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Thaksin gets passport back

AFP, Bangkok

Thailand has given its fugitive former premier Thaksin Shinawatra his passport back, the government said yesterday, despite strong opposition from the ex-tycoon's political opponents.

Thaksin, whose sister Yingluck is now prime minister, received the document from the Thai embassy in Abu Dhabi in October, the foreign ministry said.

Ouattara wins I Coast polls

AFP, Abidjan

Ivory Coast President Alassane Ouattara's coalition won a crushing majority in parliament after elections boycotted by followers of his toppled rival Laurent Gbagbo, results showed yesterday.

The election commission's head Youssouf Bakayoko said on public television that Ouattara's Rally of Republicans (RDR) won 127 of the 254 seats up for grabs, with its main ally, the Ivory Coast Democratic Party (PDCI), getting 77.

Manning appears in court

AFP, Washington

Bradley Manning, the US soldier accused of turning over a trove of classified US documents to WikiLeaks, makes his first appearance in court yesterday to determine whether he should be tried on charges which could send him to prison for the rest of his life.

The former intelligence analyst, who turns 24 on Saturday, is scheduled to attend a preliminary hearing starting at 9:00am at the headquarters of the top secret National Security Agency in Fort Meade, Maryland.

The so-called "Article 32 hearing," which could last up to a week, is being held to decide whether Manning, who has been in US military custody for over 18 months, should face a formal court-martial.

Carlos the Jackal gets life in prison

AFP, Paris

A French court Thursday sentenced the notorious Venezuelan militant known as Carlos the Jackal to life in prison, with a minimum of 18 years before parole, for four deadly attacks in France in the 1980s.

He was handed the maximum sentence that had been requested by French prosecutors who had urged the court to find Carlos Ilich Ramirez Sanchez, 62, guilty of the bombings that killed 11 people and left nearly 150 injured.

46 insurgent camps

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the Indian side, while the Bangladesh side was headed by the BGB Deputy Director General Abu Sayeed Khan.

Gandhi said the list of the insurgent's camps contained specific latitude and longitude locations of the camps at several areas in Mymensingh, Sylhet, Chittagong Hill Tracts, besides other regions.

The camps included those of the Ulfa, NSCN (IM), NDFB, ATTF, PLA, GNLA, HNLC and other rebel groups active in the India's northeastern states with demands ranging from secession to greater autonomy and the right to self-determination.

Four northeastern states -- Tripura, Meghalaya, Mizoram and Assam -- share a 1,880km border with Bangladesh. The dense forests, mountainous terrain, unfenced and other hitches make the borders porous and vulnerable.

"In the recent times, Bangladesh has acted against the Indian insurgents. This time too, we are hopeful that they would act against forces which are against India," Gandhi said.

Stating that the meeting between the frontier guards was a cordial one, he said both sides emphasised that BSF and BGB face common trans-border crimes -- criss-crossing of insurgents, terrorists, and smuggling of narcotics and arms.

"We agreed that both the forces should strengthen the combined efforts to put to and end to all these menaces with a firm hand," Gandhi said.

Moreover, Gandhi said both the border forces agreed to strengthen joint

efforts to prevent trans-border crimes and maintain closer cooperation and better understanding between the two forces with constructive engagement at all levels. They also accorded to strengthen confidence building measures and institutional linkages between the two forces.

During the meeting, the BSF officers pressed for early implementation of a coordinated plan to bring about a paradigm shift in border management for both the forces and also to make the life of the border population peaceful and secure, he said.

Meanwhile, India has speed up efforts to complete the fencing along the frontier with Bangladesh by 2013. Five hundred new

border outposts would also be set up.

To maintain effective vigil, the distance between two border outposts is likely to be reduced from 4.5km to 2.8km, IANS quoted the spokesman as saying.

United News of India said that the BGB had asked its Indian counterpart to restrain its border population from killing and injuring unarmed Bangladeshi nationals and trespassing of Indian nationals into Bangladesh territory.

However, the Indian officials defended the BGB's allegations, saying Indian nationals had always exercised maximum restraint and opened fire only as a last resort in self-defence.

Speed up war trial

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Roads near the National Memorial were flooded with people carrying banners with patriotic slogans in their hands and chanting patriotic songs.

However, the day's celebrations were stained when activists of Awami League and BNP clashed in front of the memorial.

