

A third of South Asians

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corrupt officers.

"With bribery such a big part of life for south Asians, you can see why so many people are angry at their governments for not tackling corruption," said Rukshana Nanayakkara, senior programme coordinator for the watchdog's south Asia region.

"People are sick of paying bribes to get on with their daily lives, and they are sick of the sleaze and undue influence of public servants."

The survey, entitled "Daily Lives and Corruption: Public Opinion in South Asia" found 62 percent of south Asians believed corruption had got worse over the past three years, with Indians and Pakistanis the most pessimistic.

More than 80 percent, however, said they were willing to take action to end corruption.

"Governments beware. People think corruption is on the rise and are willing to take action against it," said Nanayakkara.

"In 2011, popular protests have sent a strong message to governments. They must respect the voice of their people and encourage citizen engagement."

Some of the largest demonstrations were in India, where millions took to the streets of cities across the country in August in support of an anti-corruption cam-

paign by veteran activist Anna Hazare.

The six countries lag between 86th and 154th in Transparency International's annual Corruption Perceptions Index of 186 nations, in which the least corrupt countries are ranked highest.

According to the survey, the country most plagued by bribery is Bangladesh, where 66 percent report paying bribes to public institutions, mostly just to gain access to services to which they are already entitled.

In India, where the figure was 54 percent, a majority thought their government wasn't doing enough to fight corruption that permeates all levels of society -- requiring bribes for anything from getting a birth certificate to tenders for infrastructure projects.

"People realise that there is a complete lack of political will to check corruption in India... there is corruption at every level," said Anupama Jha, executive director of Transparency International in India.

"This report clearly affirms what the people of the country feel (about) politicians, the police and the legislature -- that the people in India have completely lost faith, which is a cultural concern."

"Yet I feel that if people join hands, the way it is happening in India, things can change," Jha said.

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meeting of the AL-led 14-party ruling alliance at the AL central office in the capital's Bangabandhu Avenue.

On Sunday, a series of homemade bombs went off in central Dhaka as hundreds of activists of BNP and Jamaat clashed with police, smashed more than a dozen vehicles and set some of those on fire.

A 24-year-old youth was killed in a bomb explosion in the capital's Motijheel while another man died when some unruly people torched two vehicles in Sylhet, police said.

The government and the opposition blamed each other for the incident.

Leaders of the alliance yesterday alleged that BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia was out to create instability in the country to bring an evil force to power through unconstitutional means and to save her "corrupt" sons and the war criminals.

The meeting decided to form committees in 100 wards and 19 unions in the city soon to resist the "subversive activities of BNP and Jamaat to protect the war criminals".

It also decided to organise a mass gathering at Suhrawardy Udyan in the city later this month to drum up public support in favour of the war crimes trial.

BNP and its key ally

Jamaat are detached from the people, and are trying to foil the trial of the war criminals by creating unrest, they said.

Speaking as the chief guest, veteran AL leader Amir Hossain Amu said the war crimes trial was a national issue and that the 14-party alliance would prevent all the BNP-Jamaat conspiracies to hinder it.

Khaleda is against the ideology of the freedom fighters. Therefore, freedom fighters involved with BNP politics should quit the party and join the "progressive forces", he said.

AL acting general secretary Mahbubul Alam Hanif and party leader Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya also spoke on the occasion.

Plot hatched in Nepal

Mufti Hannan appeals

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Ratan, among the 52 accused in the cases, had earlier confessed to the crimes, narrating how and why they had planned assassination of the then prime minister and her party leaders and activists.

Hannan gave his confessional statements twice.

The accused submitted the discharge petitions before the Speedy Trial Tribunal-1 when it resumed the hearing on charge framing against the accused including BNP senior vice-chairman Tarique Rahman.

However, details of the petitions were not known immediately as their lawyer would place his submissions on the next date scheduled for hearing.

Earlier that day, the counsel for three former officials of the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) yesterday continued his submissions for the second day in support of discharge petitions.

The petitioners are former assistant superintendents of police Munshi Atiqur Rahman and Abdur Rashid, and former special police super Ruhul Amin, who also investigated the grenade attack cases.

Judge Shahed Nuruddin fixed December 28 for the next hearing.

According to the prosecu-

Sayedee's counsel

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Sayedee to the court.

Manjur Ahmed Ansari said this before the tribunal while cross-examining Sultan in the case filed in connection with crimes against humanity during the Liberation War in 1971.

Acknowledging the fact that he was an accused in three cases, Sultan said he had not given any false statement to get free of the charges against him.

Ansari said Sultan had no specific job and that he had given the deposition, intending to get a regular allowance as a freedom fighter through the recommendation of a lawmaker from Pirojpur.

Kafil Uddin Chowdhury, another counsel for Sayedee, however, told the court that Sultan had given "false statements" out of envy of Sayedee's popularity, and that he had done this under the supervision of ruling Awami League leaders.

Sultan denied all allegations brought against him by the defence counsels.

On Wednesday, the three-member tribunal headed by its Chairman Justice Nizamul Huq recorded Sultan's deposition.

Sultan in his deposition had said Sayedee with other collaborators of the Pakistan army committed crimes, including arson, killing, looting, forced conversion of many Hindus to Islam, and abusing women and handing them over to Pakistani army personnel for immoral purpose.

After the defence lawyers finished the cross-examination of Sultan, the tribunal yesterday fixed December 27 for recording the testimony of the fifth prosecution witness in the case.

Earlier on October 3, the tribunal framed 20 specific charges against Sayedee, including genocide, in the Liberation War.

Sayedee is among the seven- five Jamaat and two BNP leaders- who are being tried in the court for crimes against humanity.

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Position Specific Requirements: i) Bachelor Degree ii) 2 years of Experience iii) Two to three years diploma course in Engineering (Civil); iv) Three years experience in community based construction; v) Strong planning, supervising, community mobilization skills; vi) Ability to travel frequently to other provinces when required; vii) Good reasoning abilities, Sound judgment; viii) Superior interpersonal abilities

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