

Foggy weather

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districts from last night to midday today, it said. The meteorological department also predicted more foggy weather in the next two days, which could disrupt ferry services.

Police, meanwhile, recovered the body of the unidentified beggar in the morning from a road-island in front of Nasiman Bhaban in Kazir Dewri area of the port city. The mid-aged man was lying there without any warm

clothes on and died at around 1:30am the previous night, said Sub-inspector Talat Mahmud of Kotowali Police Station, quoting a witness.

Hitting the biting cold wave for a few days, people in Kurigram, Dinajpur, Joypurhat and Nilphamari districts have confined themselves to their homes. Besides, dense fog disrupted communication, bringing their normal lives to a standstill.

The cold wave is coming from the Himalayan belt, which becomes stronger after midday and turns extremely unbearable in the evening. The sun remains covered by dense fog and cloud all day long.

Many people especially children and the elderly are being affected by cold related diseases like fever, cough, bronchitis, asthma, diarrhoea and pneumonia.

The homeless and

income groups like day labourers are the worst sufferers. They set bonfires under trees and in parks and huddle around them for warmth against the cold.

"I am suffering in the cold for the last several days as I don't have money to purchase warm clothes," Dhara river-side day labourer Anwarul told our Kurigram correspondent.

Azad's trial

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prosecution and the defence, according to the International Crimes (Tribunals) Act, 1973.

Besides this case, the prosecution have already started placing their closing argument in the case against Jamaat leader Abdul Quader Mollah. The prosecution witnesses are placing their testimonies in three other cases pending with the tribunal.

The tribunal indicted Azad, also known as Bachchu Razakar, with eight charges of crimes against humanity on November 4 and has been holding his trial in absentia as he is on the run.

Twenty-two prosecution witnesses including the investigation officer of the case have testified in the case, but there is no defence witness as the state-appointed defence counsel failed to produce anyone due to non-cooperation from Azad's family.

Prosecutor Sahidur Rahman yesterday started his two-hour argument commemorating Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and martyrs of the Liberation War and

placed his argument mainly on the first four charges citing testimonies of nine witnesses.

The three-member tribunal headed by Justice Obaidul Hassan with members Justice Mozibur Rahman Miah and Judge M Shahinur Islam recorded Sahidur's arguments before adjourning the proceeding until today when the prosecutor is set to resume his argument.

According to the first charge, Azad and his cohorts apprehended Ranjit Kumar Nath alias Babu Nath from Khabashpur in Faridpur in the first week of June 1971 and took him to a Pakistani army camp at Faridpur Circuit House.

After a discussion, Ranjit was taken to the house of Rashid Mia at Bihari Colony, was kept confined in a room and was tortured with the intent to kill him. He however managed to escape by breaking a window around midnight.

Sahidur said Ranjit as the fifth prosecution witness testified before the tribunal about his abduction, torture and confinement by Azad

and his cohorts and the defence counsel, during his cross-examination, could not discredit his testimony.

Moreover, Probodh Kumar Sarkar, 15th prosecution witness in the case, also corroborated Ranjit's testimony.

"Bachchu Razakar had taken Ranjit Kumar alias Babu Nath to [Faridpur] Circuit House from Khabashpur and afterwards tortured him before confining him at my neighbour Rashid Mia's house. But he managed to escape," Sahidur quoted Probodh as saying.

According to the second charge, some local Razakars apprehended Abu Yusuf Pakhi on July 26, 1971 and handed him over to the Pakistani army at Faridpur Stadium.

After consulting with Pakistani Major Koraishi, Azad and Ali Ahsan Mohammad Mojaheed, another war crimes accused, kept Yusuf detained and tortured him severely at the camp.

"Abu Yusuf Pakhi, during his confinement there [camp at the Faridpur Stadium] for

43 days, also witnessed torture and atrocities on young girls kidnapped and brought to that camp by you [Azad] and your accomplices," says the charge.