The capital had a festive look since early morning. Many buildings, vehicles, thoroughfares and median strips were decorated with the national flag and banners. The national flag was hoisted atop all government, semi-government and other important establishments.

Many demanding trial of war criminals carried effigies of Jamaat-e-Islami leaders Matiur Rahman Nizami and Ghulam Azam with shoes and noose around the necks. Students and teachers of different schools, colleges and universities brought out colourful precessions with patriotic lines written on festoons and banners.

Dressed in red and green, men, women and children flocked various monuments, parks, the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban, Dhaka University campus and other public places to celebrate the day.

The celebrations of Victory Day, a public holiday, began with 31 gunshots at the National Parade Square in the capital at the break of dawn.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina placed a wreath at the National Memorial at 6:30am, while Opposition Leader Khaleda Zia placed her wreath around 7:00am. Hasina also placed a separate wreath as the president of the ruling Awami League.

Cabinet members, lawmakers, Awami League leaders, the chiefs of three defence services, foreign diplomats, high-ranking civil and military officials were present.

Later, Hasina placed another wreath at the portrait of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at the Bangabandhu Memorial Museum in Dhanmondi.

Hasina, who stood in for the president during the Victory Day parade, received the salute from the armed forces at the National Parade Square. President Zillur Rahman could not attend the programme due to ill health.

The parade, a part of the

day-long programme to mark the Victory Day, was attended by the Bangladesh Army, Navy, Air Force, Bangladesh National Cadet Corps, Border Guard Bangladesh, Police, Rapid Action Battalion, Ansar and Village Defence Party, Coast guard, and Fire Service and Civil Defence personnel.

Tanks, canons, surface-to-surface and surface-to-air missiles, recoilless rifles, MiG-29 fighter planes and helicopters showed a glimpse of the nation's military might.

In the afternoon, President Zillur Rahman hosted a reception at the lawn of Bangabhaban, which Hasina and veteran freedom fighters attended.

After placing a wreath at the National Memorial, Awami League General Secretary Syed Ashraf

ADP implementation

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Research Director of Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS) Zaid Bakht said like other years this time also the remaining fund will be spent in a hasty manner at the end of the fiscal year which will cause wastage of resources, and bad quality of project implementation.

ADP allocation in the current FY is Tk 46,000 crore which is about 36 percent higher than last year's revised ADP. In the first five months of the current FY Tk 9,314 crore has been spent.

Zaid Bakht said if the implementation cannot be completed during the dry season it will drag into the rainy season which will hamper the quality of projects.

He said the government always says that various steps will be taken to increase ADP implementation, but in reality no effective step is ever taken. This year a big ADP has been

taken up, but implementation so far has not been satisfactory at all, he added.

An IMED official said foreign aid has been utilised less because development partners have not been releasing funds. A large amount of foreign aid was scheduled to be released for construction of Padma Bridge, but it was suspended by the development partners, he said.

Zaid Bakht said the donors are now more sensitive about corruption and procurement rules. As a result the ministries have been failing to quickly implement foreign aided projects.

A high official of IMED said for quick implementation of foreign aided projects the planning minister recently held a meeting with representatives of the development partners and secretaries of the government.

From the meeting the development partners were requested to increase the

authority of their local offices so that those offices may approve various purchase proposals.

Sixty eight percent of the total ADP was allocated to 10 large ministries. Among them the Power Division spent the highest 35 percent of its allocation, while the Local Government Division spent 30 percent.

The ministries and divisions that spent more than 20 percent of their allocations are the primary and mass education ministry, the Railway Division, and the Roads Division.

The health and family welfare ministry spent 12 percent, and the Bridge Division spent only 3 percent.

The youth and sports ministry, liberation war affairs ministry, post and telecommunication ministry, and the industries ministry spent only 1 to 2 percent. The civil aviation ministry failed to spend even a single taka.

organisations.

Marking the glorious day, newspapers published special supplements while television channels and radio stations broadcast special programmes.

Meanwhile, supporters of Awami League and BNP clashed in front of the National Memorial early yesterday over tearing of banners and festoons when the prime minister was in the memorial.

The clash ensued when activists of pro-Awami League student body Chhatra League's local unit chased rival Chhatra Dal accusing them of tearing off festoons and banners, some eyewitnesses said.

There were some scattered clashes across the country too, mostly over placing wreaths at memorials.



