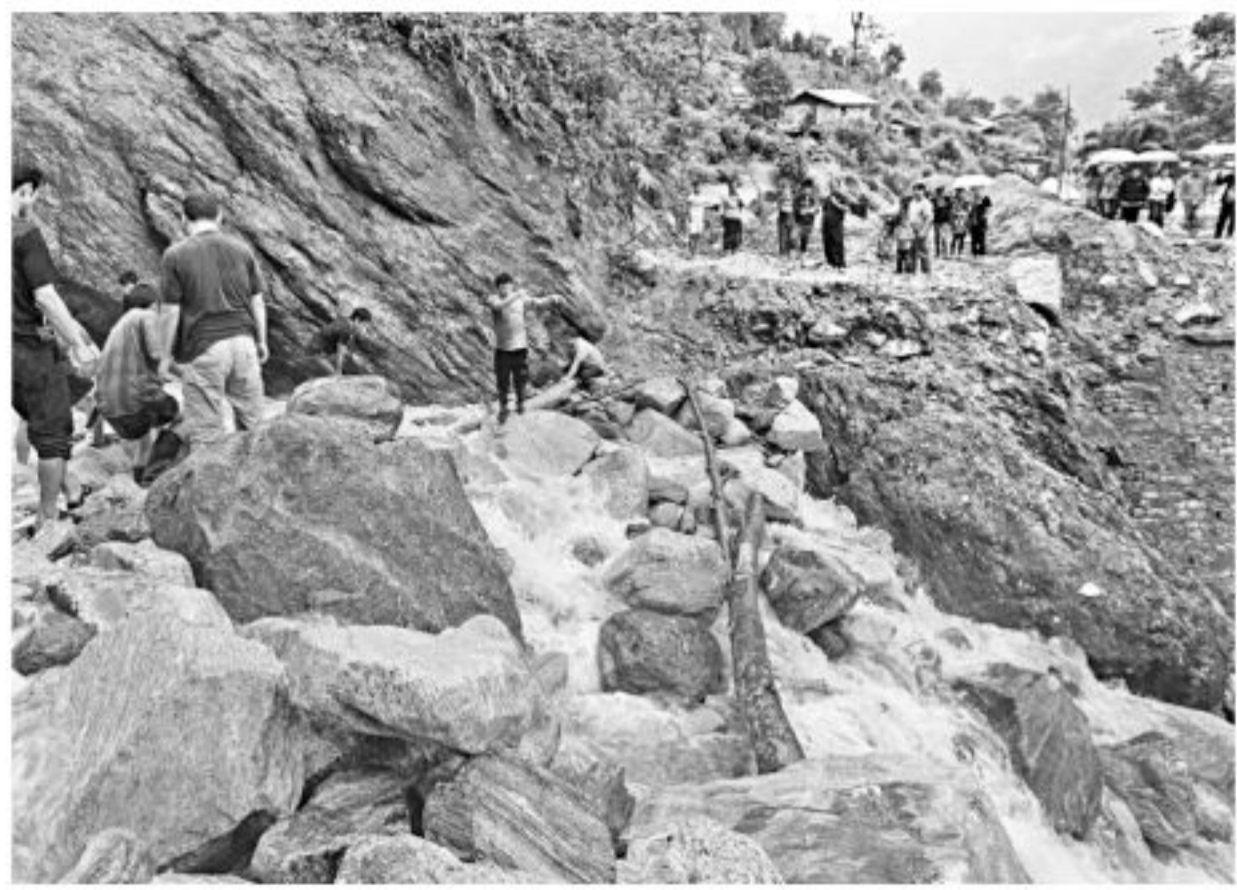


Landslides, floods kill 33

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in Sikkim, said state government spokesman AS Tobgay.
In Assam eight people were killed and 20 were missing, police said.



"Eighteen of 27 districts of Assam have been hit by floods with 1.4 million displaced and 11 people drowned in separated incidents in the past week," the Disaster Management agency said in a statement.

The floods, caused by relentless rains, marked the second round of massive flooding in two months to hit India's impoverished north-east and come towards the end of India's June-to-September monsoon season.

Nearly 130 people died and six million were displaced by floods in Assam state in July, reports AFP.

Rescue officials said in the latest floods, at least 2,200 villages had been swamped by overflowing waters from the rain-swollen Brahmaputra River.

Himanta Biswa Sarmah, the health minister of Assam state, told AFP that a "maximum health alert" to avert

outbreaks of diarrhoea or diseases such as typhoid had been declared in the devastated zone.

