

KIDNAPPING RAJSHAHI TRADER BCL leader freed amid protest

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Bagha police released a leader of Awami League-backed Bangladesh Chhatra League following street protests by his fellows in Charghat upazila early yesterday, only hours after he and five others were arrested for kidnapping a trader.

Ekramul Haque, 38, president of BCL's Charghat upazila unit, was released around 12:00am on bail as per law on medical grounds, said Ali Ahmed Hashmi, officer-in-charge of Bagha Police Station.

"Ekramul felt serious pain in the chest soon after Rab handed him over to police. Later, doctors suggested him bed-rest for seven days," the OC said mentioning that Ekramul was accused in the abduction case.

The five others including Bulbul Ahmed, 29, a ward councillor of Charghat municipality, were sent to court implicating them in the abduction case. The court sent them to jail.

The four others were Bulbul's brother Titon Hossain, 19, and BCL activists Motiur Rahman, 21, Jahangir Alam, 28, and Masud Rana, 22.

According to Rab and the victim's family, the arrestees asked mango trader Hasan Ali of Binodhpur area in Rajshahi City over phone to come to Bagha in a business purpose on Tuesday afternoon.

Nepal to get access to Ctg, Mongla ports

Says Dipu Moni

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

Bangladesh is working towards providing Nepal with transit to access Chittagong and Mongla seaports, said Foreign Minister Dipu Moni yesterday.

She said this to Durga Prasad Bhattarai, visiting foreign secretary of Nepal, when he called on her at the foreign ministry in the capital.

Dipu Moni informed Bhattarai that Rohanpur-Singabud rail transit route is available to Nepal, adding that the standard operating procedure is operational, which allows Nepalese cargo trucks to enter 200 metres into the zero point of Bangladesh at Banglabandha land port in Panchagarh.

The foreign minister stressed the need for cooperation in managing water resources and hydropower for mutual benefits.

Dipu Moni invited Bhattarai to attend a meeting of joint working group that Bangladesh is going to host in September. She said Bangladesh attaches high importance to its relations with Nepal.

Bangladesh and Nepal on July 31 signed a Memorandum of Understanding on bilateral consultations between the foreign ministries of both.

Bhattarai thanked Bangladesh government for allowing Nepal to use Chittagong and Mongla ports. He said he is looking forward to holding the next round of foreign office consultations by the end of this year.

Syrian rebels

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That represents a significant change in assessments of the rebels by Western officials, who previously characterised Assad's opponents as a disorganised, almost chaotic, rabble.

Precisely when Obama signed the secret intelligence authorisation, an action not previously reported, could not be determined.

The full extent of clandestine support that agencies like the CIA might be providing also is unclear.

White House spokesman Tommy Vietor declined comment.

NERVE CENTRE A US government source acknowledged that under provisions of the presidential finding, the United States was collaborating with a secret command centre operated by Turkey and its allies.

Last week, Reuters reported that, along with Saudi Arabia and Qatar, Turkey had established a secret base near the Syrian border to help direct vital military and communications support to Assad's opponents.

This "nerve centre" is in Adana, a city in southern Turkey about 60 miles from the Syrian border, which is also home to Incirlik, a US air base where US military and intelligence agencies maintain a substantial presence.

On Tuesday, NBC News reported that the Free Syrian Army had obtained nearly two dozen surface-to-air missiles, weapons that could be used against Assad's helicopters and fixed-wing aircraft.

NBC said the shoulder-fired missiles, also known as MANPADS, had been delivered to the rebels via Turkey.

On Wednesday, however, Bassam al-Dada, a political

adviser to the Free Syrian Army, denied the NBC report, telling the Arabic-language TV network Al-Arabiya that the group had "not obtained any such weapons at all."

US government sources said they could not confirm the MANPADS deliveries, but could not rule them out either.

Current and former US and European officials previously said that weapons supplies, which were being organised and financed by Qatar and Saudi Arabia, were largely limited to guns and a limited number of anti-tank weapons, such as bazookas.

Reuters first reported last week that the White House had crafted a directive authorising greater US covert assistance to Syrian rebels. It was unclear at that time whether Obama had signed it.

OVERT SUPPORT Separately from the president's secret order, the Obama administration has stated publicly that it is providing some backing for Assad's opponents.

The State Department said on Wednesday the US government had set aside a total of \$25 million for "non-lethal" assistance to the Syrian opposition.

The State Department also says the US has set aside \$64 million in humanitarian assistance for the Syrian people, including contributions to the World Food Programme, the International Committee of the Red Cross and other aid agencies.

Also on Wednesday, the US Treasury confirmed it had granted authorisation to the Syrian Support Group, Washington representative of one of the most active rebel factions, the Free Syrian Army, to conduct financial transactions on the rebel group's behalf.

