



In this photo taken yesterday, a car carries a portrait of Kim Jong-il during the funeral procession in Pyongyang. Millions of grief-stricken people turned out to mourn Kim Jong-il, whose death has left the world scrambling for details about his young successor.

PHOTO: AFP

Iran threatens to cut key oil route over sanctions

AFP, Tehran

No oil will be permitted to pass through the key oil transit Strait of Hormuz if the West applies sanctions on Iran's oil exports, Iranian Vice President Mohammad Reza Rahimi warned on Tuesday.

The threat was reported by the state news agency IRNA as Iran conducted navy war games near the Strait of Hormuz, at the entrance of the oil-rich Gulf. "If sanctions are adopted against Iranian oil, not a drop of oil will pass through the Strait of Hormuz," Rahimi was quoted as saying.

"We have no desire for hostilities or violence... but the West doesn't want to go back on its plan" to impose sanctions, he said.

The threat underlined Iran's readiness to target the narrow stretch of water along its Gulf coast if it is attacked or economically strangled by Western sanctions over its nuclear program.

N Korea bids farewell to Kim

AFP, Seoul

Wailing North Koreans Wednesday bade a final farewell to longtime leader Kim Jong-il as his young son and successor walked bareheaded beside his father's coffin through a snowbound Pyongyang.

Tens of thousands of troops bowed their heads as the cortege left the Kumsusan Memorial Palace, where the late strongman's body had lain in state in a glass coffin.

Preceded by a car bearing a huge portrait of a smiling Kim and other vehicles, a limousine carried Kim's coffin -- draped with a red flag and surrounded by white flowers -- on its roof.

His son and "great successor" Jong-Un, dressed in black and gloveless despite the cold, held the side of his father's hearse.

He was accompanied by his influential uncle Jang Song-Thaek; senior ruling party officials Kim Ki-Nam and Choe Thae-Bok; military chief Ri Yong-Ho; armed forces minister Kim Yong-Chun; and Kim Jong-Gak, who is in charge of military administration and organisation.

Analysts said the line-up gave some initial clues about who would influence the young and untested leader as he takes charge of the impoverished and hungry but nuclear-armed nation.

But hundreds of thousands of shivering soldiers and civilians, many weeping bitterly or beating the frozen ground, were seen on state television lining the 40-kilometre route.

"The people bid farewell to father General in great sorrow," read the main headline in ruling party newspaper Rodong Sinmun.

Kim gave North Korea dignity as a country "that manufactured and launched artificial satellites and accessed nukes", the paper's editorial said.

War crimes charges sent back again

FROM PAGE 20 to fix the flaws and submit the charges again next month.

The properly arranged charges against Jamaat Assistant Secretary General Kamaruzzaman have to be placed again by January 12, the three-member tribunal said in its order yesterday.

It said the charges against Jamaat Secretary General Mojaheed be re-submitted by January 16 after rearranging those properly.

Earlier on Monday, the tribunal sent the crimes against humanity charges against former Jamaat-e-Islami Ameer Ghulam Azam back to the prosecution due to flaws in the classification of the charges, and ordered the prosecution to re-submit the properly classified charge sheet by January 5.

Also yesterday, the tribunal headed by its Chairman Justice Nizamul Huq took the charges against another Assistant Secretary General of the party Abdul Quader Molla into cognisance, say-

ing that it found primary elements of offences against him.

It fixed January 29 for further hearing before formal charges are framed against Molla.

Jamaat's Nayeb-e-Ameer Delwar Hossain Sayedee is already undergoing trial on crimes against humanity charges. BNP leader Salauddin Quader Chowdhury, also in prison, is facing similar charges, while his party colleague Abdul Alim, another war crimes suspect, was set on bail for ill health.

The Jamaat and BNP leaders have been accused of collaborating with the Pakistani occupation military in the genocide, rapes, arson and torture of civilian population during Bangladesh's 1971 Liberation War against Pakistan.

The Pakistani troops, in collaboration with their local supporters, killed 30 lakh civilians, raped 2 lakh women and forced more than a crore to flee to neigh-

bouring India before Bangladesh gained victory in its bloody nine-month war on December 16, 1971.

The Jamaat leaders deny the charges of committing crimes against humanity, even though they say their party campaigned for unity of Pakistan.

The trial has come under a scanner with international human rights groups and war crimes experts calling for transparency and fair treatment of the suspects.

Yesterday the tribunal also asked the prosecution to submit relevant documents and papers relating to the charges brought against Molla to its registrar office by Sunday to make those available to the defence counsels.

