

Sri Lanka holds local elections

BBC ONLINE

Voting closed in local elections in parts of Sri Lanka yesterday, including much of the previously war-affected north amid claims of irregularities.

There were disturbing breaches of electoral rules in one part of the north, and an election-related death elsewhere, monitoring groups said.

But the election commissioner said that overall the polling went well.

The government of President Mahinda Rajapaksa has not been popular in the north and both it and the biggest Tamil party have much at stake in the vote.

New election commissioner told the BBC that a man had been killed in apparent violence within the governing party in central Sri Lanka.



Chinese firefighters work to rescue survivors after a Chinese high-speed train derailed and two of its carriages fell off a bridge after a lightning strike knocked out power on the line yesterday.

China bullet train crash kills 32

AFP, Beijing

A Chinese high-speed train derailed yesterday when it was hit by another express, state media said, throwing two carriages off a viaduct and killing at least 32 people.

The derailed train had been crippled by a lightning strike and was stationary when the second one ploughed into it, the reports said.

The D3115 high-speed service from Hangzhou to Wenzhou, in eastern China's Zhejiang province, was rammed from behind by the D301 in Wenzhou's Shuangyu town, China National Radio said.

The first train derailed and two of its carriages fell from an elevated track at around 8:50pm, the official Xinhua news agency reported, citing local firefighting sources. At least 100 people were injured, it said.

The death toll was revised upward from 16 after several passengers succumbed to their injuries in hospital, Xinhua said.

Xinhua said the capacity of each train car was about 100 passengers.

The accident occurred less than a month after China inaugurated with great fanfare a new flagship \$33 billion line from Beijing to Shanghai that halves the rail journey time between China's two most important cities to five hours.

Sugar disappears

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The woman, who declined to give her name, did not trust Lokman and offered to pay whatever price he demanded.

The grocer however turned down the offer and the woman, shelving her plan to buy the sweetener, put orders for other essential commodities.

This was the common scene at the groceries near the Hatirpool kitchen market in less busy afternoon hours yesterday.

Retailers at Hatirpool say they have stopped selling the sweetener fearing fines by mobile courts that are raiding stores to ensure sale of sugar and other essentials at the government-fixed rates.

Some retailers at Karwan Bazar also say they have stopped selling sugar to avoid fines.

The jittery, accompanied by the ongoing supply shortfall, pushed up the prices of sugar further yesterday.

Retailers, who were still selling the sweetener, charged Tk 70-75 for a kilogram, Trading Corporation of Bangladesh data shows.

In some cases, some retailers charged Tk 80 a kilo as off-take for sweetener increased ahead of the HSC results and the upcoming Ramadan.

Mofizur Rahman, a tea seller at Karwan Bazar, said he had to pay Tk 80 for a kg of sugar.

"When I mentioned the government announced price, I was advised to buy sugar from the government," he said.

Retailers blamed for high prices of sugar say wholesalers are charging Tk 70-71 for each kg now taking the advantage of the supply crunch.

Some retailers also claim the wholesalers are not issuing memos mentioning accurate price they charge for a 50-kg sack.

Jahirul Islam Russell, owner of Bhai Bhai General Store at Hatirpool, claimed wholesalers charge Tk 3,520 for a 50-kg sack of sugar.

But they do not give any cash memo against the sale, he said.

"How can we sell sugar at Tk 65 per kg after buying it at a higher rate?" said Delwar Hossain of Noakhali Store at Karwan Bazar. He said he has stopped selling the sweetener for a week.

Abul Hashem, vice-resident of Bangladesh Sugar Merchants Association, said the government should not monitor prices without ensuring adequate supply to the market.

He however said supply may improve within three-four days as some refiners promised to deliver sugar. "Prices may drop if the companies supply it properly," added Hashem.

In the last one month, prices of sugar surged 14 percent amid businesses' move to have higher margins, banking on the supply shortfall that resulted from the shutdown of production at four out of six refineries.