INT'L DAY OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

Santu demands right to observe

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Observing the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples is a fundamental right of the Jumma communities, says indigenous leader Jyotirindra Bodhipriya Larma, popularly known as Santu Larma.

"This day is [like] a platform of uniting the indigenous people and getting imbued with new spirit to secure their rights," said Santu Larma, president of Bangladesh Forum for Indigenous People, at a press conference at a city hotel, ahead of the international day on August 9.

He also announced a six-day programme from today to celebrate the day. The programmes include discussions, workshop and friendly football match.

"The indigenous people have been conducting democratic movement year after year aiming to protect their rights and with a hope to



establish the rights of self-governance someday.

"Targeting the goal, the indigenous people of the country will celebrate the Day like elsewhere in the globe," he said.

Santu Larma, also chairman of the Chittagong Hill Tracts regional Council, slated the government for trying to refrain the indigenous people from celebrating the Day, and demanded that the government observe the day officially.

On March 11, an official letter, signed by LGRD ministry's the then Deputy Secretary Sarwar Bari, was

issued to the deputy commissioners in every district. The letter directed to refrain from cooperating celebration of the Day and to launch campaign that there were no "indigenous" or Adivas people in Bangladesh, he claimed.

From the press meet, Santu Larma placed 10-point demands to protect the rights of the indigenous people.

The demands include constitutional recognition of the indigenous people, protecting their rights for lands, implementation of the CHT Peace Accord of 1997, introducing reserved seats for the CHT and formulation of indigenous people's rights act.

Secretary General of Bangladesh Forum for Indigenous People Sanjeeb Drong, noted columnist Syed Abul Maksud and Dhaka University history teacher Prof Mesbah Kamal were also present at the press meet.

PADMA LOAN

Muhith still hopeful

STAR REPORT

Finance Minister AMA Muhith has expressed hope that the government may reach a settlement with the World Bank on funding the Padma bridge project.

"It is possible to reach a solution with the World Bank soon," Muhith told BBC Bangla Service on Wednesday.

Mentioning the steps taken to fulfil the World Bank's conditions, the government has sent a letter to the global lender requesting to reconsider its loan cancellation decision.

Muhith said the negotiation with the World Bank (WB) reached a certain stage that made him hopeful of

breaking the deadlock.

About the Malaysian delegation, which is scheduled to arrive in Dhaka in early August with a funding proposal for the project, the finance minister said the government was scrutinising all the ways of funding.

And as part of it, the government will also review Malaysia's proposal, he said.

The WB on June 29 cancelled its \$1.2 billion project funding that it had kept suspended since last September on allegations that ex-communication minister Abul Hossain and some public officials were involved in corruption in selecting the Canadian company SNC-Lavalin for the bridge's supervisory

work.

Abul Hossain was later transferred to the ICT ministry on December 5 in the face of the allegation of corruption by the WB. Finally, he quit on July 23 after a prolonged controversy.

Abul's resignation came a day after the finance minister said the government had been considering accepting the WB's fourth condition to persuade the global lender to review the cancellation of the Padma bridge loan.

The WB's fourth condition was that the government send on leave the public officials and Abul Hossain, who were presumably involved in corruption in the project.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Office of the Divisional Forest Officer Chittagong South Forest Division Forest Hill, Nandan Kanan, Chittagong, Bangladesh Corrigendum Notice Notice No. 04/2012-13 Date: 24/07/2012 Tender Notice No. 31/SRAP of 2011-12 Date: 7 June, 2012 Invitation for: For Supply, Installation, Commissioning, Maintenance & Operation of Passenger Ropeway with Cable Car.

বাংলাদেশ লোক-প্রশাসন প্রশিক্ষণ কেন্দ্র সাভার, ঢাকা-১৩৪৩ নং-০৫.০১.২৬৭২.১২৫.১৮.১৫১.০১-৮২ তারিখঃ ০১/০৮/২০১২ বাংলাদেশ লোক-প্রশাসন প্রশিক্ষণ কেন্দ্রের মূল্যায়ন কর্মকর্তা জনাব ব্যোমকেশ তালুকদার এর বিরুদ্ধে সরকারি কর্মচারী (বিশেষ বিধান) অধ্যাদেশ ১৯৭৯ এর ৩ (বি) মোতাবেক পলায়নের অভিযোগে বিভাগীয় মামলার- দ্বিতীয় কারণ দর্শানো নোটিশ প্রথম কারণ দর্শানো নোটিশের ধারাবাহিকতায় সরকারি কর্মচারী (বিশেষ বিধান) অধ্যাদেশ ১৯৭৯ এর ৪ (এ) ধারা মোতাবেক কেন আপনার বিরুদ্ধে প্রস্তাবিত শাস্তি আরোপ করা হবে না তার কারণ এ নোটিশ প্রাপ্তির (পত্রিকায় প্রকাশের তারিখ থেকে) ৩ (তিন) কার্যদিবসের মধ্যে দর্শাবার জন্য নির্দেশ দেয়া হলো। এজেডএম শফিকুল আলম জিডি-৩০৫৬ রেক্টর

