

Myanmar releases 150 prisoners

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Myanmar released dozens of prisoners yesterday as a part of a massive pledge to release more than 6,300 under a mass amnesty.

Among the inmates freed by yesterday afternoon, 150 were political detainees, said Thein Oo, a senior member of the National League for Democracy.

Also released was Maj-Gen Hso Ten, who was sentenced to 105 years in prison on sedition charges in 2005, said the Thailand-based Assistance Association for Political Prisoners.

Myanmar's mass amnesty is one in a series of recent moves that could help the isolated nation normalize relations with Western nations including the United States.

Manmohan pledges new anti-corruption steps

Team Anna welcomes constitutional status for Lokpal

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Indian PM Manmohan Singh, in a new pledge to crackdown corruption, yesterday assured campaigner Anna Hazare that he is committed to bringing about strong laws to curb corruption.

But the prime minister said that such a move needed a political consensus.

In a letter to Hazare, Singh said the government was working on an "exhaustive agenda to fight corruption and improve government".

Law Minister Salman Khurshid was reported as saying Tuesday that the government was mulling making Lokpal a constitutional body as suggested by Congress general secretary Rahul Gandhi.

And Team Anna yesterday cautiously welcomed the government's



reported intention of giving the Lokpal (ombudsman) constitutional status.

"Well, we have been saying that it will be great if Lokpal could be made into a constitutional authority. But making it into a constitutional authority should not prevent it from being made into a

statutory body," Team Anna member Prashant Bhusan told reporters.

He said the team would be happy if the Lokpal was made a constitutional body and the entire provisions of the Jan Lokpal bill - their version of the bill - were included.

Hazare went on a 12-day hunger strike in August to demand the installation of a citizens' ombudsman to crack down on graft.

Hazare, 74, has vowed to continue his campaign until a tougher bill was passed by the parliament. He has also demanded sweeping electoral reforms.

Singh wrote that he hoped that the parliament would soon agree to a citizens' ombudsman, or Jan Lokpal - an independent body with the power to investigate politicians and civil servants suspected of corruption.

US Senate passes 'China' currency bill

China says move will 'seriously' harm relations

AFP, Washington

The US Senate has passed a bill to punish China for alleged currency manipulation, a move Beijing slammed as a "time-bomb" that could start a trade war between the world's top two economies.

Long frustrated at the alleged job-killing impact of China's forex regime, Democratic and Republican senators came together Tuesday to pass the bill, but it faces bleak prospects in the Republican-led House of Representatives.

"We are in trade war. But today we're fighting back," said Democratic Senator Sherrod Brown, one of the bill's champions, defying the White House's refusal to back the bill at a time of renewed global economic unease.

The proposal, powered by a tide of US voter frustration at a sour economy and high unemployment ahead of November 2012 elections, envisions retaliatory duties on

Chinese exports if the value of the yuan is unfairly "misaligned".

But Republican House Speaker John Boehner has signalled that he will not bring the legislation to a vote, calling it "dangerous" to economic relations.

China, accusing the US senators of scapegoating it during an election year, said the bill flouted World Trade Organization rules and would "seriously" harm relations between the world's number one and number two economies.

"It is a serious breach of WTO rules, which cannot solve the US's own economic and employment issues, and will... seriously interfere with Sino-US economic and trade relations," said foreign ministry spokesman Ma Zhaoxu.

The official Xinhua news agency said "what the US Senate did planted a ticking time-bomb that may ignite a potential trade war between the world's two largest economies."

Return people's money

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in a rally in Sylhet where Khaleda said they would construct Padma Bridge free of corruption if voted to power.

Hasina said the opposition leader flanked by war criminals has now been forging movements to save the war criminals and her two corrupt sons.

The prime minister said the rightful share of Teesta water will be realised from India. "Discussion is going on Teesta water sharing. Insha Allah, we will be able to realise the rightful share of Teesta water from India like the Ganga water shar-

ing deal."

Nilphamari district Awami League organised the rally which thousands joined. Party leaders, workers, and supporters of the party from different upazilas and adjacent districts started pouring in since noon to join the meeting considered a counter programme to the opposition's anti-government agitations.

Jatiya Party Chairman HM Ershad, acting General Secretary of Awami League Mahbubul Alam Hanif, lawmakers Asaduzzaman Noor and Khalid Mahmud

Chowdhury also spoke at the rally chaired by district Awami League president Dewan Kamal Ahmed.

Hinting the abolishment of the caretaker system, Hasina said the constitution has been amended to protect the people's democratic right of franchise.

