



for tackling corruption in high places," he said in his opening remarks at the meeting.

"We are also committed to bringing the bill before Parliament in the coming monsoon session," he said.

Underlining that the Constitution provides for an "intricate system of checks and balances", he said the new institution of Lokpal has to find an appropriate place in that matrix.

Singh's comments assume significance as the Anna Hazare team has been pushing for bringing all institutions, including the Prime Minister and higher judiciary, under the purview of Lokpal. The government sees this as an attempt to create a structure parallel to the government.

Singh said the government was "focussed on this process and we propose to pursue this with vigour and speed."

The enactment of a strong Lokpal Bill has attracted a lot of attention during the past few months, he said and referred to setting up of a joint drafting committee consisting of five Union ministers and five nominees of Hazare including he himself.

## Air strikes kill two in South Yemen

AFP, Aden

Yemeni air strikes targeting suspected al-Qaeda militants near Jaar killed two civilians and wounded three, an official from the militant-held southern town said yesterday.

"Military aircraft carried out a number of strikes yesterday (Saturday) in the Al-Makhzan area at the entrance of Jaar," the official told AFP in the main southern city of Aden without elaborating on how he got the information.

"One of them hit the house of Omar Hassan, killing him and wounding three others."

Another civilian was killed in a separate strike, the official added.



Catherine (L), Duchess of Cambridge, takes part in a cooking workshop at the Institut de tourisme et d'hôtellerie du Québec in Montreal, Canada on Saturday. The royal couple's first official foreign trip turned grim when dozens of protesters in Quebec welcomed them shouting "down with the monarchy."

PHOTO: AFP

## Key senator slams Obama over Afghan troops pullout

AFP, Washington

A top US lawmaker yesterday slammed President Barack Obama's military drawdown plans for Afghanistan as "risky," unsupported by his military commanders, and a threat to progress made so far.

"It's an unnecessary risk, and it's not recommended by any of the military, according to McCain."

Both General David Petraeus and Admiral Mike Mullen, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, have said Obama's plan was more "aggressive" than they had recommended.

Obama ordered 10,000 troops to withdraw this year and 33,000 to follow by next summer.

## The attacks preceding Aug 21

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Avenue in 2004.

Most of those assaults using bomb and grenades were against AL, the main opposition party then, and progressive forces championing secular ideals.

An investigator of Criminal Investigation Department (CID) had told this correspondent earlier, Harkatul Jihad al Islami (Huji) used grenades in several attacks before and after the August 21 attack from a cache it was supposed to transport to India-administered Kashmir for Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT). The LeT high-ups in Pakistan had sent the cache to Bangladesh to despatch it to their men in Kashmir through Satkhira border. But the Huji did not dare to follow the instructions thanks to the Indian authorities' interception of the previous consignment.

The cache of 32 grenades, which the Huji received in Chittagong, rested in Bangladesh for a while before those were used in different major attacks.

The grenades were hurled at AL chief and the then opposition leader Sheikh Hasina on August 21, 2004, the then British high commissioner Anwar Choudhury, AL leaders Suranjit Sengupta, Syeda Jebunnesa Haq, and Badruddin Ahmed Kamran, also mayor of Sylhet, and in the killing of Awami League leader SAMS Kibria in 2005.

The BNP-Jamaat administration was in a tight corner also because of the opposition's call for the incumbents to step down growing louder.

Price spiral of essentials, human rights violations, rampant corruption and politicisation, persecution of journalists and minorities, and rise of militancy made matters even worse.

Against this backdrop, the AL-led opposition's ultimatum for the government to quit by April 30, 2005 clearly put the BNP-Jamaat alliance on edge.

Attacks on Sheikh Hasina and AL men, oppression on opposition leaders and activists including mass arrests, resignation of two BNP lawmakers and their joining Bikalpa Dhara Bangladesh, vigilante campaign by Siddiqul Islam Bangla Bhai's Jagrata Muslim Janata in northern

districts, defeat in a legal battle over army deployment in the Dhaka-10 by-election, and a rigged election in the same constituency left the ruling alliance mired deep in controversy.

And then there was Hawa Bhaban, the Banani office from where Tarique Rahman would pull the strings behind the prime minister and her cabinet. AL even announced programmes to lay siege to the controversial office.

Interestingly, the government blamed the main opposition AL for all the ills of the country. Instead of carrying out fair probe into the blasts and killings, it used the law enforcers to incriminate the opposition leaders and workers.

Here is an order of major attacks between January and August 21, 2004:

January 12: Four killed and 37 others injured in a bomb explosion at the shrine of Hazrat Shahjalal in Sylhet

January 15: Journalist Manik Saha bombed to death in Khulna

January 29: Two including an AL leader killed in blasts in Khulna

February 27: Noted writer Humayun Azad critically injured in a machete attack near Bangla Academy in the capital

May 7: AL lawmaker Ahsanullah Master and a schoolboy in Tongi shot dead

May 20: Three bludgeoned to death in Naogaon by Bangla Bhai's men

May 21: British high commissioner Anwar Choudhury hurt in grenade attack at Hazrat Shahjalal Shrine in Sylhet.

