

SOUTH CHINA SEA OIL EXPLORATION China warns India

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China has said that it "opposes any unilateral energy exploration" in the South China Sea, in response to Monday's statement by Navy Chief Admiral DK Joshi saying that the Indian Navy was prepared to protect its interests and deploy its forces in the contested waters.

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hong Lei said China "hopes relevant countries respect China's sovereignty and national interests", when asked at a regular press briefing about Admiral Joshi's comments. "China opposes any unilateral energy exploration and development activities in the disputed areas in the South China Sea," he was quoted as saying by the Communist Party-run Global Times newspaper.

Admiral Joshi had said in response to questions at a press briefing on Monday that the Indian Navy was "prepared" to go to the South China Sea to protect Indian interests. ONGC Videsh is currently



involved in three oil exploration blocks off Vietnam in the South China Sea, whose waters and islands are contested by China, Vietnam and several other countries.

On Tuesday, National Security Adviser Shivshankar Menon, who was in Beijing on a two-day visit, played down the remarks, saying that the issue did not figure during his talks with the Chinese leadership. Mr. Menon said the media had "manufactured" a story by getting the Navy Chief to comment on the matter, adding that the Chinese side recognised that "the media plays a role".

In recent weeks and months, a number of commentaries in the Chinese State-run media have debated India's role in the United States move to "pivot" to Asia and strengthen its presence in the region, against the backdrop of resurfacing territorial disputes between China and a number of its neighbours, including Vietnam and the Philippines.

Indian SC clears Pranab's presidency

TNN, New Delhi

The Supreme Court yesterday dismissed P A Sangma's petition challenging Pranab Mukherjee's election as the president.

The SC bench said that Sangma's petition did not disclose material to pass the stage of early scrutiny.

A five-judge bench of the apex court decided by 3:2 majority that the petition did not deserve to be entertained for detail trial, which if ordered would have entailed possible cross examination of Pranab Mukherjee.

The SC on November 21 had said that it would take a final call on entertaining former Lok Sabha Speaker P A Sangma's plea, challenging the election of Pranab Mukherjee as president, on December 5.

China defies release call for Nobel laureate

AFP, Beijing

China yesterday cast a cold eye on demands from 134 Nobel laureates for the immediate release of dissident 2010 Peace Prize winner Liu Xiaobo, reiterating that he was a convicted criminal.

Liu is serving 11 years in prison for inciting subversion and a battalion of Nobel winners from across six disciplines sent incoming Chinese president Xi Jinping an open letter urging him to free the activist.

"China is firmly opposed to the outside world interfering into China's judicial sovereignty and internal affairs in any form," said foreign ministry spokesman Hong Lei.

In their letter, the 134 Nobel laureates noted that no government "can restrict freedom of thought and association without having a negative effect on... important human innovation".

They said they hoped China's new political leadership will "take concrete steps towards embracing the fundamental rights of all Chinese citizens".

The open letter's signatories included Peruvian Mario Vargas Llosa (2010 Literature); East Timor's Jose Ramos Horta (1996 Peace); and South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu (1984 Peace).

Liu, who was jailed previously for his involvement in the 1989 Tiananmen pro-democracy protests, was sentenced in 2009 after co-authoring a bold manifesto for change in China.



Liu Xiaobo

Past, present wiped out

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"Let's run!" she cried out as soon as a loudspeaker roared with an announcement at the Industrial Relations Institute (IRI) premises in Tongi, where Rashidul had to bring her yesterday to draw her dues.

Tahera did not know why she came to the IRI premises. As the correspondent was speaking to her husband, she suddenly pointed at the correspondent's black shoes -- wanting to eat them.

Deeply haunted and distraught, she has lost all mental balance.

In fact, Tahera is suffering from loss of memory, which in medical terms is called amnesia.

"She suddenly starts eating a shoe or raw meat. She cannot recognise me or her 12-year old daughter Ravina," said her husband, Rashidul Islam.

Tahera was sitting at the IRI premises among the 50-odd injured from jumping from the third and fourth floors of Tazreen Fashions.

She looked around with the eyes wide open as soon as there was a loud noise.

"She passed out twice as we were travelling by bus to collect the pay yesterday," said Rashidul, adding she was terrified every time the driver honked.

Tahera Begum, 25, was working on the fifth floor of Tazreen Fashions on the fateful night of November 24.

According to her husband, she tried to flee the fire through the stairs, but was stopped by a floor-in-charge, who locked the collapsible gate upon the sight of the rush of workers.

Soon, the power went off. Amidst the darkness, thick toxic fumes and stampede, Tahera hurt her head.

She somehow managed to drag herself to a window, where a male colleague helped her get out through it.

She became unconscious.

Now, Tahera only shows some alertness to the mention of 'Babu'.

Baby is her 16-month baby, who is still on breast milk.

Stop parading detainees

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division bench, also said that such actions were prohibited as per law and the constitution.