বাংলাদেশ কৃষি ব্যাংক প্রধান কার্যালয় কৃষি ব্যাংক ভবন ৮৩-৮৫, মতিঝিল বাণিজ্যিক এলাকা, ঢাকা-১০০০ সাধারণ সেবা বিভাগ বিষয়ঃ দরপত্রের সংশোধনী বিগত তারিখ ২৫-০৭-২০১২ইং তারিখে দৈনিক জনকণ্ঠ ও Daily Star পত্রিকায় মাসিক ভিত্তিতে মাইক্রোবাস ভাড়া গ্রহণের জন্য প্রকাশিত বাংলাদেশ কৃষি ব্যাংক, প্রধান কার্যালয়ের সাধারণ সেবা বিভাগ (দরপত্র আহ্বান সূত্র নং-১০৭৭/২০১২-১৩) এর দরপত্রের ৬নং ক্রমিকের ফট নং-২২ এ "মিরপুর-২ (করাস কলেজ), মিরপুর-৭ (আরামবাগ আবাসিক এলাকা), মিরপুর-১১, মিরপুর-১৪, কাজিপাড়া-মতিঝিল" এর স্থলে "মিরপুর-১১, মিরপুর-১৪, কাজিপাড়া-মতিঝিল" হবে। দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তির অন্যান্য বিষয়ের সকল শর্তাবলী অপরিবর্তিত থাকবে। মোঃ শফিকুল মাওলা উপ-মহাব্যবস্থাপক জিডি-৩০৪৬

গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার জেলা সুপারের কার্যালয়, জেলা কারাগার, সিরাজগঞ্জ স্মারক নং-৪৪.০৭.৮৮০০.১৩৫.০৪.০০৮.১২-১৪৪৭ তারিখঃ ৩০/৭/২০১২খ্রিঃ দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি ১। মন্ত্রণালয় ২। এজেড/সেবা ৩। সংসদসভার সভা ৪। দরপত্রের নাম ৫। দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তির বসতি ও তারিখ ৬। দরপত্র আহ্বান প্রকৃতি ৭। দরপত্র প্যাকেজ ৮। দরপত্রের নামের বৈশিষ্ট্য ৯। দরপত্র দলিল প্রাপ্তির স্থান ১০। দরপত্র দলিল বিক্রয়ের শেষ তারিখ ও সময় ১১। দরপত্র জমা দেয়ার স্থান ১২। দরপত্র জমা দেয়ার তারিখ ও সময় ১৩। দরপত্র উন্মুক্তকরণের সময় ও স্থান ১৪। মূল্যায়ন কমিটির সভা অনুষ্ঠানের সময় ১৫। দরপত্র দলিলের স্থান ১৬। নিলামের আনুষ্ঠানিক পরিমাণ ১৭। দরপত্রের নামের বৈশিষ্ট্য ১৮। দরপত্রের সাথে যে সকল কাগজপত্রাদি সংযুক্ত করতে হবে ১৯। দরপত্র অনুমোদনকারী কর্মকর্তা ২০। দরপত্র আহ্বানকারী কর্মকর্তা ২১। নির্দিষ্ট সময়ের পর কোন দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি বিক্রয় করা হবে না এবং দরপত্র দলিল জমা থাকে না। ২২। কার্যক্রম ও বাধ্যতাসমূহের বিবরণ বিজ্ঞপ্তিতেই দরপত্রের বিবরণ দেয়া হবে না। ২৩। কর্মকর্তা কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন দরপত্র বাতিল/হেফাজত করার অধিকার সংরক্ষণ করেন। ২৪। বিজ্ঞপ্তিত দানার জন্য অফিস চলাকালীন সময়ে নিম্নস্বাক্ষরকারীর নগরে যোগাযোগ করা যেতে পারে। মোঃ সাঈদ হোসেন জেলা সুপার জেলা কারাগার, সিরাজগঞ্জ জিডি-৩০৪১