Sahidur said Abu Yusuf alias Pakhi, as the eighteenth prosecution witness, testified that Azad formed Razakar force in Faridpur first and became the commander of Al-Badr later during the war.

In his testimony, Pakhi said Azad along with other Peace Committee members and Pakistani army used to be present during the brutal torture they had endured at the army camp, said Sahidur.

Corroborating Pakhi's testimony, Amir Hossain, a college mate of Azad and the seventh witness in the case, also testified against Azad, said Sahidur, adding that Amir had seen Pakhi at the torture camp of Faridpur Stadium when he was confined there.

"Bachchu used to accompany Pakistani Major Akram Koraishi and as a classmate, I thought he might help me get out. Instead, he told Koraishi [in Urdu], 'he is a freedom

Bye, Sachin

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played. He is also the first batsman to have scored an ODI double century. He accomplished all of this at the spectacular average of 44.83, placing him firmly in the pantheon of all-time greats. But Tendulkar's impact on world cricket has been more than the considerable weight of his career stats.

In a career that has spanned more than two decades, Tendulkar has become more than just an Indian icon; he became an

international brand, not limited to the myriad corporate brands he endorsed that put him on billboards and television screens everywhere. His cricketing brand, a brand that represented complete batsmanship on the field and the bearing with equanimity the intense media and public pressure off it, endeared him to millions of cricket fans all over the world.

So it was with Bangladesh and Bangladesh cricket fans, who were indeed privileged

to see some 'Sachin specials' over the years. He played his last ODI match at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in Mirpur earlier this year in March, when he scored a half-century against Pakistan (his ODI debut in December 1989 was also against Pakistan) in the Asia Cup. In the previous match against Bangladesh he had accomplished the unthinkable by scoring his hundredth international century.

It was in Bangladesh where he started one of his best years in ODI cricket in 1998, when he had scores of 54, 67, 95, 1 and 41 at the Bangabandhu National Stadium in the Independence Cup, a triangular tournament also involving Pakistan and the hosts. More than the runs he scored it was the rate at which he scored that dazzled, as he unfurled his range of breathtaking strokes after having shed the burden of the Indian captaincy in late 1997. In October of that same year, Tendulkar returned to Dhaka for the Wills International Cup and staged a one-man demolition of Australia, scoring 141 and taking four for 38 with his unique blend of off-spin and leg-spin bowling. It was also in Bangladesh that the journey to fulfil Tendulkar's dream of winning a World Cup began with the opening game of the 2011 World Cup.

His monumental career has been the one constant in cricket's changing scenery over the past two decades. He started playing at the age of 16 in 1989, when the likes of Malcolm Marshall, Imran

Khan, Viv Richards, Richard Hadlee, Allan Border and Ian Botham were still plying their trade. He played alongside and outlasted cricketing legends such as Brian Lara, Steve Waugh, Wasim Akram, Alan Donald, Curtly Ambrose, Shane Warne and Glenn McGrath.

His career is a rare example of promise fulfilled, as he has lived up to every forecast of greatness made when he first came on the scene as a precocious but tender talent.

There will be many cricket fans all over the world who have not known cricket without Sachin Tendulkar walking out to open the innings for India. For others his retirement severs the last remaining tie to a glorious past, when cricket was a simpler sport.

Royal hoax DJs may face trial

AFP, London

British prosecutors will decide whether to pursue charges against two Australian DJs, police said Saturday, after a nurse who took a hoax call to a hospital treating Prince William's pregnant wife Kate apparently killed herself.

Scotland Yard said officers had this week sent a file to the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) over the prank earlier this month by presenters Mel Greig and Michael Christian, from Sydney's 2Day FM radio station.

Muhith not happy

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Local media received a flurry of criticism from the minister after The Guardian, a UK-based newspaper, wrote about the prospects of Bangladesh economy along with some other countries.

"Our character is that when The Economist, Wall Street Journal and the Guardian write something positive [about Bangladesh], everyone feels elated. But, when we speak the same thing, it doesn't sound right," he said.