The annual monsoon provides vital irrigation for India's farmers but also claims many casualties from flooding and landslides.

Officials said flooding victims had been evacuated to temporary shelters on higher ground.

"We've dispatched doctors and paramedics to ensure there is no outbreak of disease," Sarmah said in Guwahati, Assam's largest city. Also, four people were

buried and killed in mudslides in Arunachal Pradesh, police said.

The military and central disaster response teams have launched operations to move people to higher ground by helicopter or in rubber boats. Nearly 100 shelters have been opened to accommodate the displaced.

In July, at least 110 people were killed and more than 400,000 people were left homeless in Assam during floods which Prime Minister Manmohan Singh said were among the worst in recent times.

INDIA COALGATE SCAM CBI begins probe in offshore mining

PTI, New Delhi

Just a week after filing cases in coal block allocation scam, CBI has begun probing alleged irregularities in the country's first-ever attempt to explore untapped mineral wealth worth thousands of crores lying in the deep sea bed, sensing another mega scam.

CBI sources said a preliminary enquiry has been registered by the agency in connection with the alleged favours extended to the companies by the unknown officials of the Indian Bureau of Mines while awarding licences for exploring minerals in the sea bed of Bay of Bengal and Arabian Sea.

It is alleged four beneficiaries companies owned by the family members of an Indian Revenue Service officer are also under the agency's scanner as they bagged nearly half of the blocks despite lacking necessary qualification, they said.

The sources said in March last year government, in a first attempt to explore offshore mineral wealth, had placed 62 blocks on offer out of which 28, nearly half, were bagged by companies owned by family members of the former Enforcement Directorate official who had also served in Mines Ministry.

The final award of licences had been put on hold after aggrieved parties approached the Bombay High Court and the Andhra Pradesh High Court seeking their cancellation.

The companies allegedly owned by the son and brother of the officer are based at the same address on Kasturba Gandhi Marg in the national capital, they said.

It is alleged that companies were incorporated after bids were invited from the interested parties willing to go for exploration and did not have any experience in offshore mining at the time of notification.

Hizb-ut leader Maola held

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made to "disappear" after detectives had picked him up from the gate of Kashimpur jail following his release on bail on September 19 night.

Shahida said Abul Bashar, jailer of Kashimpur jail, handed her husband over to some people who identified themselves as DB police on that night.

Detective Branch (DB) of police, however, told The Daily Star last night that its counter terrorism unit and Gulshan police in a joint drive arrested Maola from near Azad Mosque at Gulshan around 4:00pm yesterday.

The law enforcers made the arrest following information gleaned from Hizb ut-Tahrir activist Maksudul Rahman, who was earlier arrested by Gulshan police from near the US embassy around noon yesterday.

Golam Maola and Maksudul were taken into DB custody for interrogation, said Masudur Rahman, deputy commissioner of DB of Dhaka Metropolitan Police.

Earlier on September 19, the Supreme Court upheld a High Court order that had granted a six-month bail to Maola in a case filed for allegedly coordinating the activities of the banned outfit Hizb ut-Tahrir.

During yesterday's press

conference, Shahida said Maola's whereabouts remained unknown for over five days since the detectives picked him up in a microbus.

She said the detectives had been illegally keeping her husband in their custody, violating the constitutional provision for producing a detainee before a magistrate's court within 24 hours of the arrest.

Shahida appealed for intervention by national and international human rights organisations, including the National Human Rights Commission, for her husband's release.

Maola, who allegedly introduced Hizb ut-Tahrir in the country, was arrested from Dhanmondi on July 8, 2010 in connection with the case.

Police filed the case against Maola, a former teacher of Dhaka University, with Uttara Police Station on March 2, 2010.

ARREST OF MAKSUDUL
The DB and Gulshan police, however, had given different accounts of Maksudul's links with the banned outfit.

Maksudul Rahman, deputy commissioner of DB, said police had information that Maksudul along with other Hizb ut-Tahrir men, carrying placards, had gathered near the US embassy in the capi-

tal's Baridhara to make an attack on it.

Police chased them and arrested Maksudul from Notunbazar area around noon, he said.

However, the Gulshan police were not sure whether Maksudul was an activist of the banned outfit.

Nizamul Haque, additional deputy commissioner of DMP, told The Daily Star yesterday that around 60 men brought out a sudden procession near the US embassy around 12:10pm in protest against an anti-Islam film.

He, however, could not confirm whether the protesters belonged to the outfit Hizb-ut Tahrir.