June 4: Nine including a two-year-old girl killed in an arson attack on a double-decker near Sheraton hotel, Dhaka

June 21: One killed, AL

lawmaker Suranjit Sengupta injured in grenade blast in Sunamganj

June 27: Khulna Press Club President Humayun Kabir Balu killed in a bomb attack

August 5: Simultaneous

blasts in front of three cinemas in Sylhet city

August 7: AL leader and Sylhet City Corporation Mayor Badruddin Ahmed Kamran escapes grenade attack, but sees one of his

party colleague die.

And, to cap it all, August 21 grenade assault left at least 23 AL leaders including Ivy Rahman killed and scores including Sheikh Hasina injured.

### Jamuna Oil Company Limited

#### Invitation for Re-Tenders

No. 101/2010-11

Sl. No.	Jamuna Oil Company Ltd., a subsidiary of Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation hereby invites sealed tender from reputed firms/contractors duly experienced in construction of Liquid Fuel Storage Tank of Petroleum Product for the work mentioned below:	
1	Ministry/Division	M/o Power, Energy & Mineral Resources/Energy & Mineral Resources Division.
2	Agency	Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation.
3	Procuring entity name	Jamuna Oil Company Limited, Jamuna Bhaban, Agrabad Commercial Area, Chittagong.
4	Procuring entity code	Not applicable.
5	Procuring entity district	Chittagong.
6	Invitation for	Construction of 7000 Ton Storage Tank at Fatullah Depot.
7	Invitation Ref. No. & date	Tender No: JOCL/Fatullah 28/06/2011.
8	Completion time of work	270 days.
<b>KEY INFORMATION</b>		
9	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (One step & two envelopes).
<b>FUNDING INFORMATION</b>		
10	Budget and source of funds	Company's own fund.
11	Development partners (if applicable)	Not applicable.
<b>PARTICULAR INFORMATION</b>		
12	Tender package No.	JOCL/Fatullah/TANK.
13	Tender package name	Not applicable.
14	Tender publication date	29/06/2011.
15	Tender last selling date	12/07/2011
16	Tender closing date and time	13/07/2011 03.00pm
17	Tender opening date and time	13/07/2011 03.15pm
18	Name & address of the office(s)	<b>Address</b>
	-Selling tender document (principal)	Cash Section, Jamuna Oil Company Limited, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong and DGM (Resident Office), Jamuna Oil Company Limited, Plot No: 2, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.
	-Receiving tender document	Engineering Section, Operations Department, Jamuna Oil Company Limited, Jamuna Bhaban, Agrabad C/A, Chittagong.
<b>INFORMATION FOR TENDERER</b>		
19	Eligibility of tenderer	(a) Contractors/Construction firms who have minimum 5 (five) years of general experience in construction works. (b) The tenderer must have specific experience in successful completion of minimum one number of new petroleum storage tank having capacity of 3000 M. Tons, including supply of necessary materials in Bangladesh of government/semi-government/autonomous bodies/private power plant under PDB/Petroleum and Gas Sector during last 7 (seven) years of Tk. 100.00 lac in single contract. (c) The required average construction turnover shall be greater than Tk. 200.00 lac over the last 3 years. (d) The minimum amount of liquid asset or working capital or credit facilities of tenderer shall be Tk. 200 lac. (e) The original money receipt of purchasing tender document must be included with original tender document.
20	Brief description of works	Construction of one number of storage tank at Fatullah Depot including supply of necessary materials (plates, pipelines, gate valves etc.).
21	Brief description of physical services	Not applicable.
22	Price of tender document	Tk. 7,000.00 (seven thousand) only.
<b>PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS</b>		
23	Name of official inviting tender	<b>Abdur Rahman</b> DGM (Operations), Jamuna Oil Company Limited, Jamuna Bhaban, Agrabad, Ctg. Phone No: 031-715280, Fax: 031-713289, E-mail: joclbd@yahoo.com
24	In case of any unavoidable circumstances the tender will be received and opened on the following working day at same time and same place.	
25	The procuring entity reserves the right to reject all tenders or annul the tender proceedings. Any false declaration, incorrect or forged certificates/papers are found to be fake or false, the tender security shall be forfeited and the tender shall be declared non-responsive.	

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## Attention

This is to inform all valued Grameenphone subscribers of Dhaka (Motijheel, Labagh) and Bhola (Sadar, Doulatkhan, Borhanuddin) that due to system upgradation, subscribers may experience difficulty in availing our network for a short period of time on 5 July 2011.