The law enforcers take confessional statements from the detainees while exposing their names and identities before the media, which is illegal and unconstitutional, he said during the hearing of a contempt of court case.

He mentioned that the law enforcers could take confessional statements from detainees only after producing them before a magistrate as per the law.

Justice Manik made the comment following the December 1 incident of producing Javed Imam, a senior assistant judge of Bhola District Judge's Court, before the media by the police after arresting him in front of the capital's Eden Women's College for allegedly carrying 342 bottles of Phensedyl.

A metropolitan magistrate on Monday summoned five police officials including the officer-in-charge of New Market police to appear before it in person today and explain why they produced Javed before the media without taking permission from a magistrate.

SC APPROVES SUSPENSION

Meanwhile, the Supreme Court yesterday approved a government decision to suspend Javed.

The approval came at a full court meeting of the SC with Chief Justice Md Muzammel Hossain in the chair. Almost all the High Court judges attended the meeting which was held at the conference room of the SC building in the afternoon, meeting sources said.

The meeting also endorsed a law ministry proposal to file a departmental case against Javed and close him to the ministry.

The ministry on December 2 sent the proposal to the SC to suspend Javed and file a case against him.

Yesterday, the meeting decided to suspend SM Aminul Islam, a judge of the Women and Children Repression Prevention Tribunal of Comilla, and Habibur Rahman, additional district judge of Madaripur, over graft charges following recommendations by the SC's general administration (GA) committee, sources said.

Departmental proceedings against Aminul and Habibur are underway.

Another recommendation to promote seven joint district judges to the post of additional district judge was also approved.

CONTEMPT RULE ON KEPZ OFFICIALS

The bench of Justice Manik and Justice Farid Ahmed was hearing a contempt of court rule against three officials of KEPZ, a private export processing zone.

The court issued the rule on November 15 as they ignored its earlier order of April this year asking them to stop hill cutting at Anwara in Chittagong and to bring the place back to its previous position.

The KEPZ officials -- its Adviser Brig Gen (ret'd) Hasan Nasir, General Manager Col (ret'd) Mohammad Shajahan and Manager Abul Kalam Azad -- promised before the court that they would soon comply with the HC directive.

Advocate Manzill Murshid, who filed the contempt of court petition, told The Daily Star that the HC exempted the officials from personal appearance before it for the time being.

If they do not comply with the court order, a petition will be filed with the HC to summon them again, added the lawyer.

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told The Daily Star.

BGMEA had wanted to pay a month's salary to the workers of Tazreen in Ashulia where a devastating fire on November 24 killed 111 people. But the workers demanded pay for another three months and 13 days.

Tazreen yesterday paid salaries and compensation to the workers in three categories, complying with the rules, said Shipar.

Those who worked for three months or less got salary for the month of November with an additional Tk 1,000 in compensation.

The employees, who worked for more than three months but up to one year, received a month's salary and one month's gross pay.

The group, who served the company for at least one year and 240 working days, got two months' salary, leave payment and overtime.

They also received basic payment for the number of years they worked for. For example, those who worked for five years got five basic payments of their monthly salary, a BGMEA official explained.

Some of the injured could not come to the Industrial Relations Institute in Tongi where BGMEA made all arrangements for paying the workers off. The company officials allowed their husbands, wives or any other family member to receive the money by showing the factory identification cards of the employees.

"Some workers lost their fathers, mothers, brothers or sisters. It was a humanitarian gesture on our part," BGMEA President Shafiu Islam Mohiuddin said.

The association would give workers of Tazreen Fashions new jobs if they communicated with its members, Mohiuddin said in a tone of assurance.

Labour Minister Rajiuddin Ahmed Raju and

BGMEA leaders and officials were present there at that time.

Tazreen Fashions had 1,700 employees, of whom, 1,630 were workers, according to the website of Tuba Group, which owns the factory.

Fifty people, who claimed to have worked with Tazreen, did not get money as they could not show any document as evidence.

"We will pay them after they give us any proof,"

Mohiuddin said.

Some people demanded compensation from the authority, claiming to have failed to trace their relatives after the fire.

BGMEA officials advised them to go to Dhaka Medical College Hospital for a DNA test. A match with the DNA of any of those burnt beyond recognition would be a proof of that claim.

Those, who did not collect salaries and compensation yesterday, could anytime communicate

with the BGMEA authorities to get the money, Faruque Hassan, vice-president of BGMEA, said.

He also said BGMEA would give Tk 1 lakh to each of the injured.

The survivor, who sustained severe injuries, however, complained about not getting enough support from the BGMEA authorities for their better treatment.

Monjuma Begum, who had jumped from the third floor of the eight-storey fac-

tory building and broken her leg, said she had not had enough money for treatment. She would spend the money that she received from the authority in treatment. Her husband Mozammel, a tailor who works at another garment factory beside Tazreen, came to Tongi with her as she was not being able to walk.

"We are trying our best to provide for proper medical service to the workers who were severely injured," Mohiuddin said.

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