Hasina said Khaleda questioned her religion after she visited the Dhakeswari temple during the Durga Puja festivities. Hasina said she prays five times a day and unlike Khaleda's, her day starts with Fazr prayers in the morning and not around noon.

Referring to last BNP-

Jamaat coalition rule, the prime minister said that Ziaur Rahman only left a broken suitcase and a torn T-shirt for his family. But that broken suitcase has become a magic box and Khaleda Zia amassed crores and is now living a luxurious life.

Hasina said the present government has rooted out terrorism from the country. She claimed that when people live in peace the opposition leader feels uncomfortable.

Referring to recent visit of the Indian prime minister, Hasina said the two countries are working closely to resolve all the unresolved issues. She claimed complexities on border demarcation and the enclave issue have been removed.

She said her government protected the country's independence and sovereignty by resolving the longstanding issues. "I even got 45 bighas of land in Feni for her [Khaleda's constituency] from India through border demarcation."

Hasina accused Khaleda of not doing enough to get the rightful share of the Teesta water even though she was in power for two terms.

Lawmaker Noor, who is from that part of the country, made a number of demands before the prime minister. Hasina said she will introduce Masters and Hons courses at Nilphamari Govt College and Govt Girls' College respectively.

She claimed that when the Awami League assumes power, there is no Monga (acute food and job crisis in the northern districts). She vowed to set up industries and garment factories in the region to help people get rid of Monga permanently.

At the meeting JP chief Ershad demanded the prime minister ensures supply of natural gas in the northern districts.

She expressed gratitude towards the people who voted the Awami League to power.

Khaleda's remark

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war crimes trial, which we felt needed to be responded to. She said if the war crimes trial is to be held then the trial for atrocities committed by Rakkhi Bahini during the early days of our independence must also be held.

Earlier, on various occasions, she made numerous remarks about the war crimes trial, questioning its standard, fairness, and practices. At one stage she even said there were many war criminals within Awami League who must also be tried.

However, her latest remark is in a class of its own, and we as freedom fighters must all react. What does Khaleda Zia mean when she says if the war crimes trial is to be held then the trial for atrocities committed by Rakkhi Bahini must also be held? First, some very general questions: Why should a trial relating to one atrocity be linked with another? Why does one have to be linked to another except to stop the one that is already in the process? Since when does the reckoning of one crime have to be linked to another? Second, without questioning the veracity of her claim, we can ask: are the two crimes comparable? Is it her view that the wholesale slaughter of our people, the crimes against humanity, the murder of hundreds and thousands of innocent men, women and children, the rape of thousands of women, the plunder and destruction of millions of homes, the genocidal activities that triggered one of the largest refugee influxes in the post Second World War era, and the slaughter of our intellectuals are comparable to what Rakkhi Bahini did during the few years of its existence? Even if we admit, for argument's sake, that Rakkhi Bahini committed unspeakable crimes, can that be comparable to the genocide against our people?

We strongly feel that Khaleda Zia has made light of the atrocities of 1971 by equating them with the activities of Rakkhi Bahini. It is extremely disturbing that the fundamental facts of our hard won independence are made a mockery of by such comparisons. We have not forgotten that there was a time when even mentioning atrocities committed against our people was not permitted. We had to say "Hanadar Bahini" and not "Pakistan Army" in identifying those who wanted to obliterate us as a people and as a culture.

Khaleda Zia has every right to ask for the trial for all atrocities committed in the past and we support her demand for an investigation into and trial for crimes committed by Rakkhi Bahini. But when she makes the much coveted war crimes trial conditional on a trial for Rakkhi Bahini crimes then we have no option but to raise high our voice of protest. There are many dark spots in our chequered history, and all such instances should be investigated. The secret trial and death sentences of

many army officers during the regime of Ziaur Rahman should also be looked into.

Our problem lies in the fact that each side demands justice only in the case of those instances that it supports politically, totally overlooking instances of atrocities of serious magnitude just because those do not suit our special view of history.

With all our partisan politics notwithstanding, we expect that at least our Liberation War will be a part of our history that all political parties, except of course Jamaat, will not only accept but feel most proud of. The sacrifices of our people for our independence are a matter that we must hold close to our hearts, and that must be shouted from rooftops with the greatest of pride.

Khaleda Zia must understand that the war crimes trial is not an Awami League demand. It is a people's demand which Awami League articulated and worked to bring about.

The people of Bangladesh have waited for long 38 years to see it take place. It is not just a fact of punishing a few people who worked against our independence and participated in genocide against us. Its significance is far deeper. This trial is a debt we owe as a nation to the millions of our martyrs. Bringing people, who tried to subvert the birth of our state, to justice is a part of the very struggle that brought us freedom. There is no vengeance here but only justice. This is an effort to establish the truth these people and their supporters have tried to deny for the last four decades.

