

Rahul takes charge as Congress VP

Urges to reduce negative politics

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi

Rahul Gandhi, the scion of Nehru-Gandhi family, yesterday officially took charge as India's ruling Congress party's second-in-command saying he intends to practice "positive politics" in an "acrimonious political environment".

Rahul, 42, whom many see as India's future prime minister, said Congress is the best instrument for change, the best instrument to bring youngsters into politics.

"And I want to try and use this instrument to bring change and make it accessible to youngsters", Rahul added.

Rahul, the lawmaker from Amethi, was elevated to the post of vice-president of Congress last Sunday. He is second only to party president and his mother Sonia Gandhi.

SEX CRIMES  
Indian panel seeks tougher penalties

AFP, New Delhi

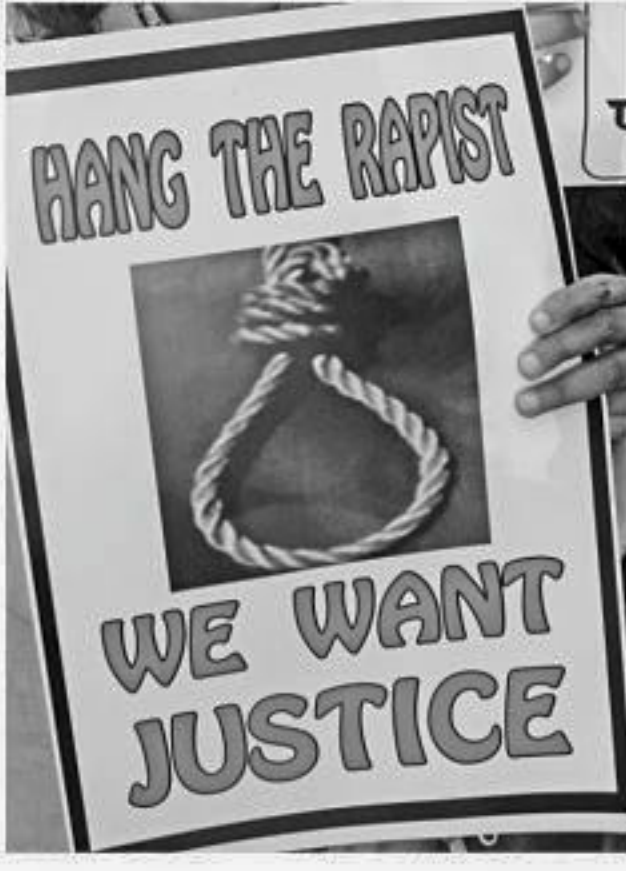
An Indian panel set up after a student was fatally gang-raped on a bus yesterday recommended new, tougher penalties for sexual crimes but stopped short of calling for the death sentence.

Commission member Gopal Subramaniam said all gang rapes should be punishable by life imprisonment that "should mean the rest of the person's life". The penal code currently stipulates gang rapists face a minimum 10 years to a life term.

The panel was established following the brutal attack on the 23-year-old student in mid-December that sparked violent street protests over the lack of safety for women and impassioned calls for harsher laws to punish rapists.

The panel said its main focus had been to prevent widespread sexual crime in India rather than just to prescribe punishments.

"We need a correction of the societal mindsets. Deficiencies can be overcome by our leaders, the judiciary and the police,"



panel head and former chief justice of India JS Verma said.

The panel urged stronger punishment for trafficking of women and children and crimes such as groping, stalking, unsolicited sexual contact and voyeurism.

Verma added that local communities should name special magistrates to deal with "street romeos" who harass women.

Though sexual harassment is commonplace in India, the student's gang rape has touched a public nerve, sparking an outpouring of criticism about the systemic mistreatment of women in Indian society.

The woman, who was also assaulted with an iron rod, died of massive internal injuries 13 days after the December 16 attack, prompting widespread public demands for India to introduce the death penalty for rapists.

"We did not recommend the death penalty because we received overwhelming suggestions against it," including from women's groups, said Verma.

