## Nightclub

FROM PAGE 1 since a fire at a shopping center and discotheque in the central Chinese city of Luoyang killed more than 300 people in 2000.

Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff cut short a visit to Chile, where she was attending a European and Latin American summit, to head to Santa Maria and oversee the response to the tragedy.

It was not immediately clear what caused the blaze, but media reports said the fire broke out after 2:00am (0400 GMT) when the nightclub was hosting a university party featuring a rock band using pyrotechnics.

"Everyone was pushing and shoving... The fire started out small, but in a matter of seconds it exploded," Taynne Vendruscolo, one of the survivors, told reporters. "Those who were close to the stage could not get

Santa Maria fire chief Guido de Melo said the fire caused widespread panic, and that many revelers were trampled or died from smoke inhalation. All bodies had been removed from the wreckage, he added. Military police com-

mander Rois Tavares confirmed the new toll of dead and injured, after officials had earlier put the death toll higher, at 245 people; 120 men and 112 women. The tragedy recalled a

2003 blaze in a nightclub in the US state of Rhode Island that killed 100 people and another in Buenos Aires in 2004 that killed some 200, both blamed on faulty safety measures.

## Govt cautioned

An HC bench of Justice

Hasan Foez Siddique and Justice ABM Altaf Hossain fixed February 14 for hearing the rule.

Because of the HC order, the government cannot now show Fakhrul arrested without any specific allegation against him or evidence of offences committed by him, Mahbubuddin Khokon, a lawyer of Fakhrul, told The Daily Star.

The BNP leader filed the writ petition on January 20, saying that whenever he had secured bail in one case, he was shown arrested in another case even if he had no involvement in the offences men-

tioned and his name was not on the list of the accused.

Earlier in the day, a Dhaka court sent him back to jail for the fourth time after rejecting his bail petition in a case filed by Paltan police on charges of damaging vehicles and blasting cocktails in front of Nightingale restaurant in the capital's Bijoynagar during a roadblock enforced by the BNP-led 18-party alliance on December 9 last year.

Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Mohammad Shahidul Islam Faruque also rejected a remand prayer filed by police in the case.

# Strike fire, building safety deal

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killed at least seven female workers and injured several others.

That was the latest in a pattern of deadly industrial fires, which, according to labour rights advocates, could have been prevented had appropriate measures been taken.

No brand or retailer has so far come forward to acknowledge any connection with Smart Export Garments. The factory reportedly had some 300 workers and produced goods for US and retailers.

In a joint statement issued on the day of the incident, the labour rights groups said the foreign buyers that had used to work with Smart Export should immediately take responsibility and compensate the victims.

"After more than two decades of the apparel the risks to these workers, nothing substantial has changed: brands still keep their audit results secret; they still walk away when safety, and requires pubit suits them, and trade lic disclosure of the find-European brands and unions are still marginal- ings of all factory inspec-

ised, weakening workers' ability to speak up when they are at risk," said Judy Gearhart, executive director of ILRF.

(owner of Calvin Klein and Tommy Hilfiger) and tions.

Global retailer Walmart and other companies say they are taking action to protect workers but labour groups challenge the validity of such claims, pointing out that the companies have refused to pay for factory renovations and are not revealing which companies they have links with and the results of their safety

"How many more workers have to die before the Walmart, Gap, H&M and the other big retailers finally commit to pay for face."

the reforms that are needed to make the industry in Bangladesh safe?" Scott Nova, executive director of WRC, said in the statement. All the key buyers

refused to change their sourcing and monitoring practices to ensure that Bangladeshi factories were upgraded and workers could freely speak out against safety violations, said Ineke Zeldenrust of

"Instead, they go for cosmetic changes that merely scratch the sur-

## KL back

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Officials of the Padma bridge project found various inconsistencies both in technical and financial aspects of the proposal, and repeatedly asked for clarifying those. They also sought closing the loopholes in the proposal.

In September, Malaysia repeatedly gave assurance of doing what was wanted but it did not. After that, the Bridges Division officials stopped contacting it and shelved the proposal.

The officials could not assess the proposal, especially financial quotations due to the inconsistencies. They were supposed to prepare a summary of the proposal and place it before the government high-ups for a decision.

"We are now communicating with each other and exchanging information regarding the proposal. It is a positive move but nothing has been finalised yet," a senior official of the communications ministry said.

Asked, Communications Minister Obaidul Quader said, "Wait and see. Everything will be made clear by February."

He also said there are now different options, and the government would pick the best one from those.

