

Myanmar allows aid to Rohingya

S Arabia grants \$50m as Suu Kyi meets president

AFP, Jeddah

The Organisation of Islamic Cooperation on Saturday announced it has received a green light from Myanmar to assist Muslim Rohingya displaced by sectarian violence.

It said Myanmar gave its agreement to the OIC following talks in Rangoon on Friday between a delegation from the pan-Islamic body and President Thein Sein on the "deplorable humanitarian situation in Rakhine state."

The delegation assured Thein Sein that Islamic humanitarian organisations were unable to provide aid to all residents of the strife-torn state.

Meanwhile, Saudi Arabia's King Abdullah has ordered \$50 million in aid be sent to a Muslim minority in Myanmar.

A report on the Saudi state news agency said the Rohingya community had been



Thein Sein

"exposed to many violations of human rights including ethnic cleansing, murder, rape and forced displacement".

Myanmar opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi yesterday held talks with the country's president in their first official meeting since she took up her role as a member of parliament.

The democracy champion met Myanmar leader Thein Sein in the capital Naypyidaw early yesterday, according to Zaw Htay of the president's office, who was unable to give details of the subjects under discussion.

Suu Kyi has been named as the head of a parliamentary committee on the rule of law as she marks her dramatic transformation from detained dissident to a key figure in the budding reform process.

Assam on alert following Ulfa threat

PTI, Guwahati

Security has been beefed up and alert sounded throughout Assam following reports of possible strikes by Ulfa's anti-talk faction in the run-up to Independence Day celebrations on Wednesday.

According to intelligence reports, several groups of the outfit's anti-talk faction have sneaked into different parts of the state to carry out subversive activities and patrolling has been intensified to nab them, official sources said.

Security forces have carried out operations in different parts of the state and nabbed several militants who were planning to disrupt the Independence Day celebrations, the sources said.

The anti-talk faction of the ULFA has called an Assam Bandh on August 15 and also joined several other militant outfits of the North East in calling a boycott and

Illegal migrants in Assam

Says Assam CM; 20 held over Mumbai violence

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Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi on Saturday said there are illegal migrants from Bangladesh in the state and that influx from across the border is still on, though in lesser numbers. The chief minister, however, did not say how many illegal migrants are here in the state.

For Gogoi, the biggest problem, however, is deporting persons declared as "illegal migrants" to Bangladesh as the neighboring country continues not to accept their citizens deported from India.

Even as the debate over illegal migrants resumed over the recent ethnic clash in lower Assam where Bodos clashed with Bengali-speaking Muslims, Gogoi on Saturday gave records of illegal migrants declared by the courts. He said between 1996 and 2001, the then IM (DT) tribunals had declared 7,444 persons as "illegal migrants".

Between 2002 and 2011, the courts declared 11,127 persons as "illegal migrants."

"Illegal migrants are here. The influx is also on and that is why I have been trying my level best to plug the holes in the border with



Tarun Gogoi

Bangladesh. I have been seeking more border outposts and floodlights. We have managed to bring down influx, but we need to be more foolproof," said the chief minister.

At present, there are more than 150 declared illegal migrants at detention camps in Goalpara, Kokrajhar and Silchar.

According to latest updated records with the state government, between 1985 and 2010, a total of 34,622 persons have vanished after tribunals declared them as illegal migrants.

Over 20 people were arrested in connection with the violence near Azad Maidan here in which two youths were killed and at least 55 injured, police yesterday said.

The situation is normal and heavy police deployment has been put in place, they said.

During the violence, the mob had snatched two self-loading rifles and a pistol from women police personnel, they added.

Including 45 policemen were injured in the mayhem that erupted after a protest rally turned violent, with the mob damaging buses, hurling stones and setting vehicles afire.

'Pak-linked' attack on Kabul foiled

AFP, Kabul

Afghan and Nato forces yesterday foiled a series of suicide attacks on Kabul planned for when they captured five insurgents allegedly linked to militants in Pakistan, officials said.

