

Romney-Santorum clash apprehended in Ohio

AP, Flint

Regardless of the outcome of Republican presidential primaries in Michigan and Arizona today, Mitt Romney and Rick Santorum appear headed for a showdown next week in Ohio.

Both candidates plan to dash there later this week. The candidates and their allies already are spending heavily on advertising in the Buckeye State. It's one of 10 that vote a week from today, with 419 delegates to the Republican National Convention at stake.

"An awful lot of Ohioans are just tuning in to this," said Terry Casey, a veteran Republican campaign strategist in that state. "It's going to be a sprint."

Beyond Ohio, Romney was looking to contests in the West while Santorum focuses on the South.

Rival Newt Gingrich, seeking to inject momentum into his struggling bid, was working to make his stand in his former home state of Georgia and nearby Southern states that also vote



Mitt Romney on the mega-contest day of March 6. The former House speaker told reporters Sunday: "We hope to win in Georgia, we hope to do well in Oklahoma and Tennessee. We may surprise people in Idaho. We think we have a real fighting chance in Ohio."

Ron Paul also planned events in upcoming states, showing no willingness to abandon his quest to rack up enough delegates to ensure his followers have a voice at the late-summer convention and that the Republican Party which once spurned him welcomes him back into the fold.

All of the divergent strategies suggest the race could go deep into March - if not beyond - without giving any of the

candidates a significant edge. It's a scenario that all the candidates are anticipating.

"Look, this is going to be a long race, and there's going to be some ups and downs," Santorum, a former Pennsylvania senator, said Sunday on ABC's "ThisWeek."

On "Fox News Sunday," Romney, a former Massachusetts governor, chimed in with: "How long the process goes on, I think it's hard to predict."

Gingrich argued that a drawn-out campaign would give states like California, which holds its primary June 5, a large role in the nominating contest.

Heading into today's contests, Romney leads in the race to amass the most delegates with 123. Santorum has 72, while Gingrich and Paul have 32 and 19, respectively. The totals include endorsements from Republican National Committee members who will automatically attend the party's national convention and can support any candidate they choose.

Filmmaker Kumkum passes away

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From numerous diseases including kidney-related problems and breathed his last at Apollo Hospitals around 11:00am.

Alamgir, also a cultural organizer and former cultural affairs secretary of Awami League (AL) central working committee, left behind his wife, son, daughter and a host of relatives, admirers and well-wishers to mourn his death.

His first namaz-e-janaza was held at his residential area at Rampura's Wapda road after Asr prayers while the second one was held at Bangladesh Television complex at Rampura around 5:30pm.

His third namaz-e-janaza was held at Bangladesh Film Development Corporation around 6:30pm. Later Alamgir's body was taken to

Awami League central office at Bangabandhu Avenue around 7:30pm where the fourth namaz-e-janaza was held.

His body is kept at Birdem mortuary and will be taken to the central Shaheed Minar around 11:00am today to enable his well-wishers and fans from all walks of life to pay their last tribute.

Alamgir will be laid to rest at Banani Graveyard in the city. A pall of gloom descended in the cultural arena after the news of his demise went out. Grief-stricken relatives, friends, cultural personalities, and acquaintances rushed to his house to convey sympathy to the bereaved family.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina expressed profound shock at his death and said the nation will always remember his contributions to the devel-

opment of culture. In a message of condolence, she prayed for eternal peace of the departed soul and conveyed deep sympathy to the bereaved family members.

The filmmaker directed around 40 movies, including 'Amar Jonmohumi' based on the country's Liberation War.

He was involved with Chhatra League, the party's student wing, during his student life. Besides being a filmmaker, he was also involved in different cultural movements.

Chief Whip Abdus Shahid, AL acting General Secretary Mahbubul Alam Hanif, Gono Forum President Dr Kamal Hossain, Bangabandhu Sangskritik Jote and Dhaka Union of Journalists also expressed deep shock at his death.

Controversies can be costly

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President Zillur Rahman, who assumed the presidency in February 2009, pardoned in November in the same year sentences Shahadab Akbar, son of deputy leader of parliament Syeda Sajeda Chowdhury.

Shahadab was sentenced to 18 years' imprisonment and fined Tk.1.6 crore in absentia in four cases filed by the Anti-Corruption Commission and National Board of Revenue during the tenure of the last caretaker government. The presidential pardon drew widespread criticism.

