

# Syria on brink of civil war

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British Foreign Secretary William Hague joined the chorus yesterday.  
"Both the (United Nations) Secretary General and I and also the opposition in Syria think that Syria is on the edge of a catastrophic situation... on the edge of an all-out civil war and the collapse of Syria into sectarian strife," Hague told a small group of journalists after a meeting with Syrian opposition delegation, on the sidelines of an international conference held in Istanbul on Somalia.  
Although the British minister ruled out any intervention outside the United Nations mandate, he added: "If it fails in the coming weeks then we will

need to return to the Security Council."  
Russia, like China, has vetoed two Security Council resolutions calling for tougher action against Damascus, while stressing hopes that Annan's plan can spur a political solution. Washington called a reported shipment of Russian arms to Syria "reprehensible" although not illegal.  
Russian President Vladimir Putin, who is in Berlin, yesterday warned that Syria could be on the brink of a civil war but underlined his opposition to military intervention to stop the bloodshed.  
"You cannot do anything by force," he told reporters in Berlin, after he and German Chancellor Angela

Merkel stressed after talks that they sought a "political solution" to the crisis.  
Putin said the deadly strife in Syria risked tearing the country in two. But he hit back at suggestions Moscow was supplying arms for use in Syria, saying his country did not deliver weapons to be deployed in civil conflicts.  
The United Nations has said the army and pro-Assad gunmen were probably responsible for the Houla killings, but Syria said on Thursday that a preliminary investigation had shown that anti-government armed groups carried out the killings with the aim of encouraging foreign military intervention.  
Syria's main rebel commander, Colonel Riad al-Asaad, urged Annan to declare

that this peace plan had failed.  
"There is no deadline, but we want Kofi Annan to issue a declaration announcing the failure of this plan so that we would be free to carry out any military operation against the regime," Turkey-based Asaad told Al Jazeera television, contradicting rebels inside Syria who issued a 48-hour ultimatum on Wednesday for Assad to abide by Annan's plan which expired yesterday.  
And China and Arab nations jointly urged Syria's warring parties to fully implement a tattered UN and Arab League ceasefire plan.  
"China and the Arab countries call on the Syrian parties to fully apply" UN-Arab League envoy Kofi Annan's ceasefire plan, the

countries said in a statement issued at the close of a Sino-Arab forum in the eastern Tunisian city of Hammamet.  
The forum was also attended by the head of the Arab League and foreign ministers from more than a dozen Arab states.  
The United Nations says Assad's forces have killed more than 9,000 people since the start of the uprising. Syria blames Islamist militants for the violence and says 2,600 soldiers and police have been killed.  
Meanwhile, activists said security forces opened fire on demonstrators in Douma in the Damascus suburbs, in the main northern city Aleppo, and in Daraa, south of the capital, birthplace of the 15-month uprising

# Dues pile up in Ctg

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phone calls to the defaulter offices, they could achieve little success in collecting the unpaid bills due to lengthy official procedures.  
The defaulter ministries often try to negotiate with the Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources. The PDB has to wait for a decision from the power and energy ministry regarding the collection of dues, they said.  
The officials, however, said at first the PDB will collect the actual amount of the dues as per a decision of the board taken in January this year. Then they will go for collecting the surcharges, they added.  
Raisuddin Sarker, chief engineer at the PDB, said the decisions about the surcharges are taken usually at inter-ministerial meetings where representatives from the Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB) are present.  
The BPDB directs the local PDB administration to collect surcharges as per decisions taken at the meetings, he said adding, "We

