

Landless in India march to capital

AFP, New Delhi

Tens of thousands of poor Indians began a 350-kilometre march to New Delhi yesterday to protest over the plight of marginalised communities excluded from the country's development.

The gathering left the central city of Gwalior and is set to reach India's capital at the end of the month, the organising activist group Ekta Parishad (Unity Forum) said.

"Some 35,000 people have started off from Gwalior and by the time they reach New Delhi we expect the number to swell to 100,000," Parishad spokesman Anesh Thillenkery told AFP.

Organisers said the group came from across India and included casual labourers, small farmers, fishermen, itinerant workers and the unemployed.

Participants in the rally carried green and white flags and blocked a major road in Gwalior.

"Our plan is to cover 27 kilometres on the first day of the march," Thillenkery said. "In all, we will walk through five states and we will follow national highways where we will eat, rest and sleep."

The planned route will take the rally through the cities of Agra, Mathura and Faridabad before reaching Delhi.



PHOTO: AFP

Indian police personnel, who were trapped in a police station by protesters, run out of the building after they were rescued by additional police forces during a protest against an anti-Islam film in Ahmedabad yesterday. The low-budget, US-produced "Innocence of Muslims" movie has incited a wave of bloody anti-American violence in Libya, Egypt, Sudan, Tunisia, Yemen and in several other countries across the Muslim world.

India set for more reforms

AFP, New Delhi

India's cabinet is set to approve bills that would raise the limit on foreign direct investment in insurance firms and open the pension sector to foreign investors, an official said yesterday.

The approval is expected today and these bills will then require parliamentary clearance before becoming a law.

"Measures like opening the pension sector to foreign investment and raising the FDI cap in insurance to 49 percent will be announced tomorrow," a finance ministry official told AFP, requesting anonymity.

The new economic reforms come as the government tries desperately to boost invest-

ment in India's sharply slowing economy.

After years of policy logjam and corruption allegations, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's administration burst into life in September when it announced a sudden blitz of measures to open up the retail, aviation and broadcasting sectors to foreign investment.

Reforms in the pension and insurance sectors have been pending for years due to lack of political consensus.

India's economic growth is at its slowest pace in three years and the ratings agency Standard and Poor's warned in June that the Asian giant could lose its investment-grade rating unless it revives growth and spurs reforms.

BALUCHISTAN UNREST

Pak army to support any constitutional solution

DAWN ONLINE

Pakistan's military chief yesterday said that the army would support any political steps allowed under the Constitution to resolve the problems of insurgency-hit Balochistan province.

Chief of Army Staff General Ashfaq Pervez Kayani said this in a policy statement on Balochistan made before his departure to Moscow on a four-day official visit.

The army chief said that support would be extended to a political solution to the Balochistan problem, provided that the solution was in accordance with the Constitution of Pakistan. Kayani said any steps taken in violation of the Constitution would be unacceptable.

Kayani's comments follow in the shadows of former Balochistan chief minister and Balochistan National Party president Sardar Akhtar Mengal's recent statements made in the Supreme Court.

"Why should not we divorce peacefully rather than seeking for a bloody divorce if the rulers have decided to keep on giving us mutilated dead bodies," Sardar Mengal had said before the court.

Bhutan aims to be first 100% organic nation

AFP, New Delhi

The Himalayan kingdom of Bhutan, famed for seeking "happiness" for its citizens, is aiming to become the first nation in the world to turn its home-grown food and farmers 100 percent organic.

The tiny Buddhist-majority nation wedged between China and India has an unusual and some say enviable approach to economic development, centred on protecting the environment and focusing on mental well-being.

Its development model measuring "Gross National Happiness" instead of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) has been discussed at the United Nations and has been publicly backed by leaders from Britain and France, among others.

It banned television until 1999, keeps out mass tourism to shield its culture from foreign influence, and most recently set up a weekly "pedestrians' day" on Tuesdays that sees cars banned from town centres.

Its determination to chart a different path can be seen in its new policy to phase out artificial chemicals in farming in the next 10 years, making its staple foods of wheat and potatoes, as well as its fruits, 100 percent organic.

"Bhutan has decided to go for a green economy in light of the tremendous pressure we are exerting on the planet," Agriculture Minister Pema Gyamtsho told AFP in an interview by telephone from the capital Thimphu.

"If you go for very intensive agriculture it would imply the use of so many chemicals, which is not in keeping with our belief in Buddhism, which calls for us to live in harmony with nature."

Bhutan has a population of just over 700,000, two-thirds of whom depend on farming in villages dotted around fertile southern plains near India and the soaring Himalayan peaks and deep valleys to the north.

Bhutan's only competitor for the first "100 percent organic" title is the tiny self-governing island of Niue in the South Pacific, which has a population of only 1,300. It aims to reach its objective by 2015-2020.

Nadia Scialabba, a global specialist on organic farming at the UN's Food and Agriculture Organisation, says the organic food market and its premium prices are attractive for small countries and territories.

"This is happening in very small countries who are not competitive on quantity, but they would like to be competitive in quality," she told AFP.