According to the Malaysia proposal, it wants to build the 6.15-kilometre bridge in three years on the basis of build, own, operate and transfer. It would manage traffic on the bridge for 35 years to recoup the investment and make profit before handing over it to Bangladesh.

The proposal quoted very high prices for construction of the main bridge and approach roads, and for river training. The proposed total cost of the project is almost double the amount (\$2.9 billion) estimated by the

Bangladesh government. Implementation of the Padma bridge project has become uncertain amid allegations of corruption over it.

# Zillur critical of opposition role

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They have already boycotted 283 of total 337 sittings of this parliament in the last four years, setting a new record in the House boycott culture of Bangladesh.

Experts say the culture of prolonged boycott has been crippling the parliamentary system since its restoration in 1991 and increasing the confrontational culture in politics.

The Awami League while in the opposition bench also boycotted the proceedings of fifth [1991-1996] and eighth parliament [2001-2006]. The BNP, too, while in

opposition boycotted many sittings of the seventh parliament [1996-2001].

address yesterday said Election Commission keeping alive political conflict by clinging to any the political parties, the particular position or president said this was the refraining from carrying first time in Bangladesh out responsibilities that an independent, neubestowed by the people through the adoption of a rigid stance on parliament boycott does not conform to democratic behaviour.

"I therefore once again urge the opposition in this final year of the present parliament and government to please shun the path of igniting fire, violence and anarchy. Please place all your complaints, proposals, recommendations and opinions in parliament and help democracy flourish."

Citing his efforts to The president in his constitute the present not say if there was any

through holding talks with tral and powerful EC has been constituted by pursuing the process of dialogue.

"I am firmly optimistic that we shall be able to present a free, neutral and credible parliamentary election in future under the pragmatic leadership of the present Election Commission and through our combined efforts."

In his 148-page address, the president described in detail the current government's various measures and successes in different sectors. However, he did failure on the part of the government.

"The present government has taken all out initiatives to ensure transparency and accountability, open and tolerant conduct, respect toward human rights and rule of law and governance

through discussions with

all stakeholders," he said.

Zillur Rahman, the head of state, took only 10 minutes to speak about some key features of his written address, which was earlier approved by the cabinet, and the rest was considered as read out.

About the rule of BNP-Jamaat-led alliance, the president said the alliance government had started politics of vengeance immediately after assuming ued this trend up to 2006. But the history of the world has repeatedly proved that the politics of terrorism and hatred cannot bring benefits for the society and the economy, he said. "The destructive poli-

office in 2001 and contin-

tics of BNP-Jamaat government had given rise to Bhaban-centric, antipeople activities... but the hardworking peoplepeasants-labourers, men, women and youths of this country did not tolerate this aberration and waywardness. They, therefore, created another history through the Jatiya Sangsad elections of December 2008," the president said.

"We should take lessons from the past."

### Office of the Executive Engineer

Saidabad Water Treatment Plant (Maintenance)

Dhaka WASA Phone: 7553397, 7544761 Ex-208

Memo No: 46.113.431.00.00.306.2013

Dated: 21/01/2013

### Invitation for Tender for Goods Local Government, Rural Development & Co-Ministry

operatives.

	Division			Local Government Division.			
2	Agency			Dhaka WASA.			
3	Procuring entity name			Executive Engineer, Saidabad Water Treatment Plant (Maintenance), Dhaka WASA.			
4	Tender name			Supply of 500 Metric Ton of Aluminium Sulphate for drinking water treatment for SWTP (Package-12). (Water Soluble Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> Minimum 16%).			
5	Invitation Ref. N	No.		18/T/SWTP(M)/2012-2013, Date: 21/01/2013.			
	Procurement method			OTM (Open Tendering Method).			
6 7	Budget & source of funds			Dhaka WASA revenue fund.			
8	Development partners (if applicable)			None.			
8 9	Tender last selling date			12/02/2013.			
10	Tender closing date & time			13/02/2013 on or before 12.00 noon.			
11	Tender opening date & time			13/02/2013 at 2.00pm.			
12	Name & address of the office(s) -Selling tender documents			<ol> <li>Janata Bank, Kawran Bazar Corporate Branch, Dhaka.</li> <li>Agrani Bank, WASA Branch, Kawran Bazar, Dhaka.</li> <li>Accounts Division, Dhaka WASA, Dhaka.</li> </ol>			
13	Receiving tender document		Office of the DMD (O&M), Dhaka WASA, 2nd Floor, WASA Bhaban, 98, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Dhaka-1215.				
14	Opening tender document			Office of the Executive Engineer, Saidabad Water, Treatment Plant (Maintenance), Dhaka WASA Dhalpur, Dhaka-1204.			
15	Eligibility of tenderers			importers/supplied 2. The tendered (three) years of of goods and related 3. The tendered completed mining Sulphate supply	r shall have a m overall experience	inimum of 03 in the supply successfully on Aluminium Is and related	
16	Brief description of goods or works			Supply of 500 Metric Ton of Aluminium Sulphate for drinking water treatment for SWTP (Package-12). (Water Soluble Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> Minimum 16%).			
	Identification of lots	Location	Quantity	Price of tender document (Tk)	Tender security amount (Tk)	Completion time in days/weeks/ months	
	Maximum 02 (two) lot	SWTP Store	500 Metric Ton	2,000/-	Tk. 2,50,000/-	45 (forty- five) days	
17	Name of the off	icial for inviti	ng tender	Jamal Uddin Ahamed.			
18	Designation of tender	the official	for inviting	Executive Engineer.			
19	Address of the official for inviting tender			Saidabad Water Treatment Plant (Maintenance), Dhaka WASA, Dhalpur, Dhaka-			

