

13TH AMENDMENT  
SC verdict to  
create political  
unrest: Moudud  
STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court (SC) verdict on the constitution's thirteenth amendment will create serious political unrest and confrontation in the society, observed BNP senior leader Moudud Ahmed yesterday.

"The verdict was given on the basis of political ideology of the then chief justice ABM Khairul Haque which people will never accept," Moudud, a veteran lawmaker, said while speaking at a book launching programme at the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh in the capital's Ramma.

Two books were launched -- Amendments of the Constitution of Bangladesh: Legislative versus Judicial and The 13th Amendment Judgment -- both written by Abdul Halim, a Supreme Court lawyer.

Speaking as chief guest, Moudud said no higher court in any other country has delivered a verdict that divided people, created unrest and confrontation in the society.

"But in Bangladesh, the Supreme Court delivered such a verdict [on 13th amendment] which has divided our people to a great extent causing conflict between them," Moudud asserted.

## Security tightened in Ctg ahead of puja, eid

ARUN BIKASH DEY, Ctg

Law enforcement agencies have beefed up security in Chittagong city on the occasion of three big religious festivals of Hindus, Muslims and Buddhists.

Within a period of ten days, Hindus will be celebrating their biggest festival Durga Puja (October 20-24), Muslims Eid-ul-Azha (October 27), and Buddhists Prabbarana Purnima (October 29).

Commissioner of Chittagong Metropolitan Police (CMP) Shafiqul Islam said a total of 1,500 police members would be deployed at the puja mandaps across Chittagong city to maintain congenial atmosphere and prevent any unwanted situation.

CMP has already launched search operations and set up check posts at the entry points of the city.

Organisers said this year Durga Puja would be celebrated at a total of 251 puja mandaps

under 12 police stations of Chittagong city.

On the occasion, Rapid Action Battalion (Rab) has increased their patrolling throughout the city and the upazilas of Chittagong.

Rab personnel are visiting all puja mandaps every night and staying there from 9:00pm to 1:00am, said Deputy Director of Rab-7 Maj Rakibul Amin.

About 500 Rab members will guard the puja mandaps in the city and the upazilas, he said, adding that a number of plain clothes Rab personnel would also be there in and around the mandap areas.

Senior Joint Secretary of Mahanagar Puja Udjapan Parishad Ratnakar Das said all the agencies, including NSI and DGFI, had assured them of providing adequate security on the occasion.

Apart from security forces, around 3,000 volunteers will be engaged in maintaining congenial atmosphere at the mandaps, he added.



Police officers check the belongings of a woman at a check post on Momin Road of Chittagong city yesterday as part of the beefed up security measures ahead of Durga Puja and Eid-ul Azha.

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## Beijing ready for Ctg-Kunming link

Chinese vice president tells Khaleda

UNB, Dhaka

Chinese Vice President Xi Jingpin has told BNP Chairperson Khaleda Zia that China is ready to work with Bangladesh for establishing road and rail communications between Chittagong and Kunming as part of growing connectivity in the region.

The Chinese vice president told a meeting with Khaleda at Beijing's historic Great Hall of the People yesterday afternoon, said a message received here.

On her arrival at the Great Hall, Khaleda and her delegation members were received by Xi Jingpin and other senior leaders in traditional Chinese

customs.

Assuring Khaleda of China's continued economic, financial and technical support to Bangladesh in the days ahead, Xi Jingpin said the relations will get a new dimension in near future.

Xi Jingpin said China will actively consider participating in the construction of a deep sea port in Sonadia in the Bay of Bengal.

Both leaders agreed that this project would play a vital role for the economy of Bangladesh and other countries in this neighbourhood.

He recalled that the bilateral relations between Bangladesh and China were established by late President

Ziaur Rahman.

The Chinese leader said, "Strengthening party-to-party relations between the Communist Party of China (CPC) and the BNP will contribute towards giving our bilateral relations a further boost."

In response, Khaleda said the people of Bangladesh have always considered China as a "special friend."

Khaleda wished the upcoming 18th Congress of the CPC a success and expressed confidence that China will attain greater success under the dynamic leadership of the party.

The BNP chairperson went to China on Monday at the invitation of the CPC.

