

Hazare disbands team

Says no more talks with govt

THE HINDU ONLINE

Apparently paving the way for the formation of a political party, Anna Hazare yesterday disbanded Team Anna and decided not to have any more talks with the government on Lokpal issue.



not to have any more talks with the government. From today, there will be no Team Anna or Team Anna Core Committee," Hazare said.

Since April last year, Team Anna has been on streets with Hazare going on indefinite

fast four times and one-day fasts also four times besides being part of a joint committee to draft the Lokpal Bill.

Team Anna's decision to enter electoral politics had earlier met with opposition from several of its core committee members like Justice Santosh Hegde, Medha Patkar, Chandramohan and Akhil Gogoi.

"I have given an alternative of sending good people to Parliament. But I am not going to be part of any party nor I will contest elections. After getting Jan Lokpal, I will go back to Maharashtra and indulge in my activities.

"I have told this to those who are for forming a party. Even after forming the party, this movement should go on. In the movement, we had earlier demanded for Jan Lokpal Bill and now keeping this movement alive, send good people to Parliament with the help of people

17 arrested

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The government has identified the people involved in the violence, Home Minister Shahara Khatun yesterday said at her office, adding the incident was under probe.

She, however, did not disclose how many were involved or their identities.

The injured had already been given cash and tin used for building houses as compensation, Shahara told reporters.

State Minister for Home Shamsul Hoque Tuku said a one-member probe committee with additional district magistrate of Dinajpur had been formed to investigate the incident.

Meanwhile, two rights bodies -- Forum of Secular Bangladesh and Trial of War Criminals of 1971, and Moulabad Eboong Samprodaikota Birudhi Dakshin Asia Ganoshammilan (South Asia People's Forum against Fundamentalism and Communalism) -- condemned the Dinajpur incident.

In a press release, they demanded the arrest of local leaders of Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami and others responsible for the attack on the minority.

The press release was signed by 57 rights activists, including Justice Mohammad Golam Rabbani, Prof Borhanuddin Khan Jahangir, litterateur Syed Shamsul Haque, Journalist Kamal Lohani, Shahriar Kabir and Kazi Mukul.

Leaders of the minorities organisations, meanwhile, have threatened to boycott the upcoming "Janmastomi celebrations" if proper action is not taken against those who attacked the Hindus on Saturday morning.

They said Prof Hamida Khatun of the area and Aftab Uddin Mollah, a Jamaat-backed upazila chairman of Chirirbandar, incited the land grabbers to attack the minority.

Aftab at a press conference at Dinajpur Jamaat-e-Islami office refuted the allegation against him.

Teachers lack skill

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Barisal region cannot set questions in the method, said the report.

Over 32 percent schools -- 229 out of 697 -- in Dhaka region cannot prepare creative question papers either.

The government introduced the system in a bid to reduce students' dependence on memorisation. Currently, the method is being followed

in all papers except Bangla 2nd, English 1st and 2nd, and Mathematics in SSC examinations.

According to the creative method, each question in the narrative section of the book has four segments of a particular topic. Textbooks do not contain any sample questions about the segments, and only students who have thoroughly studied the books can answer

those questions.

Teachers said they have difficulty preparing question papers in the creative method due to a lack of reference books and relevant literature on the method.

"The training we received in the creative method is inadequate in regard to time and concept of the method," said a school teacher from the capital.

A study on the creative method by National Academy for Educational Management said many teachers are still not clear about this approach and that only one training session cannot make the teachers efficient.

The study published in June last year recommended giving teachers more training and providing them with reference

Tax men swoop

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Grameen Bank Commission Chairman Mamunur Rashid.

Muhith briefed the commission on the government's expectations from the microcredit organisation, he told reporters, without elaboration, after the meeting at the Secretariat.

The minister said the government moved to amend the Grameen Bank Ordinance 1983 "just to appoint the managing director of the bank."

Muhith said the government is vetting the changes to the ordinance that governs the Nobel Peace Prize winning organisation.

Once it is done, the ordinance will be promulgated, as parliament is now in recess.

The meeting also discussed a plan to appoint an audit firm to look into the relationship between the Grameen Bank and its

associated organisations, and whether these organisations borrowed any money from the bank, said sources.

The government plans to appoint the auditor so that the commission's report on the bank and its activities is accepted at home and abroad.

The government claims that those organisations are part of the Grameen Bank and had been set up with the money from the mother organisation.

Prof Yunus, who set up those organisations to solve social problems, and his legal advisers say that all those organisations are legally independent and have no links with the Grameen Bank.

On May 16 this year, the government set up the four-member commission to review the activities of the Grameen Bank and its associated organisations, and make recommenda-

tions on how to run the organisations.

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HC stays speedy trial

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declared illegal.

Secretaries to the ministries of law, cabinet and public administration, Dhaka CMM and Magistrate Harun have been made respondents to the rule.