The criticism, however, did not lead to a careful exercise of the presidential power of pardon in subse-

quent times. In September, 2010, the president granted pardon to 20 death row inmates of the Jubo Dal leader Sabir Ahmed Gama killing case. Most of them were Awami League adherents and activists. The clemency again triggered huge hue and cry.

Again, in July 2011, he granted controversial mercy to AHM Biplob, the son of ruling AL leader Abu Taher of Laxmipur and a death row inmate in the much-talked-about Nurul Islam murder case.

Biplob appears to be a most fortunate man as the president has granted him mercy for the second time in seven months. This time,

Biplob's life sentence in each of two murder cases has been reduced to a 10-year imprisonment.

Zillur's predecessor Iajuddin Ahmed had pardoned in 2005 Mohiuddin Jhintu, who was president of the then ruling BNP's Sweden chapter.

Jhintu was sentenced to death two decades ago in a double murder case, but the other convict in the same case had been executed before Jhintu was pardoned by the then president.

The presidential clemency at that time triggered widespread criticism.

The then main opposition Awami League launched a blistering attack in and outside parliament on the then BNP-led government over the grant of clemency.

But this time, ruling AL leaders and lawmakers have chosen to remain silent about the presidential clemency awarded over the last two years.

In the current parliament, the parliamentary standing committee on the law ministry has finally shelved its plan in January 2010 to look into the process of granting presidential mercy to Jhintu to avoid a

discussion on the presidential clemency to Shahadab Akbar.

When Zillur Rahman, a seasoned politician, took over the presidency in February 2009, it was expected that he would work to brighten the image of Bangabhaban. His predecessor Iajuddin badly failed to uphold the dignity and integrity of the office of president, which is not only the symbol of the country's heritage but also plays an important part in the history of Bangladesh.

But the wholesale presidential clemency to ruling party men has pushed the presidency into political controversy, undermining people's expectations of it. And it has also raised questions about the presidential power to pardon, which though, according to legal experts, is necessary for peace and good governance.

Article 49 of the Constitution provides that the President shall have power to grant pardons, reprieves and respite and to remit, suspend or commute any sentence passed by any court, tribunal or other authority.

The philosophy of this

power, according to legal experts, is to afford relief from undue harshness or evident mistake in judicial proceedings. The administration of justice by the courts may not always be wiser or be certainly considerate of circumstances. To provide remedy in such case, the presidential power to pardon is used.

Like other powers, the president has to exercise this power on the advice of the prime minister. So, it largely depends on the prime minister whether s/he wants to contribute to upholding the image of the presidency by averting a mindless use of this extraordinary presidential power to pardon. In that case, the role of the law and home ministries is also crucial.

Similarly, the president should also do something to avert such unpleasant situations regarding to the use of this power. In granting pardon, the president may use his office to scrutinize the evidence and facts before acting only on the advice of the prime minister. Like the premier, the president also took the oath of the office to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution.

War-time footage shown at ICT

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Liberation War. But none of the nine video clips presented yesterday mentioned anything about the former Jamaat chief, who was present in the dock.

Tajul Islam, one of the defence counsels for the former Jamaat chief, following the proceedings told reporters that the video footage did not prove any connection of Ghulam Azam to the atrocities committed during the war.

However, prosecutors Zead Al Malum and Rana Dasgupta at a press briefing told journalists that they did not show anything regarding Ghulam Azam due to "strate-

gic" reasons. The clippings were only a "trailer" of the things that would be presented in future, Malum said.

Ghulam Azam, 89, is facing charges on 62 specific crimes against humanity committed during the war. He is one of the front men who actively helped the Pakistani occupation forces' attempt to foil the birth of Bangladesh in 1971.

Apart from Ghulam Azam, six other Jamaat-e-Islami leaders and two BNP leaders are now facing war crimes charges at the tribunal.

However, following an appeal from the defence, the

three-member tribunal led by its Chairman Justice Md Nizamul Huq yesterday passed an order saying that Ghulam Azam, due to his old age and ailments, would not have to be present during the court's proceedings in the future unless his presence is required.

The tribunal also fixed March 6 for hearing arguments from the prosecution, which has finished placing the formal charges against the former Jamaat chief.