1204.

The procuring entity reserves the right to accept or reject all tenders without showing any

Saidabad

Water

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(Maintenance), Dhaka WASA, Dhalpur, Dhaka-

Contact details of the official for inviting

tender

WASA-PI-59/2013

GD-341

reason thereof.

**Jamal Uddin Ahamed Executive Engineer** Saidabad WTP (Maintenance) Dhaka WASA

Treatment

# Steered by stars

Sayedee's arguments

FROM PAGE 20 The beetles feed on animal

dung, which they fashion into a ball and roll to a safe spot where it is less likely to be stolen. Rolling the ball in a straight line ensures they do not circle back to the dungheap, where other scarabs might have gathered Scientists wondered

how they were able to do this in the dark. "Even on clear, moonless nights, many dung beetles still manage to orientate along straight paths," said Dr Marie Dacke from Lund University in Sweden. "This led us to suspect that the beetles exploit the starry sky for orientation -

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defence appeal.

by the tribunal.

ment today.

for verdict.

Plant

the defence has so far

placed around 23 hours'

arguments in 11 sessions

following the time exten-

sion by the court based on

The prosecution, how-

ever, completed its argu-

ment on factual aspects

within the time stipulated

Abdur Razzaq yesterday

told the tribunal that he

would complete his argu-

arguments from the pros-

ecution and the defence,

the tribunal had closed

the argument on

December 6 last year,

keeping the case waiting

But, the Tribunal-1 on

January 3 decided to

rehear the closing argu-

ments as it was reconsti-

tuted following the resig-

nation of Justice Nizamul

Huq, chairman of the tri-

bunal, amid controversy

over his Skype conversa-

tion with a Brussels-based

Justice ATM Fazle Kabir,

In the afternoon session,

Bangladeshi lawyer.

After hearing extensive

Chief defence counsel

knowledge, never before been demonstrated in an insect.'

Dung beetles also use the sun and moon as compass cues.

Field experiments on a South African game reserve showed that the beetles were able to roll their dung balls along straight paths under starlit skies, but not in overcast conditions.

The beetles performed just as well when only the glow of the Milky Way was visible as they did under a full sky of stars.

Previously, only birds, seals and humans were known to navigate by the a feat that had, to our stars.

who replaced Nizamul

Huq, asked Razzaq to com-

plete his argument by yes-

of his submission was to

assist the court. "If you are

not assisted, then tell me. I

then allowed him to con-

The tribunal chairman

Razzaq argued that in

no way Sayedee was

involved in mass killing

and that the prosecution

had failed to produce any

international cases to the

charges for crimes against

humanity allegedly com-

mitted by him during the

Liberation War in 1971, was

the tribunal -- Justice

Jahangir Hossain Selim

Two other members of

The proceeding of the

case was adjourned until

present at the Tribunal.

second time.

today.

He also referred to some

Sayedee, facing 20

evidence in this regard.

tribunal.

will conclude."

tinue his argument.