Rafiqul Islam, officer-in-charge of Gulshan Police Station, said Maksudul claimed to be a student of Dhaka College, and police were interrogating him.

Khandker Lutful Kabir, deputy commissioner of police of Gulshan division, said they were verifying whether the protesters were the activists of Hizb-ut-Tahrir.

Police was taking preparations for filing a case in connection with the arrest of Maksudul and Maola, said Masudur Rahman, deputy commissioner of DB.

Pak 'blasphemy' girl's case sent to juvenile court

AFP, Islamabad

A judge yesterday ordered police to refer the case of a Pakistani Christian girl accused of blasphemy to a juvenile court, following a medical report that said she was 14.

Rimsha Masih spent three weeks on remand in an adult jail after she was arrested on August 16 for allegedly burning pages from the Koran in a case that prompted worldwide condemnation.

Police on Saturday told the court the girl was not guilty and a cleric who allegedly framed her should face trial instead.

"We have received the medical report which says she is aged 14. The investigation report of her case must be submitted in a juvenile court," Judge Raja Jawad Abbas said on Monday.

Rao Abdur Rahim, the lawyer for Rimsha's neighbour Hammad Malik, who originally accused her, objected to the medical report, but Abbas told him he should apply to the juvenile court when it takes up the case.

The judge later adjourned the case till October 1, summoning local imam Hafiz Mohammed Khalid Chishti, who was arrested for allegedly adding pages from the Koran to a bag of burnt papers, to the next hearing.

CEC asks officials

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Ahmad Khan is contesting for the parliamentary seat as an independent candidate while the third candidate, Asadullah Badal, is backed by the Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB).

Speaking at the discussion, both Afsaruddin and Asadullah brought allegations against Rimi saying that her activists were exercising muscle power against her two opponents.

They also claimed that the returning officer was not acting impartially.

"How can I expect a fair and neutral attitude from the election officials when none of my complaints against my archrival [Rimi] are addressed by the Election Returning Office?" asked Afsaruddin.

The two candidates said they would start observing the election atmosphere to see whether the EC was sincere about ensuring a level-playing field for all the prospective candidates.

Brother of Tajuddin Ahmad, Afsaruddin also demanded that the EC deploy army in all the 64 identified risky voting centres. He also demanded the installation of close circuit cameras in all the centres and measures to stop harassment of his activists by Rimi's supporters.

Rimi at the meeting said some of her "over-enthusiastic supporters" might have been behind those incidents. "But those are not a big issue," she said, and hoped that the elections would be fair.

In response to the allegations raised against him and his office, Returning Officer Mihir Sarwar Morshead said the complaints were forwarded to the election vigilance team. "They are investigating the complaints," he added.

The CEC said he hoped that the elections would be held in a free and fair manner.

In a written statement, Rakibuddin, however, did not say anything about the deployment of army personnel in the constituency. The JS seat fell vacant following the

resignation of ruling AL lawmaker Tanjim Ahmad Sohel Taj from parliament on July 7.

Sohel Taj, brother of Rimi, earlier in 2009 resigned as the state minister for home affairs.

The CEC called upon the candidates and their supporters to comply with the electoral code of conduct and help the EC by maintaining a congenial atmosphere in the area.

Reassuring Afsaruddin and Asadullah, he said: "I want to assure you that the election commission will treat all the contesting candidates equally to ensure a level playing field."

Rakibuddin called upon the voters to come to the voting centres with cheerful minds and to cast their votes without any fear in favour of the candidates they preferred.

"We will ensure foolproof protection for every single voter and if necessary, we will deploy additional security forces in all the voting centres."

The CEC also said the commission was monitoring the election atmosphere very carefully since security was its prime concern. He noted that the EC had huge plans regarding ensuring security in the constituency.

"We are monitoring the overall situation everyday to see in which direction conditions are moving," he said, adding that the EC would have video footage of the risky voting centres day of the election and monitor all happenings from Dhaka.

"In case of any violent incident or exercise of muscle power, we will stop voting instantly in those voting centres," said the CEC.

The main opposition BNP is not contesting the by-polls. Meanwhile, the BNP standing committee member and former MP from the constituency Brig Gen (ret'd) ASM Hannan Shah told The Daily Star that he, on Friday, had sent letters to the party's union-level leaders asking them to ensure that no BNP supporters cast their votes.

Suu Kyi an icon lacking political experience

AFP, Yangon

Aung San Suu Kyi may be one of the world's most renowned political activists, but when it comes to reviving her impoverished homeland, observers said the opposition leader will need help.