Attorney General Mahubey Alam told The Daily Star that Speedy Trial Court-5, which has framed charges against the accused on July 31, cannot proceed with the case for the next eight weeks following the HC order.

Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Bikash Kumar Saha on July 31 in an order gave judicial powers to Harun or Rashid to conduct the Speedy Trial Court-5 for hearing and disposing of the case.

On May 9, the CMM in another order assigned Metropolitan Magistrate

Mohammad Erfan Ullah to conduct the Speedy Trial Court-7 of Dhaka in the same case.

BNP lawmaker Mahub Uddin Khokon, also an accused in the case, on July 29 filed the writ petition challenging the legality of the May 9 order.

He also submitted a supplementary writ petition to the HC yesterday. It said as per the Speedy Trial Act 2002, the government has the sole authority to form speedy trial courts and to determine the jurisdictions of their judges.

The law says the speedy trial courts will hear and dispose of the cases selected by the government, and a gazette notification has to be issued to determine the jurisdictions of the courts, it added.

Since the court of Harun

on July 31 framed charges in the case, Mahub yesterday submitted the supplementary petition along with the original one challenging the CMM's July 31 decision.

During the hearing yesterday, petitioner's counsels Rafique-ul Huq and Ahsanul Karim told the court that the government has not issued any gazette notifications for constituting Speedy Trial Courts-5 and 7.

The chief metropolitan magistrate has assigned two magistrates to conduct the courts by two separate orders, going against the law, they argued.

The attorney general opposed the petition.

He said that in consultation with the Supreme Court, the government has authorised the CMM to assign magistrates for conducting speedy trial courts

for quick hearing and disposal of some particular cases.

The government in this regard has issued gazette notifications, which are now in the Bangladesh Government Press for printing and publication, he added.

Hearing the arguments, the HC bench of Justice Naima Haider and Justice Muhammad Khurshid Alam Sarkar passed the stay order and issued the rule.

Earlier yesterday, another HC bench of Justice Mirza Hussain Haider and Justice Kazi Md Ejarul Haque Akondo returned the petition to the petitioner's counsels, after Justice Ejarul Haque felt embarrassed to hear the matter.

The bench did not mention why the judge felt embarrassed.

Hasina's peace

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"Otherwise, highly educated people including doctors and engineers could become terrorists. Ending terrorism is not possible only by cutting poverty...sense of inclusion should be there."

He emphasised withdrawing restrictions on movement of people as there is an imbalance due to an increase of ageing population in the developed countries and young population in the developing ones.

The Indian minister asked all to make accountable those responsible for climate change affecting the developing countries.

UN-Habitat Under Secretary General Joan Clos said "inclusive and sustainable development model is a need of the day for social cohesion." He asked all to think of the huge population and urbanisation problems, and ways of addressing those.

The Maldives Deputy

Foreign Minister Ali Hameed suggested modifying the UN system to include the countries still excluded from its membership as a shift in global development paradigm.

G-77 Chair and Algeria's Permanent Representative to the UN Murad Benhehdi said the international community must put people at the centre of all development policies.

Sri Lanka Foreign Minister GI Peiris said the governments should keep vigilance on smuggling, piracy for terrorism funding and proliferation of small arms.

"Saarc countries can share intelligence...because no country can fight terrorism in isolation," he said. He also emphasised cutting people's deprivation and inequalities.

Bhutan's Works and Human Settlement Minister Lyonpo Yeshey Zimba and Bangladesh Foreign Secretary Mijarul Quayes were also present at the press meet.

Govt okays

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Briefing reporters after the meeting, Cabinet Secretary M Musharraf Hossain Bhuiyan said many people still do not know about the government's decision and the gazettes in this regard have not reached many districts yet.

"So, the time [for submission of applications] has been extended," he said, adding that a new ordinance would be promulgated shortly in this regard.

The meeting also approved the draft of Islamic-Arabic Affiliated University Act-2012 to bring Kamil- and Fazel-level Alia madrasas under the university.

The cabinet secretary said more than 1,900 Fazel and Kamil madrasas in the country will be run by the university in a manner similar to that of National University. Qawmi

madrasas, however, will not come under the new university, he said.

Under the new act, the Islamic-Arabic University will prepare curriculums, conduct examinations, confer degrees and administer academic activities and training of madrasa teachers, which were earlier done by the Islamic University in Kushtia.

Musharraf said the government had taken the decision to set up the university to meet the demand of people related to madrasa education.

He added that the proposed university will improve the quality of madrasa education.

The University Grants Commission has prepared the draft in consultation with the education ministry and the organisations concerned.

5 Destiny high-ups granted bail

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Special Public Prosecutor Kabir Hussain told The Daily Star that the magistrate violated the provisions of Money Laundering Prevention Act, 2009 by granting the accused bail in the cases.

The act does not allow granting bail to anybody, he said.

The act allows "only judge of the special judge's court to hear any petition submitted by both the prosecution and the defence sides. As per law, a metropolitan magistrate is not a special judge", Kabir added.