PM'S GRAFT CASE  
Top Pak court to probe official's death

AFP, Islamabad

Pakistan's top judge yesterday ordered the Supreme Court to investigate the death of an official probing a corruption scandal involving the prime minister.

Kamran Faisal was found dead last Friday in a government hostel just days after the Supreme Court ordered the arrest of Prime Minister Raja Pervez Ashraf over the long-running graft scandal into so-called Rental Power Plants (RPPs).

According to the initial findings of an autopsy, Faisal committed suicide, but his family and some colleagues dispute that he killed himself.

Chief Justice Iftikhar Muhammad Chaudhry, who is hearing the corruption case, ordered another bench to probe Faisal's death and directed to place this case before another bench on January 24 for further proceedings.

BJP names new chief after shock resignation

OUR CORRESPONDENT, New Delhi



Rajath Singh and Nitin Gadkari

Senior BJP leader Rajnath Singh was yesterday elected unopposed as the president of the party, replacing Nitin Gadkari who was virtually forced out of the race for the top post at the eleventh hour by an in-house revolt against him following his controversial business dealings.

The BJP parliamentary board, the party's highest decision-making body, at its meeting here this morning endorsed 61-year-old Rajnath Singh's name as the party's next chief.

A resolution in favour of Rajnath Singh was proposed by senior BJP leader LK Advani and was unanimously supported by all parliamentary board members including outgoing president Gadkari, BJP leader Ananth Kumar told reporters here.

On Tuesday night, after dramatic developments, BJP replaced Gadkari as its presidential nominee and instead zeroed in on Singh, former party chief, to lead the party in the run up to the 2014 parliamentary elections, in an anti-climax.

Rajnath Singh's appointment as BJP chief comes at a time when he faces the task of leading the party in coming parliamentary polls especially when ruling Congress elevated 42-year-old Rahul Gandhi as its vice-president ahead of the elections.

A former college lecturer of physics, Singh, who hails from a farmer's family in the politically key state of Uttar Pradesh, was a federal cabinet minister in the erstwhile government of Atal Bihari Vajpayee and a former chief minister of the state.

Court asks Zardari to quit party role

PTI, Lahore

Pakistan President Asif Ali Zardari should "quit political activities" and give up the post of the chief of the ruling PPP in line with a judgement issued last year, the Lahore high court has said.

The Chief Justice of the high court, Umar Ata Bandial, asked Wasim Sajjad, the counsel for the federal government, to present a clear point of view on behalf of the president about implementing the court's order of May 12, 2011 that had said Zardari was expected to quit as the chief of the PPP.

Bandial, who is heading a five-judge bench that is hearing a petition seeking action against Zardari under the contempt of court law, gave Sajjad time till February 6 to file the president's reply.

He said the court would decide the matter without any further delay.

Mushtaq asked

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inspector general of police had informed President Khandaker Mushtaq Ahmed of the jail killing at Bangabhaban on November 4, 1975.

But Mushtaq through his military secretary had told them that he already knew about that and there was no need to investigate the killing, said the counsel.

Citing statement of another prosecution witness Col (retd) Safayet Jamil, Huq told the court that some army officials including Safayet had tried to try and punish the army personnel, who had killed Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and his family members on August 15, 1975, by bringing them back to the cantonment.

However, they [Safayet and other army officials] could not do so in the face of hindrance from President Mushtaq Ahmed and then army chief Ziaur Rahman, said the lawyer. Huq was placing arguments before the apex court on the third day of the hearing on the government's appeal against the High Court verdict that had acquitted six former army personnel, who had been convicted and sentenced by a lower court.

The six are Marfat Ali Shah, Abdul Hashem Mridha, Lt Col (dismissed) Syed Farooq-ur Rahman,

Lt Col (retd) Sultan Shahriar Rashid Khan, Maj (retd) Bazlul Huda and Maj (Retd) AKM Mohiuddin Ahmed.