Razzaq said the purpose

### বাংলাদেশ বিদ্যুৎ উন্নয়ন বোর্ড

"বিদ্যুৎ সাশ্রয়ী বাতি ব্যবহার করুন"

### নিয়োগ বিজ্ঞপ্তি

বাংলাদেশ বিদ্যুৎ উন্নয়ন বোর্ডের অধীনে সরকারি আদেশ অনুযায়ী প্রচলিত বেতন স্কেল ও ভাতাদিতে নিয়ে বর্ণিত পদসমূহে অস্থায়ী ভিত্তিতে নিয়োগ এবং প্যানেল তৈরির লক্ষ্যে বাংলাদেশের প্রকৃত নাগারিকদের নিকট হইতে বোর্ডের নির্ধারিত ফরমে দরখাস্ত আহ্বান করা যাইতেছেঃ-

ক্ৰঃ নং	পদের নাম ও বেতন স্কেল	পদের সংখ্যা	ন্যূনতম শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা ও আভজতা
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\$ 1	সহকারী পরিচালক (প্রশাসন) ১১০০০-৪৯০×৭-১৪৪৩০- ইবি-৫৪০×১১-২০৩৭০/- (এনপিএস-২০০৯) টাকা এবং অন্যান্য প্রচলিত ভাতাদি।	১২ (বার)টি (সাধারণ কোটায়-৭টি ও মুক্তিযোদ্ধার সন্তান কোটায় ৫টি)	ক) ন্যূনতম ২য় শ্রেণীর স্নাতকোত্তর ডিগ্রি। স্নাতক ২য় শ্রেণীর সম্মানসহ স্নাতকোত্তর ডিগ্রি অগ্রগণ্য। তবে কোন পরীক্ষাতেই জিপিএ ২.০০ বা ২য় বিভাগ/শ্রেণীর নিম্নে নয়। বিভাগীয় প্রার্থীদের ক্ষেত্রে সংশ্লিষ্ট নিম্ন পদে কমপক্ষে ৮ (আট) বৎসরের অভিজ্ঞতাসহ স্নাতক। খ) কম্পিউটার প্রশিক্ষণ (এমএস ওয়ার্ড, এমএস এক্সেল, ওয়ার্ড প্রসেসিং) থাকা আবশ্যক।