It will be our ardent hope that the leader of the opposition will rethink her position on the war crimes trial and lend her support to what the people desire, and that she will not belittle either our history or our source of national pride by bringing in comparisons that are neither justified nor desirable.

Encephalitis outbreak kills 400 in India

BBC ONLINE

More than 400 people, mainly children, died in an outbreak of viral encephalitis in northern India, health officials said yesterday.

So far 2,300 patients have been admitted to a hospital in the affected Gorakhpur area of Uttar Pradesh state.


A doctor told the BBC that it was a "tragedy beyond imagination" with children dying every day.

Nearly 6,000 children have died of encephalitis in the hospital since the first case was detected in 1978.

Most of the deaths this year have happened since July, doctors say.

The disease occurs regularly during the monsoon in the Gorakhpur region bordering Nepal in the foothills of the Himalayas.

Until 2005, the majority of deaths were caused by Japanese encephalitis, caused by a mosquito-borne virus, doctors say.



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দৈনিক মজুরীর ভিত্তিতে নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

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CORRIGENDUM TO INVITATION FOR BIDS FOR DESIGN, SUPPLY, ERECTION, TESTING AND COMMISSIONING OF EXTENSION OF EXISTING AMINBAZAR AND MEGHNAGHAT 230KV SUBSTATIONS ON TURNKEY BASIS

Ref: IFB No.:01/PGCB/Sec-Design/2011/3743 dated August 02, 2011
Contract No.: PGCB/MEGH-AMIN/SS/1

1. Clause No. 4 is replaced as below:

"4. Bidders shall meet the following minimum requirements along with other requirements as mentioned in the bidding documents:

(a) In-case of Single Entity, the Bidder must have experience for successful completion of at least two (2) comparable contracts (i.e. Design, supply, delivery, installation, testing & commissioning of extension/new substations of minimum two bays of 220 kV or higher voltage AIS/GIS substation on turnkey basis in each contract) as Contractor within the last ten (10) years as on the date of opening of technical proposals of which at least one installation shall be in successful operation for minimum of three (3) years. Among the above two (2) comparable contracts at least one contract shall be for AIS substation.

(b) In case of Joint Venture, only the experience of the partner(s), who have at least 20% share in their Joint Venture, shall be considered for evaluation against the requirements mentioned below:

Any one of the partners of the Joint Venture who have at least 20% share in their Joint Venture must have successfully completed at least two (2) comparable contracts (i.e. Design, supply, delivery, installation, testing & commissioning of extension/new substations of minimum two bays of 220 kV or higher voltage AIS/GIS substation on turnkey basis in each contract) as Contractor within the last ten (10) years as on the date of opening of technical proposals, of which at least one installation shall be in successful operation for minimum of three (3) years. Among the above two (2) comparable contracts at least one contract shall be for AIS substation.

Joint Venture bidders are required to declare their respective percentage of share in their Joint Venture Agreement in the format of "Joint Venture Agreement Form" given in the Bidding Document.

(c) Bidders must also have project management experience (in case of Joint Venture, any one of the partners of the Joint Venture) to demonstrate their management capability in at least one turnkey project (contract amount should not be less than US\$ 5.0 million) outside their own country or in the case of a Bangladeshi Bidder, in Bangladesh or elsewhere within the last ten (10) years as on the date of opening of technical proposals.

The above experiences shall be supported by user's certificates in their letterhead indicating their address, telephone & fax number and details of project (i.e. name, address & nationality of customer; details of Contract, voltage & equipment; completion period, commissioning date/commercial operation Contract value).

(d) Bidders shall provide Audited Financial statements or other forms of Financial Statements such as Balance Sheets/Financial Statements certified by a registered accountant and supported by copies of tax returns for the last three (3) years as documentary evidence regarding Liquid Assets and Annual Turnover with their Bids. The minimum Liquid Assets & Annual Turnover for the Bidder's organization or Joint Venture shall not be less than the following:

(i) Liquid Assets: US\$ 1.0 million for the last year.
(ii) Annual Turnover: US\$ 3.0 million, average for last three (3) years

The Partner in Charge in case of Joint Venture shall meet at least 50% and each partner of the Joint Venture shall meet the amount at least their proportion of share in their Joint Venture Agreement. However, the Joint Venture must fulfil 100% of the requirement maintaining the respective ratio of Partner in Charge and other partners."

All other terms and conditions of above bidding document shall remain un-altered.

Md. Ashraf Hossain
Company Secretary