## WORKERS' PRE-EID SALARIES

Ministers apprehend unrest

Muhith rejects idea of govt fund allocation

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

There might be workers' unrest over payment of salaries and bonuses ahead of Eid-ul Azha, apprehended some ministers at an urgent cabinet meeting yesterday.

They demanded that the government allocates some special fund, out of any budgetary allocation, to deal with the issue, if it arises in the coming days.

Textiles and Jute Minister Abdul Latif Siddique raised the issue at the meeting, held in the capital's Prime Minister's Office, while some ministers, including Shipping Minister Shahjahan Khan and

Communications Minister Obaidul Quader, supported it.

However, Finance Minister Abul Maal Abdul Muhith vehemently rejected the plea, saying that there was no such scope to provide government funds for the workers, cabinet sources told The Daily Star.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, chairing the meeting, requested Muhith to see if something could be done for the workers.

Yesterday's unscheduled meeting was held as Muhith would leave Bangladesh to perform Hajj and his presence was necessary in discussions over some issues, including the Exchanges (Demutualisation) Act-2012.



Khaddey Bish Protirodh Anodoln forms a human chain on Dhanmondi 8 bridge in the capital yesterday demanding a stop to the use of harmful chemicals in food.

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SAGAR-RUNI MURDER  
Missing father  
of fugitive  
accused returns

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet

After being untraced for about 20 days, father of the lone fugitive accused in journalist couple Sagar-Runi murder case returned to his village home in Moulvibazar yesterday morning.

The man Mokbul Hossain alias Kala Miah, 60, of Dohalia village in Barlekhia upazila, runs a furniture shop.

Kala Miah said the unidentified armed men, who had taken him blindfolded to a three- or four-storey building in an unknown place, left him in that way at a place near Bhairab on Dhaka-Sylhet highway on Wednesday midnight. Later, some locals helped him return to his home.

He further said they wanted to know the whereabouts of his son Humayun alias Enamul, the fugitive accused.

On September 27 morning, four unidentified persons picked Kala Miah in a microbus near his house and since then he had been untraced, according to family sources.

A general diary (GD) was filed with Barlekhia police on Kala Miah's return.

## Young man beaten dead by uncle

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A young man was killed allegedly by his uncle in the capital's Savar area yesterday.

Victim, Mohammad Kalam, 17, worked at his uncle Manir Hossain's house as a domestic help.

Police said Manir confessed that he beat Kalam up with a wood stick.

Later, he took Kalam to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) where doctors declared him dead around 2:50pm, they said.

Earlier, Manir hid the victim's identity and told journalists at the DMCH that the "unidentified youth" was killed after being squeezed between two launches at Sadarghat.

As Manir's speech made police suspicious, they detained him and contacted relatives of Kalam.

Relatives of Kalam went to Shahbagh Police Station and revealed the mystery.

## CORRUPTION CASE AGAINST MOUDUD SC again stays trial proceedings

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Supreme Court yesterday again extended till November 11 its earlier order that stayed the proceedings of a corruption case against BNP leader Moudud Ahmed.

The SC also directed Moudud to file a leave to appeal petition with the court against a High Court verdict in the case.

On September 16, 2007, the Anti-Corruption Commission filed the case against Moudud on charge of amassing wealth worth over Tk 7.38 crore illegally and concealing information about his wealth of over Tk 4.4 crore from the commission.

On October 7, the HC cleared the way for continuing the proceedings of the case.

Chamber judge of the Appellate Division on October 9 stayed the trial proceedings of the case after Moudud filed a petition with it seeking stay on the HC verdict.

On October 11, the appellate division extended till October 18 its chamber judge's order after a petition submitted by Moudud.

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## Security for Ahmadiyyas demanded

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat has urged the government to ensure security of the community's people following the recent communal violence in Cox's Bazar and Chittagong.

They fear that the country's other religious communities including the Ahmadiyyas would be target of attack by communal gangs, said a press release.

The gang would attack the people to create a chaotic situation in the country, it said.

The press release signed by Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat, Bangladesh Naib National Ameer Mobasher Ali said locals handed over four members of the community to police accusing them of being involved in militant activities and infusing riot between Hindus and Muslims in Rajshahi and Habiganj in last two days.

