



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, left, and Leader of the Opposition Khaleda Zia, right, attend the Armed Forces Day reception at Senakunja in the capital yesterday but they did not meet each other though they were in the same hall at the same time. PHOTO: FOCUS BANGLA

No love lost between 'em

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with the opposition leader and called upon her to join the ongoing parliamentary session. The opposition party had been boycotting parliament since March.
Talking to reporters later on, Hamid said the BNP chief assured him of considering his request.
Awami League chief Hasina and the BNP chief Khaleda seldom see each other or talk to each other.
Expectation was high among hundreds of dignitaries attending the programme that the two top leaders would at least exchange greetings.
Khaleda flanked by her

security personnel and her defence adviser, press secretary and personal assistant reached Senakunja around 4:00pm while the premier reached just after 4:00pm.
The BNP chief was sitting beside Speaker Abdul Hamid.
When Khaleda was leaving around 4:50pm, journalists asked for comments but she refused.
Hasina stayed until 5:00pm.
In her speech, the premier talked about her government's various measures to modernise the three forces.
Khaleda skipped the

Armed Forces Day reception in 2010 and 2011. She, however, attended the reception in 2009 during the first year of the Awami League-led alliance government.
Hasina and Khaleda were last seen together at the Armed Forces Day ceremony on November 21, 2009. The two top leaders had also attended an iftar party where they shared a table and exchanged pleasantries.
The Armed Forces Division organises a reception each year for the family members of the Bir Shresthas (highest award winners for gallantry) as well as

some selected freedom fighters with other gallantry awards and their family members.
The three chiefs and other senior officials of the Army, Navy and Air Force and a host of distinguished personalities attended yesterday's programme.
On the two leaders not talking at the programme, Awami League Joint General Secretary Mahbubul Alam Hanif in an interview with the BBC yesterday said, "I think there may be differences of political ideology between the parties but it cannot be desired that there would be no social

interaction."
BNP acting secretary general Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir said, "None of us want it [the two leaders not talking] for the sake of the county, politics and our future."
"If you want democracy in the true sense, you have to create a reciprocal relationship between political parties and leaders."
Professor emeritus of Dhaka University Sirajul Islam Chowdhury told the BBC, "There is no relationship between the leaders of the two political parties. This situation is unacceptable in democracy."

BARISAL MEDICAL COLLEGE HOSPITAL Patients suffer as interns go on strike

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Barisal
Interns at Barisal Sher-e-Bangla Medical College Hospital (SBMCH) yesterday went on a wildcat strike to protest the assault on the doctors by a patient's attendants.
The treatment at the only specialised public hospital of the southern region is facing disruption and therefore, many patients are leaving the hospital.
Only the outdoor and emergency services have been resumed after a meeting between the interns and the authority.
The internee doctors brought out a protest procession from the hospital

campus around 8:00am and also burnt tyres.
Dr Mehedi Hasan, president of internee doctors association, SBMCH, said the strike would continue until the attackers are arrested.
Witnesses said seven attendants of 60-year-old Korimunnesa Bibi, a brain stroke patient, became angry and assaulted Dr Tonmoy Barua, on duty physician, Dr Mehedi and Dr Ratan Kumar Dhali after the patient had died around 6:30am.
However, Mamunur Rashid, son of the dead and constable of Rangamati Police Station, denying any incident of assaulting said the doctor on duty did not provide her mother oxygen

support although the ward registrar asked him to do so.
He blamed the negligence of the doctors for his mother's death. He also alleged that the doctors used abusive language during an altercation over the death.
Dr Ratan, assistant registrar of the ward, said the patient was admitted in a critical condition and doctors tried their best to save her.
The SBMCH authority formed a two-member probe committee to investigate the alleged negligence of the doctors in discharging duty and is about to lodge a case with Barisal Kotwali Police Station over the assault on the doctors.

Students! Are they?

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College students said two students of Jagannath University were locked in a heated argument with some college students over standing in a queue of a bank on the college campus around 11:00am.
At one stage the university students were beaten up and forced to leave the college campus.
However, 45 minutes later a group of 10-12 university students went to the college and issued threats to the college students but had to run back to their turf being chased by college students.
Within an hour around 100-150 university students appeared in front of the college gate. They broke through the main gate and torched five cars and three motorbikes.
Two fire engines rushed to the spot and doused the fire.
The intruders also beat up people on the college campus indiscriminately, including three policemen who tried to resist them.
Later, college students chased the university students back to their

campus. They also fought a running battle there.
Around 2:00pm a group of around 800 Jagannath University students retaliated. They went to the college campus and torched four motorbikes.
They swooped on bystanders on college campus too.
Meanwhile, Jagannath University students alleged that the college students beat up Psychology student Mahi when he went to the bank to deposit admission-test fees for a relative. When Mahi returned to his campus badly bleeding from the head, other students became angry.
They claimed that the college students also beat up some university students and stabbed a few when they went to the college campus to protest the beating up of Mahi.
They said several homemade bombs were blasted on the college campus at that time.
Streets near the two campuses were virtually closed to traffic during the clashes and people were seen running for