In a separate order the tribunal fixed January 9 to give its decision on whether to accept the charges brought against Jamaat Ameer Motiur Rahman Nizami.

During the day's hearing that started around 10:40am yesterday, the tribunal said it took time for examining the

charges that the prosecution brought against Nizami.

Talking to reporters the prosecutors admitted there are documentation flaws in the charges they brought against Ghulam Azam, Mojaheed, and Kamaruzzaman.

"The tribunal has asked us to rearrange the charges properly and to resubmit those before it. We will do as per the court's order," prosecutor Syed Haider Ali said.

Chief prosecutor Ghulam Arief Tipoo said he was confident the prosecution will be able to close the gaps found in the charge sheets.

"The counts of charges the prosecution brought against the accused persons are all right. Only these will have to be reorganised," he said.

He hit back at those who asked the prosecutors to resign for alleged incompetence.

"On what basis are they making these claims? They have not even seen the papers and documents," said Tipoo.

Advocate Tajul Islam, a counsel for accused Jamaat leaders, told reporters that the prosecution brought the charges only to harass his clients politically.

Tajul said the accused Jamaat-e-Islami leaders played a role in 1971 to keep Pakistan undivided, but that does not mean that they committed crimes against humanity.

Earlier in the morning, the four detained leaders were brought to the tribunal from prison.

The prosecution submitted formal charges against Nizami, Mojaheed, and Kamaruzzaman before the tribunal on December 11 while the charges against Quader Molla were submitted on December 18.

At least 15 charges of crimes against humanity were brought against each of Nizami and Mojaheed, while around 10 charges were placed against Kamaruzzaman, and seven charges were brought against Quader Molla, prosecutors told The Daily Star.

NEWS IN brief

Saudi beheads man for murder

AFP, Riyadh

A Saudi man was beheaded by the sword in Riyadh for a murder yesterday, the interior ministry said.

Salman al-Ghamedi was found guilty of stabbing to death another Saudi, Ahmed al-Qahtani, following a dispute, the ministry said in a statement carried by SPA state news agency.

The beheading brings to 76th number of executions in Saudi Arabia this year, based on an AFP count.

In September, Amnesty International called on the ultra-conservative Muslim kingdom where 140 people were on death row to establish an "immediate morato-

Sexual assaults rise in US military

AFP, Washington

The number of sexual assaults reported at the country's prestigious military academies rose sharply for the second year in a row, according to a Pentagon report issued Tuesday.

A total of 65 sexual assault cases were reported at the three academies in 2010-11 compared to 41 reports in the previous academic year, the report said.

The 41 reported sexual assaults reported at the academies in 2009-2010 marked a 64 percent increase from the previous academic period, according to Pentagon documents.

Cuba frees five political prisoners

AFP, Havana

Cuba has freed five political prisoners as part of plans to release some 3,000 detainees -- the largest mass pardon in the regime's history -- dissident leaders said Tuesday.

After the latest release, "at least" 50 political prisoners remain behind bars, according to the Cuban Committee for Human Rights and National Reconciliation (CCDHRN), a watchdog that is technically illegal but tolerated by the Americas' only one-party Communist regime.

Around 66 Cubans are currently being held as political prisoners by the regime, including 16 held under

The same allegation

FROM PAGE 20 exchange of "government benefits."

"You have enjoyed the benefits of the government's Ekti Bari Ekti Khamar project; and with the assurance of being listed as a freedom fighter along with other government benefits, you have filed a false case with a Pirojpur court against Delwar Hossain Sayedee and made a false statement before the tribunal against him," Sayedee's counsel Manjur Ahmed Ansari told witness Manik Poshari.

Sayedee, Nayeb-e-Ameer of Jamaat, is facing trial in the International Crimes Tribunal on charges of committing crimes against humanity during the Liberation War in 1971.

In his statement made before the tribunal on Tuesday, Poshari said Sayedee and his fellow collaborators of the Pakistan army went to his house in Chithalia village of Parerhaat in Pirojpur on May 8, 1971 and captured Ibrahim -- a domestic help at his house.

Later they took him to an army camp in Parerhaat. After consulting with Sayedee, Pakistani soldiers shot Ibrahim dead.

Another counsel Mizanul Islam told the witness that he had filed a false case and made false statements against Sayedee to put the blame of Ibrahim's murder on the Jamaat leader.

The lawyer also argued that Ibrahim was killed at a later date than what Poshari mentioned in his statement. According to a case filed by Ibrahim's wife on July 16, 1972, the murder was committed on October 1, 1971, he added.

The defence counsels also insisted that the witness made his statement on instructions of his local lawmaker.