One of them was sent to jail in Madhabpur of Habiganj, while others were freed, it said.

They also demanded that the government ensures an environment so that everyone can follow their own religious faith peacefully.



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## Country Manager for High Zinc Rice Product Development and Delivery for Bangladesh

HarvestPlus is an interdisciplinary, global alliance of more than 200 scientific and implementation partners in over 40 countries that seeks to reduce hidden hunger and provide micronutrients to billions of people directly through the staple foods that they eat. We use a novel process called biofortification, based on conventional plant breeding, to achieve higher levels of micronutrients in high-yielding, high-profit varieties of key staple foods. HarvestPlus is a joint venture between two CGIAR Centers, the International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT) based in Cali, Colombia and the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) based in Washington, D.C. Both Institutions are committed to reduce hunger and poverty around the world through their research activities.

The first wave of high nutrient crops is now ready for rollout. For this purpose, HarvestPlus and CIAT are recruiting a highly motivated and skilled Country Manager (CM) for Development and Delivery of zinc-dense rice in Bangladesh. The position will be based at Dhaka.

### Role and responsibilities

The Country Manager will be responsible initially for planning, organizing and implementing delivery of zinc-dense rice in Bangladesh to farming households. Later, additional crops may be added to the portfolio. For this, the CM has two principal responsibilities:

- Designing and implementing a successful delivery strategy, including assessing the potential for forming operational or strategic partnerships in areas such as seed supply, farm extension, market demand, and advocacy.
- Ensuring that budgets and work plans with relevance for delivery are synchronized with other HarvestPlus managers (plant breeding, human nutrition, impact evaluation, and communications).

### Requirements

The candidate shall have the following competencies, skills and experience and successfully demonstrated these attributes in actual work situations:

- Experience in the conception, design and management of strategies, initiatives and programs.
- Exceptional drive and entrepreneurship, a pronounced ability to motivate others.
- Ability to work both persuasively and diplomatically in a team-based environment with a high degree of complexity and ambiguity.
- Ability to build effective partnerships across the various parts of the supply chain.
- Hands-on problem-solver with strong analytical abilities.
- Successful experience working with the private sector and/or public policy makers.
- Strong end-product development focus and ability to successfully deliver products to market.
- Experience in one or more of the following fields: marketing, advocacy, product delivery, behavior-change approaches, economics, farm extension, seeds systems, plant breeding, nutrition and health.
- Speak and write English fluently.
- Preferably, speak the country language fluently.
- Be available to start work by March 1, 2013.
- Agree to intensive travel in the country and some travel outside of Bangladesh.
- Have a relevant university degree or extensive related experience (preferably a Master's degree or higher).

The statements in this description represent typical elements, criteria and general work performed. They are not intended to be construed as an exhaustive list of all responsibilities, duties and skills for this job.

### Terms of employment

The Country Manager is a member of the HarvestPlus Program Management Team. The contract will be for a three-year period, with a six month probation period, renewable depending on performance. The performance of the Country Manager will be assessed by delivery targets of farmer adoption and consumption of introduced high-nutrient varieties by preschool children and mothers.

We offer a multicultural, collegial research environment with competitive salary and excellent benefits. We believe that the diversity of our staff contributes to excellence. Women and developing country professionals are encouraged to apply.

### Applications

Applicants should apply by e-mail, including a cover letter, a full C.V. including relevant certificates, one page essay on what you would see as main steps and timing for achieving the adoption of biofortified rice by 500,000 farming households (farming and consumption) in Bangladesh starting with basic seed stock of 1 ton of seed and the names and contact information of three referees knowledgeable about the candidate's professional qualifications and work experience.

Applications should be sent to Catalina Montoya (C.m.ruiz@cgiar.org) or (harvestplusprogram@gmail.com) at the Human Resources Office at CIAT.

All applications will be acknowledged.

Closing date for applications: November 30, 2012 with extension until the position is filled.

We invite you to learn more about HarvestPlus and CIAT by accessing the websites [www.harvestplus.org](http://www.harvestplus.org) and [www.ciat.cgiar.org](http://www.ciat.cgiar.org) respectively.