The group was "finalizing plans for an attack in the capital" and a large cache of explosives, suicide vests, weapons and ammunition were seized in the overnight operation, Nato's International Security Assistance Forces said.

The attacks would have targeted the Afghan parliament and the residence of Second Vice President Mohammad Karim Khalili, Afghanistan's intelligence agency said.

Afghanistan accuses Pakistan of harbouring Taliban Islamist insurgents fighting to overthrow the Western-backed government of President Hamid Karzai.

Sayedee's certificates under probe

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and age on Dakhil and Alim certificates illegally in November 2008, more than five decades after he had got them.

He made the changes within just three days with the help of some corrupt officials of Madrasa Education Board.

The parliamentary body on education ministry yesterday formed a three-member sub-committee to investigate the certificate scam.

Headed by lawmaker Shaikh Abdul Wahab, the sub-committee was asked to submit its report to the main committee at its next meeting. Under the rules of procedure of parliament, a JS body is supposed to hold at

least one meeting every month.

"It has been primarily proved to the parliamentary body that Sayedee changed his age and name on the two certificates illegally. We want to unearth the whole matter," Rashed Khan Menon, chief of the committee, said.

Talking to The Daily Star after a meeting at the Jatiya Sangsad Bhaban yesterday, he said it was not clear why Sayedee needed those changes a month before the 2008 parliamentary polls.

"We guess the Jamaat leader wanted to establish his name as Delawar Hossain Sayedee," Menon, who is chief of the Workers Party of Bangladesh, added.

"Sayedee's age was 10 according to his original

Dakhil certificate. But it is unrealistic to pass in Dakhil examination [equivalent to SSC] at the age of 10," a meeting source said.

"On the Dakhil certificate, his name was written as Mostafa Delawar Hossain, and he changed the name to Delawar Hossain Sayedee."

"On the Alim [equivalent to HSC] certificate, Sayedee's name was Abu Noman Md Delawar Hossain, which he replaced with Delawar Hossain Sayedee."

Sayedee applied for the changes in November 8, 2008 and all the procedures were completed within just three days, Menon said.

Talking to this correspondent, Menon said the rules allowed anyone to apply for a change in name and age

within two years of obtaining certificates from the education boards.

"But, he [Sayedee] changed his name and age 50 years after getting his certificate and he did it within just three days with the assistance of a section of dishonest officials of Madrasa Education Board."

He said the parliamentary body had asked the sub-committee to identify the Madrasa board officials involved in the scam, how it was done and why.

Sayedee changed his name twice, claiming in his applications that his name had wrongly been put on both the certificates, Menon said.

Such a mistake is impossible, he added.

Political party was Hazare's idea

PTI, New Delhi

Erstwhile Team Anna yesterday claimed that the decision to turn the anti-corruption movement political was Anna Hazare's and a "malicious" campaign has been working overtime to drive a wedge between them and the 74-year-old social activist.

Breaking his silence over claims by a section of Team Anna members that Hazare was against forming a political party, activist Arvind Kejriwal alleged a "propaganda machinery" was working overtime to "drive wedge" between Hazare and other activists.

"A malicious campaign is being run that Anna is against political party and that Team thrust it on Anna. Truth is it was Anna's decision," Kejriwal tweeted

yesterday morning.

His remarks came a day after reports quoting Team Anna members mentioned that Hazare was against the formation of a party saying they were not prepared to take a plunge in politics.

On August 3, while calling off his fast, Hazare had announced the formation of a political alternative though he had said he would not be a member of the party.

"Anna clearly directed us

to start forming political party. If he says even once that he doesn't want us to do that, we will immediately withdraw. Let Anna say once that he is against political party formation, we will immediately withdraw," Kejriwal wrote on micro-blogging site Twitter.

He claimed that Hazare heeded to public demand and is convinced that there was no road left other than providing political alternative.