In September, two

senior lawmakers of the ruling Awami League -- Tofail Ahmed and Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim -- in parliament slammed the finance minister for his remark that "Tk 4,000 crore swindled [by Hall-Mark and others] is a petty amount." They requested him to refrain from making such comments.

Muhith was talking to reporters yesterday after meetings with delegations of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh and the Institute of Cost

Management Accountants of Bangladesh at his office.

The minister tried to take credit for the country's economic progress in recent times without acknowledging the mismanagement and irregularities in the financial sector, especially in state-owned banks.

"This year can be termed a disaster-free year till now," he said, despite the fact that some of the biggest scams -- Destiny, Hall-Mark and Sonali Bank -- took place in the financial sector.

The minister said the president will talk about different issues in his new year speech in the next parliament session. Muhith said he would give a statement on economic aspects in the House.

The Guardian recently said Bangladesh is among a number of emerging countries that could overtake the western economies by 2050, as they have been growing fast.

"As the west remains mired in gloom and even the BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) start to plateau, attention is turning to this group of countries, many of which not so long ago were rudely dismissed as basket cases," said Larry Elliott, economics editor of

the London-based newspaper, in a write-up on December 18.

This new group of countries includes Bangladesh, Mexico, the Philippines, Nigeria, Indonesia, and Turkey.

Muhith also came down hard on a local think tank without mentioning any name.

"Its [the think tank] findings are rubbish. I doubt if there is any scholar in it... and in recent times, many newspapers have published its stories," he said.

The minister said the think tank now says the government will not be able to achieve the expected GDP growth. "It goes for only negatives," he added.

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Memo No. PD/CZPDP/BPDB/Pkg-18/Pur-167/2012-13/1614 Dated: 20/12/2012

Invitation for Bids

Loan No: BD-P 59
Bid No: PD/CZPDP/BPDB/Pkg-18

- The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh has received an ODA Loan from Japan International Cooperation Agency, (hereinafter referred to as the JICA), in the amount of 9,715 million Japanese Yen toward the cost of Central Zone Power Distribution Project, Mymensingh, BPDB, Loan Agreement No. BD-P 59 signed on March 01, 2009, and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of the loan to payments under the contract for Procurement of Conductor (AAC Wasp (Insulated) & AAC-Ant (Insulated) (the "Goods"). Disbursement of an ODA Loan by JICA will be subject, in all respects, to the terms and conditions of the Loan Agreement, including the disbursement procedures and the "Guidelines for Procurement under JICA ODA Loans". No party other than Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh shall derive any rights from the Loan Agreement or have any claim to loan proceeds. The above Loan Agreement will cover only a part of the project cost. As for the remaining portion, Government of People's Republic of Bangladesh will take appropriate measures for finance.
- JICA requires that bidders and contractors, as well as the Government of People's Republic of Bangladesh, under contracts funded with JICA ODA Loans and other Japanese ODA, observe the highest standard of ethics during the procurement and execution of such contracts. In pursuance of this policy, JICA;
 - will reject a proposal for award if it determines that the bidder recommended for award has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for the contract in question;
 - will recognize a contractor as ineligible, for a period determined by JICA, to be awarded a contract funded with JICA ODA Loans if it at any times determines that the contractor has engaged in corrupt or fraudulent practices in competing for, or in executing, another contract funded with JICA ODA Loans or other Japanese ODA.
- The Bangladesh Power Development Board, hereinafter "the Purchaser", now invites sealed International Competitive Bids (ICB) from eligible bidders from eligible source countries for the supply of the goods for the purpose of the project.
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information on the bid form and inspect the bidding documents at the office of Project Director, Central Zone Power Distribution Project, Bangladesh Power Development Board, Biddut Bhaban, 12th Floor, 1 No. Abdull Gani Road, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh
Fax: +880 2 951 3166, Phone: +8802-955 1433
- A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by any interested eligible bidder on submission of a written application to the above address and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Tk 10,000.00 (BDT ten thousand) or US\$ 150.00 (US dollar one hundred fifty) in the form of Pay Order/Demand Draft in favour of the Project Director, Central Zone Power Distribution Project, Bangladesh Power Development Board from Dec-25, 2012 to Feb-06, 2013 during office hour.
- The estimated date of award is 30-04-2013 subject to the approval of RDPP.
- The signing of the contract will depend on approval of the RDPP.
- All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of Taka 9,300,000.00 (Taka nine million three hundred thousand) or US\$ 115,000.00 (US dollar one hundred fifteen thousand), and must be delivered in accordance with the instructions to bidders on or before 11.00am on 07 Feb, 2013 and will be publicly opened immediately thereafter.
- The Bangladesh Power Development Board will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery of bids.
- BPDB reserves the right to accept or reject all the bids without assigning any cause.

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Bangladesh Power Development Board
Dhaka, Bangladesh

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Office of the Project Director
"Development of Technology for the Production of Low Cost Solar Power"
BCSIR, Dr. Qudrat-i-Khuda Road, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1205

Invitation for Re-Tender

1	Ministry/Division	Ministry of Science and Technology		
2	Agency	Bangladesh Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (BCSIR)		
3	Procuring Entity Name	Project Director "Development of Technology for the Production of Low Cost Solar Power"		
4	Procuring Entity District	Dhaka		
5	Invitation for	Supply, Installation, testing and commissioning of Laboratory Equipment.		
6	Invitation Ref No & Date	39.347.014.01.00.014.2012; 08.11.2012		
7	Procurement Method	Open Tendering Method (OTM)		
8	Budget and Source of Funds	GoB		
9	Tender Publication Date	24.12.2012		
10	Tender Last Selling Date	02.01.2013 up to 17:00 pm		
11	Tender Closing Date and Time	03.01.2013 up to 12:00 pm		
12	Tender Opening Date and Time	03.01.2013, 13:30 pm		
13	Name & Address of the offices of selling and receiving tender document	1. Office of the Project Director, "Development of Technology for the Production of Low Cost Solar Power", Address: IFRD, BCSIR, Dr. Qudrat-i-Khuda Road, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1205. 2. Bangladesh Atomic Energy Commission, Paramanu Bhaban, E-12/A, Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka- 1207. Tender documents can be submitted during office hour on or before submission date by post or directly.		
14	Name & Address of the office of opening of tender document	Office of the Project Director, "Development of Technology for the Production of Low Cost Solar Power", Address: IFRD, BCSIR, Dr. Qudrat-i-Khuda Road, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1205.		
15	Eligibility of Tenderer	Any reputed firm/distributor/supplier having up-to-date valid trade license, VAT, tax registration certificate, import registration certificate with bank solvency. Others terms and conditions should be followed according to the tender documents.		
16	Brief Description of works	As per schedule specification		
17	Brief Description of Related Service	Supply, Installation, testing and commissioning of solar insolation measurement instruments		
18	Tender Document Price	Tk. 1,000/- (One Thousand Taka only), Non refundable.		
19	Lot No.	Identification of Lot	Location	Tender Security Amount in Taka
	None	Supply, Installation, testing and commissioning of Laboratory Equipment.	Dhaka	1,35,000.00
				120 days from the date of signing of contract.
20	Name of Official Inviting Tender	Muhammad Shahriar Bashar		
21	Designation of Official Inviting Tender	Project Director		
22	Address of Official Inviting Tender	IFRD, BCSIR, Dr. Qudrat-i-Khuda Road, Dhanmondi, Dhaka-1205.		
23	Contact details of Official Inviting Tender	Mobile: 01552332588	e-mail: solar.bcsir@gmail.com	
24	Special instruction:	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders prior to acceptance without assigning any reason whatever.		

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Muhammad Shahriar Bashar
Project Director

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Eligible and interested candidates are requested to send their resume along with two recent passport size photographs, copies of experience & academic certificates to the following address by 01-01-2013 Experienced candidates will be given preference.

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