It, however, fixed March 12 for hearing the arguments from defence counsels, who earlier appealed for more time to get prepared.

No fair polls

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At a roundtable styled 'Challenges Ahead of the New Election Commission' yesterday. The roundtable was organised by Shushashoner Janney Nagorik (SHUJAN), an NGO working for establishing good governance, at the National Press Club.

Talking on the challenges of the new Election Commission, he said the commission will have to perform its duties properly to earn people's faith.

"People are the owner of all power and you [election commissioners] are the trustees of their power. It is your responsibility to protect this custodial trust to gain public faith," he observed.

On violation of the Representation of People Order (RPO) by different political parties, he urged the EC to implement the law strictly without any hesitation.

Criticising the two major political parties, Dr Kamal said the culture of "sick politics" prevails in the country because politics has been polluted by black money, arms and muscle power.

"It is not possible to establish democracy by such sick politics. So we will have to cure the politics," he said.

Addressing the roundtable, immediate past election commissioner M Sakhawat Hossain said the next general election is the major challenge for the new EC because it is uncertain under which system it will be held.

"It would be better if the new commission takes forward the task we had initiated during our tenure," he added.

Another former election commissioner M Sohul Hussain mentioned different activities of their tenure and said they could not strictly enforce several laws apprehending chaotic consequences.

Shujan Secretary Badiul Alam Majumdar placed an 11-point recommendation for amendment to the existing electoral laws.

The recommendations include keeping the provision of 'No' vote in parliamentary elections, making it mandatory for all parties to publish names of all leaders and activists on their website, and giving financial freedom to the EC.

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পরিচালকের কার্যালয়
ময়মনসিংহ মেডিকেল কলেজ হাসপাতাল
স্মারক নং-মমকহা/২০১২/১৩৪৩১ তারিখঃ ২৪/০২/২০১২ইং

বিজ্ঞপ্তি

ময়মনসিংহ মেডিকেল কলেজ হাসপাতালে ৩য় শ্রেণীর বিভিন্ন পদে কর্মচারী নিয়োগের লিখিত পরীক্ষায় অংশগ্রহণকারী পরীক্ষার্থীদের অবগতির জন্য জানানো যাইতেছে যে, লিখিত পরীক্ষার ফলাফল অনিবার্য কারণবশতঃ স্থগিত ঘোষণা করা হইল। লিখিত পরীক্ষার ফলাফল এবং মৌখিক ও ব্যবহারিক পরীক্ষার তারিখ পরবর্তীতে পত্রিকার মাধ্যমে জানানো হইবে।

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**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH
HIGH COURT DIVISION
(STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)**

**COMPANY MATTER NO. 41 OF 2012
IN THE MATTER OF:**
An application under section -12 read with section -13 of the companies Act, 1994 for confirmation of the amendment of the Object Clause of the Memorandum of Association. -AND-
Hamza Textiles Limited represented by its Managing Director, Registered Office:102 Green Road, Police Station: Tejgaon, Dhaka, Bangladesh.Petitioner

-VERSUS-
The Registrar, Joint Stock Companies and Firms. Respondent

NOTICE
This is to notify all concerned that **Hamza Textiles Limited** has filed an application under section-12 read with section-13 of the Companies Act, 1994 before the Company Bench of Hon'ble Supreme Court of Bangladesh, High Court Division, for confirmation of the amendment of the Object Clause of its Memorandum of Association. Upon preliminary hearing his lordship, Mr. Justice A.F.M. Abdur Rahman of the said Hon'ble Court, was pleased to admit the application by an order dated 22nd February-2012. Any person interested to contest the matter is requested to appear in the court either personally or through authorized representative. The Copy of the petition may be obtained from the undersigned upon payment of copying cost.