Yesterday, the six-member SC bench headed by Chief Justice Md Muzammel Hossain adjourned the hearing until January 29.

In 2004, the Dhaka Metropolitan Sessions Judge's Court sentenced three former army personnel to death and 12 others for life in a case filed in connection with the killing of four national leaders -- Syed Nazrul Islam, Tajuddin Ahmad, AHM Quamruzzaman and Captain Mansur Ali -- inside jail.

The court awarded the capital punishment to Muslemuddin, Marfat Ali Shah and Abdul Hashem Mridha.

Those who were awarded life imprisonment for abetting the killers are Syed Farooq-ur Rahman, Sultan Shahriar Rashid Khan, Bazlul Huda, Lt Col (dismissed) Khondaker Abdur Rashid, Lt Col (relieved) Shariful Haq Dalim, Lt Col (retd) SHMB Noor Chowdhury, AKM Mohiuddin Ahmed, Lt Col (retd) AM Rashed Chowdhury, Maj (relieved) Ahmed Shariful Hossain, Capt (retd) Abdul Majed, Capt (relieved) Kismat Hasem and Capt (relieved) Nazmul Hossain.

On August 28, 2008, the HC in its verdict upheld the capital punishment of Muslemuddin, but acquitted Marfat Ali and Hashem.

It exempted from the case Farooq, Shahriar, Mohiuddin and Bazlul Huda, who had already been executed in the Bangabandhu assassination case, and did not say anything about the eight others given life term by the lower court.

As of yesterday, Anisul Huq placed statements of 13 of the 64 prosecution witnesses.

Pak politician shot dead in Karachi

AFP, Karachi

A Pakistani politician was shot dead in Karachi in the second such killing in a week, police said yesterday, fuelling fears that violence may overshadow general elections expected this year.

Mian Taimur was a leader in the southern province of Sindh for the Pakistan Muslim League-N, the country's main opposition party led by former premier Nawaz Sharif. "Mian Taimur and his father died when gunmen on a motorcycle opened fire on their vehicle," said police spokesman Imran Shaikat.

No class in 2 weeks

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especially at primary and secondary levels, in which students are the worst victims. Only recently the teachers of non-MPO listed institutions have suspended their indefinite strike for three months upon government assurance.

The institutions in the capital, however, are not affected by these strikes as the leaders of the teachers' organisations don't enjoy much influence there.

Both the pro-government and pro-opposition teachers' associations are now waging movements simultaneously with almost similar demands. The pro-ruling party teachers' organisations demand nationalisation of the entire education system, while the BNP-backed organisations mainly want nationalisation of their jobs.

The teachers' movement apparently gained a thrust after Prime Minister

Sheikh Hasina announced nationalisation of 26,193 non-government primary schools on January 9.

To ease the situation, the government on Tuesday announced house rent and medical allowances hike for the agitating teachers and employees. But every association of the teachers rejected the hike outright terming it "unrealistic and insignificant".

Bangladesh Shikshak Karmachari Oikya Parishad, one of the biggest platforms of ruling Awami League-backed five organisations of teachers and employees, has been observing the strike since January 12 to press home their 17-point demands. Their demands include nationalisation of education system, elimination of allowance discrimination, providing full festival allowances, implementation of National Education Policy, among others.

"If the government nationalised the entire

education system, all the existing discrimination would disappear," said Ranjit Kumar Saha, coordinator of the platform.

Although the teachers of the non-government institutions teach most of the secondary students, they are deprived in terms of salary and other benefits, said Ranjit, also general secretary of Bangladesh Shikshak Samity.

"If the government took over the secondary education like the primary level, differences in the quality of education between the government and the non-government institutions would diminish," he said, adding they would decide about taking part in the upcoming SSC examinations after discussing with other organisations.

Echoing similar views, Principal Shahjahan Alam Shaju, one of the conveners of the platform, said they would continue with their movement until the government meets their demands.

