

Toxic ship told to stay afar

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and chemical residues, which have adverse effects on humans, wildlife and the environment.

As soon as Asia Union reported its arrival at 3:30am day before yesterday, the port authority ordered it out of the port area, which is 5.5 nautical miles from Patenga point, Deputy Conservator of Chittagong port Captain Nazmul Alam told The Daily Star.

"A committee comprised of experts from the Department of Environment [DoE] and other organisations will inspect the ship. It will only be allowed for dismantling here if the inspectors issue an environmental clearance certificate," he added.

According to Coast Guard sources, the ship is now

anchored 5.4 nautical miles off Patenga point.

Sources in the ship-breaking industry said most of the importers do not bother to comply with the law because they somehow manage the custodians of the law.

"The Daily Star in its report on Friday blew the whistle on the toxic ship and our officials don't want to allow dismantling it," mentioned a top official of Mercantile Marine Department in Chittagong.

Manager (operations) Khairul Wara of the importer Cosco Shipping said they have asked the DoE to inspect the ship and issue an environmental clearance certificate. Cosco Shipping is a subsidiary of the Beijing based China

Ocean Shipping (Group) Company.

Khairul claimed the Asia Union is quite safe. He complained that a vested group is trying to influence the DoE.

International maritime watchdog issued warning prior to its arrival in Bangladesh. The DoE office in Chittagong alerted the port authority and the Coast Guard about the hazardous ship and urged them not to allow it entry to the country for dismantling, said Tajminur Rahman, senior assistant director of DoE.

Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association (Bela) in letters to the DoE, Mercantile Marine Department and Chittagong Customs yesterday also warned them about

the ship's arrival.

Bela said Indian ship-breakers rejected dismantling the ship for having dangerous substances. It urged the offices concerned not to issue any NOC or environmental clearance for Asia Union.

India, China, Pakistan and Bangladesh are the leading ship-breaking countries in Asia. In the international ship-breaking business Bangladesh is considered a dumping ground for toxic ships due to lack of laws.

The authorities have granted permission to dismantle more than 100 ships in ship-breaking yards in Sitakunda since the High Court on March 7 conditionally relaxed restrictions on purchase of ships for dismantling.

Save planet from climate

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Former US president Bill Clinton also addressed the dialogue.

Hasina said her sincerest hope is to see in Durban the much-sought-after legally-binding agreement on carbon emission reduction.

"It is imperative to realise the commitments by indus-

trialised countries to cut carbon emissions based on the principle of common and differentiated responsibilities," she said.

The premier said they would also like to see greater voluntary action by non-Annex-A parties of the Kyoto Protocol, based on equity.

Ahead of the Durban

climate conference, the prime minister expects five commitments from the international community: A global pact to face climate change challenges in the four recognised tracks of action—adaptation, mitigation, financing, and technology transfer; A balance between adaptation and mitigation to meet the present requirements as well as the priorities of the future; Concrete and robust support of the international community in the areas of transfer of technology for adaptation and mitigation actions; External support to vulnerable countries as they identify climate change-related challenges and seek to convert them into opportunities for green development; Operationalisation of the 'Green Climate Fund' as soon as possible and provisions for compensatory grants through UNFCCC to meet the full cost of adaptation for most vulnerable countries.

"Copenhagen rekindled our hope for consensus building on carbon emissions, while Cancun kept the hope alive. At the end of this year, Durban beckons us to act and deliver over these endless negotiations,"

Hasina said.

The premier said while adaptation to climate change is of immediate priority, mitigation is the key to a green and a secure future. "Therefore, the Bangladesh Climate Change Strategy includes a 134-point adaptation and mitigation action plan."

For immediate implementation of these plans, Bangladesh has set up a Climate Change Trust Fund with \$ 300 million from its own resources, she told her audience.

Hasina said Bangladesh is deeply concerned about the sea-level rise due to global warming, and the consequent displacement of people in coastal areas.

"A one-metre rise at sea level will submerge a fifth of Bangladesh, displacing over 30 million people," she said.

"Therefore, we want to see an international framework being created, addressing climate change-induced displacement, including its internal and external dimensions," the premier said.