take such initiatives according to the directions."  
Raisuddin Sarker said the CCC paid Tk 1.35 crore on April 10 this year.  
"Officials of the CCC pledged in January this year to pay 25 lakh taka per month to reduce the dues," he said adding, "It was a verbal understanding between the two offices."  
On June 28, 2010, the PDB disconnected the power supply to the CCC Bhaban at Anderkilla for non-payment of bills, and it was restored after 26 hours.  
Admitting to the huge amount of dues to the PDB, Md Shamsuddoha, secretary of the CCC, said they did not pay any surcharge in the past years.  
"Without surcharges, the CCC's actual amount of dues is about Tk 7 crore to Tk 8 crore, he claimed.  
ANM Jasim Uddin, liaison officer of BJMC in Chittagong zone, said the dues accrued for a delay in bill processing system of the PDB.  
"The PDB delays about two to three months to provide us with the monthly bills of our 11 factories. By the time we get all the bills

together the amount becomes too big to pay at one time," he said.  
The PDB's Raisuddin said they are adopting a tough policy to collect the unpaid amount from different government offices.  
Mentioning the disconnection of the CCC Bhaban's power supply he said, "If we do not get the dues properly from the offices, then we will snap their power supply."  
Officials at the PDB said repair and maintenance work including replacement of transformers and electric lines are often delayed for fund shortage as it takes a long time to get allocations from the government. If the clients of PDB paid the dues on a regular basis it would be easier for the board to carry out those work in a smooth and timely manner with that money, they added.  
Regular payment of dues would also help the government in buying gas and oil for power generation, they said.  
If the dues are not collected properly the government will not get any benefit by increasing prices of electricity in the country, they noted.

# TIB chief sees signs


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International Conference Centre in Dhaka yesterday.  
"An undemocratic force... that sort of trend is increasing day by day. All these are linked to corrup-

tion," said Sultana, also executive director of rights body Ain O Salish Kendra.  
Transparency International Bangladesh (TIB) organised the two-day national event of the Sachetan

Nagorik Committee (concerned citizens committee) and Youth Engagement Support (YES).  
TIB runs its anti-graft awareness movement across the country through

these groups.  
Sultana Kamal, also former adviser to a caretaker government, said people's rights are being snatched and their dream of a prosperous democratic society is being vanished.  
"People have no power today. Impunity and insecurity have crept deep [in the society]. People have lost hope that anything good will happen in this country. This is a great injury to the society," she noted.  
Parliament and the cabinet appear to be non-distinctive, and government institutions are being destroyed, according to the rights activist.  
Citizens have a major role in overcoming these hurdles, but they often do not know their rights and power, she said, adding, "Therefore, we need to educate ourselves as citizens and work hand in hand to realise our rights."  
Corruption is on the rise with the Anti-Corruption Commission being reduced to a "handicapped" institution and parliament non-functional, said TIB Trustee Board Member M Hafizuddin Khan.  
"Checking corruption was one of the five major election pledges of the government. However, things are quite different now," he told about 700 members of the Nagorik committee.  
The session for the YES members will be held today. Hafizuddin, also former adviser to a caretaker government, called for waging a citizen movement to fight graft.  
According to former chief election commissioner ATM Shamsul Huda, there is a syndicate of those in the power - from top to bottom - and that is responsible for corruption.  
"The government knows it very well, but there is no remedy to it," said Huda, now a TIB Trustee Board member. Referring to his experience as a government official in Bagerhat, he said he

had seen how the influential people close to the power structure deprived people of their properties in the name of building infrastructure.  
On picking up honest candidates in the polls, he said, "Citizens have to play the role here. Through various activities they have to create an environment so that the political parties nominate honest and competent candidates."  
He called on the youths to unite and wage a resistance against corruption and abuse of power. "The resistance should come both from individual and group levels. This surely has an impact."  
Prof Rawshan Jahan, widow of eminent economist Muzaffer Ahmad, administered oath to the Nagorik committee members who pledged to fight corruption.  
The convention was dedicated to the memory of two former chairpersons of the TIB Trustee Board -- industrialist Samson H Chowdhury, who died on January 5, and Prof Muzaffer Ahmad, who died on May 22.  
Meanwhile, Transparency International Chairperson Hugette Label in a statement yesterday said members of Nagorik committee and YES are actively working against corruption, which is a model for a posi-



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