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**Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh**  
Disaster Management and Relief Division  
Operations Support to the Employment Generation Program for the Poorest (EGPP)  
Disaster Management & Relief Bhaban  
92-93, Mohakhali, Dhaka

Ref. No. DMRD/EGPP/Computer-20/10-11/1980      Date: 30/06/2011

### Extension of Time for Submission of International Bids for Procurement of Computers

International bids were invited for procurement of computers vide this office Memo No. DMRD/EGPP/Computer/20/10-11/1810 Date: 10-05-2011 which was published in The Daily Star on 15-05-2011 and in the Daily Jugantor on 17-05-2011. Due to some changes of specification/bid clauses in the pre-bid meeting, the bidders need more time for preparation so the time is extended as follows:

Sl No.	Item	Original date and time	Changed date and time
1.	Bid selling last date	04-07-2011 up to 5:00pm	13-07-2011 up to 5:00pm
2.	Bid closing date	05-07-2011 at 3:00pm	14-07-2011 at 3:00pm
3.	Bid opening date	05-07-2011 at 3:15pm	14-07-2011 at 3:15pm

All other terms and conditions of the bid will remain unchanged.

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Project Director

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Proposed **Hamdard University Bangladesh (HUB)**  
In association with Institute of Architects Bangladesh [IAB]

### Invitation for Open Architectural Design Competition for Master plan of Hamdard University Bangladesh (HUB) Proposed

Hamdard University Bangladesh (HUB) has taken the initiative to build its new campus on its own approximately 26 acres of land mass at the northern bank of Phuldi river beside Dhaka-Chittagong Highway, just on the eastern side of the Meghna Bridge.

With this view, HUB, in association with the Institute of Architects Bangladesh [IAB], is organizing an Open Architectural Design Competition to select the most appropriate design. Selected Architect/Firm will be responsible to render comprehensive services [architectural and engineering design, supervision etc.] as required for the successful phase wise implementation of the project.

A panel of Jurors, nominated by HUB and IAB as per the competition guidelines of IAB, will select the best design from the entries. The three best designs shall receive the following awards -

First Prize	: Tk. ...., 5,000.00 [Taka Five lac only]
Second Prize	: Tk. ...., 3,000.00 [Taka Three lac only]
Third Prize	: Tk. ...., 2,000.00 [Taka Two lac only]

Interested architects should note the following information-

- Eligibility :
  - Architects willing to participate in the Open Design Competition must meet the eligibility conditions specified in the Dhaka Mohanogor Imarot Nirman Bidhimala 2008 for designing Type - B1 buildings.
  - In case of Firms, Owner or at least 01 [one] of the Partners/Directors must fulfill the criteria above.
  - Firms and Architects may participate as a joint venture or in a team. The Firm or Architect fulfilling the eligibility conditions shall be the Lead Firm/ Lead Architect/ Team Leader. In case of a winning entry, the Lead Firm/ Lead Architect/ Team Leader shall be the signatory in all contracts, drawings, documents and recipient of payments.
- Competition Documents: Interested Architect/Firm may obtain Competition Documents from the IAB from July 04, 2011 till July 14, 2011 between 2.00pm to 6.00pm paying an amount of Tk.1, 000.00 in cash. A written application for the competition documents has to be submitted.
- Queries: Written queries, if any, shall have to be submitted to IAB on or before July 18, 2011 within 6.00pm. A Briefing Session will be held on July 25, 2011 to reply to the queries. The venue and the time will be intimated in due course for the Briefing Session.
- Submission: Entries shall be submitted on September 22, 2011 between 3.00pm and 6.00pm at the office of the undersigned.

**Dr. Hakim Yousuf Harun Bhuiyan**  
Member Secretary, Board of Trustees, Hamdard University Bangladesh  
Hamdard Bhaban, 99, Bir Ullam C.R.Datta Road, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1205, Phone: 9645965-6 Fax: 880-2-8616958, E-mail: hamdarduniversitybd@yahoo.com

## Request for Proposal (RFP)

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Bangladesh seeks sealed proposals are invited from interested registered Institutes/ Companies with the detailed technical proposal and price for: **RFP to installation of Digital Display Management System at Bangladesh Parliament Building.**

**Submission of Proposal:** The envelope should state "Bid for installation of Digital Display Management System at Bangladesh Parliament Building" and should be marked as 'Confidential'. The selection of Bids will be done based on the UNDP procurement rules and regulations.

All interested firms may collect the bidding Documents (RFP) from the following address: [parvin.akther@undp.org](mailto:parvin.akther@undp.org). There will be a pre bid meeting which will be held at the IPD Project Office; 2/5, Minister's Hostel, Bangladesh National Parliament, Agargaon, Dhaka 1207 on **14 July 2011 at 11.00 am.**

Bid must be dropped to the Procurement Cluster of UNDP, IDB Bhaban (12<sup>th</sup> Floor), Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka before **12.30 hrs on 25 July 2011.**