

Relaxed hartal

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buses, CNG-run auto-rickshaws, private cars and other vehicles moving on the city roads and thoroughfares during hartal hours.

Commuters alleged that they had to pay extra while travelling in public transports during the time.

However, most of the business establishments and shopping centres on the main streets remained closed until midday.

Of the detained, 10 people were picked up from Chandgaon, nine from Panchlaish and six from Kotwali areas.

Mahmud Ullah, press and publication secretary of Chittagong city unit of Jamaat, said of the arrestees, 15 were activists of Jamaat and its student wing Islami Chhatra Shibir.

Sheikh Shariful Islam, assistant commissioner of Panchlaish zone of Chittagong Metropolitan Police, said one Mainul was arrested with a petrol bomb in front of N Mohammad Plastic Industries in Mohammadpur area around 7:00am. Eight others were picked up from different places under Panchlaish Police Station during hartal hours.

He said Chandgaon police picked up 10 pro-hartal activists from different areas under their jurisdiction.

Two students of Chittagong College were held

for blocking road in front of the college, said Mohiuddin Selim, officer-in-charge of Kotwali Police Station.

Sadip Kumar Das, inspector of the police station, said they had arrested four others from DC Hill premises on information that Jamaat activists had brought out a short procession in Nandan Kanan area around 11:00am and vandalised a CNG-run auto-rickshaw.

The hartal was enforced in protest of a Chittagong court order that sent Jamaat lawmaker ANM Shamsul Islam to jail on Tuesday in an arson case instead of granting him bail.

The case was filed under the speedy trial act for torching vehicles at Wasa intersection of the port city on May 13 during a series of clashes between law enforcers and BNP-Jamaat activists and supporters.

At least 100 people were injured, three cars were set ablaze and around 50 vehicles were vandalised during the two-hour clashes.

A total of six cases were lodged against more than 2,000 leaders and activists of BNP-led 18-party opposition alliance in connection with the violence.

In the arson case, Kotwali police submitted charge sheet to the Metropolitan magistrate's court on May 23 accusing 23 people including the Jamaat lawmaker.

I'm fearful of its future

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on how to run the organisations in future.

"I can see clearly that the future of Grameen Bank will be at stake if the government increases its role in the bank's management by amending the legal structure," Yunus said in the 24-page letter.

The terms of reference, given to the commission, raise fears that Grameen Bank will never be the same again, according to Prof Yunus.

The commission has been assigned to identify Grameen Bank's institutional strengths, weaknesses and constraints over the 27 years from its inception in 1983 to 2010.

Yunus, who along with the Grameen Bank won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2006 for his work making small loans to poor entrepreneurs, said the poor women were the real owners of the bank and they had the supreme authority to make decisions on the bank.

"To take away the decision-making power from the poor women and their ownership would derail Grameen Bank from its mission," said the founder of the bank.

Any step to change the current structure of the bank will turn it into another government run or directed bank which will destroy the unique

nature and character of Grameen Bank, said Yunus.

The Nobel laureate stressed the need for keeping up the current law, management structure and work policy through which Grameen Bank had become one of the renowned organisations around the world.

"Grameen Bank is a disciplined bank. If it becomes a government organisation, different conflicts and vested interests, including politicisation and bureaucratisation, may infiltrate the bank," Yunus said.

He questioned how it would be possible for the commission to complete its huge task with its inadequate manpower in just three months.

"If the commission gives wrong advice due to time constraints and lack of experience in the field of micro-credit, the consequences might be terrible for poor Bangladeshi women, who own 97 percent of the bank," he said.

"This type of task is usually given to the best researchers of the best research organisations as a long-term project. To prepare the inquiry report, it is necessary to confer with people who have set up and managed such organisations. It is also necessary to talk to such organisations

and those who are familiar with its operations."

About the other organisations, Yunus said, Grameen Bank did not establish any organisation itself as the law does not permit the bank to do so.

Yunus said he had created many organisations on his own initiative to address problems surrounding education, agriculture, communication, electricity and health.

"There are reasons behind the creation of these organisations. When we go to work with poor people we have to face many problems besides loans," said Yunus.

"When I faced problems, I created a company as a way of solving them. I got such a mechanism in place so that they could operate from their own earnings and without counting on others. In that way, if any company fails, it will not take others down with it," he said.

These companies have not been created for anyone to earn profit from them. There is no scope for making personal profit from these organisations, he said.

"I have no share or ownership in Grameen or any of these companies. I also have no share in Grameen Bank. So there was no scope for me to get profits from these

companies, neither before nor now."

Yunus said there should be a national consensus about Grameen Bank as it is an organisation of national pride.

