

UK wants to see fair polls

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and strong, independent and accountable institutions to be in place in order to have sustainable democracy and development, particularly in the run-up to the next general elections.

Meanwhile, EU Ambassador in Dhaka William Hana, at a meet-the-press programme at Jatiya Press Club yesterday, said he was encouraged to see the dialogue initiated by the president on the formation of a new Election Commission.

He said such dialogue should continue in order to resolve issues relating to the Election Commission and future general elections.

Replying to a question about the concerns expressed by the leader of the opposition when he met her, British minister Mitchell said the opposition was always critical of the government as part of its job.

Asked to comment on the claim made by the prime minister during his meeting that there was no violation of human rights in Bangladesh, he said the British government always took up cases of violation of human rights in the United Kingdom and it had the reputation of standing against it wherever it happened.

Prof Yunus and Grameen Bank

Referring to his meeting with Nobel Laureate Prof Yunus, Mitchell highly appreciated the Grameen Bank micro credit programme to lift the poor

out of extreme poverty.

"I am placing on records the immense admiration and respect for the work of Prof Yunus by the British government," said Mitchell.

People of Britain have deep respect "for a man who quite literally has altered the lives of millions of people around the world", he said, adding that Prof Yunus contributed significantly in alleviating poverty by helping the poorest of the poor.

Lauding what Prof Yunus has done in Bangladesh and outside to improve the economic condition of the poor, he said "I would like to express my strong support to Prof Yunus. There is also strong support from Britain for Yunus and honour for his very brilliant work."

He also recalled his visit to Grameen Bank and meeting with Prof Yunus around five years back when he (Mitchell) was in the opposition.

"It is a stunning example that Grameen Bank has delivered to many difficult parts of the world in bringing people, especially poor women, out of extreme poverty. This is a record.

"I have known interest rates of Grameen Bank are lower than comparable national banks," he added.

In reply to a question, he said he had expressed his admiration of Prof Yunus during his meeting with Foreign Minister Dipu Moni.

However, the British Minister refrained from making any comment on the

regulation that led to Prof Yunus' departure from the Grameen Bank.

British Taxpayers' money.

On the question of whether he was satisfied with the utilisation of British money in development projects in Bangladesh, Mitchell said he had come here to see that British taxpayers' money was being spent properly to help Bangladesh's poor.

"Britain is having a difficult time for its economy and is trying to bring under control the debts and deficit. We want to see the good value of the British taxpayers' money being spent to alleviate poverty," he added.

"We show zero tolerance to any approach of corruption in our projects," said Mitchell, who visited some UK funded projects in Satkhira yesterday.

About his observation on terrorism in Bangladesh, the British minister said Bangladesh was pretty free from extremism.

British High Commissioner in Dhaka Robert Gibson and Country Representative of DFID Ms Gwen Hines were present at the press conference.

During his three-day visit, Mitchell also met the finance minister, representatives of the private sector, non-government organisations, and civil society, intellectuals and dalit leaders at Manusher Jonno.

In Dhaka, he visited UK-funded projects by UCEP and Brac and also Khulna.

Only 'real' sanctions will stop Iran: Israel PM

AFP, Jerusalem

The current regime of US and EU sanctions against Iran is not enough to force Tehran to halt its nuclear programme, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said yesterday.

Although Western sanctions against the Islamic republic have been stepped up, Israel remains sceptical that Tehran will abandon its nuclear programme without harsh steps against its oil-based economy and its banking sector.

"As long as there won't be real and effective sanctions against Iran's petroleum industry and central bank, there will be no real effect on Iran's nuclear programme,"

Netanyahu told MPs at a parliamentary committee, with his remarks transmitted by a spokesman.

"The current sanctions employed against Iran harm the Iranians, but not in a way that could bring to a halt in the country's nuclear programme," he said.

"Without significant sanctions on the central bank and petroleum exports, Iran will continue to advance its nuclear plans."

Israel has made no secret of its desire to see crippling sanctions in a bid to halt Iran's nuclear programme, which world powers believe masks a weapons drive but which Tehran insists is for civilian energy and medical purposes alone.

Int'l Crimes Tribunal fair

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Commission.

"The government answered these questions many a time and gave assurances that the war crimes trial will be of international standard," he said.

"If it were me, I wouldn't even bother answering such questions", the NHRC Chairman said while addressing a roundtable discussion at CIRDAP Auditorium in the city yesterday.

The Liberation War Museum in association with International Human Rights Clinic at the University of California and Allard K Lowenstein International Human Rights Clinic at Yale Law School organised the discussion on 'Non-Retroactivity of International Crimes Tribunal and Defining the Crimes against Humanity'.

Mizanur Rahman said that the tribunal is a domestic tribunal under the national legal system and it meets international standards, as the "national standards are in compliance with international standards".