The global organics market was estimated to be worth 57 billion dollars in 2010, according to figures from the Research Institute of Organic Agriculture and the International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements.



Suu Kyi wraps up US trip

AFP, Los Angeles

Nobel laureate Aung San Suu Kyi wrapped up a landmark two-week US trip praising eastern Europe and South Africa's democratic transitions -- but saying Myanmar must find its own path.

The opposition icon, who flies home yesterday, said Myanmar has to develop its own form of democracy -- one that would probably not be like that of the United States, where a presidential election is only weeks away.

"It can't be like America's democracy because Burma is not America," she told several thousands supporters gathered Tuesday in Los Angeles for her last public appearance before she left for home.

"Each country develops its own type of democracy, not something that should be imposed from above. I've always been against so-called disciplined democracy, which has been advocated by the military regime."

Suu Kyi, who spent 15 years under house arrest until her 2010 release, arrived in the US on September 17 for the visit, which included a meeting with President Barack Obama in the White House.

Defence warned

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said, "Don't force us to issue such an order on Sunday."

The defence could not produce their witness for

Sayedee after completion of cross-examination of the seventh defence witness at about 2:40pm.

The prosecution of war

crimes case against former Jamaat chief Ghulam Azam also failed to produce a witness yesterday making the three-member tribunal

apparently jobless.

Justice Nizamul Huq reminded the defence that they were ordered to submit a list of witnesses before Eid-ul-Fitr for deposition and cross-examination.

"It seems to me [I will be happy if my observation turns wrong] you are trying to drag the trial proceedings," Justice Huq observed.

The defence in the last one and a half months produced only seven witnesses. The tribunal had to adjourn the trial proceedings a couple of times as they failed to produce their witnesses on due dates.

Earlier on September 20, the tribunal expressed discontent with the prosecution and the defence's repeated requests for adjournment of proceedings when they failed to produce their witnesses.

Granting adjournment for that day, the tribunal chairman strictly said the trial proceedings will not be adjourned if the defence or the prosecution failed to produce their witnesses.

On September 9, the tribunal issued an order saying it would not adjourn proceedings on such ground as the defence failed to produce their witness.

Defence counsel Mizanul Huq told the tribunal they had been facing several problems in producing their

witnesses for Sayedee.

Taking the point into account, Justice Anwarul Huq asked the defence why they had given a long list of witnesses since it was difficult for them to produce them.

"Isn't it self-contradictory?" he asked.

Ghulam Azam's case was scheduled after Sayedee's case yesterday for recording deposition and cross-examination of a prosecution witness.

But Zead Al Malum, prosecutor in Ghulam Azam case, was not present at the tribunal. The tribunal chairman asked another prosecution counsel to call on Malum.

About 10 minutes later, Malum entered the courtroom and informed the tribunal that his witness, who came to the courtroom in the morning, suddenly fell ill after lunch at his chamber.

Annoyed at the situation, another member of the tribunal Justice Jahangir Hossain Selim told the prosecutor, "What will we do now? Will we sit here jobless?"

The tribunal chairman then adjourned the proceeding for the day.

CROSS-EXAMINATION OF SAYEDEE'S WITNESS

Prosecutor Syed Haidar Ali asked Sayedee's witness Jamal Hossain Fakir whether he knew Atahar Ali Hawladar.

Atahar was known to him, said Fakir, adding, Atahar worked for the Liberation War.

"You [Fakir] said Atahar worked for the Liberation War. But he was a member of Peace Committee," the prosecutor commented.

"May be," Fakir replied.

Fakir in his deposition said he is 60 years old. But the prosecutor was suspicious about his age as he looked younger.

Haidar made a suggestion that the witness was premature during the Liberation War and the age he mentioned was not true.

Fakir replied in the negative.

On behalf of the tribunal Jahangir Hossain Selim then asked Fakir whether he could mention the date of his admission in primary school as the witness had earlier said in his deposition that he was five to six that time.

"I cannot remember it," Fakir said.

The prosecution drew the tribunal's attention about the witness' age. At the end of the cross-examination the tribunal noted it.

The proceeding of the case was adjourned until today.

Earlier in the morning, the defence of war crimes accused Salahuddin Quader Chowdhury completed cross-examination of a prosecution witness.

The proceeding of the case was adjourned until October 8.

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- নিয়োগ সন্তোষ বিষয়ে কর্তৃপক্ষের সিকান্ডি চূড়ান্ত বলে বিবেচিত হবে।
- পরীক্ষা/সাক্ষাৎকারের জন্য প্রার্থীগণ কোন ভ্রমভাষা বা সৈনিকভাষা প্রাণ্য হবেন না।
- কোন ধরনের তদবির/সুপারিশ/ভুল তথ্য অযোগ্যতা হিসেবে গণ্য হবে।
- উপরে উল্লেখ করা হয় নাই এরূপ ক্ষেত্রে জনপ্রশাসন মন্ত্রণালয় কর্তৃক জারিকৃত বিধি বিধান প্রযোজ্য হবে।
- কর্তৃপক্ষ পদসংখ্যা পরিবর্তনের ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন।

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