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**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BANGLADESH
HIGH COURT DIVISION
(STATUTORY ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)**

**COMPANY MATTER NO. 40 OF 2012
IN THE MATTER OF:**
An application under section -12 read with section -13 of the companies Act, 1994 for confirmation of the amendment of the Object Clause of the Memorandum of Association. -AND-
Dulal Brothers Limited represented by its Managing Director, Registered Office:102 Green Road, Police Station: Tejgaon, Dhaka, Bangladesh.Petitioner

-VERSUS-
The Registrar, Joint Stock Companies and Firms. Respondent

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Dozens of relatives of Tunisian revolution's victims brandish portraits of their loved ones as they demonstrate outside the Ministry of Defence yesterday in Tunis, calling for justice and compensation.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Ministry of Primary & Mass Education
Bureau of Non-Formal Education
232/1, Tejgaon Industrial Area, Dhaka-1208
www.bnfe.gov.bd

No. 38.303.007.14.00.091.2011.50 Date: 26/02/2012

Invitation for Tender

1. Ministry/Division	Ministry of Primary & Mass Education (MOPME).
2. Agency	Bureau of Non-Formal Education (BNFE).
3. Procuring entity name	Director (Admn, Finance & Logistic), BNFE.
4. Procuring entity district	Dhaka.
5. Invitation for tender	Supply and installation of Computer, Printer and UPS.
6. Tender No. & date	Tender No. 01 Date:
7. Invitation Ref. No.	BNFE/Log/Computer Purchase/91/Part-2/2011/ Date:

KEY INFORMATION

8. Procurement method	NCT, Open Tendering Method (OTM).
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FUNDING INFORMATION

9. Budget and source of funds	GOB Revenue.
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PARTICULAR INFORMATION

10. Tender name	Supply and installation of Computer, Printer and UPS.
11. Tender last selling date	27-03-2012, Time: 2:00pm.
12. Tender closing date and time	29-03-2012, Time: 2:00pm.
13. Tender opening date and time	29-03-2012, Time: 3:00pm.

14. Name & address of the office(s)	
Selling tender document (principal)	Office of the Director General, BNFE, 232/1, Tejgaon I/A, Dhaka-1208.
Selling tender document (others)	Office of the Director General, Directorate of Primary Education, Mirpur-2, Dhaka-1216.
Receiving tender document	Office of the Director General, Bureau of Non-Formal Education, 232/1, Tejgaon I/A, Dhaka-1208.
Opening tender document	Office of the Director General, Bureau of Non-Formal Education, 232/1, Tejgaon I/A, Dhaka-1208.

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

15. Eligibility of tenderer	Renowned manufacturer/sole distributor/sole agent.
16. Brief description of goods	Package-A- Desktop Computers (Unit-27); Package-B.1. Networking Printer (Unit-01). 2. Laser Printers (Unit-20); Package-C. Off Line UPS with Automatic Voltage Regulator 1000VA (Unit-27) Package-D. Licensed Antivirus Software (1 Server with 51 Users).
17. Price of tender document	Tk 1000.00 (one thousand) in cash (non-refundable).

Package No.	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security amount	Completion time
(A) 1, 2A	Desktop Computers (32 Nos.)	Director (Admn, Finance & Logistic), 232/1, Tejgaon I/A, Dhaka	Tk 40,000.00	Ten (10) days from the date of contract signature
(B) 1, 2	Laser Printers (24 Nos.) & Networking Printer (01 No.)	Director (Admn, Finance & Logistic), 232/1, Tejgaon I/A, Dhaka	Tk 4,000.00	Ten (10) days from the date of contract signature
(C)	Off Line UPS with Automatic Voltage Regulator 1000VA (32 Nos.)	Director (Admn, Finance & Logistic), 232/1, Tejgaon I/A, Dhaka	Tk 4,000.00	Ten (10) days from the date of contract signature
(D)	Licensed Antivirus Software (1 Server with 51 Users)	Director (Admn, Finance & Logistic), 232/1, Tejgaon I/A, Dhaka	Tk 4,000.00	Ten (10) days from the date of contract signature

19. Tenders are being invited either for a single lot or for any combination of lots and the tender security shall be submitted for each lot.

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

20. Name & designation of official inviting tender:	Director (Admn, Finance & Logistic), BNFE, 232/1, Tejgaon I/A, Dhaka-1208.
21. Address of official inviting tender:	Director (Admn, Finance & Logistic), BNFE, 232/1, Tejgaon I/A, Dhaka-1208.
22. Contact details of official inviting tender:	9863078, 9892739, 9863076, Fax: 9863077.
23. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject any/all tender(s) without assigning any reason whatsoever.	

Note: In under any unavoidable circumstances tender documents selling, receiving and opening are not possible on the fixed date as stated above then the next working day will be applicable for the same respectively. All other terms and conditions will remain unchanged.

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