Laurel E Fletcher, clinical

professor of Law at the University of California, Berkeley, said such trials run the risk of turning into political show trials, where laws are bent to produce predetermined results.

She highlighted the need for a transparent mechanism through which the civil society can share its views with the tribunal.

"Several international cases show that new pieces of evidence brought in by civil society members actually helped the trial," said Fletcher.

Law Minister Shafique

Ahmed said nobody would be prosecuted only for political revenge.

"I request the international community not to be misled by such false allegations by lobbyists engaged by those accused in the war crimes trial," he said.

Barrister Sara Hossain, honorary director of Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust (BLAST), urged all not to put any form of pressure on the tribunal and allow the trial to move at its own pace.

Under fire

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security was widely questioned following the killing of a student, handed in his resignation to the vice chancellor before noon yesterday, a deadline set by the agitating teachers for his removal.

"I have submitted the resignation letter willingly, considering the welfare of students and the university," Prof Arzu told reporters.

VC Prof Shariff Enamul Kabir confirmed that he had accepted Prof Arzu's resignation.

On January 9, massive protests erupted on the campus after Zubair Ahmed, a student of the English department, succumbed to his injuries that he had suffered from beatings by a group of Bangladesh Chhatra League activists the previous day.

Students and a section of teachers opposed to the vice chancellor took to the streets with a set of demands, including the removal of the proctor and his associates, and punishment of the killers.

The crisis further intensified as Prof Arzu on January 12 allegedly assaulted Prof AA Mamun, president of JU Teachers' Association, at a meeting of the association called to scrutinise the JU

administration's role during and after the attack on Zubair.

Replying to a query at his briefing at the JU Senate Bhaban, Prof Arzu once again claimed that the allegation of assaulting Prof Mamun was nothing but propaganda.

The teachers continued their class boycott yesterday for the third consecutive day. They brought out a protest march and held a rally on the vice-chancellor's office premises at noon.

Later, briefing reporters on the campus, Prof Nasim Akter Hossain, convener of the agitating teachers' platform Shikkhak Samaj, welcomed Arzu Miah's decision to resign.

"We will return to the classrooms and perform other professional activities from tomorrow [today]," she said.

Prof Nasim, however, said the teachers would continue their movement until the administration met their other demands -- removal of the rest of the proctorial body members, punishment of the outgoing proctor, and reconstitution of the committee formed to investigate Zubair's murder.

Students also brought out a procession on the campus yesterday and submitted a memorandum to the VC to press home their demands. They vowed to continue their agitation until the killers got due punishment. JU SYNDICATE SITS

The highest decision making body of the institution at an emergency meeting last evening called upon teachers, students and others concerned to participate in academic and administrative activities as usual.

Chaired by VC Prof Shariff, the meeting also asked the probe committee to get its job done soon and submit a report with recommendations.

Snatched pistol

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around 1:00pm after an unknown person informed him of it over phone.

Those were kept in a shoe-box, he added.

To protest the arrest of former Jamaat-e-Islami ameer Ghulam Azam, the supporters of Jamaat-Shibir on January 12 demonstrated at different parts of the capital, including in Fakirapool Petrol Pump area.

During the demonstration which turned violent, when the patrol inspector and another policeman rushed to the spot on a jeep, the demonstrators threw brickbats at them. The attackers beat the cops indiscriminately and vandalised the vehicle before setting it on fire.

At one stage, they snatched away the pistol loaded with eight bullets from Patrol Inspector Abul Bashar of Motijheel Police Station.

Five policemen, including Bashar, were injured in the incident.

Talking to The Daily Star, Anwar Hossain, DMP deputy commissioner of Motijheel division, said those who had snatched the pistol and the

bullets left those away and also informed the police when they realised that they would not be able to save themselves.

He said they are sure that the Jamaat-Shibir men had snatched the firearm and the bullets during their attack.

"Through analysing video footages from different electronic media and photographs published in several dailies, we have also identified many of the attackers as well as the man whose hand was seen while pulling off the firearm," Anwar said.

He hoped that they would be able to arrest the "snatcher".

Mohammad Haiyatzaman, the OC of Motijheel Police Station, said they have already arrested 14 suspects in this connection. The arrestees include several people who took part in the attack on the law enforcers, he said.

One of them is Solaiman of Hazaribagh, who is suspected to be linked with the snatching of the pistol, the OC said and added, "We have also detected several others who took part in the attack on policemen."