Another ruling party-backed teachers' organisation National Front of Teachers and Employees (NFTE) is also pressing for similar demands. The NFTE gave an ultimatum to the government that ended on Sunday and it would soon declare their programme.

Mohammad Azizul Islam, convener of NFTE, said nationalisation of jobs would only benefit the teachers, not the institutions. "Since the government is giving cent percent salary and other facilities, it can nationalise the entire system by providing equal facilities to all," he observed.

"It would not require a huge amount of money. The government can do it in phases within three fiscal years," he added.

Teachers of pro-opposition organisation Shikshak Karmachari Oikya Jote are also enforcing a strike since January 10 demanding nationalisation of their jobs.

This organisation started a non-stop sit-in in front of the Jatiya Press Club yesterday to press home their demand.

"Our members are not taking classes. Situation will decide whether we will take part in the SSC examinations or not," said Selim Bhuiyan, chairman of the organisation.

Another association of teachers of 7,000 non-MPO schools and colleges called an indefinite strike on January 7 for the MPO facilities but suspended it for three months following an assurance from the education minister.

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid yesterday said the demands of nationalisation came following the government's move to nationalise primary education.

"Nationalisation of primary education was the government's obligation, but no such reality to nationalise secondary education has been seen yet," he added.

**Chittagong Port Authority**  
Marine Department  
**Latest Amendment**

The procurement of 03 (three) Nos. Reconditioned Container Vessel for plying in inland routes including necessary tools, accessories, spare parts and related services through international open tender method against invitation for tender No: DC/11-SHA(162)/2012 dated 29/11/2012 is hereby Amended as follows:-

Item of original tender which has been amended	Existing	Amended as
Last date & time for sailing tenders documents (Invitation for International Tender (IFIT) Sl.17)	23/01/2013	29/01/2013
Last date & time of tenders closing (Invitation for International Tender (IFIT) Sl. 18)	24.01.2013 at 12.00hrs.	30.01.2013 at 12.00hrs.
Last date & time for tender opening (Invitation for International Tender (IFIT) Sl. 19)	24.01.2013 at 12.30hrs	30.01.2013 at 12.30hrs.

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**Institute of Education and Research (IER)**  
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**Employment Opportunity**

Institute of Education and Research is going to implement the training program of Reaching Out of School Children (ROSC) Project. This is a 5-year Project being implemented by the Ministry of Primary and Mass Education (MoPME) with financial support from the World Bank. Applications are invited from Bangladeshi citizens to fill up the following temporary positions (one year contract and extension depends on performance) for the ROSC Training Cell at IER, University of Dhaka.

Position & Salary	Qualifications & Responsibilities
<b>Programme Coordinator</b> Salary: Tk. 55,000/ (Consolidated) per month with traveling allowance of Tk. 5,000/ per month  Number of post: One	● Master in Education with Bachelor of Education (Hons.) Degree/ Masters in any discipline with B.Ed/M.Ed. Preference will be given to candidates having higher degree. ● Minimum 5 years of experience in development projects and relevant areas ● Must have computer application skills and good command in English with report writing ability ● Must have Communications & coordination ability with higher authority and field level offices ● Willingness to frequent field visit ● Age below 50 years
<b>Accounts Officer cum ICT Specialist</b> Salary: Tk. 40,000/ (Consolidated) per month  Number of post: One	● Master in any discipline preferably Accounting, Finance and Management with Diploma in Computer ● Experience in MIS, accounts and office management ● Good command in English and financial report writing ● Age below 45 years
<b>MLSS</b> Salary: Tk. 10,000/ (Consolidated) per month  Number of post: One	● SSC/HSC ● Committed to job-specific works ● Age below 30 years

Applications with complete CV and relevant certificates along with a recent passport size colour photograph should be submitted on or before 5th February 2013 through Courier/Post office to the Director, Institute of Education and Research (IER), University of Dhaka. Please mention the position on the top corner of the envelope. Only short-listed candidates will be called for interview. The Institute reserves the right to cancel any or all appointment without showing any reason.

**Director**

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