Foreign Minister Dipu Moni, Ambassador at-Large M Ziauddin and PM's Press Secretary Abul Kalam Azad, among others, were present.

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BNP taken by surprise

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emergency meeting of party's senior leaders with Khaleda Zia in the chair at her Gulshan office on Monday night.

Even, the issue was almost ignored in the reasons behind declaring the hartal.

"It is significant that Jamaat protested at a time in many places in the country. But it was not consulted with BNP. We will not bear responsibilities of any party's own decisions," a member of BNP standing committee said

wishing anonymity.

The issue was raised in the meeting for a while but chairperson was not interested to continue, he said.

Party leader Ruhul Quddus Talukder Dulu said, "Jamaat is waging their movement to make their leaders free. It is their own programme. We should not have any say on it."

Some BNP leaders, however, think that Jamaat wanted to mount pressure on BNP so that the BNP-led four party alliances will be forced to take tougher anti-government programme

ahead of the scheduled rally.

But, BNP decided not to react too much over Jamaat's violent protest and arrest of its leaders on Monday.

BNP acting Secretary General Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir, however, said, "We have issued a statement on Monday night."

Party insiders said the top leadership of BNP is still reluctant to take a tough stance for the release of Jamaat leaders though Jamaat is repeatedly requesting the BNP high ups to do something more in this respect.

Offensive with purposes

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Asked, Jamaat's Assistant Secretary General Mujibur Rahman said, "This demonstration of strength has benefited our leaders and activists. It is true that many of them have been arrested following this. But it will intensify the anti-government agitation".

He also said staging of a big showdown was also necessary ahead of the September 27 grand rally of the four-party in the capital. It will help gear up preparations for the rally.

Jamaat suffered a debacle in the last parliamentary polls in which it got

only two seats.

Talking to this correspondent earlier, several Jamaat leaders said arrest of their five top leaders including party chief Motiur Rahman Nizami and Secretary General Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojaheed was a major blow to the party. It was the worst crisis the party faced since its inception, they said.

Following the arrest of these leaders, Jamaat's agitation programme was limited to issuing press releases, and bringing out small processions and holding rallies mostly near

the party's city unit office at Naya Paltan.

But on Monday, hundreds of activists of Jamaat and pro-Jamaat student body Islami Chhatra Shibir fought pitched battles with police and set fire to their vehicles.

Asked about this, Jamaat leader Mujibur Rahman said they cannot wait silently for long for better days to come.

He mentioned that trial of party leader Delwar Hossain Sayedee on war crimes charges has started. And it is natural party leaders and activists will go tough on it, he added.

BCL threatens

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disrupted as the group tried to gain free entry. That event was organised by Tareque himself.

Jahangirnagar Students' Film Society, which is organising today's event, alleged that some BCL activists led by JU BCL Vice-President Niamul Parvez and Joint Secretary Ajgar Ali obstructed the campaigning for the programme around noon.

They also warned that the film society does not withdraw the leaflets already distributed on the campus, they would stop the event taking place.

The programme, titled "Tareque Masud, Mishuk Munier in Mourning, Memory and Love", will be held at the JU amphitheatre. It will feature film screening and discussion.

Contacted, BCL leader Niamul Parvez said there is no question of threatening a cultural organisation. "We decently objected to some points in their leaflets."

Internationally acclaimed filmmaker Tareque Masud and chief executive officer of ATN News Ashfaq Munier, widely known as Mishuk Munier, were killed in a Manikganj road crash last month.

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Invitation for submission of Expression of Interest (EOI) for Market Prospecting for Potato Exporters in Bangladesh

Agro-Product Business Promotion Council (APBPC) wishes to conduct an assessment of the potato export sector through competent consultant(s)/ consulting firm. The study will be conducted on potato value chain actors related to potato export and propose guidelines for these actors to harness export potential.

APBPC invites eligible consulting Individual(s)/firms (local /international) to submit their expressions of interest (EOI) with relevant documents, meeting the following criteria:

- Sufficient experience (potato sector, export market, trade/prospecting) required to conduct the study.
- Familiarity with the policies and guidelines of the government regarding agro export.