Poshari, however, denied the allegations saying, "I didn't testify based on anyone's advice or by receiving any government benefits."


During cross-examinations of the previous five prosecution witnesses, Sayedee's counsels followed a similar approach to discredit them for their testimonies.

On August 12, 2009, Poshari sued Sayedee and four others in connection with crimes against humanity.

The three-member tribunal headed by its Chairman Justice Md Nizamul Huq finished recording of cross-examination of the sixth prosecution witness yesterday. It will record the deposition of the seventh today.

The 71-year-old accused was in the dock during the proceedings. He is among the five Jamaat and two BNP leaders facing trial in the court.

About three million Bangalees were killed and around two lakh women were violated by the then Pakistani occupation forces and their Bangladeshi collaborators during the nine-month-long Liberation War.



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Invitation for Local Tender

1 Ministry/Division	Ministry of Power, Energy & Mineral Resources/Power Division.		
2 Agency	Dhaka Power Distribution Company Limited (DPDC).		
3 Procuring Entity Name	DGM, Contract & Procurement Circle, Dhaka Power Distribution Company Limited (DPDC).		
4 Procuring Entity District	Dhaka		
5 Invitation for	Supply & Delivery of Four Level Security Paper Seal & Bar Coded Wire Seal.		
6 Invitation Ref. no.	DPDC/DGM(CP&S)/Bar Coded Seal/2011/653		
7 Date	21/12/2011		
Key Information:			
8 Procuring Method	Open Tendering Method (Single -Stage :Two - Envelope).		
Funding Information			
9 Source of Funds	DPDC's own fund (Revenue Budget).		
Particular Information:			
10 Tender Name	Supply & Delivery of Four Level Security Paper Seal & Bar Coded Wire Seal.		
11 Last Selling Date of Tender, with Bid Submission and Bid Opening Date, Time	Last Selling Date	Bid Submission Deadline	Bid Opening date & Time
	30/01/2012	31/01/2012 12:30 noon	31/01/2012 12:30 pm
12 Name & Address of the office for selling, receiving and opening of Tender Document	Selling	Receiving & Opening	
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Information for Tenderer:			
13 Eligibility of Tenderer	a) The Tenderer shall have minimum of 05(five) years of overall experience in supply of electrical goods. b) Lot-1: The Tenderer or the manufacturer of goods shall have experience for supply of minimum 3,00,000 Bar Coded Wire Seal in at least 02(two) contracts within last 05(five) years. Lot-2: The Tenderer or the manufacturer of goods shall have experience for supply of minimum 100,000 pieces of 4-Level Security Paper Seal in at least 02(two) contracts within last 05(five) years. c) Lot-1: The manufacturer shall have a minimum production capacity of Bar Coded Seal is 2,50,000 per month. Lot-2: The manufacturer shall have a minimum production capacity of Four Level Security System is 75,000 per month. d) Lot-1: The satisfactory completion of supply of goods for taka 2,00,00,000 (two crore) in two contract within last 05(five) years to be supported by end user certificates. Lot-2: The satisfactory completion of supply of goods for taka 60,00,000 (sixty lac) in two contract within last 05(five) years to be supported by end user certificates. iv) Tenderer may participate either individual or both lot. v) Other Qualification Criteria's should be as per Tender Document.		
14 Price of Tender Document	Taka 5,000/= (Taka Five Thousands) non-refundable only payable in the form of Pay Order/Bank Draft from any scheduled Bank of Bangladesh in favour of Deputy General Manager, Contract & Procurement Circle, Dhaka Power Distribution Company Limited (DPDC).		
15	Item	Tender Security Amount (Taka)	Location of Delivery
	Supply & Delivery of Four Level Security Paper Seal & Bar Coded Wire Seal.	Lot-1 Tk. 9,00,000.00 (taka nine lac) only. Lot-2 Tk. 3,00,000.00 (taka three lac) only.	CSD (Store), DPDC, Tongi.
16 Completion Time	120 days from the date of signing contract.		
Procuring Entity Details:			
17 Name of Official Inviting Tender	Md. Amanul Haque.		
18 Designation of Official Inviting Tender	DGM, Contract & Procurement Circle, Dhaka Power Distribution Company Limited (DPDC).		
19 Address of Official Inviting Tender	Biddut Bhaban (3 rd floor), 1 Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka - 1000.		
20 Contact Details of Official Inviting Tender	Telephone: 9567258	Fax: 9568349	E-mail: dgmcp@dpdc.org
21	The Procuring Entity reserves the right to accept or reject any/all Tender(s) without assigning any reason whatsoever.		

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