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Executive Director

Vacancy Announcement

Heifer International (www.heifer.org), a US-based non-profit, humanitarian INGO dedicated to working with communities to end hunger and poverty and care for the earth by providing livestock, education and other resources to help poor families become self-reliant, is seeking qualified Bangladesh nationals to fill the following positions:

- Heifer Bangladesh Finance Manager**
- Heifer Bangladesh Program Manager**

For job details and application forms please go to www.hpinepal.org.np!

Interested qualified candidates should apply with a complete **Application Form, Cover Letter, and CV by Tuesday, 27th December 2011** to the Asia/South Pacific Senior Director of Programs via email at asia-southpacific@list.heifer.org.

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted for an interview.



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NOTICE FOR ENLISTMENT

Companies/Firms/Suppliers/service provider/Manufacturers are invited for the enlistment with BASIC Bank Limited for 2012-2013 for work/supply under the following groups:-

SL	Category	Assignment for Works
01.	Interior Decorator/ Supplier	For supply & installation of Interior decoration material, renovation, repair etc.
02.	Designer consultant firms	For design, drawing and supervision of interior works
03.	Security Printing press	For printing & supplying security printing stationeries
04.	Publicity Printing Press	For printing & supplying calendar, Dairy, Annual, Semi annual & others Reports, Brochure, Leaflet etc.
05.	Other Stationery Printing Press	For printing & supplying various Vouchers, Forms, Cards & Register etc.
06.	Air Conditioner Suppliers	For Supplying, Installing and maintaining Air Conditioners
07.	Wooden & other Furniture Suppliers	For Supplying, Installing and repairing of Wooden Furniture
08.	Security Steel Furniture Suppliers	For Supplying, Installing of Vault, Vault door, Locker etc
09.	Other Steel Furniture Suppliers	For Supplying, Installing and repairing of Steel Furniture
10.	Office electrical Equipment suppliers	For Supplying, Installing and repairing of office electrical equipment like-Fax/Photocopier/Note Counting Machine/CCTv system/PABX system/Fake note detector/Scanner etc.
11.	Solar Panel Supplier	For installation of solar panel system.
12.	Office/Table Stationeries suppliers	For Supplying and maintaining of all kinds of Office/Table Stationeries
13.	Sign Board/Banner/Name Plate suppliers	For Supplying, Installing and repairing of all kinds of Sign Board/Name Plate/artwork/Banner
14.	Automated Motor Workshop	For repairing/maintenance of bank's motor vehicles and supplying of spare parts
15.	Semi Automated Motor Workshop	For repairing/maintenance of bank's motor vehicles and supplying of spare parts
16.	Semi manual Motor Workshop	For repairing/maintenance of bank's motor vehicles and supplying of spare parts
17.	Courier Services	For deliver of all parcel and documents of the bank
18.	Event Management Firms	For the arrangements of all events of the bank
19.	Media & Publicity Management Firm	For media coverage of various program of our bank and designing of various publicity material.
20.	Liveries suppliers	For supplying of liveries(shirt, pant, shoes, shocks belt etc)
21.	Radio Link Tower	For installation of radio link tower.

1. Tender schedule for each category with detailed specifications and terms and conditions may be collected from banks head office (Sena Kalyan Bhaban - 5th floor, 195 Motijheel C/A, Dhaka) against payment of Tk.1,000.00(Non-refundable) up to January 05, 2012 on any working day between 10:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M.

2. Sealed documents/papers have to be submitted respective person at the Head Office (Sena Kalyan Bhaban - 5th floor, 195 Motijheel C/A, Dhaka) of BASIC Bank Limited on or before January 20, 2012 by 3:00 P.M.

3. DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO BE SUBMITTED ALONG WITH APPLICATION FORM:

- Valid municipal trade license, Vat registration, up to date income tax clearance and bank solvency certificate.
- Performance certificate in respective field/Trade from any Bank/Financial Institution/reputed organization.
- Membership certificate/License from concerned Authority/Chamber/Trade body/Business/Syndicate /Association/Board.

4. OTHER CONDITIONS:

- No firm will be allowed to apply for enlistment more than 2 (two) groups.
- Interior Decorator/ Supplier Firm should have its own architect and at least 5 years experience.

5. Bank authority reserves the right to accept/reject any or all applications for enlistment without assigning any reason, whatsoever a short list will be prepared among the interested vendors.

N.B: Applications to be enclosed in closed envelop not above the size 8"X3" name of the group applied for must be mentioned on the top of the envelope.

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