cover in panic.
Principal Prof Shafiqur Rahman of Kabi Nazrul Islam Govt College told The Daily Star that they formed a three-member committee to probe the incident.
Jagannath University authorities also formed a six-member committee.
Police high officials and leaders of Bangladesh Chhatra League units at both institutions claimed that Islami Chhatra Shibir men carried out the attacks and vandalism taking advantage of the situation.
Officer-in-Charge Nazrul Islam of Sutrapur Police Station said they could not control the situation initially and had to call in reinforcements.
No one was arrested in this connection.
However, reportedly students attacked a police van near Sutrapur Police Station and injured three policemen around 11:00pm. The injured first received treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital but early yesterday they moved to Rajarbagh Police Lines hospital.

BCL men attack JCD rally at Sust 5 injured; 5 buses vandalised

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet
Five JCD activists were injured in an attack by BCL activists and as many buses were vandalised by the former at Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (Sust) in Sylhet city yesterday.
Activists of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) suddenly came under attack near a university roundabout as they brought out a procession around 9:30am to mark the birth anniversary of BNP's Senior Vice-Chairman Tarique Rahman.
Activists of Awami League-backed Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) swooped on the procession with sticks and iron rods and snatched a banner from the JCD men before torching it, witnesses said.
Following the attack, the JCD men gathered at the university's main gate and vandalised five university buses.
Sust JCD convener SM Jahangir said, "We demand exemplary punishment of the BCL attackers by November 23. Otherwise, we will call a strike on November 24 [scheduled for the university's admission tests]."
The BCL convener said the JCD men are intent on causing disruptions on the campus ahead of the admission tests.
The BCL activists later held a rally in front of the central library, with Sust BCL convener Shamsuzzaman Chowdhury in the chair. Speakers at the rally demanded that the Jamaat, JCD and Shibir be banned in the country.
The university's Assistant Proctor Himadri Sekhar Roy said the proctorial body held a meeting in the afternoon and was preparing to file a case against the JCD men for vandalising university buses.
Besides, the university authorities have imposed restrictions on all kinds of demonstrations on campus till November 24, he added.
Gousul Hossain, officer-in-charge of Jalalabad Police Station, said police have been deployed on campus following the attack.

Pakistan attacks kill 10

AFP, QUETTA, Pakistan
Militants hit Pakistani security forces on the eve of a major international summit, killing 10 people in regional flashpoints yesterday as delegates arrived in the capital Islamabad.
In the southwestern city of Quetta, bombers hit an army vehicle escorting children home from school, killing four soldiers and a woman, police said.
More than 20 people were wounded when the bomb, planted on a motorcycle, was detonated by remote control, said Quetta city police chief Hamid Shakeel.
There was no immediate claim of responsibility for Wednesday's attack but Quetta and its province Baluchistan are frequently hit by bomb attacks.
In northwest Pakistan, five policemen were killed in two other attacks.
Four police died when gunmen ambushed a routine patrol in the Jani Khel area of Bannu district, Nisar Ahmed Tanoli, the local police official, told AFP.
A roadside bomb in Shangla district also killed one police official and injuring four others, according to police.

Stop, now

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The government authorities in the HC rule were asked to comply with the orders and submit a report by January 7 next year.
Besides, the HC sought an explanation as to why import, distribution and sale of food items treated with harmful chemicals should not be declared illegal.
M Helal Uddin, a director of the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry, filed the petition on Monday, seeking HC directives on the government to stop the unlawful deeds.
Unscrupulous traders at wholesale and kitchen markets prefer to add harmful chemicals like formalin to food items for preservation and use carbide for ripening fruits, Helal said in the

petition, adding consumption of such foods inflicts serious harm on human body.
AM Amin Uddin and Iqbal Kabir Lytton appeared for the petitioner, while Deputy Attorney General Al Amin Sarker represented the government.
EXISTING LAWS CAN STOP FOOD ADULTERATION
Commerce Minister GM Quader yesterday said the departments concerned could prevent food adulteration through actions in line with the existing laws that already provide for stern punishment, including death penalty.
Replying to lawmakers' queries, he told parliament that there was no need for a fresh law in this regard.
Under the Special Powers Act 1974, a per-

son shall be sentenced to death, or imprisonment for life, or rigorous imprisonment for a term which may extend up to 14 years, and shall also be liable to a fine for adulteration of, or sale of adulterated food, drink, drugs or cosmetics, added the minister.
The Pure Food Ordinance 1959 has also provisions for stern punishment for such offences, he said.
Under the Consumer Rights Protection Act 2009, Quader said, a person might be jailed for three years and fined Tk 2 lakh for selling adulterated food.
The national consumers' rights protection directorate has been operating countrywide drives against food adulteration, he said, adding such drives would be intensified further.