Golam Mostafa, secretary general of Bangladesh Sugar Refiners Association, said supply-demand mismatch will be eliminated within seven days as two refiners -- Deshbandhu Sugar and S Alam Sugar -- have already resumed production.

The refinery of Meghna Group of Industries will restart soon, he said.

"But I cannot assure whether the price will fall," said Mostafa, also chairman of Deshbandhu Group, blaming middlemen for the recent price escalation.

Sonia Gandhi due tonight

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posthumous award on behalf of former Indian premier Indira Gandhi.

Her tour holds a special significance as it takes place ahead of Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's official visit here on September 6-7.

She will arrive at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport on board a special flight at 9:00pm, official sources said. Foreign Minister Dipu Moni, Minister for Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives Syed Ashraf Islam and State Minister for Liberation War Affairs Capt (ret'd) AB Tajul Islam will receive her.

Sonia will place floral wreaths at the National Memorial in Savar and visit the Bangabandhu Memorial Museum at Dhanmondi in the morning.

The Congress leader will join the conference styled "Autism Spectrum Disorder and Developmental Disabilities in Bangladesh and South Asia" as the chief guest. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will be the special guest at the conference to be held at a city hotel, according to diplomatic sources.

Sonia, also the chairperson of National Advisory Council of Indian government, will meet Hasina at Ruposhi Bangla Hotel to discuss bilateral ties and explore the relations between the Congress party and Awami League, added sources.

The foreign minister will pay a courtesy call on her in the afternoon.

President Zillur Rahman will confer "Bangladesh Swadhinata Sanmanona," country's highest state honour for foreign nationals, posthumously on former Indian premier Indira Gandhi at an award ceremony at Bangabhaban in the afternoon. Sonia will receive the award on behalf of her assassinated mother-in-law.

Bangladesh will honour Indira for her outstanding contributions during the 1971 Liberation War.

The Congress chief will also meet the president at Bangabhaban. She will attend a dinner to be hosted by the prime minister in honour of the distinguished participants of the autism conference.

An Indian security team is already in the capital to ensure foolproof security for her during the trip. Authorities here will also provide VIP security facility to the Indian guest.

Sonia is scheduled to leave Dhaka at 9:00pm tomorrow.

The suspect

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Christian" and his political opinions lean "to the right", police said.

The Facebook account appears to have been set up on July 17. The site lists no "friends" or social connections.

The 32-year-old, previously unknown to police, was arrested Friday following a bomb explosion in central Oslo and a shooting rampage at a youth camp near the capital, where at least 84 people were killed and scores wounded.

Police chief Sveinung Sponheim said his internet postings "suggest that he has some political traits directed toward the right, and anti-Muslim views".

While the motive remains mysterious, a picture of the suspect in the double attacks is emerging as that of a Christian organic farmer, who has flirted with the political far-right.

"It is too early to say if that was the motive for his actions," police commissioner Sevinung Sponheim told public television NRK.

In under two hours, the suspect allegedly carried out two attacks that appear to target the ruling Labour party, reports AFP.

Norwegian media have been describing him as belonging to a far-right movement, nationalist or a "Freemason", who owned several firearms including an automatic rifle.

"In comparison with other countries, I would not say that we have major problems with right-wing extremists in Norway," Stoltenberg said yesterday in response to questions about the radical right in the Scandinavian country.

On his Twitter account, Behring Breivik posted only one message, dated July 17, in English based on a quote from British philosopher John Stuart Mill: "One person with a belief is equal to a force of 100,000 who have only interests."

The Norwegian daily Verdens Gang quoted a friend as saying he became a right-wing extremist in his late 20s. It said he expressed strong nationalistic views in online debates and had been a strong opponent of multiculturalism.

He had no military background except for ordinary national service and no criminal record, it seems.

Breivik is believed to have grown up in Oslo, and studied at the Oslo School of Management, which offers degrees and postgraduate courses, reports BBC.

He later appears to have moved out of the city and established Breivik Geofarm, a company Norwegian media is describing as a farming sole proprietorship set up to cultivate vegetables, melons, roots and tubers.

About 10 policemen were outside Breivik's registered address in a four-storey red brick building in west Oslo.

