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CRISIS IN INDIA

6 Trinamool ministers quit govt

PALLAB BHATTACHARYA, New Delhi

Six federal ministers belonging to Mamata Banerjee-led Trinamool Congress party resigned from the UPA government in a split over economic reforms, reducing the coalition headed by Prime Minister Manmohan Singh to a parliamentary minority.

However, the government breathed easy as Samajwadi Party (SP) whose 21 lawmakers generally back the government from outside the coalition, vowed yesterday to keep up its support.

SP, headed by Mulayam Singh Yadav, is ruling India's biggest state of Uttar Pradesh where his son Akhilesh is chief minister.

The six Trinamool ministers -- one of cabinet rank and the others ministers of state -- met the prime minister at his official residence yesterday afternoon and handed over their resignations.

Later, they met President Pranab Mukherjee and handed over a letter from Trinamool Congress formally withdrawing its support to UPA, ending the more than three-year alliance between the two sides.

Trinamool, which has 19 lawmakers in Lok Sabha, had held the key railways portfolio at cabinet rank and five junior ministers in other ministries -- tourism, health, urban development, rural development and information and broadcasting.



New Zealand batsman Brendon McCullum thrashes one on the off side during his 58-ball 123 against Bangladesh in their Twenty20 World Cup match at the Pallekele Cricket Stadium yesterday.

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Teen girls 'beat up' Iranian cleric over dress code

MAIL ONLINE

An Iranian cleric is claiming that two young girls beat him up after he told one of them to cover up and dress more conservatively.

The report is a reversal of the more common claim that women are beaten by the country's strict religious police when their clothing is considered inappropriate.

Cleric Hojatoleslam Ali

ANTI-ISLAM FILM PROTESTS 19 killed in Pakistan

STAR REPORT

At least 19 people died yesterday as violent protests erupted on the streets of Pakistan's main cities in anger at an anti-Islam film made in the US.

Fourteen people were killed in the port city of Karachi and a further five died in the north-western city of Peshawar, hospital officials said.

Protesters also breached the diplomatic enclave in the capital, Islamabad, near the US embassy.

There has been widespread unrest over the amateur film, Innocence of Muslims. Dozens of people were reported wounded and some were in a critical condition, reported BBC.

Protests continue in Muslim countries over anti-Islam film and cartoons.

Clashes broke out in Pakistan's five largest cities, defying government calls for peaceful protests on what was declared a national holiday in honour of Prophet Mohammed.

Tens of thousands took to the streets, throwing stones at police who fought back with gunshots and tear gas, at rallies yesterday denouncing the film.

Witnesses estimated that nationwide rallies mobilised more than 45,000, heavily populated by members of right-wing religious parties and supporters of banned terror groups, although the

Khaleda's remarks amount to sedition

Says Quamrul UNB, Dhaka

Taking a swipe at the BNP chief, the state minister for law yesterday claimed that her comments over the full verdict on the constitution's 13th amendment were tantamount to sedition.

"All are bound to accept the verdict of the Supreme Court. Anyone becoming aggrieved can go to the

LOKMAN MURDER 50 hurt in clash with cops

2-day hartal called in Narsingdi from Sunday

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Narsingdi

At least 50 people including the Narsingdi municipality mayor were injured in a clash between supporters of slain mayor Lokman Hossain and police in the town yesterday.

Protesting police action, supporters of Lokman Sangram Parishad, a locals' group demanding trial of the killers of popular Lokman, have called dawn-to-dusk

Bus kills tea-stall owner

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A tea-stall owner was run over and killed by a bus while crossing a road in the capital's Sayedabad area yesterday morning. The deceased was

PRAYER TIMING		September 22
	Azan	Jamaat
Fajr	4-40	5-15
Zohr	12-45	1-15
Asr	4-30	4-45
Maghrib	6-05	6-10
Esha	7-30	8-00



Ramjan, in tears, talks to his family over the telephone while his father tries to comfort him at Shahjalal International Airport yesterday on his return. Unscrupulous brokers promising a lucrative job in South Africa shipped Ramjan to Tanzania on tourist visa and took his passport. He had to remain in jail there for 11 months unable to contact his family at home.