The Nobel laureate spent 15 of the last 23 years under house arrest, a sacrifice that has earned her deep respect both at home and abroad, as shown by the reception given to her in the United States this week.

But the long years of isolation have also left the Oxford-educated democracy champion sorely lacking in the political experience necessary to tackle Myanmar's myriad challenges as the country braces for further unprecedented change in the run up to 2015 elections and beyond, analysts said.

Many of the senior figures in her political party also spent years languishing in prison. Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy has a distinguished leader and massive popular support "but between the two, it has nothing", said one foreign diplomat.

There is little doubt that Myanmar's opposition leader is already in the process of stunning metamorphosis.

She was the junta's nemesis, but Suu Kyi's journey into parliament has seen her agree to work with the reforming ex-generals who took the helm of a new regime in March last year.

However, in the lower house of parliament Suu Kyi and her 41 NLD colleagues had little to say on recent economic debates, including on a foreign investment law seen as crucial in helping drag the long-isolated nation out of poverty.

"They have no vision in economy... They



do listen but they don't understand the whole process," said Myat Thin Aung, a member of the country's Union of Myanmar Federation of Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Even within the ranks of the opposition -- where references to Suu Kyi are steeped with reverence and gratitude -- there is concern about how the party can meet the enormous hopes and expectations of Myanmar's long-suffering people.

NLD MPs insist they have enough expertise within their ranks to manage the economy and negotiate the political hurdles ahead, while Suu Kyi has also expressed confidence in the abilities of the ageing pro-democracy old guard.

But younger party members will undoubtedly be needed to take the helm when the Nobel laureate, who is herself 67 years old, steps back from the political fray.

"The NLD should reform itself to give the youth some participation in the political process," said Zaw Thet Htwe, a journalist and former political prisoner.

This is all the more imperative, he said, because of a constitutional rule that bars "The Lady" from taking the top government role because she was married to a British man and has two sons who are both foreign nationals.

"Suu Kyi cannot be president because of the constitution. We must drop this idea. It is not possible," he told AFP.

The next major political milestone will be the 2015 election, but beyond that new political heavyweights will need to emerge to take the mantle from the veterans of Myanmar's democracy movement.

NOTICE

International Crimes Tribunal-2
Old High Court Building, Dhaka, Bangladesh
[ICT-BD Case No. 05 of 2012]

[Notice under Rule 31 of the Rules of Procedure 2012 requiring the appearance of accused before the Tribunal]

WHEREAS cognizance of offences as specified in Section 3(2) of the International Crimes (Tribunals) Act 1973 has been taken under Rule 29(1) of the Rules of Procedure 2012 considering the formal charge submitted by the Chief Prosecutor under Section 9(1) of the Act of 1973 before this Tribunal against the accused **Abul Kalam Azad @Bachchu** (64) son of late Abdus Salam Mia of village Barakhardia Police Station Saltha District Fairdpur and village Chanpara, Holding No. 279/6 Police Station Uttarkhan, Dhaka and at present House No. 06, Road No. 33, Sector No. 07, Uttara, Dhaka and House No. 15 (3rd Floor), Sonargaon Janapath Sarak, Sector No. 07, Uttara, Dhaka and since the warrant of arrest issued by this Tribunal under Rule 22 of the Rules of Procedure has been returned unexecuted as it could not be executed for the reason of absconson of the accused:

Notice is hereby made and published under Rule 31 of the Rules of Procedure 2012 of the Tribunal requiring the said accused to appear before this Tribunal within 10 (ten) days from the date of publication of this notice.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal-2 as directed, this the **24th day of September of 2012.**

By Order of the International Crimes Tribunal-2
A.K.M. Nasiruddin Mahmud
Registrar
International Crimes Tribunal
Old High Court Building, Dhaka

C-1215

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Bangladesh Public Service Commission Secretariat
Old Airport Building, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215