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Bangladesh Television Television Bhaban Rampura, Dhaka-1219 Invitation for Tender 1 Ministry/Division Ministry of Information. 2 Agency Bangladesh Television. 3 Purchaser name Director General, Bangladesh Television. 4 Purchaser code N/A. 5 Purchaser district Dhaka. 6 Invitation for Supply, installation, testing and commissioning of TV Broadcasting Equipment and Related Services for Extension Building of Dhaka TV Complex on Turnkey Basis. 7 Invitation ref. No. Invitation for International Tender No. 15.54.0000.023.14.112.12/864. 8 Date 30-07-2012. KEY INFORMATION 9 Procurement method Open Tendering Method (OTM), International Competitive Tender (ICT). FUNDING INFORMATION 10 Budget and source of funds GOB. 11 Development partners None. PARTICULAR INFORMATION 12 Project/programme code 5860 13 Project/programme name Equipping the Studios Of Extension Building of Dhaka TV Complex. 14 Tender package no. GD-1. 15 Tender package name Supply, installation, testing and commissioning of TV Broadcasting Equipment and Related Services for Extension Building of Dhaka TV Complex on Turnkey Basis. 16 Tender publication date 30-07-2012. 17 Tender last selling date 12.09.2012. 18 Tender closing date and time 13-09-2012, 12.00 hr. BST. 19 Tender opening date and time 13-09-2012, 12.10 hr. BST. 20 Name & address of the office(s) Selling tender document Office of the Project Director, Bangladesh Television, Television Bhaban, Rampura, Dhaka-1219. Receiving tender document Conference Room, Bangladesh Television, Television Bhaban, Rampura, Dhaka-1219. Opening tender document Conference Room, Bangladesh Television, Television Bhaban, Rampura, Dhaka-1219. 21 Pre-tender meeting place, date, time Conference Room, Bangladesh Television, Television Bhaban, Rampura, Dhaka-1219, Date 12-08-2012, Time: 11.00 hr BST. INFORMATION FOR TENDERER 22 Eligibility of tenderer Manufacturer/manufacturer's authorized supplier. 23 Brief description of goods 48 TB SAN Storage Server, Play Out Video Server, Domain Server, Network Switch etc. 24 Brief description of related services System design, drawing, installation, testing, commissioning and local on-site training etc. 25 Price of tender document Tk. 3,000.00 (three thousand) only. 26 Amount of tender security Tk. 2,80,000.00 (two lac & eighty thousand) or US\$ 3,400.00 (three thousand four hundred) only. The tender security shall be in the form of an Irrevocable Bank Guarantee issued by an internationally reputable bank and shall require to be endorsed by its any correspondent bank located in Bangladesh. PURCHASER DETAILS 27 Name of official inviting tender Md. Raihanul Hoque. 28 Designation of official inviting tender Project Director & Senior Engineer. 29 Address of official inviting tender Bangladesh Television, Television Bhaban, Rampura, Dhaka-1219. 30 Contact details of official inviting tender Tel: 880-2-9360702 Fax: 880-2-8312927 E-mail: raihanbvt@yahoo.com 31 The purchaser reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders. Md. Raihanul Hoque Project Director On behalf of Director General GD-3051

বাংলা একাডেমী ৩ কাজী নজরুল ইসলাম এভিনিউ, ঢাকা ১০০০ শিশু-কিশোর বক্তৃতা প্রতিযোগিতা বিষয় : আমাদের বঙ্গবন্ধু জাতির জনক বঙ্গবন্ধু শেখ মুজিবুর রহমানের ৩৭তম শাহাদাতবার্ষিকী ও জাতীয় শোকদিবস উপলক্ষে বাংলা একাডেমী ১৪ই আগস্ট ২০১২ সকাল ১১:০০টায় একাডেমীর সেমিনার কক্ষে "আমাদের বঙ্গবন্ধু" শীর্ষক শিশু-কিশোর বক্তৃতা প্রতিযোগিতার আয়োজন করেছে। প্রতিযোগিতা দুটি শাখায় অনুষ্ঠিত হবে। ক-শাখার প্রতিযোগীর বয়স সর্বোচ্চ ১০ বছর এবং খ-শাখার সর্বোচ্চ ১৫ বছর। প্রতিটি শাখায় প্রথম তিনজনকে পুরস্কার এবং অংশগ্রহণকারী সকল প্রতিযোগীকে স্মারক উপহার প্রদান করা হবে। প্রতিযোগিতায় অংশগ্রহণের জন্য বাংলা একাডেমীর সংস্কৃতি উপবিভাগে ১২ই আগস্ট পর্যন্ত (অফিস সময়ের মধ্যে) প্রতিযোগীর নাম নিবন্ধন করা হবে। অংশগ্রহণে ইচ্ছুক শিশু-কিশোর বা তাদের অভিভাবকদের নির্দিষ্ট তারিখের মধ্যে নাম নিবন্ধন করার জন্য অনুরোধ করা যাচ্ছে। নুরুন্নাহার খানম উপপরিচালক, সংস্কৃতি উপবিভাগ বাংলা একাডেমী, ঢাকা ফোন : ৮৬১৯৮৪৬ বাংলা একাডেমী বাঙালি জাতিসত্তা ও বুদ্ধিবৃত্তিক উৎকর্ষের প্রতীক