Ishwardi Export Processing Zone
Paksey, Pabna
(www.epzbangladesh.org.bd)
No. 03.382.007.00.00.436.2008-648 Date: 14 November 2012

Tender Notice

No. 08/2012-13

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from the eligible contractor(s) for the following work as per terms & conditions stated as below:

1	Ministry/Division	Prime Minister's Office.
2	Agency	Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA).
3	Procuring entity name	Ishwardi EPZ, Paksey, Pabna.
4	Procuring entity district	Pabna.
5	Invitation for	Tender for works for single lots.
6	Invitation Ref. No. & date	08/2012-13, Dated: 14 November, 2012.

KEY INFORMATION

7	Procurement method	Open Tendering Method (OTM).
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FUNDING INFORMATION

8	Budget and source of funds	Self-finance of BEPZA.
9	Development partners (if applicable)	Not applicable.

PARTICULAR INFORMATION

10	Project/programme code (if applicable)	Not applicable.
11	Project/programme name (if applicable)	Ishwardi Export Processing Zone, Phase-2.
12	Tender package No.	Not applicable.
13	Tender package name	Not applicable.
14	Tender publication date	On or before 23 November, 2012.
15	Tender last selling date & time	17 December, 2012 (during office hour).
16	Tender submission date and time	18 December, 2012 (up to 12.00 noon).
17	Tender opening date and time	18 December, 2012 at 3:00pm.
18	Name & address of the office(s)	Accounts Section, Ishwardi EPZ, Paksey, Pabna.
	Selling of tender document (principal)	Accounts Section, BEPZA, BEPZA Complex, House # 19/D, Road # 6, Dhanmondi, Dhaka.
	Selling of tender document (others)	1. Accounts Section, BEPZA, BEPZA Complex, House # 19/D, Road # 6, Dhanmondi, Dhaka. 2. DC Office (Local Govt. Section), Pabna.
	Receiving of tender document	1. Executive Engineer (Civil), Ishwardi EPZ, Paksey, Pabna. 2. DC Office (Local Govt. Section), Pabna.
	Opening of tender document	General Manager, Ishwardi EPZ, Paksey, Pabna.
19	Place/date/time of pre-tender meeting	Not applicable.

INFORMATION FOR TENDERER

20	Eligibility of tenderer	The invitation for tender is open to all eligible tenderers who satisfy the following: (a) The tenderer must have successful completion experience of at least 01 (one) complete building in/civil, sanitary & electrical works amounting not less than 50% of the quoted amount during last 05 (five) years in govt./semi-govt./autonomous bodies. The work completion certificates shall have to be issued by the officer not below the rank of Executive Engineer or equivalent officer of concern department/organization. (b) The required minimum average annual construction turnover (best 03 years of last 05 years) is Tk. 185.00 lakh. All work completion certificates must be enclosed with tender. (c) The required minimum liquid asset is Tk. 30.00 lakh. (d) Blacklisted/debarred bidders from any govt./semi-govt./autonomous organization will be treated as ineligible to participate in the tender. (e) Up-to-date trade license, income tax clearance certificate, VAT registration certificate. (f) Other required conditions and documents of the tenderer are shown in Tender Data Sheet (TDS) of tender documents must be fulfilled. (g) All other criteria will be taken according to the Public Procurement Act-2006 and its amendment.
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21	Brief description of works	Earthwork, khaa consolidation, MS work, RCC & brick works door/window, grill, painting, sanitary, electrical works etc.
22	Tender document price	Tk. 1,500.00 only.

Sl. No.	Lot No.	Identification of lot	Location	Tender security amount (in Tk.)	Completion time
1	2	3	4	5	6
23		Construction of single storied Ansar Barrack having four-storied foundation at Ishwardi EPZ, Paksey, Pabna	Ishwardi EPZ, Paksey, Pabna	2,50,000.00 (in favour of BEPZA)	180 days

PROCURING ENTITY DETAILS

24	Name of official inviting tender	GM Nazrul Islam.
25	Designation of official inviting tender	Executive Engineer (Civil).
26	Address of official inviting tender	Ishwardi Export Processing Zone, Paksey, Pabna.
27	Contact details of official inviting tender	Phone: 07326-63861

Special Instruction:

(a)	Eligible firms/authorized representative may purchase tender documents from the offices mentioned in SN-18 on submitting written request in their letterhead pad.
(b)	Any false, forged and misleading documents furnished by tenderer shall result in rejection of the tender.
(c)	In case of any confusion arises due to printing mistake or other reason, the Public Procurement Rules-2008 will govern.
(d)	Tender should be submitted original along with one duplicate copy and it should be mentioned on the cover sheet.
(e)	Tender shall be valid for a period of 90 days from the date of opening the tender(s). The tender notice is also available at website: www.epzbangladesh.org.bd of BEPZA.

29 The procuring entity reserves the right to accept any or reject all tenders or annul the tender proceedings.

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