Govt won't

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planning to get hold of the bank when the central bank removed Prof Yunus as managing director in 2010.

The concern deepened earlier this month when the cabinet approved changes to the Grameen Bank Ordinance of 1983, giving more powers to the government-appointed chairman to choose the bank's managing director, sidelining other GB board members.

Muhiht, however, said the move to amend the ordinance had been taken since a selection committee could not be formed in one and a half years to appoint the managing director.

Only Grameen Bank has a law to form a selection committee to appoint the managing director, he said. Prof Yunus had formulated the rule.

The government is amending the ordinance so that the ex-managing director cannot engage in the appointment of his successor.

The chairman will propose names for the managing director's post before the board which will then select one of them, Muhiht said.

The post fell vacant after Prof Yunus stepped down in May last year.

Acknowledging that Prof Yunus was a pioneer of microcredit financing in Bangladesh, he said there were other people who had also made contributions to help the sector flourish.

Muhiht claimed he himself had expanded 30 percent of microcredit activities in the country while it was 12 percent by Prof Yunus.

"I am not working for any organisation. I work for people with white minds and souls."

Grameen Bank's performance peaked since July last year despite Prof Yunus' propaganda, the finance minister said.

He added that he was now engrossed on two issues -- one centering on the Padma

Spices

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same old price of Tk 450 a kg.

Price of cumin rose at wholesale. Traders at Moulvibazar were selling Turkish cumin for Tk 440 a kg, up from Tk 420 a month ago.

The retailers were sticking to Tk 500-550 a kg.

Cinnamon price went up in wholesale as well. It was selling for Tk 214 a kg, up from Tk 205 a month ago.

In this case too retailers did not change the price of Tk 300-350 a kg.

Price of black pepper went up to Tk 820 a kg from Tk 800 a month ago. The retailers were still charging Tk 1,000-1,100 each kg.

Atiqul Haque, general secretary of Bangladesh Paikary Gorom Moshallah Babosayee Samity, said the prices of spices have declined slightly thanks to a price fall in the international market.

He blamed some unscrupulous traders for smuggling in a huge amount of spices from India, he said. He said dodging taxes they were keeping the prices low.

Traders cited higher wastage of items, higher transport costs, and high shop rent behind the retail and wholesale price gap.

A trader at Palassy Bazar said wastage of some spices was higher than other grocery items.

"We get around 80 pieces of good nutmeg out of 100 pieces," said Md Amin, proprietor of Amin Store at Palassy Bazar.

He said a trader has to bear 10 percent loss in waste in a kg of cinnamon, compelling the trader to charge higher.

TIB finds graft at CGA office

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The research found instances of exchange of bribe money of up to Tk 2,000 to promote someone to a higher payscale.

Newly recruited staff even had to pay a bribe of Tk 100-200 each for drawing their first salary and bonus.

More incidences of bribery were found with regard to authorisation of vehicle maintenance bill (up to 10 percent), internet and telephone bills (2 percent),

courier bill (1-5 percent), payroll (1 percent), transport and dearness allowance (Tk 50-100), pension (up to 10 percent), contingency bill (0.2-7 percent).

The study, conducted by Dipu Roy, a programme manager of research and policy at TIB, also found prevalence of bribery for petty tasks such as cheque delivery (Tk 20-50) and error correction (Tk 50-500).

Bribes for contractors' bills ranged from 5 to 10 percent depending on the

sums of the bills.

The report said shortage of a workforce is a major problem for the CGA with 37 percent of the total posts remaining vacant, despite an increase in budget allocations every year.

Speaking as the chief guest, Finance Minister AMA Muhiht slammed the audit offices for not following the rules properly, and said the report was based on "public perception".

"You may not accept the percentage [as put forward

by the report], but there is no denying that corruption exists."

He said it was unfortunate that people struggled to draw their due pensions.