Interested parties are requested to contact apbpc_potatostudy@yahoo.com for further detail by (Date: 29-09-2011). The last date of submission for EOI is (Date: 09-10-2011).

TIME EXTENSION OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR CLEANING & ELECTRICAL SERVICES AT CHITDF, UNDP OFFICES IN THREE (3) DISTRICTS OF CHITTAGONG HILL TRACTS

In reference to the original advertisement of the RFP on 8th September 2011, all interested bidders are hereby notified that the submission deadline of the RFP has been extended up to **Sunday, 25th September, 2011 04.30pm** (Local Time) instead of Thursday, 22nd September, 2011.

The RFP along with the instructions for submission and the pre-bid meeting minute can be downloaded from UNDP website: http://www.undp.org.bd/proc_detail.php?id=289.

Request for Quotation (RFQ)

Procurement of EnCase Portable USB devices with software

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Bangladesh hereby invites sealed quotations from interested bidders for procurement of EnCase Portable USB devices with software- 21 units.

Submission of Quotation: The envelopes should state "Procurement of of EnCase Portable USB devices with software- 21 units" and 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 (RFQ) from the below e-mail address: parvin.akther@undp.org. Bid must be dropped to the Procurement Cluster of UNDP, IDB Bhaban (12th Floor), Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka before 12.30 hrs on 04 October 2011.

VACANCY NOTICE

United Nations Development Programme in Bangladesh announces vacancies for the below positions for "Urban Partnerships for Poverty reduction Projects" under Local Poverty Reduction Cluster:

- Urban Poverty Media Fellow-8 positions (Re-advertisement)

For details of the Job Description and instructions to apply, please visit our website: <http://www.undp.org.bd/jobs>. Applications should be submitted no later than **Wednesday, 28 September 2011**.

Only nationals of this country are eligible to apply. Female candidates are particularly encouraged to apply.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS FOR CIVIL, ELECTRICAL, MECHANICAL, WATER/SANITATION AND EXTERNAL WORKS (IMPROVEMENT OF SUB-STATION & GENERATOR WORKS) - PACKAGE A

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the construction of civil, electrical, mechanical, water/sanitation and external works (improvement of generator & sub-station works) - Package A for its Bangladesh Resident Mission (BRM) office expansion at Plot No. E-31, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207. The expansion will be at the second and third level of the existing two storied building with a built-up area of 1266 sqm (second floor 1100 sqm and third floor 166 sqm.) and a finishing area of 614 sqm.
- National competitive bidding will be conducted in accordance with ADB's single stage: one envelope bidding procedure and is open to all bidders from eligible source countries.
- Bidders must meet the following main criteria to be considered (i) a bidder's net worth, calculated as the difference between total assets and total liabilities, should be positive; (ii) minimum average annual construction turnover of Taka45 million, calculated as total certified payments received for contracts in progress or completed within the last three years; (iii) demonstrated experience under construction contracts in the role of contractor, subcontractor, or management contractor for at least the last five years prior to the bid submission deadline; (iv) demonstrated participation as contractor, management contractor, or subcontractor, in at least one contract within the last three years, each with a value of at least Taka37 million that have been successfully or are substantially completed and that are similar to the proposed works; (v) demonstrate having the key equipment listed in the bid documents; and (vi) demonstrate access to, or availability of, financial resources such as liquid assets, unencumbered real assets, lines of credit, and other financial means, other than any contractual advance payments of minimum Taka10 million.
- The bidding document, in the English language, is available for inspection and may be obtained by interested bidders from the address below upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Taka10,000.00 (or U.S.\$ 135) Sundays-Thursdays from 22 September and until 19 October 2011 (between 9 AM and 4 PM).
- Bids must be delivered to the address below at or before 15.00 hrs. on 20 October 2011. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of Taka1.00 (one) million or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the address below at 15.15 hrs. on 20 October 2011.
- ADB will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by bidders in connection with the preparation and delivery of bids. ADB reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, and to annul the bidding process and reject all bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the bidders.

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