"Regardless of your political affiliation or profession or age or any other circumstance you may find yourself in, we can make an effort together as citizens of Bangladesh to convince the

government that changing the legal structure of Grameen Bank will most definitely be a wrong decision," he said.

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HC summons 8 police officers

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hours containing details of the responsible police officers including their records, and what steps had been taken against them in connection with the incident.

In the rule, it asked the authorities concerned of the government to explain within two weeks as to why appropriate actions should not be taken against the police officials responsible for the incident.

It also asked the victims to be at the court on that day and assist the court in delivering a rule. The victims include the family and lawyers and newsmen who were injured in police truncheon charge.

The High Court bench of Justice AHM Shamsuddin Choudhury Manik and Justice Jahangir Hossain Selim came up with the order following publication of news items by newspapers on the incident yesterday.

On Tuesday, some police officials of Kotwali Police Station sexually assaulted, beat up and harassed a teenage girl, her father and mother inside the Police Club and in front of the Dhaka magistrate's court.

The cops confined the 15-year-old girl to a room of the

police club and sexually assaulted her allegedly for protesting against the police claim of her father's motor-bike being a stolen one.

After the assault, when she was talking to newsmen about her ordeal, police charged truncheons on her and beat up six journalists and four lawyers. They then picked up the girl, her father, mother and two lawyers and took them to Kotwali Police Station for no apparent reason.

Ain O Salish Kendra took the family into their custody Tuesday evening.

The bench yesterday requested Sultana Kamal, Ain O Salish Kendra chief, to be present before the court along with the girl and her father and mother on June 6 to assist it in issuing a rule.

It asked the journalists and lawyers, who were assaulted and injured by the police during the incident, to be present at the court and provide it with necessary information the same day.

Prashanta Kumar Karmaker, court reporter for daily Prothom Alo, MA Jalil of daily Kaler Kantha, Tuhin Hawlader of Bangladesh Pratidin, and lawyers Shakhawat Hossain Taslim and Rashedul Islam Raju

were assaulted during the police attack.

The girl and her parents went to Kotwali Police Station yesterday evening to file the case. Police kept them waiting until 11:55pm before they accepted the case.

The mother, complainant of the case, named only two policemen in the case.

Meanwhile, Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Bikash Kumar Saha held a meeting yesterday with leaders of Dhaka Court Reports' Association (DCRA) and police officials Harun-or-Rashid, Rajib Al Masud and Salauddin Khan around 2:00pm yesterday.

The police officials present at the meeting were respondents to the High Court rule.

In the meeting, president of Dhaka Bar Association Md Borhanuddin and its general secretary Mohammad Ali Hossain and Dhaka Metropolitan Public Prosecutor Abdullah Abu were also present.

The lawyers and journalists at the meeting demanded that Deputy Commissioner Harun punishes police personnel, including OC Salauddin, responsible for Tuesday's incident.



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(ii) Pubali Bank Limited reserves the right to accept partly or fully any quotation or reject any or all quotations without assigning any reason whatsoever and is not bound to accept the lowest quotation.

SK. Golam Mohammad
General Manager

Ministry asked

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office in the capital.

The ministry in February formed a seven-member investigation committee headed by Rahim to probe the irregularities in the business group.

At least three of its sister companies have invested more money than the paid up capital of the respective firms, revealed the report.

The probe body also found Destiny Multipurpose Cooperative Society Ltd involved in illegal banking activities, a senior official of the commerce ministry told The Daily Star yesterday, seeking anonymity.

The report suggested the government audits the company by a chartered accountancy (CA) firm to further investigate the matter.

Destiny has transferred significant proportion of shares to its sister concerns without permission of the RJSC, added the official.

Another of its concerns, Destiny Tree Plantation Ltd has been running its business suspiciously as it has inked agreements with many people for different tenures, mentioned the report.

Even the deals were not entered in a proper way for doing the business.

The commerce ministry will soon discuss the details of the report to decide the next course of action.

The report, however, did not clarify many aspects of its findings, said the ministry official. "Several other govern-

ment departments including the National Board of Revenue (NBR) and Department of Cooperatives are investigating into the matter."

Earlier in a meeting on April 17, Commerce Secretary Ghulam Hussain had recommended Finance Minister AMA Muhith form a commission for probing the anomalies in Destiny Group. Submitting the primary report last month, Registrar of RJSC Ahmedur Rahim had also suggested the commerce ministry constitute a commission.

Despite repeated efforts, The Daily Star could not reach Rahim over the phone for his comments on the report.

Various newspapers recently reported the irregularities of Destiny-2000, a concern of the group, after a Bangladesh Bank inquiry found proof of illegal banking by Destiny Multipurpose Cooperative Society Ltd.

The cooperative has seen an astronomical rise in its capital, investment and profit since 2009.