"I made it easier to draw pension during my time as a minister [in the 1980s]."

TIB Executive Director Iftekharuzzaman refuted Muhiht's statement, and said the report was not based on public perception, rather on the experience of the informants.

Muhiht said it would not be possible to root out corruption by having an ombudsman in every office.

"One was created at the tax office at great expense but the results were insignificant."

"A policy is being prepared. In every office, one person will be responsible for receiving complaints and giving advice. It will be done within this year."

The finance minister also spoke on the culture of presenting the bulk of the bills to the accounts offices towards the end of the budget year.

"I will enforce a rule this year to make sure that not

more than 25 percent of the bills can be submitted in the month of June."

M Hafizuddin Khan, a former comptroller and auditor general (CAG), questioned the dual control of the CGA office, asking who actually governed the office: the CAG or the finance ministry?

On this matter, Muhiht said a decision would be taken on whether the accounts office should be separated from the audit office.

Khan stressed the need for strict monitoring and supervision by the finance ministry.

Muhiht said the country should move towards the accrual basis of accounting instead of the existing cash method, as Bangladesh is the only country in the region to be still persisting with it.

Acting CGA Md Anisur Rahman said the office had been facing a severe manpower shortage.

CAG Ahmed Ataul Hakim and lawmaker M Tajul Islam also spoke at the meeting chaired by TIB Trustee Board chairperson Sultana Kamal.

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i. Proposed Dividend

ii. Date and Time of Trustee Meeting

iii. Record Date

iv. Net Profit/(Loss) & Weighted EPS

v. NAV per Share @ Market Value

: No Dividend

: 12 August, 2012 at 2:05 p.m.

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Teletalk Bangladesh Limited invites Tender for the 'Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Station Power Equipment (Battery and Rectifier)' from eligible National bidders. The detail information of the Tender along with the detail Specifications are available at www.teletalk.com.bd. The Tender Schedule will be available for purchase from 13 August, 2012 to 16 September, 2012 within the office hour at Customer Care Desk of Teletalk Corporate Office, Banani, Dhaka. The prospective bidders may purchase the Tender Schedule through applications on their official letter pads. The important information in brief is as under:

Name of Works	Invitation Ref No. & Procurement Method	Tender Closing/Opening Date	Tender Document Price (in Cash)
Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Station Power Equipment (Battery and Rectifier)	TBL/PROC/04/100/2012/35, 08 August, 2012 National Tender Type-2 (NT-2)	17 September 2012	Tk. 10,000/- (Taka ten thousand only)

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০১। নির্বাচিত টিভি বিজ্ঞাপনী সংস্থাকে ন্যূনতম ০১ (এক) বৎসরের জন্য তালিকাভুক্ত করা হবে।

০২। আগামী ১০/০৯/২০১২ইং তারিখের মধ্যে নিম্ন স্বাক্ষরকারী বরাবরে তালিকাভুক্তির দরখাস্ত পৌছাতে হবে। ঢাকা ইলেকট্রিক সাপ্লাই কোম্পানী লিঃ (ডেসকো) এর নামে ৫,০০০/- (পাঁচ হাজার) টাকার ব্যাংক ড্রাফট/পে-অর্ডার (অফেরতযোগ্য) দরখাস্তের সাথে জমা দিতে হবে।

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০৪। তালিকাভুক্ত টিভি বিজ্ঞাপনী সংস্থার মাধ্যমে প্রচারিত বিজ্ঞাপনের বিপরীতে প্রদেয় বিল হতে সরকারী নিয়ম অনুযায়ী ভ্যাট/ট্যাক্স কর্তন করা হবে এবং প্রযোজ্য বিল Account Payee চেকের মাধ্যমে পরিশোধ করা হবে।

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০৭। অসম্পূর্ণ এবং নির্ধারিত তারিখের পরে প্রাপ্ত আবেদনপত্র বাতিল বলে গণ্য হবে।

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