The head of the populist right-wing Progress Party (FrP) confirmed that Behring Breivik had been a party member between 1999 and 2006 and for several years a leader in its youth movement.

"Those who knew the suspect when he was a member of the party say that he seemed like a modest person that seldom engaged himself in the political discussions," Siv Jensen said in a statement on the party's website.

Anti-fascist monitors meanwhile said Behring Breivik was also a member of a Swedish neo-Nazi Internet forum named Nordisk, which hosts discussions ranging from white power music to political strategies to crush democracy.

Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre
Strengthening of Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre (Phase-III) Project
Savar, Dhaka-1343

Request for Expression of Interest (EOI)

BANGLADESH PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION TRAINING CENTRE

1.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Public Administration.
2.	Agency	Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre.
3.	Name of procuring entity	Project Director, Strengthening of Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre (Phase-III) Project.
4.	Procuring entity district	Dhaka
5.	Expression of Interest for selection of	Training Management Firm.
6.	EOI Ref. No.	SBPATC(Phase-III)/Project/TMF/02/2011-2012-06
7.	Date (dd/mm/yyyy)	20-07-2011

KEY INFORMATION

8.	Procurement sub-method	Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS).
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FUNDING INFORMATION

9.	Budget and source of funds	Development Budget, GoB (JDCF).
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PARTICULAR INFORMATION

10.	Project code	5180
11.	Project name	Strengthening of Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre (Phase-III) Project.
12.	EOI closing date and time	Date: 10-08-2011 & Time: 02:00pm.

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT

13.	Brief description of the assignment	The Training Management Firm will be responsible for overall management of overseas study visits, study tours and training related activities of the project. The firm has to identify and select internationally reputed universities/organizations/training institutions, prepare detailed programmes, arrange for multi-country payment of per diem, evaluate and monitor training programme & submit report to the project.
14.	Experience, resources & delivery capacity required	a. 5 (five) years' minimum experience of overseas training/study tour management activities. b. Evidence of implementing local and overseas training programmes worth US\$ 200,000 (minimum) for the Government of Bangladesh. c. Experience of conducting overseas training/study tour programmes for the Government of Bangladesh under different ministries/division/autonomous bodies. d. Evidence of permanent office (ownership document/rental deed) in Bangladesh.
15.	Other details	Interested firms are invited to provide information and produce documents indicating that they are competent to perform the services (brochures, descriptions of similar assignments, experience in similar activities, trade license, VAT, Income Tax, financial solvency certificate etc. need to be provided).

PROCUREMENT ENTITY DETAIL

16.	Name of the official inviting EOI	Md. Shafi-ul-Alam.
17.	Designation of the official inviting EOI	Project Director.
18.	Address of the official inviting EOI	ITC (Ground Floor), BPATC, Savar, Dhaka.
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* The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all of the EOI without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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Vacancy Re-Announcement for General Manager (Contract Basis), Accounts & Budgeting Department, Bangladesh Bank

Applications are invited from Bangladeshi nationals for the post of **General Manager (Head of the Department) of Accounts & Budgeting Department, Bangladesh Bank** on contract basis under the following terms and conditions:

- Consolidated monthly salary will be in the range of BDT 1,50,000 to BDT 1,75,000. Salary will be fixed depending on the candidate's educational qualification and experience. No other benefits will be given.
- Minimum 06 years work experience in relevant fields after obtaining Chartered Accountancy (CA) degree. Candidates having experience of work in Banks/Financial Institutions and having practical knowledge about IFRS/IAS will be given priority.
- Applicant's age must be within the range of 45 to 55 years.
- The appointment will be on contract basis for a 03 (three) years term.

Interested candidates are requested to send a CV no later than 14/08/2011 to the following address. Applicants who are currently employed are requested to send their applications through their employment authority. Please note that only short-listed candidates will be notified and invited to participate in the selection process. Applicants have to go through a Viva-Voce process. Incomplete or application with wrong information will be rejected without any contact with the candidate. Bangladesh Bank reserves the right about the final selection.

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