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Memo No. APSC/Pro-29/2012/ 76 Date : 16/01/2012

"Amendment of APSC Tender Enquiry"
(Amendment No.-1)

Tender Name, Enquiry No. & Date	Subject to be Amended	Existing as	Shall be Amended as
Supply of Recirculation Control Valve of Boiler Feed Water Pump with actuator for unit #3 of Ashuganj Power Station Company Ltd. APSC/Pro-1/2011/2009 Dated: 30/11/2011	Last Selling date of Tender Document	18/01/2012 during Office hour	06/02/2012 during Office hour
	Tender closing date & time	19/01/2012 at 12:00 BST.	07/02/2012 at 12:00 BST.
	Tender Opening date & time	19/01/2012 at 12:15 BST	07/02/2012 at 12:15 BST

All other terms & Conditions shall remain unchanged.

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CORRIGENDUM

This is for information to honorable shareholders of R.N. Spinning Mills Limited that Rights Share subscription will be started from 19th February 2012 instead of 17th February 2012 since 17th February is listed holiday (Friday) & remaining information will be unchanged. We are regrets for unintentional mistake.

Date: January 17, 2012

Dhaka

Sd/-

Md. Humayun Kabir, ACMA

Director (Finance) & Company Secretary

Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP) Chameli House, 17 Tophkhana Road, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh				
Invitation for International Tender, ICT (Goods) (Re-Tender)				
1.	Ministry/Division	Not Applicable		
2.	Agency	Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP)		
3.	Procuring Entity Name	Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP)		
4.	Procuring Entity Code	Not Applicable		
5.	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka		
6.	Invitation for Tender	Supply, installation, testing & commissioning of Personal Computers, Server, Sound System, Multimedia System etc.		
7.	Invitation Ref No and Date	Memo No. CICTF-1/36 Date: 16/01/2012		
Key Information				
8.	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)		
Funding Information				
9.	Budget & Source of funds	Ministry of Rural Development, Govt. of India		
10.	Development Partner	National Institute of Rural Development (NIRD), India		
Particular Information				
11.	Project/Programme Code	CIRDAP ICT Centre		
12.	Tender Package No	CICT-I		
13.	Tender Package Name	Supply, installation, testing & commissioning of Personal Computers, Server, Sound System, Multimedia System etc.		
14.	Tender Publication	17-01-2012		
15.	Tender Last Selling Date	14/02/2012	Time: Upto 16.00 hours (BST)	
16.	Tender Closing Date and Time	15/02/2012	Time: 12.00 hours (BST)	
17.	Tender Opening Date and Time	15/02/2012	Time: 12.15 hours (BST)	
18.	Name & Address of the office(s)	Address		
19.	a. Selling Tender Document	IC Division, CIRDAP, Chameli House, 17 Tophkhana Road, Dhaka		
	b. Receiving Tender Document	D(ICC), CIRDAP, Chameli House, 17 Tophkhana Road, Dhaka		
	c. Opening Tender Document	1) GSM Room, CIRDAP 2) Tenderers and their authorized representatives are allowed to attend.		
Eligibility of Tenders		Manufacturers/Dealers/Local Agents can participate for this tender having valid Trade License/VAT/TIN certificate & Bank solvency certificate, 5 years of experience certificate supplying similar types of equipment.		
20.	Brief Description of Works	Supply, installation, testing & commissioning of Personal Computers, Server, Sound System, Multimedia System etc.		
21.	Brief Description of Related Services	As per description in the Tender Document.		
22.	Price of Tender Document	TK. 3,000/- (Taka Three Thousand only) or US\$40 (Forty Dollar) per set Tender schedule in cash or DD (Non refundable)		
	Lot No.	Identification of Package & Lot	Unit	Tender Security Amount
23.	1	Personal Computers	27	US\$2000
		Laptop	04	
		Laser printer	03	
		Scanner	01	
		True On Line UPS	01	
		Router	01	
		Switch (L3 & L2)	05	
		Server	01	
		Wall Mounted Rack	05	
		Server Rack	01	
		UPS (1200VA)	35	
		Network Installation, 100 Nodes	01 job	
24.	2	Sound System	01	US\$300
		Multimedia Projector, Screen, Pointer and Training Board	01 each	
		Digital SLR Camera	01	
		LCD TV	01	
25.	3	Application and Utility Software	07	US\$300
		Web Portal Development & Maintenance	01 job	
Procuring Entity Details				
26.	Name, Designation of official inviting tender (Contact Details of Official)	Dr. Vasanthi Rajendran, Director (ICD), CIRDAP, Dhaka-1000 Phone: +88-02-9556131 (Direct); Fax : 9562035 PABX: 7169824-5, 9558751 Ext. 213		
27.	Special Instructions	a) The authority reserves the right to accept or reject all or any Tenders without showing any reason whatsoever. b) If the Tenderer submits any false/incorrect or forged certificate, the tender security may be forfeited. c) This tender notice is brief and the details of the Tender can be seen from the office of the under signed during the office hours. d) CIRDAP is exempted from custom duties. e) Mode of payment is through L/C for goods supplied from abroad.		

Director (ICD), CIRDAP