CHEATED BY MANPOWER TOUTS 20 return from Tanzanian jail

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Twenty Bangladeshis who had languished in two Tanzanian prisons for the last 11 months finally returned home yesterday morning.

Brokers of unauthorised recruiting agencies lured them to Tanzania promising to get them lucrative jobs but abandoned them at the border of the East African country without travel documents.

The Bureau of Manpower Employment and Training (BMET) brought back the Bangladeshis with the financial assistance of multinational company MGH Group.

"These Bangladeshis were taken to two jails in Tanzania by the immigration police when they tried to cross the border to enter South Africa," said Mohsin Chowdhury, director (welfare) of the BMET.

The repatriated workers alleged that a strong broker network exists in Bangladesh and Tanzania to cheat overseas job aspirants.

"Masum, owner of World Travels took Tk 6 lakh from me on August 18 last year with a promise of a good job in South Africa," Jamal Hassan, one of the victims, told The Daily Star.

REGIONAL INTEGRATION US sees greater Bangladesh role

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The first ever US-Bangladesh Partnership Dialogue concluded in Washington Thursday spotlighting greater engagement and cooperation in regional integration.

A media note issued by the US Department of State yesterday said "We encouraged Bangladesh to continue to play an active role in regional integration, including efforts such as the New Silk Road, the Indo-Pacific

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Integral Energy Limited ONLINE POLL

Do you agree with BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia that the Supreme Court verdict on caretaker government system is unclear, unacceptable and politically motivated?

Yes (37%)
No (61%)
No Comments (2%)

TOTAL VOTES: 518

TODAY'S POLL Do you agree with BNP leader Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir that the government has brought the power sector to the edge of destruction?

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Tanker with Tk 4cr fuel seized in Ctg

Vessel was bound for black market; 15 detained

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

Members of Bangladesh Coast Guard yesterday seized an oil tanker on the estuary of the Karnaphuli when the vessel was carrying over six lakh litres of furnace oil and 700 litres of diesel worth Tk 4 crore allegedly for the black market.

An anti-piracy team of the coast guard's east zone also detained 15 persons in this connection.

On a routine patrol, the team intercepted the tanker, OT MIC MAHI, around 3.00am.

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সার্ভিসে ত্রুটির কারণে শেরেবাংলা নগর এক্সচেঞ্জের গ্রাহকবৃন্দের ADSL (ব্রেডব্যান্ড ইন্টারনেট) এর বিল মওকুফ সংক্রান্ত।

গত ২৬ জুন ২০১২ তারিখে শেরেবাংলা নগর টেলিফোন এক্সচেঞ্জে সংঘটিত অগ্নিকাণ্ডে এক্সচেঞ্জটির কিছু টেলিফোনের সার্ভিস সাময়িক বিলম্বিত হয়। ফলে জুলাই/১২ মাসে বিটিসিএল এর শেরেবাংলা নগরস্থ ADSL (ব্রেডব্যান্ড ইন্টারনেট) গ্রাহকগণ ইন্টারনেট সার্ভিস ব্যবহার করতে পারেননি। তাছাড়া, আগস্ট/১২ মাসেও কাঙ্ক্ষিত সার্ভিস বিলম্বিত হয়েছে। এজন্য, আমরা আন্তরিক ভাবে দুঃখিত। এ কারণে শেরেবাংলা নগর এক্সচেঞ্জের এ সমস্ত গ্রাহকের জুলাই/১২ মাসের সম্পূর্ণ ও আগস্ট/১২ মাসের অর্ধেক (৫০%) ADSL বিল মওকুফ করার বিটিসিএল-কর্তৃপক্ষ সিদ্ধান্ত গ্রহণ করেছে। যদি কোন গ্রাহক জুলাই/২০১২ মাসের ADSL বিল পরিশোধ করে থাকেন তা বিটিসিএল এর সংশ্লিষ্ট বিভাগীয় প্রকৌশলীকে অবহিত করা হলে পরবর্তী ADSL বিল এর সাথে উক্ত অর্থ সমন্বয় করা হবে।

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