- ১। সহকারী পরিচালক (প্রশাসন) পদের জন্য উর্ধ্ব বয়সসীমা ২০-০২-২০১৩ তারিখে ৩০ বৎসর। মুক্তিযোদ্ধা সন্তানদের ক্ষেত্রে উর্ধ্ব বয়স ৩২ বৎসর। বিদ্যুৎ উন্নয়ন বোর্ডের বিভাগীয় প্রার্থীগণের উর্ধ্ব বয়স ৪৫ বৎসর পর্যন্ত শিথিলযোগ্য।
- সরকারি/আধা-সরকারি/স্বায়ত্তশাসিত প্রতিষ্ঠানে চাকুরীরত প্রার্থীগণকে অবশ্যই যথাযথ কর্তৃপক্ষের মাধ্যমে আবেদন করিতে হইবে।
- নিয়োগের ক্ষেত্রে কোটা সংক্রান্ত সংশ্লিষ্ট সরকারি নীতিমালা/বিধি-বিধান অনুসরণ করা হইবে।
- মুক্তিযোদ্ধা/শহীদ মুক্তিযোদ্ধার পুত্র ও কন্যা, এতিম, প্রতিবন্ধী এবং উপজাতি প্রার্থীদের সর্বশেষ সরকারি নীতিমালা অনুযায়ী উপযুক্ত কর্তৃপক্ষ কর্তৃক প্রদত্ত সনদসহ আবেদনপত্র দাখিল করিতে হইবে। মুক্তিযোদ্ধা এবং উপযুক্ত মুক্তিযোদ্ধা প্রার্থী পাওয়া না গেলে মুক্তিযোদ্ধা/শহীদ মুক্তিযোদ্ধাদের পুত্র-কন্যা এবং পুত্র-কন্যা না পাওয়া গেলে পুত্র কন্যার পুত্র কন্যাগণ সরকারি নীতিমালা অনুযায়ী উপযুক্ত কর্তৃপক্ষ কর্তৃক প্রদত্ত সনদসহ আবেদনপত্র দাখিল করিতে হইবে। মুক্তিযোদ্ধা/শহীদ মুক্তিযোদ্ধার পুত্র ও কন্যা এর ক্ষেত্রে তাহাদের পিতা/মাতার অনুকূলে মুক্তিযুদ্ধে অংশগ্রহণের স্বপক্ষে মুক্তিযুদ্ধ বিষয়ক মন্ত্রণালয়ের সচিব ও মাননীয় মন্ত্রী/প্রতিমন্ত্রী কর্তৃক স্বাক্ষরিত সনদপত্র বা ১৯৯৭-২০০১ সাল পর্যন্ত বাংলাদেশ মুক্তিযোদ্ধা সংসদের অধীনে তৎকালীন মাননীয় প্রধানমন্ত্রী কর্তৃক প্রতিস্বাক্ষরিত সনদপত্রের সত্যায়িত কপি আবেদনপত্রের সহিত দাখিল করিতে হইবে
- (ক) দরখান্তের সহিত প্রার্থীদের (১) উপ-পরিচালক (হিসাব), কোয়াক, বিদ্যুৎ উন্নয়ন বোর্ড, ঢাকা-এর অনুকূলে ৩০০/- (তিনশত) টাকার অফেরতযোগ্য ক্রসড পোষ্টাল অর্ডার (২) সদ্য তোলা তিন কপি সত্যায়িত পাসপোর্ট সাইজের ছবি (৩) প্রথম শ্রেণীর কর্মকর্তা কর্তৃক সকল পরীক্ষা পাসের মূল সনদের সত্যায়িত অনুলিপি (৪) কম্পিউটার প্রশিক্ষণ গ্রহণের সনদপত্রের সত্যায়িত অনুলিপি (৫) দুইজন অনাত্নীয় ১ম শ্রেণীর কর্মকর্তার নিকট হইতে দুইটি চারিত্রিক সনদপত্র (৬) প্রার্থী যে জেলার স্থায়ী বাসিন্দা সেই সম্পর্কে নিজ স্থায়ী ঠিকানার সংশ্লিষ্ট ইউনিয়ন পরিষদ চেয়ারম্যান অথবা ওয়ার্ড কমিশনারের নিকট হইতে নাগরিকত্বের সনদ (৭) উপ-জাতীয় প্রার্থীদের ক্ষেত্রে নিজ জেলার জেলা প্রশাসকের নিকট হইতে প্রত্যয়নপত্র (৮) নিজ ঠিকানা লিখিত ও ৩ (তিন) টাকা মূল্যের স্ট্যাম্পযুক্ত ২৮×১১ সেঃমিঃ সাইজের একটি খাম আবেদনপত্রের সহিত সংযোজন করিতে হইবে।
  - দরখান্তের নির্ধারিত ফরম বিদ্যুৎ উন্নয়ন বোর্ডের ওয়েবসাইট (www.bpdb.gov.bd) হইতে ডাউনলোড করা যাইবে। ইহা ছাড়া কক্ষ নং-৪০৮, ওয়াপদা ভবন (৫ম তলা), মতিঝিল, ঢাকা এবং আব্দুল গণি রোডস্থ বিদ্যুৎ ভবনের বিউবো'র প্রধান প্রকৌশলী, পূর্তকর্ম এর দপ্তর, বিউবোর্ডের বিতরণ জোনের প্রধান প্রকৌশলী, চট্টগ্রাম/কুমিল্লা/সিলেট/রংপুর/রাজশাহী/ ময়মনসিংহ এবং প্রধান প্রকৌশলী, খুলনা বিদ্যুৎ কেন্দ্র এর দপ্তর হইতে অফিস চলাকালিন সময়ে সংগ্রহ করা যাইবে।
  - (গ) আবেদনপত্রে কোন ভুল তথ্য পরিবেশন করিলে অথবা চাহিদাকৃত কাগজপত্র সঠিক ও সম্পূর্ণরূপে সংযোজন করা না হইলে অথবা নির্ধারিত তারিখের পরে পাওয়া গেলে আবেদনপত্র সরাসরি বাতিল বলিয়া গণ্য হইবে। কোন ক্রমেই পরবর্তীতে কোন কাগজপত্র/প্রত্যয়নপত্র গ্রহণ করা হইবে না। খামের উপর প্রার্থীত পদের নাম স্পষ্টভাবে উল্লেখ করিতে হইবে। মুক্তিযোদ্ধার সন্তান হইলে আবেদনপত্রের উপর উহা স্পষ্টভাবে লিখিতে হইবে

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বিদ্যুৎ উন্নয়ন বোর্ড, ঢাকা

and Justice Anwarul আবেদনপত্র আগামী ২০-০২-২০১৩ইং তারিখের মধ্যে পরিচালক, কর্মচারী পরিদপ্তর, বিদ্যুৎ উন্নয়ন Haque -- heard the বোর্ড, ওয়াপদা ভবন (৫ম তলা), মতিঝিল বা/এ, ঢাকা-১০০০ ঠিকানায় জমা দিতে/পৌঁছাইতে হইবে। defence argument for the উক্ত তারিখের পরে ডাকযোগে বা যথাযথ কর্তৃপক্ষের মাধ্যমে প্রাপ্ত আবেদনও গৃহীত হইবে না।

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Two companies, PVH

German retailer Tchibo, signed the Bangladesh Fire and Building Safety Agreement which proindustry knowing about vides for financing workers' safety mechanism, bans production at the factories refusing to make necessary repairs for

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