The company's paid-up capital had increased to nearly Tk 300 crore in 2009-10 from Tk 5.53 crore a year ago. The figure jumped to nearly Tk 1,200 crore in 2010-11.

Destiny Group posted a staggering 354 percent increase in its net profit in 2010-11 from that of a year ago.

These figures, however, are not certified by any chartered accountant and can easily mislead people, said a Bangladesh Bank report.

UK minister

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The worrying thing is that nobody knows what has happened to Ilias Ali, he said, adding Bangladesh had made some progress in ensuring human rights, but some aspects are still a matter of concern.

On the last day of a three-day visit to Bangladesh, Burt said the UK wanted all political parties of Bangladesh to sit for dialogues to resolve their differences as a step forward for 2014 parliamentary elections to be free and

fair with their participation.

Referring to his meeting with the prime minister, the foreign minister, members of civil society and the leader of the opposition, he said all of them who he had met were looking forward to free and fair polls in which all political parties would participate.

"Each has their particular view on how it should be," he added.

The UK will support free, fair and credible elections that will further strengthen political and economic stability and democracy in Bangladesh but no foreign country would prescribe the formula on how it should be done, the British MP for North East Bedfordshire said.

About his talks with civil society members, he said they were expecting the parties to talk to each other, find a way to hold the next general elections, "because that is the guarantee for Bangladesh for the future."

Asked what would happen if the political parties do not hold any dialogue, he said, "I have no reason to believe that Bangladesh will not be able to achieve it."

On the recent police attacks on journalists, the UK minister said these were the issues that should be investigated first, and that no foreign government would put the blame on someone before a probe.

He said the press in Bangladesh is active and vibrant. "Free press is the guarantee of freedom of all of us. Journalists have to be

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Office of the Project Director
Strengthening Regional Cooperation for Wildlife Protection (SRCWP) Project
Ban Bhaban, Agargaon, Dhaka

Invitation for Re-Tender: SRCWP/06/2011-12

1.	Ministry/Division	:	Ministry of Environment and Forests.				
2.	Agency	:	Forests Department.				
3.	Procuring entity name	:	Project Director, Strengthening Regional Cooperation for Wildlife Protection (SRCWP) Project, Ban Bhaban, Agargaon, Dhaka.				
4.	Procuring entity code	:	45-4531-5470.				
5.	Procuring entity district	:	Dhaka, Bangladesh.				
6.	Invitation for	:	Procurement of vehicle 1). 1 (one) Microbus.				
7.	Invitation Ref No.	:	SRCWP/06/2011-2012.				
8.	Procurement method	:	Open tendering method (OTM).				
9.	Source of funds	:	IDA (International Development Association).				
10.	Development partners (if applicable)	:	The World Bank.				
11.	Project/program code	:	45-4531-5470.				
12.	Project/program name (if applicable)	:	Strengthening Regional Cooperation for Wildlife Protection Project.				
13.	Tender lot no	:	01 (one).				
14.	Tender last selling date	:	13/06/2012, Time: 05:00pm.				
15.	Tender dropping date and time	:	14/06/2012, Time: 12:00 noon.				
16.	Tender opening date and time	:	14/06/2012, Time: 12:30pm.				
17.	Name & address of the office	:	Office of the Strengthening Regional Cooperation for Wildlife Protection Project, Ban Bhaban, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207.				
18.	Selling of tender document	:	Office of the Strengthening Regional Cooperation for Wildlife Protection Project, Ban Bhaban, Agargaon, Dhaka.				
19.	Receiving of tender document	:	a) Office of the Strengthening Regional Cooperation for Wildlife Protection Project, Ban Bhaban, Agargaon, Dhaka.				
20.	Opening of tender document	:	Office of the Strengthening Regional Cooperation for Wildlife Protection Project, Ban Bhaban, Agargaon, Dhaka.				
21.	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting (optional)	:	Not applicable.				
22.	Eligibility of tenderer	:	As mentioned in TDS.				
23.	Brief description of goods	:	Vehicle is to be latest model, international standard, good quality, brand new, fitted with modern amenities including high efficiency engine, completely build up by the country producing engine, chassis & other accessories etc in original with detailed specifications (supported by original catalogue/brochure).				
24.	Brief description of related services	:	Registration of the vehicle with BRTA.				
	Lot No.	Identification of lot/group	Quantity	Location of delivery	Price of tender document (Tk)	Tender security amount (Tk)	Completion time in weeks/months
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26.	Name, designation and address of official inviting tender			Dr Tapan Kumar Dey, Project Director, SRCWP Project, Ban Bhaban, Agargaon, Dhaka.			
27.	i) The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders without assigning any reason however and is not bound to accept the lowest tender.						
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