Invitation for Re-Tender

1.	Ministry/Division	Bangladesh Public Service Commission Secretariat (BPSCS), Dhaka.		
2.	Agency & procuring entity name	BPSCS, Dhaka.		
3.	Invitation for	Replacement of Mother Board of OMR Scanning Machine.		
4.	Invitation Ref No. & date	80.403.036.06.00.007.2010-229, Date: 23-9-2012.		
5.	Procurement method	Open tender method.		
6.	Budget and source of funds	Non-development budget.		
7.	Tender last selling date	12-10-2012 until 1.00pm.		
8.	Tender closing date and time	13-10-2012 at 2.00pm.		
9.	Tender opening date and time	13-10-2012 at 2.15pm.		
10.	Name & address of the office a) Selling tender document (principal) b) Receiving tender document c) Opening tender document	Bangladesh Public Service Commission Secretariat, Old Airport Building, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215. -do- -do-		
11.	Eligibility of tenderer	(i) Current year trade license, (ii) Up-to-date income tax clearance certificate (iii) VAT registration certificate (iv) Similar nature of goods supplied experienced certificate to any government sector; autonomous body; corporation or private sector organization; (v) Other requirements described in the tender documents.		
12.	Brief description of replacement of Mother Board of OMR Scanning Machine	Replacement of Mother Board of OMR Scanning Machine as per Technical Specification mentioned in the tender document.		
13.	Identification of lots	Tender security amount (Tk)	Price of tender document (Tk) (non-refundable)	Completion time
	Purchase of 500 LPM Line Printer as per technical specification	10,000/- (ten thousand)	200/- (two hundred)	12 (twelve) days
14.	Name, designation & address of official inviting tender	Meshab-UI-Alam, Assistant Secretary (Admin-3), Bangladesh Public Service Commission Secretariat, Old Airport Building, Tejgaon, Dhaka-1215 Telephone- 9117052.		
15.	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all or any tenders and increase or decrease the number of goods mentioned.			

Meshab-UI-Alam
Assistant Secretary (Admin-3)

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Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Office of the Deputy Director
Bangladesh Institute of Tropical & Infections Diseases (BITID)
P.O.: Jaforabad, Fouzderhat, Chittagong-4317
Memo No.-BITID/2012-2013/77 Date: 20/9/2012

Invitation for Re-Tender

Sealed tenders are hereby called from open tenders to supply outsourcing manpower (এমএলএসএস/নিরাপত্তা গ্ৰহণী/সুইপার) in the following categories as far PPA-2006 & PPR-2008.

KEY INFORMATION			
1.	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.	
2.	Agency	Bangladesh Institute of Tropical & Infections Diseases, Fouzderhat, Chittagong.	
3.	Procuring entity name	Deputy Director, Bangladesh Institute of Tropical & Infections Diseases, Fouzderhat, Chittagong.	
4.	Procuring entity code	GOB (out sourcing).	
5.	Procuring entity district	Chittagong.	
6.	Invitation for	শ্রমিক মজুরী (outsourcing) এমএলএসএস/নিরাপত্তা গ্ৰহণী/সুইপার।	
7.	Tender Ref. No.	Memo No- BITID/2012-2013/77 Date: 20/9/2012	
8.	Procurement method	Open tender.	
FUNDING INFORMATION			
9.	Budget and source of funds	GOB.	
PARTICULAR INFORMATION			
10.	Tender package name	শ্রমিক মজুরী (outsourcing) এমএলএসএস/নিরাপত্তা গ্ৰহণী/সুইপার।	
11.	Tender publication date	24/9/2012	
12.	Tender selling date & time	25/9/2012 to 8/10/2012 during office hour.	
13.	Tender drop & closing date & time	9/10/2012 at 12 noon.	
14.	Tender opening date & time	09/10/2012 at 01pm.	
15.	Name & address of the offices	Office of the Deputy Director (In-charge), Bangladesh Institute of Tropical & Infections Diseases (BITID), Fouzderhat, Chittagong.	
16.	Selling & receiving tender documents	Office of the Deputy Director (In-charge), Bangladesh Institute of Tropical & Infections Diseases (BITID), Fouzderhat, Chittagong.	
17.	Opening tender documents	Office of the Director (Health), Chittagong Division, Chittagong.	
INFORMATION FOR TENDERER			
18.	Eligibility of tenderers	As per schedule.	
19.	Brief description of related services	As per schedule.	
20.	Price of tender documents Taka	Taka 750/- (seven hundred fifty) non-refundable, Sonali Bank Pahartali Main Road Branch, Chittagong. Treasury Chalan Code No. 1-2711-0000-2366.	
21.	Category of the outsourcing manpower	Prerequisite qualification	Completion time in weeks
	ক) এমএলএসএস	এসএসসি (পাস)	As per terms & conditions of work order
	খ) নিরাপত্তা গ্ৰহণী	অটম শ্রেণী (পাস)	
	গ) সুইপার	অটম শ্রেণী (পাস)	
22.	Procuring entity details	Office of the Deputy Director, Bangladesh Institute of Tropical & Infections Diseases (BITID), Fouzderhat, Chittagong.	

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