In reply to a query, Kabir said he would first inform chairman of the Anti-Corruption Commission about the matter and would challenge the order if the ACC asked him to file any petition with the higher court.

However, defence lawyer Ehsanul Haque Samaji told The Daily Star that a metropolitan magistrate could grant bail to anybody in any case "when it is at the stage of investigation".

Moreover, the Code of Criminal Procedure allows the magistrate to hear any petition or grant bail to anybody, Samaji claimed.

Metropolitan Magistrate Mohammad Erfan Ullah passed the order after the accused surrendered before it in the morning.

The accused are Destiny Group Managing Director Mohammad Rafiqul Amin and Director Lt Gen (rtd) M Harunur Rashid; Destiny 2000 Chairman Mohammad Hossain and its two directors Gofranul Huq and Sayed-ur Rahman.

They surrendered before the court around 10:00am and filed two separate bail petitions in connection with the two cases.

On July 31, the ACC sued 22

officials of Destiny Group for laundering Tk 3,285.26 crore by cheating investors.

ACC Deputy Director Mozahar Ali Sarder filed a case with the capital's Kalabagan Police Station against 12 Destiny Group officials for laundering about Tk 2106.64 crore out of Destiny Tree Plantation Ltd project.

The other case was lodged by ACC Assistant Director Towfiqul Islam against 22 top officials of the Group, including the 12 accused in the first case, for laundering Tk 1178.61 crore from Destiny Multipurpose Cooperative Society Ltd

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Emergency 2007 Cyclone Recovery and Restoration Project, Bangladesh (Component A)

Invitation for Bids for Procurement of Motorised Glass Reinforced Plastic (GRP) Fishing Boats

Credit No. 4507 - BD, Project ID No. UTF/BGD/040/BGD, Bid Package No. 2G11.F

The People's Republic of Bangladesh has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Emergency 2007 Cyclone Recovery and Restoration Project and it intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for the Procurement of Motorised Glass Reinforced Plastic (GRP) Fishing Boats. The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the supply of 24 Nos. of Motorised Glass Reinforced Plastic (GRP) Fishing Boats under Package No. 2G11.F. Bidders having a minimum of 3 (three) years of experience in the supply of similar goods and related services are only encouraged to participate. The delivery period is 24 (twenty four) weeks from the date of the Notification of the Award.

Bidding will be conducted through the national competitive bidding procedures as specified in the World Bank's *Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits*, (current edition), and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the guidelines.

Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information and inspect the bidding documents from the ECRRP office of FAO Representation in Bangladesh (Hs. # 27, Rd. # 9A, Apt. # A1, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka-1209, Tel. 8130758/104) during office hours i.e. 08:00 Hrs. to 16:30 Hrs. A complete set of bidding documents in English may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Tk.3000.00. The method of payment for the tender documents will be in cash against a written receipt. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security for an amount of Bangladesh Tk. 1,000,000 (Taka One Million).

Bids shall be delivered to the address below by 02:00 Hrs. on 06 September 2012. They will be opened immediately thereafter, in the presence of bidders' representatives, who choose to attend, at the address below. Late bids will be rejected.

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Invitation for International Open Tender by TSS	
1	Ministry/Division Ministry of Posts & Telecommunications
2	Procuring Entity Name Telephone Shilpa Sangstha (TSS) Limited, Tongi, Gazipur
3	Invitation for Tender Goods (Single Lot)
4	Invitation Ref No TSS/GM(Plant)/Proc/Basic0703E/12-13
5	Date 05/08/2012
6	Procurement Method International Open Tender
7	Budget and Source of Funds Own Funds
8	Tender Publication Date 07/08/2012
9	Tender Last Selling Date 09/09/2012
10	Tender Closing Date and Time 10/09/2012, 12:00 hrs.
11	Tender Opening Date and Time 10/09/2012, 15:00 hrs.
12	Name & Address of the Office(s) Address(s)
13	-Selling Tender Document(Principal) DGM(F&C), TSS, Tongi, Gazipur
14	-Selling Tender Document(Others) Company Secretary, TSS, GPO Bldg., Room no.7, 1st floor, Dhaka-1000.
15	-Receiving Tender Document GM(Plant), TSS & Company Secretary, GPO Bldg., Room no.7, 1st floor, Dhaka-1000.
16	-Opening Tender Document TSS Conference room
17	Eligibility of Tenderer Any international firm of reputation engaged in assembling/manufacturing Laptops/Netbooks
18	Brief Description of Goods or Works "Components and Accessories for 20,000 pcs DOEL Laptops 10.1" Model Basic 0703E and Spare Parts for DOEL Laptop Computer."
19	Brief Description of Related Services Support services and warranty replacement
20	Tender Document Price BDT 2000.00 or USD 25.00
21	Name of Official Inviting Tender A. A. Md. Moyashir
22	Designation of Official Inviting Tender General Manager (Plant), TSS
23	Address of Official Inviting Tender TSS, Tongi, Gazipur-1710
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25	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders