



TELANGANA ISSUE
Decision in
a month
Says Indian home
minister

THE HINDU ONLINE

Union Home Minister Sushilkumar Shinde yesterday said a decision on Telangana would be taken within a month after considering and consolidating the views expressed by representatives of different political parties at the all-party meeting held in New Delhi on Friday.

Speaking to presspersons after conclusion of the 90-minute-long meeting, he said he had heard the views of the 16 leaders who represented eight political parties – Congress, Telugu Desam, TRS, YSR Congress, CPI, BJP, CPI (M) and MIM. "I cannot tell you what they have expressed at meeting but this will be the last all-party meeting on the issue of Telangana," he categorically stated.

Asked about the stand of the Congress, Shinde said he was not in a position to comment on it and reiterated that a decision would come out in a month.

Former Speaker K R Suresh Reddy of the Congress, who hails from Telangana, said after the meeting he was confident that the Centre would take a positive decision on Telangana.

DELHI GANG-RAPE CASE

Victim's condition deteriorating

AFP, Singapore

An Indian gang-rape victim is showing signs of severe organ failure after taking a turn for the worse, the hospital treating her said yesterday after medics criticised a decision to fly her to Singapore.

The 23-year-old was airlifted to Singapore Thursday after the attack on a bus in New Delhi on December 16, a crime which has prompted widespread street protests in India amid simmering anger at the level of violence against women.

"Her vital signs are deteriorating with signs of severe organ failure," Kelvin Loh, the chief executive of Mount Elizabeth Hospital, said in a statement.

"As of 9:00pm on 28 Dec, the patient's condition has taken a turn for the worse.

"This is despite doctors fighting for her life including putting her on maximum artificial ventilation support, optimal antibiotic doses as well as stimulants which maximise her body's capability to fight infections."

The hospital had informed the victim's

family of her worsening condition and "they are currently by her side to encourage and comfort her", Loh said.

Earlier on Friday the victim was described by doctors in Singapore as "struggling against the odds, and fighting for her life" after she was found to have a lung infection and brain injury. While still in India she had suffered a heart attack.

She had also been diagnosed with severe intestinal injuries as a result of being attacked with an iron bar during the assault.

Shortly after the latest hospital statement was issued, an AFP reporter outside the intensive care unit where the victim is being treated saw nurses wheeling in medical equipment.

There was a flurry of activity and loud sobs were heard from the room, but they subsided a short while later.

The victim was treated in Delhi's Safdarjung Hospital after the attack, in which six men raped her.

Govt to create rapist database

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

Indian government has decided to post the photos, names and addresses of convicted rapists online, in a step aimed at checking sexual crimes against women.

The national database of rapists will be shared on the website of the National Crime Records Bureau in a few months, said Junior Home Minister R P N Singh on Thursday.

He said the idea is to name and shame them and to prevent repeat occurrences.

The announcement came 11 days after a medical student was battered with an iron rod and raped by six men on a moving bus in Delhi on December 16. She is now undergoing treatment in a Singapore hospital.

Mamata asks 10-yr to build 'Sonar Bangla'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee yesterday said she would turn her state into a "Sonar Bangla" if she got an opportunity to work for just 10 years.

In her characteristic style of making promises before mass gathering, the chief minister said, "in a new Bengal that would emerge, unemployed youths would not have to go outside the state to seek jobs".

"The only thing I need to have is adequate funds to complete the projects undertaken by the state government," she told a huge rally at Pundibari in Cooch Behar district.

Earlier, Mamata had promised to turn Kolkata into London by giving the state capital a facelift.

She said if the state had the fund and the Reserve Bank of India stopped collection of interest on loans, it was possible to give jobs to 10 lakh unemployed youths in a year.

She said the central Indian government was 'forcefully' collecting huge amounts of interest over loans taken by the erstwhile Left Front government in West Bengal.

The Centre had never asked the previous government to stop taking loans and now they were taking back huge interest from the state government, she said.

22 Pakistani soldiers kidnapped

AFP, Peshawar

Around 200 heavily-armed militants stormed two government paramilitary camps in northwest Pakistan on Thursday, killing two security personnel and kidnapping at least 22, officials said.

The attackers armed with heavy weapons including mortars and rocket launchers struck before dawn at the two militia posts outside Peshawar, the main city of northwest Pakistan, close to the restive tribal areas that border Afghanistan.

"The exchange of gunfire lasted about one hour in which they killed two soldiers, wounded one and took away 22 others," local administration official Naveed Akbar told AFP.

US drone strikes go up in Yemen

AFP, Washington

US drone strikes against Islamist militants decreased in Pakistan's tribal regions for the second year in a row but intensified in Yemen, according to figures compiled by a Washington think tank.

In Pakistan, 46 strikes were carried out in 2012, compared to 72 in 2011 and 122 in 2010, the New America Foundation said, based on its compilation of reports in international media.

But Yemen saw an equally drastic increase in the clandestine attacks, with strikes against al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) militants rising from 18 in 2011 to 53 in 2012.

This "drone war" is officially classified, and the US does not provide any information on the strikes.

President Barack Obama, George W Bush, only incidentally recognized their existence at the end of January in an online exchange.

Suu Kyi knitted jumper auctions \$50,000

AFP, Yangon

A colourful woolly jumper knitted by Myanmar democracy icon Aung San Suu Kyi has fetched nearly \$50,000 at a charity auction in Yangon, aides of the Nobel laureate said yesterday.

The red, green and blue V-neck was bought by private radio station Shwe FM late on Thursday as part of a fundraising event, organised by Suu Kyi's opposition party, for education projects.

Those close to Suu Kyi gave conflicting views on whether she knitted the garment during her long years of house arrest in Yangon, or while overseas before she returned to Myanmar to embark on her freedom struggle.

"She made it more than 25 years ago in England," Ko Ni, a close aide of Suu Kyi, told AFP.

"I do not know exactly when. Some of her belongings have arrived from England recently."

But a member of Suu Kyi's security team said she made it while under house arrest at the hands of Myanmar's then ruling generals.

The money raised from the sale will fund a series of education schemes, according to Phyoe Min Thein, an auction organiser as well as lawmaker for Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy party.

"We will use the money to help troubled Myanmar migrants in other countries, poor schools and those who live in areas where it is difficult to access the education," he said.

Misdeeds at BASIC Bank

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The accounting watchdog raised 13 objections in audits in 2010 into BASIC Bank's Bangshal, Dilkusha, Karwan Bazar, Uttara and Gulshan branches.

Amid lax internal control and auditing, officials of these branches issued a number of loans between 1997 and 2010, exceeding the credit limits and violating Bangladesh Bank's instructions.

BASIC Bank's Bangshal branch lent Tk 42.86 crore to MR Steel Mills Ltd without creating registered mortgage and following other key conditions, said the 2009-10 OCAG report.

Similarly, the bank's principal branch in Motijheel is facing a loss of Tk 16.96 crore from loans it disbursed to two clients in spite of mortgage deficit.

Without the mandatory down payment the bank gave the clients the chance to repay the loans by extending the time limit, but the clients failed to do so.

Likewise, the bank's Dilkusha branch lent Tk 13.48 crore to Shah Islam Construction and its associate Mrs A&Z -- without valid mortgage documents.

The construction firms completed the projects for which the loans were taken, but they did not pay back the bank.

An audit shows how the



Office of the Executive Engineer

MODS Zone-3, Dhaka WASA
Lalmatia, Dhaka

Memo No: 04/2012-13/Zone-3

Date: 23/12/2012

Invitation for Tenders

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

1.	Ministry/Division	Local Government, Rural Development and Co-operative.
2.	Agency	Dhaka WASA.
3.	Procuring entity name	Executive Engineer, MODS Zone-3, Dhaka WASA, Lalmatia Steel Tank Compound, Lalmatia, Dhaka.
4.	Procuring entity district	Dhaka.
5.	Invitation for	As per SI/Clause No. 19
6.	Invitation Ref No.	No. 04/2012-13/Zone-3.
7.	Date	23/12/2012.
8.	Procurement method	Limited Tendering Method (LTM).
9.	Budget and source of fund	Revenue budget.
10.	Development partners (if applicable)	None
11.	Tender last selling date	15.01.2013 (during office time).
12.	Tender closing date & time	On 16.01.2013 Time: Up to 12:00 noon.
13.	Tender opening date & time	On 16.01.2013 Time: 2:00pm.
14.	Name & address of the offices:	<p>Selling tender document</p> <p>1. Janata Bank, Kawran Bazar Corporate Branch, Dhaka.</p> <p>2. Agrani Bank, WASA Branch, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.</p> <p>3. Pubali Bank, Kawran Bazar Branch, Dhaka.</p>
15.	Receiving tender document	Executive Engineer, MODS Zone-3, Dhaka WASA, Lalmatia Steel Tank Compound, Lalmatia, Dhaka.
16.	Opening tender document	Same as above.
17.	Eligibility of tenderers	Contractor enlisted in Dhaka WASA.
18.	Brief description of works	As per SI/Clause No. 19.
19.	Price of tender document	Tk 300.00 (three hundred) only for each document.
20.	Lot/SI Identification of lot/package No.	Tender security
21.	Package No: 12 Mass cleaning works of existing sewer lines at different places of MODS Zone-3.	Completion time (days)
22.	01 Mass cleaning works of existing sewer lines at Lalmatia Block A, B, C, D, E, F Zakir Hossain Road and Kazi Nazrul Islam Road area under MODS Zone-3	4,500/- 30 days
23.	02 Mass cleaning works of existing sewer lines at Iqbal Road, Sir Sayed Road, Sherhsaheb Road, Azam Road and Shahjahan Road area under MODS Zone-3	4,500/- 30 days
24.	03 Mass cleaning works of existing sewer lines at Bashbari, Katasur, Sher-e-Bangla Road, Zafarabad Poolpar and Shonkor Road area under MODS Zone-3	4,500/- 30 days
25.	04 Mass cleaning works of existing sewer lines at Dhanmondi, Mirpur Road, West side to Dhanmondi Lake East side area under MODS Zone-3	4,500/- 30 days
26.	05 Mass cleaning works of existing sewer lines at South side of Dhanmondi Road No. 2 to New Market area under MODS Zone-3	4,500/- 30 days
27.	Packe No: 13 Mass cleaning works of existing sewer lines at different places of MODS Zone-3.	
28.	01 Mass cleaning works of existing sewer lines at Dhammondi Lake West side to Satmosjid Road & East side area under MODS Zone-3	4,500/- 30 days
29.	02 Mass cleaning works of existing sewer lines at Razabazar, Sobhanbag, Sukrabad, Tejpuribazar, Indira Road, Panthopath, East side of Mirpur Road etc area under MODS Zone-3	4,500/- 30 days
30.	03 Mass cleaning works of existing sewer lines at Kalabagan, North Dhammondi, Kalabagan 1st & 2nd lane, Bashiruddin Road, Part of Dhammondi Road No. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 etc area under MODS Zone-3	4,500/- 30 days
31.	04 Mass cleaning works of existing sewer lines at Elephant Road, Free School Street, Green Road, North Road, Central Road, Al-Amin Road, Hatirpur, Kathalbagan, Katabon etc area under MODS Zone-3	4,500/- 30 days
32.	05 Mass cleaning works of existing sewer lines at Babor Road, Humayun Road etc area under MODS Zone-3	4,500/- 30 days
33.	Packe No: 14 Mass cleaning works of existing sewer lines at different places of MODS Zone-3.	
34.	01 Mass cleaning works of existing sewer lines at Shahjahan Road, Khilji Road, PC Culture 'Ka' Block etc. area under MODS Zone-3	4,500/- 30 days
35.	02 Mass cleaning works of existing sewer lines at East side of Parliament Bhaban, Part of Rokeya Sonori, Khamar Bari & Monipurpara etc area under MODS Zone-3	4,300/- 30 days
36.	03 Mass cleaning works of existing sewer lines at Sonkar Chairman Goli, Sher-e-Bangla Road, Rayer Bazar, Jafrabad Road etc area under MODS Zone-3	4,500/- 30 days
37.	04 Mass cleaning works of existing sewer lines at Monesher Road, Zigatola, Tallabagh, Mitali Road, Salek Road, Sonatongar etc area under MODS Zone-3	4,500/- 30 days
38.	20. Name of the official inviting tender	Md Nurul Islam.
39.	21. Designation of the official inviting tender	Executive Engineer.
40.	22. Address of the official inviting tender	Office of the Executive Engineer, MODS Zone-3, Dhaka WASA, Lalmatia Steel Tank Compound, Lalmatia, Dhaka.
41.	23. Contact details of the official inviting tender	Telephone: 8100010
42.	24. The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders.	

Md Nurul Islam

Executive Engineer

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